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Dear Friends: in this time of uncertainty and fear regarding the novel corona virus and Covid 19, please practice safe social distancing, while still keeping your hound healthy. Keep in mind that the virus has not been proven to infect or affect dogs.

If you have an arrangement with your breeder(s) that they will take back your hound in the event that you can't care for the hound, now is the time to contact your breeder... make specific arrangements \*IN CASE\* of worst case scenarios. If you live alone or are not near your breeder physically- what will happen to your hound if you are hospitalized?

Put a note on your fridge, the inside of your doors, in your wallet and on your hound's crate or a prominent place that medics or family might see, with all the details needed about where your hound goes while you are incapacitated. If you feel unwell and plan to go to the hospital, make sure someone can care for your hound in the interim.

If your breeder will not, or cannot take back your hound, or you don't have contact with your breeder, contact a close friend or family member who you think would be willing and able to care for your hound. If you have no one, please let me or another club member know. We, as a club, will ATTEMPT to help. We cannot, of course, guarantee we can take in your hound... we may not be allowed to - but I promise, we will do all we can to make sure your hound is safe and well.

At the very least, if you or an immediate family member becomes ill, please have someone notify us so we can be ready if we are needed.

We are all here for each other! (and of course, if someone is worried about non-IW pets, they should be planned for, too!)

Please consider keeping a copy of the following (or something LIKE it) in your car, your wallet, on file at your vet, and in your house in numerous visible places, even after this current crisis...

In the event I am unable to care for myself or my hound, please contact:

OR:

OR:

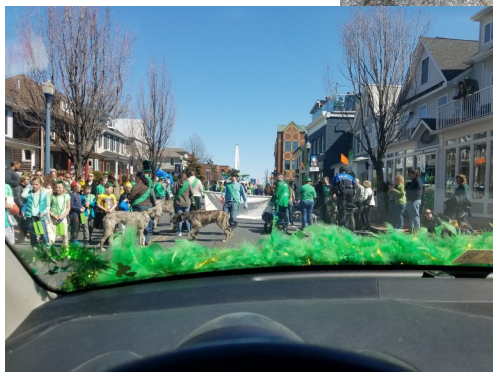
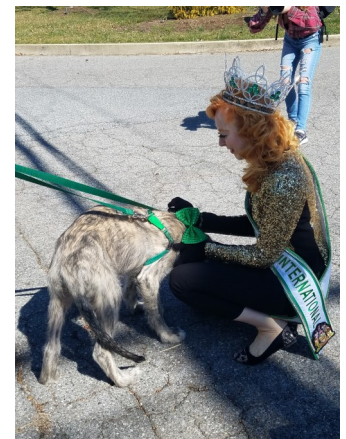
One of these people will come get my dog, or, it should be transported to the nearest VETERINARY CLINIC (PREFERABLY a 24 HOUR CLINIC!) These people have my express permission to make decisions about the care of my pet, and will pay for any treatment deemed necessary. My pet is up to date on the following vaccines:

As of / / .

My pet has the following special medical issues or takes the following medications:

Signed:

PVIWC was lucky enough to participate in what MAY have been the only St Patrick's Day Parades in the Nation - Alexandria and Annapolis!



## Credibility

### Berne Smith

Who would you seek out and trust to accurately describe or provide an opinion about a dog that you had never seen?

Some people are great at fault finding if the dog is not connected to theirs in some way.

Some think the dog that wins in the show ring is, or must, be a good one.

Some are already programmed by a mentor or friend to disparage the dog.

One thing you can be sure of is that dog people always have something to say. But often their description or opinion is conditioned by “so and so told me,” or “so I hear”.

When judges are requested to write a judging critique they cannot afford to demolish entries if they want to continue to be invited back to judge.

So what to do? The answer is to learn for yourself. There are 3 traits that are universal to all sighthounds:

- A deep chest

- Leg length longer than chest depth

- The tuck-up and negative space that allows the hound to flex at the gallop

Without these 3 traits you will not have an IW that is the “largest and tallest of the galloping hounds” – you will only have a big dog. Start by looking for these 3 traits first when you are watching dogs in the show ring.

This topic, along with numerous others, will be discussed as part of the PVIWC continuing educational programs entitled “Traps In Breeding The IW”.

From Diane Hartney:

I stumbled across this info one night searching for John A K Donovan.

He was the founder of PVIWC along with his late Mary Donovan.

He was the first of the 2 Gaels of the year for Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade. A tradition starting with the very first parades is the **Gael of the Year**, an honor given to an outstanding person in the Washington DC area who has made a significant contribution to the community. Some of the past Gaels include Paul Berry – TV News co-anchor and Humanitarian, Father Eugene Riordan – Educator and Missionary, and our recently deceased Committee Member, Parade Photographer, and friend of the Irish Community, Pat “Irish Eyes” Cady.

1977	George Meany, President, AFL-CIO	Sean Coakley, Past President Irish American Club
1976	Patrick J. Hayes, Director Washington Performing Arts Society	No Gael Selected
1975	William T. Hannan, Irish community activities	<b>Charles Carey &amp; John A.K. Donovan, founders of the Potomac Valley Irish WolfHound Club</b>
1974	William T. Hannan, Chairman, Bishop's Relief Fund	



### Comings and Goings

Sarah Maloy Gardner lost Patrick in February, due to pneumonia.

We send our condolences!

Lisa and Bill McKinney welcomed "Sterling," Bainbridge All That Jazz!

Congratulations!

Susan and Bill Montgomery welcomed Xalibur's Sheridan!

## **CBD As a Superbug Antibiotic? From Medscape, Kathleen Doheny July 05, 2019\*\*\***

Cannabidiol, or CBD, already being researched and used for anxiety, insomnia, epilepsy and pain, may be the next superbug fighter for resistant infections, a new study suggests.

The researchers tested CBD against a wide variety of bacteria, "including bacteria that have become resistant to the most commonly used antibiotics," says Mark Blaskovich, PhD, senior research officer at the Centre for Superbug Solutions at the Institute for Molecular Bioscience at the University of Queensland in Australia.

The development is important, as antibiotic resistance is reaching dangerously high levels, according to the World Health Organization.

### What the Research Shows

CBD is a non-psychoactive compound taken from cannabis and hemp; it does not produce the high that regular marijuana does. To date, the FDA has only approved CBD for treating rare and severe forms of seizure, although it is promoted for many other health benefits.

Blaskovich presented the research last month at the American Society for Microbiology annual meeting. The research includes work in test tubes and animal models. Research presented at meetings should be viewed as preliminary until published in a peer-reviewed medical journal.

"The first thing we looked at is CBD's ability to kill bacteria," he says. "In every case, CBD had a very similar potency to that of common antibiotics."

The researchers tested the CBD against some strains of staphylococcus, which cause skin infections, and streptococcus, which cause strep throat.

They compared how effective CBD was compared to common antibiotics, such as vancomycin and daptomycin. "We looked at how quickly the CBD killed the bacteria. It's quite fast, within 3 hours, which is pretty good. Vancomycin (Vancocin) kills over 6 to 8 hours."

The CBD also disrupted the biofilm, the layer of "goop" around bacteria that makes it more difficult for the antibiotic to penetrate and kill.

Finally, the lab studies showed that "CBD is much less likely to cause resistance than the existing antibiotics," Blaskovich says.

The CBD "is selective for the type of bacteria," he says.

He found it effective against gram-positive bacteria but not gram-negative. Gram-positive bacteria cause serious skin infections and pneumonia, among other conditions. Gram-negative bacteria include salmonella (found in undercooked foods) and E coli (the cause of urinary tract infections, diarrhea, and other ailments), among other bacteria.

In another study, also presented at the meeting, the researchers tested topical CBD to treat a skin infection on mice. It cut the number of bacteria after 48 hours, Blaskovich says, although it did not clear the infection. That research is ongoing.

### How It Might Work, Caveats

The researchers can't say exactly how the CBD may prove to be a superbug infection fighter. "We thought it might work by damaging the outer membrane of the bacteria, to make it leaky," Blaskovich says. "It doesn't seem to do that. It might be a completely new mechanism of action."

He says the research results are promising but in early stages. He also warns people that it's much too early to self-treat infections with CBD.

The study was funded by Botanix Pharmaceuticals Ltd, which is researching uses of CBD for skin conditions,

and the Australian government. Blaskovich is a consultant for Botanix.

### Perspective

Brandon Novy, a microbiology researcher at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, calls the study findings "very promising," since the results show the bacteria were not able to form resistance to the CBD, and since the bacteria were not able to form a biofilm.

Both findings are important. "The biofilm is an important part of the whole infection process," he says. "It helps the bacteria attach [to whatever surface or host] and survive."

At the same meeting, Novy presented a preliminary study, finding that CBD also looks promising to fight some gram-negative infections.

"It is an important study that deserves to be followed up on," says Amesh Adalja, MD, an infectious disease doctor and senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

He was not involved in the new study. But he cautions that "it is important to keep it all in context. I think it is a good thing that people are looking at the use of CBD for infectious uses in a systematic way."

But the work so far is only in test tubes and animals. Many question remain, such as looking at whether it is toxic, doses, and the best way to deliver the CBD, Adalja says. He, too, cautions against self-treating with CBD for infections.

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Susan Morfit reports that Caoimhin managed to get his championship last month at the Deland shows. Last weekend we were at shows in Ocala with Margaret LaRosa (also PVIWC family!) and Bunny Ryba among others. Caoimhin took BOB Saturday & Sunday. On Saturday Van & Caoimhin went to Owner Handler Group and placed 1st, then went Best in Show for Owner Handler and took Best in Show! It was crazy!



## President's Column

Specialty shows in General, and Ours, in Specific– or, Why We Would Be Sitting At Home Right Now, Anyway!

About now, in a normal year, we'd be wrapping up the first day of our annual Specialty. This year wasn't going to be ordinary, even without the new Corona virus. Last year, the Board decided to join with an all breed club, and have a DESIGNATED SPECIALTY, instead of a stand-alone specialty. Our show was to be next weekend, in April. But we ran into serious, insurmountable problems in dealing with the other club, and in December, we regretfully voted to defer our show for 2020.

In retrospect, we lucked out! No plans to cancel, no refunds to issue... And extra time to determine our course of action for 2021.

We did NOT cancel our show because we had no workers... We decided to join with the other club because we don't have ENOUGH people stepping up. It may be you think we don't need you... it may be you think you CAN'T help, or that you'll be working.. But the truth is that we can use every one of you reading this! If you are stuck at home, you can make phone calls or send emails, to arrange advertisers, or do publicity, or request donations for raffles or auctions. If you can't work the weekend of the show, but could help the Friday before, or Tuesday after, we NEED YOU! Someone has to be on site to meet the tent/porta-potty/chair/table rental company! Need to sit? Someone has to hand out armbands, someone has to sell raffle tickets & keep track of the items. Only have an hour or two? Grounds patrol, loading, unloading, packing, bringing lunches. Love talking to people? Maybe you'd like to head up the auction! We need "gophers"- people to run messages or items from person to person– this is a great job for older kids! And we're HAPPY to provide proof of community service hours! There are jobs for EVERYONE! So PLEASE– start thinking NOW about how you could help next year!

We cancelled our show because we were unable to successfully work with the other club, and were facing fines from AKC for missing deadlines. We decided that NO specialty was better than a poorly done one!

We are talking about all sorts of options– some of which depend on what the National Club is doing for the Specialty... so please, step up and see where you can help!

Now– some explanations! Specialty– a dog show for a specific breed. They can be stand alone (as ours usually is) or in conjunction with an all breed show (a designated specialty– IOW, we DESIGNATE that this is our specialty). In the 2nd case, the specialty club shares site, amenities and expenses with the all breed club. Each club has a specific weekend (ours is the 13th) of the year. This makes sure that each club has the greatest chance for entries possible. We are allowed to defer having a show for 1 year, without losing our date. (and we can only have 1 weekend day!) At many specialties, breed or group (there are 7 GROUPS or "types" of dogs in AKC\*\*) -specific performance events, like herding or racing, happen. At MANY, obedience and Rally occur.

Which reminds me! I would LOVE to see more members competing in our obedience and Rally trials. Training is a great way to bond with your hound, and impress your friends! And the more people who participate in our trials, the better for ALL of us! (This topic will be another column, I'm sure!)

So, please think about how YOU can help with next year's specialty while you stay safe at home this year!

(According to NOAA, "OUR" weekend holds the records for the most extreme temperatures, extreme temp changes, and most snow in "spring"!)

\*\* hound, terrier, toy, sporting, non-sporting, working, herding

~Jodie