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The Newsletter of Potomac
Valley Irish Wolfhound Club



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FUN DAY!

September 20, 2015, 5519 Old National Pike, Frederick MD.

Entries begin at 11:30, judging at 12:30. \$5/class. Judge Roger Johnson.

All dogs welcome! Puppy 3 months +, adult, parade of veterans, fun classes for all!

Please contact Judith Chantelois to sign up to bring food—

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Thoughts From The President

I know I say some version of this in close to every newsletter, but again, where does the time go? It seems like I was just writing remarks to go in the pre-show newsletter and the show catalog!

With summer rapidly approaching and the days already hitting highs in the 80s and 90s, it is very important to be mindful of when and where you are taking your hounds. Dogs can be very susceptible to heatstroke and as their caretakers it is our responsibility to ensure we protect them from such a dangerous problem. In addition to the heat and humidity, summer bring all kinds of nasty little bugs with it, such as fleas and ticks. Please work with your veterinarian and be prepared to protect your dogs from both of those pesky pests!

Also over the summer there are numerous Irish Festivals, Celtic Festivals and other events that celebrate the heritage of our dogs and many of our members, as well as events that celebrate dogs in general. Please join in these fun events. For a list of the events supported by our club, please review the list on our website, www.pviwc.org. While attending these events, please remember to watch your dog for signs of stress, either physical or mental, and be prepared to respond appropriately. Also, please make sure you and your dog both represent our breed and our club with the best “face” possible. We always want everyone to view our dogs in the best possible light.

I know it’s very early in the process, but please begin thinking about the upcoming show in March 2016. Our show chair, show secretary, judges selection committee and trophy committee are already working hard on the plans to make this an awesome show. If you can volunteer, have suggestions for how to improve the show, or simply have questions about it, please reach out to any of the people associated with the show and we’ll be happy to discuss the show with you.

Lisa R. McKinney

President

Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club

A related warning: if your dogs eat grass, check their mouth, lips & gums for ticks!

If you take your dog walking in un-mown fields, check them carefully for foxtails or grass seeds, which can burrow into the skin & travel!

Beware of hot pavement– even decking and paths can get dangerously hot for your dog’s paws.

Lynn O'Leary

Jodie asked me to work up a brief article about my wife Lynn so here are some of my observations about her and her love of the Irish Wolfhound.

My FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH LYNN AND THE IRISH WOLFHOUND GOES BACK TO 1968 WHEN I WANTED TO BUY OUR FIRST HOUSE HERE IN BROOKMONT, MARYLAND. SHE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE HOUSE BUT SHE LOVED THE AREA, RIGHT NEXT TO THE C&O CANAL. SHE AGREED, PROVIDED I BUY HER AN IRISH WOLFHOUND. NOT KNOWING WHAT AN IRISH WOLFHOUND WAS, I AGREED.

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AFTER WE MOVED IN, WE PURCHASED A BEAUTIFUL WHEATEN IRISH WOLFHOUND FROM A FRIEND OF OURS WHO WAS BREEDING THESE LARGE DOGS. WE CALLED THE DOG BANDIT BECAUSE SHE HAD TWO BLACK PATCHES NEAR HER EYES. LYNN TRULY LOVED BANDIT. BOTH LYNN AND I LOST A LOT OF TEARS WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY. WE WERE QUITE FORTUNATE THAT SHE LIVED OVER TEN YEARS

AFTER BANDIT, OUR CHILDREN REQUESTED WE BUY GOLDEN RETRIEVERS. AND WE ENJOYED THEM, BUT THEY WERE NOT IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

THEN CIRCA 2003 LYNN DECIDED SHE WOULD LIKE ANOTHER IRISH WOLFHOUND. SOMEHOW WE WERE PUT IN CONTACT WITH CAREN CARNEY. SHE RECOMMENDED THAT WE ATTEND THE FUN MATCH BEING HELD ON THE De Quoy'S PROPERTY. WE ATTENDED THE FUN MATCH AND THEN WITHIN A FEW MONTHS WE JOINED THE PVIWC. AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER PURCHASED OUR RORY FROM BOB BREHL.

AFTER RORY PASSED AWAY AND OUR BEING OLDER, RETIRED AND LOOKING TO TRAVEL MORE WE SWORE WE WOULD NOT OWN ANYMORE DOGS.-THAT SWEARING DID NOT LAST LONG, WITHIN FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS LATER DIANE HARTNEY INTRODUCED LYNN TO OUR MOLLY AND LYNN COULD NOT PASS HER UP. WELL WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? WE WEREN'T ALL THAT GUNG HO ABOUT TRAVELING ANYHOW.

MOLLY'S DEMISE WAS KIND OF SAD. WE HAD HER FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS. LAST YEAR ON LYNN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY LYNN ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL WITH PNEUMONIA AND NEARLY PASSED AWAY-SHE WAS IN SIBLEY HOSPITAL FOR 115 DAYS. PRIOR TO THIS WE HAD BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH MOLLY'S HEALTH ALSO AND 3 DAYS

AFTER LYNN CAME OUT OF THE HOSPITAL WE HAD TO PUT HER DOWN BECAUSE SHE COULD NO LONGER STAND ON HER BACK FEET. OBVIOUSLY LYNN TOOK THIS VERY HARD.

LYNN TRULY LOVED TH PVIWC- SHE LOVED THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF THE MEETINGS AND PRIOR TO HER INABILITY TO BE MOBILE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS SHE MADE MOST OF THE MEETINGS. SHE ENJOYED HOSTING THE MEETINGS NEARLY ANNUALLY. SHE ENJOYED THE SELLING OF PROGRAMS AT THE ANNUAL PVIWC DOG SHOW. WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT I BELIEVE THIS IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT SHE EVER JOINED-WHICH SPEAKS POINTEDLY OF HER LOVE OF THE IRISH WOLF HOUND.



BRAGS!

Piper (Kellamore Iona, CD, RE, TD, NAP, NFP, MJPB, MJP5, MJPS, VCD1) has retired from agility after completing her AKC Master Jumpers Preferred – 5 title at the age of nine and a half years. She has earned a total of 66 Q's (qualifying runs) and was the top AKC Agility Irish Wolfhound in 2012, 2013, 2014 and quite likely also in 2015. The photo below was taken in April, 2015 at the GKC all breed Agility Trial where she earned her last Q with a 4th place in the Master Jumpers With Weaves Preferred class. Go Piper!

Janet Queisser



Piper also participates in Tracking!

Photo by Stewart Event Images



Rose (Silver Thorne's Rosemary) got her first major at the supported entry at Mattaponi Kennel Club in Manassas, VA. She was Reserve on Saturday and Winners Bitch on Sunday.

Jocelyne Gagne and Linda Souza said to leave her at home until she turned three!

She got her first point in Nov and turned three in Feb of 2015. She has nine points, to include a major from our Supported Entry at the Mattaponi KC club show on May 17. On March 7 at that Shenandoah KC show she received Owner Handler Group 2.

Ned (Starkeeper Silverthorne Nettle) got Reserve Winners Dog on his first day in the ring! We were all very pleased. Carole

We hear that Ned's sister Nadia also did brilliantly, her first time in the ring! Go puppies!

Canine Chronicle ranks Owner Handler Irish Wolfhounds. #2 is CH DC GLENAMADDA STARKEEPR CONNERY RN SC (Sean) owned by Audrey Wright, Jocelyne Gagne, and Susan Prokopenko. He's also earned his CKC CH, UKC CH, plus the versatility award from IWCA.

Tied for #12 is SILVER THORNE'S ROSEMARY owned by Carole Silverthorne and Paul Plummer.

PUPPIES!!

Bill and Lisa McKinney are pleased to announce the arrival of a new family member – “Callan” (Redtops Callan at Taralyn). We are very grateful to Rosemary Wortman for entrusting us with this precious boy. Our current plans for his future are to introduce him to therapy work, when he is of age, and see if he enjoys it.



Meet Patrick Gardner!

Born 12-30-14, from the Pitts in VA, and nephew to my beloved Motley, Patrick is the newest addition to our family. At just 7 weeks younger than my Grace, they can sure keep me on my toes. I often take my pups to my boys' after school program where they quickly became the unofficial Boys and Girls club mascots. I plan to have Patrick trained as a therapy dog once he is old enough. Patrick fits well in the family and has become mommy's little shadow. (Sarah Maloy Gardner)

Mary O'Malley reports: Parade pix pay off! I got a 4th place in a Street Photography in B&W challenge on DPC with one of my pictures from the DC parade this year. Great start to my morning to find that out [smile emoticon](#)



It is one of our biggest fears— our hounds getting loose. It can happen to even the best-trained dog, and is always terrifying. The AKC has a free e-book you can download with tips on what to do if your dog does run away, get loose, or go missing. <http://www.akc.org/learn/dog-health/lost-dog-action-shelter-search/>

Remember that Independence Day is one of the days the most dogs get loose. Be prepared & proactive— talk to your vet now for medical approaches to noise phobias. Keep collars on dogs and keep them inside as much as possible. Keep music on to drown out loud fireworks.

AKC also has a wide selection of free e-books on topics such as socializing, body language, grooming, vaccines and more. Go to <http://www.akc.org/search/ZS1ib29r/P0/> to see a complete list!

PASSAGES



Susan and Van Morfit lost Kyna at the beginning of June to aggressive osteosarcoma. Kyna was just barely 6.5, much too young. Judie & Jodie Jeweler went to visit her just after her diagnosis. (She was our boys' sister) Susan had expected that Kyna would entertain her visitors in Susan's bedroom, but Kyna came to us in the living room! She won our Fun Day in 2011, and enjoyed a brief show career too. Kyna will be missed in the Morfit household, and in many others.

The Ryans lost their Finn in May.

Walt Arnold lost Jazz late this winter. We hope Jazz is romping with Susan!

Former club member Martha McCall Belt passed away on April 8, 2015, after a long battle with breast cancer



GET WELL!

We wish Diane Hartney a speedy recovery after her foot surgery, subsequent infection & second surgery! We hope to see her dancing with wolf(hound)s soon!

FESTIVALS

Upcoming festivals include:

The Annapolis Irish Festival, July 11 at Crownsville Fairgrounds. OUTSIDE. Please Let Jodie (jodie@jewelerfamily.com) know if you plan to attend. We set up under the trees early AM and let people enjoy the hounds and the music, weather permitting.

Adams County Irish Festival , July 18, 2015 10-5. Gettysburg Moose Park. Let Rob Maloy know if you plan to attend! (rwmaloy@gmail.com)

See page 9 for another festival!



Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer at the Shepherdstown DogFest. Once again PVIWC members have been invited to participate in the Rare Breed Parade at the DogFest in Shepherdstown. The Dog Fest is held on both Saturday and Sunday, but the "parade" will begin at 11:00 am on Sunday August 16th. This is not actually a parade. Each of the invited breeds comes out (in front of a large crowd) onto a red carpet separately while the announcer describes the breed and introduces the individual dogs and handlers. A group of PVIWC members participated last year and had a great time. We were such a big hit last year that this year they are going to showcase the IWs as the "closing act" in the parade. There is also a pat and chat time in the park where we can hang out and answer questions about our hounds. Food will be available from a variety of vendors for purchase. Susan Hertz is coordinating the sign-up process. For more information and to sign up please contact Susan at shertz@gmail.com or 301-387-5878.

The historic town of Shepherdstown, WV, will once again celebrate the Dog Days of Summer with its third annual "DogFest" the weekend of August 15-16, 2015. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

It will include a wide variety of activities for dogs, their owners, and dog lovers, as well as activities that everybody can enjoy. All activities will be free and everyone will be welcome. For overnight visitors, both the Comfort Inn and the Inn at Moler's Crossroads have pet-friendly rooms available.

Activities will include:

- Dog Show
- Look & Learn Rare Breed Parade
- Dog Trainer Presentations
- Fly Ball Competition
- Blessing of the Dogs
- Exhibitors
- Children's Films
- Music on the Streets
- Themed Food at Restaurants
- Historic Sites Open

Location Details

in front of Town Hall
King Street,
Shepherdstown WV 25443

