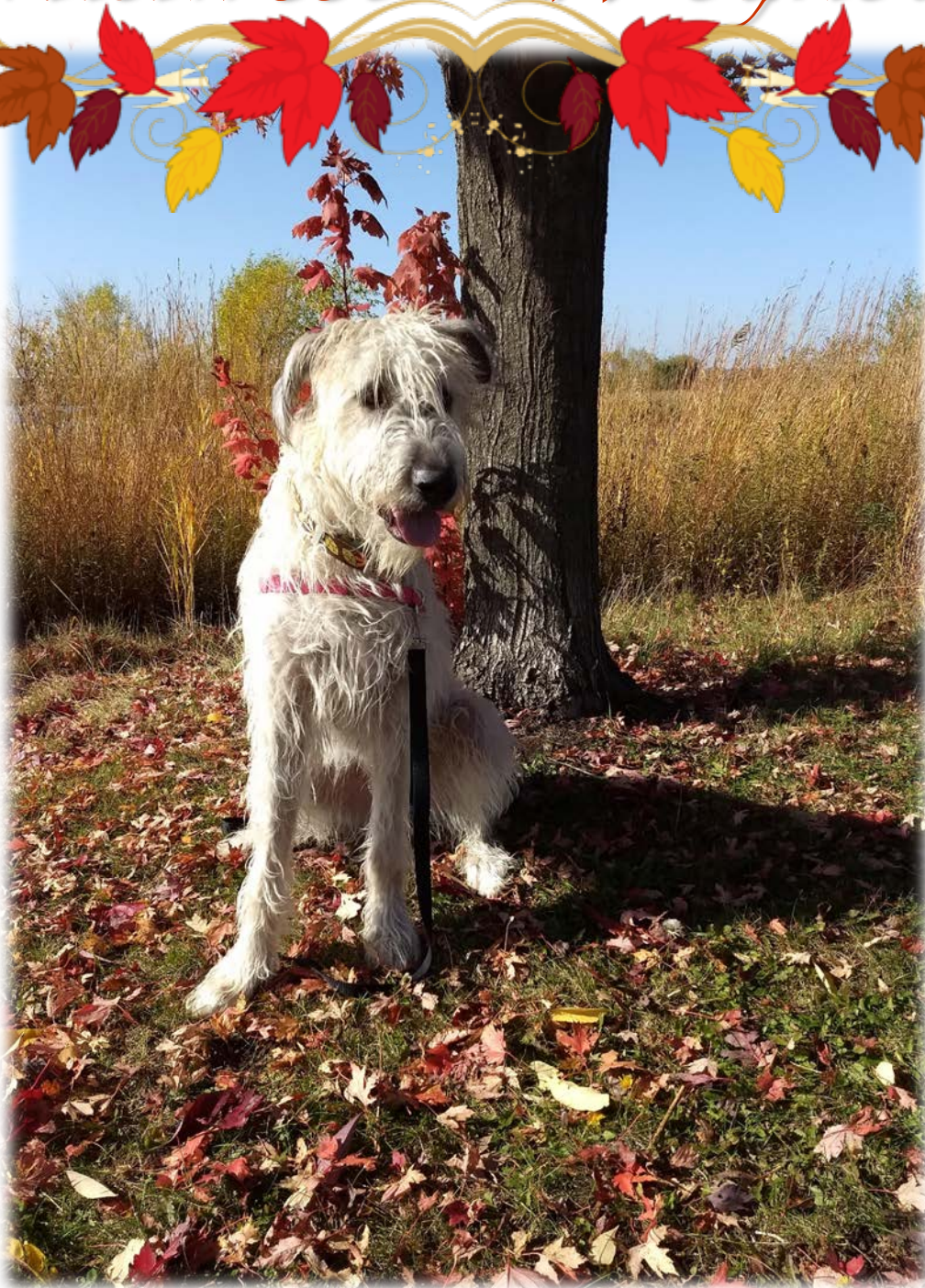


GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION

# *Midwest Wolfhound*



*A quarterly newsletter for Irish Wolfhounds & their people*

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## Quarterly Photos & Brags

- Please submit any photos or articles that best show our breed's multifaceted personality: "Gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked". Brags from shows, agility, therapy, & community events welcome too! Email RE: Midwest Wolfhound Quarterly Photos to editors.

## In Remembrance

- Tributes to our hounds who are out of sight, but forever in our hearts

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## Secretary's Report

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### Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Board Meeting Agenda of August 15th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at: 12:17 pm at the home of Joseph and Madeleine Mahoney

**Board members present:** Maria Lubera, Risha Berzins, Joe Mahoney, Claire Morrison, Debbie Greene, Scott Mortenson, Elissa Culp, and Michelle Whittenhall

**Absent, late:** Mark Bettin (late)

**Guests:** Madeleine Mahoney, Robert Greene, David Berzins

**Reading of the Minutes:** Read and approved

**Reports:**

**President:** No Report

**Vice President:** No Report

**Secretary:** Membership; 82 members as of 8/16/2020

**Treasurer:** Report was sent on August 10, 2020. Is available by request

**Activities;** St Francis DeSales- Lake Geneva, WI Irish fest on 9/27/20. Michelle to check on status and to get headcount if anyone wants to attend.

Mark & Scott organizing more walks. Possibly Kimmel Beach IN sometime in Sept and Lake Catherine in Palos Heights. Discussed a walk on the Riverwalk in Chicago sometime in Oct. Not sure with COVID status if this will happen.

**Fun Match:** Notes by Co Chairs, David and Risha Berzins

Location: The Cudahy Kennel Club is not charging us with a cancellation fee despite that our contract allows for it. Instead, our deposit will roll over to 2021.

A horse farm near I-94 and 7 Mile Road in Caledonia, Wisconsin was determined to not be suitable for our match after they wanted to move us close to the road with little parking available instead of the area where they host dog running events.

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The Racine County Fairgrounds was explored as a possible venue. They require a \$300 deposit but it is refunded if we keep it clean (pick up after dogs). The daily charge is \$300. Saturday, October 3 is the only date available; Oct 17 is not. We can have pop up tents with small stakes; a larger tent is ok with clearance from them. It has electricity available and restrooms are adjacent to where the ring would be. Two quotes were received for a 20 x 30 foot tent. The less expensive quote was from Trusted Tent Rental at \$200 for delivery, set up, and take down.

The GLIWA Board thanks Debbie Habian and Mike Cherry for the generous offers of having the match on their properties.

Judge: Due to COVID concerns, our original judge asked to defer his judging assignment to 2021. Several other possible judges were asked, but none were able for various reasons.

The GLIWA Board decided to survey members and non-members via e-mail and Facebook as to their willingness to attend the match. Michelle will arrange for the messaging and Risha will make the survey.

**Publications:** Debbie Greene and Michelle Whittenhall are looking for ideas for the fall issue. Would like more input from members.

**Rescue:** No Report

**Old Business:** Maria planning coursing seminar at Deb Habian's property. Still working out what company will come out and set up. Date: TBD.

**New Business:** Annual Dinner- Meeting held in February will be determined by the Covid virus status. Co chairs, Scott and Diane Mortenson

**Nominating Committee:** For 2021. Christine Bernstein-Chair, Pat Powers, and Michael Kelly

**Our next meeting;** to be held Sunday, November 8th. Either Claire Morrison or Maria Lubera's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. Motion to adjourn by Risha Berzins, Seconded by Elissa Culp

Respectfully,  
Claire Morrison  
Secretary

**Secretary's Note:** The survey was sent out as stated in the minutes above on August 16 by Michelle Whittenhall. Out of 31 responses, there were 9 members who voted yes with an entry of 12 dogs.

**By email:** President Maria Lubera asked the board for a 24 hr feasibility discussion. It was moved by Joe Mahoney and seconded Debbie Greene.

Afterwards, we voted unanimously to postpone the Gliwa Fun Match for 2020.

See results on next page...

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association  
 Member Survey Results for the 2020 Fun Match

Results	# Yes*	# No
If the 2020 GLIWA Fun Match were held on Saturday, October 3rd outdoors in Racine, WI, with appropriate social distancing and masks required, are you likely to enter your Irish Wolfhound(s)? Please note, a replacement for our previously announced judge will be named shortly.	9	23
*If your response is "yes", how many Irish Wolfhounds would you likely enter?	14	0

GLIWA Calendar



GLIWA Calendar 2020

Come join us and enjoy the day with your wolfhounds!

~~~~~ **WOLFHOUND WALK** ~~~~~

Sunday, October 11th  
Messenger Woods- Homer Glenn  
10:00 AM

We will meet at Messenger Woods in the first parking lot (on the left). Enter from West Bruce Road between Cedar on the west and Parker on the east at 10:00am. Following our walk, we will have lunch at Girl in the Park, which is a dog friendly dog restaurant with a tent and a terrace located at 11265 West 159th Street, Orland Park, IL (Wolf and 159th Street).

Please RSVP for the restaurant to Scott: mor10son@hotmail.com

Also, Please, everyone bring your face masks and we will socially distance throughout the day.

We hope you can join us!

~~~~~ **GLIWA EKG HEART TESTING CLINIC** ~~~~~

Sunday, November 1  
11 am to 1 pm, or whenever complete  
Location: Home of David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins  
2131 S. Aldrich St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

**Requirements:**

- Pre-registration required: Please e-mail dberzi@gmail.com
- Current or New Enrollment in the Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF) Life Cycle Study II
- Open to IWs 2 years old and older
- EKG strips will be sent to the IWF for interpretation
- Owners will be contacted by the IWF with results

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Suggested Donation: \$15 to the IWF per IW tested

EKG testing will be outdoors or in a garage if inclement weather

\*Masks required\*

10 minute time slots will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. For special circumstances, time slots may be requested but are not guaranteed. Your e-mail will be acknowledged, a time slot assigned, and more information given in terms of forms to have filled out for the testing.

Please continue to check <https://www.gliwa.org/events> for additional group events & walks!



## Rescue Report



*By: Debbie Greene*

Foster Failure! If truth be told both Debbie and Robert are foster failures! In the last Midwest Wolfhound Newsletter, I wrote about Flannery coming to us as a rescue. We were keeping her as we usually do to evaluate her and assess her temperament. We had her scheduled for spay on Friday and she came into heat on Thursday, thus requiring us to keep her a bit longer. And then it happened...WE FELL IN LOVE. OK, that is probably a lie. The minute she jumped into the Expedition and ran up to the front seat to give me kisses is the actual moment. She is the most snuggly, Velcro, clingy dog I have ever had. She must be with us all the time. If Robert is gone and I am in the office she must be on the couch in my office. If Robert is home and watching TV, she lays on the floor by Robert's chair and begs to be touched. If I am on the couch, she must lay on it with me with her head in my lap. She gets along great with our other dogs Finn and Bodhi. Finn had gotten a bit grumpy since Bodhi had gotten a bit older and would not play with him much. So, Flan started by just barking and barking and play bowing to him for about a week. He finally realized she was staying and grudgingly decided to play with her.

Fast forward to today...the two of them play and play! Some of it I am sure is Finn just playing to get her to shut up but play they do! And occasionally Bodhi joins in. Bodhi generally just lays and mouth fights with her, but they are sweet together. She and Bodhi lick each other's faces and snuggle and nuzzle in a way that does not happen with Finn. Maybe that is the motherly side to Bodhi? Or, maybe it is just because she is the Matriarch. She has a few friends besides Bodhi and Finn. She has been to visit wolfhound friend Seamus and Bo has been over here to visit her. We cannot wait to have you meet her at the next event!



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## Spotlight on Health

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### *21 Dangers to Avoid this Autumn*



Fall brings new growth including late-blooming flowers, plants, and produce. Unfortunately, not all of autumn's gifts are safe for our nosy pups. In addition to the outdoor hazards, seasonal decorating, cooking, and baking bring their own set of fall dog dangers.

Below is an extensive list of hazards your pooch is likely to encounter this fall and how you can help protect them from harm.

## Outdoor Fall Dog Dangers

### **Acorns**

Oak trees shed acorns each fall along with their leaves. The hard shells contain the trees' seeds and while they are a source of nourishment for many species of wildlife, they can be dangerous if ingested by pets.

Acorn seeds contain tannic acid which causes digestive upset, and in extreme cases, liver and kidney damage. Signs of tannic acid poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and lethargy. Dogs are unlikely to suffer organ damage from eating one or two acorns. The issue is more common in grazing animals that have repeat exposure to the seeds. However, curious pups should be monitored during fall walks to prevent digestive upset, choking, and intestinal blockage from acorn nuts.

### **Autumn Crocuses**

This lovely plant is also known as the Meadow Saffron. It is a perennial that blooms in the fall and contains colchicine, a chemical extremely toxic to dogs and cats.

Symptoms of ingestion include vomiting, bloody diarrhea, respiratory failure, and central nervous system signs such as weakness and seizures. The Autumn Crocus can also cause multi-organ failure by decreasing the production of red

blood cells, lymphocytes, and platelets. These cells are responsible for oxygen delivery, immunity, and blood clotting respectively.

The signs of colchicine poisoning may appear immediately, but can also be delayed for days. If you suspect your dog has ingested Autumn Crocus, seek veterinary attention immediately and bring the plant along for identification.



### **Chrysanthemums**

Chrysanthemums are a popular and colorful fall flower that contains pyrethrins, chemicals considered mildly toxic to dogs. The severity of symptoms depends on how much the dog eats, and include vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, and wobbliness.

Pyrethroid toxicity is more common in cats, but it is still a good idea to avoid these fall flowers and seek prompt vet care if your dog ingests them.



**Check out the ASPCA's extensive list of Poisonous Plants.**

## **Mushrooms**

Fall is mushroom season, and while 99% of these fungi are non-toxic, the few that *are* dangerous are especially life-threatening for dogs. Some common species of wild-growing mushrooms contain the lethal compound muscarine which dogs are especially sensitive to. Scleroderma mushroom can also be toxic. Signs of mushroom poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, slow heart rate, respiratory problems, liver/kidney damage, or neurological symptoms depending on the type of mushroom and the amount ingested. As adoring dog dad, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson learned the hard way, mushroom toxicity can be fatal. Since mushrooms are difficult to identify, the best way to keep your dog safe is to remove all fungus from your property and keep your pup on a short leash during walks to avoid accidental ingestion.

## **Moldy Leaves**

Damp leaf piles often contain mold and bacteria which can cause respiratory symptoms in allergic dogs. Additionally, fall leaf piles may contain traces of toxic plant matter. Not to mention creepy crawlies like fleas, ticks, mites and snakes that love to hide out in leaf piles.

It is best to rake and remove leaves from your property and prevent your dog from rooting around in old leaves during fall outings.



## **Parasites**

Cooler weather does not mean that fleas and ticks magically disappear. Disease-carrying parasites are tricky and can hide out in your home and yard just waiting for a host.

Fleas are an itchy nightmare and can infect your dog with tapeworms. Infected ticks can pass on Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis, and more. And don't forget mosquitoes. Depending on where you live, these buggers are a problem well into the autumn months so your dog is still at risk for heartworm disease.

Make sure to follow your veterinarian's recommendations for flea, tick, and heartworm prevention all year-round.

## **Snakes**

Snakes are cold-blooded and must hibernate during the colder months. In early autumn they are busy preparing for their winter snooze, putting curious dogs at risk for a dangerous encounter.

Pet parents should know which kinds of venomous snakes live in their area and where they are most likely to be found so they can avoid those environments during snake season.

## Antifreeze

Ethylene glycol engine coolants are a major fall risk for pets. They have a sweet taste dogs and cats like, plus they are extremely toxic and often fatal if ingested. Consider switching to a propylene glycol-based coolant. They are still dangerous for pets, but are much less toxic than other engine coolants. You should also take care to wipe up any spills and keep these products well out of reach of children and pets.

If there is any chance your dog drank antifreeze, head to the vet immediately! Ethylene glycol poisoning causes acute kidney failure and time is of the essence to save your pup's life.

## Indoor Fall Dog Hazards

### Potpourri

Fall scents make the season, and liquid potpourris and essential oils are excellent ways to bring the crisp aromas of autumn into your home. Some pet parents even use safe essential oils for holistic purposes. Unfortunately, many of these products can also be dangerous for dogs, including:

- Oil of Cinnamon
- Pennyroyal
- Peppermint
- Pine
- Sweet Birch
- Tea Tree (Melaleuca)
- Wintergreen
- Ylang Ylang

Ingestion of these chemicals can damage the liver, especially in puppies, senior dogs, and those with pre-existing liver problems. Liquid potpourris and some essential oils can also cause irritation and burns to the skin and mouth. Symptoms include difficulty breathing, difficulty walking, drooling, vomiting, muscle tremors, pawing at the mouth, or burns on the lips, gums, tongue, or skin.

If you believe your dog is suffering from a reaction to essential oils or liquid potpourri, call your veterinarian immediately.

### Candles

Speaking of chemical fragrances, fall candles can also make dogs ill and pose a fire or burn hazard. Most scented candles are made from paraffin wax, soy, or beeswax, none of which are toxic to dogs. However, depending on which

fragrance is used and how much is ingested, you could run into the same problems as above.

There is also a chance that boisterous dogs will knock candles over or burn themselves if candles are left within reach. To protect your pooch, choose natural, pet-safe scents, keep candles well out of reach on steady surfaces, and never leave them burning when you are not home.



### **Mothballs**

Fall is the time to break your cozy sweaters out of storage once again, but if you use mothballs to keep the bugs away, your pup could be in danger. Mothballs contain a high concentration of the insecticides naphthalene, paradichlorobenzebe (PDB), or camphor – all of which are toxic to dogs.

Ingestion can cause vomiting and lethargy, or even life-threatening issues like anemia or liver and kidney damage. They also pose a choking or intestinal blockage hazard if swallowed.

### **Rodent Poison**

In the fall, rodents search for warm, safe places to wait out the colder months which may bring them into our homes. Before you lay traps, keep in mind that over-the-counter Warfarin rodenticide is extremely toxic and often fatal for pets. These products destroy an animal's blood-clotting abilities. If a dog eats rat bait or the body of a rodent that has, it can result in massive internal bleeding. Early signs of ingestion include coughing, difficulty breathing, rapid breathing, exercise intolerance, and swollen joints. Without treatment, this will progress to bleeding from the nose, mouth, or rectum, and eventual death.

Immediate veterinary care should be sought if you even suspect ingestion. Be sure to bring the remaining product and ingredient information with you to help the vet determine a treatment plan.

# Dangerous Fall Foods To Avoid Sharing With Your Pup

## Corn Cobs

Corn is traditionally harvested in September and October making it a fall staple in cooking and decorating. Many dogs love to chew on the firm-but-yielding cobs for a taste of the sweet kernels and the pleasing texture. Unfortunately, swallowing large chunks of cob can lead to choking, gastrointestinal injuries, and life-threatening obstructions.

## Apple Seeds

Apples are another iconic symbol of fall and a favorite in autumn recipes, but did you know that the seeds contain the toxin cyanide? In fact, cyanide can be found in all parts of the apple plant except the flesh of the fruit itself.

Luckily, the concentration of toxin is very low and the seeds must be chewed in order to release cyanide. For these reasons, most dogs that eat too many apples only end up with a stomachache and maybe some vomiting or diarrhea.

However, it is still a good idea to keep dogs away from fallen apples (including crab apples) this fall. Enough cyanide can affect the body's ability to transport and use oxygen resulting in difficulty breathing, shock, and even death.

## Baked Treats

There is something about fall that just makes you want to bake, but use caution with the following ingredients:

- **Baker's Chocolate and Cocoa Powder:** Since these products are incredibly concentrated they contain high levels of theobromide, the stimulant that causes chocolate toxicity in dogs.
- **Macadamia Nuts:** What makes macadamia nuts dangerous for dogs is unknown, but even a few can be incredibly toxic causing vomiting and neurological symptoms.
- **Raisins:** Like macadamia nuts, vets aren't sure why some dogs suffer acute kidney failure when they eat grapes and raisins.
- **Nutmeg:** The small amount of nutmeg used in baking is unlikely to harm your dog, but you may have a problem if he get into the container. The compound Myristicin in nutmeg raises heart rate and blood pressure and may cause seizures.



## **Cooked Bones**

Fall football parties are the perfect time for hot wings and autumn festivals often serve massive turkey legs. These treats are fine for humans, but the splintery bones are dangerous for your pooch. Cooked bone shards can cause choking and serious damage to your dog's mouth, throat, and digestive tract.

## **Onions**

So many of our favorite fall recipes include onions and other root vegetables from the Allium genus like shallots, leeks, and chives. While your dog would have to ingest very large quantities to become ill, it is best to avoid sharing foods made with onions with your dog.

## **Alcohol**

Fall brings several opportunities to celebrate with friends and family. Should you decide to serve alcohol at these get-togethers, be sure your dog does not imbibe. Even a small amount of alcohol – including that in syrups and raw bread dough – can depress the nervous system and damage the kidneys.

If your dog consumes alcohol, you may see signs including vomiting, disorientation, difficulty urinating, and dehydration. Other more serious signs include collapse and seizures. If left untreated, alcohol intoxication could result in organ failure and death so seek vet care immediately.

## **Halloween Hazards**



## Costumes

Halloween costumes for pets are adorable, but they also tend to be cheaply made. Synthetic materials and poor construction mean these outfits can easily get caught on something, irritate the skin, cause heatstroke, or even become a choking hazard.

If you do decide to dress up your dog, make sure he only wears his costume under your direct supervision.

## Halloween Candy

As mentioned above, the chemical theobromide found in chocolate is hazardous to dogs. It is most concentrated in dark chocolate and baking chocolate, but too much Halloween candy can still cause problems.

Some dogs develop vomiting and/or diarrhea while those with full-on chocolate toxicity suffer from heart palpitations, agitation, hyperactivity, muscle tremors, high blood pressure, and seizures. Signs appear anywhere from 4-24 hours following ingestion, but the sooner you seek treatment the better. Be sure to inform the vet how much chocolate your dog ate so he or she can determine if it is a toxic dose.

The sugar-free sweetener xylitol is also quite toxic to dogs. It is most often found in gums, mints, and breath fresheners, but several low-calorie and sugar-free candies also have xylitol. [Check this extensive list from Preventive Vet](#) and seek veterinary attention immediately if your pup ingests any xylitol-containing product.

## Glow Sticks

As trick-or-treaters and revelers head out into the evening, many light their way with glow sticks and luminescent jewelry. The chemical mixture inside these products is very irritating to your dog's gums and may cause drooling, foaming at the mouth, and vomiting. Thankfully, unlike most of the other items on this list, glow sticks are unlikely to cause serious health problems.



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*Bone- Chilling Halloween Safety Tips for Dogs*



Halloween is fast approaching and for many pet parents, that means safety consciousness ratchets up a level or two. Not only will there be kids wearing strange costumes at your door, in your yard, and on the street, there will be an over-abundance of chocolate and xylitol-laced candies lying about your home. That can spell trouble for our four-legged friends.



**1. Watch out for goblins on your doorstep.**

Strange costumes, the doorbell ringing every couple of minutes, and people and smells galore can send your poor pup into sensory overload. That's why it's important to keep him away from the front door so he doesn't escape into the neighborhood. Try setting up a comfortable spot in your home for your pup somewhere he feels safe- away from the front door. Include his favorite bed,

toys, chewies, and maybe even a TV to create a little distraction from all the commotion on the front lawn. Costumes can be very confusing and scary for dogs, as they have difficulty processing what's "wrong" with the person in front of them- they just know something isn't right and it sets off all their alarm bells for safety and security. If your dog goes into protective overload, consider stepping outside on the porch to hand out candy until Trick-or-Treat is over to help protect him and your Halloween guests.



### **2. Expect the best, prepare for the worst.**

While every pet parent is extra-vigilant while the front door is open, the chances of your pooch escaping into the neighborhood are higher on Trick-or-Treat night. Make sure your dog is wearing a reflective collar or vest, his ID tags, and maybe even a little extra identification to help get him back home should he get outside. Take a picture of your dog that day so you have a current photo for flyers should he go missing, and have him microchipped by your veterinarian (if he's not already).



### **3. Sweet treats are your worst enemy.**

All those yummy goodies lying around the house can spell trouble for your fur-babies. Cats and dogs can't have chocolate or xylitol, a common artificial sweetener found in popular sweets. Keep all candy out of your dog's reach and consider storing it somewhere secure, like the refrigerator or a high cupboard, because we all know how resourceful our dogs can be when they want something. I even go so far as to only buy Halloween candy without chocolate or xylitol, just to be doubly safe. Keep the animal poison control number handy- just in case. That number is (888) 426-4435. If your dog eats something he shouldn't, call poison control or your emergency vet at once. They will probably tell you to induce vomiting and bring him in right away to receive activated charcoal and other medicines to treat the poisoning. Poison control can direct you on how to induce vomiting in your dog. Keeping some common items in your pet safety kit, like table salt, hydrogen peroxide, and syrup of ipecac can help.

### **4. Keep dog-appropriate treats on hand.**

If everyone else in the family is indulging in yummy treats, it's only fair to reward your dog as well. You can bake pumpkin doggie biscuits, cut up raw meat chunks, or pick up a selection of healthy treats for him to enjoy. Be sure to

reward him for his good behavior and give him something yummy while the kids are eating their candy so he doesn't feel left out and develop a need to sneak candy after bed.



### 5. Listen to your dog.

If your dog starts acting up on Halloween, don't try to correct him. He believes his job is to protect you and your house and the flood of people in strange costumes may just be too much for him to handle. [Try to] help him unwind, and remove him to a quiet area of the house immediately if you notice a change in his behavior. Even a normally docile dog can bite or become aggressive when stressed.

Keeping your dog safe for Halloween is often a family effort, so be sure to talk to our kids, grandkids, and family members about paying extra attention to dog over the holidays. Know where he is at all times and react to any changes in his behavior by meeting his needs promptly. Everyone can have a safe and enjoyable Halloween with a little extra effort and being aware of the dangers Halloween poses to your dog.

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## *Cranberries and Hounds*



By: Pat Powers

Herbs are described as the useful plants and that includes berries, especially berries such as cranberries. These very tart berries are an excellent source of phytochemicals- polyphenols and flavonoids which have wonderful benefits for hounds and human health.

The name comes from craneberry, because early settlers in America felt that the flower resembles that of a crane. In Canada they are called mossberries occasionally. In England they were called fenberries, and the official name is *Vaccinium oxycoccos*. They are still wild harvested in Europe and Russia. They are found throughout the northern parts of North America as well as Scandinavia and Russia, and some in Scotland.

The low-bush cranberry is an evergreen shrub with leathery leaves and pink or white flowers. The berries are red and tart and sour. Native Americans used them for treating wounds and blood poisoning, fever, liver problems, swollen glands and even mumps.

Cranberries grow in wetlands and bogs and not in water as you might think from the commercials on TV. Commercial cranberry bogs are in wetland areas that can be flooded when the berries are ready to be harvested. Cranberries are grown commercially in the US and in Canada in the northern states along the seacoast and Great Lakes areas. Wisconsin and Massachusetts are the largest producers, and there is a very famous cooperative that makes that famous sauce in the can as well as the cranberry juice with that big wave on it.

Cranberry juice is very high in anthocyanidins flavonoids- quercetin, cyanidin and peonidin as well as polyphenols and tannins. These have demonstrated a large number of beneficial actions including preventing urinary tract infections in hounds as well as humans

The berries have been used as a urinary deodorizer for incontinence.



Many of us have had young wolfhound bitches that have had a terrible time with cystitis or recurrent UTI's. Usually these infections are from E. coli when they are cultured. Cranberry juice or extract has been shown to prevent bacteria from adhering to the walls of the bladder. It will not cure an infection but cranberry is invaluable in preventing recurring infections.

If you have a hound with recurring UTI's, please discuss this with your veterinarian and try to give her cranberry capsules or unsweetened juice starting while on medication and continuing until her first heat. Dosage will depend on the size of the dog and the contents of the capsules.

You could also feed dried cranberries since these are a food item, and they are very safe. I have always used the capsules and my hounds seem to think they are treats. I just put them in their food bowls or even give them by hand.

I also recommend giving the capsules or berries to an older, veteran hound as a preventative, especially if you have a "low squatter". It is very important to prevent opportunistic infections in our older hounds, and this is an easy thing to do for them. The fellows will benefit from this, too.

Be sure to buy a good quality brand from a store or website that you trust; some low quality brands are highly colored and don't contain as much dried berry. After you end up with one of those you will be able to tell the difference. Cranberry has become fairly expensive, so if you can find a discount website that carries your favorite brand buy in bulk.

Cranberry has shown benefits for preventing dental plaque-again that same substance that prevents bacteria from adhering to the bladder walls seems to prevent the buildup of dental plaque. This may help with heart disease, too.

There is active research now going on regarding benefits for anti-cancer and immune system benefits.

Cranberries are antibacterial and have antifungal and antiviral properties.

The research has shown that they may control E. coli, Proteus bacteria and H. pylori.

The anthocyanosides antioxidants can be especially good for the eyes and improve cataracts and other problems of aging eyes.

The antioxidants may also prevent cancer-all of these can benefit our hounds as they age.





Whether you have old or young hounds, this herb should be one of those that you keep close at hand to keep them healthy.

The only cautions are that those with diabetes or glucose intolerance or diabetes should be careful to use only capsules or sugar free juice. Humans with kidney stones should not drink more than 1 liter of juice a day.



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Herbs for Health  
And various other publications and websites

Cozy Autumn



Autumn is a time to cozy up with your hounds and a good book or two...



Book Report by Pat Powers

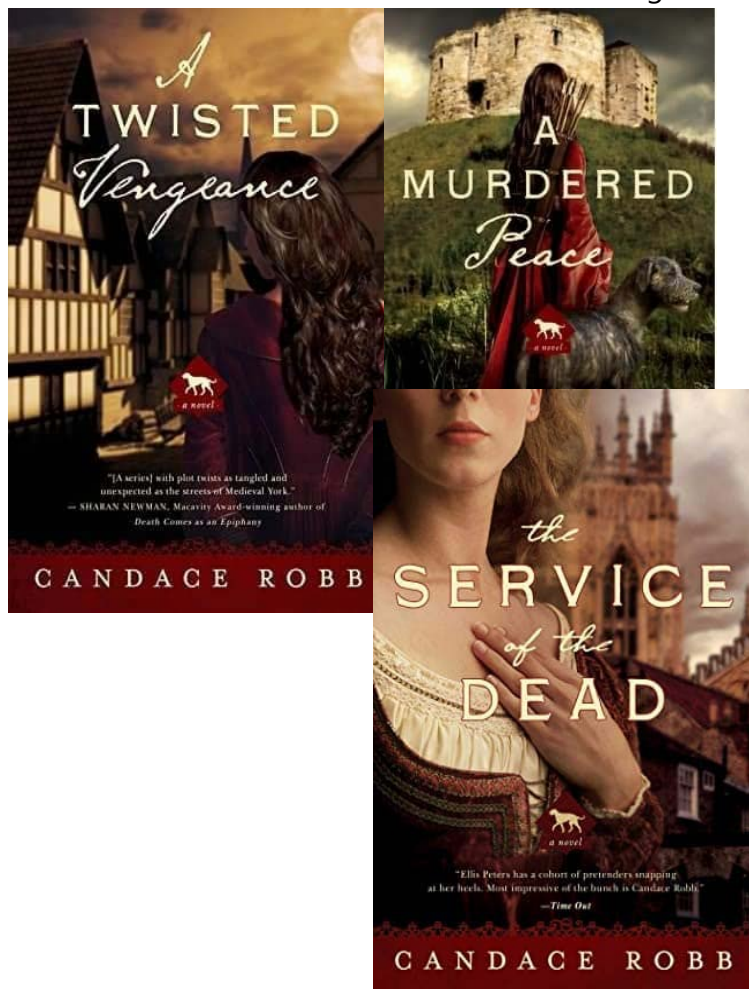


Irish Wolfhound books and a little history. The Kate Clifford historical mystery series is set in York around 1399 at the beginning of the War of the Roses. Kate is a young widow trying to deal with debts her husband left her, his two children, and a feud with Scottish family and various spies.

She has two Irish Wolfhounds, Ghent and Lille, and she has trained them herself to be the war dogs they once were reputed to be.

The history is excellent, and the series was recommended by another writer.

The first two have the Wolfhound logo and the third has wolfhounds on the cover! Just finished the third book, *A Murdered Peace*, and I enjoyed them all.





*Irish Wolfhound Reading List*



Credit: Hillary Jupp, [www.irishwolfhounds.org](http://www.irishwolfhounds.org)

*The Complete Book of the Dog* by Robert Leighton (1922)

*Show Dogs: Their Points & Characteristics* by Theo Marples (around 1908)

*The Dog, Man's Best Friend* by Captain A.H. Trapman (1929)

*Stonehenge on the Dog* by "Stonehenge" (1887)

*Dogs and Their Ways* by the Rev. Charles Williams (1863)

*The New Book of the Dog* by Robert Leighton (1907)

*Woman's Pets* (*A Section of Every Woman's Encyclopaedia*) (around 1910)

*The Irish Penny Journal* - article by H.D. Richardson (1841)

*British Dogs* by Hugh Dalziel (1887) 1st Edition

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*Anecdotes of Dogs* by Edward Jesse, Esq. (1880)

*The Penny Magazine* of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge (1840)

*The Hounds of Kidnal House* by Cumming Macona, *Country Life*, Volume X, No. 260 (1901)

*The Twentieth Century Dog* by Herbert Compton (1904)

*The Noblest of the Kind* by A. Croxton Smith, *Country Life*, September 20th, 1919

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*Dogs That Come from Erin's Isle* by Jacqueline Archer Stewart, printed in the *American Kennel Gazette*, June 30, 1925

*Bally Shannon - Dog of War* *Country Life*, November 1918

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*Mrs. Shewell's Irish Wolfhound Kennels at Cotswold* *Lady's Pictorial*, September 3, 1910

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*The Dog Book* by James Watson, 1905, on the *Hound Family* and on the *Irish Wolfhound*  
*The Dog Book Chapter on Deerhounds*

*The Natural History of Quadrupeds and Glorious Animals*, published 1811

*The New Dog of the White House*, by Arthur Frederick Jones, *The American Kennel Gazette* January 1, 1929

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*Dog Breeds of the World, Their Origin, Development, and Uses Throughout the Ages*, by Freeman Lloyd, *The American Kennel Gazette*, August 1, 1931

*Erin's Famous Hound Finding Greater Glory at Rathmullan*, by Arthur Frederick Jones, *the American Kennel Gazette*, May 1, 1934

*Wolfhound Whines*, the breed column in the weekly paper "*Our Dogs*," which was mainly written by Isaac Everett of the Felixstowe Kennels, covering the period 1911 to 1925, plus one from 1938.

*On the Breeds of Dogs Peculiar to Ireland and their Origin*, by R.F. Scharff, B.Sc., Ph.d. *The Irish Naturalist*, August 1924

*The Kennel Encyclopædia* by Frank Townend Barton, M.R.C.V.S., first published 1903  
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*Everybody's Dog Book* by Major A.J. Dawson, June, 1922

*The Great Hound of Ireland* by Walter A. Dyer, *Country Life* (U.S.A.), February 1920

*Here is the Strange Story of the Big Irish Wolfhound* by Edward C. Ash, *The American Kennel Gazette*, October, 1938, Vol. 55, No. 10

*Modern Dogs* by Rawdon Briggs Lee, Published 1893 by Horace Cox, London

*The Illustrated Book of the Dog* by Vero Shaw (assisted by the leading breeders of the day), 1881

*Dogs and All About Them* by Robert Leighton, assisted by Eminent Authorities on the Various Breeds, 1910

*The Irish Wolfhound* by A.J. Dawson (author of *Finn The Wolfhound*), c. 1909

*The Irish Wolfhound* by J.E. Harting, *Baily's Magazine of Sports and Pastimes*, Vol. XXXIV, 1879

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*Cragwood Breeds a Royal Hound* by Arthur Frederick Jones, Pure Bred Dogs American Kennel Gazette, April 1963 (originally from the February 1928 issue)

*The American Kennel Gazette* breed column dating between 1935 and 1967, written by L.O. Starbuck, F.T. Bowers, A.J. Starbuck, Charles D. Burrage, Jr., & Gordon F. Graham

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*Irish Wolfhounds in Tierra del Fuego* The Kennel Gazette, March 1916

*Irish Wolfhounds, 1934* A Retrospect by I.W. Everett; "Our Dogs" December 14, 1934

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*Les Races de Chiens* by Count Henri Bylandt, first published 1897 (The Irish Wolfhound in French, English, German and Dutch, with pictures)

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[Aids to Breeding Good Irish Wolfhounds](#) by Florence Nagle. Article from *The Indian Kennel Gazette*, Christmas number, 1960

[Ring Manners](#) by Phyllis E.A. Hudson. Article from the IWC Year Book 1929-30-31

[The Irish Wolfhound as a Sporting Hound](#) by Phyllis E.A. Hudson. Article from the IWC Year Book 1932-33-34

[The Massive Irish Wolfhound](#) by S.M. Lampson from *Country Life*, May 23 1957

[The True Successor](#) by Phyllis Gardner from The Irish Wolfhound Club Year Book 1929-30-31

[A Life in the Day of Florence Nagle](#) by Muriel Bowen, *The Sunday Times*, 1979

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### **SHORT STORIES WITH WOLFHOUNDS**

I have also started a section on fiction including wolfhounds; not books that have been published, but short stories. So far there are only four - [The Irish Hero](#) by Lorn M. MacIntyre, published in "*Blackwoods Magazine*" in 1973, [Murphy](#) by Della Galton, published in *Womens' Weekly*, [The Hound of Ireland](#) by Donn Byrne, published in "*Colliers Magazine*" in 1923, and [The Guardian Hound](#) by R.G. Kirk, published in '*Colliers Magazine*', February 1943.

David Bell has written a new version of the story of [Gelert](#), which is available in text only or in an illustrated version, full details of which can be seen here

- [http://www.davidnbell.com/The\\_Dog\\_Hunters\\_Book/The\\_Dog\\_Hunters\\_Book.html](http://www.davidnbell.com/The_Dog_Hunters_Book/The_Dog_Hunters_Book.html)



*A Dog's View of Halloween*



*Written by Bob McMillan, [thewildstare.com](http://thewildstare.com)*

Autumn. The hillsides light up gloriously in yellows, oranges and reds. They glow and simmer like a million fires. Nature, with eloquence and beauty, salutes summer and says goodbye.

And then the darkness comes. Months of it, and cold, too.

Halloween falls squarely between the seasons and that's no accident. In Gaelic lands at that liminal time they once built roaring fires on hilltops like Tara and said prayers against the night and all it held. They saw that the sun itself was slipping away and prayed for it's return.

Today? We dress up as killer clowns and naughty nurses, sip zombie martinis and do the Monster Mash. It's a time to cut loose and pretend we're somebody — or some thing — else.

It's a curious holiday that's lost its roots and morphs into whatever our society needs at the moment. For most, it's not a religious holiday, it's not just for kids and, since so few of us farm anymore, it has nothing to do with wiping the sweat from our brow and celebrating the harvest. Pumpkins, witches and candy corn, it's just an odd cultural mish mash. But, hey, it's party time!

And now we're dragging our dogs into it, too.

Last year in the U.S., 20 million consumers spent \$350 million on costumes for their dogs and cats. But, if we're a little muddled on why we're doing all this, think what your dog must feel.

#### Trick Or Eat

They're at the window or backyard fence savoring the cool air and the sunset and the doorbell starts ringing. A creature in a garish rubber mask wearing a bed sheet is shuffling up to the door yelling "trickortreat!" You, their trusted guardian, smile and dump candy into the thing's sack. This weird ritual is repeated over and over for hours.



Dogs aren't big symbolic thinkers. You know it's the Jones kid from next door. He's wearing a werewolf mask. Because, you know, werewolves come out on Halloween. He's having a good time "threatening" to soap your windows or egg your house if you don't give him something good to eat, preferably something chocolate. Your dog knows the Thing In The Sheet may smell like the Jones kid but the adrenaline is raging and all he wants to do is run in circles and bark, "Danger! Danger! Danger!"

He probably noticed there's a lot of chocolate lying around, too. He may have already helped himself while you weren't looking. And the Poison Center hotlines start lighting up. Chocolate can hurt a dog, but Xylitol, a sugar substitute now found in many candies and gums, can kill him.

### The Uncanny Valley

Maybe you have no trick-or-treaters. A bunch of friends comes over in costume on Halloween night to party. Your dog still freaks out. Why? He knows your friends. What's the deal?

Japanese robotics professor Masahiro Mori came up with the expression "uncanny valley" in 1970 to describe people's reactions to robots which, to various degrees, resembled humans. The more a robot looked human, the more the viewer empathized with the machine. It looked friendly and trustworthy. When the resemblance crossed a line and looked nearly human, but not quite, revulsion and unease set in. Then the viewer just wanted to get away from the thing.

Dogs experience the uncanny valley reaction, too. Here's someone who smells like someone they know, walks like them and talks like them, but...they're wearing a Mad Scientist mask. It gives them the heebie jeebies. Something here is just not right. Some dogs will flee, some will run in circles and warn their owners of the weird intruder, and some may even bite.

Again, dogs are not symbolic thinkers. They don't know your friend Bill is pretending to be Dr. Frankenstein. They've never seen the movie. Who is this weird creature and why is he dancing in your dog's living room?

### I Just Feel So Ashamed

And there's this matter of costumes...

Some dogs seem to truly enjoy dressing up. When it rains and we towel ours down, they prance around proudly in their "capas." The fact that we coo and tell them how smashing they look just

reinforces it. But I tried strapping a raincoat on Oona once and she squirmed and wiggled her way out of it in a flash. Hats or any other kind of clothing she just looks at with contempt. So much for that Princess Ballerina costume this year.

For one thing, they're restraining. Being restrained reminds your dog of being a puppy and being punished and kept out of trouble by their mother, say behavioralists. It's a deep-rooted thing and explaining to your dog that being dressed as Wonder Woman is just cool is lost breath. They've not seen the movie. Dogs don't read comics. They just think that shiny red bodice cramps their style.

Yet again, dogs are not symbolic thinkers. There's no difference to them between Hans Solo and Darth Vader. They just think this whole costume thing is peculiar and they wonder why you stuck one on them. If they're a dachshund, say, and you stick them between two costume "buns," you and your friends may be highly amused. Your dog is not only uncomfortable, he's suspicious. Now he wonders why everyone is pointing at him and laughing.

Can dogs be shamed? The experts go back and forth on that one. It takes self-awareness to realize when someone is making fun of you. An Irish wolfhound owner can handily answer that one. Of course our hounds are self-aware. They're sensitive and highly tuned to our reactions toward them. The question is, why would you want to laugh at your wolfhound? We love our dogs. We wouldn't laugh at them no more than we'd mock one of our own children. But we think when they wear a costume that they don't care what they're portraying. I think they do if it makes people snicker at them.

And I think it affects us, too. Using our dog for our own amusement, thinking they're unaware of what we're doing, lessens our respect for them. And our bond is based on mutual respect. It's a step down a slippery slope. Just for a quick chuckle? No, thank you.

That's not to say that some dogs are not natural hams and enjoy being the center of attention. In that case, you're laughing with them. You know your dog. If they obviously enjoy clowning around with you, by all means, slap them in that pirate costume and let them strut in the Halloween parade. That kind of laughter brings you both together. And that's the point of any festivities, isn't it?

Quarterly Photos & Brags



*Fall Fun in Photos*

From Risha Berzins:

Left: Dauphine (as Dorothy) and Hubig (as the cowardly lion) at a previous GLIWA picnic  
Right: Dave Berzins, Marigny, Ezra, and Ursuline 2011



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From: Cheri Lyn Taluzek

So, we were going to be part of a socially distant pet parade at our campground, Shangri-La in Lyndon Station, WI. But the weather was rainy. So they had an indoor pet costume contest. Séamus was wearing Shamrock scarves and a green top hat and out of 12 dogs in different costumes he won first place for most original/best dressed!



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## In Remembrance

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I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.  
I could see that you were crying. You found it hard to sleep.  
I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear,  
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."  
I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea,  
You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me.  
I was with you at the shops today. Your arms were getting sore.  
I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.  
I was with you at my grave today, You tend it with such care.  
I want to re-assure you, that I'm not lying there.  
I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key.  
I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "It's me."  
You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair.  
I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.  
It's possible for me to be so near you everyday.  
To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."  
You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew...  
in the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.  
The day is over... I smile and watch you yawning  
and say "Good-night, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."  
And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,  
I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.  
I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.  
Be patient, live your journey out... then come home to be with me.

*(Author unknown)*