

## Welcome, continued

From Susan Montgomery– Welcome, Bonnie! We have had our Finnegan for 5 years now. He was a rescue dog, we got him through the PVIWC rescue. (Thanks Diane!) He has been a joy to live with. Everywhere we take him, people love him! We have Rally titles, his CGC, he is a certified Therapy dog. He is everything you want a wolfhound to be. I have wanted to find out who bred him, so I could get another from his line.

I contacted the IWCA to see if there was any way to discover who Finn was. We had a birth date. Turns out there was only one litter registered on that date. Not all puppies from that litter were registered, but one was and I searched on that dog's name. He came up in a search as winning best in show in Nevada. From that I searched the kennel name in Nevada, and found the breeder. When I contacted her she looked up the litter, and confirmed the owner she had for one pup was indeed the former owner of my Finn (the name and address was marked out on the vet paperwork, but I was still able to read it. oopsie..) The puppy she sold this guy had a rather unique marking. I took a photo and sent it to her, and she sent me a puppy photo, and they matched, along with all other markings.

His Breeder told me his puppy name was Wings, because of the markings on his chest. We were both excited to find out information and share photos, and she of course said she would request papers from AKC so I could register him. We talked about his bloodlines, and I found out he is from an exceptionally healthy and long lived line! (Sire is still going strong at 10 yrs old, and all his line get to at least 11!) We were thrilled with this news, but it gets better. Of all his siblings, only one was ever bred. The breeder gave me the owner's name and information. It turns out she looks exactly like our Finn, and had a litter right now! The deal was sealed when we saw a photo of a wheaten female puppy, with the name Ban an Maidin (White o' Morn). For those who know us, The Quiet Man is our favorite movie, and it must be the hand of fate that we found all of this out right now, and the breeder was inspired to name the puppy that.



### FROM BERNE SMITH:

After going 4 years without breeding an IW litter, Berne Smith (St Leger) has 2 litters totaling 10 beautiful pups. These are the first two litters sired by our Ch St Leger Grafton (BOS from class at 2012 IWADV Specialty, under international Judge Dr. Frederic Maison). One litter was whelped on June 29th; the second on July 4th. Pedigrees and weekly updated puppy slide shows can be viewed on either of our websites by clicking on the "IW Puppies" homepage button:

St Leger Websites: <http://www.retreatfarm.com/> or <http://www.irishwolfhound.us/>



A contingent of members & friends attended the Shepherdstown, WV, Dogfest, in early August!  
They were feted as celebrities and represented the breed like stars!

Susan; Lisa and Bill McKinney; Rob Maloy and his daughter (name?); and the Patterson family from Berkeley Springs, WV, with two dogs that are from a Carol Silverthorne litter.



Murphy Silver Blaze of Molahiffe celebrated his First Birthday on July 23rd with his puppy friends at the Shirlington Dog Park in Arlington, Virginia. We had a cake (peanut butter flavored with a carob icing) made by Dogma Dog Bakery in Shirlington. It proved very popular with the puppies! ~ Michael Quigley reporting.

