

# Midwest Wolfhound

A quarterly newsletter for and about Irish wolfhounds and their people.

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**Annual Fall Picnic  
Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 am**

**Come out and spend the day with your wolfhound!**

**Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr.  
Joliet, IL.60482  
Off of Interstate 80,  
Rt. 30 and Gouger Rd.  
<http://www.jolietpark.org/>**

**GLIWA OFFICERS 2015**

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**President's report:**

The ancient Greeks thought of the constellation Canis Major as a dog chasing Lepus, the hare. The star Sirius is the dog's nose; the Greeks called it the "dog star." The dog days ... refers to the particularly bright star that rises and sets with the sun, This star is known by three names: Sirius, the Dog Star, and Alpha Canis Majoris. ..., is responsible for the origin of the expression dog days, in Greek mythology Sirius is the name of the dog of Orion (a mythical hunter) by: Dictionary.com ."Photograph by ANN RONAN PICTURES, PRINT COLLECTOR/GETTY



Those who ventured out for summer fests, agility, coursing, puppy parties, and shows were in good and ancient company. Fall is coming bringing more and decidedly cooler opportunities especially the GLIWA Annual Fall Picnic, Sunday, October 11 at Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Behind the Nature Center building. See main announcement.

Congratulations to all the new puppy owners and condolences to those whose hounds have Gone Hunting..

Lets toast together and celebrate all these comings and goings at our activities.

-Mike Cherry

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**Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association  
1 August 2015 Board Meeting  
Not yet approved)**

**Location: Home of Doug & Claire Morrison**

**Meeting called to order: 1:40 pm.**

**Board Members In Attendance:**

Michael Cherry, President  
Maria Lubera, Vice President  
Joe Mahoney, Treasurer  
Doug Morrison  
Pat Powers  
Scott Mortenson

**Board Members Absent:**

Michael Kelly, Secretary  
Debbie Greene  
Bill Hurless

**GLIWA Members In Attendance:**

Madeleine Mahoney  
Claire Morrison

**Minutes:** To be approved at next meeting  
No 13 June 2015 minutes available.

**President's Report**

-A contribution from a woman in New York was received for the Fathers Day gift of an Irish Wolfhound visit.

**Vice President's Report**

-No Report

**Secretary's Report (emailed to Claire Morrison & read by Scott Mortenson)**

-Working group to review roster management issues not yet convened. Two books purchased at own expense to explore capabilities of Squarespace for GLIWA web site: Squarespace 6 for Dummies and Building Business Websites for Squarespace. No expectation or desire for reimbursement from organization.

-One new member, Shaun Greer of Avon, Indiana added (3 year family membership + \$10.00 education fund donation, total \$100).

-One donation from Marilyn Zielinski of Pelham NY received (\$150).

-One donation from Irish American Heritage Center received (\$200).

-Due to absence of Secretary checks to be mailed to Treasurer.

-GLIWA Secretary Roles and Responsibilities document sent under separate cover.

**Minutes:**

Minutes attachment discovered, printed and read by Maria Lubera and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

-Mr. Joe Mahoney provided details on expenses between June - August 2015 as well as a detailed GLIWA Financial Report from 1/22/2014 - 7/31/2015.

-Joe mentioned that "not much money is coming in right now" and wants to check to see if membership dues collection is behind.

-Joe noted that we are down \$3,000.00 in the last 20 months.

-Information started conversation on checks going to the Treasurer rather than the Secretary (tabled for New Business).

**Activity Report**

-Ms. Claire Morrison & Michael Cherry are working on activities and talked about not adding any more events and then two came along (see below) that didn't feel like a problem (we will avoid events during the hottest times when the dogs don't have enough shade or cool weather).

-Heritage Center Event: Poor location - needed more space & shade as we were hidden behind the children's area and very hard to find. Claire to discuss with Kathy well in advance of the next event so we have an appropriate location and also ask for parking passes for all IW participants.

-Date for GLIWA Picnic will be either 10/3 or 10/10 (Claire will contact Debbie Greene on for Nature Center best date).

-August, Will County Irish Fest will only last about one hour and will have plenty of shade and water.

-September, Fox Valley Irish Fest in Aurora - We only have about six people and have not heard back from the women who is our contact. Michael Cherry will check emails and attempt contact.

-Working on another Meet-up in late fall.

-New events that should be of interest and make a difference: November 4 - Irish American Heritage Center Senior visit and November 11 - Chicago Gaelic Park Senior visit. Generally between 15-35 seniors and usually between 10:00am and noon.

-ASFA Coursing interest is dwindling and costs us money (discussion for New Business).

**Publications Report**

-Ms. Pat Powers noted that there is no change at this time. She also talked about the great service by our printer/mailer and that the costs are extremely economical.

-Closing date for the next Midwest Wolfhound is the end of August.

**Rescue Report**

-See Attached.

Points raised by report: Is the fee set or sliding scale? Need defined outline for Rescue. Need to check contract.

**Old Business**

-Ms. Maria Lubera began footwork on creation of a PayPal account (see attached 4-point recommendation outline).

-Move to ask Mike Philpott to investigate using PayPal for all payments & consultate with Joe Mahoney. Also request Mike's assistance to update the GLIWA website.

-Motion and approval to send all checks to the Treasurer rather than the Secretary and the Treasurer will notify the Secretary for each.

-Forms need to be changed.

**New Business**

-We need for more than one GLIWA Officer to be able to access crucial items in case of an emergency.

-Motion and approval to terminate our relationship with ASFA.

-Creation of a Board Nomination Committee: Chair is Claire Morrison with Doug Morrison and Scott Mortenson.

-Membership Drive needed. Pat Powers to chair the committee.

-Membership form should be sent to our breeders.

-Write up for new members is needed.

-Motion and approval to investigate Out of Town Agility Demonstration. Destination participants must pay all expenses. Michael Cherry will investigate.

Next Board Meeting:

**-Motion and approval for the next board meeting to be on 7 November 2015 at Michael Cherry's house.**

**Motion to Adjourn: 3:38 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

**Scott Mortenson  
GLIWA Board Member**



**Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Annual Fall Picnic**

October 11th, **SUNDAY** 10:30am

Good times with good people, good food and our wolfhounds

Barb Pische will cook for us on the grill

We ask is that you bring a small side dish or dessert



FIND THE HOT DOG



MEASURING FOR LONGEST TAIL

There will be games and prizes. A contest for the longest tail and tallest dog and of course the wolfhound costume contest.

Held at Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60432.  
Behind the nature center building

Any questions? Contact Debbie Green  
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## Calendar of Events 2015



**Sunday, October 11**

**GLIWA Annual Fall Picnic**

**10:30am**

**Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Drive, Joliet, Illinois 60432.**

**Behind the Nature Center building.**

**We will have our usual wolfhound games and measure for tallest dog and longest tail. Always a fun time with good friends, good food and our wolfhounds.**

**And the costume class!**

**Barb Pische will barbeque for us; we ask that you bring a small side dish or dessert.**

**October 17**

**Locust Grove Specialty fun Match**

**Hosted by Robert and Gretchen Bernardi**

**Judge, Ludovica Salamon, Della Bassa Pavese IW, Italy**

**Edwardsville, IL**

**November 1st**

**10am**

**Meet up at Cricket Creek Forest Preserve. DuPage County**

**The main entrance is located on the north side of Fullerton Avenue one block east of Villa Avenue and south of Lake Street (Route 20). Addison,**

**IL <http://www.dupageforest.com>**

**November 4th-Irish American Heritage Center Senior visit**

**November 11th- Chicago Gaelic Park Senior visit.**

**10:30am**

**There are generally between 15 and 35 seniors at these events. Mike Cherry will do a short talk on the history of the Irish Wolfhound with Q&A afterwards.**



## Rescue Report Debbie Craig Greene

Ivy's original owner contacted Robert around June 15, 2015. She needed to give Ivy up because she was going to have some medical procedures and thought there was a possibility she would not be able to care for her. Robert looked through the applications we have on file and found a couple who lived about an hour away from them. They had a 6 year old intact female, three other dogs, 2 cats and 40 acres of land. It seemed like a perfect fit.

We met at the new owners' house and checked the property and everything seemed fine. We then all drove to Ivy's owner's house where she met them and felt they would be good parents to Ivy.

Three days later that family called and said that we needed to pick up Ivy as there was aggression toward their Wolfhound. They also thought she drank too much water and that might mean she had kidney failure or diabetes. They took Ivy to their vet and told him about the excessive water drinking. She was going to have blood work done but that never happened because of their decision to send her back to us.

After watching the dogs while we were there to pick Ivy up, it appeared to us that the aggression might have been from their wolfhound toward Ivy. To test our theory we brought Ivy to our house.

From the moment she entered our house she was great with our dogs, grandchildren, cats, neighbors and everyone else she has met. EXCEPT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SKUNK! She slept beside our dogs, ate beside them and was very calm and sweet. We fed them treats together and dropped hot dogs on the floor and there was absolutely no food aggression. The excessive



drinking diminished greatly since while she was with us. Here only problem in our eyes was that she HOWLS! A LOT! In the middle of the night!!

We took her to Dr. Robinson at Shorewood animal clinic. All blood work was normal. She had a slight ear infection in her right ear. Otherwise all was well. Her chip was not paid up so she will need a new chip. She was in heat so Dr. Robinson wanted to wait to spay her or her new owners will get it done at their vet.



George and Alice came to see / meet Ivy on Sunday July 26th.

They were really interested. They went on vacation until the 4th of August. As soon as they returned we delivered Ivy to them and all is well. They understood she had been in three homes in less than a month and she might have some problems but she settled in nicely. They have a large warehouse and they and all of their employees bring their dogs to work so Ivy will be around them 24 hours per day. Ivy is 6.







We also rehomed a beautiful 7 year old wolfhound named Stella. Her family was in the quad cities and one of the family members developed a severe allergy to her. She brought the dog to the new owner's house and we had a meet and greet. There were two other dogs in that house and the new owner was very good at training. The last we heard they were all eating and playing together in the house and this family loves Stella. Stella is 7.





## Gone Hunting

Caraglen Killian ar an Loch 04/20/07 – 07/14/15

Born on April 20, 2007 to Caraglen Roseana Dana and CH Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwyck, I got to meet Killian and his littermates when they were eight weeks old. This litter was bred by Bev and Sue Stobart, and Sue had brought the puppies to Gretchen and Bob Bernardis. Not only was I surrounded by puppies, but, being the consummate hostess she is, Gretchen was kind enough to invite me to spend the weekend there. Talk about a win-win scenario!

This was a very consistent litter of quality puppies, and, being the neophyte I am, I thought each and every one of them was perfect! I learned so much from Sue Stobart, Gretchen, and Bob Bernardi that weekend while they were continually evaluating the puppies. Two boys in particular really caught my eye: Killian (whose puppy name was Frosty) and Arnold, who the Stobarts ended up keeping. While Arnold was larger than Frosty, I thought Frosty was a better mover, and there was just something about him that tugged at my heart. And, although I was selecting a male puppy, there was one puppy bitch who just fascinated me. She was a dark girl, who would cheerfully play with her littermates, then get bored and go wandering about. I had never seen such an independent little girl. She wasn't anti-social; she just had her own agenda. That puppy eventually went to Maria Lubera, who named her Cambria, and, Cambria hasn't changed a bit in eight years! She is incredibly sweet and loving for a brief time, then wanders off, to do her own thing, unless you have food, of course!



When I brought Killian home a few weeks later, he was a very easy puppy to live with. He would entertain himself for hours, tossing his toys in the air, then catching them. His favorite toys were long, snakes, alligators and the like, which he would grab and shake with incredible gusto. While it was great fun to watch him outside, Killian and I both must have had a guardian angel who protected our big screen television inside! Like a hearthound before him, our beloved Cormac (CH O'Faolan's Cormac ar an Loch JC CGC), Killian was also obsessed with three things: food, cats, and the lovely wolfhound ladies (although Cormac's order was the ladies,

cats, then food!). With Killian in the house, Jack's annoying cats stayed upstairs, where they belonged. When one of them would try to slink down the stairs, Killian would freeze, and I think he honestly believed he was invisible so the kitties would venture into his territory.



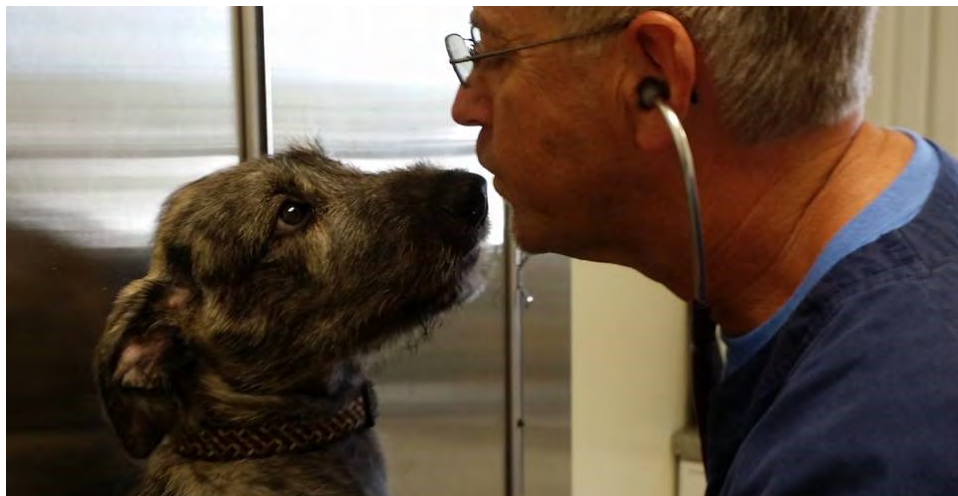
Just as Killian loved the four legged ladies, there were a number of two legged ladies who adored this sweet boy. Although he wasn't shown that often, Tina Tucker did a wonderful job handling him. One of our all time favorite memories was when Roger Tebbutt awarded him as the 2008 Best Hunting Type at Locust Grove. Maria Lubera, Courtney Smith, Julie Glenn, and more recently, Christina Rappel and Mary Jones were all lovely to Killian, with the last two providing all kinds of scrumptious treats for him during the 2015 IWCA Specialty.





We knew Killian had health issues when we left for Greeley, Colorado earlier this year. Dr. Bill Tyrell sadly confirmed his terminal illness, but we both made the best of our last road trip together. I have never been as proud of any wolfhound in my life as I was when Killian strutted into the ring for the last time during the Parade of Veterans. He was one of the older veterans in the Parade, but, he owned that ring that morning! It was made even more special since there were so many of our friends to see him in the Parade of Veterans, and, I was especially glad that Bev Stobart was there to see him as both Bev and Sue Stobart were incredibly supportive during Killian's life, to which I am forever grateful.

Killian left us much too soon on July 14th. The entire household, including MacDougal and Mulligan, was plunged into sadness. All wolfhounds are special, but, some really do steal your heart more than others. And, while there will never be another Killian, we are very pleased to announce a new addition to our home: Cugein Livin' Like A Renegade.



Bred by Kathi and Dwayne Yorke, Renegade's parents are the Yorke's lovely Chenein Blanc and Maria Lubera's magnificent, Braniff. Chenein is the daughter of Caraglen Berwyck Celtic Rumor, who is Killian's sister and still going strong, so our little Renegade is a great nephew of Killian! It doesn't bring him back, but we love having his young relative with us.

MB Kinsella-Topping

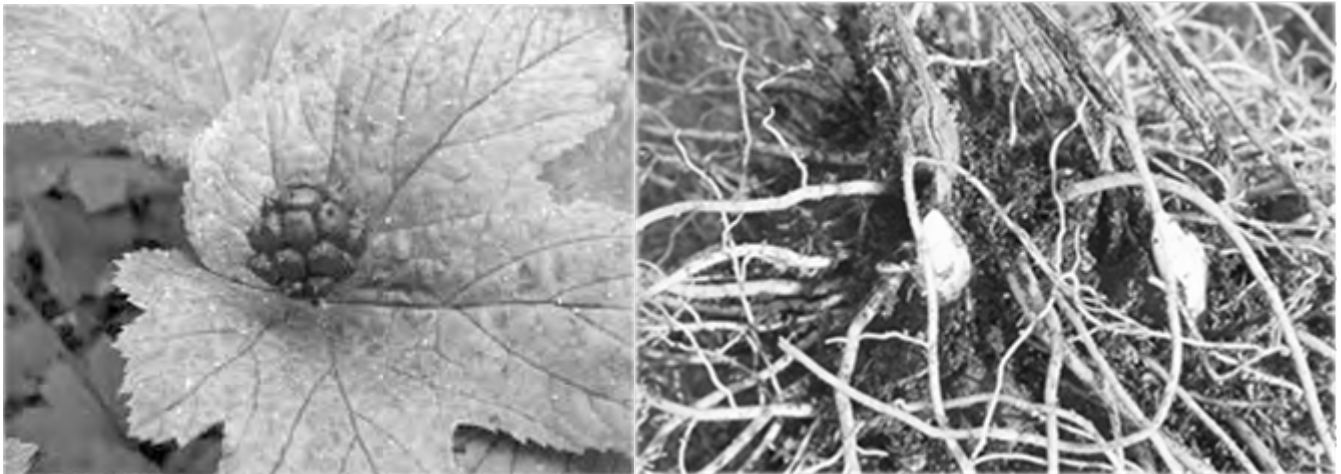


## GOLDENSEAL

Pat Powers

**Hydrastis canadensis** Goldenseal is a sprawling, low perennial herb with wide palm shaped leaves, one larger than the others, with one white flower that eventually becomes one red berry with seeds. The active properties are in the root of this member of the buttercup family, and that root is also sprawling and shallow, not deep like a carrot. It has been greatly overharvested in the wild, to the point where it is rarely found in its native Eastern US hardwood forests.

Often called a natural antibiotic, there are claims that goldenseal cures eye infections, diarrhea and dysentery, UTIs and vaginitis, canker sores and more with some test tube study evidence of success. Berberine, which is the principal constituent in goldenseal, does have microbial action but only when used as a direct contact solution on the exterior or in teas, extracts or capsules internally. Additionally the rumor that it will hide drugs in tests is just that – a rumor.



Berberine and hydrastine, the main ingredients in goldenseal are antimicrobial isoquinoline alkaloids that inhibit bacteria, protozoa and fungus - if they come in direct contact with them in the gastrointestinal tract, mouth and urinary tract. They do not work through the bloodstream to kill organisms. Berberine is also available in Oregon grape root. Please do not use wildcrafted goldenseal. Only use goldenseal that is organically raised on farms.

There is early American medical information about the Cherokee, Micmac and Iroquois using goldenseal for mouth, stomach ailments and for cancer. It was long used as medicine among North American tribes where it grows on the East coast. Goldenseal produces a strong yellow color that was used as a natural dye and the Cherokee noticed that the women who made and used the dye rarely became sick. Even more unusual, the people that wore the clothes dyed with goldenseal didn't get sick as often. Eventually they realized that the root was responsible for this. The Cherokee used goldenseal for a large variety of ailments, including making an insect repellent by mixing it with bear grease. In the early 1700's the rest of the world learned about goldenseal and North American settlers began to use it instead of goldentthread which had been one of the popular herbal remedies.

A major caution- goldenseal can cause uterine contractions so it should never be used on pregnant bitches. I would not use Oregon grape root either.

Goldenseal should not be used on animals with hypoglycemic blood sugar. In test tube studies goldenseal works effectively against organisms such as those that cause yeast infections (candida), and parasites like giardia and tapeworms. It can be used against many organisms including staphylococcus, streptococcus, salmonella and shigella. Berberastine, canadine, hydrastinine, candaline, resin, pholophenolic acids, fatty acids, chloroggenic acid, phytosterins, meconin, and a little bit of volatile oil are also present in goldenseal but to a lesser extent .

An effective anti-inflammatory, goldenseal is used for relieve sore eyes and mouth ulcers, upper respiratory infections, and gastro infections and diarrhea. I have used it many times for diarrhea in hounds and humans, and taken it myself for respiratory infections, but not for eyewashes or wounds and sores. Because of the effectiveness shown in test tube studies showing antiseptic properties, you can try it for cuts and scrapes, just open the capsule and mix with water. Goldenseal is an ingredient in Golden Salve, Black Ointment and in PLSI II poultice formula. Goldenseal is often sold to treat UTIs and sinusitis, mucous membrane sores, skin and eye problems on a contact basis including pink eye. It is available in mouthwashes for canker sores and sore throats – again as a contact treatment.

For conjunctivitis the Tilfords recommend an eye wash made from a strong tea made from chopped goldenseal root, then add 12-20 drops of dark yellow tea to one ounce of sterile saline – unpreserved contact lens solution is excellent. Other uses for dogs would be as an addition to treatment for giardia or E. coli infections, or with Echinacea to enhance immunity.

Cautions include a possibility for hypertension or too much liver stimulation creating excesses bile which can cause vomiting. This is particularly concerning in cats, please be cautious. Don't use goldenseal for over a week at a time to prevent these problems.

It is impossible to emphasize how endangered goldenseal is in the wild. Wild goldenseal is still being sold by some unscrupulous companies, and there is also the suspicion that some may sell adulterated products with little real goldenseal in them. Most of the time, Oregon grape root can be used for simple treatments, or if goldenseal will give the best results please make sure it is organically farm grown goldenseal.

Available forms:

You can buy goldenseal in root for, powdered in capsules, extracts, or low alcohol extracts or glycerides which are best for animals. Always consult a veterinarian or herbalist for the correct dosage.

**References:**

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Mary L Wulff-Tilford & Gregory L Tilford

University of Maryland Medical Center

A Handbook of Native American Herbs by

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## Here's How to Judge the Quality of Dried Herbs

### Information excerpted from *The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care* by C.J. Puotinen

In our age of modern medicine, when illnesses are treated in high-tech hospitals with laser surgery and powerful prescription drugs, it is easy to forget that until the 20th century, plants were the medicines that kept people and their companion animals well. In fact, most of the prescription drugs in use today were derived and synthesized from plants, and outside of Canada and the United States, plants remain the world's primary healing agents.



How do you judge an herb's quality?

The best dried herbs are fragrant, flavorful, colorful and pungent. They don't look like shredded hay or smell like cardboard. These plants are dried at low temperature with lively air circulation and stored away from heat, light and humidity, the enemies of all dried herbs. The best herbs for medicinal use are grown organically or wildcrafted from pollution-free sources, then handled with care at every step of their drying and storage. By their look, smell and taste you can recognize these plants - the peppermint is obviously peppermint and the chamomile is obviously chamomile.

Here are simple rules to keep in mind as you evaluate dried herbs. The larger the piece, the longer it lasts. Powdered herbs begin to lose their flavor as soon as they are ground. The more a leaf is exposed to heat, light, the open air and humidity, the faster it loses its healing properties as well as its taste.

This information will help you answer a commonly asked question: "How long can a dried herb be kept before it loses its effectiveness?" The answer is, "It depends." While most herbs should probably be replaced after a year, the most sensible rule is to look, smell, touch and taste. Roots and bark hold their fragrance, color and taste longer than delicate flowers, yet even blossoms and leaves can retain their herbal identity for much longer periods if properly stored.

From long-time Whole Dog Journal contributor CJ Puotinen's incredible resource, *The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care*, this 500+ page volume is everything you need to know to ensure good health and long life for your dog. From Whole Dog Journal. *The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care* is available from [Wholedogjournal.com](http://Wholedogjournal.com).



**PICTURES FROM SUMMER ACTIVITIES**



**With the Children of the Irish School of Music**



## **The Irish Wolfhound Foundation**

If you haven't visited the Irish Wolfhound Foundation site, you will find a great deal of health information specific to Irish wolfhounds. Print these and keep them in your dogs' file incase you might need to giveit to their veterinarian.

### **The Goal of the Health Research Committee**

**To identify the types and prevalence of health problems affecting the Irish Wolfhound, and to initiate, support and provide funding for study and research projects which address them.**

**To produce, publish, and distribute to IW owners and veterinary health care providers educational materials relating to diseases, genetic anomalies, and injuries which occur in the Irish Wolfhound.**

**To further the understanding of Irish Wolfhound health issues, thereby improving the quality of life for Irish Wolfhounds and their owners.**

### **IWF Studies**

Info for Researchers

Irish Wolfhound DNA Bank

IWF Life Cycle Study

COMPLETED - Echocardiogram vs. EKG

COMPLETED - Comparison of Incidence of Afib

COMPLETED - IW Screening for DCM and Biomarkers

VPC Arrythmias in IWs

Lifetime Cardiac Study

IW Seizure Study

COMPLETED - Irish Wolfhound Startle Disease

PCD/Rhinitis

Pneumonia

PRA

Lymphoma

CLOSED: Heart Hormones

CLOSED: Digoxin Treatment for AFib

CLOSED: CHF Osteosarcoma Metasteses

CLOSED: IW Osteo Fosamax Study

**And while you're there visit the gift shop.**



**KEEP CALM  
AND  
DO NOT FORGET  
THE PICNIC**



**Looking for a new puppy?  
We can help you find a reliable breeder.  
Call Maria Lubera  
630-279-7179  
Or contact the Irish Wolfhound Association  
Of America  
[www.iwclubofamerica.org](http://www.iwclubofamerica.org)**

**We can help you find a reputable breeder who  
cares about health and temperament. We also  
have a Breeder Referral section in our website  
[www.gliwa.org](http://www.gliwa.org).**



**Reputable breeders want to meet the people who are going  
to have their puppies. Please be careful to check out any  
breeder before getting your new puppy. Especially beware of  
buying a puppy over the internet sight unseen.**