

The Newsletter of the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club



February 2014

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PARADES!

March 1– Alexandria VA (12:30 step off) w
www.ballyshaners.org

March 9– Annapolis MD (1:00 Step off)
<https://www.facebook.com/NapPadParade>

March 15– Gaithersburg MD (10:00 step off)
<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/>

March 15– Manassas VA (11:00 step off)
www.stpatparade.net

March 16– Baltimore MD- (2:00 step off)
[Www.irishparade.net](http://www.irishparade.net)

March 16– Washington DC (12:00 step off)
[Www.dcstpatparade.com](http://www.dcstpatparade.com)

March 22– Harrisburg PA (2:00 step off)
<http://www.craicpa.org/parade-info/general-info/>

THE PREMIUM LIST IS OUT!

Pviwc.org/images/pdf/pviwc_premium_2014.pdf

Come on out and show off your Irish- Parade Fund Raisers!

The music is great, 50/50 Drawing and Door prizes are always fun to win.

The Live Auction offers a great assortment of pub décor, shirts, and art work and other things for the big day.

Plan to attend one soon.

2014 Fundraiser Schedule (DC parade)

3:30-7:00pm

Live Music – 50/50 Drawing – Door Prizes – Live Auctions

Sunday February 9: Kelly's Irish Times, Washington, D.C.

Sunday February 16: Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, Alexandria, VA

Sunday February 23: Ireland's Four Courts, Arlington, VA

Sunday March 2: The Irish Channel, Crofton, MD

Sunday March 9: Ireland's Four Provinces, Falls Church, VA

Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade Fundraisers

Sunday, February 16, 2014

RYAN'S DAUGHTER IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT

600 E. Belvedere Avenue

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

rdirishpub.com/

Sunday, March 2, 2014

TÍR NA NÓG IRISH BAR AND GRILL

201 E. Pratt Street

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

tirnanogbaltimore.com

Sunday, March 9, 2014

JAMES JOYCE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT

616 S. President Street

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

thejamesjoycepub.com



SHOW NEWS!

Our annual (27th) specialty is coming up! We have LOTS to do in preparation, and WE NEED YOU! Contact Ce 434-589-5294 (or the person indicated below.)

General set up– Saturday beginning at 10 AM.

Raffle: Man the table Sunday morning & Monday. (A great way to visit with friends!) (Linda King, Raffle coordinator)

Trophies– help sort trophies Sunday AM. (Lisa, Trophy Chair)

General—help so others can watch or show a class, go to heart testing, eat, use the restroom, etc. Run errands, messages, etc. All weekend, any time.

One of the ways you can support the club is donating something to the raffle. There is nothing too big or too small. Please contact Linda King at ardrhis@aol.com or 434-978-2873.

Boutique—help set up Sunday AM. Help Pack up Monday PM.

Obedience/Rally– stewards, setup, errands, Sunday AM. (Jodie)

New ring site! Same venue– Harford County Equestrian Center, 708 n Tollgate Rd, Bel Air MD– but **new FLAT ring** location! Heated restrooms! Boutique BOTH days! WOLO food truck!



Catalogue Advertisements

Catalogue Ads may be purchased by contacting:

Diane Hartney

9720 Cinnamon Creek Drive

Vienna, VA 22182-1430

703-759-6316

thardhar@aol.com

Pricing:

Full page\$50

Half Page\$35

Quarter Page\$25

Photographs\$10 each in addition

Inside Front and Back Pages\$60

Two Page Ad\$110

Copy Size:

Full page 4.75 x 8 in.

Half Page 4.75 x 4 in.

Quarter Page 4.75 x 2 in.

Two PageEach 4.75 x 8 in.

Photographs must be submitted as a JPEG file. Text should be in MS WORD. The

Catalogue editor can provide limited assistance in formatting the ad. The Club

reserves the right to reject copy which is considered to be in bad taste or contains

material that is otherwise offensive.

All Advertisement Copy and payment must be received by March 5, 2014.

If you wish to have your ad placed in a particular location in the catalogue, please

inform the catalogue editor as soon as possible, to assure that the space is available.

Advertisements from businesses and commercial establishments are welcome as well

as ads from individuals and all lovers of Irish Wolfhounds.

New Members!

Hi my name is Sarah Maloy Gardner. I have been involved with wolfhounds since I was little and my dad got his first. I was involved with the club when I was younger, though never as a member before.



I have two boys. My youngest loves wolfhounds and enjoyed walking one of my dad's dogs for the first time a few weeks ago.

I work as a sign language interpreter. Sign language has been a passion of mine for years, it is always a wonderful thing when you can get paid to do what you love.

I joined the club to become more involved with wolfhounds, with an eventual plan to own my own. I'm pretty involved with my dad's lads Seamus and Boru. I'm also involved with Ms. Anne Flanigan and my "soul mate" Motley.



I'm looking forward to more festivals and events to spread awareness of wolfhounds and share my love and enjoyment of these amazing animals.



Judy Chantelois

I've had 4 wolfhounds before Boromir, but he is the first we've shown. We got the first one in 1994. Her name was Belle and she's the only female we've had. Since then the longest we've been without a wolfhound has been about a year and a half (which felt like a long time). I lived in southern Wisconsin for a number of years and we belonged to GLIWA (Great Lakes IW Assoc.). Currently I also am a member of IWAMS. The most wolfhounds we've had at the same time is two, but we've also had bichons and mutts. Professionally, I'm retired Army and a retired physician

Debby Russ

Debby & her husband Tony live in Woodbridge, with Abby, their 2 y o female IW. Debby is a retired RN. Tony is a retired DC police sgt.



Our Condolences go out to Liz Bloor, whose daughter Deb, a former PVIWC member, passed away recently, and to the family of Susan Dalton, who passed in November. Her husband, Paul Spehr, remains comforted by her 2 wolfhounds.

Just for fun– Gary Van Nest at Westminster – Dee is hidden by the exhibitor in blue. A bucket list item for many of us, right?



BRAGS!



A few days after his second birthday, Tom & Susan Hertz's Quinlan's O'Cillian, BN qualified for the Therapy Dog International 50-visit award, for his therapy dog visits to a local elementary school and hospital.



On February 11th, Murphy Silver Blaze of Molahiffe, Michael Quigley & Chad Martin's six-month old puppy, will graduate from Puppy Basic Training at Woof's Dog Training Center at the Ballston campus in Arlington, Virginia. Woof's uses the "clicker" training method and Murphy has developed a real taste for tripe! In addition to basic commands like "sit" and "down," Murphy is mastering hand targeting, eye contact, and--most importantly--being socialized with other puppies. We hope to enroll Murphy in Woof's "Focus on Heeling" class next. He is a very keen pupil and eager to learn new things... well, he is eager to get that treat, anyway!



Also, Murphy exercised good doggie citizenship and attentively watched President Obama deliver the State of the Union Address on January 28th.



Janet Queisser's Jake (Kellamore Starkeeper Jake) finished his AKC Championship last weekend at the Middle Peninsula Kennel Club show.

Can You Relate? Sharon Jones reports: Darby is amazing at housecleaning. Our counters have never been so clean. In walks Darby, and everything goes into closets before it gets carried off.

SNOW!



Van Morfit with Bebhionn, Kyna, Maya & Aidan

Apollo and Sweetie Benjamin



IN THE NEWS:

Alert -

The EPA is finding counterfeit Frontline, Frontline Plus, Advantage, and other similar products in major U.S. retail stores. EPA, in cooperation with its state partners, is issuing stop sale, use, and removal orders to retailers and other distributors of counterfeit products for control of fleas and ticks on dogs and cats. The orders prohibit retailers and other distributors from distributing or selling the counterfeit products and require their proper disposal.

If you have purchased Frontline or Advantage products from anyone other than your veterinarian please visit these sites:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/health/illegalproducts>

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/flea-tick.htm>

--Your Friends at Animal Medical Centers of Loudoun

If you've ever wondered about your dog's heart rate, calories burned, or other health stats, you can now monitor them with VOYCE. VOYCE is a collar that records and reports heart rate, respiration, calorie usage and time of rest for dogs. Data can be retrieved via Wi-Fi to any computer. While not available for sale yet, it sure sounds intriguing, doesn't it? [Www.mydogsvoyce.com](http://www.mydogsvoyce.com).

Symptom alert! If your dog is scratching at it's throat or neck, check with your vet about Kennel cough/bordatella! You know that scratchy throat feeling you get when you're catching a cold? Apparently it's a symptom with dogs, too!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 10– Frederick Celtic Festival- Mt Airy MD Fire dept. Fairgrounds

May 25—Frederick Irish Festival– Frederick Fairgrounds Eventplex

ALERT!

Please send your trophy donations in to Lisa McKinney ASAP!

A Trip to the Emergency Vet for Christmas, by Susan Montgomery

As some of you may know, our Finn had to have an emergency splenectomy the Sunday before Christmas. I had taken him to the emergency room because of what I thought was an intestinal infection and instead got the sort of news we all dread. Now that it is all over, and Finn is recovered, I wanted to share what happened. A ruptured spleen is not something I would have thought to even worry about, and as much as I have read, researched and gathered documentation on our breed, I was totally unprepared for this. Hopefully others can learn from our experience.

Finn is 6 1/2 years old, neutered, and I thought in excellent health. On the Saturday he didn't eat breakfast, and by 2pm was lying on his bed not moving unless I made him. He has a sensitive stomach, and I thought he had eaten something yucky (we live on a farm) and would be ok after it either passed or came back up. I checked his stomach, but it was soft. I figured if he wasn't better by morning I would take him to the vet as our vet has 24 hour emergency. The next morning, he still wouldn't eat, his temp was 103.4 and his gums seemed red compared to the other dog and his heart rate seemed fast. I called the vet, and they said come on in. We got there just after 9am. I figured with the temp Finn had an infection, they would give us antibiotics and send us home. The vet examined Finn, and immediately said, "we need to take him in back and do an ultrasound." The ultrasound showed a mass on his spleen, and his abdomen was full of blood. He was bleeding out, had lost a lot of blood already. They immediately took him back to intensive care and put him on fluids and meds to try to stabilize him.

He needed surgery immediately. I've never been so glad we purchased pet insurance as when he came in to discuss options and I was able to say we have insurance, we can do the surgery. Many people would not be able to, the estimate was \$3500-4500. The other option was to see if the bleeding stopped and take him home, with the full knowledge it was only a matter of time before it bled again and he went. But we had to also determine if it was the one tumor or if it had already spread. If his abdomen was full of masses, it would not be fair to put him through the surgery. The ultrasound and x-ray didn't show any other masses, so we would do the surgery. Then we had to decide whether to have them do the surgery, or go to a specialist. I had 2 concerns; the time factor with trying to get the specialist on the Sunday before Christmas, but most importantly our vet knows us, has all the IW anesthesia protocols on file and will listen without arguing when we insist on using them. (Make sure they are a part of your hound's file at the vet, and make sure you have discussed the importance of them BEFORE the emergency happens!)

I stayed at the vet and waited while they tried to get him stable enough for the surgery. They didn't have enough blood product on hand, so Annora was brought in to donate blood for him. We stayed until 6 that evening, then took Annora home to wait. They finally took Finn to surgery at 9pm, and he wasn't out until after 1am. There were complications because the spleen was so enlarged. The mass was the size of a softball, the spleen the size of a football. They sent the spleen off to be biopsied. Since bloat was a common problem after this surgery, they also tacked his stomach.

The next day I got a call at 7am that Finn was having heart arrhythmia, but they were medicating him for that. But they also said he could eat since the stomach wasn't damaged during the surgery. For the next two days we went in morning and evening to try and get Finn to eat, but other than some turkey from my hand, he

wouldn't eat. Finally on Christmas day they called and said we could take him home, they were more concerned about him eating than everything else.

Once home, fresh roasted turkey convinced him to eat, and while it took about 5 days for his appetite to come back, he is now back to normal, the staples were taken out after 2 weeks and the only issue was the tech remarking she has never taken so many staples out before. Our biggest challenge was keeping him from running. He managed to take off after peacocks once, and deer another time. The biopsy came back clear, no cancer!

So, we were very lucky (and had lots of people praying for us.) The mass had obviously been growing for a while, probably after an injury to the spleen. This can happen from accidents, falls, anything. We can't think of anything that could have happened to Finn to cause the original injury.

Lethargy, higher pulse rate, pale gums, spongy belly, and no appetite are the things to look for. Don't hesitate to take your hound in to the vet. Finn had red gums because of inflammation. He didn't quite meet all the criteria. Just shows having a good vet that thinks outside the box is critical.

I hope none of you have to go through this. We had a wonderful vet and staff helping us. Our vet stayed all the way through Finn's surgery, must have been at least a 16 hour day for him!

HELP WANTED!

Show Secretary and Show Chair for 2015 Show. 2 High profile jobs needing organized, efficient, self-starters. Must be able to devote time to the tasks needed to prepare for the show from January– April. On-the-job training available THIS YEAR from Carole and Ce!

Tasks for show secretary include: preparing premium lists, accepting entries, creating catalog, creating judging program, organizing entries day of show, sending in paperwork after show.

Show Chair tasks include: sending in applications, organizing club staff, arranging hotel blocks, food vendor, judges' contracts, hotels, transportation, etc.