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The Newsletter of the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club

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25th Anniversary Specialty Show

BOB: #111 CH. Dun Myrica Speaker of Eagle. Breeder: Samuel Evans Ewing, 3rd & Sam Houston McDonald. Owner Sam Houston McDonald & Joe M Roland

BOS: #188 CH. Ard Rhi's Anyka. Breeder: S E Ewing, 3rd & Art & Linda King. Owners: Art & Linda King.

BOW: #120 Wyvern Berwyck Bacio Del Lupo. Breeder: Melanie Mercer, DVM. Owner: R & G Bernardi & Melanie Mercer, DVM

Select Dog: #77 SHANACHIE-N-WOLFHAVEN'S TNT. Breeder: Donna Monohan & Donita Osborne & Debra Traskos. Owner: Donna Monohan

Select Bitch: #158 US/CAN CH Rockhart Heresy. Breeder: C.C. Hartenstein & Lynn M. Simon. Owner: Lynn M. Simon

AOM: #127 Dun Myrica Lyre of Eagle. #194: CH. Gordon of Aerie

Did you know....there are discussion forums and Facebook pages dedicated to Irish Wolfhounds? The topics range from health issues, to show results, to which is the best car to buy. Log in and join the fun! Just search Irish Wolfhounds, and the groups will show up. Don't forget to "LIKE" our page!

Best Puppy: #11 C Ard Rhi's Aegg of Aran

Obedience

Beginners Novice B- #354 Taliesin's Wise Anam Cara. Score 188/200. Owner Bruce & Veronica Nienstedt

Rally

Excellent B:

#360 Kellamore Starkeeper Kora CD RA NAP OJP. 92/100. Owner: Joanne Beuhner Brown & Jocelyne Gagne.

#363 Kindred Cormac O'Beltane RN. 81/100. Owner Diane Camel & Ken Neff

Excellent A:

#364 Finnegan RN. 77/100. Owner Susan Montgomery

Novice A:

#367 Eirian's All Jazzed Up 92/100. Owner Mary Ellen & Geoffrey Shriver

#369 Guinness Stout of Mountain Mist FCH, SC CGC 81/100 Owner: Monica & Gabrielle Gallier. *special award– High scoring dog with coursing title.

Novice B: #373 Starkeeper Kellamore Karlotta 91/100 Owner Joanne Beuhner Brown 7 Jocelyne Gagne

Looking forward to 2013: We will be at the same site– Harford County Equestrian Center, Bel Air MD. We plan to swap the ring locations. We will have a different food vendor. And we will be offering ring-side Judge mentoring. Plan now– the show is Easter Sunday ! And we're already looking for volunteers!

BRAGS!



Corky earned his Rally Excellent (RE) title May 25th, at Oriole Dog Training Club in Baltimore, MD. He earned placements with 2 of his three qualifying scores. It was an extra– special day, since it was his 3.5 “half-birthday.” Now he'll go on to work towards his Obedience CDX title. He also passed his health testing– heart & eyes!

(yes, the photo is blurry; dark room, no flash, excited photographer. I like it!)



Braggs, continued:



Blair's Prime Number at Taralyn, CGC, ThD– Owned by Lisa & Bill McKinney

Memphis has officially achieved his AKC Therapy Dog Title!! I couldn't be more proud of my big man!!! I've attached a photo, taken by one of our church members, Carol Glasgow. Memphis is the one on the floor with the child.

For those of you who don't know what is required to attain this title, there are 2 major things that have to happen (along with being AKC registered):

Become a certified therapy dog through an AKC recognized organization. For Memphis, we went with TDI. There are 15 parts to the TDI exam that Memphis had to pass:

TEST 1: ACCEPTING A FRIENDLY STRANGER

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.

TEST 2: SITTING POLITELY FOR PETTING

This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler. .

TEST 3: APPEARANCE AND GROOMING

This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit a stranger, such as a veterinarian, groomer, or friend of the owner, to do so. It also demonstrates the owner's care, concern, and sense of responsibility.

TEST 4: OUT FOR A WALK (WALKING ON A LOOSE LEASH)

This test demonstrates that the handler is in control of the dog.

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TEST 5: WALKING THROUGH A CROWD

This test demonstrates that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places.

TEST 6: SIT AND DOWN ON COMMAND/STAYING IN PLACE

This test demonstrates that the dog has training, will respond to the handler's command to sit and down, and will remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers).

TEST 7: COMING WHEN CALLED

This test demonstrates that the dog will come when called by the handler.

TEST 8: REACTION TO ANOTHER DOG

This test demonstrates that the dog can behave politely around other dogs.

TEST 9: REACTIONS TO DISTRACTIONS

This test demonstrates that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations, such as the dropping of a large book or a jogger running in front of the dog. The dog may express a natural interest and curiosity and/or appear slightly startled, but should not panic, try to run away, show aggressiveness, or bark.

TEST 10: REACTION TO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The dog must be tested around medical equipment (such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, or other devices which would ordinarily be found in a facility) to judge the dog's reactions to common health care equipment.

TEST 11: LEAVE-IT

The handler with the dog on a loose leash walks over food on the ground and, upon command, the dog should ignore the food.

TEST 12: ACCLIMATION TO INFIRMITIES

This test demonstrates the dog's confidence when exposed to people walking with an uneven gait, shuffling, breathing heavily, coughing, wheezing, or other distractions which may be encountered in a facility.

TEST 13: SUPERVISED SEPARATION

This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain its training and good manners. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes. The dog does not have to stay in position but should not continually bark, whine or pace unnecessarily, or show anything stronger than mild agitation or nervousness.

TEST 14: SAY HELLO

The TDI Certified Evaluator will test the willingness of each dog to visit a person and that the dog can be made readily accessible for petting.

TEST 15: REACTION TO CHILDREN

The dog must be able to work well around all types of populations, including children.

Perform a minimum of 50 visits (usually 1 hour each).



Comings & Goings

In memory of **Blair's Mysterious, CD THD**



("Teagan") July 22, 2005 - April 3, 2012. Teagan was certified as a therapy dog just after her first birthday and made almost 400 therapy visits.

Introducing the newest addition to the Hertz family: **Quinlan's O'Cillian**, born 1/19/2012 (Breeder: Diana Vreeken and Doug Henry)



Silver Thorne's Rosemary

A singleton, born 20 Feb, 2012. Dad is GCH Starkeeper McEnroe of Limerick, mom is Silver Thorne's Heartsease



Rose's favorite pastime is grabbing her Gramma's tail and following her out the dog door, or over to the couch. Ivy is not so fond of this...

Upcoming Events:

June 17– Maryland Ave. (Annapolis) Irish Festival. A small street festival. We don't attend officially, but it is loads of fun (although VERY crowded) to visit.

June 23-24– PA Celtic Fling– Mt Hope Winery. We'll need people to take shifts for this fun event. Please let me know when you are interested in attending! The Rogues are performing both days!

July 14– Annapolis Irish Festival– Crownsville Fairgrounds. We DO attend officially! Seamus Kennedy is performing! And so are The Rogues!

July 21– Adams County Irish Festival– Gettysburg PA. Seamus Kennedy again performing!

CLASSIFIEDS

Help Wanted: Go-getter, Self-starter, organized person needed! Must be willing to jump in with both feet & help head-up project already underway. Coordinate/run the Fun Match (with assistance), September 23. Chair the committee for next year! On the Job Training & help gladly provided. Minimal pay- lots of adulation & lunch. Contact Jodie FMI.

Help Wanted: People Person, willing to NOT show at our specialty. Reliable transportation A MUST! Knowledge of Spanish helpful but not required. Needed Saturday March 30, 2013 to transport judge from Airport to hotel, Sunday & Monday from hotel to show & back, Monday or Tuesday from hotel to airport. Act as Judge's go-to person, possible dinner companion entire weekend. Pay: education, fun, socialization, occasional thank you gifts. FMI contact Carole Silverthorne.

Help Wanted: Outgoing People Person with excellent organizational skills to act as catalog ad-

vertisement coordinator. Tasks include organizing ads, writing letters/emails to solicit ads from members/friends, working with catalog production team.

ISO: Are any members interested in getting together for any purely social activities such as sporting events, trips like skiing or fishing, dinner/movie nights, concerts, tours, museums etc.?

I will be glad to compile a list of activities every now and then, if folks are interested. There are usually group discounts available. Please reply at: al@jewelerfamily.com



Heat Stroke Symptoms & Treatment

Now that our Mid-Atlantic region is experience normal hot, humid summer weather, it is time to refresh our memories on how to recognize & treat heat stroke.

First, remember that your dog is ALWAYS hotter than you are– his normal body temp is higher, and he has no ability to sweat except through his foot pads. He can only lose heat by panting. In an IW, this is insufficient if the dog is in an extremely hot environment.

Even being in water, or in the shade, your dog can overheat!

Symptoms:

- * Bright red tongue & mucous membranes.
- * Excessive panting
- * Glazed eyes
- * Thick, sticky or cloudy saliva/drool
- * Rectal temperature over 104

These are the preliminary symptoms. If your dog has been outside or exercising or in a place with inadequate airflow or cooling and you notice these symptoms, immediately cool your dog!

DO NOT use alcohol or ice!

Run COLD hose water over the dog, or repeatedly pour cold water on him (soaking the dog), for NO MORE than 2 minutes. Dry the dog, and get it into an air conditioned environment immediately. In 20 minutes, check the temperature again. If it has gone down, no further action is required.

If it is the same, repeat the cooling. When dog is inside, place cold, wet towels in the groin/stomach, on the head & keep the feet cool. Do not use ice. Check temperature again in 20 minutes.

DO NOT COOL the dog LOWER than 103, or it may develop hypothermia & shock!

If the temperature has RISEN, or the dog's gums or tongue are grey or purple, or the dog has vomited or had diarrhea, or is unsteady or seems worse, RUSH to your nearest vet!

Even if your dog has cooled down, get it to the vet ASAP... serious after –effects can cause death up to several days later!

