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### ATTENTION Exhibitors:

The Judge's Selection Committee is looking for your input or recommendation for the PVIWC Sweepstakes judge for 2010. If **any** exhibiting or active member of the PVIWC would like to submit a name, preferably an Irish Wolfhound breeder, please submit your recommendations to Linda King at: [ardrhis@aol.com](mailto:ardrhis@aol.com) or by phone: 434-978-2873. Many Thanks!

### PVIWC Specialty Sweepstakes Critique, March 30, 2008; Ms. Glynis Littlewood ("Rosslare")

It was an honor to be invited to judge Sweepstakes for the PVIWC 21<sup>st</sup> Specialty Show. The weather was brisk but sunny and a perfect day for the hounds. I want to thank everyone who showed their special youngsters to me and to have a great steward to keep me on track. A special "thank you" to Mary O'Malley for chauffeuring me to the hotel and show site and for the great hospitality.

I was very impressed at the quality of the puppies. In some classes I could have awarded more ribbons. Temperaments were good; just a couple who would not stand for inspection, but I think down the road, with experience, they will be more relaxed. I saw some lovely heads with nice dark eyes and correct ear carriage with lovely head planes. Movement on most was good, a few turning in on pasterns. A lot of puppies with good strong hocks. Some pups were a little overweight and rolled. I thought mouths were good overall, only a couple where bites were off but this could change. I saw some necks shorter and set too high on the shoulder giving the appearance of a ewe neck. Toplines were generally good. Some pups had a too longer loin. Most pups had good tight feet. The 6-9 month bitch class was exceptional, what a beautiful class. I think we are in good standing for the future with these youngsters. It was a very enjoyable experience.

### 6-9 Months Puppy Dogs.

1. Castlemaine Infinity. A big boy for his age with good bone. Good angles front and rear. A beautiful head with lovely expression and a nice dark eye. Moved well and of nice type. I look forward to seeing this pup develop.

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## PVIWC List of Meeting & Events 2008

**Jul 13** Regular Meeting: Hosts, Dave & Denise Harris

**Aug 10** Board Meeting Only: Host, Christina Kallay

**Sep 21** PVIWC Fun Match: Bay Ridge Marina

**Oct 12** Regular Meeting: **TBD**

**Nov 9** Regular Meeting "Election Meeting": Hosts, Susan & Van Morfit

**Dec 14** Holiday Party: **TBD**

### OF INTEREST to EXHIBITORS and FANCIERS

June 21-22 - Virginia KC, Inc (loc: Richmond, VA)

June 26 - Potomac Hound Club (loc: Bel Alton, MD)

June 27-28 - Southern MD KC (loc: Bel Alton, MD)

June 29-30 - Rock Creek KC (loc: Bel Alton, MD)

July 3-6 - INDEPENDENCE CLUSTER (loc: West Friendship, MD)

July 12-13 - Shawnee KC, Inc (loc: Berryville, VA)

July 27-28 - IWANE (loc: Warwick, RI) - Judges - Nancy Bodine (Conformation) and Dr. Donna Brown, "Houndhill" (Sweeps)

July 30-August 3 - New River Valley Cluster (loc: Salem, VA)

August 15-16 - Talbot KC (loc: Easton, MD)

August 17 - Annapolis KC (loc: Crownsville, MD)

September 26-27 - Warrenton KC (loc: Millwood, VA)

September 28 - Old Dominion KC (loc: Millwood, VA)

October 5-6 - IWADV - Judges - Jean Malley, Ainsea Irish Wolfhounds (Conformation) and Rosemary Wortman, Redtop Irish Wolfhounds (Sweeps)

October 10-13 - Catonsville & Maryland KC (loc: West Friendship, MD)

October 11-12 - Hanover KC (loc: Wilmington, NC)

October 27-28 - IWAGS - Judges - Jim Behan (Ireland) "Bearna Bui" (Conformation) and Bambi Madsen Rabe, "Summerhill" (Veteran Sweepstakes & Regular Sweepstakes)

October 25-26 - Middleburg KC (loc: Leesburg, VA)

October 29 - Potomac Hound Club (loc: VA Beach)

October 30-31 - Middle Peninsula KC (loc: VA Beach)

November 1-2 - VA Beach KC (loc: VA Beach)

November 7-8 - Salisbury MD KC (loc: Salisbury, MD)

November 9 - Mispillion KC (loc: Salisbury, MD)

December 13-14 - Tidewater KC (loc: VA Beach)

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**The Irish Wolfhound Foundation** is working with leading geneticists to help identify the gene(s) involved with bone cancer. We know that cancer, whether hereditary or not, is a disease of genes. But we don't know which set of genes malfunction when an Irish Wolfhound gets **osteosarcoma**.

If you have a wolfhound diagnosed with bone cancer, we need a blood sample from your dog. We also need more blood samples from wolfhounds eight years of age or older who have never had any type of cancer.

This blood will go into our own Irish Wolfhound DNA blood bank, which the IWF established in 2004 in order to support research specifically designed to help our breed. Blood is stored at the Ostrander Canine Genomics laboratory at the National Institutes of Health and at the Sutter Dog Genetics Lab at the Cornell University Veterinary School. This is NOT the same as CHIC, so if your dog's blood is in CHIC and you would like to help, you will need to give another blood sample.

We will supply you with blood collection tubes, mailing canisters, and simple instructions for your vet. All you need to do is complete the included release form, attach the mailing label to the canister, and send it back. Contact Karen Malone at [iwpaw@verizon.net](mailto:iwpaw@verizon.net) if you would like to participate, or, if you have further questions, call Kathy Wilson at 252-257-2525.

Thank you for supporting the critical research which is our best hope in fighting osteosarcoma in our beloved hounds.

Karen Malone

### PVIWC Education Committee

**Chair: Jodie Jeweler**

NEWS FLASH!!! We're going to try a new idea! "Ask the Experts." Send your IW-oriented question to me at [Jodie@jewelerfamily.com](mailto:Jodie@jewelerfamily.com). I will find appropriate people to answer it & we will publish the questions and answers in the newsletter. Questions can be on any topic relating to Irish Wolfhounds.

We'll also be including a few minutes of these at monthly meetings, time permitting! So send me your questions, and watch this space!

2. Taliesin's Wheaten Wyncher. Three litter mates in this class. Today this pup was in second place. Not so much bone as #1 but lovely type with easy flowing motion and angles. Not as much chest or bone as #1 but they have so much growing yet to do.
3. Taliesin's Willow's Glympse. Littermate to #2. Nice length of body, nice head and ear carriage. Straighter topline to #2 and in shoulder.
4. Gelert O'Sullivan. Straighter in shoulder and rear. Looked good on the move.

### **9-12 Puppy Dogs.**

1. Erinwood Baritone. Very big boy for his age. Had everything together. Lovely bone. Good neck flowing into a nice topline with good croup. Nice angles front and rear with stifle flowing into nice small hocks. Good tight feet moving effortlessly with power.
2. Wolfhaven Calorien Fou Noir. Nice black pup. Good angles front and rear with good croup. A little shorter backed than #1. Moved well but was a big heavy today. Prefer head type on #1.
3. Carrickaneena an Firic Aris. Lovely head and ears on this boy. Good leg length with moderate bone. Straighter in the shoulder than #2. Good sweep of stifle into low hocks. Moved well.
4. R. Noble For Pete's Sake Of Eagle. Similar to #3. Moved out well.

### **12-15 Dogs.**

This is such an awkward age. All three were at awkward stages.

1. Mise Eire and Fear Sarsfield. Smaller of the three males. Good angles from and rear. Good length of neck with pleasing head. Moved out well.
2. Gladstone's Brother Digby. A tall wheaten rangy boy. A shorter neck than #1 with a straighter topline. Needs to mature.
3. Fleetwind Carroy Duan Amergin. Another tall boy needing time to mature. Similar to #2. A bit heavy today.

### **15-18 Dogs.**

1. Kellykerry Emmitt of Aerie. I love this boy. He is very balanced for his age. Lovely head with good ears and dark eyes. Good bone and moves well. Lovely sweep of stifle going into small hocks. A slight flip to pasterns coming at you. Good croup. Such a promising youngster.
2. Kellykerry Cooper of Aerie. Very big boy. Moved well for his size. Lovely angles front and rear, his croup may be a little too steep. His head is not as pleasing as #1 for me. Good topline. Nice stifles going into small hocks.
3. Blackwater Texas Bonfire. Not as much bone as #1 and #2 but good angles front and rear. Topline a little straighter than #1 and #2 and not so much chest.
4. R. Noble McEwan of Eagle. Lovely head on this boy with nice dark eyes. Neck a little shorter set high on the shoulder. Nice sweep of stifle going into small hocks. Moved well.

Potomac Puppy Bitches. March 30-31, 2008

**6-9 Puppy Bitches.** This was an exceptional class. All these youngster are quality.

1. Starkeeper California Ierne. What a lovely puppy. Moved with grace, lovely angles with nice flow from neck to topline. Nice head and ear set.

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2. Connemara's Papa Don't Preach. Again, a lovely black puppy. Beautiful angles with lovely head and ear set. Not as much chest as #1. Moved well.

3. O'Lugh's Lady in Red. Another nice youngster. Lovely head, ears and dark eyes. Good mover. A little straighter topline than #1 and #2 but has a lot of growing yet.

4. Taliesin's Wylde Rum Runner. Nice angles front and rear with good croup. Again, a lovely puppy and free moving.

9-12 Puppy Bitches. Very nice class. A lot of well muscled girls.

1. Wolfhaven Caper of Aerie. A black female. Good neck flowing into a nice topline. Good bone with plenty of leg under her. Lovely croup. Would like to see a bit more angle in the rear but she still has a lot of maturing to do. Very elegant on the move.

2. Ierne's Stella Artois. Pretty head on this girl. Very similar to #1. Has a touch more angle in her rear and a steeper croup.

3. Glenreagh R. Noble of Eagle. Shorter in leg, long in body and topline a little flatter. Nice head and angles in the rear.

4. Karontara Devil May Care. Larger female than the others. Longer in body. Pretty head, nice type and moved well.

12-15 Bitches. All these girls are at an awkward stage right now.

1. Gladstone's Diamond In The Rough. Tall female. Long in body lacking chest at present, could come with maturity. Lovely head and expression. Moved well. Still has a lot of growing to do.

2. Mise Eire Niamh. Broader than #1. Very steep croup, looked higher in the rear right now. Would like to see more angles in the rear. Moved well.

3. Prairie Creek Abygael Ceilidh. Large wheaten female. Heavier boned than #1 and #2 with a broader chest. Would like to see more angles front and rear. A bit too heavy today.

4. Mise Eire Nuala. Sister to #2. Smaller female, nice type. Lovely head and ears. Moved well.

15-18 Bitches. This class was very close in type and quality and anyone could have taken first place.

1. Kellykerry Peony of Aerie. Litter sister to #2 and #3. Lovely bone on this girl and moved beautifully. Good angles front and rear. Lovely head with perfect ear carriage. A little higher in the rear today.

2. Kellykerry Isolde of Aerie. Taller than #1. Lovely type with good movement. Maybe a tad shorter in body.

3. Kellykerry Peggy Sue of Aerie. Big female with good angles both front and rear with nice low hocks. Pretty type, very balanced.

4. R. Noble Maggie McNeil. Again, lovely female, maybe a touch straighter back. Moved well despite hygromas on elbows.

**BEST IN SWEEPS.** #21 Erinwood Baritone - I loved this boy from the 9-12 month class. Big boy for his age but very together. Had lovely angles and nice strong neck flowing into a good topline. Moved with power for such a young guy. I look forward to seeing how he matures.

**BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX.** #70 Kellykerry Peony of Aerie - Lovely black female who moved with elegance. Good bone and very feminine. It was a pleasure to watch her move around the ring. Again, I will look forward to seeing her mature.

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## **2008 PVIWC Conformation Judge, Ms. Sue Cole, Critique of the Conformation Placements.**

It was a great thrill to be invited to judge the PVIWC 2008 Specialty in the lovely surroundings of the Quiet Waters Park. My thanks go to the hardworking Officers and Committee of the Club for extending the invitation and also to Mary O'Malley who acted as my chauffeur and guide for the weekend and who looked after me royally. I mustn't forget grateful thanks to Peter van Brunt who patiently kept me on the right track throughout proceedings.

I am indebted to the exhibitors who accepted my decisions in the most sporting fashion. I enjoyed myself enormously and it was an honor to be presented with such a lovely entry so deep in quality. I particularly enjoyed the frequent Wolfhound 'serenade' so in evidence on the Monday!

My overall impression was of lots of lovely heads with beautifully rosed ears on well proportioned hounds. Coats were mostly very good as were bites. Some hounds could carry more muscle tone to help improve movement which was generally very good in profile but a great many hounds were untidy on the up and back. For me, the bitches had the edge on the males. I was disappointed in some of the bites in the older males where teeth were quite worn down. This didn't seem to be such a problem with the bitches. Flying tails also spoilt a few otherwise good looking hounds. Temperaments were universally wonderful with no really shy hounds.

The Veteran classes especially delighted me and it was just a joy to have had the opportunity to go over so many quality hounds.

### **DOGS**

#### **PUPPY 6-9 MONTHS**

1<sup>st</sup> TALIESIN'S WHEATEN WYNCHER. An eye-catching youngster, very well boned throughout with an excellent head and neat ears. Stands on tidy feet and is well constructed fore and aft. Just needs to widen through which will come with maturity. His reachy profile movement won him the class.

2<sup>nd</sup> GELERT O'SULLIVAN. Raw, rangy youngster who was very steady on the move, extending well in profile and neat coming and going. Has balanced angulation but could benefit from a little more width through the stifles.

3<sup>rd</sup> CASTLEMAINE INFINITY. Substantial puppy, very well off for bone and has good front and rear assemblies. Little bit short in rib and a touch steep over the croup. Not quite so scopey on the move.

4<sup>th</sup> TALIESIN'S WYNSONG OF ELDAMAR. Well proportioned puppy with excellent bone and a pleasing head. Nice tightly rosed ears and a coat of good texture. Would have placed higher but just seemed to be dropping slightly on a hind leg on the day.

#### **9-12 MONTHS**

1<sup>st</sup> ERINWOOD BARITONE. Just 10 months and a really lovely type. Handsome, well furnished head, good bite. Good straight limbs and neat feet. Has a well laid shoulder and layback of upper arm, flowing top and underlines into well angulated rear quarters. Extensive profile movement and tidy on the up and back.

2<sup>nd</sup> WOLFHAVEN AINT NO FOOL TO O'LUGH. Appealing black presenting a good outline. Has a well set front and good width through the rear. Coat of good texture and he moved out easily and tidily despite his front being hampered by bursas.

3<sup>rd</sup> CARRICKANEENA AN FIRIC ARIS. Headstrong youngster who needs to gain in confidence. A real handful for his handler on the move. Has a pleasing head and a good strong, long neck into decent front angulation. Powerful rear but needs to learn control.

4<sup>th</sup> WOLFHAVEN CALORIEN FOU NOIR. Nice steady youngster who is well proportioned with a lovely head and tight ears. Not overdone in angulation but used himself well on the move.

## **12-18 MONTHS**

1<sup>st</sup> KELLYKERRY EMMIT OF AERIE. A real stunner who took my eye the minute he came into the ring. Of very pleasing type and full of quality. Pleasing head with a long strong neck down into a good lay of shoulder and good return of upper arm. Substantial in body, very well off for bone, straight limbs and neat feet. Has flowing top and underlines and carries his ribbing well back. Lots of width through the rearquarters and drives off low hocks. Moved out with reach and drive in profile and was neat coming and going.

2<sup>nd</sup> KELLYKERRY COOPER OF AERIE. A tall, substantial hound. Appealing well furnished head although his ears could be carried a little tighter. Has a good length of body and is well angulated fore and aft. Just a touch out of coat at present. Was very steady on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> BRENNIAMS DUBLIN DREAMER. Pleasing well proportioned head with a kind expression. Lovely strong crested neck into a reasonable forehand assembly, just lacking infill of chest at present. Long straight limbs although his feet could be a little tighter. Nice harsh coat and showed extensive profile movement.

4<sup>th</sup> BLACKWATER TEXAS BONFIRE. Another appealing head with good long neck and a fair set front. Balanced angulation either end, presented a good outline in profile and moved out steadily.

## **NOVICE**

1<sup>st</sup> GATSBY OF AERIE. Huge light grey dog of very good type. Really commands your attention, presenting a lovely flowing outline. Has a beautiful head and kind expression and neatly rosed ears. Long neck into well set front and has a correspondingly well angulated rear. Could do with carrying a touch more width throughout. Nicely flowing topline into broad hips and has good width through the hock. On the move was tidy and steady and light on his feet for such a big dog.

2<sup>nd</sup> CRIONNACHT CARRICKANEENA WYSE, JC. A different type of dog who was very eye catching on the move. A touch plainer in head and a little light in eye, neat ears. Well boned throughout and not overdone in any way. Has a pleasing infill of chest and nicely sweeping top and underlines. Presented in hard condition with an excellent coat.

3<sup>rd</sup> GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER VICTORY. Another lovely typey hound with a beautiful, well furnished and proportioned head and neat ears. Has a good length of neck into reasonable lay of shoulder and upper arm. Topline flows nicely over the loin and into a good croup. Not overangulated in any way but uses himself very well on the move showing good extension and tidy limbs coming and going.

4<sup>th</sup> TALIESIN'S WATHER. Looks well on the stand with a nicely flowing outline. Kind expression and lovely tight ears. Has a reasonably set front but lacks forechest. Stands on neat feet and exhibited a nice easy movement.

## **BRED BY EXHIBITOR**

1<sup>ST</sup> GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER ARMAGH. Being a handful for his handler but a nicely balanced hound. Pleasing head planes and a good flowing outline. Well set front with correct top and underlines. Has good width and angulation through the rear although tending to sink into his rear a little. Was extensive on the move with tidy limbs coming and going.

2<sup>nd</sup> R NOBLE MCEWAN OF EAGLE. Not quite so well balanced as 1 needing just a little more leg length. Of pleasing type with lovely head and expression, ears could be a touch tighter. A little upright in front assembly but has a well filled chest. Plenty of width through hip and hock and a coat of good texture. Moved out easily but just tended to wing on his front left coming towards.

3<sup>rd</sup> TALIESIN'S WALERON. What a nice chap, showing himself off beautifully. Has an appealing head, good ears and a lovely harsh coat. Balanced angulation either end enabled him to move easily round the ring and he was very tidy on the up and back.

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4<sup>th</sup> CALYDDON PENDRAGON. Nice type with long bones everywhere. A little plainer in head and ears could be tighter. Has good front angulation and decent length of body but fell away a little over the croup. Extended on the move and was steady.

### **AMERICAN BRED DOGS**

1<sup>ST</sup> STARKEEPER MCENROE OF LIMERICK. Wheaten dog of really pleasing proportions. Lovely head although would prefer better planes. Neatly rosed ears. Strongly crested neck into well set front. Nicely flowing topline down over good croup. Has lovely long bones and stands on tidy feet. Good width and angulation through the rearquarters and well muscled throughout. Crisp, harsh coat and he moved out effortlessly in all directions.

2<sup>nd</sup> ARMAGH'S FAOLAN BUSTER O'ROS. Well balanced dog with a pleasing head, ears could be a little tidier. Has reasonable angulation both fore and aft and a decent length of body. Touch steep over the croup. Not exaggerated in any way and moved out easily.

3<sup>rd</sup> CALYDDON LIAM OF THOR. A tidy black brindle with a lovely head and dark eye. Good limbs and tight feet. Not over angulated but has sufficient to enable him to move well enough. Good strong topline and presented in hard condition.

4<sup>th</sup> ANTARA BRAVE HEART OF BRANDYWHINE. Very tall eye-catching dog. Has a beautiful head and expression and well held ears. Front assembly is well put together. Would just prefer a stronger topline as he tends to fall away over the croup. Has a nicely angled rear and moved well in profile and on the up and back.

### **OPEN**

1<sup>ST</sup> WOLFHAVEN HEARTSIDE DAN AERIE. A lovely hound full of breed type. Of good size and proportions with a super head and kind expression, beautifully rosed ears. Has flowing lines everywhere with a long neck and gently curving topline. Well off for bone and has a nicely laid shoulder and set of upper arm which corresponds with his well angled rear quarters. Well ribbed back and with good width over the pelvis. A very nice hound who was doing his best to be unco-operative with his handler.

2<sup>nd</sup> BER-D-MAR CLASSIC CRUISER. Appealing head and a gentle look, his ears could be a little more tightly held. Lovely crested neck over a fair set of shoulder and decent lay of upper arm. His topline is a little too arched over the loin and his rump rather rounded. Very nice on the move, striding out with an easy action.

3<sup>rd</sup> TALIESIN'S LASANTA DRAGON. Very appealing hound with a pleasing head although his muzzle could be a touch longer for better balance, nicely rosed ears. Has an excellent coat and his quarters are well angulated but not exaggerated in any way. Very happy with himself and strode out well.

4<sup>th</sup> ROSSLARE'S DUBHGHAILL O'BELTANE. Not quite the headpiece of those ahead of him and his ears could be higher set. Has balanced angulation in his forehand and rear quarters and pleasing top and underlines. Tending to overstretch himself on the stand but exhibited an easy active stride on the move.

### **BITCHES**

#### **PUPPY 6-9 MONTHS**

1<sup>st</sup> TALIESIN'S WYLDE RUM RUNNER. What a little star – a really beautiful youngster just 8 months. Nice head with good length of muzzle, eyes could be a touch darker though. Holds her well set ears beautifully. Good length of strong crested neck into well laid shoulder and corresponding lay of upper arm. Strong straight well boned limbs and very neat feet. Lovely flowing topline gently arching over the loin and correctly sloping over the croup. Has width through the stifle and hock and nice length of bone. Really excelled on the move and made her poor handler work very hard. I loved her.

2<sup>nd</sup> CONNEMARA'S PAPA DON'T PREACH. Very glamorous dark brindle youngster with the loveliest of heads and kind expression with plenty of furnishings. Tightly held ears and strong neck into well set front. Plenty of bone. Top and underlines flow nicely and she has good width through the pelvis and stifle. Moved out steadily and easily and was true coming and going.

**3<sup>rd</sup> STARKEEPER CALIFORNIA IERNE.** Very steady girl with a lovely outline. The prettiest of heads and a long strong neck into decent front assembly. Has good width through and carries her ribbing well back. Nice width across the pelvis and through the stifle. Moved out on a long stride. Would just like another inch on her legs to balance her.

4<sup>th</sup> O'LUGH'S LADY IN RED. Has a pleasing head with good length of muzzle and dark eye. Unexaggerated in any way with a good length of ribbing and gently sloping croup. Very light on her feet and in good coat.

### **9-12 MONTHS**

1<sup>st</sup> ERINWOOD DULCIMER AT BLAIR. Appealing raw and rangy brindle. Has good type and was eye catching on the move. Has good bone under the hands and a pretty, kind head with a nice dark eye and tightly rosed ears. Longer bodied but is well angulated fore and aft with strong top and underlines. One who really uses her hocks to drive off.

2<sup>nd</sup> TEMAIR LIMERICK OF EAGLE. Lovely red youngster with a well proportioned head, nicely furnished and with a gentle expression. Nice long bones everywhere. Standing on straight limbs and tight feet. Presents a pleasing clean outline. Close up to the winner.

3<sup>rd</sup> GLENREAGH R NOBLE OF EAGLE. Presented a pleasing outline although a little more length of leg would complete the picture. Yet another with a pleasing head and kind look and a happy nature. Good flow from her neck along her topline and over the croup with great width throughout. Steady mover.

4<sup>th</sup> IERNE'S STELLA ARTOIS. Gorgeous head on this young lady. Has a nicely set front and rear and strong gently curved topline. Bit steep in shoulder at present and her feet could be neater. Has nice width through her hocks and used them well on the move to stride out extensively.

### **12-18 MONTHS**

1<sup>st</sup> BRENNIAMS ROTHERWOOD ROSE. This youngster was really nice to go over and was very easy and true on the move in all directions. Stacked she presented a very nice outline with a pretty head and dark eye. Long strong neck flowed into a well constructed front with forechest. Well off for bone and tidy feet. Slightly heavy on the underline but a gently sloping croup. She wasn't being terribly co-operative with her handler but her place was won as she was the soundest mover in the class, which was generally disappointing for movement on the up and back.

2<sup>nd</sup> KELLYKERRY PEGGY SUE OF AERIE. Another really nicely put together youngster who was very close up to first place but who was looking rather hocky going away. Presented a beautiful outline on the stack, all flowing curves. Good head planes, tight ears and well boned with neat feet. Well ribbed back and showing smooth lines everywhere. Plenty of width and angulation through her rear quarters.

3<sup>rd</sup> KELLYKERRY ISOLDE OF AERIE. Typey dark grey. Slightly masculine in head but strongly built throughout with an excellent harsh coat. Not overangulated in any way but an easy mover and tidy on the up and back.

4<sup>th</sup> MISE EIRE NIAMH. No exaggerations on this girl. Has a very sweet head and pleasing neck into a slightly upright forehand. Good coat texture, moved out easily and was true coming and going.

### **NOVICE**

1<sup>st</sup> GIBRALTAR OF AERIE. What a lovely girl with a very pleasing head with correct planes. Eye colour suits her colouring and she holds her ears neatly. Pleasing over the forehand with well angled shoulder and upper arm and a good forechest. Lovely tight feet. Has a very strong neck and gentle flow to the topline, although she does tend to sag into her well angulated rear end. Light and easy mover.

2<sup>nd</sup> KELLYKERRY PEONY OF AERIE. A nice youngster but plainer in head and rather fidgety on the day. Had a good outline but would prefer a better forehand assembly as she is a little short in upper arm. Stands on good bone and



neat feet. Topline has a gentle rise over the loin and her rearquarters are well angulated with good length of second thigh. Profile movement was good but her slightly shorter upper arm restricts her forward reach.

3<sup>rd</sup> CALYDDON MALEDYSAUNTE. Of good size and nice type. Has a lovely dark eye and strong neck into well placed front. Presents nice clean outline with good tuck-up and gentle slope to her croup. Needs more bend of stifle but she used herself well on the move.

4<sup>th</sup> CUGEAROIDIN ETAIN. Pretty black bitch doing her best to throw it away. Nice head with tight ears and moderately angled fore and aft. Showed that she could move out really well in profile.

### **BRED BY EXHIBITOR**

1<sup>ST</sup> BIG HILL JUST JENNI. Substantial light grey brindle with a very nicely proportioned head and beautifully rosed ears. Strong well arched neck down into a fair shoulder. Well off for bone but her feet could be neater. Strong topline, looking a shade heavy in underline. Plenty of width over her rear and through hocks. Moved out effortlessly and powerfully.

2<sup>ND</sup> FC CARRICKANEENA CRIONNACHT DARCY SC. Very well presented with a pleasing head although a slightly lighter eye. Long neck into decent lay of shoulder and set of upper arm, lacks forechest. Her rear quarters compliment her front assembly and she uses her attributes to great effect on the move particularly in profile. Slightly close coming and going.

3<sup>rd</sup> GUFFAW OF AERIE. Attractive head and kind expression with a strong, long neck flowing into a well placed shoulder and good layback of upper arm. Has great depth of chest and carries her ribbing well back into well angulated rear. Just lacking a bit of sparkle on the move.

4<sup>th</sup> WILDISLE SPICEMATE KEEPER JILL. More heavily built girl with a good head. Ears slightly larger but carried well. Powerfully built all through with great width of body and rather rounded over the croup. Pleasing angulation fore and aft but just not pushing off her hocks so well.

### **AMERICAN BRED**

1<sup>ST</sup> GARLOW NEESHA OF EAGLE. This bitch was the best all round in terms of conformation and movement in this class. There is nothing particularly flashy about her, she's a good honest hound. A very sweet head, pleasing eye and excellent tight ears. Has a very well set front with good forechest. Well boned, straight limbed and has tidy feet. Nicely crested neck flowing smoothly into her topline which rose gently over the loin. Rear angulation not overdone in any way and she was sound and true in all directions on the move. This put her ahead of some other nice hounds in this class who failed on the up and back, exhibiting winging, paddling and close hocks.

2<sup>nd</sup> BER-D-MAR IRISH ROSIE MOSS. A tall bitch, very nice for type. Good head, well set and held ears. A little upright in front and lacks forechest. Strong over the topline which flowed into nicely angulated rear quarters. Lovely length of bone everywhere. Is well ribbed but slightly longer in loin. Great breadth over the hip. Sound if a little lazy on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> GORDON OF AERIE. Beautiful head, good length of muzzle and well furnished. Decent length of neck into good forehand. Lacking a little forechest. Strongly boned and has correct topline and tuckup. Carries ribs well back and slopes gently over croup into moderately angled rear. Steady on the move in all directions. Would just prefer a touch more width throughout.

4<sup>th</sup> LIMERICK HANNAH SYLVERWOLF JC. Very tall bitch possessing flowing lines. Is nicely angulated in front and rear and has a good strong neck. Deep chested and coat of good texture. Movement was sound but rather sluggish.

### **OPEN**

1<sup>st</sup> PITLOCHRY'S ENTRY. A lovely bitch and the more she showed the better she became. Really appealing head with good eye and kind expression. Has nice long bones everywhere. Long, crested neck into very well set front. Well

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ribbed back and strong over her topline and nicely tucked up. Has plenty of width through her hindquarters and really used these to power round the ring on a long stride. Very true in all directions.

2<sup>nd</sup> BIG HILL DO IT TODAY. More substantial in body and I liked her power and balance. Attractive head but ears could be better held. Plenty of bone and neat feet. Deep chested and carries her ribbing well back into strong loin. Nicely angled croup and has great width throughout. Extensive profile movement and tidy coming towards, just a little close going away.

3<sup>rd</sup> CARRICKANEENA SLIEVENAMON. Impressive moving bitch, lovely head and curves in all the right places. Well laid shoulder and upper arm with corresponding rear angulation. Topline rises gently over loin and she has a good spring of rib. Really powerful mover and I would just like a little more length of leg to better balance her.

4<sup>th</sup> CASTLEMAINE'S ADELLE. Very sweet bitch who was tidy in all directions. Pretty head and a lovely arched neck flowing into good topline. Stands on tidy feet and straight limbs. Just a little steep over the croup. Has a nice harsh coat and moved out with reach and drive.

**VETERAN DOGS - It is always a great delight to judge the Veterans and this occasion was no different. A trio of really lovely hounds, each one a credit to their owners and breeders.**

1<sup>ST</sup> CARRICKANEENA'S BRO' TIM. It was impossible not to fall for this boy who, at the age of nearly 10, was prepared to give it his all in the ring for his owner and handler. An absolutely charming gentleman full of breed type with the most wonderful head and kindest expression. Constructionally he is well angulated both fore and aft and has a coat of correct texture. Still nice and true in his movement, a real credit to himself, his owner and breeder. (See Page 12)

2<sup>nd</sup> CH. BLAIR'S INCANTATION. A dog full of quality and defying his veteran status. At 6 years still well able to show the youngsters a clean pair of heels round the ring. Appealing head and expression with well set and carried ears. Well laid shoulder and return of upper arm, ribbing carried well back into strong loin and nicely angled croup with width and power through his hindquarters. A very nice hound.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH. KARONTARA STARKEEPER DYLAN. Another quality 6 yr old. Has a super head, nice long muzzle and tidy ears. Well constructed front with a well set shoulder and upper arm. Good length of body into nicely angulated rear with low hocks which enabled him to move out easily and freely.

A trio of really lovely hounds.

**VETERAN BITCHES - Wow, what a class!! These bitches took my breath away for sheer depth of quality, an absolute credit to the breed.**

1<sup>st</sup> CH. GIGGLES AERIE OF EAGLE. At nearly 7 years absolutely teeming with breed type with the most exquisite head and expression. Long, strong well arched neck flowing over a smooth layback of shoulder and showing just a flow of curves over her topline right down to her tail. Well set upper arm, straight in limb and standing over plenty of ground. Deep chest and ribbing carried well back. Good width through her pelvis and first and second thighs and nice low hocks. Lovely harsh coat. Really extended on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> CAN.AM.CH. KELLAMORE STARKEEPER MAJORA CGN. Very pretty 7 ½ years old light grey bitch. Nicely rosed ears and stands on tidy feet. Well ribbed back into correct loin and nice flare to pelvis. Low hocks, moved out extensively but just tending to pin in slightly coming towards.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH. CARRICKANEENA TREISE SC. Really nice bitch for type, just coming up to 7 years. Dark eyes in a nicely proportioned head with the tightest of ears. Well put together with long limbs and straight bone. Impressive on the move really powering round the ring.

4<sup>th</sup> RYSHERON'S SIOBHAN. Presented a good outline, well proportioned and nicely angulated. Sweet head and strong in top and underlines, just a little rounded over the croup. Moved out steadily.

**BEST OF BREED** It was an absolute delight to judge Best of Breed with so many champions of great quality in the ring, but also quite a headache!

**BEST OF BREED/BEST OF WINNERS – KELLYKERRY EMMIT OF AERIE**

Just couldn't get past this youngster today. He possesses so much quality and breed type. Was delighted to discover he had made up on the day, very well deserved and I'm sure he has a very bright future ahead of him.

**BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX – CH. GIGGLES AERIE OF EAGLE**

Lovely bitch, wonderful type and still showing the youngsters how it's done at the age of 7 years.

**AWARD OF MERIT – CH. DUN MYRICA SPEAKER OF EAGLE.** Imposing hound of good size and substance. Strong masculine head, well proportioned, dark eye and neat ears. Powerful neck into strong topline and well let down rear. Would prefer a better layback of upper arm but nevertheless a dog of super type and certainly looking as if he could do a good day's work.

**AWARD OF MERIT – CH. STARKEEPER GLENAMADDA REALTAN.** Has a pleasing well furnished head and a good length of neck into powerfully constructed forehead. Strong over the topline, good depth of body, nicely tucked up into a well angulated rear. Nice low hocks and moved out really well.

**STUD DOG**

1<sup>ST</sup> CH. PITLOCHRY'S QUINTUS. A hound who is obviously proving his worth as a stud dog producing progeny of wonderful type. Lovely, well furnished heads and full of quality, possessing size and substance and powerful reachy movement.

**BROOD BITCH**

1<sup>ST</sup> CH. GIGGLES AERIE OF EAGLE. A quality bitch from the same owners as the stud dog winner. Again of beautiful type and passing her qualities down to her offspring who are very typey with lovely easy movement.

2<sup>ND</sup> CH. LIMERICK LEA OF EAGLE. Another nice line up of bitch and progeny possessing similar qualities to the winner. Just preferred the winner for type.

**BRACE**

1<sup>ST</sup> CRIONNACHT CARRICKANEENA DALY JC/CRIONNACHT CARRICKANEENA LYONS JC. A very well matched pair, even down to the flashes on their chests, who moved as one with their owner.

2<sup>nd</sup> CH. STARKEEPER GLENAMADDA REALTAN/CAN.AM CH. KELLAMORE STARKEEPER MAJORA CGN. Two really lovely bitches, just not quite as well matched as the winners.

**BEST PUPPY** – TALIESIN'S WYLDE RUM RUNNER. Loved this youngster, so well put together and powerful on the move, am sure she must have a promising show career ahead of her.

**BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR** – N/A

**BEST HEAD** – CH. WILDISLE CASTLEKEEPER QUEST. Strong masculine head with good length of muzzle and strong jaw. Well pigmented and that kind, gentle expression so typical of the breed. Neatly held ears completed the picture.

Sue Cole  
(Judge)

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# IT IS TIME TO BRAG

## CARRICKANEENA'S BRO' TIM

Sue Cole's critique of Anne's Timmy... "It was impossible not to fall for this boy who, at the age of nearly 10, was prepared to give it his all in the ring for his owner and handler. An absolutely charming gentleman full of breed type with the most wonderful head and kindest expression. Constructionally he is well angulated both fore and aft and has a coat of correct texture. Still nice and true in his movement, a real credit to himself, his owner and breeder."



To the left is Anne's Timmy making his way heroically around the ring as a 10 year old veteran. He is proving the adage "You are only as old as you feel" On the second day of our 2008 Specialty, this veteran took first place in the Veteran Dog class and enjoyed every minute. To his breeders, I say Thank You for what you do for this breed!



## CERRIDWEN'S Boasts

The Morfit's little puppy #2 that went to Jackie Carswell and Patty Newgard down in beautiful southern GA. Cerridwen has been showing under handler Dawn Wiseman-Adams, Agent since Jackie, Ronnie (aka the handsome husband), and Patty have been busy with two litters on the ground in late January. Cerridwen is home now that the puppies have had their shots but before she returned, she had some great show results.

- March 8 Hilton Head SC KC WB/BOB/Group 4 (She beat both Garbo Of Eagle (IWH BOB Westminster & Uno Beagle BIS Westminster)
- March 9 Hilton Head SC KC WB/BOB/Group 2 (Again, she left Uno standing)
- March 22 Raleigh NC KC WB/BOW/BOB, 4 pt. Major under Judge Betty Anne-Stenmark

Best of luck to you Cerridwen. Enjoy your well-earned vacation with Jackie & Patty. Thanks Dawn.



Jackie Carswell & Cerridwen in the ring, 2007. You Go Girls!

I have two IW puppy bitches that live with me. Here is my story: Mor Derry War Eagle of Elkhorn (aka Cygnus) and her littermate, Myst Meadows of Elkhorn, have been busy young girls this Spring. The two first experienced the show ring at IWADV October 2007. Cygnus placed in Sweepstakes while Myst placed in Conformation. They enjoyed the Winter break and entered the ring again in Fredericksburg April 2008. Cygnus earned some points from Novice class under her handler, Jay Kistler (also a novice but he takes really good care of me) and Myst took a RWB one day. Well, that was April and in May, those two puppies entered the Mattaponi KC show. Cygnus, once again found Jay on the other end of the lead and decided to give him one wild ride in the ring on that day. Under Judge Ms. Katie Gammill, Cygnus took WB and BoB for a 3 point major. Jay was truly pleased that day and called everybody in the phone book. As May came closing in, Cyggy and Myst jumped into the vehicle and hauled them to the Charlottesville-Albemarle KC show, to share the day with friends and hounds. Right. Myst earned her first points on Saturday, May 31st (picture at right) and her sister, Cyggy, took WB and BoW on Sunday, June 1st. A successful weekend was wrapped up by opening a bottle of wine bought when the litter was 4 months old..."The Black Dog" bottle purchased for Myst when she pointed and a bottle of "The Smoking Loon" for Cygnus each time she points. We are stocking up for continued the celebrations.

Written by: Dr. Rocco A. Spanelli (photo at immediate right)



Photo by Jay Kistler



## Her pedigree chums

Submitted from Van Morfit, Article Written By EMMA COWING

It's the first day of Crufts 2008, the world's biggest celebration of puppy love. Joining the competition this year will be Ann Macaulay and three of her 17 Irish wolfhounds. "I haven't taken a holiday in 20 years," says Ann Macaulay cheerfully, bending down to give her enormous Irish wolfhound Alfie a cuddle. "But I don't care really. It might be a hobby, but it's a serious hobby." Alfie gazes back at her adoringly, his tongue lolling, while in the background several other wolfhounds pant contentedly as if in agreement.

Welcome to the world of the show dog. Macaulay is one of Scotland's most successful dog handlers, and veteran of a scene that draws both fascination and ridicule from anyone who's ever seen a Pedigree Chum advert. From her kennels at Gartlove in Clackmannanshire she shows Irish wolfhounds across the country, sometimes traveling to as many as 14 dog shows in a year.

She also breeds these famously giant and gentle dogs, keeping a winning formula – which has seen the kennels win Crufts Best In Breed, the Scottish Kennel Club's Best In Show and Top Irish wolfhound Breeder of the Year – well and truly in the doggy family.

Alfie – or Gartlove Graffiti as he is known on the show circuit – is, Macaulay hopes, a future champion. Aged two and still maturing, he is one of three dogs she will be entering into this year's Crufts which begins, amid much barking excitement. Crufts is the biggie. Officially sanctioned by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest dog show, it is the time when serious dog breeders from across the UK – and increasingly abroad – strut their stuff, battling it out for the big titles: Best in Breed, Best in Group and the ultimate accolade (and often the winner of that Pedigree Chum contract), Best in Show.

For Macaulay, as with most dog handlers, much of the previous year's work are tested in an arena where dogs are judged on appearance, behavior, posture, agility, even the shape of their hind legs.

"There's an awful lot to do in the run-up to it, particularly with grooming," she says, walking around the large kennel complex where she and her husband, James, keep a total of 17 Irish wolfhounds, ranging from 12-week-old puppies to seven-year-old veterans. "It's not as bad with wolfhounds as it would be with a longhaired toy breed, or a poodle, say, but there's still a certain amount of trimming to be done."

Inside Macaulay's home, a farmhouse she shares with James, there is evidence of their passion everywhere. On the dining table are copies of Dog World and the Crufts newsletter, while piles of books on caring for Irish wolfhounds teeter on every surface. Hanging on the wall is a framed history of the kennel pedigree, and next to the TV sits a collection of DVDs showing footage of various shows they have entered over the years. In fact the only thing you won't find in the house is dogs.

"We keep them outside," she says. "They've got kennels and they're comfortable and, apart from anything else, it's healthier for them."

Macaulay, along with many dog show handlers, lives and breathes her hobby. Along with the fact that she and her husband have never managed to take a holiday in the 20 years that she's been keeping them, she will routinely stay awake – with only the briefest of naps – for almost three weeks when one of her bitches gives birth, in order to hand-rear the puppies (Irish wolfhounds are so huge there's a genuine danger that the mother may put a paw in the wrong place and squash one of her newborns). The dogwalking alone, meanwhile, takes between four and five hours every day. "You have to make sacrifices," she says simply.

Macaulay says she's always had a passion for Irish wolfhounds, ever since she first came across one at the age of two. "I'd been out with my parents and we were in this shop – and I just disappeared. I don't remember it, but apparently they found me sitting in the back with this Irish Wolfhound, my arms wrapped round it."

It's a love affair that has grown over the years. She acquired her first wolfhound 20 years ago, despite the protests of her husband, who wasn't keen on their enormous size.

While it was originally a family pet, she found herself taking the animal to dog shows.

"He wasn't particularly good and didn't win anything, but I learned a lot about what you should look for in a dog, just by going to these shows and seeing what was out there. The next dog I got started to win when I took him to shows and I got addicted to the buzz of it all."

Macaulay's biggest winner so far has been Gartlove Galenkelso – known around the kennels as Kelso – who trotted away with the Best In Breed at Crufts in 2005, and won the reserve a year later. He also won Best In Show at the Scottish Kennel Club in 2005, a rarity for any hound, never mind an Irish wolfhound, which, as a giant breed, doesn't appeal to everyone's taste. "They're big dogs. We all have our own preferences when it comes to breeds," she says. "They're the tallest breed in the world and they do take a lot of work. But they're so gentle as well." The Macaulays have a particular preference when it comes to Irish wolfhounds, favouring a strong, robust-looking dog. That way it will, she assures me, "never be confused with a Scottish deerhound", although the dogs are so big – more than six feet tall on their hind legs – that they're more likely to be mistaken for a full-grown deer.

"You've got to remember that these dogs were originally bred for hunting wolves," she says. "So even though they don't have to do that these days, you should still be breeding them so that they could."

Owing to the high quality of the dogs she's bred, the Gartlove puppies are much in demand, as are their stud dogs. It's an enterprise they supplement with a boarding kennels, also on site, so that the business of dogs is well and truly a 24-hour one.

On Saturday, when she and her husband pack up their specially adapted Transit van with the three dogs they're taking to Crufts to compete in Sunday's Hounds group classes, family members will come in to look after the rest of them.

So what will she be looking forward to most when they arrive in Birmingham? "Well, it really just is special," she says. "It's the biggest show in the world and there are always lots of people you know there. It's a good opportunity to make contacts, get to know other breeders."

What is it like when the dog and owner get in the ring? Macaulay's eyes light up. "There's something special about that atmosphere," she says. "Particularly if you win your particular class and go on to the Best In Breed. It's just electric. It's so exciting. There's a lot of waiting about, though, and that's when I get nervous. I start panicking and get the jitters, but when I get out in the ring it all goes and I feel this great calm."

We go back outside where Alfie and his two fellow Crufts entrants, Allie – show name Gartlove Gartrallie, and Evie – Gartlove Geneva – are waiting for a run around the field across the road. Allie and Evie are also young – only Allie will be entered in the Limit class, the first of the two classes for, as Macaulay puts it, "the big boys" (the other is the Open class) – so the pressure's off for the Macaulays in terms of any big-ticket wins this year.

"We're really just going to have fun and enjoy ourselves," she says. "None of them are going to walk away with any big prizes this year, so in a way we feel we can relax a bit."

These three and some of the younger pups in the kennels all have star potential, however: after the retirement of their top champion Kelso – who lopez around the yard like an elderly statesman – there are several of his sires for whom the couple have high hopes.

Out in the field, Macaulay lets the three dogs off their leashes and watches as they zoom off at high speed, their great size contrasting with their elegant gait – it's as if they're prancing, rather than charging.

"To me this is what it's really all about," her husband James tells me as we watch the wolfhounds bounding around the field. "Even more than when they're in the ring, it's when they're running around in the countryside like this, plunging into the forest or the ditches, that you get the most pleasure out of them. And they enjoy it too, of course."

Just before we leave, Alfie jumps up on Macaulay, his enormous paws resting gracefully on her shoulders, tongue lolling out, and his snout a full head above her. "Good dog," she says with a delighted laugh, giving him a pat on his head. Indeed, it's not a bad dog's life.

#### CRUFTS: A History

- Crufts was named after its founder, Charles Cruft, a traveling salesman and dog-show organizer
- The first Crufts took place in 1886 and was known as the First Great Terrier Show. It had 57 classes and 600 entries.

- The show changed its name to Crufts in 1891 and was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, north London.
- The shows were run by Cruft and, after his death, his wife, until 1942 when it was sold to the Kennel Club. The first Kennel Club-run Crufts took place in 1948 at Olympia, west London.
- The show was moved to Earls Court in London in 1979 to accommodate increasing numbers. In 1987 it was extended from three to four days.

25,546 dogs competed at Crufts 2008, 1,165 of which will come from overseas. A total of 191 breeds were entered. The most popular breed at Crufts is the golden retriever, with 628 being entered this year. The least popular is the Hungarian kuvasz, with only one being entered.

The cocker spaniel is the most successful breed at Crufts, with seven having won the ultimate title of Best In Show. Random coat-testing was enforced at this year's Crufts, in order to check that no substance that alters the colour, texture or body of a dog's coat had been used.

During Crufts, black cabs in Birmingham are happy to take dogs in their back seats will display special stickers, and Travelodge motels will provide special "pooch beds".



### **ASK THE EXPERTS (Submitted by Jodie Jeweler)**

Question: Have you heard about the “new” strain of Kennel cough? Our breeder just lost a bitch to it.

Answer- Rachel Peeples, DVM: Kennel cough is actually a Category of disease not one specific disease. It is the same disease syndrome as occurs in all mammals where an upper respiratory infection/inflammation leads to secondary bronchitis and tertiary pneumonia. ANY virus or bacteria capable of infecting the respiratory tract can cause symptoms consistent with "kennel cough." Kennel cough can start with allergies/inflammation of the upper airways or more frequently as a viral infection. There are multiple viruses that can be the culprits (much as in people) alone or in any combination. And similarly there are MANY bacteria (pretty much any bacteria) that can cause the secondary infection. Bordetella bronchiseptica (the bacteria in the kennel cough "vaccine") is the MOST common secondary bacterial agent but bacteria ranging from staph to E coli to Pasteurella to Brucella have all been identified as infecting agents in cases of kennel cough.

With the exception of the influenza virus that crossed over into the canine population to my knowledge there has been no "new" infectious agents of the canine respiratory tract identified. So to my knowledge there is no "new" forms of kennel cough. That said, it is certainly possible (just like with the "flu" bug in people) that there is a more aggressive strain of one of the common canine viruses or a particularly aggressive bacteria that has become more numerous in a given environment leading to a more aggressive infections in dogs in that area(s).

I do know there is a story (which I have not had a chance to confirm) of a "strep" bacteria causing very severe kennel cough in dogs. This is not the first time this has happened so in that sense it is not "new" but it is different than the typical or traditional "kennel cough."  
Rachel



### **BOOK REVIEWS (By Jodie Jeweler)**

“Dragon” by Julie Andrews Edwards and Emma Walton Hamilton. While Dragon is a children’s book- aimed at 4-8th grades- it is certainly engaging and well written enough to be enjoyed by adults. The tale of young Thierry, a ward of the Count of Montargis, and how he helps solve the murder of his friend, knight Aubrey de Montdidier, with the help of Aubrey’s faithful Wolfhound, Dragon, is lush with details and intrigue. Some may find the behavior or descriptions of Dragon a bit lacking; I personally found them to be rather accurate. Fun for everyone.

The “Nuala Ann” series (Irish Gold is the first book) by Andrew Greeley. The series follows the adventures of Nuala Ann McGrail, fey Irish-born musician, and her husband, Chicago-born Dermot Coyne, as they solve mysteries and raise their family, which includes 2 “snow white” Irish Wolfhounds. Each book pairs an historic mystery with a contemporary one, both of which Nuala and Dermot must solve. The antics of the hounds are usually believable and always enjoyable. Be sure to read the series in order!



Also by Greeley is “the Magic Cup” which is a somewhat disjointed retelling of the Holy Grail legend, set in ancient Ireland. Best read for the behavior of Podraig, the faithful IW. This one seems to have gotten the hound absolutely spot on.

### **An Article from Jodie Jeweler.**

After Limerick was therapy certified, someone from CDTC contacted me to see if I could help a friend of a friend by providing a Demo dog for some free classes she was giving in Montgomery county, and provide Limerick. They specifically wanted a really big dog, and they knew he was safe, steady and big. I was thrilled to say yes.

Then, 2 weeks before the 2nd seminar, one I knew Limerick would really enjoy, he badly sprained his Achilles tendon & was on “bed” rest for 3 weeks. I contacted Colleen, the presenter & asked if Dylan would work. she said fine, so on may 17, Dylan and I went to the Potomac Community Center for a presentation on kids’ safety with dogs.

Colleen Pelar, author of the book, “Living With Kids and Dogs,” began the presentation by having each of the 4 demo dogs- a 14 y o mutt, Dylan, a 5 y o Golden, and a 15 month old long haired GSD- set up in our own area, marked off by tape. She then introduced us. Then she asked each of us what our dog’s favorite treat, favorite place to be pet, least favorite thing to do, least favorite place to be pet, and favorite toy was. She explained that just like no people have exactly the same likes and dislikes, neither do dogs, so just because YOUR dog likes having it’s ears played with, doesn’t mean ALL dogs do.

She explained that if a dog approached the child and no adult was around-even if it was the neighbor’s dog that was friendly-the child should stand like a tree, look down & not make eye contact, and yell for help. She taught the children-between 4 and 10- how to approach a safe dog which was with its owner, and how to tell if the dog wanted to be pet. After a bit of practice with a “dummy dog,” the kids were allowed to line up to pet the dogs.

Dylan had spent the time while she spoke lying on the ground, apparently asleep, but as the first child approached him, he sat up and happily sniffed the proffered hand. After 3 kids, he seemed tired of sitting, so I tried to get him to lie down, but he wanted to be up and interacting fully with the children. He ended up sitting on the sofa next to me, front feet on the floor! The kids got a big kick out of that.

I was really amazed at how much fun Dylan seemed to have. He licked almost every child’s hand, and was thrilled to be pet by 22 different kids. The only down side was that the room was very hot. He had such a good time, the other demo dog people –all of whom are in National Capital Therapy Dogs, asked me to consider joining their group with him!

Photo at left is of a child who had been nervous petting him.



If you have an article or news to share, please feel free to submit your article to Judie Jeweler at [judie@jewelerfamily.com](mailto:judie@jewelerfamily.com) or to me (Tammy) at [elkhorniw@hughes.net](mailto:elkhorniw@hughes.net). Submit any article or news that you have to share. Thank you very much and we hope you enjoy the 2008 Specialty Edition.

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,  
there will always be sunshine, after the rain....  
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall;  
But God's always ready, to answer your call.....  
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,  
a word from His lips, can calm every fear...  
Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night,  
But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...  
The Savior is waiting, somewhere above,  
to give you His grace, and send you His love.  
May God fill your day with blessings!!

**Submitted by Diane Hartney, Author  
Unknown**

In the last edition of Faol Cu, we read about one of our members that resides in Wisconsin. I am pleased to present in this edition, another wonderful article from our friends, Tom and Susan Hertz.

### **Wolfhounds at the Lake**

Life is good for Irish wolfhounds at Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland. The summers are mild with rarely a need for air conditioning. Winters are cold and snowy. There are thousands of acres of woods where IWs can run free, away from cars, people, and other dogs. Ours are always on the look-out for deer, bears, fox, coyotes, river otters, rabbits, racoons, wild turkeys, and chipmunks.

We moved to Garrett County in October of 2005 when Seamus was 3 years old. Within a few weeks we had gone back to Ce Hoffman's kennel to pick up Teagan, whose father was Seamus' brother. While Seamus might remember how things were back in Bethesda, Teagan has no idea that many dogs get exercise only when they go for leash walks around the neighborhood. She just assumes that every dog gets an hour or two of running in the woods every day.

We're very busy in our retirement, and involved in a wide network of people and organizations, but most of our activities include our dogs in one way or another. There are a few exceptions to this—Susan is treasurer of our home owners association, and I am secretary/treasurer of the home owners association for a new golf course community being developed nearby. We haven't yet figured out how to get the dogs involved in these efforts; they're not good with numbers and we don't think they'd be welcome at our association meetings.

As we did in the DC area, we continue to teach dog obedience. We teach 8-week classes at Garrett College, which provides us a nice indoor space and the necessary liability insurance coverage. Seamus and Teagan are always pressed into service as our "demo" dogs. We also give private lessons, primarily in people's homes, to help them solve their dogs' behavior problems. It's been a great way to get to know a wide variety of communities and residents all over the county, and even into West Virginia. The local vets and groomers refer most of our clients to us, and they're happy to do so since they don't want to deal with the kind of questions that begin, "How can I stop my dog from...?"

We no longer compete in AKC dog obedience trials. Seamus retired with his Companion Dog Excellent title and one qualifying score towards his Utility Dog title, after he lost his zest for competition. Teagan earned her Companion Dog title when she was a year old, thanks mostly to Susan's patience and determination. But Susan knew that she should quit while she was ahead, and retired Teagan on the spot. (There was a reason why Ce named her "Trouble" as a puppy.) We've put on a few obedience demonstrations each year at various community fairs and events, which are always a big draw since not many people in the county have seen either Irish wolfhounds or obedience events.

Our other primary dog activity is therapy dog visits. Therapy Dog International, Inc. (TDI) has certified Susan and me and both of our dogs as therapy dog teams. We do weekly visits to a local elementary school, where Susan and Seamus meet with individual children for about 20 minutes each, and Teagan and I meet with other children. The children face different challenges, but all benefit from the emotional support that the dogs provide. We also do weekly visits to the subacute ward of our county hospital, where we take the dogs room to room to cheer up the patients, let them ask the usual questions about wolfhounds, and listen to them talk about their pets back home. Two years ago, Susan worked with staff at our county library to begin a Children Reading to Dogs program, which has been well received in the community. In addition to us, three other therapy dog teams participate in the library program, which gives young readers a chance to sit down and read to a dog. The novelty of the experience is a big incentive for the child to read, and the dogs are never judgmental or critical of reading errors! As you can imagine, wolfhounds are great at this task, as calm and relaxed as they are. Indeed, occasionally the child will stop reading to ask why Seamus and Teagan look like they're sleeping, and we explain that they can concentrate on the words better with their eyes closed.

Susan also recently was certified by TDI to administer the TDI test and approve handlers and their dog as therapy dog teams. She already has approved several teams, and our goal is to gradually increase the number of qualified therapy dog teams in the area so that all interested facilities can participate in therapy dog activities.

Both Susan and I are active in the organization that plans and hosts the McHenry Highland Festival, a three-day Celtic festival held in early June. I am Secretary of the organization, and Susan is on the Celtic dogs committee. During the main Saturday event at the fairgrounds, the performance by the bagpipe bands is followed with a Celtic dog parade. We then gather with the dogs under a large tent so that families at the festival can get up close and personal with the dogs. Of course, Seamus and Teagan are regular participants, and Van and Susan Morfit have joined us at this event in the past with their IWs.

Our last major animal activity is with a non-profit, all-volunteer organization whose primary programs are providing financial assistance to low-income county residents so that they can afford to spay/neuter their pets, and trapping, vaccinating, neutering, and releasing feral cats. I recently took over as president, and Susan helps at a variety of fund-raising events. Last July and August, Susan and I hosted a weekly Thursday evening “Yappy Hour” at a nearby restaurant, where people could gather at the tables outside with their dogs and enjoy wine and food. The restaurant then donated a portion of the proceeds to our programs. We had some great evenings, except for the few that were wiped out by thunderstorms.

And of course when we’re not doing our formal activities, we’re hiking or cross-country skiing in the woods with the dogs. Three times last summer Teagan chased and treed a bear, while Seamus stayed a safe distance away to provide “backup.” Our summer hikes almost always include a stop by the lake so that the dogs can get wet. They love the water and will wade in until the water is neck high, and occasionally swim a few strokes—but mostly they just like to cool off. They also love going out on our pontoon boat, but we’ve drawn the line at our kayaks.

Next time you and your wolfhounds are in the Deep Creek Lake area, give us a call. The woods are waiting.



Photography by: Tom Hertz

## COFFEE BREAK

This is a new area to our Faol Cu Newsletter. The thought is to have some fun and keep the mind occupied. The Herding Group fanciers will be the first to tell you “Keep the mind busy.” So, this is to all of us that need a break and exercise the brain at the same time. Enjoy!

The photo below is meant to stimulate the optic nerve while plucking your very last! CAN YOU SPOT THE IRISH WOLFHOUND?



Photography by: Mary O’Malley, Great Falls.

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Until the next edition of Faol Cu, take care of all of your loved ones this summer. Stay cool and drink plenty of water.