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 - BARKIE BIRKIE 2019 by Mike Cherry

Thank You Letter

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A huge thank you goes out to everyone who was able to attend our GLIWA Annual Dinner in February!

A very special thank you also goes out to Gretchen Bernardi for leading us in dialogue on where our beloved breed originated and how it has evolved through present day. What progressed was an excellent discussion on the Irish Wolfhound's traits, temperament and how we define the breed standards.

There were many years of accumulated knowledge in the room and the conversation was enjoyed by all.



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The Benefits of attending GLIWA Events



WHY WALK IN A GLIWA PARADE?

By: Debbie Greene

What I have learned from my years of walking is that it is a great way to show off our Wolfhounds! It is a way to bring joy and smiles to hundreds of people, especially children. It is great exercise and most of all it builds camaraderie with other Irish wolfhound owners. This is how lifelong friendships form. This is how I know who to call when I have a question. There are usually gatherings after the parades too. So even if you don't want to walk or your dog is not excited about being in a parade always ask where we might be eating after the parade. Anyway – we invite and encourage you to join us next year!

Manhattan Parade March 2, 2019

This year we were back at the Manhattan Parade after taking a year off. This had been one of Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound's favorite parades and we were happy to be back in Manhattan again this year. We walked with a group of other folks and their various Irish Dogs. It is always COLD and frequently rainy for this parade, but the people of Manhattan always come out for the parade! It is fairly short, and Manhattan is a picturesque little town.

Plainfield Parade March 10, 2019

This was the best organized parade I have ever been in! First, the lineup numbers are all written on the ground in the exact space you are to line up. Second, the parade goes in a CIRCLE! So, you end up where you started! Every parade should do this! They also have Plainfield High School open with the cleanest restrooms I have ever seen in a school. The parade route was great. There were beautiful houses along the way and downtown Plainfield is so beautiful!

Naperville Parade March 16, 2019

Naperville Parade is a fun parade for all of us! There is a long wait before step off and because of this there is a lot of time to talk with other Wolfhound owners. It also gives us a chance to get to know those who are walking with us and sponsoring us. We are sponsored by the Scottish Highland Games (hence the sign behind us at the end that says "Scottish Dogs"). This parade is always enjoyable and there are huge crowds when we get to the downtown area.

Southside Chicago Parade March 17, 2019

This parade is LONG! It is a long walk, we must get there early to find parking, and the wait to step off is long. With that said, it is one of our favorites! The wait to step off is interesting because

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of all of the interesting folks we meet. We even get to walk with St. Patrick and have some of our Wolfhounds featured in the Chicago Tribune.

Please consider joining us next year. Also keep in mind all of the other events we have throughout the year like the Annual Picnic and the Fun Match. Because you are a member of GLIWA – you are a member of the wolfhound family – so we would love to see you at an event this year!

See below for some photos from our 2019 parades- you can see everyone had a fabulous time...especially the dogs!

Milwaukee Parade:

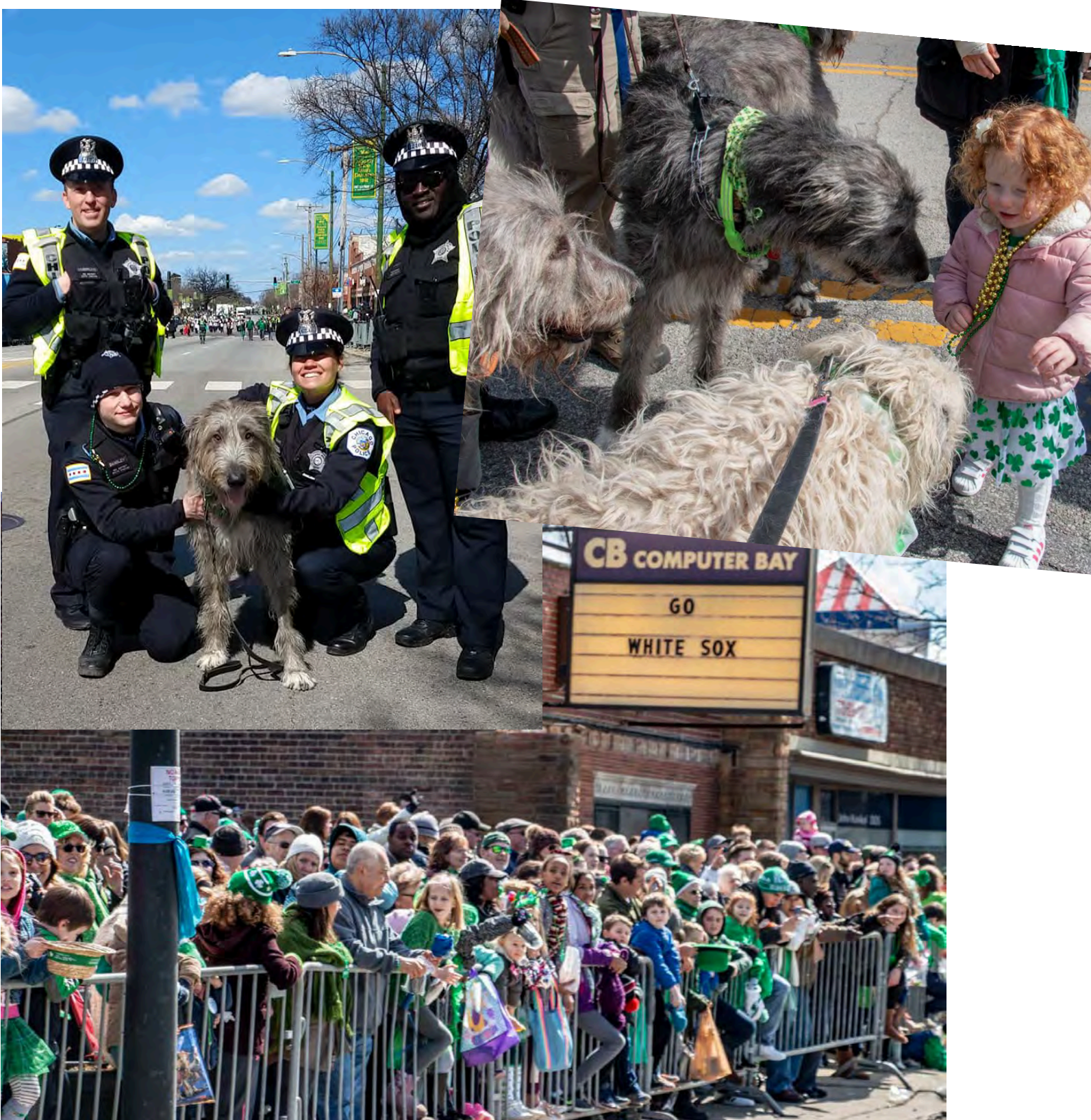


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Chicago Southside Parade



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Naperville, IL parade



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Plainfield, IL parade



You've Got Mail



It's always nice to be appreciated.

Check out the wonderful email GLIWA received (below) from the Plainfield parade organizer.

They were so thrilled they made a sizeable donation to our organization!

2020 Plainfield Hometown Irish Parade



Good Morning!

I am sending you this email on behalf of the Plainfield Hometown Irish Parade Committee to let you know you were a terrific addition to our parade this year! The crowd loved your entry and we would like to extend the invitation to have you participate again next year.

The date of the parade is **SUNDAY MARCH 15th, 2020.**

Please let me know if you are able to commit to us for this day and we will look forward to seeing you at next year's parade.

Many Thanks,
Diane



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Absolutely! Our members said it was a really well planned and fun parade to be in. Count us in for next year :)

Thanks for reaching out!



That's GREAT! Thank you so much - we enjoyed having your beautiful Irish Wolfhounds and they were a HUGE hit with the crowd!

Also please note that we will be making a donation to your organization as a special thank you.



GLIWA Calendar 2019

Come join us and enjoy the day with your wolfhounds!

Summer Events:

Irish Wolfhound Club of America 90th National Specialty May 14 - 17, 2019

Buffalo Thunder Resort
20 Buffalo Thunder Trail,
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Conformation Judge: Mr. Chris Amoo, Sade
Sweepstakes Judge: Mr. Jonathan Harvey, Cualainn
Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. Russell L McFadden
Obedience Judge: Ms. Janice D Anthes
Rally Judge: Ms. Janice D Anthes

Show Chair: Melanie Mercer
Show Superintendent: BaRay Event Services, Inc.



Gaelic Park Irish Fest Saturday, May 25

2:00 to 6:00 PM
Address: Chicago Gaelic Park
6119 147th St, Oak Forest, IL 60452

<https://www.chicagogaelicparkirishfest.org/>

Just as Memorial Day Weekend is the first major holiday of the summer, Irish festival is the first major festival. After being cooped up all winter, the idea of enjoying great entertainment, delicious food and satisfying refreshment, in an outdoor setting is extremely attractive. The numerous exhibits, including the native Irish dogs exhibit, Irish horse exhibition and sports contests are a refreshing change from the

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winter hibernation. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Directions

Chicago Gaelic Park is situated in a tranquil setting, adjacent to a Cook County Forest Preserve in Oak Forest, Illinois. We are located on 147th Street, two miles west of Cicero or one block east of Ridgeland.

FROM I-294 SOUTH

Exit Cicero Avenue south to 147th Street. Turn right, and go west two miles to Chicago Gaelic Park.

FROM DOWNTOWN CHICAGO

Take the Dan Ryan to I-57. Exit I-57 at 147th St West. Then proceed 4 1/2 miles west to Chicago Gaelic Park.



Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Saturday, June 15

<http://www.scottishfestivalchicago.org/>

One of the most unique and well-known festivals in the Midwest, the Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games! The festival is held each June at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois. This year will be hosted in an area with more shade/trees. One free entry per Wolfhound.

More details to come...



~~~~ Annual GLIWA Picnic ~~~~

Saturday June 29th

Board Meeting 10:30, Picnic begins 11:30

Pilcher Park Nature Center

2501 Highland Park Dr, Joliet, IL 60432

<https://jolietpark.org/pilcher-park-nature-center>

Pilcher Park is a beautiful 700-acre park with great walking trails and a fantastic Nature Center as well as formal gardens at Bird Haven Greenhouse. It is the perfect spot for our Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Annual Picnic and a great way to meet fellow Wolfhound owners.

GLIWA will supply the main course. We ask that you supply salads and desserts:

If your name starts with A-G please bring a salad.

If your name starts with H-Z please bring a dessert.

Please bring enough to share.

Annual Picnic continued...

Following lunch we will have a grooming demonstration followed by a guided nature walk at 1:30 into upper Pilcher or the Greenhouse. It should be very beautiful at the end of June. It is a different time of year for exploring than we have seen in the past.

Thank YOU to the Joliet Park District for continuing to allow us to use the Nature Center Backyard!



Irish American Heritage Festival July 13th - hours TBD

Please check back at gliwa.org/events for updated info closer to the event

Get your Irish on at the 34th annual Irish American Heritage Festival

Irish Fest showcases the finest in local and international Irish and American music, dance and family activities. The festival directly supports and is held on the grounds of the Irish American Heritage Center.

This Irish Fest showcases the finest in local and international Irish and American music, dance and family activities. The festival is held on the grounds of the Irish American Heritage Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and strengthening Irish culture in Chicago. The center is near Wilson Avenue exit and the Edens Expressway, at 4626 North Knox, Chicago, IL.

Water will also be available, all you need to bring is a chair for yourself.



Please refer to the events page at gliwa.org for future updates and additions.

Rescue Report



Sandy & Kyle Update

The day before Easter we rescued an approximately 3-year-old Wheaten Wolfhound named Sandy. She is now the new wolfhound/family member for Sharon O'Connor. Sharon recently lost Kyle, another rescue from a couple of years ago. Until his death he was the faithful companion to Sharon. Sharon walked with us in the Southside and Naperville Parades this year – she was our Bodhi wrangler so Debbie could take photos. Sandy was in her second home in three years that we know about and had already had at least two litters of puppies. One of those resulted in a dead pup that had to be removed. She was spayed at that time. Now, she has skin issues and the family didn't have enough money to treat these issues. She is a VERY small Wolfhound. Under 100 pounds and very short in stature. Courtney Smith was kind enough to help us on the first leg of the journey to pick up Sandy. She met the owner in St. Louis and brought Sandy to Robert in Springfield. Sharon & I rode with Robert to pick her up. She was very sweet and had a great car ride home from Springfield, which was fabulous since Kyle was not a good traveler at all. This makes for a perfect situation since Sharon wants to travel more and take the dogs.

When they got here to our house, she quickly made friends with Bodhi, Finn and Star. Finn particularly liked her, and they played in the yard without her having to fall into the pool (she is the first one who hasn't)! Sandy was immediately taken to the vet and got her wounds clipped and cleaned, got an antibiotic prescription, a prescription shampoo, a rabies shot, and a heartworm test. She is still a bit timid at Sharon's, but she will come around with lots of love and attention.



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ONCOLOGISTS STUDY IMMUNOTHERAPY TO COMBAT OSTEOSARCOMA

Apr 1, 2019 / <https://vetmed.illinois.edu/>



STUDY USES HIGH-PRECISION RADIATION TECHNOLOGY

Every year, 10,000 dogs in the United States are diagnosed with osteosarcoma, an extremely aggressive malignant bone tumor that typically occurs in a weight-bearing limb. Recently, Morris Animal Foundation funded a three-part study at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine to examine whether the body's own immune system could be stimulated to eliminate osteosarcoma.

The study could lead to advances in treating not only canine patients, but children as well.

“Because there are similarities between canine osteosarcoma and human pediatric osteosarcoma, finding better treatment options for this form of cancer is especially important,” says Dr. Timothy Fan, a veterinary oncologist who has been researching osteosarcoma – particularly how bone tumors spread to other parts of the body.

He and Dr. Kim Selting, a radiation oncologist who joined the Illinois faculty in 2017, are co-

investigators on the immunotherapy study. Their research will explore the combination of an immunostimulatory molecule and radiation therapy to stimulate an immune response, looking first at a cell model, then a mouse model, and ultimately dogs with osteosarcoma.

Osteosarcoma in Dogs

The cancer service at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital treats around 50 dogs with osteosarcoma a year. Large- or giant-breed dogs are most often affected; the disease very rarely manifests in cats.

“The first sign owners typically notice in their pets is lameness,” says Dr. Selting. “Animals may also have swelling in the area of the tumor. These areas can be warm and painful to the touch.”

Although osteosarcomas most often appear in one of the limbs, they can arise as a primary tumor in non-bony tissues, including the liver, kidneys, spleen, and mammary glands.



What makes osteosarcoma so deadly is its ability to metastasize (or spread) to other parts of the body.

Natasha was an osteosarcoma patient at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital in 2003. Despite amputation of her front right leg, she was able to continue an active, happy life. “Ninety percent of dogs that have osteosarcoma in one of their limbs will have metastatic disease,” Dr. Fan says. Very often the cancer spreads to the lungs, where it can be detected on a radiograph.

Current Treatments

Radiation, amputation, chemotherapy, or some combination of these comprise the standard treatment options for canine osteosarcoma. The veterinarian works with the animal’s owner to individualize a treatment plan designed to deliver the best quality of life for the patient.

Radiation therapy uses high doses of radiation at the site of the tumor to kill cancer cells, with the goal of shrinking the tumor. “Often the better option for patients with an extremely painful osteosarcoma is to amputate the limb, which reduces the pain,” Dr. Selting explains. Pets get along surprisingly well with only three legs.

Unlike radiation and amputation, which deliver treatment localized to the cancer, chemotherapy is a systemic treatment, attacking cancer cells throughout the body that have spread from the original tumor location.

“Chemotherapy is typically used after surgical removal of the tumor to help control the cancer as long as possible,” says Dr. Selting. Successful chemotherapy may give an animal an additional nine or more months with its family. Because veterinary oncology focuses on quality of life for the pet, chemotherapy for pets avoids the harsh side effects associated with aggressive human chemotherapy.

Immunotherapy Study

The newly funded study will look at a treatment approach that combines an immunostimulatory molecule called CPG ODN, which has shown promise as a component of cancer vaccines, with radiation. The study will take advantage of a state-of-the-art linear accelerator arriving at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital this spring.

During the first phase of the study, the researchers will examine how normal cells respond to the CPG molecule and radiation within a laboratory-controlled setting.

“This will give us a good foundation for the second phase of the study,” Dr. Fan says, “which will use mouse models of osteosarcoma to see how the CPG molecule works in a real animal.” Researchers will test various combinations of the CPG molecule and radiation. “Because this phase takes place in a highly controlled research environment, it should provide very exact results of the therapies,” says Dr. Selting.

In the final phase of the study, findings from the first two phases will be used to develop treatment protocols for a small pilot study involving 14 dogs with osteosarcoma. Unlike the mice in phase two, the dogs will be genetically diverse, which may make results less uniform.

Translational Research

“Comparative oncology – the study of cancer treatments in multiple species – has potential to deliver tremendous medical advances,” says Dr. Fan “This field is exploding. The National Cancer Institute has designated Illinois and 21 other academic oncology programs as part of the Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium, which plays an important role in human cancer research.” With the addition of high-precision radiation technology made possible by the new linear accelerator, the University of Illinois advances cancer care not only for veterinary patients but also, through research, for people.

If you have any questions about osteosarcoma in pets, contact your local veterinarian.

By Beth Mueller

HEAT STROKE IN DOGS: HOW TO HELP YOUR PUP BEAT THE HEAT

August 21, 2018

<https://www.honestpaws.com/blogs/pet-care/heat-stroke-in-dogs>



A favorite pastime for countless dog owners is enjoying the outdoors with their four-legged companion. From having a partner in crime at the grill to jumping through sprinklers to enjoying a day at the beach, the summertime is full of bonding opportunities for you and your dog.

However, being a responsible dog owner means recognizing how the heat can affect Fido. It is imperative that pet owners take the necessary precautions when spending any amount of time in the summer heat in order to prevent heat stroke. Heat stroke in dogs is an extremely serious condition that shouldn't be overlooked. Knowing the signs of heat stroke and ways to prevent it can ensure that you're doing everything possible to keep Fido safe during the hot summer months.

In this article, we aim to give doting dog lovers some helpful tips in order to make sure this summer is filled with awesome memories, not a scary trip to the vet.

What is Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is a condition caused by the failure of the body's temperature-regulating mechanism when exposed to extremely high temperatures. It is a form of non-fever hyperthermia and if not treated in a timely manner can cause the dog's organs to shut down. Heat stroke is typically associated with spending too much time outdoors during the peak of summer months. However, heat stroke can occur in other months if a dog is left in the car or without shade for too long.

WHAT IS HYPERTHERMIA

Hyperthermia is an elevation in body temperature that is above the accepted normal range.

HEAT STROKE VS HEAT EXHAUSTION

Heat exhaustion occurs when the dog's body temperature over 103 degrees Fahrenheit. However, if the dog's rectal temperature continues to rise and reaches 106 or higher, they are at immediate risk for heat stroke. Again, heat stroke is extremely dangerous and can cause the organs to shut down and cause the heart to stop altogether.

What Causes Heat Stroke in Dogs

Unlike humans, dogs aren't able to sweat out excess body heat. In fact, the only sweat glands your dog has are on their paws and these do very little for regulating body temperature. Instead of sweating, dogs expel the excess heat through open-mouthed, rapid breathing (also known as panting).

Typically, panting is enough to relieve the dog of the excess heat. However, when panting isn't enough, heatstroke becomes a real risk.

Heat stroke typically occurs in the summer months when the warm weather can become overwhelming for our four-legged friends. However, heatstroke can also occur any time of the year if an owner carelessly leaves their dog in a car for an extended period or if the dog is left outside without shade and water.

Thankfully, heat stroke is entirely avoidable.

Brachycephalic dogs are particularly sensitive to heat due to the shape of their skull affecting the sinuses and consequently affecting the respiratory system.

Additionally, dogs with thick coats or long hair, and very young or very old dogs are also at a greater risk of heatstroke.

Furthermore, dogs that are overweight and those with preexisting medical conditions that cause difficulty breathing or heart problems are also at a higher risk for heatstroke.

Also, environmental factors also come into play in terms of heatstroke. Pet owners should not only be aware of high temperatures but high humidity levels as well.

Finally, dogs that are extremely active such as working dogs or hunting breeds (such as shepherds, retrievers, and spaniels) are also at a substantially higher risk of heat stroke. It is important for these animals to get appropriate breaks in their work day and have a shady place to be able to retreat to for water and rest.

Identifying Heat Stroke Symptoms

Fortunately, heatstroke doesn't just appear out of nowhere. There are a number of signs and symptoms that pet owners should be implicitly aware of. The first major warning sign of heatstroke is excessive panting. If you see your dog panting excessively, take them indoors straight away and make sure they have cool water to drink. If the dog at risk is not tended to immediately, the following symptoms will quickly develop.

- **Increased salivation**
- **Excessive drooling**
- **Signs of dehydration**
- **Rapid heart rate**
- **Dizziness**
- **Weakness and/or lethargy**
- **Increased body temperature (above 103° F)**
- **A reddened or pale appearance of the gums and moist tissues of the body**
- **Bright red tongue**
- **Bloodshot eyes**
- **Thick, sticky-looking saliva**
- **Production of only small amounts of urine/no urine**
- **Depression**
- **Vomiting blood**
- **Diarrhea**

If the heatstroke progresses it can quickly lead to seizures, sudden (acute) kidney failure, cardiac arrest, coma, and death.

Again, we cannot stress enough just how serious heatstroke is.

HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS

Heat exhaustion is a close step in front of heat stroke. The symptoms of heat exhaustion include excessive panting, an increased heart rate, and a rectal temperature of 103 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

Preventing Heatstroke in Dogs

Thankfully, [heatstroke can be prevented](#) and should be at all cost. There are a number of things that pet owners should make sure they do and certain things to always avoid.



Always:

KEEP COLD WATER AVAILABLE

Keeping cold water on hand at all times is one of the easiest and most efficient ways to protect your dog from dehydration, heat exhaustion, and therefore heat stroke. Many companies produce great and convenient collapsible bowls. Check them out [here!](#)

These bowls are great for vacations, walks around the neighborhood, and car trips. We recommend purchasing a few of them and making sure that you keep one on hand. Additionally, be sure to make sure you're packing enough cool water. On average, a dog will consume 1.5 to 3 liters of water per day. This is important information in order to plan ahead.

ENSURE PLENTY OF SHADE

Again, it may seem obvious, but providing plenty of shade is another important way to ensure that your dog has protection from the sun. If your dog spends a fair amount of time outside, make sure that they have a dog house, overhang, sun umbrella, or some sort of structure that will protect them on a summer day.

KEEP FIDO COOL

Additionally, keeping Fido cool in an area of your home is a safe and effective way to prevent them from overheating. A fan or preferably an air-conditioned space can make all the difference. Also, you may want to look into creating a DIY cooling pad for your dog. Pet owners can place ice cubes into a Ziploc bag and then place the Ziploc bag into an old towel or T-shirt. Your pet can safely lay on this T-shirt in order to cool down on a hot summer day.

A NICE, COOL TOWEL-DOWN

We also recommend keeping a towel on hand when spending time outdoors. The towel can be soaked in cool water and then used to wet down your dog. Additionally, having a spray mist bottle filled with cold water is another great way to ensure that you are keeping your dog's core body temperature at an appropriate level.

Furthermore, if you're spending time outdoors buy a water source such as a pool, river, or even sprinklers, encourage your dog to play in the water. Of course, make sure that your dog is safe wherever they are playing.

BE AWARE OF HEALTH ISSUES

Dog owners should always be aware of their pet's health condition and how it may exacerbate in

certain elements. Health conditions start such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and respiratory issues can often cause heat stroke to develop at a faster rate. Heat stroke is also substantially more dangerous to dogs with health issues. Taking precautionary measures is absolutely imperative. Even something as simple as a neighborhood walk in the summer months can prove to be too strenuous for dogs with health conditions.

DOUBLE CHECK THE WEATHER

Another easy way to ensure that Fido remains safe and happy during the summer months is checking the weather ahead of time before planning an outdoor excursion. Again, be sure to not only check the temperature but the humidity levels as well.

Additionally, when you're outside, make sure to touch the pavement and see how hot it is. [Protecting your dog's paw pads](#) is something that all parents should keep in mind during the hot summer months. You may not realize just how easy it is for paw pads to burn, and trust us when we say that you want to avoid it. Injured paw pads can lead to a slew of problems including infection, tears, and a long healing process. Make sure that you're doing everything you can to protect your dog's paw pads from the hot concrete pavement. A good rule of thumb is that if you wouldn't walk on it barefoot, neither should your dog. Pet owners can purchase booties to protect their dog's paw pads during walks in the neighborhood. These are especially important if you live in an area where grassy walking paths aren't always available.

STAYING ALERT = SAVING A LIFE

We've all heard the phrase, "if you see something, say something." It can truly save a life. If you see a dog in a hot car and you believe that he is in any sort of danger, write down the make and model of the car and the type of dog. Location, security and have the information paged over a loudspeaker at wherever you are (grocery store, shopping mall, etc.). Remember, time is of the essence. Every minute that passes puts Fido in even more danger. Trust your instincts. It can make a world of difference.

PLAN AHEAD

Finally, another easy way to make sure that your dog is staying safe is to plan ahead. If you're traveling, make sure that Fido is in a well ventilated and safe crate or kennel. When you're outdoors, always make sure that you have plenty of water and shade. These small things can prove to be the difference between life and death when it comes to heat stroke.



Never:

There are also things that pet owners should ensure that they never do in order to protect Fido.

LEAVE FIDO IN THE CAR

Never, ever leave your dog in a parked car. We cannot stress this enough. There are no if's, and's, or but's. It does not matter if you are parked in the shade or only going into the store for a handful of minutes. The car temperature can quickly reach 140° without air-conditioning. Any length of time in these conditions can prove to be deadly.

OVER DO IT WITH EXERCISE

Additionally, keep strenuous exercise and all physical activity short and sweet on hot days. Remember, all dogs can experience heat stroke. However, long-haired dogs and brachycephalic dogs are even more likely to suffer. There's no need to exercise excessively on hot summer days. While you may think that you are keeping Fido healthy, physical activity in certain conditions can prove to do the exact opposite. Even when your dog is resting outdoors, it's incredibly important to keep an eye on them for signs of heat exhaustion. Walks and play time should either be done in the very early morning or in the late evening when the temperature and the pavement have had a chance to cool off.

MUZZLE THE DOG

As we previously mentioned, dogs expel excess heat by panting. This is why it is so important to never muzzle your dog during hot summer months. Muzzling can prevent the ability to pant and therefore cause dysregulation in their body temperature. In terms of an aggressive dog or a dog with behavioral issues, we recommend not taking them out in public settings when it is extremely hot.

STAY IN HOT PLACES

Everyone loves a good beach day. However, in certain areas where heat is reflected and there is no access to appropriate amounts of shade, Fido can be in immediate danger. Again, this is a great time to invest in a sun umbrella in order to ensure that your dog is staying safe and cool.

Again, we cannot stress enough the importance of having a consistent, cool water source and the necessary tools to make sure that Fido stays hydrated and comfortable.

Heat Stroke Treatment At Home

Heat stroke is easily avoidable by following the aforementioned tips and steps. However, if the unfortunate event of a heat stroke happens, knowing what to do and acting quickly can save your dog's life.

First and foremost, get the dog indoors immediately. If the dog is unconscious, be sure to avoid getting water in their nose or mouth as it can cause choking and drowning.

Next, follow the following steps.

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- **Put the dog in the bathtub. If a tub isn't possible, use a shower or shallow basin**
- **Run cool* water over the animal, covering their entire body. Pay special attention to the back of the neck and head, making sure these areas are entirely covered. *Ensure the water is cool, not cold.**
- **As you allow the tub to fill with cool water, you'll need to keep the dog's head elevated at all times. This will help prevent aspiration pneumonia.**
- **If a bathtub isn't available, find a hose or another water source to cool the dog down. Time is of the essence.**
- **Apply a cold pack to the dog's head to lower their core temperature. A cold pack can be something as simple as a package of frozen peas wrapped in a towel.**
- **In order to help increase circulation and prevent the risk of shock correlated with hyperthermia, gently massage the dog's legs.**
- **Allow the dog to drink as much water as they desire. Additionally, adding a small amount of table salt to the water bowl will help to rehydrate the body. At this point, the dog has likely lost a crucial amount of minerals due to the dehydration.**

Note: It is imperative that you do not administer any aspirin or other medications. While many people may think that this will help lower the dog's temperature, it won't. In fact, it will likely lead to further complications.

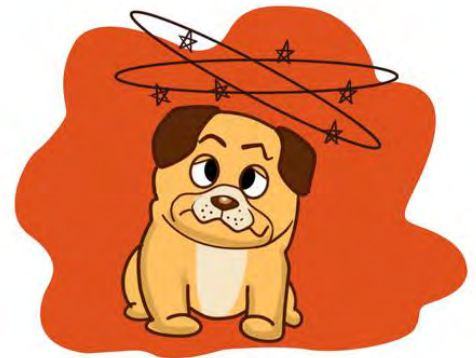
During this process, dog owners should be checking the dog for signs of shock. Take the dog's temperature every five minutes and monitor it closely. Continue with the steps above until the dog's temperature drops below 103°F.

After Stabilizing Fido

Once the dog is stabilized they will need to be taken to the veterinarian immediately. As we previously mentioned, heatstroke can lead to complications such as swelling of the brain, kidney failure, and blood clots. Just because the dog's body temperature is back to a normal level doesn't mean you're out of the woods in terms of unforeseen health changes.

On the way to the vet's office, it is important to maintain Fido's body temperature by keeping a cool, wet towel under the armpits as well as over the neck and between the hind legs. It is entirely possible for the dog's temperature to spike again even after it has been lowered. Avoiding this is extremely important. Additionally, keeping the ear flaps and paw pads cool will also help maintain the body temperature.

Be sure that the air conditioning is on in the car. Also, it is important to use cool water. We understand that many people might think that cold water will help lower the dog's temperature more quickly, but it can actually be dangerous for your dog in their fragile state.



What to Expect at the Veterinarian

When you arrive at the vet office, treatment will be geared towards rehydration and to replacing the lost minerals.

In most cases, the vet will administer intravenous fluid therapy. During this time the veterinarian will closely monitor the dog for any complications and changes in their health. These complications include (but are not limited to):

- **Kidney failure**
- **Development of neurologic symptoms**
- **Abnormal clotting**
- **Variations in blood pressure**
- **Electrolytes abnormalities**

Again, it is imperative that your dog sees a vet straight away. It's a visit that can save Fido's life.

Heat Stroke in Dogs: The Bottom Line

Trust us when we say that we understand how much your dog means to you. At Honest Paws, we are all dog owners and pet lovers. Therefore, we know that you want the very best for your dog and want their lives to be filled with the best memories. However, with that being said, lengthy outdoor events during the summer months can lead to dangerous situations. It is so incredibly important for dog owners to be aware of these possibilities.

By doing simple things such as always having a cool water source and plenty of shade, you can make sure that your dog is staying safe while enjoying the summer sun. Additionally, knowing when to bring your dog inside and recognizing times that it is likely best to leave Fido at home are equally important.

Furthermore, if heat stroke unfortunately occurs, it is absolutely paramount to know what to do. Knowing the steps to help your fur baby will likely be the difference between life and death.

Stay alert. Plan ahead. And enjoy summer safely with Fido.

Membership Renewal Reminder



Please don't forget that membership renewals were due by **April 1, 2019**.

Individual Membership: \$20 per year, adults over 18 years of age, entitles member to all rights and privileges.

Family Membership: \$30 per year, entitles family to one copy of the newsletter and members to all rights and privileges.

If you forgot- it's not too late!

Please find the attached membership renewal form below. You can also renew/pay your dues at <http://gliwa.org/pay-dues/> via paypal.

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When The Wild West Met The Real Irish Wolfhound

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In the early years after Capt. George Augustus Graham brought the Irish wolfhound back from extinction, the wolfhound got off to a rocky start in America. Few had heard of the legendary hound and far fewer had ever seen one.

This opened the door to two styles of “wolfhound” in the country until two Gilded Age heiresses stepped up and showed the Wild West what an Irish wolfhound was really all about.

Elizabeth and Martha White, daughters of New York Times and Chicago Tribune owner Horace White, are best known for their charitable work in preserving and promoting Native American art and culture in the Southwest.

Their El Delirio estate in Santa Fe is also renowned – it was a Southwestern party palace where epic galas were thrown for everybody who was anybody in the 1930s – Agatha Christie, D.H. Lawrence, Igor Stravinsky, Andres Segovia, Robert Oppenheimer and Enrico Fermi. The gatherings were legendary.

But it was their Irish Wolfhound kennel, Rathmullan, that helped the breed thrive in a day when 75-

pound impostors were making the show circuit masquerading as the mythic Irish wolf dog.

The wolfhound's recovery from near-extinction in the mid-1800s had a slow start in America, where a handful of East Coast kennels had descendants of Capt. Augustus Graham's revived hounds, but guarded their breeding stock with a tight fist.

The breed had only recently stabilized as the wolfhound we know today and the American Kennel Club didn't recognize the Irish wolfhound as a distinct breed until 1897.

Meanwhile in the American West, packs of long dogs and lurchers – wolfhound and sighthound mixes – were heavily used by ranchers to keep wolves and coyotes from their herds.

Gen. George Custer kept a pack of 40 Scottish deerhounds, staghounds and lurchers that accompanied him from post to post during this career. One of his deerhounds died with him at the Little Big Horn.

Ironically, the Irish wolfhound was one of the first dogs brought to America by Europeans way back when. An Irish wolfhound helped Christopher Columbus fight off Indians in his fourth voyage to America. The governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, John Winthrop, imported wolfhounds to his colony in 1633 to save his sheep from wolves.

George Washington *wanted* Irish wolf dogs to help protect the colonies but in the late 1700s, he was too late. Even agents of a former president of the United States were unable to locate pure Irish wolf dogs for sale in England or Ireland. The legendary hound was fading fast.

Irish wolf dogs had for centuries been *the* premiere hunting dog in Europe because of their size, speed, intelligence and fearlessness. Where Washington had been unable to find wolf dogs, later farmers and ranchers secured deerhounds and lurchers to keep local wolf populations at bay and they were especially popular in the West, where the coursing hounds could stretch their legs.

In an Irish Wolfhound club publication in 1926, Mrs. Norwood Smith, breeder of Cragwood Wolfhounds and first president of the IWCA, wrote, "There are two distinct groups of Irish Wolfhounds in America. Both are registered yet they are as different as Collie and Shetland Sheepdog."

One was a small rough-coated Greyhound weighing 75 to 100 pounds. Mrs. Smith said a number of them were on the books because of less stringent AKC regulations of that era.

"They are apparently produced in great numbers and find a ready market for \$25. They are bought by ranchers for coyote dogs, for which purpose they are well suited.

"However it happened, these weird creatures are masquerading as Irish wolfhounds. The time is not far distant when these little counterfeits will be crowded out."

In fact, that day had already arrived. Elizabeth and Martha White relocated to Sante Fe in 1923 after discovering the town when they stopped to have their hair done on a cross-country drive. The two were not your typical heiresses. They were active in the Suffragette movement in New York in their teens. When word reached them that their father had died in 1916, they were both serving as Army combat nurses on the Western Front in France.

By 1929 they'd transformed a 250-acre ranch in Sante Fe into a sprawling adobe-style estate, an intellectual, cultural and social epicenter.

And in 1930, they began their Irish wolfhound kennel, which they named Rathmullan in honor of their childhood Irish nanny, a native of County Donegal. The sisters had been in love with wolfhounds since seeing the first one exhibited in America at Westminster.

Estate manager Jack Lambert designed and built a state-of-the-art, three story kennel for the sisters and the 11 hounds they had within a year. Each dog had its own separate room and run, hot and cold water and platform beds.

Their first hounds, Celery and Edain, came from Ambleside Kennel in Michigan and soon bore them a litter of eight. Their Killfree Kilmorac of Halcyon came from Halcyon Kennels in Goshen, N.Y.

Alex Scott was hired as kennel master, and he rose early every morning, got on horseback and took the hounds for a rambling outing for miles through the desert, chasing jackrabbits and building stamina.

The hounds were well-socialized, mingling with the artists and writers who lived on the state and with the scores of guests at parties, who marveled at the gentle giants roaming the compound.

The sisters got their hounds in the show ring as soon as they were ready. Scott used a specialized V-8 Ford truck to hold four or five hounds at a time comfortably. It had a canvass floor packed with several inches of cedar shavings.

In a two-year period, he drove 2,300 miles to shows in Denver, Dallas and California. This feat was accomplished in a day when paved roads were few and far between and maps and signs were not always 100 percent reliable.

Arthur Frederic Jones, who frequently profiled famous kennels of the day for the American Kennel Gazette, said the wild sisters and their giant hounds made a staggering impact at shows in the region.

"The sight of those grand Rathmullan wolfhounds in the ring alongside their hybrid long dog cousins said everything about type. And Rathmullan gave the world an eyeful."

And the dog world no longer had any question about what was and what was not an Irish wolfhound.

The sisters' wolfhound adventure was short-lived. Martha died of cancer in 1937 and Elizabeth bred the breed no more. The wolfhounds lived out their days at El Delirio, sometimes going with her into town. Elizabeth went on to raise several generations of Afghan hounds at El Delirium and died in 1972.

Her fortune and the estate went to the School of Advanced Research, which promoted and preserved Southwestern Native American art and culture, and which moved its headquarters to the compound.

There's a curious epilogue to the story found in the book "Spirits Of The Border IV: The History and Mystery of New Mexico," by Ken and Sharo Hudnall.

"There is no question that the White sisters were somewhat eccentric. The bodies of these two wealthy women are buried under a gazebo on the property, as well as the bodies of some twenty rare Afghan Hounds and Irish Wolfhounds raised by the sisters."

"Whatever may be the cause, there is also no question that spirits roam this palatial estate. Some of the staff swears that late in the evenings, they have heard the voices of women talking outside the building.

"However, when they try to find the source of the conversations, there is never anyone found. On another occasion, an employee working late heard the front doorbell ring. She then heard the front door open and footsteps come down the hallway to the very room in which she was working. She heard the footsteps enter the room and then retreat back toward the front door, and the door open and close. During this entire time she saw no one though the steps came to within a few feet of where she sat."

Maybe it's the sisters and their hounds, keeping a watchful eye on things....

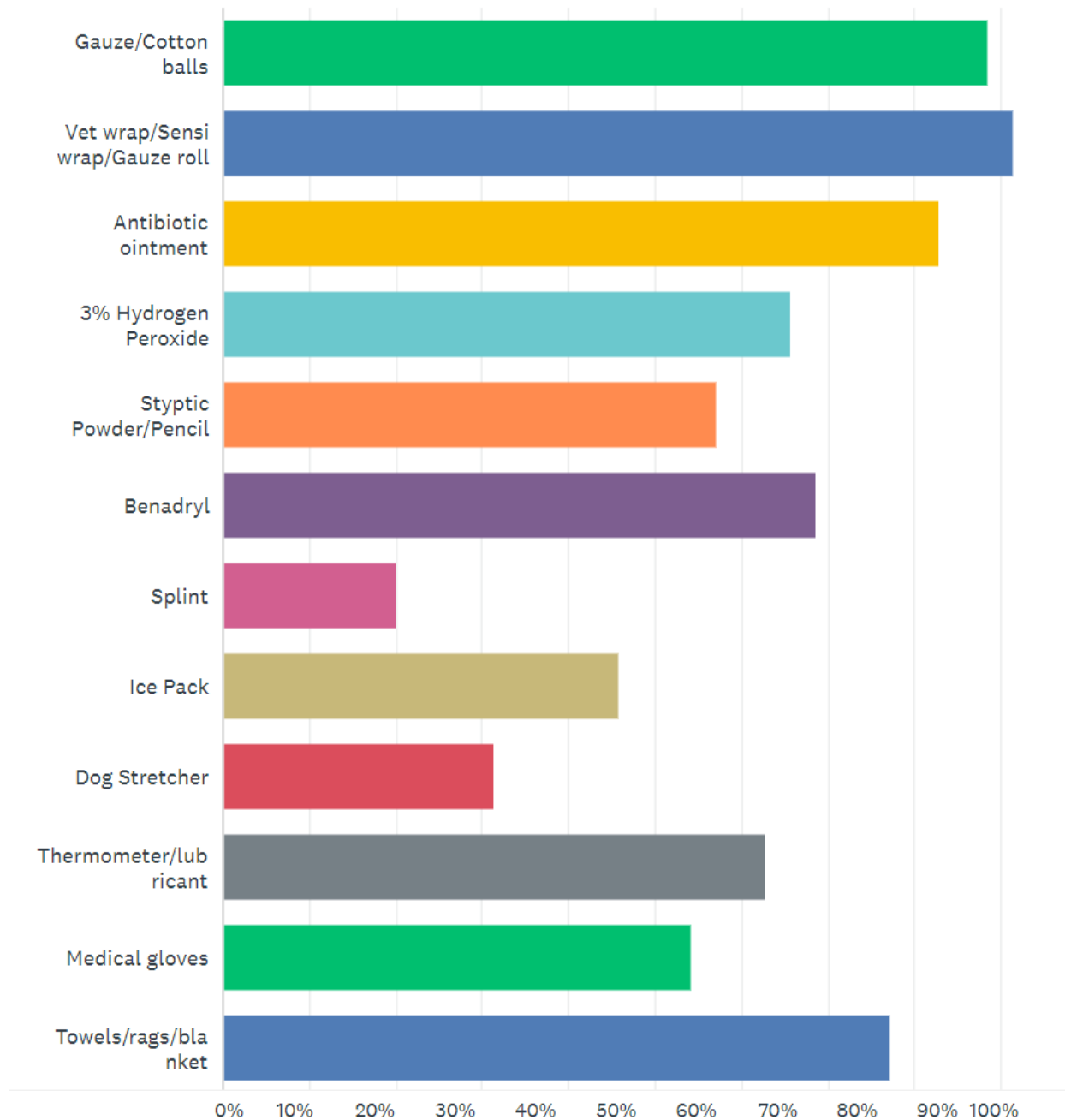
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To the polls...



We can't always prevent accidents...but we can be prepared when they happen!

**What do you keep in your Irish Wolfhound's first aid kit in case of injury/emergency?
(select all that apply)**



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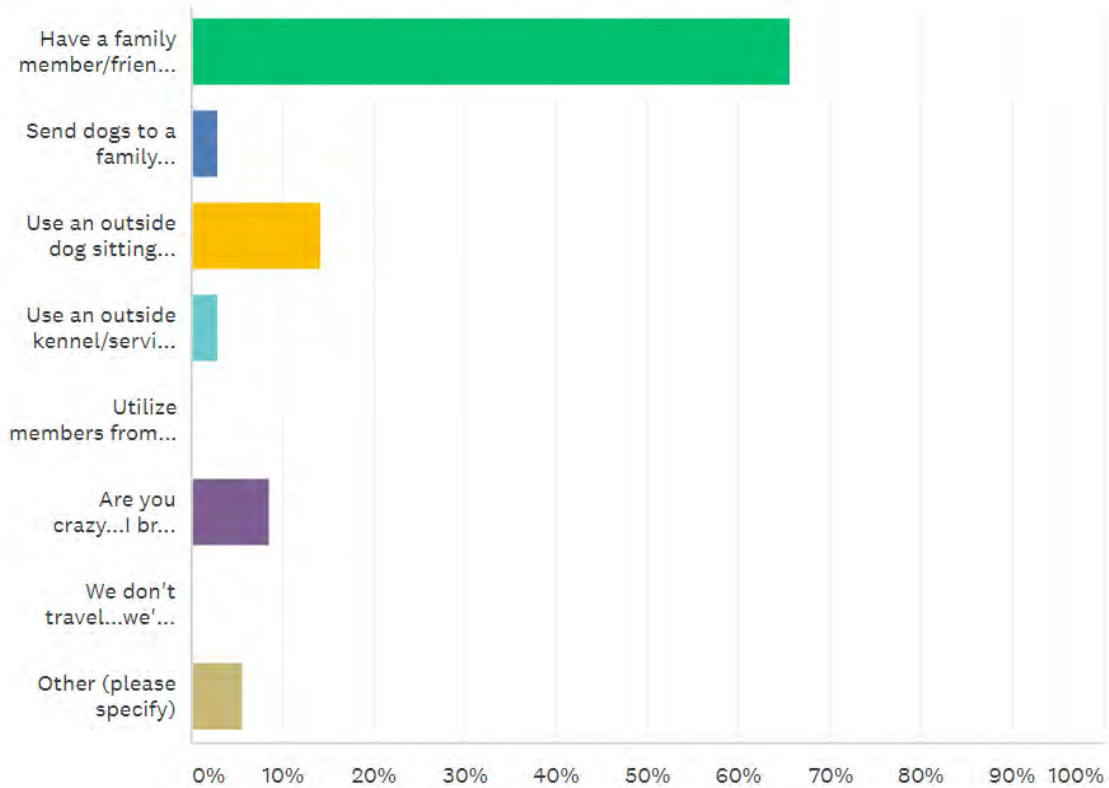
| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| ▼ Gauze/Cotton balls | 88.57% 31 |
| ▼ Vet wrap/Sensi wrap/Gauze roll | 91.43% 32 |
| ▼ Antibiotic ointment | 82.86% 29 |
| ▼ 3% Hydrogen Peroxide | 65.71% 23 |
| ▼ Styptic Powder/Pencil | 57.14% 20 |
| ▼ Benadryl | 68.57% 24 |
| ▼ Splint | 20.00% 7 |
| ▼ Ice Pack | 45.71% 16 |
| ▼ Dog Stretcher | 31.43% 11 |
| ▼ Thermometer/lubricant | 62.86% 22 |
| ▼ Medical gloves | 54.29% 19 |
| ▼ Towels/rags/blanket | 77.14% 27 |
| Total Respondents: 35 | |

Additional items mentioned:

- Manuka Honey
- Gas-Ex
- Probiotics
- Ear cleaner
- Styptic powder
- Peroxide, baking soda, dawn soap (de-skunking kit)

Getting to know you: What do you do with your hounds when you travel/go out of town?

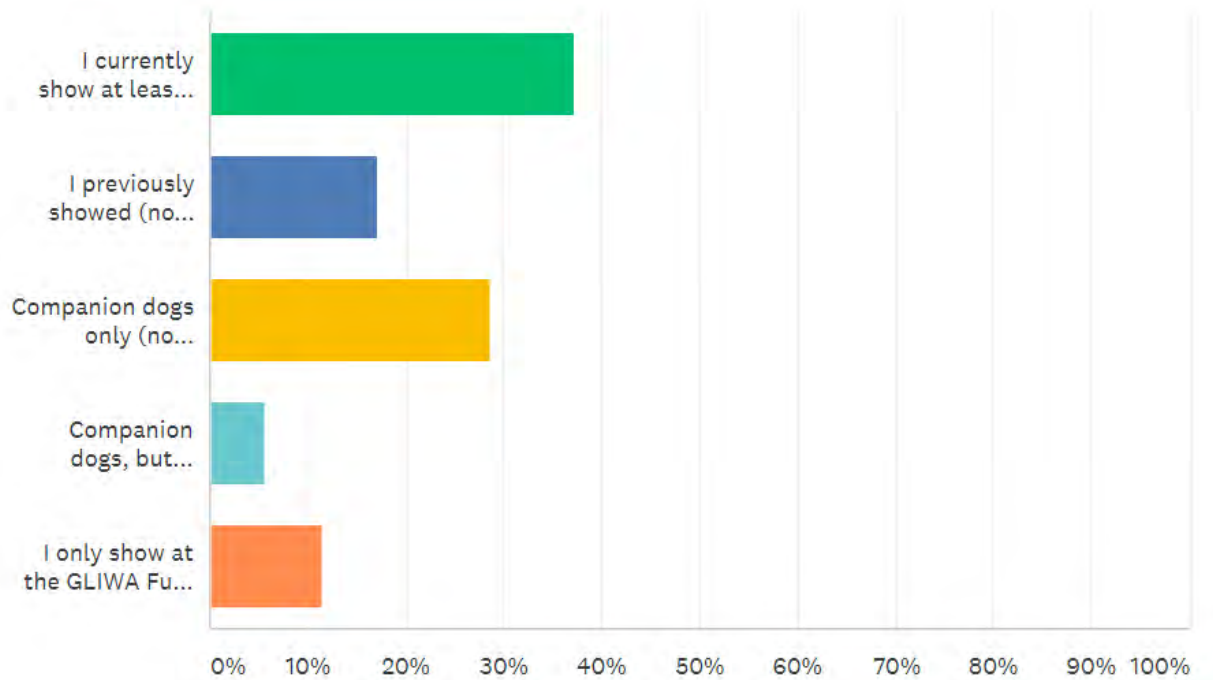
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
| ▼ Have a family member/friend house sit (hounds remain at my home) | 65.71% | 23 |
| ▼ Send dogs to a family member/friends house | 2.86% | 1 |
| ▼ Use an outside dog sitting service (hounds remain at home) | 14.29% | 5 |
| ▼ Use an outside kennel/service (hounds go to a facility) | 2.86% | 1 |
| ▼ Utilize members from GLIWA | 0.00% | 0 |
| ▼ Are you crazy...I bring my dogs everywhere! | 8.57% | 3 |
| ▼ We don't travel...we'd rather stay home with our dog(s) | 0.00% | 0 |
| ▼ Other (please specify) | Responses 5.71% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 35 |

Getting to know you: Do you participate in specialty shows with your Wolfhound(s)?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|---|-----------|
| ▼ I currently show at least 1 dog | 37.14% 13 |
| ▼ I previously showed (no longer participate) | 17.14% 6 |
| ▼ Companion dogs only (no showing) | 28.57% 10 |
| ▼ Companion dogs, but interested in getting involved with showing in the future | 5.71% 2 |
| ▼ I only show at the GLIWA Fun Match | 11.43% 4 |
| TOTAL | 35 |

Quarterly Photos & Brags



Remember: Please submit any photos that show our breed's multifaceted personality: "Gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked". Brags from shows, agility, therapy, & community events welcome too!

Submitted by: Michael Cherry

February 21st 2019 Barkie Birkie on Main Street in Hayward Wisconsin with Remy and Michael Cherry – at Birkie Finish Line!!

The Birkebein Party or Birkebeinar was the name for a rebellious party in Norway, formed in 1174 around the pretender to the Norwegian throne, Eystein Meyla. The name has its origins in propaganda from the established party that the rebels were so poor that they made their shoes of birch bark.

The American Birkebeiner (three held in the world with the other two are held in Norway and Canada) humans skiers race are 50K, 30K and 15K (Mike only does the 15K and always finished last). Believe it or not there were more than a dozen human racers over 90 years old who finished the 50 K this year!

Barkie Birkie Skijor is an opportunity for the dogs to show off their "Barkie Fever"! though we only race 5K for the fast dogs and 3K for the old slow dogs like Mike that is~!

This event is a great opportunity for skiers and spectators to enjoy the sport of Skijoring and for the dogs to show off their "Barkie Fever"!

Skijoring combines cross country skiing with dog power. The skier is attached to his/her dog with a belt and towline. The dog then runs ahead as the skier skis. Skijoring is a team sport which allows both human and canine counterparts to exercise and enjoy the great outdoors.

Skijoring is derived from the Norwegian word skikjøring meaning ski driving. The sport has been around for hundreds of years and originally started using reindeer and wooden skis. The sport also uses horses, but dogs are now the most common animal used in skijoring.

This was Mike's fourth time at the Barkie Birkie with four different IWs.

See below for some fabulous photos of the event...

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