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The Newsletter of the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** July 10th at the Harrises, Columbia MD. Pool Party! Learn about our 501 (c) 3 status, and our search for a new show venue!

*Judge's remarks from Ann Gallant, conformation*

The Potomac Valley IW Specialty 2011 boasted a wonderful hotel and grounds, beautiful weather, and quality Wolfhounds. The Officers, Show Chairman, Committee Chairs, and PVIWC members deserve recognition for an excellent event, and they have my gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of it. Mr. Peter Van Brunt was, as always, an excellent Steward and kept the ring running smoothly with style and good humor.

All of my comments are made "on the day" and, in fact, within the few minutes that each entry is in the ring. As I've written before, I place a lot of emphasis on each dog's silhouette, both standing and moving. I want to see a dog exhibiting the combination of power and swiftness which is, indeed, remarkable. And I want to have an impression of endurance. I look for strength, graceful build, and easy movement. This is a tall order for a giant hound. Many times my notes included a comment that I would have preferred more length of neck for the length of the back. The impression of a shorter neck is generally caused by a more

upright scapula, a front assembly set on too far forward, or both. I place great value on balanced proportions of length of leg to height of the hound to the length of the neck to the length of the body.

A few general comments come to mind. I found a significant number of hounds that had length throughout: head, neck, back, and, to a lesser extent, legs. Most were fairly well balanced in the front and the rear assemblies. Most coats were excellent. I also saw a few Wolfhounds that had upper arms of excellent length and return. Congratulations. That is quite an accomplishment. Better movement went along with better construction.

On the “watch” list, I saw too many Wolfhounds that did not have the required curves, especially over the topline. Too many were soft and overweight. I know that many are just getting through a hard winter and may not have had time to muscle up and slim down. I saw some lighter eyes that often accompany a lighter coat, but these were generally the intense flame eye. Bites were more problematic than I’ve seen recently with many level bites with worn teeth and several bites were undershot.

As always, the exhibitors were gracious and demonstrated great camaraderie with each other, devotion to their hounds, and dedication to the breed.

### **Puppy Dogs, 6-9 months**

#### **1. O'Lugh Blackwater Harper**

A lot of nice curves with good length through the topline and legs. Would prefer a bit more length to the neck. His upper arm has excellent length and return. He is balanced fore and aft with regard to angulation. He moves easily on the side gait, and is true down and back but moves a bit close in the rear at this time. Nice bone and a pleasant head and expression.

#### **2. Blackwing Starkeeper Tegann**

I especially like the length of leg on this puppy, and the length of topline and neck may well come into balance with maturity. He doesn’t have quite the curves over the topline of #1. He has a bit more rear at this time than his front assembly. Very nice head and expression. Isn’t moving true today on the down and back.

### **Puppy Dogs, 9-12 months**

#### **1. Aighí's Seosamh Mac De Jenny**

This youngster doesn’t have much coat yet so his beautiful curves can be seen standing and moving. He has good length throughout. He has very good length and return of upper arm, and excellent width of stifle. His head is very nice, especially the length of the muzzle. His side gait is smooth and effortless.

#### **2. O'Lugh Holy Toledo of Blackwater**

Somewhat longer in back than #1 but would prefer a bit more neck for balance. Nice curves

over the loin, but somewhat soft in the topline especially when standing. Side gait was somewhat restricted.

### 3. Eirian Heart N Soul

Nicely balanced with good curves throughout. He doesn't have quite the length throughout that I prefer but time is on his side. He isn't using himself well today.

### 4. O'Lugh Clash of the Titans

Much larger youngster with a more sweeping rear than front. His topline doesn't have much

curve, but this might be obscured by his weight. Pleasing head and expression.

## 12-18 Months

### 1. Riverlawn Exit of Aerie

This fellow caught my eye and wouldn't let go. A lot of scope and length. Still rather raw boned. His curves show up best on the move and he covers ground with ease and precision. He has an excellent head with good length of muzzle and backskull, a very dark eye, and beautiful rosed ears. He has few facial furnishings, but I love the look of the ancient, warrior hound.

### 2. Carrickaneena Tyrconnell

This length of neck is one of the best so far. It blends nicely into beautiful curves over the topline. A bit more leg would better balance the length topside. Nice head and expression.

Movement was sometimes excellent but inconsistent.

### 3. Starkeeper Glenamadda Fyrenze of Gryffindor

Looks much better moving than standing today. Would prefer more angulation fore and aft. Somewhat soft and less curvey in the topline when standing. He pulls himself together on the move.

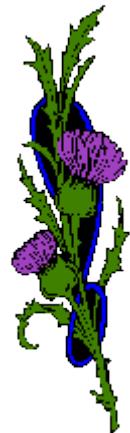
### 4. Castlemaine's Salinger

Nice curves over the topline and through the rear. The front assembly is somewhat straighter, especially the upper arm. The little longer neck would better balance his longer backline. Even though his cheerful tail can be distracting, he has very nice side gait.

## Novice Dogs

### 1. Glenamadda Starkeeper Banner

While not the more rangy look I prefer, he is very well balanced and moves well on the side and on the down and back. He holds his curves well on the move. Has a beautiful head and



expression.

## 2. Juggle of Aerie

This dog has more of the length overall I prefer, good bone and width of stifle, but he is not using himself well today, especially going away. Good head, expression, and rosed ears.

## 3. Laislinn Starkeeper Connal

This dog is in excellent muscle and the best conditioned one so far in the ring today. His more sweeping rear is not well balanced with his straighter front. Would prefer more curve over the topline.

## **Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs**

This was a very nice class with significant depth of quality and beautiful movement.

### 1. Quint of Aerie

Has the overall length I like from the head, through the neck into the topline. He is balanced front to rear. Would prefer more curve over the loin.

### 2. Rockhart Nemesis

Very nice length of back which might be better balanced with a bit more leg. His sweeping rear is not equaled by his front assembly. Nice head with pleasing expression and a dark eye.

### 3. Carrickaneena Croppy Boy

Upstanding dog with a lot of nice leg. Lovely length through the back but could use more curves over the loin. Beautiful mover.

### 4. Hound Hill Tallberg O'Tailstorm

A more compact dog than those above with a softer topline standing. Moderate angulation in the front with more bend of stifle in the rear. Shows better curves on the move.

## **American Bred Dogs**

### 1. Shanachie-N-Wolfhaven's TNT

Big fellow with length of back and legs. Would prefer a bit more neck. Pleasing head that could use tighter ears. Good curves throughout. Holds himself well on the move which is efficiently ground covering.

### 2. Dun Myrica Lyre of Eagle

Similar to above with less length throughout. Stands somewhat soft in the topline and doesn't firm up on the move.

### 3. Gladstone's Brother Digby

Has a lot of potential with fairly good length throughout. He isn't moving well today and isn't holding his shape on the move.

#### 4. Armagh's Faolan Buster O'Ros

His shape leans to the "power" side of the continuum as opposed to "speed". His topline is rather soft when standing, but improves on the move. Would prefer more arch over the loin standing or moving.

### Open Dogs

#### 1. O'Lugh's Jagermeister of Aerie

A lot of wonderful curves on the move. Although his upper arm could use more return, it is long and he uses it really well on the move. I'd like more length of neck for the length of his back. His loin is powerful and deep but looks somewhat flat standing, better when moving. His rear is a bit more angled than his front with good width of stifle.

#### 2. Kellamore Braemar of Fitzwick

Pleasing curves. Good length of neck into well made shoulders into a long back. Back is somewhat soft when standing, but improves on the move. Would prefer more leg to better balance the topside. Balanced fore and aft. Moves well.

#### 3. Castlemaine's Bram of Sidhe

Front assembly somewhat upright which shortens the impression of neck length. The leg length is balanced with the length of the back. Nice arch over the loin.

#### 4. Moondancer of Elkhorn

Big dog with good length of neck into a balanced length of back. Nice shape on the move, but isn't moving well on the side or down and back.

WD: #31, Riverlawn Exit of Aerie

RWD: #85, Shanachie-N-Wolfhaaven's TNT

### Puppy Bitches, 6-9 months

#### 1. St Leger Urraca

Quite like this puppy. She has good length of neck, topline, and legs. Her good shoulder assembly smoothly blends the neck into the back. She has a proper upper arm and she uses it well on the move. She has curves throughout. Very feminine head and expression.

#### 2. St. Leger Voila

Very similar to #1. Less well stacked; but on the move, she has a very nice shape, length, curves, and balance. Equally nice head.

Balanced length of neck to back to legs, but not the curves or fill of the first 2 placements. The topline is soft and appears high in rear with a rather steep croup. She uses herself well but not with the ease of the first two.

#### 4. O'Lugh's Corona Extra Gold

Similar to #3 but doesn't have the scope. Topline is a bit firmer, arch over the loin similar to #3, and the croup is a bit steeper.

### **Puppy Bitches, 9-12 months**

#### 1. O'Lugh's Streetwalker

Good length of neck into length of topline. Would prefer a bit longer leg for balance. Back sometimes appeared soft when standing, but she held her shape on the move. Rear is more sweeping than the front, but the length and return of upper arm is better than most and she uses it beautifully.

#### 2. Rockhart Paloma

This puppy has length of leg that is a bit more than her length of neck and back at this point in her development. Her front assembly is not quite balanced with her more sweeping rear. The upper arm length and return restricts her front movement especially as compared with her rear action. Very pretty head and picture perfect ear.

#### 3. Glenamadda Starkeeper Delilah

Love the long legs with length of neck and back. Nice curves throughout. Somewhat restricted on the go around.

#### 4. Glenamadda Echo of Starkeeper

Smooth package of nice curves. Would like more neck and leg for the length of the body. Very pretty head and expression. Moves well and holds her shape.

### **12-18 Months**

#### 1. Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh

The first two placements are almost identical. They are on the small size, but beautifully balanced regarding their length throughout and their angulation fore and aft. Beautiful curves over the topline. Not quite the length of leg as #2. Moves well with excellent use of her upper arm.

#### 2. Glenamadda Starkeeper Chevonne

Comments above apply to this sister. Although #2 moves quite well, she didn't use her upper arm as well today as #1.

### 3. O'Lugh June of Blackwater

### 3. Warwick Teacht of Aerie

This beautiful, black girl struck a very responsive chord with me. She has lovely curves which may be somewhat masked by her weight. She has good length of neck and back with balance fore and aft. Might give her a bit more leg. Love her beautiful head, expression, and super ears. She carries herself well on the move.

### 4. June of Aerie

Beautiful head, eye, and ears. Shoulder assembly a bit upright which shortens the appearance of her neck. Good length of back. Nice curves over the topline. Her moments of good movement today were brief and infrequent.

## **Amateur Owner Handler**

### 1. Laislinn Long Roa to Caoihme

Pretty, feminine bitch with good proportions and nice curves throughout. Softer topline when standing but firms up on the move. Better side gait than her down and back today.

### 2. Vandeventer's Kyna O'Ros

Like the length of leg which balances her length of back. Somewhat forward and upright front shortens the appearance of her neck length and produces a lift in the front on the move. Balanced angulation front to rear but would prefer more on both ends. Nice curves down her topline and maintains a firm back.

## **Novice Bitches**

### 1. Starkeeper Glenamadda Kayte

Balanced fore and aft with flowing curves. Good length of neck to body and legs. Nice silhouette when moving.

### 2. Opal of Aerie

This promising youngster needs time to pull all her beautiful parts together. She is long throughout with beautiful curves. She has an excellent front assembly with a long upper arm of sufficient return to balance her powerful rear. Head, expression, and tight rose ear are beautiful.

### 3. Brimstone Sojourn From Connemara

Somewhat less length throughout with more moderate curves than #2. Pretty head and good ears. Did notice a lighter eye. Moves well.

## **Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches**

### **1. July of Aerie**

Nice curves and length throughout with a better silhouette on the move than when standing.

Arch over the loin is diminished when stacked. Balanced front to rear. Very good movement on the side and down and back.

### **2. Kellykerry Peony of Aerie**

Lovely head, expression, and ear. Longer cast through the topline than #1 and somewhat soft when stacked. Smooth curves throughout. Didn't move as well as #1 today.

### **3. Starkeeper Glenamadda USA Flag**

Smooth curve down the neck and through the topline. Arch over the loin better seen on the move. Rear doesn't have quite the bend and width to balance the front. Easy mover.

### **4. Hound Hill Tallulah**

Big wheaten with good length of back that is somewhat soft when stacked but improves on the move. The length of the neck appears longer and more balanced with the body on the move.

Not moving cleanly in the rear.

## **American Bred Bitches**

### **1. Gladstone's Maeve**

Rangy bitch with smooth curves overall and balance throughout. Nice head, but could use tighter ears. Another example of an excellent upper arm. Moves well with an easy, open side gait that cover ground. Her shape is best seen on the move, and gets better with each step. Her easy, ground covering movement that never let down garnered her WB.

### **2. Myrica Leanbh Nollaig of Eagle**

Very nice curves but I'd like more length everywhere. Nice balance front to back. Pretty head and expression. Moves cleanly.

### **3. FCH. Carrickaneena Winds of Morning SC**

Like this length overall, good proportions neck to back to legs. Would prefer more arch over the loins. Like her head, expression and ears. Isn't moving well today, especially in the rear going away.

### **4. Connemara's Wise One At Hearthound**

Longer back somewhat out of balance to the shorter neck and legs. Topline is rather soft but has a nice rise over the loin and through the croup. Front and rear balanced but would prefer more angulation on each end. Very pretty, feminine head and expression. Would prefer more ground covering movement.

## **Open Bitches**

### **1. O'Lugh's Jigger of Aerie**

Length and curves throughout, especially when she is on the move. Balanced front to rear.

Excellent ground covering movement on the side and down and back. She faded a bit during WB competition, but her structure and silhouette garnered her RWB.

### **2. Gladstone's Wicca**

Pushed for 1st place. Would prefer more arch over the loin, both standing and moving. Good angulation fore and aft with an excellent front assembly, esp.upper arm.

### **3. Starkeeper California Ierne**

Lovely bitch about as small as I would like to see. Doesn't have quite enough neck and leg to balance her longer back which is somewhat soft. Easy, smooth mover around and down and back.

### **4. Kellykerry Isolde of Aerie**

Big bitch with curves and balance that might be somewhat obscured by her weight. Goes well but might be easier on the move with less weight. Pleasing head and expression that would be improved with tighter ears.

WB: #94 RWB: #112



## **Veteran Dogs**

### **1. CH. Taliesin's Suailce JC**

This veteran is looking really good in his maturity. He has a lovely head and beautiful ears. He has smooth curves over his whole frame and a nice spring of rib. Balanced front and rear with good width of stifle. Good muscle tone. His topline is a bit soft standing, but he pulls himself together on the move with beautiful side gait.

### **2. CH. Lorilane Zydeco of Ierne**

This longer cast dog is very much the style I like. More sweep in the rear than in the front assembly. Excellent head.

### **3. CH. Greymist Eyesoftexas Gabriel**

Upstanding senior with a goodly amount of leg under him. His topline is fairly firm with a beautiful curve over the loin and across a long, properly angled croup. He is the senior of the class and his movement reflects his age.

## **Veteran Bitches**

### **1. CH. Glenamadda Starkeeper U R Zada JC**

One of the most beautiful heads with excellent length to width of the back skull matched with length of the muzzle in a level plane. Super ears. Her curves flow beautifully from the crest of her neck through the topline and over her broad croup. She is balanced fore and aft.

I would give her a bit more leg. She is a beautiful, easy mover.

### **2. CH. Gladstone's Come Fly With Me**

Similar look to #1 but with a longer cast. Her topline is now somewhat soft on the stack but she pulls herself together and moves with ease. Her excellent front assembly boasts a very long upper arm with excellent return. To her credit she has passed along this upper arm to two of her daughters by different sires for which she was awarded #1 Brood Bitch.

### **3. Sidhe's Whitney O'Tailstorm**

Balanced fore and aft with a shorter cast throughout. Maintains beautiful curves.

### **4. CH. Ierne's Sorcha Ni Shivey JC**

Love the length of back but would be better balanced with a bit more neck and leg. Balanced fore and aft. Moves easy and true.



BOB

CH. Guffaw of Aerie

Beautiful head, expression, and tight rosed ears. On the smaller size, but well built with smooth, flowing curves. Good proportion of length throughout. Easy ground covering movement, and she never put a foot down wrong. She radiates power, speed and endurance in a beautiful, feminine package.

BW

Riverlawn Exit of Aerie

He got better and better as he went around the ring.

BOS

CH. Talieson's Willow's Glympse

Big wheaten that has length and curves throughout. Very pleasing, masculine head with good expression. He uses himself well on the side and down and back. Very nice combination of speed and power.

SD

GCH. Starkeeper McEnroe of Limerick

Obedience HIT: Joanne Buehner Brown with Kellamore Starkeeper Kora RN

Judge Carole Artim.



After many years of tireless service to Irish Wolfhound Rescue, Jean Minnier has retired as the IWCA Rescue Chairman. And, thankfully, she will continue to help with IW rescue in her local area.

This year the IWCA Board of Directors appointed two co-chairmen to take over the role for the Irish Wolfhound Rescue. We are Lynne Rosebrock (California) for west of the Mississippi River and Diane Hartney (Virginia) for east of the Mississippi. At the direction of the board, our task is to serve as liaisons or facilitators between those in the trenches, doing the hard work in your various localities and the national club.

#### About me:

I became a member of The Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club in 1994 just after we got our first 2 Irish Wolfhound rescues. My rescue efforts started with a few phone calls from folks who wanted one or were calling to see if we could place theirs in a new home. I had talked to Jean several times and when I needed forms she sent me copies of hers so I could develop forms for the club. 1994 seems like yesterday and after 100 rescues I stopped counting. They have come in singles, doubles and even three once and yes, my share of mixes. And once, there were 20 needy hounds that all got to safe homes and love thanks to Jean and the East Coast rescue coordinators.



### **Wanderers in the Woods**

By: Diane Hartney

In December 1998 I got a call about an Irish Wolfhound girl and a small mix companion dog in a Winchester, VA shelter. The call came from a former club member who said his mother, who knows her breeds because after all he had an Irish Wolfhound, told him about the IW and the mix and that their time there was expiring.

I called the shelter and they told me that these dogs had been running loose in the woods for weeks on end. The hunters and residents tried unsuccessfully to catch and lure these two to safety. They were a cagey pair, eating the food and drinking water left out for them but never coming close. The two appeared to have remnants of collars on them. Finally, a hunter/resident was determined to get these two to the shelter because it was dipping below freezing at night. He waited in his truck overnight with food on the ground and in the bed of his truck, hoping their curiosity would bring them close enough. The two lost souls did come close, and he successfully wrestled them into the bed of the truck where another friend was hiding.

Christmas was just two days away, and the shelter had posted these two as found but never claimed. Their 10 days was up on Christmas Day. They assured us they would not put them down on Christmas day, but we had to come very early the next morning.

We arrived at the shelter as soon as it opened. The workers were so glad we came. We went around the back of the building to the “larger” kennel area and immediately saw a beautiful but very dirty Irish Wolfhound girl standing patiently at the gate. She heard us speak and her tail wagged slowly as she greeted us. We were allowed in the kennel to have a closer look and all the time her buddy, the mix, was jumping for joy. We led

the girl out of the kennel and the gate closed behind us.

We heard a deep low cry and the mix put his paws on the gate and looked at us and his friend. As I walked away I saw the IW look back at the little guy and she looked very sad. At the moment, I lost it and told the shelter rep to go back and get him too.

And so began a new life for an Irish Wolfhound and her pal, lost or abandoned in the woods.

We left the shelter and headed to the vet's office. The two pals were taken to an examination room and records were started on them. We named the girl Kait and the little guy Bud. Bud never stopped jumping around and up and down, many times as high as the examination table. He was looking more and more like a miniature Rhodesian Ridgeback by the minute. Kait was very quiet and looked tired. Her teeth were ground down and the doctor said she had no doubt been eating rocks. They got a good work up and were kept overnight for observation. They were bathed 3 times and suddenly Kait, who had been dirty and grey, was now truly a wheaten Irish Wolfhound and that the little guy cleaned up good and had a nice coat too.

We picked up our 2 wanderers and they looked mighty happy after a couple of meals and a warm soft place to sleep. It was pouring rain and we were heading to the eastern shore to a family who had an IW (in her senior years) and had submitted an application months before.

We arrived and were welcomed into a lovely home with beautiful furnishings and Waterford crystal all over the tables and breakfront. Their girl came to meet us and welcomed the 2 newcomers into their home. After a few rubs and sniffs they began the usual Wolfhound circle and run routine. As they breezed through the house I suggested that the Waterford probably should be moved or put away. I was politely informed that it was OK for them to have fun in the house. We stayed for a couple of hours and observed them all together and went out in the front of their home and down to the waterfront.

What a beautiful new home for these souls. And a very happy and wolfhound loving couple stood with us and smiled the entire time. A deluge started again, so now it was time for us to leave. We skipped through the rain to our van and got ready to leave. As we pulled out, there standing in the open garage with the rain pouring in were a happy couple and now 3 very lucky dogs.

Several months later on the way home from the shore we called the family and they invited us to stop by. We were greeted by happy dogs and of course Kait and Bud remembered us and were over the moon. As we were visiting I happened to notice that the end of a beautiful Rowe sofa was boarded up. I asked what happened and was told that Bud found the material quite tasty.

As time went on, we found out that the new family used the same vet as some of our club members and we were given regular updates about them and their welfare.

I am so glad I got that call before Christmas in 1998 or else things would have been a lot different for Kait and Bud. They found their forever home!

Diane Hartney  
IWCA Co-Chair  
Irish Wolfhound East Coast Rescue

## From the Education & Events Committee!

There have been some changes to our events schedule this spring & summer. Sadly, 2 events have been cancelled, the Frederick Celtic fest and the Potomac Celtic fest.

However, we've added 3 new events!

**June 24-26**, at Mt Hope Winery, in Manheim, PA (near Hershey) - The Celtic Fling! Please let me know ASAP if you have NOT done so already, if you plan to go. I will need to get passes for you if I haven't already. Otherwise, you'll have to pay the entry fee (and can't take your hound.)

**August- October**. Same location- the **PA renaissance faire**. We have been invited to come have a booth and escort Queen Elizabeth around the faire. RENAISSANCE/TUDOR/ CELTIC GARB REQUIRED. (Kilts count. Jeans don't!)

If you plan to go, I MUST know what specific dates before July 1st!! If you have costume questions, please contact me.

**July 9th– Annapolis Irish Festival**! At the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville, MD. Please RSVP ASAP. Entry passes are required.

## CONDOLENCES

Carole Silverthorne's **Zahra** playing with puppy Rocki. Zahra went to the bridge just after our



show.

She was met there by Lisa & Bill McKinney's Gracie, who left them just before our show.

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Breed Profile: Irish Wolfhound.

"If you own an Irish Wolfhound, you already know they are sweet & loyal dogs. (yeah, I knew that!)

"Today, they (the Irish Wolfhound) holds a solid spot on the AKC breed popularity list at #79.

Irish Wolfhounds are gentle companions and reasonably laid back. Generally they are good with children, strangers and other pets. Irish Wolfhounds are not retrieving dogs, so while they're good with kids, they are not ideal candidates for a game of fetch." (Just ask anyone trying to train for upper levels of obedience!) "Reward –based training with food usually does the trick." (Irish cookie hounds!)

As I read this article, I had one boy sitting at my feet telling me it was time to go do some training... while holding his dumbbell! For the right treat, some IWs can be convinced to do almost ANYTHING!

## My Therapy Work With My Wolfhounds

By Lisa McKinney

In June of 2004 I lost my father to lung cancer. His death was hard on my entire family, but hardest on my mother. I had heard of therapy dogs, and how they had helped people deal with pain and loss. Because my mother was so lonely, and had always loved one of my dogs, I started taking Teddy (mixed breed) over to visit her. Teddy's visits were the only times she would really come out of her shell and speak without being spoken to first. This was my first experiment into therapy work.

After what I felt was a relatively successful experiment with my mother, I was determined to learn more about actual therapy work with dogs and turned to my local obedience club. Several people at the club have dogs certified by TDI (Therapy Dogs International). After discussing my Wolfhounds with the trainers and testers, and reading the information available on the TDI website ([www.tdi-dog.org](http://www.tdi-dog.org)), I decided Gracie (Blair's Slight O'Hand at Taralyn) would be my first dog trained for this work.

Gracie went to class for eight weeks (not required, but I would recommend it) and, when the next CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and TDI tests were offered, I took Gracie and she passed her certification with flying colors. After Gracie received her certification, I started Memphis (Blair's Prime Number at Taralyn) in the class. He also passed his certification test with ease.

After both dogs were certified, and I joined our local TDI chapter, we began visiting various places. One of Gracie's favorites was a local children's home. The children, ranging in ages from about 8-15, would walk the dogs, along with the handlers. Gracie loved the walks and the attention. Gracie also enjoyed visiting nursing homes and anyplace else where petting seemed to be the primary function.

Memphis, on the other hand, prefers a less active form of therapy work. He enjoys going to the library where first, second and third graders will sit beside him and read aloud to him, and the other 4-6 dogs that are there. The teachers tell us that they see significant improvements in the children's reading skills as a result of the "read to dogs" program. This program has even made the local news. It was fun to see Memphis on TV!

One of my most proud moments related to this program, however, was when Memphis and Gracie were invited to go to a special-needs preschool for a therapy dog session. One of the teachers at the school had heard of Memphis and Gracie through "a friend of a friend" and then saw an article on them in a Pennsylvania teacher's newsletter. They did not want a little dog to visit, as many of the children have motor control issues and may have pet too hard, or stumbled into the dog. Memphis and I had a wonderful day with the children. One of the teachers was particularly thrilled with having Memphis in that day. There was a child in her class that was almost always out of control and needed a great deal of special care and attention to keep her from injuring herself or anyone else. When Memphis was brought in, and laid down, she immediately ran to him, sat between his front and rear legs, laid her head against him, and stayed there until it was time for us to leave. The teacher said that was the only time she had ever seen the child

completely calm for more than a couple of minutes. That was rewarding for me beyond what I can explain.

If you think your Wolfhound has the temperament and personality to enjoy this kind of work, I encourage you to explore it. It is fun and rewarding, for you, the dogs and the people we get the opportunity to interact with.

Memphis, Gracie (& Bill) at the “Trunk or Treat” event at Shiremanstown United Methodist Church

Photo courtesy of Carol Glasgow



## LURE COURSING

June 25 –26– Great Meadow, VA– CHAMP ASFA ALL breed. Early entries close June 22 Day of Entries close 30 minutes before roll call  
Secretary: Bobbie Lutzs. [Lutzsei@aol.com](mailto:Lutzsei@aol.com)  
\$20.00 FOR THE 1st HOUND/\$18.00 for the 2nd/\$15.00 FOR 3rd

DAY OF TRIAL ENTRIES: \$25.00 PER HOUND

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From Gabi Schneidman:

Here is a recipe for Irish Soda Bread. My friend's mother came from Dublin, Ireland to the United States during the 1920 as a young girl with her family. She told Connie that her grandmother would bake this bread every Friday as part of Afternoon Teas during the weekend. The unusual ingredient is sourcream instead of buttermilk. Connie's grandmother's recipe uses sultanas (dark raisins), but I substituted golden raisins soaked in austrian rum instead. I have made it with caraway seeds and raisins, just raisins, or my all time favorite- cranberries. So here it goes:

I use a stand up mixer with whisk attachment, not the dough hook

preheat oven to 400, lower temperatures for convection ovens by 50 degrees

1 large or x-large egg

1/2 cup white sugar

mix together until light yellow and creamy, add

16 ounce carton regular sourcream (Breakstone)

pinch of salt

splash of vanilla extract or rum ( if you soaked raisins)

mix together until well blended, stop machine and add

1/2 t baking soda

1 1/2 t baking powder

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour (King Arthur)

after soda and bak. powder, I add the first cup of flour and barely mix it for 5 seconds,

stop the machine fold in

3/4 cranberries

add the rest of flour to the bowl and mix only until all flour is incorporated.

I use a 7 inch, porcelain souffle dish (metal works as well) with parchment paper in bottom. Do not grease the sides! The dough is very heavy, as well as sticky, so I use a thick rubber spatula to lift the dough out of the mixing bowl into the baking form. The original (irish) recipe calls for cutting a cross into batter. Somehow my dough is always a little to moist for that, but I'd rather sprinkle 'Sugar in the raw' on top.

The bread bakes for 2 hours! After you slip the dish or pan into the oven , lower the temp to 350/360 for 1 hour. For the second hour I lower the temp to 200/220. If you tap the top of the bread it should sound hollow. Take bread out of the oven, place on rack. As soon as top is cool enough to handle use a knife to free the sides and bread comes out fine. Thats the reason for covering the bottom of dish with parchment. If you let the bread cool in dish it will collect condensation. My smallest spring form is 8 inches and I prefer my bread higher, rather than spread out. It is best to let it cool for several hours, or to enjoy it the next day. I cut the bread in half and then slice each half across the short side.



# NEW ARRIVALS!

Dave and Denise Harris have 2 puppies! Fearghus, 12 - 13 months and ~ 150 - 160 pounds and Carrick, 3 - 4 months and ~45 - 55 pounds.

They are both Aerie dogs (breeders = Doug and Amy), but are not related. Both have never met a stranger, love adventures, love going to new places, and love meeting new friends, both 2 legged and four legged. Fearghus is a tall, big, handsome, and happy boy. We considered changing his name to Bullwinkle the MOOSE after going to the Alexandria Parade and seeing that he, at 11 months was the tallest out of 20 IW's there. Compared to our other 3 IW's who were all "Barry Manilows," I'd have to say Fearghus is more of a Southern Rocker (e.g., Chris Daughtry) and Carrick is Ozzie Osbourne during his Black Sabbath days. Carrick is the only IW I know of that will climb over/tear down a baby gate or X-pen. He is totally fearless and he'll launch himself off the stairs when he is only half way down, forcing Dave to catch him mid-air to prevent him from crash landing in the middle of the dining room table/chairs. Carrick is also unlike most IW's I know, because he is the proverbial chow hound and will eat anything/everything in sight. Mid April he had pink poo, as he was eating all the cherry blossoms as they fell off the tree in the back yard. Just when you're ready to kill him, he climbs up in your lap, gives you lots of kisses, then rolls over in your arms like a human baby and falls asleep. Talk about melting your heart.

We were so proud when Prince William was given the title of Baron Carrickfergus. It was after our visit to Castle Carrickfergus, just outside Belfast this past Jan, that we decided the next IW we'd get would be called Carrick, to go along with Fearghus.



Christina Kallay Welcomed baby Gavin, littermate to Carrick!



## Readers:

I submit this brief appreciation note to recognize all those that attended the PVIWC supported entry at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club Show on 4 June 2011. There was a nice supported entry in both dogs and bitches which allowed for 3 pt majors. Congratulations! The real appreciation and recognition I wanted to share goes to Darryl and Lynne Meeks from NC; Janet Queisser; Gabriele Schneidman; Brenda and Bill Neu; Bernie Smith; Greg and Beth Flierl; Sharon Benjamin and Bob Bothwell; and, a wonderful lady whose name escapes me (she recently acquired a puppy but has owned wolfhounds in the past) attended the show and the meeting to learn more, socialize with other wolfhound owners and partake in a fare (thanks to all for the food!) Thanks again to all members and wolfhounds owners for attending this supported entry. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the breed judge, Dennis Gallant. Have a safe summer. Tammy McNeely Aube (Elkhorn)



## Upcoming Shows

June 30 – Bel Alton, MD – (breed judge: Ann Gallant; Group judge: Dennis Gallant)

July 1 -Bel Alton, MD – (breed judge: Sonny Ambrosio; Group judge: Sonny Ambrosio)

July 2 - Bel Alton, MD – (breed judge: Sam Houston McDonald; Group judge: Mrs. Gloria Ger-inger)

July 3 - Bel Alton, MD – (breed judge: Gary Doerge; Group judge: Gary L. Doerge)

July 4 - Bel Alton, MD – (breed judge: Mrs. Robert S Forsyth; Group judge: Mrs. Robert S Forsyth)

July 7– W. Friendship, MD- (breed judge– Mr. Frank Mccartha)

July 8– W. Friendship MD- (Breed judge Mrs. Carol Duffy)

July 9– W. Friendship MD- (breed judge Mr. Levi Marsman)

July 10– W. Friendship MD- (Breed judge MR. Larry Sinclair)

July 16 – Shawnee KC (Berryville, VA) (breed and Group judge: Howard Yost)

Club meeting– July 10th, Columbia MD.

Board Meeting, August 14th, Silverthorne/Plummer– Purcellville, va

Fun match– September 25, Bay Ridge Marina, Annapolis