

GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION

Midwest Wolfhound



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Secretary's Report



Board Meeting Agenda for Aug 06, 2023

The meeting was called to order at __11:07 AM

Board members **Present via Zoom:** *(tick the box if present)*

Risha Chris ___ Michelle Mark Maria Debbie Helen Courtney Jen

Board members **Absent:** *(tick the box if absent)*

Risha ___ Chris Michelle ___ Mark ___ Maria ___ Debbie ___ Helen ___ Courtney ___ Jen ___

Guests in attendance ___ Robert Greene _____

Reading of the Minutes or a motion to approve as printed in the Midwest Wolfhound Newsletter

Moved: Michelle Seconded: Maria

Officers' Reports

President – n/a

Vice President – n/a

Secretary / Membership – n/a

Treasurer – Wrote checks for pottery. Paypal memberships (Risha will forward to Michelle). Michelle to look into benefit of becoming a 501c3? As a non-501c3, is there a threshold for filing?

Committee Reports

Activities –

NW Celtic Fest NOW Arena- Mark to ask coordinator about our location and request being away from other animals/dogs.

Nov 4th Fun Run at Odd Duck Farm- Risha to send info graphic for Michelle to update the website.

Fun Match –

Book your hotel rooms before September 14.

I picked up the Don Goodrich pottery 7/29/2023, and have talked with the event planner at the Packing House. Mark has sent a check to repay our judge for her airfare which was under \$300. On FB I am about to announce the opportunity to sponsor trophies. Scott and Diane are doing coffee and breakfast again Saturday and Sunday. Michelle is running the auction again and we will be requesting donations. I am thinking about a bag design instead of t-shirts because we could order some and they are all one size. Should we do a 50/50 raffle?

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Hospitality – n/a

Nominating – Maria is appointed to be the nominating committee and can appoint others as she sees fit.

Publications – n/a

Rescue – \$100 donation made to rescue. Several dogs reached out to rescue but none needed to come through GLIWA- all found homes.

Policy – n/a

Ways and Means – n/a

Old Business:

National Specialty Update: Helen will send an email with wording/volunteer request for Michelle to update the website.

Would love GLIWA to help with things like:

- Welcome table
- Coffee table
- Restocking coolers/helping with Trophy clean up/general tidying during the match
- Gift baskets: can we have a basket coordinator- make flyer, make post to FB, etc

Other National Specialty items to consider:

- Many proceeds from this event are shared with the IW Heath Foundation.
- What advertisement would GLIWA like to add?
- This year will have “Regional Row” –a representation of each regional group that will make it easier to meet people and make connections with those in your area.

New Business

- Fun match: Would anyone be willing to be in charge of getting the trophy plates engraved annually, or do we need to do this? Several of them have many years missing. Maria will take this over and Risha will mail the plates to be engraved.
- Who would like to work together to find a restaurant for the Annual Dinner? I would like to have some ideas to discuss and vote on for the next board meeting. Activities (Mark) will work with Diane/Scott to evaluate somewhere for dinner.

Next meeting will be held November 19th.

Helen motioned to adjourn; Maria seconded.

Board Meeting adjourned at: ___ 11:55 AM.



GLIWA Calendar 2023

Come join us and enjoy the day with your wolfhounds!



Event in Progress

October 21-22, 2023

great lakes irish wolfhound association



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

◆ Judge, Maura High ◆

◆ Coleraine Irish Wolfhounds ◆

Fun Match, Auction, and Judge's Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

Seminars and EKG testing

CUDAHY KENNEL CLUB, ST. FRANCIS, WISCONSIN

for more information: www.gliwa.org

Spotlight on Health



Get Active with the AKC FETCH Program



What is AKC Fetch?

Welcome to AKC Fetch! When dog owners are asked about activities they like to do with their dogs, the most common responses are to take their dog for a walk, and to play ball (fetch) with the dog.

AKC Fetch titles were created as another activity in which owners could have fun with their dogs in the AKC Family Dog program. Earning AKC Fetch titles provides opportunities for both physical and mental exercise. While some dogs are natural retrievers, AKC Fetch, especially at the advanced levels, will involve teaching new skills such as retrieving.

AKC Fetch is designed for all breeds.

AKC Fetch is a pass-fail noncompetitive test. The four levels of titles (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Retriever) assess the ability of the dog to retrieve. In the Advanced and Retriever levels, the dog must respond correctly to signals. There is also a memory component in Advanced and Retriever because a retrieving bumper or ball is dropped (or thrown) behind a blind where it cannot be seen.

For each of the four titles, the dog must pass the test twice under two different approved AKC Fetch judges.

Dogs who are at least 6 months of age are eligible to take the AKC Fetch test as long as they are registered or enrolled with AKC and have an AKC, PAL or AKC Canine Partners number.

Why Participate in AKC Fetch?

- AKC Fetch provides a form of exercise for dogs and their owners. Dogs learn new skills and many handlers will learn to teach a skill (i.e., retrieving) they have not previously taught.
- AKC Fetch titles are fun to earn, and they can be used as a required AKC title for earning the Gold level of AKC FIT DOG. For info on AKC FIT DOG, see: <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/>

Source: <https://www.akc.org/fetch/>

Helpful links:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-scent-work/getting-started/>





Key Facts about Canine Influenza (Dog Flu)



What is canine influenza (dog flu)?

Canine influenza (also known as dog flu) is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs caused by specific Type A influenza viruses known to infect dogs. These are called “canine influenza viruses.” No human infections with canine influenza have ever been reported. There are two different influenza A dog flu viruses: one is an H3N8 virus and the other is an H3N2 virus. Canine influenza A(H3N2) viruses are different from seasonal influenza A(H3N2) viruses that spread annually in people.

Can canine influenza viruses infect people?

In general, canine influenza viruses are thought to pose a low threat to people. To date, there is no evidence of spread of canine influenza viruses from dogs to people and there has not been a single reported case of human infection with a canine influenza virus in the U.S. or worldwide. In 2016, CDC used the [Influenza Risk Assessment Tool](#) to evaluate the potential pandemic risk of canine influenza H3N2 viruses and found it to be low.

However, influenza viruses are constantly changing and it is possible that a canine influenza virus could change so that it could infect people and spread easily between people. Human infections with novel (new, non-human) influenza A viruses against which the human population has little immunity are concerning when they occur because of the potential that a pandemic could result. For this reason, the World Health Organization global surveillance system has led to detection of human infections by novel influenza A viruses of animal-origin (such as avian or swine influenza A viruses), but to date, no human infections with canine influenza A viruses have been identified.

Where did canine influenza viruses come from and how long have they been around?

Canine influenza H3N8 viruses originated in horses, spread to dogs, and can now spread between dogs. H3N8 equine influenza (horse flu) viruses have been known to exist in horses for more than 40 years. In 2004, cases of an unknown respiratory illness in dogs (initially greyhounds) were reported in the United States. An investigation showed that this respiratory illness was caused by equine influenza A(H3N8) viruses. Scientists believe this virus jumped species (from horses to dogs) and has adapted to cause illness in dogs and spread among dogs, especially those housed in kennels and shelters. This is now considered a dog-specific, or canine,

H3N8 virus. In September 2005, this virus was identified by experts as a “[newly emerging pathogen in the dog population](#)” in the United States. It has now been detected in dogs across much of the United States.

Canine influenza H3N2 viruses originated in birds, spread to dogs, and can now spread between dogs. Transmission of H3N2 canine influenza viruses to cats from infected dogs has been reported also. Canine influenza A H3N2 viruses were first detected in dogs in South Korea in 2007, and also have been reported in dogs in China, Thailand, and Canada. H3N2 canine influenza viruses were first detected in the United States in [April 2015](#), and has now been found in more than 30 states. To date, the H3N2 canine viruses reported in the U.S. have been almost genetically identical to canine H3N2 viruses previously reported only in Asia.

How does the issue of canine influenza apply to dogs imported into the US from other countries?

Both of these canine influenza viruses (H3N8 and H3N2), are now considered endemic in dogs in the United States. Additionally, at this time there is no evidence that canine influenza affects humans nor that it has pandemic potential. If there were evidence that canine influenza viruses were able to infect people with the potential for sustained human to human spread, CDC would execute its [existing authorities](#) to limit the introduction and/or spread of that pandemic strain either into or within the U.S.

CDC [regulations require](#) that dogs be healthy to enter the United States, thus dogs may be denied entry or further evaluated if they look like they are sick with a communicable disease such as canine influenza. CDC can require a veterinary examination at the owner’s expense for dogs that appear sick, or a necropsy (animal autopsy) for dogs that are dead upon arrival in the United States.

Multiple agencies may have regulatory authority over pets such as dogs and cats when they enter the United States. CDC works closely with other federal agencies to protect U.S. borders against diseases in humans that are carried by animals and animal products. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services (VS) has [animal health requirements](#) related to bringing (importing) a pet dog to the United States from a foreign country.

What is CDC doing about canine influenza?

Current CDC influenza virus regulations apply only to viruses with pandemic potential in people. However, CDC is doing a number of things to be prepared in the unlikely event that

canine influenza becomes a threat to humans or to animals other than canines. First, CDC continues to conduct year-round surveillance for seasonal and novel influenza A viruses and all human infections with novel influenza A viruses are fully investigated. Human infection with a novel influenza A virus of animal origin is reportable to CDC; no human infections with canine influenza viruses have been reported to date. Second, CDC and USDA APHIS VS have existing collaborative protocols to work together in the event of outbreaks of novel influenza A viruses. These same protocols would be followed in the event of an outbreak of canine influenza with suspected human infections. Third, CDC conducted a risk assessment on the pandemic potential of canine H3N2 viruses using the Influenza Risk Assessment Tool, and found it to be low risk.

What are signs of canine influenza in dogs?

The signs of this illness in dogs are cough, runny nose, fever, lethargy, eye discharge, and reduced appetite, but not all dogs will show signs of illness. The severity of illness associated with canine flu in dogs can range from no signs to severe illness resulting in pneumonia and sometimes death.

Most dogs recover within 2 to 3 weeks. However, some dogs may develop secondary bacterial infections which may lead to more severe illness and pneumonia. Anyone with concerns about their pet's health, or whose pet is showing signs of canine influenza, should contact their veterinarian.

How serious is canine influenza in dogs?

The percentage of dogs infected with this disease that die is very small. Some dogs have asymptomatic infections (no signs of illness), while some have severe illness with infection. Severe illness is characterized by the onset of pneumonia.

How is canine influenza virus spread?

Almost all dogs are susceptible to canine flu infection, and virus infection tends to spread among dogs housed in kennels and shelters. Canine flu is thought to spread mainly among dogs through respiratory droplets produced during coughing and sneezing from infected dogs, or through contact with contaminated surfaces. Therefore, dog owners whose dogs are coughing or showing other signs of respiratory disease should not expose their dog to other dogs or to cats. Clothing, equipment, surfaces, and hands should be cleaned and disinfected after exposure to dogs showing signs of respiratory disease.

Is there a test for canine influenza?

Testing to confirm H3N8 and H3N2 canine influenza virus infection in dogs is available. Your veterinarian can tell you if testing is appropriate.

How is canine influenza in dogs treated?

Treatment largely consists of supportive care which helps to keep the dog hydrated and comfortable while its body then mounts an immune response to the infection to facilitate recovery. In the milder form of the disease, this care may include medication to make your dog be more comfortable and fluids to ensure that your dog remains well-hydrated. Broad spectrum antibiotics may be prescribed by your veterinarian if a secondary bacterial infection is suspected.

Is there a vaccine for canine influenza?

Vaccines to protect dogs against both H3N8 and H3N2 canine flu are available in the United States. Your veterinarian can provide additional information about these vaccines and whether you should consider vaccinating your dog.

My dog has a cough. What should I do?

Consult your veterinarian to determine if an appointment is needed so the veterinarian can evaluate your dog and recommend an appropriate course of treatment. [GLIWA edit: don't forget to bring the IW Pneumonia Protocol with you if your dog is coughing. Download a copy for yourself by clicking the icon below].



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Where can I find more information on canine influenza viruses?

More information on canine influenza in pet dogs can be found at the following links:

- [Influenza A Virus \(H3N8\) in Dogs with Respiratory Disease, Florida](#) (Emerging Infectious Diseases)
- [April 2015 Chicago H3N2 canine influenza outbreak](#)
- [Canine Influenza FAQ | American Veterinary Medical Association \(avma.org\)](#)

Source: [cdc.gov/flu/other/canine-flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/other/canine-flu)



The Tale - Tell Tail



By: Bob McMillan (The Wild Stare)

Most dog owners at one time or another wish their dog could just talk. It'd take the guesswork and frustration out of trying to figure out what they want and what they're thinking. Seasoned pet owner read their dog's body language like a book. A quick glance at their expression, how they're holding their ears, their overall posture and we get a pretty good idea of the situation. But don't forget the tail. It'll give you significant clues fast.

Those who live with Irish wolfhounds already respect the tail. An excited wolfhound can clear all the tables in the room wagging that long, muscular appendage. And it's just the right height to double over a grown man who gets too close to the lash. It's a powerful instrument. A wolfhound's tail is also a reliable barometer of their feelings. Dogs communicate with one another via body language and the tail – used by wolfhounds as a counterweight when bounding and coursing – speaks volumes.

Some tips for reading it:

- Watch the tail's height. If they're holding it high, they're in an excited or dominant state. They may be glad to see you or... they may be about to go for your sandwich.
- A lowered tail means he's anxious or frightened. The more it's tucked, the more overwhelmed he's feeling. It can also be a sign that your dog is in pain or exhausted from too much play.
- Tension in the tail is a clue, too. If she's holding it rigidly high, she's agitated. She may be watching a squirrel flit across the grass or she's eyeing that dog down the street. If she's especially aroused, she may fluff the hair on the tail. Hang onto that leash. If she's in that state and the tail is flicking back and forth, she's about to defend her ground. Step cautiously.
- A wagging tail means a dog is happy, right? Not always. Sometimes when a dog is frightened by a situation, the tail hangs low and may flick back and forth quickly. In such a situation, be careful: the dog may feel trapped and is about to bite. A happy dog usually wags its tail in a more relaxed way. If they're especially glad to see you, it might beat back and forth enthusiastically.
- Watch which side the tail wags on, too. An interesting study in Italy recently found that a tail wagging harder to the right indicates the dog is attracted to a person or stimulus, while a tail wagging mostly to the left means the dog is fearful and wants to withdraw. The tail is just a piece of the puzzle, but with wolfhounds it's a big piece. Pay more attention to the finer details and you just could find yourself reading your dog more accurately more often. Meanwhile, guys? Step back while you're watching.

Rescue Report



Are you interested in a Rescued Wolfhound?

By: Debbie Greene

Have you ever thought about adopting an Irish Wolfhound Rescue? The rescues come in many shapes and sizes. Some are older, some are youngish, some are skittish, some are perfectly trained. Some are large, some are small, some are well bred but most are not. The one thing they all have in common is love. They are all looking for a place to live where they are loved and treated kindly. They want a place to live where they can run, or sleep, or play in peace. They want to know they are safe. And LOVED!

Some we have rescued come from a great breeder, but the owner couldn't bring them to a small apartment because of divorce. Some, like my Flannery, had a primary caregiver that passed away. Some have been taken out of an abusive situation. Some are nearly starved. If not for food, they are starved for love. All five of our Wolfhounds have been rescues. Our first was Aile. We were told Aile was aggressive. When we went to pick her up, we opened the back hatch of our car and she jumped right in. She was never aggressive. Never. She was vocal! She would grab your arm and talk to you if you ignored her request for play or food or to go outside! She lived to be 9.5 years old. Our next, Bodhi, lived to be 13 years old. You just never know!

So here is my request: If you have some extra love for a dog that desperately needs it, a fenced in backyard and patience, please fill out an application and send it in. You will need patience for two reasons. First, because we never know when someone will call and need a home for their Wolfhound. It could be tomorrow or next year. We don't necessarily go by "first come first served" for applications but rather, "who would be the best fit for this particular dog". Second, a new rescue might be afraid in the beginning. They may be traumatized. For this, you will need patience.

Each dog is vetted, or we have current vet records for the dog. We always spay or neuter. The adoption fee is \$350.00. If the adopter is not a member of GLIWA, we also charge for a membership.

To Apply:

Please go to the website <https://www.gliwa.org/rescue> and fill out an application.

Send to: Robert Greene, Rescue Coordinator Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association

3307 Indianwood Lane Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: 815-735-4455

Email: greenecr@gmail.com

Please put "GLIWA Rescue Application" in the Subject Line.

Please consider a
Rescued
Irish Wolfhound



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These are just
Some of our
GLIWA
Rescues



Aile and Bodhi



Clover Rose



Sebastian



Maggie



Murphy just chewed me out! I forgot to let him out in the back to go when we got home from his walk (he prefers to wait). He started bugging me and finally I caught on and he started boofing at me - totally chewing me out and laughing!! What a character.

- Pat Powers



Killian & Lunna 2 current rescues in process

Quarterly Photos & Brags



See what GLIWA has been up to!

Shenanigans on the Green at the NOW Arena!



We love this festival! They love our Wolfhounds!
Next year they say they are doubling our space!

Check the GLIWA
Events Page
and plan to join
us next year!



Shenanigans on the Green at
the NOW Arena!



Take us out to the ballgame!

Dog Day at the Sox Game

This is not an endorsement of any particular team!



Bo made the Jumbotron!





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Congratulations to Dave & Risha Cupit-Berzins' Claude. Claude now has these titles since trialing May 1. He's the only IW with titles in Scent Work Excellent levels, plus 3 legs in Master levels.

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SBE, SCE, SEE

