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Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South

EDUCATION AND RESCUE OF IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

*"Each true descendant of those sires, that thing beneath the skin
That stamps an Irish Wolfhound - be he champion or pet,
The heritage, that down the years, these dogs do not forget." - Unknown*

Autumn

President's Message

Hello to everyone from beautiful Afghanistan. As some of you already know, I have taken a position that requires me to work in Afghanistan for a year beginning in mid-August of this year. This has been an experience so far, getting ready to go and getting here and then getting to the site where I will be working for a short time (they are closing this site and moving to another one). This is part of the draw-down here.

How will this affect my involvement in/with IWAMS is a question that has not been fully determined by me at this time. I have internet and may be able to fulfill my duties as President from here. We will have to see how that goes. Speaking of which, the elections are coming up in November at our annual meeting. If there are those of you who wish to take this job I encourage you to run for this office or any of the others. Several of the board members have indicated that they would like to step down after several years of service.

Moving on to other issues, it does not appear that we will be able to hold a fall get together in South Carolina as I had wished. The show schedule and the November annual meeting could just not be worked around. We certainly should have one next year in this area.

The fall show season is in full swing and as I write this the Raleigh/Durham four day show has just finished. I do not have the complete results, but I understand that our members did well and I congratulate each of you that won a ribbon. The competition is tough in our region, which is great news and the difference between Best of Breed (BOB) and 3rd in class is a very narrow one.

I have had no word of any rescues and that is very good news.

I saw that the IW Foundation increased their membership significantly last month. I hope that all of the members of IWAMS are Foundation members. If not please consider joining. The foundation is helping with research on health issues related to Irish Wolfhounds and other breeds. This information is very important to our dogs and their progeny. I have been following some of this in other publications and the research is/will be very helpful to our breed as well as the others.



**JEFF TRAYLOR
PRESIDENT**



Cavan Burns at Lake Corriher
Wilderness Park in Landis, North Carolina.

Mark your calendar!



IWAMS Annual Fall

Gathering at the

Durham Kennel Club,

7318 Guess Rd. Durham, NC

Saturday, November 9

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information on the
Durham Kennel Club go to:
www.durhamkennelclub.com



News Hounds

By IWAMS Members



Shannon Donoghue is sitting pretty at 8 years old. She was rescued several years ago by **Mary Ryan** and owns **John and Sandy Donoghue**, who live in Columbia, NC.



Above, **Fiona Fey Riley** shows what a pretty girl she is at 11 months and 110 lbs. She owns **Londy and Ed Reily** and lives in Cary, NC.



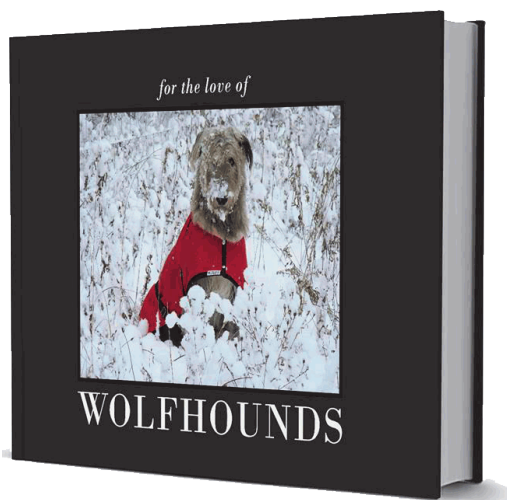
Cowabunga dude! Guinness Page has a creative groomer! He was rescued by, and owns, **Cindy Page** and lives in Cleveland, NC.



At left, **Farset Turner** discovers that a mound of lily pads makes a cool headrest after playing with other dogs. At right, she poses in the garden. She owns **Emily and Jon Turner** and they live in Cary, NC.



At left: **Cavan Burns, Frizzle Conti, Caragh Burns, Einstein Conti, Emma Pope and Seamus Kennelly** stand with their humans (l-r) **Rebecca Conti, Heather Burns, Roger Pope, and Mike Kennelly**. All met for the annual "Dogs Gone Swimming" event in Norfolk, VA to benefit the Friends of Norfolk Animal Care Center. The City allows this charitable event on the last day before closing the huge city pool. The grounds are fenced and the pool has a beach-like walk in area that opens into an Olympic sized swimming pool. There are five one-hour shifts of about 100 dogs each, many buckets of tennis balls, and vendors and demos. Also a smaller separate fenced pool area for little dogs.



“For the Love of Wolfhounds”

A Coffee Table Photo Book

funny photos submitted by loving owners. The goal was to tell a love story of the breed with pictures.

The three women: Elizabeth Ford in PA, Bridget Wandruff in NYC, and Amanda Van Vliet in New Zealand, formed a publishing company called “International Wolfhound Press” and already have an Irish Wolfhound children’s book (ages 2-7) published entitled: “Little Bridie-Boo the Puppy Who Grew.” More picture books and children’s books are in the works.

The coffee table photo book “For the Love of Wolfhounds” is visually stunning and in a limited pre-sale publishing run of 500 editions. The book is being offered at cost plus postage. It goes to print November 1, and ships December 1 - in time for Christmas.

It can be ordered with a credit card or through Pay Pal at: www.internationalwolfhoundpress.com

The deadline for pre-sale orders is October 15.

After that, any books that have not been purchased will be released at retail cost if there are any books left to sell. **As of October 8, 105 books were not spoken for yet.**

If you are on Facebook, the new publishing company page and book page are at:

“For the Love of Wolfhounds” and/or “International Wolfhound Press LLC”

To see a video of the three publishers expressing their motivations behind making the book and their funding efforts for their publishing company, go to: www.indiegogo.com/projects/for-the-love-of-wolfhounds-coffee-table-book/x/4543528

It makes an easy and great Christmas gift idea for the spouse or significant other who will be wondering what to get you!

Did you know that the social media site Facebook is populated with Irish Wolfhound owners from all over the world? They gather on several Facebook pages as a group to share pictures, adventures, stories, breed issues, and advice.

Three women were captivated by the stunning pictures posted and have arranged to publish a 210-page, hard cover, beautiful coffee table book with 300 international Irish Wolfhound photos. These were specially chosen for the book from over 6000 stunning, moving, and

IWAMS Members Represent Responsible Dog Owners

On Saturday, September 21, Tamara Ritzenhaler Dunn, Marne Burke, Martha Traylor and Donna Lawlor participated with the Mid Atlantic Hound Association in supporting the 10th Annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The free event welcomed hundreds of dog owners and lovers for a day of demonstrations, giveaways, games, and more. They met dozens of different breeds at the Meet the Breeds area and learned about them in the breed parades. It was a long day. Thank you Tamara, Marne, Martha and Donna for your dedication!



Thank You

IWCA National Specialty 2013

Heather Burns and Noreen Atkins Atwell wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with Gift Bags and the Welcome Table at the National Specialty. Volunteer IWAMS members and former members included: Jim Atwell, Linda King, Ginger Quinn, Sarah and John Takacs, Brenda Neu, Marilynn Madden, and Wendy Murphy. Additional volunteers who graciously helped were: Patty Berkovitz (GA), Kathy Welling (IN), Suzanne, Donna Yeldell (AR), Glynis Littlewood (TN), Chris Wylie - New Zealand, Karen Titterington (OK), and Ginger McDevitt (GA). Special thanks to Diana Vreeken for her donation of OMA dehydrated turkey hearts for the gift bags, and to Specialty Chair Bambi Rabe for her hard work and donations.

In addition, IWAMS member Nancy Fauser wants to note that she volunteered to work in the Company Store.



Foxtails

Written by Dr. Shea Cox, DVM / Permission to reprint article by BARK Magazine and Dr. Cox

Annual grasses releasing foxtails grow quickly throughout the rainy season. As temperatures rise, the foxtail-shaped tip of each grass blade dries out and the individual awns (“A slender, bristle-like appendage found on the spikelets of many grasses.”) take a ride on any passing object. The plant is engineered by nature to spread seed, and it is designed to **burrow further into an object with each movement**, making it a major problem for small animals.

There is no escape. The pesky seeds from these dried grasses get stuck everywhere. Many pet owners have heard the warnings about foxtails and know to avoid them as much as possible. What many do not know, however, is that foxtail migration can cause severe, and potentially deadly, consequences.

While foxtails are often caught in the fur and can be quickly removed, they can also migrate internally if left unfound through several common routes such as the nose, ears, and eyes. They can even penetrate through the skin or through a pet’s genital openings. If these problematic hitch-hiking seeds find their way inside of a pet’s body, they can cause many serious problems. Once internalized, foxtails can wreak havoc on the body, causing internal abscesses and even infections of the bones around the spinal cord.

While foxtails aren’t always easy to spot, their presence can be noticeable through various telltale symptoms, depending on their location in the body. Be mindful of the following symptoms during foxtail season:

- ◆ **NOSE:** violently sneezing and pawing at the nose, and sometimes a bloody nose.
- ◆ **EYES:** rubbing the eye, squinting and pain, excessive tearing or discharge, or an eye “glued shut.”
- ◆ **EARS:** head tilt or violent shaking of the head from side to side, pain, discharge, or an eye odor.
- ◆ **MOUTH/THROAT:** gagging, loud coughing, difficulty swallowing (you will notice your pet having “exaggerated swallowing” movements, like when you have a sore throat), and possibly increased odor.
- ◆ **PAWS:** continuous licking of the paw or pad, or the appearance of a swollen “bubble” between the toes, or a small “hole” in the skin which is indicative of a draining tract, which is the path the foxtail is taking under the skin.
- ◆ **UNDER SKIN:** formation of sores or abscesses.



If any of these symptoms are noted, you should see your veterinarian immediately for a check-up. If a foxtail is found relatively superficially in the skin or nose, it can be removed rather simply. If a foxtail has moved into the lungs or deeply into the nose or genitals, an endoscope can be used for its location and removal.



An endoscopy involves the use of a high-tech instrument with a specialized video camera and small grabbing tools that can be passed through the mouth, nose, or rectum and is a lot less invasive than traditional surgical methods. However, if the foxtail has entered the belly or lungs, surgery is sometimes the only treatment possible.

While it’s best to avoid areas where foxtails grow, if your pet has been exposed to the grass, make sure to brush their coat well, feel all over the body with your hands, and perform a thorough inspection of the ears, nose, between the toes and paw pads, and underneath the collar after each romp. It’s important to learn about the dangers of this plant, take extra precautions, and remove foxtails immediately. Be overly cautious in foxtail season - dogs and their people deserve to enjoy a drama-free summer outdoors.

DIY Physical Exam: An “Owner’s Manual” for Your Dog - PART II



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NOSE

NORMAL:

- ◆ Smooth, soft and clean; it is a misconception that a dry, warm nose means illness; sometimes a normal nose can appear slightly dry as well as warm to the touch; a healthy nose should feel like soft, supple leather, it is not necessarily always cool, wet and moist.

ABNORMAL:

- ◆ Excessively dry and cracked.
- ◆ Colored nasal discharge; a green, yellow, or white discharge generally indicates a bacterial infection (scant, clear, watery discharge can be normal).
- ◆ Bleeding.

EYES



NORMAL:

- ◆ Bright, centered between eyelid, pupils are equal in size.
- ◆ Whites of the eye should not appear colored (i.e. red or yellow) and should have a few visible blood vessels.
- ◆ Pupils should shrink equally when a bright light is shined into either eye and enlarge equally when the eyes are held closed or the room darkened (this is called a pupillary light reflex and is part of a neurological exam).

ABNORMAL:

- ◆ Squinting or tearing of the eyes: this can indicate an ulcer or cornea scratch - the cell layer covering the eye.
- ◆ The appearance of blood in the eye or "hyphema"; this can indicate exposure to rat bait or other causes of your pet's blood not being able to clot properly.
- ◆ Pupils fail to respond, or respond differently from one another, when a bright light is shined into either eye.

ABNORMAL:

- ◆ Dull, sunken eyes: this can indicate severe dehydration.
- ◆ Eyes that appear dry and "bloodshot" can indicate conditions such as uveitis, KCS ("dry eye"), severe dehydration, or other systemic illnesses.
- ◆ Thick discharge from eyes: a little grey "eye booger" in the morning is normal, as in people, but be concerned if you notice any discharge with green or yellow color to it.
- ◆ One/both eyes not centered: this can indicate a tumor or infection behind the eye, as well as other pathology.
- ◆ Pupils of unequal size: this can indicate head trauma, a possible tumor, or other neurologic problems.
- ◆ Abnormal colors that indicate problems are yellow (jaundice), or red (bloodshot); pay close attention to the color of the whites of your pet's eyes.

EARS

Chronic ear problems are common in pets, and are often a result of allergies to inhaled pollen (like hay fever in people) that are then complicated by secondary infections with bacteria or yeast. Ear infections can be painful and head shaking can lead to an accumulation of blood in the floppy part of the ear, known as an aural hematoma.

NORMAL:

- ◆ Skin smooth and without wounds.
- ◆ Clean and dry.
- ◆ Almost odor-free.
- ◆ Typical carriage for breed.
- ◆ Pain-free when you massage, especially at base of the ear.

ABNORMAL:

- ◆ Wounds, scabs, or any sign of rash.
- ◆ Crust, moisture, or other discharge in ear canal.
- ◆ Any strong odor.
- ◆ Atypical carriage for breed; for example, a droopy ear in a breed with normally erect ears.
- ◆ Painful or swollen ears.

MOUTH

NORMAL:

- ◆ Teeth are clean and white
- ◆ Gums are uniformly pink and moist to the touch (they should not feel dry or sticky).
- ◆ Capillary refill time (CRT): to assess, press on gum tissue with finger or thumb and release quickly; the part you just pushed on will turn white. Watch the color return to the gums - this is a crude assessment of how well the heart and circulatory system are working, and your pet's hydration status. A normal CRT is 1 - 1.5 seconds for the color to return; this can be difficult to interpret at times (for example, if your pet has dark or pigmented gums it should not be relied on as definitive evidence of illness or health).

ABNORMAL:

- ◆ Tartar accumulation around the base of the teeth
- ◆ The gums are red: this can indicate severe dehydration, shock, heat stroke, or sepsis (severe infection in the body).
- ◆ Gums are bluish or purple: indicates inadequate oxygen; this can be noted with lung disease, heart disease, or any disease that impairs proper oxygen to the body.
- ◆ Pale gums: due to lack of blood or shock - possible causes are internal bleeding (such as a mass on a spleen suddenly rupturing and bleeds - very common in old dogs), trauma or shock (hit by a car). And immune mediated diseases.
- ◆ Gums that have little bruises: known as petechiation and generally seen with rat bait toxicity or other problems with the body's ability to clot the blood.
- ◆ Gums are inflamed, "spongy" looking, or appear sore.
- ◆ A sluggish CRT, or dry and sticky gums



By Diana Vreeken



The majority of us own a smart phone, or an iPod, but have you ever explored your apps on your modern day info-tech? When I typed in "canine" on my search apps on my Droid cell phone, I had over a thousand hits - from games, photos, first aid, health, rescue, wallpapers, food, recipes, special breeds, quizzes, to virtual dogs, etc. To refine the search, I typed "Canine Health" and had only 469 results. Scrolling through 469 hits was an interesting journey. From pet health, organizers, rescues, first aid, books, and puzzles, there is a world of information. I estimate about 80% of these are free. I have broken down some of them to help you find the perfect app for you.

PET FIRST AID: There are quite a few of them out there and many are in a book format.

- ◆ **Dog Care** / Free: takes a while to download.
- ◆ **Pet First Aid** / \$2.99: Info on emergencies like bleeding, choking, drowning. Teaches rescue breathing. What to do for bites and stings, bloat and torsion. Detailed videos and step by step illustrations.
- ◆ **Pet Tech-Pet Saver** / \$4.99: Book form but easy to use and access chapters. Dental care, essentials, CPR & First Aid.
- ◆ **Natural Dog Health** / \$1.05: Natural health for your dog - fleas, ticks, arthritis, allergies and dental.

FOOD:

- ◆ **Dog Food Guide** / \$1.36: What's really in pet food, how it's made, labeling, BARF & RAW diets, kibble, canned etc. This is an eye opener.
- ◆ **Hypoallergenic Dog Food**: Explains what hypoallergenic dog food is and why it works; cooking tips; has a direct web site "Dog Food Adviser" for more info.
- ◆ **Dog Food Info** / Free: Concerned with what is safe to feed dogs; helps owners everywhere to answer food safety questions and provides descriptions on why certain food or plants are safe or unsafe for dogs to eat.
- ◆ **Dog Raw Diet Calculator** / \$6.11: Interesting raw dishes; first dog diet calculator ever; helps balance a diet for your dog; calories, number of meals, protein, fat, carbohydrates, calcium, etc.; weekly shopping list.

TRAINING:

- ◆ **Certified Veterinary Assistant** / \$2.89: A guide to prepare you to be a Veterinary Assistant, Technician and Animal caregiver.
- ◆ **Animal Anatomy & Physiology** / \$1.89: Prep guide for animal care training; teaches with quizzes, flash cards and dictionary.
- ◆ **How To Groom Your Dog** / \$1.99: Tips on grooming your pet; videos can be add if requested.
- ◆ **Train Your Show Dog** / \$.99: Training, nutrition, types of dog shows, what goes on, etc.
- ◆ **Dog Trainers Quotes** / Free: Local news, books, seminars, videos in training, articles and photos.

ORGANIZERS: These are only as good as the info you put in them.

- ◆ **Pet Pal, Pet Manager** / \$1.98: Pet organizer with important social options; keeps all pets' details well organized; stores and tracks vital details and info.; emergency numbers, photos, reminders for your pet agenda, Google maps with vet clinics, pet stores, groomers, parks, and trainers.
- ◆ **Pet Planners** / Free: Enter pet's info - Reg. #, nickname, date of birth, gender, breed, colour, chip #, sire and dam name, insurance # and photo; add medical records, weight, vet visits; it will remind you when your next visit is due.
- ◆ **My Pet Record** / Free: Creates reminders for your next Vet visit.

ALL IN ONE:

- ◆ **Caring For Your Dog** / Free: Book format; understanding ingredients, feeding, cost of feeding, dry vs. canned food, food allergies; signs of ill health; fleas, parasites, dental care, vaccinations, insurance and bathing.
- ◆ **Dog Care Tips** / Free: Tips on grooming, training and pet care; info. on ophthalmology, dermatology and neurology, oncology, etc. It explains each job description and how to look for a reputable one; blogs on herbs for dogs, herbal remedies, bacterial condition, antibiotics, YouTube videos on How to ..massage, treat mange, brush your dog's teeth, etc.
- ◆ **Pet Care - All About Dogs** / Free: Provides info. on various breeds from training to health care, adoptions tips, etc.
- ◆ **Caring for Aging Dogs** / \$.99: Exercise, medical and how to get ready to say good-bye.

FUN:

- ◆ **Pet Camera** / Free: Take a photo of your pet, decorate it with special borders and share them with the rest of the network.
- ◆ **Dog Talk**: Talk into the phone, then press a breed and it barks back.
- ◆ **Dog Lover Quotes** / Free: Just quotes about dogs.
- ◆ **All Dogs** / Free: A list of a lot of breeds, basic description, health and history.
- ◆ **Best Dog Names** / Free: In all languages.

GENERAL:

- ◆ **Pet Insurance Review** / Free: Several different types of insurance, insurance coverage, lots of reading.
- ◆ **HeLP Lost & Adoptable Pets** / Free: Must log-in at www.helpinglostpets.com; list of adoptable pets in your area as well as a list of lost; can take a snap shot of a missing dog poster and post it.
- ◆ **Pet Ching** / Free: Daily pet deals from suppliers, sitters and walkers; also a lost and found section.

These were just a few samples of all the wonderful apps out there. Have fun searching for that perfect app!

DIANA VREEKEN

Over the Rainbow

CH Lorilane's Zydeco of Ierne "Aodhan"

March 10, 2005 - October 5, 2013

Sire: CH Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwyck Dam: Lorilane's Mona

Owner: Tamara Ritzenthaler & Lori Darnall, Cary, NC

Breeder: Lori & Bob Darnall.

Randy Dunn: "I'm very sorry to say that Aodhan Ritzenthaler-Dunn passed away this afternoon. He died peacefully in his sleep while napping on the floor next to me. He was 8 1/2 years old, which is a pretty good life for an Irish Wolfhound. Aodhan was an amazing dog. He was the biggest dog I've ever known, but also the sweetest and gentlest. He was fine this morning. As usual, he accompanied me while I made coffee, then he happily gobbled down his "treat" - actually pain and heart meds, today wrapped in a peanut butter sandwich. Aodhan loved bread, so I'm glad that I got to feed him some today. We'll be having an Irish wake for him sometime soon."



Harper Lee Burke

July 19, 2006 - July 26, 2013

Marne Burke: "This afternoon I sent my beloved Harper Lee to the Rainbow Bridge. Despite intensive treatment (pneumonia and five days in intensive care - Editor) her lungs were not recovering. She was comfortable while resting but with any attempt at activity she became cyanotic, even on oxygen. I spent a very happy hour with her, petting and brushing, feeding her her favorite liver treats, and playing ABBA's

"I Have A Dream" on my iPhone. Mike Adams joined us, sneaking in fried chicken, which she relished. We laughed that even this close to the end, Mike carefully pulled the meat off the bone. My Wild Child never met a stranger; loved guarding the Piper at the St Patrick's Day Parade, was endlessly patient with children, and had become my best girl. Always with me in spirit. God speed my love Harper Lee."

New Champions in the House



CH IERNE'S DRALION

10/23/2011

By CH Carnasserie Chord - Ierne's La Folie

Owner: Tamara J Ritzenthaler & Marne Burke, Cary, NC

Breeder: Tamara J Ritzenthaler & Rachel Robey

Dralion completed his Championship going BOW (Best of Winners) 3 days in a row and BOB (Best of Breed) on the final day.

CONGRATULATIONS Dragon and Luna and to your owners Marne Burke and (also Breeder) Tamara Ritzenthaler Dunn!

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www.davidsombach.com



CH IERNE'S AMALUNA



CH O'MURCHADHA'S BOROMIR

11/17/2010

By CH Taliesin's Willow

Glympse - O'Murchadha's

Redtop Anamcara RN

CONGRATULATIONS Boromir

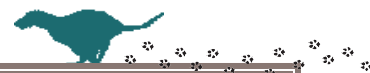
and to your owners: Judith

Chantelois, Brynley Dolman and

(also Breeder) Pamela Murphy!

Judy says that Boromir is the first dog they have ever shown!

Future Mid-Atlantic Events



AKC Conformation

OCTOBER

12-13 Wilmington, NC
26-27 Leesburg, VA

NOVEMBER

1-4 Virginia Beach, VA
9-10 Winston-Salem, NC
15-17 Concord, NC

DECEMBER

6-8 Winston-Salem, NC

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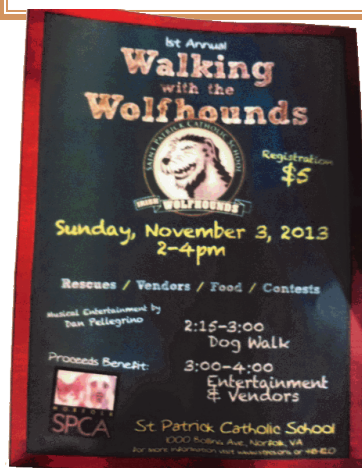
JANUARY

4-5 Pendleton, SC
8-12 Fredericksburg, VA
24-26 Richmond, VA

ASFA Lure Coursing

OCTOBER

19-20 S.H.O.T. @
Williamsburg, VA



Sunday: November 3, 2013
Walk 2-4 p.m. / 1 mile
Benefit for Norfolk SPCA
Contact Rebecca Conti
groovn@aol.com or
(617)529-8501 if you can join
her and walk with your
hound(s).

AKC Lure Coursing Ability Test (C.A.T.) & Trials

OCTOBER

26-27 Carolina Lure Coursing Society
@ Camden, SC

NOVEMBER

2-3 C.A.T. Piedmont Kennel Club @
Charlotte, NC

9-10 Coursing Hounds Assoc. of the
Mid-Potomac @ Leesburg, VA

16-17 C.A.T. Langley Kennel Club @
Hayes, VA

23-24 Carolina Lure Coursing Society
@ Camden, SC

23-24 C.A.T. Mid-Atlantic Hound Assoc.
of Central NC @ Reidsville, NC

29-12/1 Mid-Atlantic Hound Assoc. of
Central NC @ Reidsville, NC

DECEMBER

14-15 Afghan Hound Club of America
@ Camden, SC

2014

JANUARY

19 C.A.T. Sighthound Organization
of Tidewater @ Williamsburg, VA

Canine Good Citizen Test

Saturday: November 2, 2013

at: Durham Kennel Club

7318 Guess Rd., Durham, NC.

Registration 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Testing begins 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$5/dog

**For info. on the AKC Canine Good
Citizen Program go to: [www.akc.org/
events/cgc/training_testing.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/training_testing.cfm)**

For test details, email:

beglane@mindspring.com

**To read about the "CGC" title go to:
http://images.akc.org/cgc/new_title.pdf**

AKC Obedience / Rally / Agility

There are too many Rally / Agility /
Obedience events to list for our region in
this space! If these interest you, please go
to www.akc.org/events/search and click on
the "Obedience/Agility/AKC Rally" tab.
Click the states on the map that you want to
search in. Then choose which events you
are interested in by clicking just above the
map to the right. Then at the left, click
"search" and a new screen will open up
with the events listed.

♥ **Save the Date: Saturday,** ♥
January 4, 2014

**Durham Kennel Club Health Clinic
Heart Testing* & OFA Certifications**
(More info. about OFA at: www.offa.org)

The all-breed health clinics sponsored by the
DKC provide a fabulous service to the dog-
loving community. Last year 8 IWAMS
hounds had vital health tests done for lower
costs. Heart disease is a leading cause of
death in Irish Wolfhounds due to a small
gene pool and specific cardiac
abnormalities. Early detection and treatment
can add time to your dog's life. Testing helps
the Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF) and
the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
(OFA) further their studies of breed-specific
issues. Hounds must be at least 2 years of
age for heart testing. The clinic offers OFA
Eye, Cardiac Auscultation, Echocardiograms
(requires an appointment), BAER,
microchipping, Patella Luxation, OptiGen,
thyroid testing, tick panels, titer testing, and
Nutriscan Hemopet food intolerance testing.
More information about the clinic will be
published in Nov./Dec. on their website at:
www.durhamkennelclub.com

2013 Regional, National and International Event Calendar

Event Name	Date	Location	Club Website
Northern CA Irish Wolfhound Specialty	Saturday, October 19	Pleasanton, CA	http://nciwc.org
Locust Grove	Saturday, October 19	Edwardsville, IL	berwyck@ezl.com
IW Assoc. of the Garden State	Sunday, October 27 - Monday, October 28	Matamoras, PA	www.iwags.org

Positions Open for Nominations

Elections at the Annual Meeting on November 9

Position Descriptions from the Bylaws:

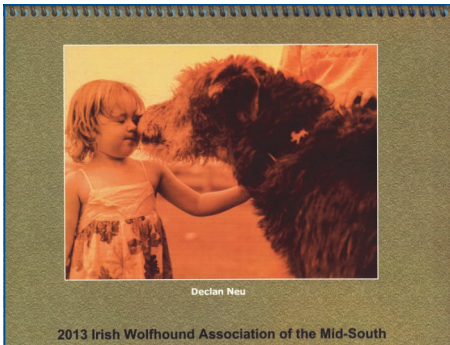
Section 4.02 Officers

The Club's Officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings. Officers shall serve without compensation, but they may receive recompense for reasonable out-of-pocket costs advanced on behalf of the Club upon approval by the Board.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws and/or required by law.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President' death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and activities of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Secretary shall have charge of the all correspondence, notifying members of meetings, notifying new members of their election to membership, notifying officers and directors of their election to office, keeping a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, and carrying out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported.

New board members are voted on at our annual meeting on November 9. It would be great to have the entire region from Virginia to South Carolina represented on the board. All positions are up for election. If you would like to nominate someone for a position, contact the Nominating Committee: Mike Shulman or Rob Straub (info. below.) For information on elections and nominations, please refer to the club bylaws online at www.iwams.org

2014 IWAMS Calendars



Each year Liz Patel puts together a calendar of photos submitted by members. The calendars are for sale at our annual meeting on November 9 for \$18 each and can be mailed for additional postage. Also for sale at the annual meeting are several light windbreaker-type forest green jackets with a white embroidered IWAMS logo that she has left from the order in the spring - for \$35. Questions? Please contact Liz Patel at: liz@loneriderbrewery.com

Thank you all for submitting calendar pictures and thank you Liz for your hard work!

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Bylaws Article 1, Section 1.02

1. To promote the health and welfare of the Irish Wolfhound;
2. To encourage and sponsor education in all areas pertaining to the health and welfare of the Irish Wolfhound;
3. To encourage and promote responsible quality breeding of the Irish Wolfhound in accordance with the standards approved by the Irish Wolfhound Club of America and the American Kennel Club (AKC);
4. To promote and maintain an active rescue and placement service for Irish Wolfhounds that can no longer be maintained by their owners in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.