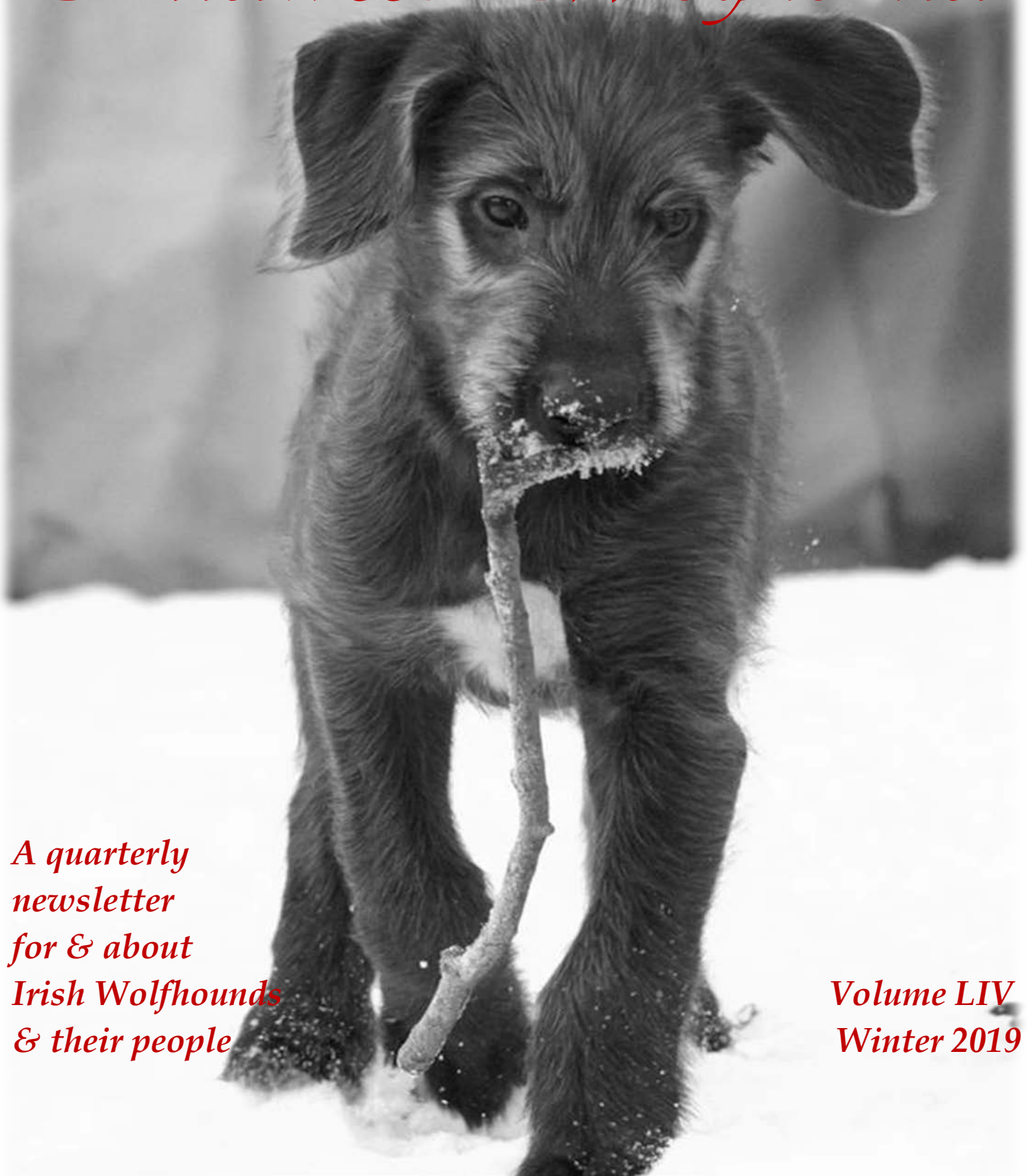


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# *Midwest Wolfhound*



*A quarterly  
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for & about  
Irish Wolfhounds  
& their people*

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Risha Cupit-Berzins

## Secretary's Report

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### Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Board Meeting Minutes August 17, 2019.

Held at the home of Maria Lubera, Elmhurst, IL.

The meeting was called to order at 1:21 pm by President Maria Lubera

Board members present, Maria Lubera, Risha Berzins, Claire Morrison, Debbie Greene, Pat Powers, Michelle Whittenhall, Scott Mortenson, Elissa Culp.

Absent: Joe Mahoney

Also present: Robert Greene, David Berzins, Diane Palumbo

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with the following corrections: Pat Powers was present for the June meeting and correction of wording on the fun match ad placed in the Harp and Hound.

#### Reports

**President-** Welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**Vice President-** No report

**Hospitality-** No report

**Secretary / Membership-** We have a total of 83 memberships. Members that were notified of delinquent dues were deleted from our members list after being notified at the minimum of three times as in accordance with our by-laws.

**Treasurer-** Absent. The Treasurers report is available by request.

**Activities-** Michelle Whittenhall read the upcoming events. The Will county fest would like to use our gliwa banner or will provide their own with the gliwa logo. Maria will send our logo to Michelle to forward on to the Will county fest committee.

**Publications-** Debbie Greene and Michelle Whittenhall reported the newsletter will go out the first of September in a pdf format. They are always looking for new articles, brags, and photos. Scott M. mentioned having a section with a list of sources. Many of our long time members have good sources they might want to share with our members.

**Rescue-** Robert Greene reported the last rescue from Missouri, with the help of Courtney Smith is doing great with her new family.

**Fun Match-** David Berzins reported premium list has been sent out. Everything else is starting to come together. Crocks have been ordered, flights are booked and the talks for Sunday are scheduled.

David encourages everyone to stay Sunday for heart testing, CGC testing, and some interesting speakers and conversation. Mary Ellen Dentino is sending their old EKG machine for us to use for testing. Risha mentioned that Heather Burns has offered to donate 20 posters from the 2011 Milwaukee fest. It is a print with a wolfhound sketch, a harp, and violin. They may be used for sale or auction. Debbie Greene will take care of the GLIWA boutique for the match. Risha Berzins presented to the board new items for the boutique to maybe order, with prices.

**Fun match trophies-** Risha and David will store all GLIWA trophies. They will send the trophy's brass plates on to Maria for engraving the winners. They are also deciding if the winners from the match would take them home after the match with some kind of document, stating that the holder will return them the following year or leaving them with the match committee.

**GLIWA inventory-** Claire Morrison submitted a list of all GLIWA items that were sent to her via email by past and present club officers.

**Old business-** Debbie Greene and Risha Berzins are working together on getting new business cards with our correct email address with the traditional GLIWA colors.

**Policy committee-** Elissa Culp will head the policy committee.

**Breeder registry-** GLIWA's Breeder Referral page is under construction. Until further notice, there is a link to the IWCA breeder's page.

**Executive Session-** 2pm until 2:39 pm

**New Business-** Scott and Diane Mortenson will organize the Annual Meeting and dinner. They are looking at maybe a new restaurant in the same area. Tentative date is either February 8th or 15th, 2020.

**Nominating committee-** For the 2020 Election. Jane Brown, Courtney Smith, and Helen Philpott have accepted the responsibility.

**Next meeting scheduled** November 16 at the home of Elissa C Culp.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm

Respectively submitted,  
Claire Morrison- Secretary



## Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2019

Held at the home of Elissa Culp, Glenview, IL  
Recorded by Risha

The meeting was called to order at 1:31pm

### **Board Members Present: Quorum (6)**

Maria Lubera, Risha Berzins, Debbie Greene, Pat Powers, Elissa Culp, Joe Mahoney

**Board Members Absent:** Claire Morrison, Scott Mortenson, Michelle Whittenhall

**Also present:** Madeleine Mahoney, Robert Greene, and David Berzins

Minutes from the August 17, 2019 meeting were approved as read by Maria Lubera.

### **REPORTS:**

**President:** Welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**VP:** No report, except that the IW posters from Heather Burns, if sent, will be used next year.

**Correspondence:** There was nothing regarding correspondence of which Maria was aware.

**Secretary/Membership:** Absent - Risha took minutes for Claire.

Maria & Debbie said we have 2 new members, and have lost none.

**Treasurer:** Report as usual.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Michelle was asking if there are any plans for member walks or social events. Mark Bettin is working on a winter walk at the Dunes, and possibly one in WI. We will ask Mark to submit info to Michelle.

Mike Cherry sent info about the Belgium, WI, Night Christmas Parade, December 7, at 4:30pm as a possibility for members to participate.

Michelle asked about St Patrick's Day Parades this coming year asked if we should limit the number of parades to which we commit. Maria suggested keeping the top 5 parades and would like to know what we all think about the ones we have been attending.

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Ones to consider are: Naperville, the South Side, Plainfield, Manhattan, and Milwaukee.

Keeping Milwaukee and South Side. Manhattan is a circle as is Plainfield. Maria suggested dropping Naperville. If we want to keep that one we need to have better organization for transportation for that one and South Side.

Risha moved, Pat seconded. Moved and passed to keep all five parades.

**Newsletter:** Michelle said she needs winter photos. Debbie has some photos and will write up details about the arboretum walk to submit with photos. Pat will dig up some articles to include in the newsletter. The newsletter will go out December 28 with info about the Annual Dinner, the proxy and election slate, and hopefully the Judge's Critiques from the Fun Match. We already have the Fun Match results and will be securing winning images from Sandi, the photographer.

Pat suggested a medical article for the newsletter.

**Rescue:** Robert said there are no active rescues, but they are working on one. His report was not yet written.

There is a 2 year old female IW in a home where the owners are asking for it to be placed in a single household with no other animals. Robert would like the dog to be released to him for assessment.

This last week they have gotten requests for help from Ann Sury with 7 yr old IW in rescue and Northstar who have 2 dogs needing rehoming.

**Policy:** Elissa reviewed IWCA's policy on Breeder Directories but did not print anything for us because her printer is broken. Elissa thinks our policy is great. Maria suggested adding a 5 year or even 10 year member requirement before being allowed on the GLIWA Breeder page. Maria will add the breeder directory to the GLIWA page.

Dave brought up that the IWCA is revising their breeder list; currently Active & Associate members have the same rights now.

Risha moved, and Pat seconded to have Elissa write up a policy on our decisions for the Breeder List. All were in favor, so it passed.

**Fun Match:** Elissa complimented Dave, me, and Christina on the seemingly effortless Fun Match. It was fun and amazing. There seemed to be no hiccups.

We netted about \$1400 from the match. The Co-Chairs were quite pleased with the totals.

Robert suggested we offer a discounted membership for 1 year with a show registration for new members. Suggestion is that a new membership in this case would be \$10, instead of \$20.

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Dave presented proposals for the 2020 Fun Match. His proposals are that we keep the match at the Cudahy Kennel Club, October 17-18, 2020. Keep the Judge's Dinner at the Packing House, and use Layton Fruit

Market for the lunch on Saturday, being mindful of the chicken salad vs deli chicken. Have Starbucks Coffee catered for Sunday morning also and offer less sugary options in the mornings, such as yogurt, apples, fruit, etc. Scott and Diane offered to be in charge of the Sunday coffee and treats.

We propose to continue with EKGs on Sunday. And ask Sue Latunski if she will do the CGC again, but be certain we thank her properly.

Also, we need to print new class signs for the winning and placement photography. Maria & Joe said it is fine to print them and charge it to the match. Also we need to purchase fold up tables for the match. We would take on the storage of them. We are allowed to buy 4 tables.

Robert suggested that we have nametags for each person with kennel names so everyone can get to know each other better. Not everyone is familiar with each person in attendance. It would be especially helpful to new members and people who are new to the breed.

Regarding judges for 2020, we thought we would ask a male judge for a change. Our first pick would be Doug Marx/ Amy Benjamin, next would be Joe Roland, and following would be Emma Ross. Maria and Elissa both thought they are good suggestions. We need to be mindful of flights and cost.

Maria suggested a vote on judges. Motion to approve entire list of proposals. Approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Breeder Registry** – went over in policy

**GLIWA Business cards** – Risha presented 2 options and we all liked the one with “the” beginning for the mission statement. Gibbs and Owen (Elissa's dogs) were against the “dropped opacity” on the cards. Risha explained a lot of techniques and choices. “No” on the color block. Risha will work more on them and send out new options soon.



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 Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association



The Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association exists to promote and protect the welfare of Irish Wolfhounds. We foster and perpetuate interest and knowledge about the Irish Wolfhound among the general public and especially among the residents of the Northern Midwestern United States.

Annual GLIWA activities: member dinner, St. Patrick's Day parades, picnic, walks with hounds, Fun Match, and more.



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**GLIWA Annual Meeting/Dinner** – Scott sent a myriad of information, roughly 10 pages from Parker’s, along with what we paid in the last few years, per plate. The choice is between Parker’s and returning to the Rockwood Tap House. We’d like to keep it under \$45 and at Parker’s if possible.

Robert was concerned about room size capacity.

Risha moved to have it at Parker’s, Pat seconded. This passed unanimously.

Suggestions for speakers for the dinner are: Mel Mercer, Sylvan Urfer, Jocelyne Gagne, Birgitta Stolpe, Donna Brown, Chris Bernstein, Dot Arn, and Joanne Beuhner Brown.

We decided on Birgitta for 2020.

### **SLATE OF NOMINEES**

President – Maria Lubera

VP – Risha Berzins

Secretary – Claire Morrison

Treasurer – Joe Mahoney

Director (beginning 2 yr term) – Mark Bettin, Scott Mortenson

Director (completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year) – Elissa Culp, Debbie Greene, Michelle Whittenhall

Pat Powers will be coming off the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing to discuss.

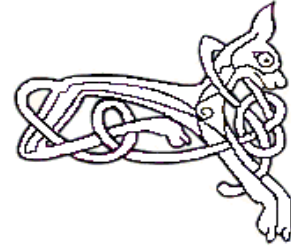
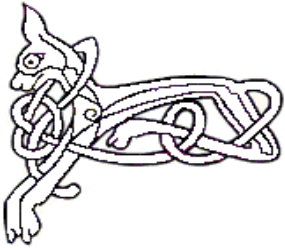
**Miscellaneous:** Get something for Michelle Whittenhall for her new baby. Madeleine said she would be the GLIWA shopper for Michelle.

Our next meeting will be held at: Parker’s Restaurant, February 8, 2020. We went over all options on the dinner menu and buffet menu, and decided on a few from which to choose.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Elissa, and seconded by Pat.

All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:48pm.

## GLIWA Board 2020 Nominations Slate & Proxy Form



### Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Report of the Nominating Committee Official Slate for Election 2020

According to GLIWA By-Laws, the Nominating Committee respectfully offers the following Official Slate of Candidates for Election at the February, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Members, as ratified by the Board of Directors at the November 2019 meeting:

For:

President (1year term)	Maria Lubera
Vice President (1 year term)	Risha Cupit-Berzins
Secretary (1year term)	Claire Morrison
Treasurer (1year term)	Joseph Mahoney
Director (2 year term)	Scott Mortenson
Director (2 year term)	Mark Bettin

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 2020 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; Helen Philpott, Jane Kruiuzenga Brown and Courtney Smith



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Proxy Ballot  
Annual Members Meeting, February 2020

**Article IV Section 8: Proxies.** Any Member entitled to vote at any meeting at which a vote of the Members shall be taken shall be entitled to submit at any time prior to the beginning of such meeting, a written and signed Proxy Statement which shall serve as said Member's vote on every matter specifically addressed by said Proxy Statement; provided that any Member may withdraw his or her proxy by personally attending the meeting for which the proxy was submitted. All Proxy Statements must be in writing, signed by the Member, and must express the Member's specific vote on each issue addressed by said Proxy Statement. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure, insofar as it is reasonably possible, that the Member's intentions are accurately included in the official tally of votes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the **Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association** do hereby cast my vote(s) by proxy as follows:

- For the official slate of candidates for election.
- For the official slate of candidates for election. **Except** as listed below.
- For the candidates for election listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Office or Directorship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Office or Directorship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Office or Directorship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed



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**Nominating Petition  
Annual Members Meeting, February 2020**

**Article 7 Section 3: Nomination by Petition.** Any ten percent (10%) of the Individual Members eligible to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Members may nominate in writing a Candidate for any Office or Directorship. The Secretary shall provide each Member, along with the official Notice of the Official Slate of Candidates, and at the Association's expense, one (1) copy of a standardized Nominating Petition Form for the Member's use. The Secretary shall provide any Member with one (1) copy of a standardized Nominating Petition Form at any time upon such member's written request. No other format shall be used for nomination. Completed Petition Forms shall be filed with the Association not more than sixty (60) days and not less than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting at which the

**Nominees by Petition shall stand for election.**

**We, the undersigned members in good standing of the Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association, do hereby nominate:**

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For election to the position of;

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## Fun Match Results



### 2019 GLIWA Fun Match Results & Critique October 19, 2019 Judge: Donna Tomson



#### **Best in Match**

**Rockhart Raptur.** 11/07/17. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Xavier x Rockhart Uschara. Owner: Lynn M. Simon MD. Lovely red girl. Good front assembly with a smooth junction of neck into shoulders emphasizing her layback and long neck. Good bend of pastern into well arched feet. Balanced front and rear.

#### **Best Adult**

**Rockhart Raptur.** 11/07/17. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Xavier x Rockhart Uschara. Owner: Lynn M. Simon MD. See Best in Match.



## **Best Puppy**

**Caraglen Berwyck Bravo.** 11/18/2018. Breeder: Sue & Bev Stobart & Robert & Gretchen Bernardi. By CH Caredig Renegade x Caraglen Berwyck La De Dah. Owner: Courtney Smith & Sue Stobart.

Lovely, substantial boy. Good layback and bone, lovely tight feet. Good length of loin to thorax ratio. Good sacrum length, giving a good, wide upper thigh. Appropriate length to the second thigh. Nice long thick tail. Very promising puppy.



## **Reserve Best Adult**

**Rockhart Zhivago.** 07/17/2015. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Furlongs Bogart x Be Rockhart Della Bassa Pavese. Owner: Lynn M. Simon MD.

A substantial male, good body, good bone and feet. Nice layback, lovely pigment, tight ears.

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### **Reserve Best Puppy**

**Dia Duit's Sweet Caroline.** 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Jennifer & Scott Van Order & Pam Elgin.

Lovely, lengthy bitch. Low hocks. Nice croup and tail. I really like her neck into her shoulders. Long thorax. Lovely pigment. A little nervous today. I'd like a little better foot. Nice tuckup.



### **Best Veteran**

**CH Howlin's King Cake CD BN RE AJP SCN SIN CGC TKN.** 11/19/2012. Breeder: David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins. By Reigning Dragon of Curuamor x Howlin's Passionate Kisses MXP MJP CGC. Owner: David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins.

### **Best Type**

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

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I liked this boy. He had lots of bone. He moved well. Great depth of chest. Nice tuck up. Good harsh coat. Good round feet. Very handsome champion. Pleasure to go over. He was not very happy with me for some reason, but his quality outshined that he did not want to be in the ring.



### **Best Gait**

**Rysheron's Ophelia At Boondocks.** 12/26/2018. Breeder: Cheryl Riggs & Jeff Lindley. By CH Brimstone Midas At Rysheron x CH Olivia of Beltine. Owner: Jeanie Pitzenberger & Laurie Morris.



### **Best Front**

**Callaid Slaine Merremia Emo'Di.** 10/09/2018. Breeder: Helen Philpott & Chris Davis. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x Cheltiagh Mercy Otis Warren of Callaid. Owner: Chris & Robert Bernstein & Helen Philpott.





**Best Feet**

**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.



**Best Altered**

**Starkeeper's Norma Bo.** 11/05/2014. Breeder: Jocelyne Gagne. By US CH CA CH Ard Rhi's Aegg Of Aran x CH Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh. Owner: Mark J. Bettin.

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A very happy bitch with a nice fill of front. Good pigment, nice little ears. Moderate, workmanlike type girl and very happy to be out here with her dad. Good feet. Nice tuck up.

### Individual Classes:

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

### Veteran Dog

**1. CH Howlin's King Cake CD BN RE AJP SCN SIN CGC TKN.** 11/19/2012. Breeder: David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins. By Reigning Dragon of Curuamor x Howlin's Passionate Kisses MXP MJP CGC. Owner: David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins.



### 3-6 Month Puppy Dog

**1. Dia Duit Slaine Tenor.** 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Chris Bernstein & Pam Elgin.

Lovely shoulder, good topline that was kept on the move. A little easty-westy today. Substantial dog, lots of bone. Good bite.

**2. Penumbra Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo.** 06/03/2019. Breeder: Christina Marie Rappel & Constance C. Smalley. By CH Pinehurst Morrow x GCH Prairie Creek's Libeled Lady of Penumbra SCN SBN. Owner: Deborah Rohloff, Thomas Rohloff, Christina Marie Rappel & Timothy James Rappel.

Not as good of a rear as #1. A tad more upright. Could use a little more second thigh. Lovely ear set, dark eyes.

**3. Brimstone Connemara Remedy.** 05/29/2019. Breeder: Laurie Morris & Debbie Sharpe. By Brimstone Connemara's Ransom x Brimstone Boondocks Brooke. Owner: Laurie Morris & Debbie Sharpe.

A different type of hound. A little upright in the shoulder right now. Beautiful houndy outline. Gorgeous neck and face. Want more fill in the chest and a longer second thigh.

All three puppies were tight in the rear, common at this age.



## **6-9 Month Puppy Dog**

**1. Crook Lake Northern Lites Deputy Jack.** 02/18/2019. Breeder: Mary Arends. By Iconic Ivarr Caer Dallben x Crook Lake's Aylish. Owner: Jody & Jeffrey Kistner.

A larger dog, good bone, good feet. Dark eyes, a little flat for ears, good bite. Good layback, good second thigh. A little shorter in loin, straight in upper arm and layback.

**2. Wolfhouse Faure.** 03/03/2019. Breeder: Pernille Monberg. By Orin of Nutstown x Wolfhouse Acapella. Owner: Kathleen Welling.

Nice expression. Good bite. Good bone, good feet. A little gangly at this age. Would prefer a longer sacrum and a shorter loin.



## **9-12 Month Puppy Dog**

**1. Caraglen Berwyck Bravo.** 11/18/2018. Breeder: Sue & Bev Stobart & Robert & Gretchen Bernardi. By CH Caredig Renegade x Caraglen Berwyck La De Dah. Owner: Courtney Smith & Sue Stobart.

See Best Puppy.



## Novice Dog

**1. Tresmorn Brogan.** 12/22/2017. Breeder: Beth Renstrom. By Tresmorn The Abbott of Windmill x Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Large, long legged dog. A little upright in shoulder. I'd like more depth of chest. Beautiful bone, feet, bite, and pigment. Lovely ears and eyes. May be a late bloomer, I'm guessing. Today a little flat in topline and a little steep in croup.

**2. Inishkeen's Bannen.** 11/08/2014. Breeder: Karen L. James. By Riversong's Love to Burn x DC Inishkeen's Tempest Brewing SC. Owner: Debbie Habian.

A neutered male. Nice front, beautiful head, expression, and feet. Moderate bone. A lovely dog but had difficulty moving due to excess weight.



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### Bred By Exhibitor Dog

**1. Rockhart Zhivago.** 07/17/2015. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Furlongs Bogart x Be Rockhart Della Bassa Pavese. Owner: Lynn M. Simon MD.

See Reserve Best Adult.

**2. Boondocks Tangent of Cushla McCree.** 01/07/2018. Breeder: Jeanie Pitzenger & Sheryl Ann England DVM. By GCH CH Brimstone Thriller at Nightwing x GCH CH Boondocks Gotta Look This World in the Eye. Owner: Jeanie Pitzenger.

Nice long leggy dog. Good length of body and leg. I'd like a better foot on him and a little upright in shoulder. Had trouble gaiting. Lovely pigment and expression.

**3. Penumbra Got My Mojo Working.** 08/29/2018. Breeder: Christina Marie Rappel & Constance C. Smalley. By GCH CH Taryn Hamilton of Pinehurst x GCH Prairie Creek's Libeled Lady of Penumbra SCN SBN. Owner: Christina Marie Rappel & Timothy James Rappel.

Younger than the other two. A lovely dog and topline. Flat in the ear. Really quite easty-westy in the front. Tight in the rear going away. Good bite and pigment. Would like more fill in the chest.



### American Bred 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 MJP2 CGC TKN. Owner: Michael Cherry, Kim Oliver, David Berzins & Risha Cupit-Berzins.

A black male, moves well around the ring. A little sore in the rear. A shorter second thigh. Loose flews. Flat ears. A good all around dog though a little overweight. Pasterns are a little easty-westy and seemed to have a bend to them. Good length of loin and ribbing.



## Open Dog

**1. 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.

Good feet, ears, and eyes. Nice pigment and layback. Upper arm is well under the dog. Good fill in the front. Good length of thorax and lumbar. Good sacrum. Being critical, I'd like a longer second thigh and more conditioning.

**2. 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.

A beautiful silver brindle. Nice rear with a nice wide triangle rear. Good length of second thigh to first thigh. Beautiful feet. I like his thorax to loin ratio. Decent layback. Good length of upper arm. Paddles in front, carrying extra weight.



## 3-6 Month Puppy Bitch

**1. Dia Duit's Sweet Caroline.** 05/13/2019. Breeder: Pam & Rockne Elgin. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x CH Dia Duit's Anna Aine CGC. Owner: Jennifer & Scott Van Order & Pam Elgin.

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See Reserve Best Puppy.

**2. Penumbra Love Potion Number 9.** 06/03/2019. Breeder: Christina Marie Rappel & Constance C. Smalley. By CH Pinehurst Morrow x GCH Prairie Creek's Libeled Lady of Penumbra SCN SBN. Owner: Christina Marie Rappel & Timothy James Rappel. A little younger with loose movement today. Front is well underneath her. Good pigment and ears. A little sore in the left rear. I'd like a better foot but it may come with age.



### **6-9 Month Puppy Bitch**

**1. Brimstone Redemption.** 04/16/2019. Breeder: Laurie Morris. By Brimstone Connemara's Ransom x Brimstone Jade of Crannabeatha. Owner: Laurie Morris.

Lovely dark brindle with a lovely rear, coming and going. Moderate bone, good length of ribbing. Good length of loin to ribs. Nice dark eye, tight ear. Good bite. I'd like a little more fill but they don't have a lot of that at this age. Good feet.



## 9-12 Month Puppy Bitch

**1. Rysheron's Ophelia At Boondocks.** 12/26/2018. Breeder: Cheryl Riggs & Jeff Lindley. By CH Brimstone Midas At Rysheron x CH Olivia of Beltine. Owner: Jeanie Pitzemberger & Laurie Morris.

See below.

**2. Barrassy's Rights Reserved.** 10/20/2018. Breeder: Simon & Barbora Bridges. By Latino Roan Inish x Katy Perry Roan Inish at Barrassy. Owner: Michael Cherry & Kim Oliver.

Both bitches are equal in their development at the time. A little straighter in the upper arm and not a lot of fill in between. Feet are equal. Same with ears. Good dark expression and eyes. Both moved well and sound. The deciding factor was the #2 puppy bitch was carrying excess weight that gave her topline a roll. Two very nice bitches.



## 12-15 Month Yearling Bitch

**1. Callaid Slaine Merremia Emo'Di.** 10/09/2018. Breeder: Helen Philpott & Chris Davis. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x Cheltiagh Mercy Otis Warren of Callaid. Owner: Chris & Robert Bernstein & Helen Philpott.



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Lovely long bitch. Good length of body. Good height to length ratio. Very balanced. Good length of thigh. Nice tight feet. Feminine. Good pigment. Pretty head. Good bite. Strong straight legs. Good paws. A little upright in the shoulder and upper arm. I would like a little more fill but overall a very nice young bitch.



### 15-18 Month Yearling Bitch

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

Very feminine. Nice side movement. A little flippy in the front. Nice low hocks. Good topline and front assembly. I'd like to see her front improve, it may settle in.

**2. Mollie Purple.** 06/07/2018. Breeder: Lauren Swick. By Jadis Fahey on the Green x GCH CH Jadis Stormborn Rory Lochlan. Owner: Father John & Marilyn Allen.

Nice girl with a handler new to the ring. Very nice dog coming and going. A little out of condition and overweight. Nice ears, good pigment. Nice eyes. Good bite.

**3. Stormborn's Dark Rosaleen at Campbellsburg.** 06/07/2018. Breeder: Lauren Swick. By Jadis Fahey on the Green x GCH CH Jadis Stormborn Rory Lochlan. Owner: Kathleen Welling.

A little taller than long. Very nervous today. She has an incorrect bite. Nice dark eyes and ears. Straight upper arm. Needs more spring of rib.



## Novice Bitch

**1. Tresmorn Bracken.** 12/22/2017. Breeder: Beth Renstrom. By Tresmorn The Abbott of Windmill x Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Lovely balanced bitch, front and rear. I like her a lot. I'd like a little more rise over the loin and a tad better layback, but her front is well under her. Lovely rear. Good sternum. Nice eyes and tight ears. Good pigment and very nice feet.



## Bred By Exhibitor Bitch

**1. Rockhart Raptur.** 11/07/17. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Xavier x Rockhart Uschara. Owner: Lynn M. Simon MD.

See Best in Match.

**2. Tresmorn Aubrey.** 01/19/2016. Breeder: Beth Renstrom & Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Xavier x Rockhart Quiry. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

A very houndy girl. Balanced front and rear. Good fill. Sound coming and going which put her over the other bitches, strong

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side movement. Lovely pigment. Good ears. Nice bitch.

**3. Rivendell's Susquehanna.** 07/02/2018. Breeder: Judi Roller. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x GCH CH Rivendell's Mele Kalikimaka. Owner: Judi Roller.

A strong contender for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She has length everywhere. Good bone and feet. Could use better depth of chest. Good length of loin. Lovely long neck. A little more fill in the chest. Good feet, ears, and tail.

**4. Cluain Ard Kelly of Ballyboughal.** 01/31/2018. Breeder: William & Sandra Julien. By GCH CH Tarlog Kildare x GCH CH Aoife Og of Nutstown. Owner: William & Sandra Julien.

A good girl. Outperformed all of them but needs more everywhere and a little straight in topline.



### American Bred Bitch

**1. Prairie Creek Pretty Pricilla.** 03/21/2016. Breeder: Connie Smalley & Joel Mattson. By Prairie Creek Arthur x Nightwing's Sequester @ Prairie Creek. Owner: Magie Wolfe & Connie Smalley & Joel Mattson.

Lovely front. Lots of fill and sternum. Carried her head well up when she went around the ring. Moderately sized bitch, not as big as 2<sup>nd</sup> place but a balanced front and rear. Good rise over the loin and spring of rib. Low hocks, nice tail, little ears, dark eyes. Really good feet. A workman like bitch.

**2. Tresmorn Beyond the Moonbeam.** 12/22/2017. Breeder: Beth Renstrom. By Tresmorn The Abbott of Windmill x Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Nice, big girl. A contender for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Nice pasterns, lots of beautiful bone, lovely rear. A little straight in topline. Dark eyes, good ears. Good pigment and length of thorax to loin. Maybe a little wider in thorax, she kind of has holes under her elbows, but a very nice girl.

**3. 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.

Beautiful face and old-fashioned expression with the lightly gray areas. A little better second thigh and her whole front assembly needs to be set back somewhat but a lovely rise over her loin and good thorax to loin ratio. A very good quality bitch.



## Open Bitch

**1. Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn.** 07/17/2015. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Nikolai x Rockhart Raphaela Requiem. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

Large girl, good bone, lovely rear, nice low hocks. Great depth of chest. Lots of fill. Dark eyes, good pigment. Nice moving hound. Very confident. Good topline and underline. Good feet.

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

Lovely, little dark girl. Beautiful layback in shoulder. Dark eye. Maybe a little broad in the back skull and her stop is too predominant. Good front end. Could use more fill and length of leg. Lovely length of body. I'd like a little more depth of chest. Good solid rear, low hock. Good feet but the front feet could be tighter. Good first thigh into her second thigh.

**3. 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.

Lovely typey head, tight ears, level planes. Tight feet. Nice long sacrum but too long in loin. I'd like more depth and spring of rib. She did some clipping in the front on the move. Easy-westy and she needs more fill in chest.

## Altered Bitch

**1. Starkeeper's Norma Bo.** 11/05/2014. Breeder: Joceylyne Gagne. By US CH CA CH Ard Rhi's Aegg Of Aran x CH Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh. Owner: Mark J. Bettin.

See Best Altered.



## Brace

### **Brace I**

**1. Tresmorn Bracken.** 12/22/2017. Breeder: Beth Renstrom. By Tresmorn The Abbott of Windmill x Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

**Rockhart Yesterday's Ravensara of Tresmorn.** 07/17/2015. Breeder: Lynn M. Simon MD. By Rockhart Nikolai x Rockhart Raphaela Requiem. Owner: Beth Renstrom.

## Brood Bitch

**1. GCH CH Rivendell's Mele Kalikimaka.** 12/21/2013. Breeder: Judi Roller. By CH Brimstone Judgement Day x CH Rivendell's Riverdance. Owner: Judi Roller.

Long, typey girl with a beautiful front end assembly. Her two daughters, one was quite similar to her, possibly more bone but similar to her mom. The other one was a little shorter coupled bitch with a little different head style too. Neither is quite as long in muzzle as their mom. The purpose of this class is to show you bred as well as or better than the dam, and I think that was accomplished.

**Produce: Rivendell's Susquehanna.** 07/02/2018. Breeder: Judi Roller. By MBISS GCH CH Shellane Pavarotti Sings for Slaine x GCH CH Rivendell's Mele Kalikimaka. Owner: Judi Roller.

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



## GLIWA Calendar 2020

Come join us and enjoy the day with your wolfhounds!

Winter/Spring Events:



### ~~~~ GLIWA Annual Dinner ~~~~

Annual Meeting-Dinner - February 8, 2020

**Parkers' Restaurant & Bar**

1000 31st Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

(630) 960-5700 - [www.parkersamerican.com](http://www.parkersamerican.com)

**Cocktails at 6:00pm (cash bar), Meeting at 6:30pm**

**Dinner will be served after the meeting at around 6:45pm**



#### Menu

**The Executive Buffet**

Charcoal Grilled Boneless Beef Ribeye with Red Wine Beal Reduction  
Wood Oven Roasted Organically Managed Salmon with Sautéed Spinach and White Wine Sauce  
Vegetarian Fare - Macaroni and Cheese with Cavatappi Pasta, Smoked Gouda and Asparagus  
Bread Service with a Classic Caesar Salad or Mesclun Greens Salad  
Seasonal Vegetables tossed with Whole Butter and Herbs  
Herb Roasted Baby New Potatoes

Selection of Mini Desserts

Coffee, Iced Tea or Soft Drink are included.

\$47.00 per plate

Guest Speaker: Dr. Birgitta Stolpe

**Topic:** "The Weak Human Jaw and its Role in the Evolution of Dogs."

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## Photo Slide Show

Once again, our precious memories will be continuously projected in Power Point throughout the evening thanks to Debbie Greene and Mark Bettin. We have many photos of our events over the last couple years, the wonderful photos you sent in last year and we would like to add some new photos of our wonderful GLIWA friends, both human and furry (We will do our best to add captions if you include them). Please send up to **five digital photos** to: **Debbie Greene at [playinnature@gmail.com](mailto:playinnature@gmail.com) by January 25th, 2020**

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## RSVP by January 25th

Please send your reservations with a check made out to GLIWA specifying your entree and how many will attend to:

Joseph Mahoney, 21536 Mattox Lane, Shorewood, IL 60404

Or for your convenience, you can use PayPal on our web site: <http://gliwa.org/pay-events/>

Make sure to specify how many will attend.

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## Hotel nearby:

Holiday Inn Express Chicago-Downers Grove, 3031 Finley Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515



## 25th Annual Manhattan Irish Parade

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

11:00 a.m.

<http://www.manhattanirishfest.com/>

More details to come...

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Downtown Naperville

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:30 Lineup, 10:00 a.m. start

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

More details to come...



## Downtown Milwaukee- St Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 14, 2020

**Line up: 11:15am | Step off: 12pm (NOON) | Distance: 1.50 miles**

This is by invitation only & registration is required. If you plan to attend, please contact Risha Cupit-Berzins ([rishacupit@gmail.com](mailto:rishacupit@gmail.com)) to be added to the attendee list.

## South Side Irish Parade

March 15, 2020 at noon

<https://southsideirishparade.org/>

## Plainfield's Hometown Irish Parade

March 15, 2020

1:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

<https://plainfieldirishparade.org/>

More details to come...



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



## Wolfhounds at Morton Arboretum

By Debbie Greene

November 2nd was Dog Day at Morton Arboretum. It is always a very well attended event so there are hundreds of dogs that go through there that day. Well, you know how it is to go somewhere with your Wolfhound - Right? So, you can only imagine what it was like to be in this crowd! It was REALLY hard to walk more than a few feet without having someone stop us and ask what breed our dogs were or ask the top ten questions we all get asked. *Do you have a saddle for that horse? How much does it eat? Do you live in a HUGE house? How much does it EAT? Can I pet her?* No, you can't ride her. Poops normal amount for a Wolfhound. You know the drill. But the reason we do these events is to educate. And educate we do. We love telling people about our hounds! Why else would we do these events? Well, because it is extremely heartwarming to see people falling in love with Wolfhounds. Kids that pet them and snuggle them may be the next generation of GLIWA members. And the adults? Perhaps they will be the next group of GLIWA dog owners.

Another reason we do these events is for the socialization for both ourselves and our dogs. It is great to have our dogs meet other dogs of all shapes and sizes! And of course, there is the socialization for us as well. This time Mark Bettin chose Yerbabuena Restaurant. It was AMAZING! They made Guacamole right at your table. Great Margaritas! Here is the thing. You don't have to go to the walk or event to meet us afterward for some fun and food. You can meet us at the restaurant like Chris Bernstein did this time. Many times, after a parade we meet at a restaurant and members who haven't been able to walk the parade meet us there. So, if you can't make the event/walk please come join us for some camaraderie afterward.



## Rescue Report



### Fabulous Faolan

Faolan is a beautiful Wheaton Wolfhound that has been recently rescued and rehomed. Her new owners are Jeanie and Don Hutton. This Wolfhound was the easiest one to place! Everyone loved her! She always had a smile on her face and is a very endearing snuggler! She had four families vying for her. Frequently the new family renames the dog when they take it home. This one is being renamed with a test to see how much she wags her tail when they call her. Her possibilities are Faolan / Fay Lynn / Fay, Pretty (Granddaughters choice). At the moment, FAY is winning.

When she came to our home, she came with only a carpet square for a bed and a raised food and water bowl. She would not lay on any of our dog beds or our couches. Almost immediately (the night she arrived at the Hutton's) she was laying on dog beds and comforters with her new pack. They said she is doing better than they ever could have expected. She greets people at the door and follows them through the house. Don has dubbed her the Queen of the house. She loves their grandchildren and their 3-year-old loves her and kisses and hugs her and calls her pretty. It is so heartwarming to hear how well she is doing. Jeanie said "She is a perfect addition to the pack family. She will have a wonderful life with us" I believe that is true!

If you are interested in adopting a rescue please send an application via email to [greeneacr@gmail.com](mailto:greenecr@gmail.com) or mail to : Robert Greene  
3307 Indianwood Lane  
Joliet, IL 60431

The rescue fee is \$350.00 plus a \$20.00 fee for a GLIWA membership. Rescues are usually older dogs. We have only had one puppy and that was a very rare case. They come from a variety of circumstances. So, if you have some patience and extra love this is a great way to get a wolfhound. Also please note that there is a very small number of rescues so the sooner you get your application in the better your chances.

Photos of Faolan on next page...

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## Spotlight on Health



### *Irish Wolfhound Database*

A call out to owners everywhere, can you help by adding to the database the age of death, and the cause if you know it, for any Wolfhound you have owned over the years?

It's not just the long lived hounds that are needed, although it's wonderful to see, but any and all hounds are needed to project a true reflection of average lifespan across our breed, which at the moment is 7.4 years based on the information so far.

However, more data is needed so please do dig into the memories past and present and give us a push - we have just over 7500 hounds with details at the moment, it would be great to try for 10,000. It's easy to use the database, just request a username and password and you can edit any dog you have owned and add pictures too.



IWDB.ORG

### **The Irish Wolfhound Database**

The Irish Wolfhound database - Free and open for all

## *Kitten tests positive for rabies after biting three people in western Minnesota*

Andrew Krueger

November 15, 2019 10:05 a.m.



A kitten that bit three people in western Minnesota earlier this month has tested positive for rabies, state health officials reported Friday.

The kitten apparently was infected after being attacked and bitten by a skunk last month on a farm in Otter Tail County.

"Minnesota skunks have a very high probability of carrying the rabies virus," state Board of Animal Health Senior Veterinarian Dr. Courtney Wheeler said in a news release. "Anyone who observes a pet or livestock interacting with a skunk should contact their veterinarian and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health for recommendations."

According to a news release from the Board of Animal Health:

The owner of the farm reported that a skunk attacked the approximately 6-month-old kitten on the front porch of the home on Oct. 16.

"After separating the kitten and skunk, she recalled seeing blood and bite marks on the kitten's rear leg," the board reported.

In early November, the kitten bit the farm owner, her 4-year-old son and her pregnant sister. The board reported that the kitten was then euthanized and

submitted for rabies testing. On Tuesday, the kitten was confirmed to have been infected with the rabies virus.

The board "is in the process of completing its investigation to determine the extent of exposure to domestic animals on the farm, which includes two rabies-vaccinated dogs, nine additional unvaccinated cats, beef cattle and a horse."

The state Department of Health recommended post-exposure treatment for five people who may have been exposed to the rabies virus.

In the wake of the incident, the Board of Animal Health issued several reminders about rabies:

Vaccinate all dogs, cats, ferrets and horses against the rabies virus and keep them up to date. If pets or livestock are bitten by a bat, skunk or other wild animal, confine them and consult a veterinarian within four days.

State officials have reported incidents involving rabid bats in the Twin Cities at least twice in the past two years — [in September of this year](#), and [in June 2018](#).

Anyone with questions or concerns about rabies can call the Minnesota Department of Health at (651) 201-5414.

Find more information about rabies — including a map of where positive cases have been reported in Minnesota — [on the Board of Animal Health's website](#).

## *Exercises for Young Dogs*

[Original Article Link](#)

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October 17, 2017

Hi Everyone,

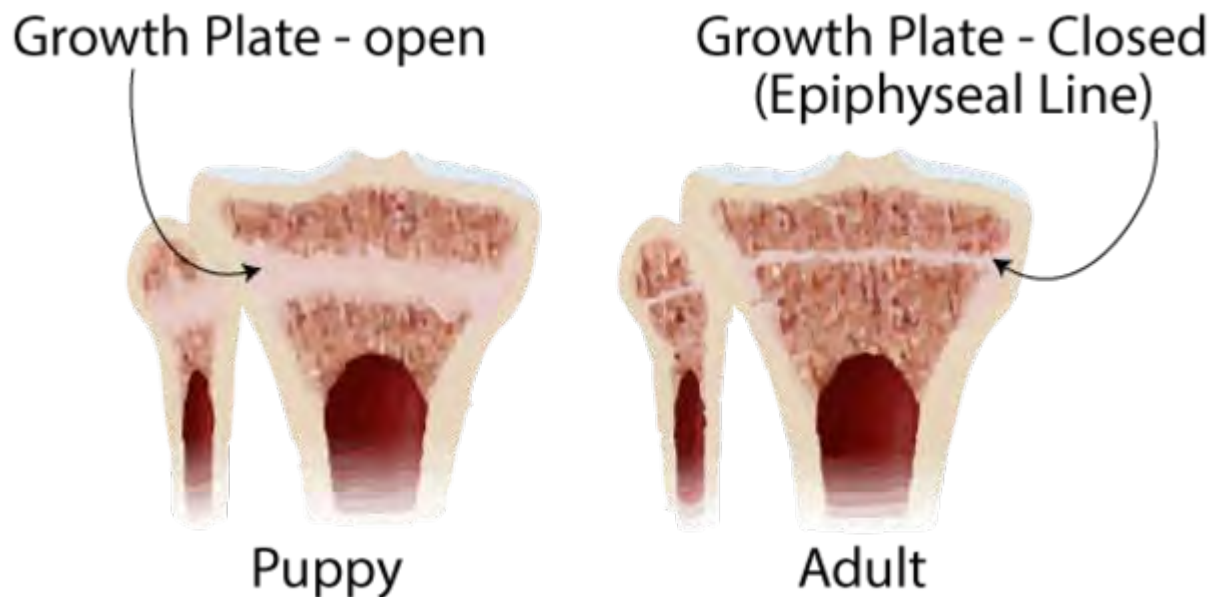
I have recently been getting a few young dogs coming in for AMRT sessions for arthritic changes and joint pain. So, I decided to do a newsletter ‘series’ for dogs that will include exercises and care from the young dog through to the older dog. The purpose of the suggested exercises and care will be to support preventative care for joints while ensuring your dog stays fit, no matter their age. “Exercise not only builds puppies' bodies, it helps build their minds” is the motto that has been ingrained in us, though exercise that’s not appropriate for a puppy’s age and development can cause significant and irreversible damage.

An exercise that resulted in a simple sprain for an adult dog could leave a puppy with a misshapen or shortened limb, so the subject of age-appropriate exercise is one that should be taken seriously.

### **Understanding Puppy growth**

The first concept to understand when it comes to puppy exercise is “growth plates.” Growth plates are soft areas that sit at the ends of the long bones in puppies and young dogs. They contain rapidly dividing cells that allow bones to become longer until the end of puberty.

Growth plates gradually thin as hormonal changes approaching puberty signal the growth plates to close. In puppies, this closure is normally completed by approximately 18 months old.



Until the growth plates close, they're soft and vulnerable to injury.

After sexual maturity, the growth plates calcify and the rapid cell division ends. The growth plate becomes a stable, inactive part of the bone, now known as an epiphyseal line.

A study published in the UN National Library of Medicine found dogs spayed and neutered at less than a year of age were significantly taller than those de-sexed after age 1.

Furthermore, the bones of pups spayed and neutered before puberty continue to grow. Dogs spayed or neutered at a younger age often have longer limbs, lighter bone structure, narrow chests and narrow skulls. This results in altered body proportions of certain bones relative to others. But, it isn't just a cosmetic issue. This disproportion often results in increased stress on ligaments, which can later easily cause injury. Another study published in the UN National Library of Medicine found that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months of age were much more likely to develop hip dysplasia than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age.

Also, dogs spayed or neutered younger than 24 weeks were more likely to develop infectious diseases than dogs who were spayed or neutered at ages older than 24 weeks. As for female dogs, there has been an increase in urinary incontinence in those spayed too early.

Early de-sexing can also have unwanted behavioral effects. A further study published in the National Library of Medicine showed that dogs neutered before 5 1/2 months of age had an increased incidence of noise phobias and unwanted sexual behaviors.

Also, recent research by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation found that when females were spayed too young, they were more likely to develop fearful behaviors while their male counterparts were more likely to show aggression.

Obviously, if you decide to delay your spaying and neutering of your newly adopted pup or kitty, please be responsible if they have reached sexual maturity and are able to reproduce. Make sure they are under your control at all times and don't breed. I am in huge support of not contributing to the pet over-population crises. By providing these findings, I'm simply suggesting you do your research before you decide what age is best for your dog.

A dog's bones are held together with muscles, tendons, and ligaments - soft tissue. In an adult dog, if a joint experiences a stress such as bending the wrong way or rotating too much, the bones will hold firm and a soft tissue will be pulled, resulting in a sprain.

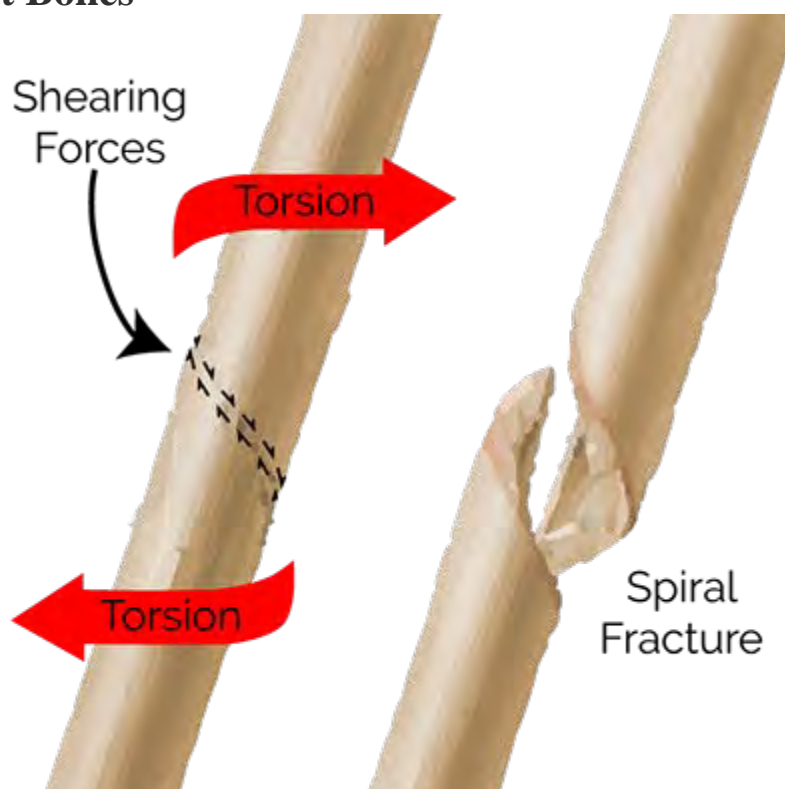


In a puppy, however, his muscles, ligaments and tendons are stronger than his growth plates, so instead of a simple sprain, his growth plate is liable to be injured - the puppy's own soft tissue can pull apart his growth plate.



Why this matters so much is that, unlike a sprain, injuries to the growth plate may not heal properly or not heal in time for the puppy to grow up straight and strong. Injury to a growth plate can result in a misshapen or shortened limb which, in turn, can create an incorrect angle to a joint which can make the puppy more prone to yet more injuries when he grows up.

### Puppies have Soft Bones



In addition to having soft growth plates at the end of long bones, a puppy's bones in general are "softer." Dogs, like people, don't reach their maximum bone density until after puberty.

Spiral fractures of the tibia (lower leg bone) are very common in puppies - 50% of all fractures occur in puppies under 1 year of age. A spiral fracture is where the bottom half of the bone twists in one direction and the top half twists in the other. This kind of juvenile injury is known as "Toddler Fracture" in humans, and it's thought to be caused by the fact that the outside, fibrous layer of the bone (periosteum) is relatively strong in relation to the elastic bone inside. So any exercise that puts torque on (twists) a bone puts the puppy at risk for a fracture.

### **Puppies are fit for short runs**

Puppies don't have the cardiovascular system for endurance. Furthermore, until they mature, they're probably not able to build much endurance no matter how much they exercise.

In human children, sustained exercise only increases aerobic capacity by up to 10%. In adults, that kind of exercise can increase aerobic capacity by up to 30%. Long walks and exercise sessions increase risk of injury and yield few benefits for puppies, so endurance training is better left until the puppies have grown up.

Puppies naturally exercise in small bursts of activity, not sustained walks.

### **Correct Exercise increases Bone Density**

After reading about growth plates and toddler fractures, you may find yourself not allowing your puppy to move, let alone run and play. Relax! Not only is appropriate exercise not dangerous for your puppy, exercise has been shown to increase bone density in children. Furthermore, those children who exercised were a whopping 50% less likely to fracture a bone. There's every reason to believe the same holds true for dogs, so appropriate exercise is key to building strong bones in your puppy and preventing adult fractures. So let's talk about guidelines for puppy exercise.



Exploring low rock walls and gardens at their own pace is great mental and physical exercise for puppies.

### **Guidelines for Puppy Exercises**

Self-directed play is an overriding rule for any puppy under 18 months old. The majority of his exercise should be free play, exploring, roaming around. If he shows any fatigue, flops down, refuses to walk, you should listen to him and let him rest.

Do not underestimate the value of a good digging session. Consider digging up a soft patch in a corner of your yard and burying “doggy treasures” in it - great natural exercise for your puppy!

### **‘No’ to repetition exercises**

Probably the biggest cause of growth plate and soft tissue injury is repetitive exercise with a young puppy. So, until they are about 18 months old, long hikes and walks are out and lots of free-play sessions are in.

### **Sniffing and Strolling great for pups**

While long hikes are out, strolling around in the backyard with you is great. If no backyard, short, rambling walks are great. Let your puppy sniff, explore and take it at his own pace. You can use short training sessions in your walks to work on heeling/loose leash walking, but the majority of the time should be at your puppy’s own pace and discretion.

If hiking, you could bring your puppy along - great socialization for puppies under 12 weeks old & older puppies. But just like a small child on a walk, be prepared to carry your puppy a good portion of the way. If you’re jogging or walking on a manicured trail or paved park road, consider investing in a puppy stroller to put your pup in for most of the walk.

### **Treat Trails**

Kibble trails are also a great way to tire out a puppy both mentally and physically. Kibble trails allow puppies to stay outside a long time and cover a lot of ground in a very natural way. You can start with treats/ kibbles, etc. only a few inches apart initially and later 2-3 m apart.

Always remember to deduct the amount of treats given from their daily feed so as not to over-feed.



**Puppy Mates**

Play with a well-matched and gentle playmate. Sometimes size can be a factor, as a very large dog, especially one that likes to play with a lot of paw whacks, can inadvertently injure a young or small breed puppy.

That said, a gentle giant may be a better playmate than a feisty small breed dog who likes to body slam. Keep a very careful eye out and be prepared to throw handfuls of cookies down to interrupt any overly physical play. Body slams and crazy rolls are spiral fractures waiting to happen!

*A gentle giant may be a better playmate than an over-the-top small dog.*

**Soft Landings**

Jumping off of beds and couches are major causes of spiral fractures in puppies - we are constantly on guard until our puppies reach two years old and keep them off furniture and beds unless we're there to help them off. Use heavy carpet pads and carpets around all furniture and beds to cushion impact, should a young (or old) dog slip by and get up on a high piece of furniture.

You can start training in agility but no jumping higher than wrist height until 6 months old, no jumping higher than elbow height until 18 months old.

**Stairs not great for young hips**

A study of 500 Newfoundland, Labrador, and Leonberger puppies found that puppies who climbed flights of stairs daily before they were 3 months of age had an increased risk of developing hip dysplasia. Although these breeds were selected for the study because of their relatively high incidence of hip dysplasia, the study seems to indicate that stairs represent a strain on any puppy's joints, so consider ramps or carrying your puppy down stairs if possible.

*Although climbing flights of stairs on a daily basis represents an inappropriate strain on puppy joints, doing one or two not-too-steep steps with a non-slip surface would not represent any risk to the puppy and may be a nice body awareness, coordination exercise.*

Interestingly, the same study found that off-leash, self-directed exercise on gently rolling, varied, and moderately soft ground for puppies under 3 months old decreased the risk of developing hip dysplasia.

And it's important to get that exercise in early! Free play after 12 weeks old, while certainly beneficial in general, was not shown to decrease the risk of hip dysplasia

in the study. So, once again, self-directed play in your backyard or garden is the best exercise for young puppies.



### **Ground only toys and playing nice**

A puppy chasing a toy will not stop until they are literally on top of the toy, causing both heavy impact and twisting on the bones and soft tissue. Roll balls or drag toys on the ground for all puppies. Tug toys should be held low and steady - don't pull up or back on your puppy's neck!



Puppy necks are delicate! Hold toys low and allow the puppy to pull instead of you tugging on the toy.

### **Tiring Puppies out**

Worried that you won't be able to tire out your puppy without long exercise sessions? Try 15 minutes of mental exercise such as walking over poles. Have your dog work for their food - place your pup's meals inside a toy and they have to

roll it around in order to get the food to come out of the hole. Or you can use a puzzle toy or teach him a new trick like 'sit' etc. or a 'follow your nose' game! These will wear out your pup more than constant exercise, which can get them more excited and increase the chance of injury.

### **Puppy Exercise General**

- The ages for growth plate closure are only general guidelines and will vary from puppy to puppy. There will also be differences in recommendations based on your dog's breed - giant breed puppies' growth plates tend to close later and small breed puppies' growth plates close earlier.
- Sex hormones are what signal growth plates to close, so If your puppy was neutered before around 18 months old, he will have some delay in growth plate closure, and he will also have uneven growth in his bones resulting in joint angles that could be more liable to injury. A more conservative exercise approach may be warranted with early spay/neutered dogs.
- There are breed-specific orthopedic concerns which are not addressed here.
- For any dog that you wish to enroll in a performance career, I highly recommend doing x-rays to confirm growth plate closure before proceeding with any intense training.

These are a few of our favorite things...



GLIWA asked what some of our member's favorite products were. Below are the answers and links to some of your most loved items!

- **West Paw Zogoflex Hurley Durable Dog Bone Chew Toy for Aggressive Chewers - LARGE SIZE Bone ~\$15.00**



- **PetSafe Treat Pouch Sport- Durable, Convenient Dog Training Accessory – Size Large ~15.00**





- **BIXBI Organic Pet Superfood Daily Dog & Cat Supplement \$27.00**



- **Pro Slicker Brush for Single or Double Coated Dogs and Cats - a Durable Pet Friendly Dematting Tool - ~\$19.00**

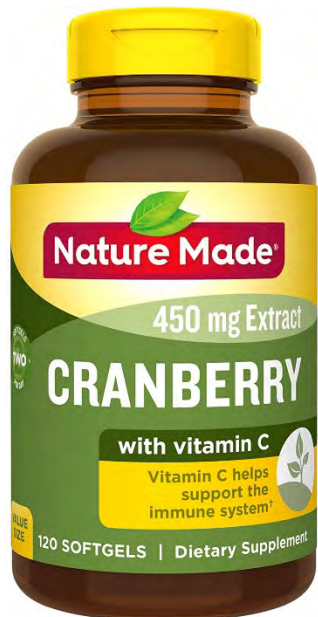


## GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION

- **Vet Classics Canine Incontinence - 120 Tablets \$36.00**



- **Nature Made Cranberry + Vitamin C Soft gels, 120 Count Value Size \$15.00**



## GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION

- Chris Christensen T-Brushes, 16mm \$26.00



- Wapiti Labs Senior Mobility Supplement with 60 Count



- Herbs for Kids Echinacea/Astragalus, 4 Ounce \$23.00



## GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION

- **West Paw Zogoflex Air Boz Durable Nearly Indestructible Ball Chew-Fetch-Play Dog Toy \$13.00**



- **Nature's Way Slippery Elm Bark, 1,600 mg Per Serving, 100 Vegetarian Capsules**



- **Soclerg 70% Aluminet Shade Cloth 12' x 10'-Fabric Sun Block Sun – price varies by size – I like the 12x10ft - \$60.00 Keeps the van at least 10degrees cooler inside**



- **ABCCANOPY Pop up Canopy Tent Commercial Instant Shelter with Wheeled Carry Bag, Bonus 4 Canopy Sand Bags, 10x10 FT White \$149.00**



- **Wedderspoon Raw Premium Manuka Honey KFactor 12, 17.6 Oz, Unpasteurized, Genuine New Zealand Honey, Multi-Functional, Non-GMO Superfood \$30.00**
  - Excellent for external injuries and healing, as well as other illnesses. Good for humans and canines
  - SMOOTH AND SWEET: The original functional food. Unpasteurized, raw and delicious, this Non-GMO Project Verified superfood is sourced exclusively from New Zealand and is a multitasking superfood. Comes in one 17.6 Oz BPA free, non-leaching poly jar filled with delicious KFactor 12 honey.
  - MULTIPLE USES: Our superfood is used for home “remedies”, DIY beauty regimes, energy for active lifestyles or drizzled on your favorite foods. In addition to the bold flavor profile; world renowned Manuka honey has naturally occurring live enzymes and is taken daily by many consumers including nutritionists and athletes.



## In Memory Of...



*"Dogs' lives are short, too short, but you know that going in. You know the pain is coming, you're going to lose a dog, and there's going to be great anguish, so you live fully in the moment with her, never fail to share her joy or delight in her innocence, because you can't support the illusion that a dog can be your lifelong companion. There's such beauty in the hard honesty of that, in accepting and giving love while always aware that it comes with an unbearable price." – Dean Koontz*

### Edward – Gairbraid's Edward de Ville

Born November 28, 2003 – February 19, 2014. (Sire: Caraglen Berwyck Imago Dam: Gairbraid Sereh)

Edward was very healthy throughout his life but lost the ability to stand at the end when he was over ten years. He was a very happy, easy going boy. In very limited showing, he won two Best in Shows as well as Best Cdn Bred at the 2007 Specialty in Ontario. Sadly missed but many happy memories.....submitted by Carole Jeninga



## In Memory of Maude (Ch. Slaine Maude Imperatrix, SC, FCh)

Maude was a quirky dog. She would walk off with anyone without a backward glance and would barely greet me when she returned. She was solid as a rock, clever in a foxy sort of way and an excellent dog for public appearances because nothing, and I mean nothing, ever bothered her. She finished her lure coursing field championship by the grace of god and Greg Breitbach, and was a certified therapy dog. She hated dog showing but managed to finish her AKC championship and win Best Veteran at Rocky Mountain IW Association one year, along with an Award of Merit. Homely, stubborn, indifferent and I still miss her.

Submitted by Chris Bernstein



## 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!*

### *Edwardsville, IL Resident to Judge At 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show*

Edwardsville, Illinois resident, Gretchen Bernardi, is among the judges at the 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City. This is her first judging assignment at Westminster. She will officiate over several breeds during the daytime competition held at Pier 94 in New York City on February 9-11, 2020. Bernardi will be judging the Borzois, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, Irish Wolfhounds, Salukis, and Scottish Deerhounds on Sunday. All Best of Breed winners she selects will go on to compete in the Hound Group on Monday evening held at Madison Square Garden.



Bernardi has been part of the purebred dog community since 1969 when she got her first Irish Wolfhound. Her Berwyck hounds have won the national specialty, several regional specialties, and high honors at the all-breed level, mostly owner-handled. Bernardi is proud that a number of dogs gaining prestigious wins at specialties also carry Berwyck dogs close up in their pedigrees. In the early 1970's she helped establish the St. Louis Sighthound Association when group clubs were rare. Bernardi is approved to judge a dozen Hound breeds. She has judged the Irish Wolfhound National Specialty twice. She has judged several specialties in the United States and abroad. In 2011, she was named the AKC Hound Breeder of the Year. For the past 32 years, she has been an AKC delegate, chairing the nominating and bylaws committees.

All daytime preliminary breed and junior showmanship judging, and the Masters Obedience Championship at Westminster competitions will be held at Pier 94 on the West Side of Manhattan. The Group, Best in Show and Junior Showmanship Finals judging will be held at Madison Square Garden in the evening. The dog show is preceded on Saturday, Feb. 8, by the 7th Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster on Pier 94. All Westminster Week events are presented by Purina Pro Plan®.

For the full Westminster Week schedule and ticket information, visit

[www.westminsterkennelclub.org](http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org)

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