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## Welcome Letter

### GLIWA OFFICERS

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"Mojo" –courtesy of Christina Rappel

A letter from the new editors:

First, we would like to thank Pat Powers for all of her newsletter publishing over the past several years. We have big shoes to fill.

While the format of this newsletter is a bit more interactive and only found online, our ultimate goal is to provide both educational and amusing information that helps both you and your hounds. We would also like to get the entire club more involved in events and to get to know each other better. In the future, you will see more member photos and anonymous online polls to help us get to know you. If you have any article ideas, topics you'd like more information on, brags, photos, or event suggestions- please reach out to your new editors and we would be happy to discuss.

Looking forward to this year's Midwest Wolfhound issues!



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## Meet the Editors

### Debbie Greene

Who am I and how did I get to be a GLIWA member and co-editor of the newsletter? My husband is 6'4 and always wanted a dog he didn't have to bend over to pet. So, the logical choice based on his experience with dogs on his paper route as a child was an Irish Wolfhound. He dragged me to a Fun Match in Wisconsin and next thing you know I wanted a Wolfhound too. We applied for a rescue from GLIWA. As a former elephant trainer, they thought Robert could handle a wolfhound with behavior problems. As it turned out, Aile had no behavioral problems. She was the best dog ever and lived to be 9 ½ and filled our lives with joy. Fast forward 10 years and I am on the Board of GLIWA as the hospitality chair/ boutique manager and now co-editor of the newsletter. My husband, Robert Greene, is now the Rescue Coordinator. We have two rescued Irish Wolfhounds - Finn and Bodhi who can be found on Facebook on their page Greene Wolfhound Adventures as well as under hashtag #wolfhoundmanor and #bodhiandfinn on Instagram.

In real life: I am the retired Director of Natural Resources and Grant Administration for the Joliet Park District. I was there for 18 ½ years. I am currently working as a contract fundraiser for the Will-Joliet Bicentennial Park Foundation. I love Wolfhounds, photography, nature, vacations and my family - not necessarily in that order ☺ or maybe so!

### Michelle Whittenhall

Similar to Debbie, it was my husband who really spurred the decision to look into wolfhounds. I still remember arriving at a fun match and seeing all of the beautiful hounds from a distance. For those of you who don't know me in person, I am 5'0 tall and the idea of these hounds being so large (even at a distance) made me turn 5 shades of red and glare at my husband from across the car. Was he INSANE? But credit where credit is due...my husband's instincts were right & we instantly fell in love with their unique personalities and were engrossed in conversation with all of the owners/breeders. After a year of inquiries and meeting the club, 1 breeder/litter recommendation, 4 interviews, and a 17 hour drive out to the east coast - we finally had our Rory. Fast forward almost 6 years & I am now co-editor and event coordinator for GLIWA. Rory is still our only wolfhound (though we did add a human baby along the way). I'm sure that ratio will change, but for now Rory and our 2 year old entertain each other quite nicely! Rory has taught us a lot about the breed and never fails to amaze me with how restrained and gentle she is with our 18 lb daughter (how this dog can be so clumsy with everything else is one of nature's great mysteries)!

In real life: I am a tax manager at a public accounting firm & specialize in Research & Development tax credits. I work in Rockford, IL (about an hour away from home) but am lucky in being able to frequently work from home to take care of all family needs. Rory's favorite spot is next to our desk in the home office...which also influences many decisions to work from home. I love learning as much as I can about the breed, getting to know all of the wonderful people in GLIWA, drinking coffee, traveling to new countries, cooking (& eating) new recipes, and spending time with family & friends.

## President's Report

Thanks to marrying well, I have daughter that gave me an original 1919 color print of an Irish Wolfhound giving his friend a huge hug by Louis Agassiz Fuertes. This first appeared in National Geographic Magazine and the Book of Dogs over one hundred years ago. The first time I saw this image as a young man I knew that was the dog for me.

Now that I am closer to the century mark, this image still focuses my heart's desire. What have I learned since?

First, never try to recreate this pose unless you want a broken nose. Second, this now could be cited as child abuse.

Third, last year 2018 GLIWA was the best yet. Parades, fests, picnics, rescues and of course our Fun Match were superb. The reason is a whole new generation has joined the club. Thank you both old and new as your synergy has amplified GLIWA'S success.



1919 Color Print Irish Wolfhound Dog Breed by Louis Fuertes as appeared in National Geographic Magazine Issue #5

Please support your new board and officers who reflect this inter-generational team. They will lead, I will follow. Also I'll cuddle puppies but let the big dogs leap!

~Mike Cherry

**On behalf of all of GLIWA, we would like to thank Mike for all of his hard work & dedication to the club while serving as president the past 2 years. Your enthusiasm for club events, welcoming spirit toward new members, and love of the breed were greatly appreciated!**

## GLIWA Board Meeting Minutes & 2019 Nominations Slate



### Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association 11 November 2018 Board Meeting

Location: Home of Maria Lubera, Elmhurst, IL

Meeting called to order: 1:18 pm.

Board Members In Attendance: Michael Cherry- President, Maria Lubera-Vice President, Claire Morrison, Pat Powers, Debbie Greene, Risha Berzins, Michael Kelly, Scott Mortenson, Secretary  
Board Members Absent: Joe Mahoney, Treasurer

GLIWA Members In Attendance:

Robert Greene, Doug Morrison, David Berzins, Birgitta Stolpe, Marcia Kelly, Michelle Whittenhall, Christina Marie Rappel

Minutes:

-Read and approved.

#### President's Report

- Mike's report was distributed to the board and highlighted how our 2018 Fun Match directly supported our mission statement: "We seek to educate and promote the Irish Wolfhound in the Great Lakes area." Also, that it effective and welcoming to newcomers that attended. He thanked the Co- Chairs and all who assisted, participated and attended. He mentioned that the show reactivated appetites for other related activities as in coursing, agility, obedience and pet therapy. He concluded by pointing out how the latest Harp & Hound was rich with GLIWA influence from many perspectives.

#### Vice President's Report

-No Report

#### Secretary's Report

-No report.

#### Treasurer's Report

-Sent in Joseph Mahoney email dated 11/9/18.

#### Hospitality Report

-No report.

#### Activity Report

-Activities is being handed off from Claire Morrison to Michelle Whittenhall

-Oak Forest has a possible Fest.

-Belgum, WI (just north of Port Washington) has a parade.

-Discussion about parade participants being only GLIWA members due to insurance coverage.

## Policies

- Policy can be a new section on the GLIWA website.
- Discussion about members only events policy tabled for Policy Committee discussion.

## Publications Report

- Pat Powers, who has done a fantastic job for a long time will be turning over Publications to Debbie Greene and Michelle Whittenhall. The next Midwest Wolfhound will be electronic and posted in the members only section of the GLIWA website. Board Slate and Proxy is to be published 30 days prior to our annual meeting.

## Rescue Report

- Some calls on possible rescues but nothing has materialized.
- Bo was placed with member Mark Bettin & participated in the Fun Match.

## Fun Match Committee

- Published their report showing plus \$619.68 for the Fun Match with and additional \$328.00 from the GLIWA Boutique.
- Confirmation before the Fun Match will be continued.

## Membership Drive

- One or two members at each event focused on promoting GLIWA and have membership forms available to use. Pat Powers suggests having it on our phones.
- Market through mailings.
- Value of membership - What do we get as members? Discussion on event seminars and crowd workers (greeter/enrollment).
- No dog required for membership.
- Specific person is needed at each event to be the work the crowd (greeter/information and enrollment person).

## Old Business

- Claire Morrison volunteered to chair the nominating committee.
- After updating the membership list, we need to have a membership drive. Mike Kelly will research ideas.
- Mike Cherry brought to our attention that GLIWA Rescue has no insurance. Formation of a committee to research all aspects of protecting GLIWA and the GLIWA Board and Rescue against claims from any Rescue activities or incident was proposed and moved by Pat Powers and seconded by Maria Luberia. Mike Cherry will look into options.
  - Sub insurer necessary.
  - Strong Contract with Rescue Team.
  - Illinois lawyer Eugenia Hunter has experience with IWCA Rescue.
  - A separate Rescue Group may be necessary to insure.
  - Greene's to contact Eugenia directly.

## New Business

- Rescue Insurance Report - Done.
- Nominating Committee Report - Done.
- Renting Storage Locker for GLIWA Equipment - Discussion. Pat Powers moves and Maria Lubera seconds that members having GLIWA stuff send their inventory to the Secretary who will compile a full inventory which will be published to the board. Passed.
- Membership Drive - Done.
- OFA Test - Dr. Brushio or Kelly Westburg as possible cardiologists for the Fun Match. Additionally, Risha Berzins will check in Wisconsin.
- Future Fun Match Proposals read by David Berzins were moved as acceptable by Maria Lubera, seconded by Debbie Greene and passed.

## Next Fun Match

- Same weekend
- Same facility
- Same Judges Dinner venue
- Same hotel
- Judge requests - Donna Thomson, 1st , Lauri Morris, 2nd and Tina Berri, 3rd
- Poster of IW Standard for display
- AKC Good Canine Testing on Sunday
- Educational Seminars and Heart Testing on Sunday
- Saturday Critiques during the show

## Future Fun Matches

- Sight Hound Judge for Sweeps
- LGRA Coursing
- Rear Speakers
- No addresses
- Larger arm-band numbers
- Pre-sale lunch and caterer
- Premium listed
- Categorized PayPal and service fee

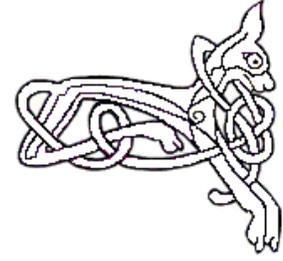
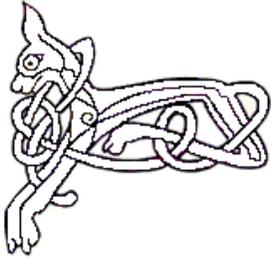
## Next Board Meeting:

- Annual meeting on Saturday, February 16th. Venue TBD.

## Nominating Committee

- Birgitta Stolpe took over the nominating committee for Claire Morrison.
- Report of the Nominating Committee Official Slate for Election 2019 was published, read and passed (**see [page 7](#) for published slate**).

Motion to Adjourn: 3:30 pm



## Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association

### Report of the Nominating Committee Official Slate for Election 2019

According to GLIWA By-Laws, the Nominating Committee respectfully offers the following Official Slate of Candidates for Election at the February, 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members, as ratified by the Board of Directors at the November 2018 meeting:

For:

President (1 year term)	Maria Lubera
Vice President (1 year term)	Risha Cupit-Berzins
Secretary (1 year term)	Claire Morrison
Treasurer (1 year term)	Joseph Mahoney

The following are completing their original 2 year terms, and are not up for re-election

Director (2 year term)	Pat Powers
Director (2 year term)	Scott Mortensen (completing for Risha)

The following are beginning their 2 year term on the board.

Director (2 year term)	Elissa Culp
Director (2 year term)	Michelle Whittenhall
Director (2 year term)	Debbie Greene

This shall serve as the sole Official Notice to the Members, per By-laws, of the Official Slate of Candidates for election.

Nomination by Petition, Proxies, Write-in Ballots:

According to GLIWA Bylaws any 10% of the members eligible to vote may nominate by petition a candidate or candidates for any office or directorship. A copy of the Nominating Petition Form is included. For the 2019 election, 10 signatures of members eligible to vote shall be required for EACH person nominated by petition for any office of directorship. The Secretary must receive nomination petitions no later than 10 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Proxy Statements will be accepted in lieu of attendance from any member eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. While no official form is required, we have included a Proxy Ballot with this letter.  
Per By-laws, "Write-in" votes and "Floor Nominations" shall NOT be accepted.

\*Respectfully submitted by the nominating committee; Birgitta Stolpe, Claire Morrison, Diane Palumbo, and Courtney Smith.

Fun Match Results



2018 GLIWA Fun Match Results & Critique

October 20, 2018

Judge: Dr. Mariellen Dentino

**General remarks from the judge:**

I very much appreciated the opportunity to judge this 2<sup>nd</sup> (revived) GLIWA match. I have fond memories of GLIWA in the past and it is wonderful to see it continue. Your volunteers are terrific and the match was extremely well run. Thank you for the wonderful hospitality.

A fun match draws from a wide population of hounds and represents breeding stock to family companions. I was pleased to see many quality wolfhounds. No hound shied away or would not return to me. Your temperaments are wonderful. Also I was surprised and pleased to find no improper tail carriage! Wow! There were only 2 adults with significant bite problems. I had concerns with soundness in some of the hounds. The down and back was sometimes not pretty. Here was the best part- the sense that each of these hounds was loved. A great tribute to the breed and to the people who care for it.



**Best in Match**

**Dia Duit's Anebesa Leon.** 12/12/2017. Breeder: Pam & Rock Elgin & Courtney Smith. By GCH Caraglen Emmett of Avalon x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine. Owner: Pam & Rock Elgin.

I did not mean to put up a puppy! This was an impressive masculine puppy who won as his competition faltered on the last go rounds and he moved with a ground covering stride. His biggest fault was being too fat which is not good for him. He had a nice head with beautiful dark eyes and proper expression. Front assembly was good. He was well ribbed with proper loin. Good tail set. Good curve of stifle. Well balanced. A very nice boy!



## **Best Adult**

**Riversong's Molly McNeil O'Dia Duit.** 05/18/2017. Breeder: Cynthia & Dave Patterson. By Lismore Stoneybrook Forbidden Broadway x Rosslare Chansonette of Riversong. Owner: Pam & Rock Elgin & Cynthia Patterson.

When she went around the first time, I thought she would have to beat herself. She covered ground with an easy stride and held her top line beautifully. She was sound on the down and back. Everything was smooth and effortless. No appearance of weakness and muscle was good. Her top line was not as nice in the stack but front assembly was correct. Well ribbed back. Adequate bone. Ear set a little low but overall pleasing head and expression. However, on the last go round she just had had enough and I felt the puppy was the best on the day.



## **Best Puppy**

**Dia Duit's Anebasa Leon.** 12/12/2017. Breeder: Pam & Rock Elgin & Courtney Smith. By GCH Caraglen Emmett of Avalon x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine. Owner: Pam & Rock Elgin.  
See Best in Match.



## **Reserve Best Adult**

**Shellane Bacchus.** 09/26/2016. Breeder: Maria Lubera. By Cugein Baron of Cheniff x CH Shellane Gairbraid's Vronyka. Owner: Maria Lubera.

This is an impressive stallion type hound with a great overall outline. Good top line with adequate front assembly and good forechest. Proper balance front and aft. Head a more blocky type and masculine and prefer a darker eye. Movement ok and sound. It was a difficult decision between the bitch and this dog

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for best adult but in the end the girl had it on the first go round. I chose with my heart.



### Reserve Best Puppy

**Eirian Nellie Q O'Tailstorm.** 04/04/2018. Breeder: Mary Ellen Shriver. By Riff Runs Deep x Eirian Q Cadence SC. Owner: Frances Abrams & Mary Ellen Shriver.

What a wonderful puppy with all the right stuff. Beautifully muscled. Good front assembly and overall balance. Beautiful movement when she wanted to. Good coat. Good feet and pasterns. I loved her!



### Best Veteran

**CH Torian's Hit the Mark.** 05/03/2012. Breeder: Victoria & Brian Cook. By Cu Fleadh Carrickaneena Mo Lamh Bhuaithe x Torian's Apple of My Eye. Owner: Victoria & Brian Cook.

Always a pleasure to see a male veteran in good shape. He has a pleasing outline. Good front assembly, head and expression. A wise and patient boy!



## **Best Type**

**CH Jadis Charlie Chaplin.** 09/21/2015. Breeder: Chantal St. Pierre. By Jadis Gael D Kally x Pitlochry's UR My Sunny Brayn. Owner: Lauren Swick & Agathe Loiselle.

This is always difficult. After sorting for the correct outline I was looking for that commanding appearance... maybe it was late in the day, but most of the hounds looked bored! This hound had a pleasing outline and the correct little things and stood his ground.



## **Best Gait**

**MacCaura Riversong Fenna.** 11/06/2014. Breeder: Deirdre McCarthy & Christine Davis. By Riversong Love to Burn x CH MacCaura Lulu. Owner: Courtney & Ryan Smith & Deirdre McCarthy.

When this girl gets going she looks like she could go all day and could easily show us the double suspension gallop of the sighthound.



## **Best Altered**

**Cugein Caoimhe of Cheniff.** 06/03/2015. Breeder: Dwayne & Kathi Yorke. By BISS CH Shellane Braniff x CH Cugein Chenin Blanc O'Tairisem. Owner: Scott Mortenson, Diane Palumbo, Dwayne Yorke & Kathi Yorke. No girly girl here! Strong outline. A very nice front assembly. Well balanced. Needs her calories cut back but a lot to like about this girl.

## **Individual Classes:**

**Absentees and non-placements are not included.**



## **Veteran Dog**

**1. CH Torian's Hit the Mark.** 05/03/2012. Breeder: Victoria & Brian Cook. By Cu Fleadh Carrickaneena Mo Lamh Bhuaithe x Torian's Apple of My Eye. Owner: Victoria & Brian Cook.

In very good shape. Good movement and nice head. I was happy to see him here today.



### **3-6 Month Puppy Dog**

What fun to see 4 male littermates. Puppies change so much, but this is how I liked them on the day.

**1. Torian's Reilly.** 05/18/2018. Breeder: Jerry & Gail McEvilly. By CH Torian's Hit the Mark CGC x Torian's Forever More CD BN CGC. Owner: Priscilla Polk, Brian Cook, Victoria Cook.

The most together puppy and had the best movement of the group.

**2. Torian's Shot Thru the Heart.** 05/18/2018. Breeder: Jerry & Gail McEvilly. By CH Torian's Hit the Mark CGC x Torian's Forever More CD BN CGC. Owner: Victoria, Aidan, & Brian Cook.

Lovely head. Shoulder was a bit straight but moved with a pretty good reach.

**3. Torian's Samson.** 05/18/2018. Breeder: Jerry & Gail McEvilly. By CH Torian's Hit the Mark CGC x Torian's Forever More CD BN CGC. Owner: Joseph Hudetz.

Shorter coupled and weaker in the topline than the others at this point of his life.

**4. Torian Wild Colonial Boy Trooper Thornton.** 05/18/2018. Breeder: Jerry & Gail McEvilly. By CH Torian's Hit the Mark CGC x Torian's Forever More CD BN CGC. Owner: Sheila T. Cook.

Moved very close in the rear. Weaker pasterns but very sweet puppy.



## 6-9 Month Puppy Dog

1. **Cluain Ard Aengus OG**. 01/31/2018. Breeder: William & Sandra Julien. GCH Tarlog Kildare x GCH Aiofe OG of Nutstown. Owner: Robert Dufek.

Sweet puppy. Nice head, scapula and upper arm. Pretty good muscling but moving was difficult. He was close behind. He will get better as he matures.



## 9-12 Month Puppy Dog

1. **Dia Duit's Anebesa Leon**. 12/12/2017. Breeder: Pam & Rock Elgin & Courtney Smith. By GCH Caraglen Emmett of Avalon x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine. Owner: Pam & Rock Elgin.  
See Best in Match above.

2. **Dia Duit Killian**. 12/12/2017. Breeder: Pam & Rock Elgin & Courtney Smith. By GCH Caraglen Emmett of Avalon x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine. Owner: Stephanie & Corey Delaney.

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Good size, bone, forechest, and pleasing head with dark eye. Wonderful temperament in both these boys. Front assembly better on first place dog.



### Novice Dog

**1. Howlin's Kermit's Treme Speakeasy.** 04/11/2017. Breeder: David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins. By Eirian Padraic Brie Quick Draw Marco x CH Howlin's Praline BN RA NAP AJP CGC TKN. Owner: Michael Cherry, Kim Oliver, David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins.

Good size but a little overweight. A little straight in the front that restricted movement, but as he relaxed, he moved better and covered ground pretty well. Good bite and a nice head. Pleasing overall shape and great temperament.



### American Bred Dog

**1. Dublin O'Darcy of Asgard.** 08/16/2016. Breeder: Emily Hunter. By Duke of the Dunes x Noel Latrans Hunter. Owner: Tom & Kim Roberson.

Sweet dog with a straight front. Paddling on down and back. Pleasing head and expression. Another great temperament.



## Open Dog

**1. Shellane Bacchus.** 09/26/2016. Breeder: Maria Lubera. By Cugein Baron of Cheniff x CH Shellane Gairbraid's Vronyka. Owner: Maria Lubera.

See Reserve Best Adult above.

**2. Barrington's Lamarck of The Hills.** 11/04/2016. Breeder: Birgitta Stolpe & Maria Lubera. By Barrington's Kooganjilika Of Caraglen x CH Shellane's Hecate At Barrington. Owner: Birgitta Stolpe & Kevin Sprouse

Another strong masculine hound with a pleasing outline. Straighter front assembly and showing some restriction of movement. Good size and bone.

**3. Cugein Livin' Like a Renegade.** 06/03/2015. Breeder: Dwayne & Kathi Yorke. By BISS CH Shellane Braniff x CH Cugein Chenin Blanc O'Tairisem. Owner: Scott Mortenson, Diane Palumbo, Dwayne Yorke & Kathi Yorke.

Proper and pleasing shape. Another masculine hound. Straight scapula and shorter upper arm. He was upset about something and did not move as well as hoped.

**4. Beannaithe Buille Mise Pog.** 1/15/2014. Breeder: Wanda McLain, Lorlei Darnall & Tamara Ritzenthaler. By CH Carrickaneena Antaine Dubh x CH Beannaithe Evening Song Ni LL Ierne. Owner: Nancy Latton.

Another pleasing outline. Pretty good scapula but shorter upper arm. Some restriction in movement. He did not have enough width in the rear.



## 3-6 Month Puppy Bitch

**1. Torian's Dancing Queen.** 05/18/18. Breeder: Jerry & Gail McEvelly. By CH Torian's Hit the Mark CGC x Torian's Forever More CD BN CGC. Owner: Jerry & Gail McEvelly.

Pleasing shape and lovely second thigh! Pretty head and good strong neck. Her front was not as nice as the #2 placement, but she was better on the move with a more ground covering easy stride.

**2. Rivendell Tigris River.** 07/02/2018. Breeder: Judi Roller. By MBISS GCH Shellane Pavarotti x GCH Rivendell's Mele Kalikimaka. Owner: Jennifer & Scott Van Order.

Another pleasing outline and pretty head. Her front assembly felt better but she let down on movement today.

**3. Molly.** 06/07/2018. Breeder: Lauren Swick. By Jadis Fahey on the Green x Jadis Stormborn Rory Lochlan. Owner: Father John & Marilyn Allen.

A little calorie restriction also needed here. This girl has lovely dark eyes and low hocks. Her overall outline not as pleasing as #1 and #2 on the day.

All 3 of these girls had beautiful temperaments.



## 6-9 Month Puppy Bitch

1. **Eirian Nellie Q O'Tailstorm.** 04/04/2018. Breeder: Mary Ellen Shriver. By Riff Runs Deep x Eirian Q Cadence SC. Owner: Frances Abrams & Mary Ellen Shriver.

See Reserve Best Puppy above.



## 9-12 Month Puppy Bitch

Two very different looking bitches in this class.

1. **Dia Duit's Solas Suilineach.** 12/12/2017. Breeder: Pam & Rock Elgin & Courtney Smith. By GCH Caraglen Emmett of Avalon x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine. Owner: Pam & Rock Elgin

A lot to like about this girl. She has a nice neck into a pretty well placed scapula. Good outline. Lovely dark eyes. She covered ground when she settled down. She really needs her calories restricted.

2. **Avalon's Reel Around the Sun.** 12/11/2017. Breeder: Kayla Sharp. By Lochiel's Te'Arlach Ragnall x Siren Insula Avallonis. Owner: Jeffery Dellemann

Another pleasing girl with good bone and well-muscled. Went around the ring well.



## 15-18 Month Yearling Bitch

1. **Riversong's Molly McNeil O'Dia Duit**. 05/18/2017. Breeder: Cynthia & Dave Patterson. By Lismore Stoneybrook Forbidden Broadway x Rosslare Chansonette of Riversong. Owner: Pam & Rock Elgin & Cynthia Patterson.  
See Best Adult above.



## Novice Bitch

1. **Lady Pixie Morgana of Campbellsburg**. 11/20/2012. Breeder: Pamela Gill. By Lord Lucien Wolfe of Scottishridge x Lady Fiona of Scottishridge. Owner: Kathy Welling.

A very sweet bitch. Lacking a bit in bone and her head has a few flaws, but she has a lovely expression. She went around the ring nicely after she got used to it.



## American Bred Bitch

1. **MacCaura Riversong Fenna.** 11/06/2014. Breeder: Deirdre McCarthy & Christine Davis. By Riversong Love to Burn x CH MacCaura Lulu. Owner: Courtney & Ryan Smith & Deirdre McCarthy. She won on her movement. Her first time around was not as good but then after that going around showed her reach, drive and easy and active motion. She is a bit fine in bone and her head may be lacking also but her strength, balance, and movement won the class.
2. **Torian's Forever More CD BN CGC.** 10/06/2015. Breeder: Jerry & Gail McEvelly & Victoria & Brian Cook. By US GCH CA CH Carrickaneena Tyrconnell CGC x Torian's Windswept Echo CGC. Owner: Jerry & Gail McEvelly. Had more substance and pretty in shape. She did move well and covered ground but not as well as the first place winner.
3. **Erinmore Sheelagh Aris.** 02/05/2016. Breeder: Mary Ann Russell. By GCH CH Mungo of Nutstown x Erinmore Carrickaneena Bawneen. Owner: Mary Ann Russell. Lovely and covered ground very well. She's a bit long in the loin. Head was good. Bite good and dark eyes.
4. **Erinmore Tuathla of Knockahceo.** 02/05/2016. Breeder: Mary Ann Russell. By GCH Mungo of Nutstown x Erinmore Carrickaneena Bawneen. Owner: Mary Ann Russell & Ann MacLaughlin-Berres. Lovely dark eyes and a sweet expression. OK on the side gait but not as good on the down and back. Four lovely bitches.



## Open Bitch

Four very different bitches also in this class.

**1. Shellane's Best Costume for the Day at Penumbra CGC.** 09/26/2016. Breeder: Maria Lubera & Carole Jeninga. By Cugein Baron of Cheniff x CH Shellane Gairbraid's Vronyka. Owner: Christina M. Rappel & Timothy J. Rappel & Maria Lubera.

First place girl had a pleasing outline. Well ribbed and good substance. Her front assembly was a bit straight and pasterns upright. Her feet were not her fortune. She moved well around the ring and was the most sound on the down and back.

**2. Riversong Reagan.** 11/17/2015. Breeder: Cynthia & Dave Patterson. By Riversong's Love To Burn x Riversong I'll Have Another. Owner: Courtney Smith & Cynthia Patterson.

Pretty bitch but rather straight front assembly. Lovely head but not rosing her ears today. Nice side movement but very close in the rear on the down and back.

**3. Cugein Caoimhe of Cheniff.** 06/03/2015. Breeder: Dwayne & Kathi Yorke. By BISS CH Shellane Braniff x CH Cugein Chenin Blanc O'Tairisem. Owner: Scott Mortenson, Diane Palumbo, Dwayne Yorke & Kathi Yorke.

Pretty bitch with the best front assembly in the class. She was overweight and looked cumbersome on the move. Lovely dark eyes and expression although her head was a bit blocky. I liked this bitch and would like to see her slimmer and moving better.

**4. Erinmore Errigal of Knockacheo.** 02/05/2016. Breeder: Mary Ann Russell. By GCH Mungo of Nutstown x Erinmore Carrickaneena Bawneen. Owner: Mary Ann Russell & Ann MacLaughlin-Berres.

Another pleasing bitch in outline but her forechest fell off on exam. Loin a bit long. She looked quite nice moving around the ring.



## Altered Bitch

**1. Cugein Caoimhe of Cheniff.** 06/03/2015. Breeder: Dwayne & Kathi Yorke. By BISS CH Shellane Braniff x CH Cugein Chenin Blanc O'Tairisem. Owner: Scott Mortenson, Diane Palumbo, Dwayne Yorke & Kathi Yorke.

See Best Altered above.

**2. Ulster's Celtic Windsong.** 11/17/2014. Breeder: Karen Straghan. By Pitlochry's Norton x Ulster's Celtic Harpestry. Owner: Gail Kaplan.

Beautiful expression with nice dark eye and fabulous lashes! Pretty head. Smaller and not as much bone. After she got used to it she went around nicely.

**3. Bo.** 11/04/XX. Owner: Mark Bettin.

Nice outline. She had a well-placed scapula and return of upper arm. Covered ground nicely on the go around.

**4. Lady Pixie Morgana of Campbellsburg.** 11/20/2012. Breeder: Pamela Gill. By Lord Lucien Wolfe of Scottishridge x Lady Fiona of Scottishridge. Owner: Kathy Welling.

Good dark eye and expression. Lacking in bone and a few flaws in her head. She had a very sweet temperament and went around with an easier gait the second time.



## **Brace**

These were really 2 outstanding braces. Great job by handlers and hounds. The first team was just a bit more together!!

## **Brace I**

**1. Cugein Livin' Like a Renegade.** 06/03/2015. Breeder: Dwayne & Kathi Yorke. By BISS CH Shellane Braniff x CH Cugein Chenin Blanc O'Tairisem. Owner: Scott Mortenson, Diane Palumbo, Dwayne Yorke & Kathi Yorke.

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## **Brace II**

**2. CH Shellane Gairbraid's Vronyka.** 06/06/2017. Breeder: Maria Lubera. By Gairbraid's Edward de Ville x GCH Berwyck Shellane Provocatore. Owner: Maria Lubera.

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## GLIWA Calendar 2019

Come join us and enjoy the day with your wolfhounds!

Winter/Spring Events:



**GLIWA Annual Dinner**  
**Saturday February 16, 2019**  
**Rockwood Tap House**

Cocktails 6:30 PM | Cash Bar 7:00 PM

Annual Meeting & Dinner 7:15 PM

Guest speaker: Gretchen Bernardi

<http://www.rockwoodtaphouse.com>

\*Please send your photos for the slide show to Debbie Greene  
([playinnature@gmail.com](mailto:playinnature@gmail.com)) no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>



**St. Patrick's Day Parade Downtown Naperville**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. start**

<http://www.wsirish.org/st-patricks-parade.html>

More details to come...



**South Side Irish Parade**

**March 17th, 2019 at noon**

<https://southsideirishparade.org/event-info/>

More details to come...



Please refer to the events page at [gliwa.org](http://gliwa.org) for future updates and additions.

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## Rescue Report

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### **GLIWA Rescue Starkeeper's Norma Bo and Owner Mark Bettin Compete at the Fun Match – by Mark Bettin**

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to adopt the Irish Wolfhound Bo through the GLIWA rescue program. This year has been quite a change for Bo and me. I have been a member of GLIWA for some time and frequently attend events like picnics and parades. During this time, I have had the opportunity to walk some member's dogs in parades (Especially Bodhi while Debbie Greene takes photos) as well as spending time with my friends Scott and Diane Mortenson, who have two Irish Wolfhounds themselves. When Bo arrived at the Greene's the stars aligned.

I had the chance to meet Bo in May of 2018. I was renting an apartment at the time, so I wasn't a great candidate for receiving a rescue dog from GLIWA. The Greene's had to go out of town, so I volunteered to take Bo for the weekend. That weekend my sister and I travelled with Bo to a wedding in Wisconsin and we hit it off really well. So, I decided to buy a home to make a new home for Bo and myself and by July we both moved in! During the summer we marched in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and attended the Irish American Heritage Center event. Bo has taken ownership of her new home and fenced in yard. I might as well put up a sign that no squirrels are allowed!

I decided to enter Bo in the GLIWA Fun Match in Wisconsin. In preparing for the fun match, I happened to meet trainer, Eve, at the Midwest Animal Hospital where Bo goes to *school*. She agreed to work with Bo and the message came back quickly that she was a natural in the ring (probably her Starkeeper roots!). So, Eve's focus quickly turned to me, as I had no experience, and with two quick lessons I decided to enter Bo in the altered bitch category. To my surprise Bo placed third! That was very exciting. Probably more so for me but Bo did enjoy the dehydrated chicken feet that she got as a treat from the event. At the fun match I also met Elissa who knew Bo as a pup and introduced me to Jocelyne who is the breeder and owner of Chloe. Next year I hope to take a road trip to Niagara Falls with Bo, so she has an opportunity to see her mother.

Since meeting Bo, I have learned how to howl and have been getting more exercise than ever. A special thank you goes out to Scott and Diane for introducing me to GLIWA and to Robert and Debbie in having the confidence in me to adopt Bo.

See photos on next page of Bo & Mark...

# GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION



## GLORIA

Let me start this by saying there is no judgement on our part when someone gives up a dog. And in our experience, there hasn't been one yet that was gleefully given away. Surrendering a pet is usually due to a life changing situation such as a divorce or a work situation that doesn't allow an owner to keep their beloved pet. The owners releasing the dogs have always been sad and remorseful. The ones we have rehomed have always, in our opinion, been loved in their previous life. I am sure this was the case with Gloria. Except something went wrong there. She was not happy and eating at her first home.

Robert picked up Gloria and brought her back to our house for evaluation. She was quiet, very gentle and very weak. Her legs would shake when she stood up. I made Satin Balls and fed as many of them to her as she would eat. She was so skinny we weren't actually sure she was a wolfhound! Maybe a deerhound? Maybe a mix? We took her to another longtime GLIWA member's house to see what they thought. They even thought she was maybe a deerhound.

Then came the meet and greet with the prospective new family. LOVE at first sight! The children just laid on the dog bed with her. They snuggled her and petted her, and they left our house with a new family member. Gloria. It still took months of feeding and love to get her to be stronger and play with her new family both human and dogs. Robert and I have gotten updates over the last couple of years and each time I thought it was so sweet and heartwarming. So here are a couple of photos of Gloria today. She is a little rambunctious and is definitely lively and has a completely different personality. Please see her photos on the next page.

Thank YOU to her owners for their patience and love!

See photos on next page of Gloria...

Gloria...





## WEAKNESS IN THE REAR LIMBS

*Submitted by Melanie Mercer, DVM via The Irish Wolfhound Foundation*

In any giant breed dog, the inability to rise, stand, and walk is often a death sentence and disability in the rear end is the third most frequent cause of death in Irish Wolfhounds. In the past few years, we've made significant progress in understanding the progression of heart disease. There are clinical trials for, and improvements in, the treatment of both heart disease in our breed and in osteosarcoma. But rear end weakness, also known as "down in the rear," is not a large part of our collective consciousness. Often, this is simply assumed to be a sign of old age. One important reason for this is that there is not one single condition, with a single cause and a single treatment protocol, associated with this problem. There are MANY conditions that can lead to weakness in the rear limbs of dogs.

The causes of this problem fall into two main groups: those in which pain prevents normal movement and those in which weakness rather than pain is the underlying issue. And while not a primary cause of the inability to ambulate well, obesity can compound each and every one of these problems. It can be the factor that takes an individual from having problems that are manageable to one who is going to be euthanized because his owner can no longer provide care.

The following is an overview of many of the causes that lead to the inability to rise, stand, and walk well:

### **Conditions that cause pain:**

Degenerative osteoarthritis: Immune mediated arthritis is very rare in dogs, so when we refer to arthritis, we are referring to the "wear and tear" type conditions of osteoarthritis. Anyone who has personal experience with an arthritic joint can attest that this can cause a low grade constant pain, but may also cause more intense intermittent pain. It can occur in any joint, but in dogs, it most commonly affects the hips, the knees, the elbows, and to a lesser extent, the shoulders.

There are a variety of changes that occur inside an arthritic joint. Inflammation occurs in the structures inside the joint, changing and decreasing the effectiveness of the joint fluid and its ability to lubricate the joint. At the same time, inherent instability prompts the body to compensate, by laying down new tissues around the joint in an attempt to make the joint more stable, leading to the knobby appearance & feel in affected limbs.

**Hips-** It is common to refer to all arthritis in the hips as dysplasia, but this is not technically correct. Dysplasia refers to abnormal growth or development, and in the case of hip dysplasia specifically refers to the genetic tendency to have poorly constructed joints. Dysplasia speeds the wear and tear on a joint but is really separate from the arthritis which develops. This is also true for elbow dysplasia. Dysplasia can lead to a more severe arthritis at a younger age than would develop otherwise, but not all arthritis is the result of an inherent abnormality in the joint structure. Injuries also increase the risk and severity of arthritis that later develops in a joint.

Hip pain is a very common cause for a dog to have trouble standing and the one most often assumed by veterinarians. When the hips hurt, over time the dog bears more of his weight on the front legs by shifting the way he stands and walks. Eventually this leads to a decrease in the muscle mass of the hind legs and an increase in the muscles of the fore-legs and shoulders. This may give the dog a general appearance that can remind you of a bison; very muscular in front with loss of mass in the rear half of the body.

Arthritis in the hips generally produces pain when the leg is extended behind the dog and this can be used to begin differentiate pain in this location from other pain or weakness in the rear legs. Radiographic changes may not correlate well with physical pain experienced by the dog. Some individuals have horrible looking radiographic films and relatively little pain and others exhibit great clinical pain with much less radiographic evidence of arthritis.

**Elbows-** Elbow dysplasia is a more common condition in our breed than has been commonly realized and can cause significant lameness in puppies as early as 5 months of age. It often occurs in both elbows, and since a dog can't limp on both front legs at the same time, it may go unrecognized. Arthritis in the elbows eventually leads to palpably thickened and knobby joints, is commonly found in older wolfhounds, and is a significant cause of difficulty in rising.

**Shoulders-** Arthritis in the shoulder is most often due to a previous OCD lesion. Osteochondritis Dissecans leads to abnormally thick cartilage on the surface of the head of the humerus, or upper arm bone, between 4 and 7 months of age. Forces that would not damage normal articular cartilage may lead to the formation of a cartilage flap inside the joint. Early surgery to remove this flap may decrease the changes inside the joint as the dog ages, but some degree of arthritis is almost inevitable. This problem often occurs in both shoulders. Early in the course of OCD, pain can be elicited by straightening the leg and raising the foot, extending the shoulder forward.

**Stifle-** More commonly referred to as the knee, this is one of the most common sites of arthritis. Anterior, or Cranial, Cruciate Ligament tears, both complete and partial, cause a sudden onset of severe lameness. Injury to this structure causes the joint to be very unstable and over time leads to very obvious bony changes that are easy to feel on palpation.

Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD): Changes in the cartilage pads between the vertebrae, the bones of the spinal column, can lead to pressure being placed on the spinal cord itself. The earliest sign of this condition is pain, though it can lead to weakness or paralysis in some circumstances. When it occurs in the back, or lumbar spine, it may cause the dog to stand or walk with the spine arched. Muscle spasms may occur as he tries to shift and alleviate the forces causing the pain.

“Wobblers Syndrome”: Also known as cervical instability, this is an instability of the joints of the spinal column in the neck which leads to the production of both soft connective tissue and bone in an attempt to add stability. This may cause pressure on the spinal cord, causing pain and some degree of neurologic dysfunction, including weakness and balance problems. While technically affecting the front half of the dog, this condition can prevent the dog from standing and walking normally and may be confused with rear end problems.

Spondylosis: Effectively, this is arthritis of the joints of the spine, and bony changes may press on the spinal cord causing symptoms similar to IVDD even though the discs are normal.

Cauda Equina Syndrome: Also known as Lumbosacral Syndrome, this occurs when any disease process alters the spinal canal or the blood vessels in this region, resulting in damage to the end of the spine and the nerves that come off it. Signs are usually insidious and slowly progressive. The dog may exhibit difficulty in rising, reluctance to jump or play, decreased tail wagging or ataxia. As compression of nerve roots continues, the pelvic limbs often become weaker and eventually incontinence (fecal and/or urinary) may occur.

### Conditions that cause weakness:

These conditions generally fall into three categories: neuromuscular, cardiopulmonary, and metabolic conditions. Neuromuscular conditions can be caused by a lesion or disease process of the spinal cord, the peripheral nerves or the connection of the nerves to the muscle tissue. Neurologic symptoms are not caused by pain, but by the inability of nerve impulses to pass normally from the muscle to the brain or back. The dog may not know where its feet and legs are in relationship to the body or the ground, causing balance problems, may be unable to place the feet normally on the floor, or may be unable to recognize when its feet are placed abnormally. These are known as proprioception deficits. Abnormal nerve impulses also causes weakness, known as paresis, or, in more serious cases, paralysis, and the inability to move the limbs.

**Degenerative myelopathy:** This is a slowly progressive degeneration of the spinal cord. Early signs include difficulty in rising or noticeable swaying in the dog's gait. This may be confused with hip dysplasia and other causes of hind limb weakness, however hip dysplasia is not associated with neurological deficits and DM is not associated with pain. You may hear scuffing of the toe nails of the rear feet or see dragging of the rear limbs while walking, with abnormal wear of the nails. The rear limbs may cross over each other even before obvious hind limb weakness is seen. Progressively, the signs become more severe and eventually affect the forelegs if the dog is not euthanized. There is no effective treatment for this condition and definitive diagnosis cannot be made without post mortem testing. This has not yet definitively been diagnosed in wolfhounds.

**Intervertebral Disc Disease, "Wobblers Syndrome", and Cauda Equina Syndrome:** As noted above, these conditions are often painful, but may also cause neurologic symptoms. Affected individuals usually have difficulty when trying to stand and may have proprioceptive deficits.

**Neoplasia:** Any tumor of the spinal cord or growth that presses on the spinal cord or brain may cause neurologic problems. These are usually slowly progressive.

**Myasthenia Gravis:** This is an autoimmune disease affecting the connection between the nerves and the muscle cells. The production of anti-bodies destroy the acetylcholine receptors on the muscles, stopping messages from reaching the muscle cells. It causes muscular weakness and excessive fatigability and has been associated with the development of megaesophagus in adult dogs. It has been diagnosed in wolfhounds.

**Cardiopulmonary conditions,** those diseases of the heart or lungs that compromise the blood flow, blood pressure, heart rate, total blood volume, or amount of oxygen carried in the blood stream and reaching the muscles, can be seen clinically as a dog who is "exercise intolerant," unable to perform normal physical activity due to the abnormal medical condition. Treatment for underlying disease may significantly improve the dog's quality of life. These conditions may include:

- Cardiomyopathy which compromises the cardiac output of blood Arrhythmias that affect the ultimate blood flow to the body
- Bradycardias (low heart rates) that decrease total cardiac output
- Valvular disease that can lead to congestive heart failure and low cardiac output
- Hemorrhage-from splenic tumors that can chronically decrease oxygen carrying capacity

Other disease conditions affecting the whole body may cause general muscle weakness that can impair the dog's ability to get around.

Hypoadrenocorticism (low levels of hormones produced by the adrenal glands, also known as Addison's disease) causes generalized weakness, as does Hyperadrenocorticism (high levels of adrenal hormones, also known as Cushing's disease). Diabetes can cause weakness, though other signs such as increased urination and water intake are usually noted first.

Electrolytes imbalances can cause generalized muscle weakness. Both high and low potassium levels, as well as high and low calcium levels, can cause muscle weakness. Chronic kidney disease, some cancers, and any systemic disease that affects the acid/base balance of the body can cause this. Some nutritional deficiencies can cause significant calcium imbalances over long periods of time. And excessively low levels of vitamin D and Thiamine (Vitamin B12) can cause muscle weaknesses.

### What you need to know:

It is important for us to differentiate between the causes of difficulty rising, standing, and walking. Some conditions may be preventable. Early diagnosis of other conditions may allow for the correction of the underlying problem, or slowing of the progression of disease processes. This allows a potentially longer life span, and improved quality of life. Recognition of those conditions that have genetic components allows for breeding decisions that decrease the numbers of dogs affected. Definitive diagnosis also allows for treatment of underlying systemic diseases, possibly alleviating symptoms entirely.

If you have a dog who is having difficulties with a "weak rear":

- Look at its overall health and do not simply assume it has arthritis.
- Have basic testing done to rule out the systemic problems that cause weakness.
- Have heart and lung function evaluated. Have a neurologic exam performed.
- Try to localize and pain that may be the underlying cause.

Before your dog has any symptoms:

- Maintain your wolfhound at a healthy. Any extra weight is likely to increase the severity of symptoms seen in any of the causes listed above.
- Make an active effort, while your dog is young and healthy, to build muscle and improve cardiovascular function with regular long walks or hikes and "physical therapy" style exercise.
- Continue to have annual cardiac screenings performed.
- Know the difference between the signs of pain and of neurologic dysfunction.

If you feel your wolfhound is showing signs of "getting old," do not assume there is no other cause. Old age is not a disease and some symptoms we attribute to aging are really signs of early chronic disease conditions.

## Membership Renewal Reminder



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

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## Hounds in History



### We Celebrate Today Because of a Boatload of Wolfhounds

Mar 17, 2018 | Posted by [Bob McMillan](#) | [thewildstare.com](http://thewildstare.com)

It's [almost] Saint Patrick's Day, and while you're quaffing green beer and doing a jig, you might stop and doff your hat to the Irish Wolfhound for making it all possible.

Let's take a closer look at the saint's miraculous escape from slavery. There are several versions of St. Patrick's story. This one will make the most sense to Irish Wolfhound owners...

Before he was a bell-slinging miracle worker and apostle to the pagan Irish, Patrick was Patricus, a teenager living in Roman Britain, the son of a church deacon and the grandson of a bishop. Around 400 A.D., he was taken into slavery by wild Irish raiders.

He herded sheep for six years in County Antrim in the north, where he roamed the hills alone with his sheep and his prayers. Then one night he heard a voice in a dream commanding him to go to the coast where a boat would be waiting to sail him home.

The voice failed to mention the boat was crammed to the gunnels with Irish wolfhounds.

Renowned all over the world as ferocious fighters and fleet hunters, the wolfhounds were being shipped to the continent for sale. And they were getting testy about being stuffed like sardines into a wooden boat.

The boat's crew was increasingly leery about sailing across the sea with a hundred rowdy giants in a little wooden ship because, you know, wood splinters, and the hounds were already testing the seams. Then the teenager showed up.

The wolfhounds, every one of them, quieted in the presence of the future saint. The sailors who were about to send the boy packing couldn't help but notice the eerie calm. They scrambled to cut a deal. The boy could stay if he could convince the hounds to behave themselves.

The voyage went smoothly until they reached an isolated stretch of the English coast where a storm dashed to boat on the shore. Stranded and starving, they were in a fix. Suddenly, a herd of wild pigs burst from the bushes.

The wolfhounds killed them all and – perhaps also miraculously – shared them with the crew. All survived to go on their merry way.

Patrick went home, became a priest and, after another dream, returned to the Emerald Isle to spread the gospel. Considering the warlike nature of the Irish and that no Christian priests were martyred, you might have another miracle on your hands.

But so was this: Patrick was greeted when he landed back in Ireland by a pagan Irish prince named Dichu, who was hunting with this wolfhounds. Their blood was up when the prince set them on Patrick.

He spoke a few quiet words, the hounds all went belly down and licked his outstretched hand. And Patrick had his first Irish convert.

One legend says that towards the end of his life, Patrick had a chance to repay the wolfhounds. He encountered a strange, old man one day who turned out to be the legendary Oisín, son of Finn McCoul, leader of a roving band of Irish heroes called the Fianna. The heroes all had wolfhounds.

Oisín had been away for 300 years living under the sea in Tir na nÓg with a mysterious princess, but he'd gotten heartsick. She let him return with a warning: If he got off his horse and touched the ground, he could never return to her and the magical land.

So, of course, when he reached the Irish shore, his saddle strap broke and he hit the sand – instantly reverting to his natural age. Near-blind and toothless, the ancient Irish hero debated the merits of Christianity with the famous saint.

It went on for days. Finally, it came down to this: Oisín said if his Irish Wolfhounds couldn't get into heaven with him, he'd never go. And the legend goes that Patrick remembered how wolfhounds had assisted him.

So he opened the gates of heaven for the old man and his heart hounds. [The End].

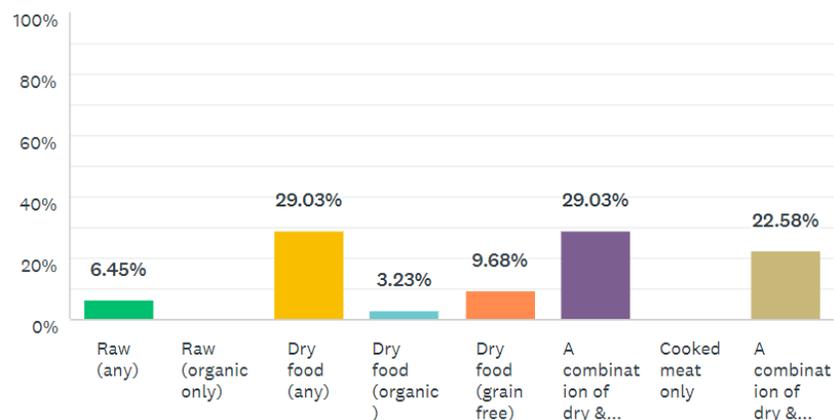
## To the polls...



In our first poll, we were curious to see what the trend is for feeding our hounds within the club. Results below:

### What do you feed your hounds?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Raw (any)	6.45%      2
▼ Raw (organic only)	0.00%      0
▼ Dry food (any)	29.03%      9
▼ Dry food (organic)	3.23%      1
▼ Dry food (grain free)	9.68%      3
▼ A combination of dry & raw	29.03%      9
▼ Cooked meat only	0.00%      0
▼ A combination of dry & cooked	22.58%      7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>

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: Scott Mortenson & Diane Palumbo  
Uncommon moment, Caoimhe receiving gentle affection from her brother Renegade (laying down).



Submitted by Risha Cupit-Berzins & David Berzins:

This is Dauphine's 3rd trip to Florida for the AKC Agility Invitational and Hubig's 1st. Very proud of our babies. The dogs were the only Irish Wolfhounds competing in agility. They are #1 and #2 IW's in agility in the US.



<< Pretty Tipitina thinks "hey this isn't all about Hubig & Dauphine"

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