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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dates to remember:

February 8th Club Meeting via Zoom

March 29th -30th Our Specialty Show

All members, please consider helping at the Specialty Show for an hour or three or all day. Help is always needed for both days. We can set up a sign-up sheet if you all would like one. Even if you could cover an area so someone could eat or use the restroom would be appreciated.

I hope everyone made out alright in the recent weather. Here in Maryland, we had several inches of snow followed by lots of ice. And of course, the frigid temperatures. We are dug now out thanks to my husband and three strong men with ice picks, shovels, and a snowblower! It took three and a half hours in the middle of the night. The men earned every penny, read dollar, they asked for. Keep warm and safe.

Kathy

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Kathy Lewis.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER continued

Valentine's Day Safety Tips for Your Dog

By Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT, Updated: Feb 13, 2025 **AKC**

Valentine's Day isn't just for exchanging candy hearts and cards with people you love. You can also celebrate Valentine's Day with your dog. Give them a special toy or treat, take them for a long walk, or cuddle on the couch.

However, you choose to celebrate Valentine's Day, be aware that many holiday traditions can pose a hazard to your pet. From toxic sweets to choking hazards, the following list will help keep your dog safe as you celebrate with your loved ones.

Chocolate

It may be a traditional Valentine's Day gift to exchange with other people, but chocolate is absolutely off-limits for dogs. Although harmless to humans, chocolate contains both caffeine and theobromine, which can cause serious and potentially fatal health issues in dogs. These substances affect a dog's heart and central nervous system, and the more they ingest, the more serious the consequences.

Certain types of chocolate contain a higher percentage of caffeine and theobromine than others, which makes them more harmful. For example, ounce for ounce, unsweetened baker's chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate. Remember, the heavier the dog, the more they can tolerate. As a general rule, serious side effects can occur with around one ounce of milk chocolate per pound of body weight.

So, if your dog licks the wrapper of your bonbon box, it's probably not a problem. But if they consume a few of those bonbons, it might be time for

the emergency vet. It can take over six hours before symptoms start, but always play it safe and immediately contact your veterinarian or the Pet Poison Helpline (855-213-6680) for advice.



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Cakes and Cookies

Baked goods (like cakes, cookies, chocolate-chip muffins, and cakes iced with chocolate frosting) can be sources of chocolate. They might also contain other dangerous foods like cinnamon, which can irritate the lining of the mouth and lower blood sugar, or macadamia nuts, which are one of the most dangerous foods for dogs. Especially if you don't know the exact ingredients, keep all baked goods out of your dog's reach.

Candy

Candy, particularly the sugar-free kind, can contain xylitol. This sugar substitute is also found in gum, mints, some types of peanut butter, baked goods, and many surprising household products. Xylitol is toxic for dogs and can cause severe hypoglycemia (lower than normal blood sugar levels) or even liver failure if they eat it. Symptoms such as weakness, vomiting, and seizures can occur as soon as 30 minutes after your dog ingests this dangerous substance, although it can take more than 12 hours depending on the speed of absorption.

Flowers and Plants

Flowers are another traditional Valentine's gift and decoration. But not all plants are safe for your dog. Many common bouquet varieties, like lilies,

chrysanthemums, or tulips, can make your dog ill if they eat them, irritating their mouth or intestines and causing vomiting, drooling, and diarrhea. Flowers such as roses can also have thorns that can get stuck in your dog's paw or nose if they decide to investigate too closely.



David Woo

Gift Wrap, Ribbons, and Balloons

Dogs love to explore anything you've touched, and discarded gift wrap and trimmings are no exception. Especially if they've been wrapped around food or other smelly items like candles or cologne. But ribbons, strips of paper, and tape can all pose a choking hazard if your dog tries to eat them.

Watch out for balloons as well. They can frighten your dog when they pop, and the pieces of remaining rubber or latex pose a choking or obstruction risk if ingested.

Candles and Alcohol

Nothing says Valentine's Day romance like candles and a bottle of wine. But keep both away from your dog. Open flames are dangerous because your dog could accidentally cause a fire if they knock the candle over or bump it with their tail. And alcohol is harmful if your dog drinks it. Just as with chocolate, the percentage of alcohol in the beverage and the weight of the dog are factors. But to be safe, a no-alcohol policy is best.

Pet-Proof the House

To truly enjoy Valentine's Day, familiarize yourself with the common dangers to your dog and pet-proof your house. For example, keep hazardous items out of reach, don't leave food unattended, and clean up any gift wrap or chocolate wrappers.

It's also helpful to teach your dog a solid leave-it cue to prevent them from getting into anything dangerous in the first place. Finally, know the phone number and location of your emergency vet and post the Pet Poison Helpline number in an obvious place so you can reach help immediately if you need it. Then you can relax and celebrate the holiday with your friends, family, and most of all, your dog.

From the Desk of: Pat Murkland

Warning about Baytril (enrofloxacin) for puppies. Baytril is one our best "big gun" antibiotics for fighting infections. One of my dogs is successfully taking it right now under vet supervision.

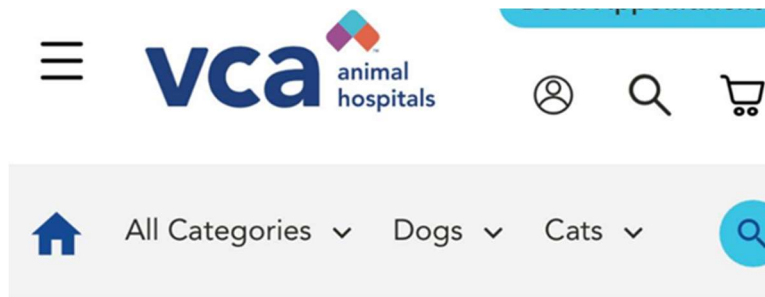
But years ago when my young 11-month-old Wolfhound was critically ill and hospitalized with severe pneumonia that nearly killed her, that vet said Baytril wasn't an option. What?

That's when I learned that Baytril can be VERY destructive to young Irish Wolfhounds, especially puppies in rapid growth periods. It can destroy their joint cartilage. Although the illustration here alleges it's "rare" the risk is always there, and no one wants their dog to be that rare one.

One can argue that it was a dire situation with my dog near death. And the vet medical advisories do say vets can weigh the options and use it in dire situations. My dog's growth had been uneventful and she was already 11 months. But the vet said the risk was still too great and she needed to be at least 18 months ... growth marker in large-breed dogs. The vet did a workaround and found a Plan B.

I am sharing this information because if you have a Wolfhound puppy with rapid growth challenges and your vet casually prescribes Baytril, please see the red flag.

Read more about Baytril: <https://www.petmd.com/.../enrofloxacin-baytril-for-dogs-cats>



The most common side effects include:

- gastrointestinal effects such as vomiting, diarrhea, and lack of appetite

Rare side effects may include:

- uncoordinated walking
- seizures
- depression
- lethargy
- allergic reactions
- urinary crystals
- nervousness
- abnormalities of the joint cartilage In young, growing animals
- elevated liver enzymes on bloodwork



Severe Weather Animal Alert Information

In accordance with Anne Arundel County Code, an animal alert is made when the Anne Arundel County Executive declares a severe weather emergency (any time Warming Centers are opened). Please note the Severe Weather Animal Alert doesn't change the requirements; it merely increases the fines for failure to comply.

ANY DOG LEFT UNATTENDED OUTSIDE AT ANY TIME MUST HAVE:

- Fresh, clean and drinkable non-frozen water at all times in a non-tip bowl.
- A dog house, with no interior metal surfaces, that protects the animal from the wind, cold and rain/snow and is raised at least 2 inches off the ground.
- Dry bedding or resting board inside the dog house.
- From December 1 to March 15, the dog house must have an accessible covered entry or an offset door to act as a windbreak.
- If the dog is in an enclosure, the enclosure must meet County minimums:
Minimum enclosure sizes: 100 square feet for dogs under 80 pounds; 150 square feet for dogs over 80 pounds, an additional 50 square feet for each dog under 80 pounds in the same enclosure, an additional 75 square feet for each dog over 80 pounds in the same enclosure.

A DOG CANNOT BE TETHERED/CHAINED OUTDOORS unless the temperature is at least 33 degrees AND the dog is being supervised at all times.

Failure to comply with the above requirements in violation of the County Code may result in civil citations, with fines from \$125 to \$1,000, removal of the animal and/or criminal prosecution for abuse or neglect of an animal in violation of State Law.

Anne Arundel County Animal Services also recommends:

- If the temperature is expected to be at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit, all dogs should be brought indoors to an area that will not reach below 33 degrees Fahrenheit.
- The entrances of dog houses be oriented away from prevailing winds.
- A heated or insulated water bowl (follow heated bowl directions carefully to avoid a fire.)

Anne Arundel County Animal Services (410) 222-3939

SNOWMAN JOKES

FUN JOKES FROM TWOKIDSANDACOUPON.COM

- How does a Snowman get to work? By icicle.
- What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Snowflakes.
- Where do snowmen get the weather report? The Winternet.
- Why did the snowman turn yellow? Ask the dog.
- What did the police officer say when he saw the snowman stealing? Freeze.
- Why didn't the snowman go to the party? He had snow-one to go with.
- What did one snowman say to the other? Do you smell carrots?
- What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum? A meltdown!
- What kind of money do snowmen use? Cold, hard cash.
- How would you scare a snowman? Get a hairdryer!
- What do grown up snowmen call younger snowmen? Chill-dren.



From the desk of Lynn Green-Ivey

January 2, 2021

*This article was written by a veterinary nutritionist and describes what the WSAVA guidelines are.

<https://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/.../questions-you-should.../>

<https://wsava.org/.../Selecting-a-pet-food-for-your-pet...>

*Currently the ONLY companies that meet these standards are Royal Canin, Hills, Purina (Pro Plan and Purina ONE), Eukanuba, and Iams. The group below is also all about the issues related to diets causing the heart issues and it has super in depth files for more information.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/TaurineDCM/...>

***Also keep in mind, if an animal is going to have an allergy/reaction to its diet, it's more than likely to a protein such as chicken or beef. Many of the companies listed in the picture really push the whole "grain free" trend and thus have become popular brands for consumers. But as always, consult with your veterinarian if you have any concerns regarding your pet's diet!

Here is the most recent update to this issue:

<https://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/.../diet-associated-dcm.../>

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This list is from a Veterinary FB group that I am a member of with some well-respected and very knowledgeable veterinarians.

**FDA'S LIST OF DOG FOOD BRANDS THAT HAVE BEEN
LINKED TO DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY (HEART DISEASE)**

- Zignature
- Taste of the Wild
- 4Health
- Earthborn Holistic
- Blue Buffalo
- Nature's Domain
- Fromm
- Rachel Ray Nutrish
- Nutro
- Acana
- Merrick
- California Natural
- Natural Balance
- Orijen
- Natures Variety
- Nutrisource



PLEASE TALK TO YOUR VETERINARIAN IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS.
WE CAN ALSO GIVE YOU A NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATION TODAY.

Dr. Glen F. Winters, DVM, MS
Dr. Laurie Johnson, DVM

We  Referrals!
The highest praise we can give

Irish Wolfhound Health Group: Pneumonia

From the desk of Emma Ross

This article was written in 2014 for the Scottish Deerhounds, with the surge of pneumonias in our breed over the years, this well written article maybe of interest, especially to newcomers. I will also add a personal note.... I cannot say enough about Astragalus Root for our hounds and my strong belief about potential preventative alternatives for pneumonia in our hounds. 470mg. x 2 daily, diet of course and being 100% sure of the first initial signs of pneumonia.

Given the close relationship between Irish Wolfhounds and Scottish Deerhounds and the clinical similarities between recurrent/chronic pneumonia in the two breeds, the Wolfhound pneumonia story may have important implications and benefits to offer to our own breed.

Reprinted from September/October 2014 Claymore: article on pneumonia, by John Dillberger, DVM, PhD

Based on the results of the 2011 Deerhound Health Survey, one of the more important health problems in Deerhounds is pneumonia, which was reported for 14 (5%) of 273 males and 12 (4%) of 315 bitches. Several people reported single bouts of pneumonia, but many others said their dogs had more than one episode. For example, one male "had kennel cough after the first dog show of his 2nd and 3rd years of age that progressed to pneumonia each time." A 1½-year-old bitch also had pneumonia that "began as kennel cough," but she "also had frequent aspiration pneumonia due to megaesophagus." A 2-year-old male had "chronic pneumonia from aspirated food." A 3-year-old male was "treated twice for tandem episodes of pneumonia." For a young bitch, "the first episode was after whelping, and she had repeated episodes as she aged." In all, nine Deerhounds (four males and five bitches) had chronic and/or recurrent pneumonia.

Pneumonia is a serious disease in all animals, and Deerhounds are no exception. Pneumonia was the cause of death for eight Deerhounds, making it an important cause of death for our breed.

I was not surprised by the survey results. Over the past 25 years, I have had conversations with many Deerhounders whose dogs had pneumonia—sometimes more than one episode.

Recently I learned of research being done to investigate pneumonia in Irish Wolfhounds, under the joint direction of Dr. Margret Casals at the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Iris Reichler at the University of Zurich. Because of the close relationship between Wolfhounds and Deerhounds, the Wolfhound research may shed some light on pneumonia in our breed. This month I will share what I learned.

The Wolfhound Story Begins with Rhinitis

Rhinitis is the medical term for inflammation of the nasal passages. A rhinitis syndrome in Irish Wolfhounds was first described in 1969. The primary symptoms of Wolfhound rhinitis syndrome were sniffing, sneezing, and a watery nasal discharge that sometimes became a thick white/yellow/green discharge and could even be tinged with blood. Symptoms usually began at a very early age and often were continuous or would recur at short intervals. Many affected Wolfhounds would develop a moist cough and die at a young age from pneumonia.

Typically, only a few pups in a litter would come down with the illness, and the rest never would, even though all pups were housed together and shared food and water. The original theory was that rhinitis was caused by a virus to which only some dogs were susceptible or that it was the result of an inherited defect in the immune system. However, repeated attempts failed to isolate a virus, and recent sophisticated studies by Drs. Casals and Reichler have shown that the immune system of affected Wolfhounds is normal.

Drs. Casals and Reichler have discovered that the underlying cause of Wolfhound rhinitis syndrome is an inherited defect in the microscopic hairs called cilia that line the airways from the nose to the lungs. The cilia are covered by a layer of mucus that traps inhaled dust, pollen, bacteria, and fungi. In a normal dog, the cilia beat in unison like oars on a galley, moving the mucus up from the lungs. Together the cilia and mucus function like an escalator, moving trapped particles up the windpipe to the throat, where they are swallowed or coughed out. In the upper respiratory tract, the cilia and mucus layer do the same thing, trapping particles and moving them out of the sinuses and into the nasal passages where they can be blown out the nose or swallowed.

In Wolfhound rhinitis syndrome, the cilia are not lined up in orderly rows and do not beat in unison. As a result, the mucus layer and the particles trapped in it do not move at a normal speed and often do not move at all. As you can imagine, this predisposes an affected dog to respiratory infections—not just rhinitis but also sinusitis and pneumonia.

The cilia of Irish Wolfhounds with rhinitis syndrome are indistinguishable from the cilia in a disease called Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (PCD), which has been reported in many other dog breeds, in many other animal species, and in humans. In all species studied to date, PCD is congenital—meaning present from birth—and inherited. In Wolfhounds, careful pedigree analysis has shown that PCD/rhinitis syndrome is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait, meaning it takes two copies of the defective gene to produce the disease. Thus, an affected dog inherits the defective gene from both parents.

At present, no genetic test exists for PCD/rhinitis syndrome in Wolfhounds, but the Irish Wolfhound Foundation and Drs. Casals and Reichler are actively working to identify the responsible gene. If they succeed, a genetic test would soon follow.

I am not aware of a rhinitis syndrome in Scottish Deerhounds, although that doesn't mean there isn't such a syndrome. However, while the

Wolfhound story begins with PCD/rhinitis syndrome, it doesn't end there. And the rest of the Wolfhound story sounds a lot more like the situation that exists in Deerhounds.

A Second Syndrome: Chronic Pneumonia

As already noted, Irish Wolfhounds with PCD/rhinitis syndrome often develop pneumonia. But that doesn't explain all cases of recurrent or chronic pneumonia in Wolfhounds. Instead, there is a second, fairly common syndrome in Wolfhounds, currently termed "chronic pneumonia syndrome."

Wolfhounds with chronic pneumonia syndrome may be as young as 6 months old when they first become sick, but they never show any signs of rhinitis before their first episode of pneumonia. Most affected dogs will have repeated episodes of pneumonia, but these are often misdiagnosed by those unfamiliar with the disease. Why? Because affected dogs may not show the signs and symptoms typical of pneumonia.

When a Wolfhound with chronic pneumonia syndrome experiences a flare-up, the only sign may be restlessness, reluctance to lie down (especially on the side), or loss of appetite. Contrary to what one would expect, dogs with chronic pneumonia syndrome rarely cough in the early stages of a flare-up, even though they may be running a fever. A Wolfhound experiencing a flare-up also may not have any dramatic changes in the lungs visible on X-rays. And finally, the breathing of a Wolfhound in the early hours of a flare-up often looks normal, although some dogs will exhibit rapid, noisy, or labored breathing.

No one knows why Wolfhounds with chronic pneumonia syndrome often lack the usual signs and symptoms of pneumonia in the early stages of a flare-up, but it is clear that a Wolfhound having a flare-up can become very sick very fast—in a matter of hours. Survival depends upon prompt treatment with antibiotics, often before taking time to make a diagnosis. Wolfhound owners familiar with chronic pneumonia syndrome, either through education or experience, become hyper-vigilant for any change in

behavior that might signal an episode of illness and immediately start treatment. Waiting for a diagnosis can mean a fatal outcome.

Deerhounds with whom I have spoken whose dogs have recurrent pneumonia report the same rapid onset and vague symptoms when a flare-up occurs. Like Wolfhound owners, they have learned to be vigilant and start antibiotic treatment at the least sign of a flare-up.

One theory about the cause of Wolfhound chronic pneumonia syndrome is that affected dogs are "carriers" of a single copy of the gene that, in double dose, causes PCD/rhinitis syndrome. Such carriers may have cilia that function less than perfectly, making them more susceptible to lung infections. But until the gene for PCD/rhinitis syndrome is identified, this theory cannot be tested.

Given the close relationship between Irish Wolfhounds and Scottish Deerhounds and the clinical similarities between recurrent/chronic pneumonia in the two breeds, the unfolding Wolfhound pneumonia story may have important implications and benefits to offer to our own breed. I will follow the story closely and share any breakthroughs that might apply also to pneumonia in Deerhounds.

Wolfhound Poetry by Philip Santilhano



Someone Asked For A Valentine's Poem

(Dad's note: Lizell Strydom very kindly suggested that Hieronymus might like to pen a Valentine's poem. I was convinced that that was a poor idea, Hieronymus is after all an intact "teenage" male Irish Wolfhound, but against my better judgement I suggested the idea of a Valentine's Day poem to him. Having done so, I then had to explain the concept of Valentine's Day, and then the concept of unrequited love, and then the concept of eschewing immediate gratification. I also had to explain concepts like anonymous cards and gifts, concepts that were clearly outside his ken. Needless to say, the brief turned out to be far longer than the poem.

Hieronimus went and penned a poem. He claimed to have still been slightly mystified by the various concepts but said that he had none the less endeavored to produce a poem that suitably encompassed them, even though he might not have grasped every nuance.

The resultant poem, as might well have been imagined, is really not suitable. But since it was requested, and since Hieronymus took the trouble to pen it, I have put it hereunder, but decided to place the customary Dad's note before the poem, rather than after it, so that the prudent reader would have the opportunity to skip reading the poem entirely, and retain their views about Valentine's Day, unsullied by a hound's doggerel.

If you have read this far, and still wish to continue, I wish you well, and I have the numbers of several mental health professionals who do on-line consultations at minimal rates.

P.S. Please don't complain to me, I warned you.)

Someone Asked For A Valentine's Poem

I want sneak up and to sniff to your butt
pretend to ignore you as past I strut
though for your affection I'd really beg

I'd be quite content to just hump your leg
I think of you kindly when sniffing pee
with passion I'd woo you relentlessly
at night I would howl and for your love beg
but I'm quite content to just hump your leg

I lie in your bed and about you dream
I'd like to lick your ears until they steam
I lie on my back, for attention I beg
but really, I just want to hump your leg

Hieronymus

(Dad's note supplemental: Don't say I didn't warn you!)

Club Corner:

I am initiating this spot for Kathy to add into the newsletter. A place where you can let other members know about some of your favorite things or best practices with your wolfhound.

I would like to list some of my favorite Apps. I am not someone who searches for an App. I will take advice from someone else on a good App to use. Here are some of the Apps that I like and use.

Wooftrax - [WoofTrax – Dog Walking App – Earn Money for Your Animal Charity](#) (Free)

Your daily dog walk with the WoofTrax app earns a donation for your favorite animal charity. Tracks your walks. You can choose your favorite

charity to donate to. You do not have to put in any money. It takes the money received from ads and sponsors, divides that with the mileage walked donating to your charity. A great way to help them earn a few more dollars each year without any cost. You can use the history of your walks for the Fit Dog Title because it is documentation of your walk.

DogPack - [Discover Dog-Friendly Parks and Pet Services | DogPack App](#) (Free)

Find dog friendly parks and places anywhere. I love this when we are traveling. I can find a dog park along our route to get Aulfynn out of the car to stretch his legs instead of just a roadside rest along the highway. Plus, when you get to your destination you can find dog parks, dog friendly parks and dog friendly stores near where you are staying.

Pocket Rally - [Pocket Rally Dog Obedience App - App Store](#) (\$1.99)

If you are training or plan to train for AKC Rally Trials, this is a must. You can find Rules for Rally Trials. All the signs are covered, explained and demonstrated. You can reference all the signs for practice and even set a practice course.

WCRL Rally Dog Obedience - [WCRL® Rally Dog Obedience App - App Store](#) (\$1.99)

Similar to Pocket Rally but covers WCRL instead of AKC.

My Rally Coach – [AKC Rally App | My Rally Coach](#) (\$1.99)

Learn the signs, plan your season, and track your progress with My Rally Coach began as the clearest Rally reference. It grew into a companion for logging results and tracking progress. Now, with Events Home, Calendar/List views, and built-in maps, it's also your season planner—one place for where you've been, what you're doing, and what's next.

I have not used this one as much as Pocket Rally but it is a good source of information if competing in Rally.

Shamrock galloped behind me,
his enormous shape moving
with the easy grace
of something
half myth,
half memory.

To anyone who had never seen
an Irish Wolfhound before,
this might have been...
alarming.

Rounding a bend,
I saw two men from the city
enjoying the view —
until one of them noticed
Shamrock barreling down the hill.

His eyes went wide.
“WEREWOLF!
IT’S GOING TO EAT ME!”
he screamed,
spinning to run.
Unfortunately,
panic and nature trails
do not mix well.

He bolted —
straight into a tree.

Out cold.

When he came to,
the first thing he saw
was Shamrock —
tail wagging,
leaning over him,
concerned.

He screamed again,
leapt to his feet...
and immediately fell over —
this time
breaking his wrist.

His friend, meanwhile,
ran the entire
2.5 miles
back to their car
without once
looking back.

Even in legend,
few werewolves
have ever been
so polite.

Shamrock,

ever the gentleman,
simply wanted
to make sure
the man
was all right.

Addendum — The Werewolf's Kiss

What no one tells you
about werewolf encounters
is that some
are far too affectionate
for their own good.

When the injured man awoke
to find himself
face-to-face
with the "beast,"
Shamrock decided
the proper response
was love —
and a great deal of it.

Panicked yelling
turned into
a wide-open mouth,
which Shamrock naturally
took as an invitation.

One joyful swipe

of his enormous tongue
sealed their fates:
the man convinced
he had been “turned,”
and Shamrock delighted
that he had made
a new friend.

Later,
the paramedic reported
the man’s parting words
as he was loaded
into the ambulance:

“At least now
I’m pretty sure
I’m not going to turn
into a werewolf...
but if I do,
tell them
it was because
one kissed me.”

Epilogue — The Friendship Reckoning

The story did not end
in the forest.

As paramedics treated
the broken wrist,
the man’s friend

finally returned —
sheepish,
panting,
and very much
unbitten.

The reunion
was brief.

According to the paramedic
who later emailed me,
the moment the injured man
saw his companion,
he sat up on the gurney,
glared,
and shouted:

“Man, you left me
to get eaten!
To get eaten
by a WEREWOLF!
You left me!”

And with that,
he leapt off the gurney
and punched his friend
squarely in the face —
with his good hand.

Shamrock, of course,
would have forgiven them both
immediately.

But I like to think
that somewhere in the chaos,
a lesson was learned:
Never underestimate
the size of a Wolfhound...
or the loyalty of a friend
with a very long tongue.

Later,
the paramedic who treated the man

So y'all out here walking your
werewolves around the
neighborhood like its okay? 🤔🤔





Lasagna

Prep Time: 45 mins

Cook Time: 1 hr 45 mins

Total Time: 2 hrs 30 mins

Servings: 8

Need a 9x13-inch pan

Ingredients

1-pound lean ground meat of choice or vegetarian crumbles

1 onion, chopped

2 (6 ounce) cans of tomato paste

1 (14.5 ounce) can crushed tomatoes

2 cups of water

1 tablespoon dried oregano

2 teaspoons garlic powder

2 teaspoons salt

¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

1 tablespoon white sugar

12 ounces cottage cheese

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 egg

9 lasagna noodles

1-pound shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. In a large pot over medium heat, cook beef until brown. Drain off all fat. Add onion and cook until translucent. Add tomato paste, crushed tomatoes, water, oregano, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and sugar. Stir until combined and cook over medium heat until boiling. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 hour.
2. While sauce is simmering, blend cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, and egg until smooth. Set aside.
3. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.
4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
5. Spread 1 cup of sauce in the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover sauce with 3 noodles. Cover noodles with 1/3 of the remaining sauce. Top with 1/2 of the mozzarella. Place another layer of noodles and one of sauce over the mozzarella; top that with the cottage cheese mixture. Top with remaining 3 noodles and remaining sauce.

Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes. Sprinkle remaining mozzarella on top and bake for 15 minutes more, until golden and bubbly.

From the desk of Mary Ellen Shriver: Anesthesia for the Irish Wolfhound

Safe anesthetic management of sighthounds should include sedative premedication and appropriate use of analgesic drugs to minimize perioperative stress. Thiopental, or any other thiobarbiturate, should not be used in these dogs. Propofol, ketamine/diazepam combination, and methohexital are recommended alternative intravenous anesthetics. Avoid coadministration of agents that inhibit drug biotransformation, such as chloramphenicol. Inhalation anesthesia using isoflurane is the preferred anesthetic maintenance technique. Core body temperature should be monitored closely and techniques to minimize hypothermia should be employed both during anesthesia and into the recovery period."

ANESTHESIA RECOMENDATIONS:

Induction: propofol

Maintenance: Sevoflurane or isoflurane

09-26-2011 09:22:00 Author: altimm@commspeed.net

I don't have a problem using butorphanol and acepromazine together at the lower end of the range for sighthounds. It reduces the amount of propofol and inhalant anesthesia needed. I also use meloxicam (an NSAID) pre-operatively which can cause some mild sedation. I always make sure to give IV fluids, though. I also give buprenorphine intra-operatively, so they have 2 pain meds on board and wake up nice and even. I'm sure others use different protocols, but this is the one I use and have good success. As always, all meds should be tailored to the dog, the age, and health status. There is no one-size-fits-all protocol.

Written by Alice Timmerman, DVM



Dear Friends of the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club,

The Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club's (PVIWC) Specialty is scheduled to take place March 30-31, 2026. Every year members, friends, and exhibitors financially contribute to sponsor trophies and ribbons, either in whole or in part. It has been through these generous contributions that the PVIWC specialty is a success.

Many individuals contribute in various ways: some work up front under the main tent; some work behind the scenes to ensure the rings, tables and tents are up for the shows and help breakdown the same, after the final show; some make donations to the raffle; and some through monetary donations. On behalf of the PVIWC, I express great appreciation to past contributors.

I ask you to consider sponsoring or making a financial donation to this year's general trophy fund. Your donation(s) will help sponsor the trophies and ribbons this year. There is no such thing as a donation too small.

To contribute, please complete the attached form and mail it along with your donation (**check payable to PVIWC**) to:

Christina Buckner

PVIWC Treasurer and Show Secretary

1348 Sycamore Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403

Or, if you prefer to donate via PayPal, you may do so via our club website, pviwc.org.

Under the tab "About Us", scroll down, click yellow donation link, and be sure note that it is a specialty/trophy donation.

Your donations for the 2026 Specialty are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Sincerely,

PVIWC Trophy Committee

Ribbon and Trophy Sponsorship Specification and Guide

Sponsorship of First in each class-\$18.00

Sponsorship of Third in each class-\$12.00

Sponsorship of Second in each class-\$15.00

Sponsorship of Fourth in each class-\$10.00

Or Sponsor the entire class for \$50.00

_____ 6-9 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ 6-9 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ 9-12 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ 9-12 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ 12-15 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ 12-15 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ 15-18 mo. Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ 15-18 mo. Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Novice Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ Novice Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ AOH Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ AOH Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Bred-By Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ Bred-By Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Am-Bred Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ Am-Bred Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Open Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ Open Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Veteran Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ Veteran Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Stud Dog 1 2 3 4

_____ Brood Bitch 1 2 3 4

_____ Obedience - \$50

_____ Rally - \$50

Trophy Sponsorship/Mementos to Challenge Trophies Donation

_____ Best of Breed \$125

_____ Reserve Winners Dog \$50

_____ Best of Opposite \$115

_____ Reserve Winners Bitch \$50

_____ Best of Winners \$100	_____ Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog \$30
_____ Winners Dog \$100	_____ Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitch \$30
_____ Winners Bitch \$100	_____ Best BBE \$40
_____ Am-Bred Dog \$30	_____ Am-Bred Bitch \$30
_____ Open Dog \$30	_____ Open Bitch \$30
_____ Best Puppy \$75	_____ Veteran Bitch \$30
_____ Best in Sweeps \$75	_____ BoS to BI Sweeps \$50

Name

Phone

Address

E-mail

City, State Zip

To secure recognition in the Premium/Catalog, donations must be received no later than 14 November. Please make known the class you wish to sponsor in preferential order. All attempts at accommodating your request will be made. If you have no preference place an "X" in the no preference box.

First Choice Class Donation: _____

Second Choice Class Donation: _____

Third Choice Class Donation: _____

No Preference:

Feel free to contact Christina Buckner via e-mail at: ckallay@verizon.net



PVIWC List of Meeting & Events 2026

January 11	Regular Meeting
January 24	<i>Irish Wolfhound Association of Lake Erie Specialty Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA</i>
February 8	Regular Meeting
March 2026	<u>St. Patrick's Day Parades</u>
• March 7	Alexandria, VA
• March 8	Annapolis, MD
• March 14	Manassas, VA
• March 14	Gaithersburg, MD
• March 15	Baltimore, MD
• March 21	Harrisburg, PA
March 8 & 9	<i>Irish Wolfhound Assoc of the Carolinas Specialty Durham Kennel Club, 7318 Guess Road, Durham NC</i>
March 14	Westminster Celtic Canter
March TBD	Ellicott City Historic Downtown
March 29 & 30	<i>Specialty Harford County Equestrian Center, Bel Air, MD (Meeting Following Judging)</i>
April 17 & 18	Dills Celtic Festival, Dills Tavern, 237 Baltimore St, Dillsburg, PA
April TBD	<i>Southern MD Celtic Festival</i>
May 28 & 29	Annapolis Irish Festival, Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 Crownsville, MD
May 2 & 3	Faerie Festival Marshy Point Rocky Point Park in Baltimore County, MD. 2200 Rocky Point Rd, Essex
May 17	Show Wrap Up Meeting
May 18-21	<i>IWCA National Specialty Purina Farms St Louis, MO</i>
June 13 & 14	Carroll County Celtic Festival, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD
June 21	Regular Meeting
June 20	Penn Mar Irish Festival, Shrewsbury, PA
June	<i>Celtic Fling (with a concert on Friday night) PA Renn Faire grounds</i>
August 9	Regular Meeting
September-13	Fun Day
September	<i>PA Renn Faire Shamrocks and Shenanigans Weekend</i>
October	<i>Irish Wolfhound Assoc of the Delaware Valley Specialty</i>
October 18	Regular Meeting
November 13, 14 & 15	Maryland Irish Festival, Timonium, MD
November 15	Regular Meeting
December 13	Holiday Party
December	<i>Druid Hill Winter Solstice 5Miler , Baltimore, MD</i>
December	<i>Military Bowl Parade, Annapolis, MD</i>

Dates, Time, or location to be determined and subject to change on some events.

Need Volunteers to Host meetings.

