

Midwest Wolfhound

A quarterly newsletter for and about
Irish wolfhounds and their people.
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Annual Fall Picnic
Saturday, October 13 at 10:30 am

Come out and spend the day with your wolfhound!

NEW LOCATION!
Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr.
Joliet, IL.60482
Off of Interstate 80, Rt. 30
and Gouger Rd.
<http://www.jolietpark.org/>

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President's Report

The temps were hot, as was the competition, for our 11th Annual Match and our 1st time LGRA event. Small swimming pools were a great hit and the dogs were certainly grateful, I'm sure. Hopefully, a good time was had by all!

A big Thank You goes out to Donna Smith, our conformation judge who flew in from Pennsylvania and to Karen Frederick, who was our LGRA Secretary and "chief of setting up the sticks" very early on a Sunday morning, and of course, to all our participants. Another big thank you goes to the Pilcher Park crew, especially Super Dave. Without all their help setting up, storing our trophies, fencing, ring, sticks, and the use of their gator, the match would not have been possible. Thank you to MB, our ring steward who worked through the pain of a knee which needs replacing and to all our GLIWA member volunteers. These are the same people who help year after year and may not be acknowledged other than their name in the catalog. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Please let us know how you liked the new site; in fact any input would be appreciated. How can we get more people to enter? I know first and foremost, this club is not a show club, but anyone can enter the fun Match. Although altered hounds may be entered in any class, we added a neutered one for our beloved companions; but got no entries. Next year, we plan on holding an ASFA trial at a different time and location and hopefully the Match and LGRA once again in Joliet, probably for the last time. Why don't we all plan on coming with our hounds to make it our biggest ever?

We will get dates and details finalized at our next board meeting in August, so please plan on attending to make it a really memorable occasion.

Maria

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Calendar of Events 2012**July 14, 15****Irish American Heritage Festival
Hours 2-6pm**

The Irish Fest showcases the finest in local and international Irish and American music, dance and family activities. It features more than 100 performers for 3 days on 6 stages. The festival is held on the grounds of the Irish American Heritage Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and strengthening Irish culture in Chicago. The Center, which occupies an 86,000 square foot building on the City's northwest side, near Wilson Avenue and the Eden's Expressway, at 4626 North Knox, Chicago, IL.

Directions; Coming from the South Follow the signs for Milwaukee and get off the Eden's Expressway at Wilson(4500 North). Make a right on to Wilson Ave. You will need to make a left onto Knox Ave. Take Knox North to the next block and make a left, at the next intersection make another left, access to parking lot will be on your left.

As we know, the weather can be very hot in July, but we have been promised that the wolfhounds will move inside to the comfort of air conditioning if need be. Water will also be available, all you need to bring is a chair for yourself. Please contact me if you're interested so I know how many plan on coming. Morrison-iw@att.net

July 15

Chicagoland Hound Assoc. is hosting a Lure Coursing Fund Raiser at the Lure Coursing Fanatics Site near Kenosha, WI. ALL BREEDS willing to run are invited. Dogs love it! Go to the Lure Coursing Fanatics web site for additional information about the event and the sport.
<http://www.lurecoursingfanatics.com/>

Start time is at 8:30 a.m. on a "first come, first served" basis and will probably finish about noon. Call me on my cell phone if you plan to come later - 847-287-3314.

Directions: Just North of the Illinois State Line. I 94 in Wisconsin (about 4 miles north of Rt. 50) to Hwy E - Exit 339. East on Hwy. E (becomes Sommers Rd.) past a stop sign and over the railroad tracks to 7725 Sommers Rd. in Sommers, WI. South side of street. Bring a chair ease contact Mary Anne Fowler for additional information and with questions. 847-295-2707. Call the night before or early that morning if in doubt of weather. Also, you can check the web site for this information.
<http://www.lurecoursingfanatics.com/>

August ?

**The Irish American Alliance Annual Picnic
Bur Oak Woods, Cook County Forest
Preserves
136th and South Harlem Ave. Palos Heights,
IL.**

Great food, fun games and raffles. Bring water for your hounds and a lawn chairs

**Saturday – Monday, September 2-4 Labor
Day weekend
Wisconsin Highland Games. Waukesha
Expo Center – Waukesha, Wisconsin
<http://www.wisconsinscottish.org/>**

October 13

**GLIWA Annual Fall picnic
Pilcher Park, Joliet IL.
A fun time with your wolfhound.
Pot luck lunch and wolfhound games.**

Saturday, October 20

**Locust Grove Match Fun
At the home of
Robert and Gretchen Bernardi,
"Berwyck Irish Wolfhounds"
Edwardsville, IL.**

2012 Match Results ~ Judge Donna Smith

BEST IN MATCH, BEST TYPE, KELTAIR PUNISHER, And BEST ADULT

**4/9/11. Breeder: Jens Hogsander By Furlongs Humphrey x Cualainn Phoenix at Keltair
Owner: Joel Mattson**



BEST PUPPY – Rockhart Treason, 2/19/12, Breeder/Owner:

By Rockhart Penance x Can Ch Rockhart Katja JC. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD



**RESERVE BEST ADULT Rockhart Paloma JC, 5/17/11. Breeder/Owner:
By Furlong Bogart x Rockhart Inara JC. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD**



**BEST VETERAN Am/Can Ch Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark, 8/2/05,
Bitch. Breeders: Carolyn Dean & Pernille Monberg By Ch Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwyck x
Wolfhouse Rhythm & Blues.
Owners: Claire Morrison & Maria Lubera**





Puppy Dogs, 3 to 6 months

1 and Best Puppy Rockhart Treason, 2/19/12, Breeder/Owner: By Rockhart Penance x Can Ch Rockhart Katja JC. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD
 2 Brimstone Sigifrith, 1/21/2012. Breeders: Laurie F Morris & Debbie Sharpe by Brimstone Jakob x Brimstone Sojourn From Connemara. Owners: Michael Doyle & Laurie F Morris
 Ab Rockhart Tyranny, 2/19/12, Breeder/Owner: By Rockhart Penance x Ch Rockhart Katja JC. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD

Puppy Dogs, 6 to 9 months



1 Caraglen Emmett of Avalon, 11-6-11. Breeders: Bev & Sue Stobart By Ch Caraglen Berwyck True Lies x Ch Slaine Caraglen Rock On. Owners: Courtney & Ryan Smith, Sue Stobart



Puppy Dogs, 9 to 12 months

1 Barrington's Kooganjilika of Caraglen, 1/3/11. Breeders: Susan and Beverly Stobart, Robert and Gretchen Bernardi, Breeder of Merit. By BIS Grand Ch Pennybright Wigeon x BISS Ch Caraglen Berwyck Dark Promise. Owners: Birgitta Stolpe, Kevin Sprouse & Susan Stobart.
 2 Treana Slaine Fitzpatrick Quinn Mor, 6-27-11. Breeders: Pat Powers & C.A. Krowzack By Berwyck No Duty to Retreat x Ch Slaine Tempo Soave. Owner: Patricia Powers.



Yearling Dogs, 12 to 15 month

1 Nightwings Conspiracy, 4/9/11. Breeder: Joel Mattson. Araberara Legor x Nightwing's Intrigue. Owners: Joel & Wendy Mattson.

Ab- Rockhart Suspicion, 4/24/10
Breeder/Owner. By Furlong Barbaro x MSBIS
Am & Can Ch Rockhart Heresy. Owner: Lynn
Simon, MD



Yearling Dogs, 15 to 18 months

1 Cwn Annwns Sully of Avalon 1-13-11.
Breeders: Jim & Judy Nanney. By Braydon
Summer Knight of Cwn Annwn x Cwn Annwn's
Autumn Start Neala. Owners: Courtney & Ryan
Smith.



Novice Dogs

1 Keltairs Punisher, 12/24/10. Breeder: Jens
Hogsander By Furlongs Humphrey x Cualainn
Phoenix at Keltair. Owner: Joel Mattson.
2 Harmony's Loki of GLIWA, 8/29/06. Breeders:
Terry L & Mary M Nickell. By Breck x Rown.
Owners: Mike Cherry & Kim Oliver

3 Prairie Creek Mulligan, 5/05/10. Breeder:
Constance C Smalley. By Australian US CH
Tirowen Lord of the Dance x Ch Prairie Creek
Damsha. Owners: MB Kinsella Topping, Jack
Topping & Constance C Smalley
Ab- Barrington's Valdemar of Caraglen,
4/13/09. Breeders: Sue & Bev Stobart, Robert
& Gretchen Bernardi. By Ch Caraglen Travis
McGee x BISS Ch Berwyck Caraglen Dark
Promise. Owners: Birgitta Stolpe, Kevin
Sprouse, Sue Stobart



Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

1 Shellane Braniff, 5/21/10. Breeder; Maria
Lubera & Claire Morrison. By Can Ch
Wolfhavens Fools Brick O'Gold x USA, Can Ch
Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark. Owner: Maria
Lubera



American Bred Dogs

1 Shellane Dark Moon at Glenmoriston,
5/21/10. Breeder; Maria Lubera & Claire
Morrison. By Can Ch Wolfhavens Fools Brick

O'Gold x USA, Can Ch Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark. Owners: Douglas & Claire Morrison
 2 Nightwing's Ianina's Baloo, 10/18/10.
 Breeder: Joel Mattson. By Ninegates Magilligan x Nightwing's Irresistible. Owners: Al Gottsch & GK Curtis
 Ab -Ninegates Magilligan, 2/20/29. Breeder: Lynn Cox. By Stoneybrook Ninegates Kieran x Nightwing Druid at Ninegates. Owner: Joel Mattson
 Ab -Caraglen Killian ar an Loch, 4/20/07.
 Breeders: Bev & Sue Stobart. By Ch Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwick x Caraglen Roseanna Danna.
 Owners MB Kinsella-Topping, Jack Topping.



Open Dog

1 Barrington's Vulcan of Shellane, 5/21/10.
 Breeder; Maria Lubera & Claire Morrison. By Can Ch Wolfhavens Fools Brick O'Gold x USA, Can Ch Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark. Owners: Birgitta Stolpe, Kevin Sprouse and Maria Lubera
 2 Stoneybrook Odin of Harmony, 9/27/09.
 Breeder: Judy Simon. By Ch Stoneybrook Dakota x Stoneybrook déjà Vu. Owners: Mike and Kim Cherry
 3 Prairie Creek Carrickfergus Orion 5/05/10.
 Breeder: Constance C Smalley. By Australian US CH Tirowen Lord of the Dance x Ch Prairie Creek Damsha. Owners: MB Kinsella Topping, Jack Topping & Constance C Smalley



Puppy Bitches 3 to 6 months

1 Brimstone Boodocks Serenity, 1/21/12,
 Breeder: Laurie Morris By Brimstone Jakob x Brimstone Sojourn from Connemara. Owners: Jeanie Pitzenberger & Laurie Morris.



Puppy Bitches 6 to 9 months

1 Caraglen Winter Rush, 11/6/11. Breeders: Sue & Bev Stobart & Chris Krowzack. By Ch

Caraglen Berwyck True Lies x Ch Slaine Caraglen Rock On. Owners Bev & Sue Stobart.

2 Tarlog Stoccai Bana Sloan, 10/15/11. Breeder: Velda Clark. By Tarlog Liam Neeson x Killykeen Grace. Owners: Mary O'Neill & Trisha Borland

3 Tarlog Kearney Eveleen, 10/15/11 Breeder: Velda Clark. By Tarlog Liam Neeson x Killykeen Grace. Owners: Mary O'Neill & Trisha Borland

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Puppy Bitches 9 to 12 months

1 and Reserve Best Puppy Caraglen Berwyck No Mercy, 7/3/11. Breeders/Owners. By Ch Pennybright Wigeon x Ch Caraglen Berwyck Dark Promise. Owners: Bev & Sue Stobart, Robert & Gretchen Bernardi.

2 Slaine Marietta Robusti, 6/27/11. Breeders: C Krowzack & P Powers By Berwyck No Duty to Retreat x Ch Slaine Tempo Soave. Owner: C.A. Krowzack.



Yearling Bitches 12 to 15 months

1 Nightwings Controversy, 4/9/11. Breeder: Joel Mattson By Araberara Legor x Nightwing's Intrigue. Owners: Joel & Wendy Mattson.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE

Novice Bitch

1 **Reserve Best Adult** Rockhart Paloma JC, 5/17/11. Breeder/Owner: By Furlong Bogart x Rockhart Inara JC. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD

2 Shellane Celtic Piper at Glenmoriston, 5/21/10. Breeder; Maria Lubera & Claire Morrison. By Can Ch Wolfhavens Fools Brick O'Gold x USA, Can Ch Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark. Owners: Claire Morrison & Maria Lubera

3 Rockhart Mara of Tresmorn, FCh, 3/31/08. Breeders: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon MD. By Ch Rockhart Memory of Kerry x Rockhart Eclipse. Owner: Beth Renstrom Ab -Nightwing's Breathless, 10/18/10, Breeder: Joel Mattson By Ninegates Magilligan x Nightwing's Irresistible. Owners: Joel & Wendy Mattson.

Ab- Rockhart Macushla of Mayo, 3/31/08. Breeders: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon. By Rockhart Memory of Kerry x Rockhart Eclipse. Owners: Joseph & Madeleine Mahoney, Lynn Simon & Christiana Hartenstein.



Bred-By Exhibitor Bitches

1 Shellane Aspen Highlands, 5/21/10. Breeder; Maria Lubera & Claire Morrison. By Can Ch Wolfhavens Fools Brick O'Gold x USA, Can Ch Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark. Owner: Maria Lubera

2 Rockhart Nadahlia JC, 7/18/08. Breeder/Owner By MSBIS Am Can Ch Rockhart

Enigma x Am Can Ch Rockhart Heresy. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD
 3 Nightwing's Atonement, 3/31/10. Breeder/Owner. By Nightwings Instigator x Nightwings Radiance. Owner: Joel Mattson.
 4 Slaine Acapella, 1/27/08. Breeder/Owner By Ch Caraglen Berwyck Dark Threat x Ch Slaine Chanteuse. Owner: C.A. Krowzack



American Bred Bitches

1 Nightwing's Relentless, 9/5/07. Breeder/Owner. By Stoneybrook Foinaven Geronimo x Nightwing's Nora. Owner: Joel Mattson
 2 Rockhart Okelani JC, 8/16/06. Breeder/Owner By Furlong Bogart x Rockhart Eclipse. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD
 3 Rockhart Naraya, JC, 7/18/08. Breeders: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon MD. By USA CAN Ch Rockhart Enigma x USA CAN Ch Rockhart Heresy. Owner: Beth Renstrom
 4 Prairie Creek Gracious Siohan Gralyn, 5/5/10. Breeder: Constance Smalley & James Smalley. By Ch Tirowen Lord of the Dance x Ch Prairie Creek Damhsa. Owners: Owners: Linda & John Tucker & Montina Tucker & Constance Smalley.

Singing Swords Merry Xmas Siete Luck CGC, BN, RA, 10/7/2007 Dog. Breeder: Martha Ann Traylor. By Bulliagh Miraz x Singing Swords Brigid. Owner: Nancy Wilson.

Ab -Rockhart Liadain of Mayo, 3/21/08. Breeders: Lynn M Simon & Christiana Hartenstein By Rockhart Memory of Kerry x Rockhart Calamity. Owners Joseph & Madeleine Mahoney, Lynn Simon, Christiana Hartenstein.



Open Bitches

1 Keltairs Halo Legend, 2/24/10. Breeder: Jens Hogsander By Furlongs Humphrey x Cualainn Phoenix at Keltair. Owner: Joel Mattson.
 2 Rockhart Jeressa, CGC, TDI, 8/15/06. Breeders: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon MD. By US CAN Ch Rockhart Enigma x Rockhart Wanja. Owner: Beth Renstrom
 3 Conchobar Jolie, 7/2/05. Breeder: Lucio Vallerani by Multi Ch Conchobar Cerbero x Multi Ch Stoneybrook Sandslash. Owners: Beth Renstom & Lynn Simon MD.

Ab -Ninegates Secret at Nightwing, 2/20/09. Breeder: Lynn Irwin Cox. By Stoneybrook Ninegates Kieran x Nightwing Druid at Ninegates. Owner: Joel Mattson.

Ab- Braehead Quaich, 10/21/07. Breeders: B & MJW Brace. By Braehead Osakis x Braehead Orna. Owners: Al Gottsch & GK Curtis.

Ab- Can Ch Rockhart Katja JC, 8/16/06. Breeder/Owner By SBIS Am & Can Ch Rockhart

Anthem x MSBIS Stoneybrook Rockhart
Rebecca. Owner: Lynn Simon, MD



Veteran Dog

1 Glendaloughs Medarlin Rover, 8/24/02.
Breeders: Marypat & Cecil Corbett. By
Wolfhouse Northern Symphony x Ch Faileen
of Nutstown Owners: Brigid Boyle and Marypat
and Cecil Corbett



Veteran Bitch

1 and **best veteran** Am/Can Ch Druid Rock
Shellane's Skylark, 8/2/05, Bitch. Breeders:
Carolyn Dean & Pernille Monberg By Ch
Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwyck x Wolfhouse
Rhythm & Blues. Owners: Claire Morrison &
Maria Lubera
2 Rockhart Eclipse, 6/9/04. Breeders: C
Hartenstein & Lynn Simon MD By US/Can Ch
Rockhart Anthem x US/Can Ch Stoneybrook
Rockhart Rebecca. Owners: Beth Renstom &
Lynn Simon MD.

Ab -USA Ch Ianina's Six Ways from Sunday FCh,
JC, 9/16/05. Bitch. Breeders: GK Curtis, AI
Gottsch & LF Morris. By Can USA Ch Brimstone
Ianina's Mr Magoo JC x Brimstone Magdalene.
Owners: GK Curtis & GI Gottsch
3 Blackwitch Bacardi of Brynmair, 9/11/05.
Breeder: Glenda Black. By Nightwings
Gunslinger x Stoneybrook Karma at Seawolf.
Owner: Karen Frederick



Coursing Champions

1 Aherns Little Bit of Seamus, FCh, GRC
11/29/08, Dog. Breeder: Cindy Biehler. By
Mighty Ace x Singing Swords Wynne Keely.
Owners: John & Jennifer Ahrens
2 Rockhart Mara of Tresmorn, FCh, 3/31/08.
Breeders: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon
MD. By Ch Rockhart Memory of Kerry x
Rockhart Eclipse. Owner: Beth Renstrom
AB Ch Caraglen Shellane Cambria, SC, FCh,
4/20/07, Bitch. Breeders: Sue and Bev Stobart.
By Ch Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwyck x Caraglen
Roseanna Danna. Owners: Maria Lubera, Sue
Stobart.
AB USA Ch Ianina's Six Ways from Sunday FCh,
JC, 9/16/05. Bitch. Breeders: GK Curtis, AI
Gottsch & LF Morris. By Can USA Ch Brimstone
Ianina's Mr. Magoo JC x Brimstone Magdalene.
Owners: GK Curtis & GI Gottsch

Pictures by Branden Kerr



We Get Mail!

Subject: Fw: gliwa newsletter

From: Keith McCormick <KeithM@chicagochildrensmuseum.org>

Date: April 11, 2012 3:40:43 PM CDT

To: "Colm Egan Subject: Thank you!

Hello all.

I would like to thank you all for making last week's Passport to Ireland program a big success! We had hundreds of people come to learn about and celebrate Irish traditions new and old! From the music and dancing and dogs to the Pancake day race, Puck Fair and Gaelic football, every year we set out to provide our visitors with an authentic peek into Irish culture that goes way beyond what they might already know. It would not have been possible without your time and support.

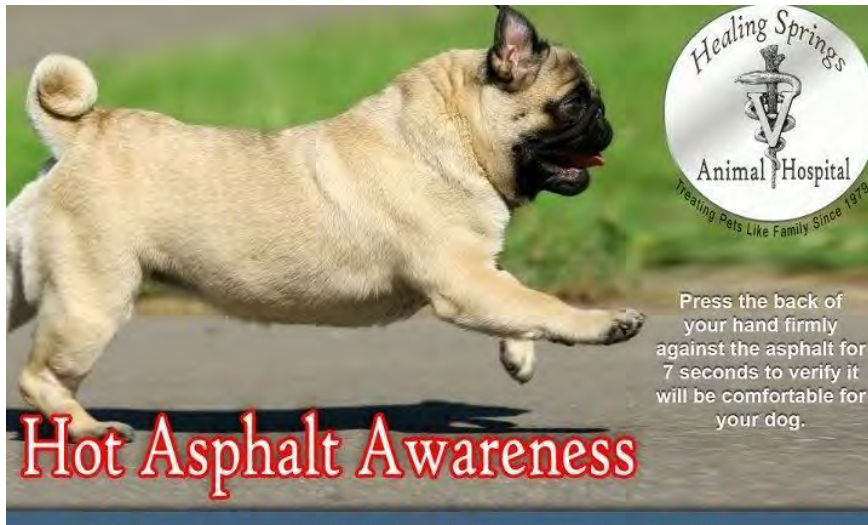
Please check out some of the wonderful pictures from the event on the Chicago Children's Museum Facebook page. If you haven't already, be sure to 'Like' our page for regular updates on upcoming Passport to the World events and please add your own photos and comments to let us know what you love about the program.

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150656752897951.392845.33019362950&type=1>

All the best!

Step right up, boys and girls! Come one, come all and see for yourself Circus Zirkus, the latest exhibit experience at Chicago Children's Museum! Now open through Aug. 12. Visit www.ChicagoChildrensMuseum.org for more information.





When the air temperature is this, asphalt has been measured at this.*

Air Temperature	Asphalt Temperature
77 ⁰	- 125 ⁰
86 ⁰	- 135 ⁰
87 ⁰	- 143 ⁰

*These temperature correlations represent worst scenario variables: direct sun, no wind, very low humidity, and high radiant energy.

At 125° F, skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds.

An egg can fry in 5 minutes at 131° F.



Data Source: Berens J. Thermal contact burns from streets and highways. Journal of the American Medical Association; 214 (11): 2025-2027.

Like Facebook.com/HealingSprings

Check out our new iPhone app **Pet Poison Help!**

Download Pet Poison Help for information on hundreds of household products and plants that are potentially toxic to your pet, and steps to take if your dog or cat is exposed to one of these toxins.

We created [Pet Poison Help](#) to assist pet owners or veterinarians in quickly identifying potential poisons, recognizing symptoms of a potential poisoning, and to allow one-touch direct dialing access to the veterinary professionals at Pet Poison Helpline. For only \$0.99, Pet Poison Help will provide you with:

- Life-saving access to poison information with one-touch direct dialing to Pet Poison Helpline.
- A searchable database of over 250 poisonous plants, foods, medications and household items, including pictures.
- Descriptions of how specific poisons affect your pet, their alternate common names, and symptoms to watch for.
- Instructions on what to do if your dog or cat is exposed to a dangerous substance.
- Constant access to poison information, even when you don't have Internet access



Wolfhounds All Around Us – Pictures From our Readers

St. Mark's had its annual "Bark's at St. Mark's in South Milwaukee, WI" the theme picture was this one of Fr. John and Fr. Flynn (the wolfhound) who welcomed over 125 dogs and 1 cat to the event. Flynn is 19 months old.



Check out who are the "Pooches on the Porch"
That would be Saoirse and Rover
From Brigid Boyle



*I Can't Stop Dreaming about
Making New Friends
During Patio Pooch Week At
Café Manna
Mon. July 2—Sat. July 7*



Café Manna

DATE: July 2 - July 7

TIME: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

For more information, please call us at

262-790-2340

or click on the link below.

[Patio Pooch Week](#)

I'm Mike Cherry
and in the photo labeled Chicago Marathon you see me and the crew Odin, Loki, and Thor
preparing for a training run prior to the 2011 Chicago Marathon.
and in photo labeled Odie and Noor you see Odie running with Noor at the LOCUST GROVE
ASFA LURE COURSE IN OCTOBER 2012
and in photo labeled IWppotomas you see Odie soaking in the creek after an ASFA run at
Purina Farms during the Specialty may 2012



Chicago Marathon



Odie and Noor



IWppotomas

Finn the Therapy dog



My parents and I do therapy dog visits at the local Kaiser hospital. We visit not only the patients staying, but also friends and family, people in waiting rooms, and also the staff appreciates us stopping to say hello to them.

One day we were walking on a floor for post-surgery patients, and we heard someone call out "therapy dog visit!" It's a bit funny because it sounded like they were asking for hot dogs at a ballpark, and we aren't used to that kind of request! We came down to find a family in a room with an older gentleman. I am an average sized wolfhound, which means I am really big for a 'dog', so when I walked into the room everyone gasped and his eyes just lit up!

I went over to him, and he put his arms out and started stroking my ears saying hello over and over. One thing I like to do is look people straight in the eyes to size them up. He stared right back at me, so I decided he was okay and gave him kisses. Everyone laughed and he chuckled. When I was done He looked up with a big smile and said "I love puppydog kisses". All the people in the room chatted about me and I started looking out the window. When it was time to go, I went back over to him and gave him kisses again, just to make sure he knew I thought he was an okay guy. We left him with my therapy dog card and we were off to visit the next patient.

Weeks later I was friended on Facebook by a woman, who then wrote on my wall about how she really appreciated our visit, and how her dad talked all about it, and that he had passed on a week after our visit. I was very touched she reached out to me, since we almost never know anything of the people we visit beyond the hospital. I noticed they scheduled a memorial close to me, and I asked if I

could be there. They said yes!

The day of the memorial came and I went with my dad. I was a little nervous because I didn't know what to expect, but everyone was very nice to me. After the service when I told people I was the therapy dog who visited him, they told me he talked about me all the time, and had a big smile on his face, and how he really enjoyed my kisses. They thanked me for the work I did (which really isn't work at all for me) and told me stories about this fellow I visited. I saw a table full of pictures of him (he looked very different than when I saw him at the hospital) and I even saw my therapy dog card on the table!

I got to know a man with many friends and loving family, and I was very touched to be a part of his life in a small way.

Minutes of meeting June 30, 2013 At Claire and Doug Morrison's home.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33

Board members present, Maria Lubera, Pat Powers, Leslye Sandberg, Claire Morrison, Doug Morrison, Joe Mahoney

Absent, Debbie Habian, Debbie Green, Jane Brown, Barbara Pische

Guests: Chris Krowzack, Bill and Linda Hurless, Madeleine Mahoney
Reading of the minutes – Minutes approved as corrected.

Reports:

President 's report – none

Vice President- no report

Secretary/membership – no report

Treasurer- detailed report available on request.

Activities – Meet up at Cricket Creek in September, Highland Games and Gaelic Park were cancelled due to hot weather.

Ways and Means- Our t- shirt guy can do small orders if we want.

Publications – very satisfied with Bill Denton as our printer

Bill and Linda Hurless are now heading up our rescue committee along with Richard and Debbie Green

Old Business

Match – Hot but at a great location. People there were very helpful with setting up and clean up. We could use more club participation with that.

Website renewal – fixed with the help of Mike Philpott. Also see if it is workable to add PayPal to website for GLIWA Goodies.

Broad Institute donation- waiting for more information.

New Business

Claire Morrison suggested buying sashes with the logo and GLIWA on them for parades and activities since our banner is not very easy to walk with. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that we do so with a maximum expenditure of \$500. Also get quotes if we want a new vertical banner.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Powers /temp. acting secretary.

Looking for a new puppy?

For breeder referrals call

Maria Lubera

630-279-7179

**Or contact the Irish Wolfhound Association
Of America**

www.iwclubofamerica.org

**We can help you find a reputable breeder who
cares about health and temperament. We also
have a Breeder Referral section in our website
www.gliwa.org.**



Reputable breeders want to meet the people who are going to have their puppies. Please be careful to check out any breeder before getting your new puppy and beware of buying a puppy over the internet sight unseen.