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President's Message

We've said goodbye to another long time IWSCA member, breeder and friend, Lynn Musgrave. Her kennel, Dreadlocks (later shortened to D'locks,) produced numerous show winners and countless fantastic companion dogs including her current three IWSs, Flutter, Luna, and Branna. She was prominent in her local theater, considering the "Theatre in the Round" as her home away from home. Lynn was a big part of our IWSCA's history and will be missed.

As we plan our IWSCA's future, it is amazing to go over the history of our club. I recently found a copy of our IWSCA 1942 By-Laws and see that many of the governing principles remain today. It's just that our club is a bit different now. We are larger, our communication lines are faster and more varied. We have more breeders and the science that goes with veterinary medicine has advanced. We have more venues to show our breed's versatility. But the reason we are the IWSCA is the same--our dogs and their preservation. As the new board moves forward, please consider being an active part of the future of our breed. Please go onto our web page and read about the different opportunities where your particular interest and energy could be useful, helpful, and appreciated. Our future depends on all our members, so the invitation is there, and I hope to see many of you soon.

Pam



Officers, Committee Chairs, Regional Representatives

(Contact Information can be found on <https://iwsca.org/board>)

IWSCA Board of Directors

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Stacy Duncan, Michelle Cummings

Field Committee
Heidi Currier Ferris

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Michelle Cummings

Available Puppy and Adult Dog Coordinator
Dana Louttit

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Midwest
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Southwest
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Liz Liddle

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Charlene Schermers



Club Objectives

The IWSCA is organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, humane treatment of animals, support of scientific study and research and educational purposes within the meanings of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific objectives shall be:

1. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
2. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development, and training of Irish Water Spaniels;
3. To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics, and particular health problems of the Irish Water Spaniel;
4. To establish a national database of resource materials about the Irish Water Spaniel;
5. To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries, and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
6. To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an AKC recognized Parent Club in providing education, health research, and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs, and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
7. To conduct activities, including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club in furtherance of the above purposes;
8. To otherwise preserve and protect the Irish Water Spaniel and to do all things possible to bring its natural qualities to light, including promoting regional activities and the establishment of local clubs and/or interest/study groups;
9. To urge members and breeders to abide by the AKC's Code of Good Sportsmanship and accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged.



Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

The following board members were present: Pam Manus, Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Dan Sayers, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, Linda Deckard, and Bethany Urban.

Recording Secretary – Bethany Urban

Next Board meetings will be March 5th and April 2nd, 2024. January minutes approved February 4, 2024.

Corresponding Secretary – Laurel Baglia

Motion made by Laurel Baglia to accept the request from Susan Sarracino-Diehl for a Supported Entry at the Waukesha Kennel Club (WKC) show on Saturday, July 26, 2024, in Waukesha, WI. Seconded by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Motion made by Laurel Baglia to accept the request from Tim Gulley and the 2025 National Specialty Committee to have an Independent Specialty at Estes Park, CO on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. after Obedience and Rally. Seconded by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Motion made by Laurel Baglia to accept the request from Heidi Ferris for a Supported Entry on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at the Middlesex County Kennel Club (Strawberry Cluster) in Brooklyn, CT. Seconded by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Motion made by Laurel Baglia to accept her request for a Designated Specialty at the Morris & Essex show on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ. Seconded by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Terry Kast has requested that the Board apply to the AKC so the IWSCA can hold scent work trials. The application requires biographies of 5 club members with the most scent work experience. Laurel Baglia will follow up with

getting the required biographies from the required club members.

Treasurer Report – Melissa Gulley

The quarterly report will be presented in April.

Report of Committees

Motion made by Melissa Gulley to donate \$150 to the Dog Judges Education Foundation for 2024. Seconded by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Specialties – Dana Louttit

2024 – Laurel Baglia - Specialty store should be open in the next couple of weeks. Working out how to indicate ship or pick up at National on the store website.

2025 – Dana Louttit - Save the Date will be published in the next newsletter.

2026 – Dana Louttit - Call for bids has been announced. A group of club members is researching Louter Creek Farm near Athens, Georgia as a possible location.

Newsletter – Dana Louttit

The Spring newsletter will be published this month.

Cardiac – Dana Louttit

Working on getting a Board-certified Cardiologist for the 2024 National.

Public Relations – Melissa Gulley

Discussion on how we can coordinate and encourage club members to participate in future Meet the Breed events.

Awards – Heidi Ferris

Kim Kezer is starting to research bulk pricing for our pewter awards.

Membership – Heidi Ferris

There are two new applications for membership.

Kendra Hill - Norwood, NC

Endorsed by Dede Selph and Bethany Urban



Kyra Krawiec - Tabor City, NC
Endorsed by Dede Selph and Bethany Urban

Motion made by Heidi Ferris to accept the applicants listed above as members of the IWSCA. Seconded by Linda Deckard. Approved by all Board members.

Old Business

By-laws Ad-hoc Committee

The committee has completed their review of Article 1 and will start to review Article 2.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

March 5, 2024

The following board members were present: Pam Manus, Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Dan Sayers, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, Linda Deckard, and Bethany Urban.

Kim Kezer joined our meeting for a brief discussion regarding club awards.

Recording Secretary – Bethany Urban
Next Board meetings will be April 2nd, and at our National Specialty in Wilmington, Ohio. Tim Gulley and Edith Blackwell will be attending our April Board Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary – Laurel Baglia
Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report – Melissa Gulley
No Report.

AKC Delegates Report – Dan Sayers
No Report.

Committee Reports

Specialties – Dana Louttit
2024 – Laurel Baglia - WC/WCX is being finalized. Premium List is finished, and the Specialty store is open. Impact crate fund raiser is going well.
2025 – No Report.

2026 – No bid has been received.

Breeders Committee

Motion made by Dan Sayers to accept the proposal from the Breeders' Education Committee for an annual budget of \$5,000 to be used for Breeder Education Seminars and Education. Seconded by Laurel Baglia. Approved by all Board Members.

Membership – Heidi Ferris

There are two new applicants for membership.

Barbara D'Amore - Gainesville, GA
Endorsed by Dede Selph and Bethany Urban

Lynn McCrystal - Grifton, NC
Endorsed by Dede Selph and Bethany Urban

Motion made by Heidi Ferris to accept the applications listed above as members of the IWSCA. Seconded by Linda Deckard.

Approved by all Board members.

New Business

AGM 2023 Power Point

Reviewed power point from 2023 AGM with the Board. The power point will be sent out to the membership with the 2023 AGM Minutes for membership review.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



April 2, 2024

The following board members were present: Pam Manus, Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Dan Sayers, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, Linda Deckard, and Bethany Urban.

Welcome to the Board, new members Edith Blackwell and Tim Gulley. Invited guests - Mark Findlay and Ann McNeill to discuss recent WC / WCX proposal. Brian McNeill also participated in the discussion.

Recording Secretary - Bethany Urban

Next Board meetings will be May 20, 2024 after our Annual General Meeting in Wilmington, Ohio and on June 13, 2024.

Corresponding Secretary- Laurel Baglia

AKC will be offering a webinar on April 24, 2024, from 5 to 6 p.m. providing Communications and Media Training. Melissa Gulley will ask Laurie Jacobs to attend the webinar.

Treasurer Report - Melissa Gulley

See attached 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report.

AKC Delegates Report - Dan Sayers

See attached Delegates Report.

Report of Committees

Specialties - Dana Louttit

2024 - Laurel Baglia- Merchandise store will continue to be open until June 1st. Next committee meetings will be May 5, 2024.
2025 - Specialty logo has been submitted to the BOD.
2026- No bid has been received.

Newsletter - Dana Louttit

We are coming to the end of our commitment to Churchill Publications. Motion made by Dana Louttit to extend our commitment to Churchill Publications for an additional 4 issues. Second by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Membership - Heidi Ferris

There is a past club member who is rejoining. Patricia Bourne - Prince Edward Island, Canada Endorsed by the Board of the IWSCA

Motion made by Heidi Ferris to accept the application listed above as a member of the IWSCA. Seconded by Dan Sayers. Approved by all Board members.

Judges Education Committee - Stacy Duncan and Michelle Cummings

See attached report.

Motion made by Bethany Urban, to allow the Judges Education Committee to charge a fee of \$30 for participants at independent IWSCA sponsored JE events effective June 1, 2024. Seconded by Pam Manus. Approved by all Board members.

Breeders Education Committee - Gregory Siner and Mindy Garbarino

The BEC meeting at the National Specialty will be open to all club members. A non-club member could attend the meeting as a guest of the club member that knows the non-club member.

Public Relations - Melissa Gulley

The A.K.C will be sending an email to the Club President and Corresponding Secretary reminding us it is time to order our AKC Medallions for our National for the current year. Be on the lookout for this email usually in June of each year.

Field - Hennis Ferris

The IWSCA AKC licensed Spaniel Hunt Test opened for entries on April 1st and within 8 minutes there were 47 entries, and the limit is 55 dogs. Three IWS are entered.

Old Business

By-laws Ad-hoc Committee - Dana Louttit
No report this month

Judges Selection Committee - Emily Pikul, Stacy Duncan, and Gregory Siner

Received an update from JSC. The Board will table the discussion this month and the report will be discussed at the Board meeting on June 13, 2024.



New Business

SafeSport Report - Stacy Duncan
See Attached Report. Meeting adjourned at
10:45 p.m.

2024 Quarterly Treasurer's Report Submitted by Melissa Gulley

Wells Fargo Bank Account balances as of
March 31, 2024:

Main Acct #2296	\$89,915.60
2024 Specialty #2320	13,043.11
2025 Specialty #2312	10,700.00
Membership #2379	2,483.02*
Account #2353	550.00
PayPal Transfer #2338	380.00
Wine Country #2361	1,151.74
Merchandise #2304	5,809.20
Total Wells Fargo	\$124,032.67

PayPal Account Balances as of March 31,
2024:

IWSCA Treasurer Account	\$42,578.59
IWSCA Membership Account	758.68
IWSCA Merchandise Account	97.03
Total PayPal	\$3,434.30
Total Cash	\$127,466.97

Invesco Investment Account:

On March 31, 2024	\$44,242.10
On January 1, 2024	41,381.13
Increase in value	\$2,860.97

NOTES:

* The Membership bank account is lower than it usually is this time of year because many members have paid their dues through the website and Star Chapter Pay. These payments are deposited daily to the Main bank account. There isn't really a reason to transfer the money into the Membership bank account because I can account for the dues received in QuickBooks.

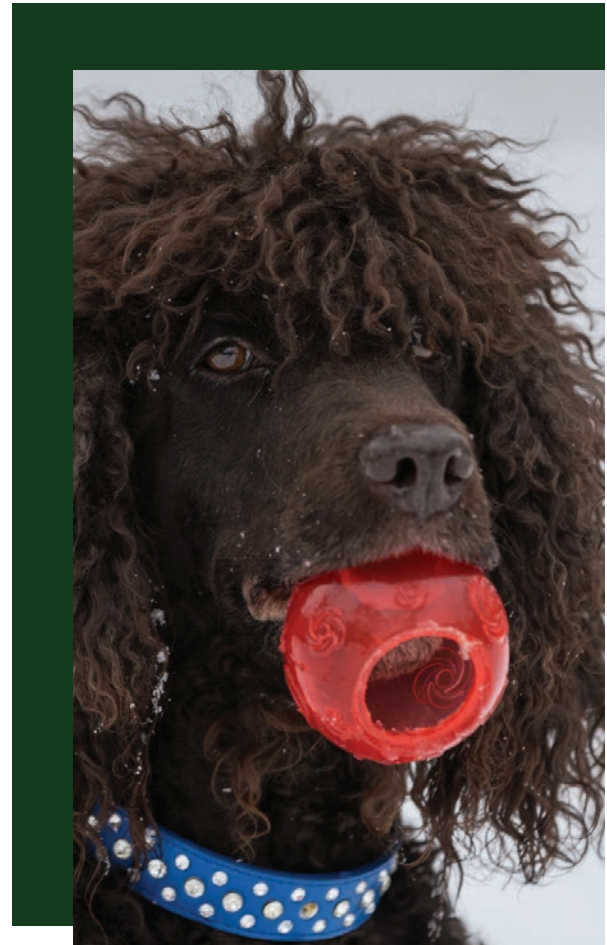


Photo by Jeremy Kezer



AKC Delegate's Report

April 02, 2024

The quarterly Delegate Meeting was held on Monday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at the Doubletree Newark Hotel in Newark, New Jersey. I attended two committee meetings over the two days, including the Parent Clubs Committee and the General Caucus. A very brief summary is provided below:

AKC Delegate Juniors Committee -

Sally Fineburg, AKC Board Member, is encouraging Juniors who are actively breeding, and all breeders with an interest in mentoring Juniors, to reach out to the committee.

Purebred Preservation Bank (PPB) - Dr.

Charles Garvin, CHF Board Member, reported on the development of the program and is asking parent clubs to consider questions that should be asked of donors and those who apply as recipients. More information may be found at: <https://www.akc.org/?s=ppb>

Non-Standard Colors - A discussion of non-Standard colors being registered in several breeds indicated that of 201 fully recognized breeds, 176 do not have an issue. A pilot program to review registrations is currently underway with five (5) parent clubs participating.

Group Realignment - A discussion of Group realignment indicated that any proposal (allowed only every five years) would stay with the Delegate body and not the Board.

Low-Entry Breeds - A task force is working to find improvements that can be made within the sport to assist low-entry breeds. In 2023, 20 breeds had fewer than 20 litters registered; 12 breeds had fewer than 10 litters registered; and one 1 breed had only 1 litter registered.

Meet the Breeds - Attendance at the January 27-28, 2024 MTB at the Javits Centers in NYC exceeded 30K spectators; 127 AKC breeds and 5 MISC/FSS breeds.

At the annual meeting, AKC Chairman Tom Davies provided a report that included: 2023 AKC National Championship Presented by Royal Canin

- 5,762 Entries
- 1,700 All-Breed National Stakes
- 209 Breeds
- 155 Juniors (\$22K in Scholarships) Agility Entries at 2023 ANC
- 430 Entries
- 47 Breeds

JEC Report

April 2, 2024

January Presentation - on January 19, 2024, I gave the Irish Water Spaniel Judges Education presentation to 20 perspective judges for the Oregon Dog Judges Advanced Institute for Sporting Breeds. It was a challenging weekend between ice storms, and a few dogs not being able to participate (due to ice) and scheduling challenges. The presentation was very well received and highly praised. Unfortunately, the ODJ did not ask participants to complete the evaluation form, but I received great feedback and compliments from the participants. A BIG thank you to Erin Fogg for, in terrible weather, bringing Wager so that I had 3 dogs for hands on.

National Presentation - JE will be presented, by me, at the National on Wednesday, May 22nd starting at 9 AM. Ringside mentoring will occur during conformation judging and we have hands-on after the judging is complete. We will be seeking help from folks and will corral dogs at the time.



General Feedback - We've received some feedback that we don't need to provide all the paper or jump drive with the presentation. Michelle and I are trying to sort out exactly what we want to continue to provide and what makes more sense to include on the website but at a minimum, we will provide the laminated IWS At a Glance and the Illustrated Standard as those tools are too good to not provide. Both the IWS At a Glance and Illustrated Standard are easy for them to include in their standard book to carry with them to shows.

SafeSport Report - Stacy Duncan

Given recent events with AKC judges and handlers being arrested or information regarding convictions being discussed regarding deviance and misconduct (avoiding going into mass detail here), there has been a grassroots effort, including a petition, to establish ways to better protect the youth of our sport (or adults for that matter). As a starting point, not to be implied as the end all be all solution, the petition requires background checks and SafeSport (<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/>) certifications for all judges who judge junior handling. I have taken (and of course passed) the SafeSport training and although geared towards coaches, athletes, volunteers, and parents, it is still very valuable training. I would like to encourage the Board to talk about how we as an AKC Club can help keep our sport safe for its participants and avoid quietly (unintentionally I believe) becoming a place for predators. I would also like to encourage Dan, as AKC Delegate, to participate in the conversation at the AKC to ensure that we take this issue seriously.

AKC Delegate's Report June 23, 2024

The quarterly AKC Delegate Meeting was held on Monday, June 10, and Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Doubletree Newark Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

I attended the Legislative Caucus and the General Caucus and received a report from

the Parent Clubs Committee and the AKC Delegate Junior Task Force. A very brief summary is provided below:

AKC Delegate Junior Task Force – All participants in the sport are encouraged to complete the Stewards of Children online training course provided by the children's advocacy group Darkness to Light. The course costs \$16 and may be found on the organization's website at: <https://www.d2l.org/>. Participation is required for all current and future AKC judges.

Parent Clubs Committee – Current litter/dog registrations are at 2018 levels. Entries in all AKC events are up 14% overall, including Conformation, Fetch Dog, Scent Work, and NOHS. AKC Fit Dog has proven to be a "gateway" activity to other AKC sports. In 2023, 9,206 Fit Dog titles were earned.

The Delegate Body voted on two proposed amendments to the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club. Details for these votes will be found in the minutes from this AKC Delegate Meeting which will be published on the "Secretary's Pages" of the July 2024 edition of the AKC Gazette.

The next AKC Delegate Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Newark Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, on Monday and Tuesday, September 9-10, 2024.

Yours respectfully,
Dan Sayers



AKC News:

Agility Changes



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

May 2024

Back in 2005 AKC embarked on the task of creating an in-house Online Entry System for taking agility entries electronically. At that time, only a handful of options existed and AKC wanted to provide a more efficient method for Trial Secretaries to receive/process agility entry forms from exhibitors.

Here in 2024, 19 years later, there are numerous options for taking entries in an electronic format, thus the “need” for AKC to provide Online Entry services has greatly diminished. As such, AKC will be turning off its Online Entry System (OLE) for trials that occur on November 1, 2024 and those events going forward from that date. Club trial applications for trials slated to use AKC’s OLE for trials beyond October 31, 2024 will be altered by AKC’s Event Operations department to remove OLE as a method of entry acceptance.

There are several options available as alternatives to using AKC’s OLE – if you wish to explore other avenues, please send email to steve.herwig@akc.org for assistance.

Sincerely,

AKC Agility Department



National Specialty Results

2024 IRISH WATER SPANIEL NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Best of Breed:

GCHB CH Flintcrest Five Star General RN
FDC DJ CGC TKN "Grant." Breeder: Colleen
McDaniel/Stacy Duncan. Owners: Stacy
Duncan/Cat Shelby.

Best of Winners:

Realta & Sycomore O'Boy "Boy." Breeder:
Mark and Sondra Barker/Rosemary Sexton.
Owner: Mark and Sondra Barker.

Best of Opposite Sex:

GCHB CH Realta's Sycamore Spry "Spry."
Breeder: Rosemary Sexton/Mark Barker/
Sondra Barker. Owner: Mark/Sondra Barker/
Rosemary Sexton.

Select Dog:

GCH CH Landacre's Nordic Sailor DN CGC
TKI "Skiff." Breeder: Melissa S McMunn.
Owner: Melissa McMunn.

Select Bitch:

CH Finnibone's Bons Eye "Abby." Breeder:
Jacquelyn Fussell. Owner: Rebecca Brooks/
Maribeth Bryant.

NOHS:

GCH CH Landacre's Nordic Sailor DN CGC
TKI "Skiff." Breeder: Melissa S McMunn.
Owner: Melissa McMunn.

Award of Merit:

Epik's in Omnia Paratus. Breeder: Emily Pikul/
Florence Blecher. Owner: Emily Pikul
CH Bunyarra It's Cole's Law At Epik "Carrot"
Breeder: David Kill. Owner: Emily Pikul/Devin
Christopher/Florence Blecher.

CH Marley Creek's Walkin After Midnight DJ
CGC TKN. Breeder: Tiffany Schuffert/Terry
Schuffert. Owner: Tiffany Schuffert/Terry
Schuffert.

Best Puppy:

Brekkon's Eye on the Sky with Flintcrest.
Breeder: Revecca Brooks/Maribeth Bryant.
Owner: Anna Spinelle/Stacy Duncan

Best Bred By:

Realta & Sycomore O'Boy "Boy." Breeder:
Mark and Sondra Barker/Rosemary Sexton.
Owner: Mark and Sondra Barker.

Stud Dog:

GCHB CH Flintcrest Five Star General RN
FDC DJ CGC TKN "Grant." Breeder: Colleen
McDaniel/Stacy Duncan. Owner: Stacy
Duncan/Cat Shelby.

Best Veteran Dog:

GCH CH Landacre's Nordic Sailor DN CGC
TKI "Skiff." Breeder: Melissa S McMunn.
Owner: Melissa McMunn.

Best Veteran Bitch:

GCHS CH Poole's Ide Say No More CD RN JH
CGC TKI "Simone." Breeder: Greg Siner/Toni
M Owens/Bethany Urban. Owner: Hannah
Loonsk & Gregory M Siner & Bethany Urban.

Winners Dog:

Realta & Sycomore O'Boy "Boy." Breeder:
Mark and Sondra Barker/Rosemary Sexton.
Owner: Mark and Sondra Barker.

Reserve Winners Dog:

Hoolgan N Epik Long Awaited. Breeder:
Emily Pikul/Florence Blecher. Owner: Gemma
Moorman/Emily Pikul.

Winners Bitch:

Epik's in Omnia Paratus. Breeder: Emily Pikul/
Florence Blecher. Owner: Emily Pikul.

Reserve Winers Bitch:

Realta & Sycomore The Fifth Element Leeloo
"Leeloo." Breeder: Mark and Sondra Barker/
Rosemary Sexton. Owner: Rosemary Sexton.

Brood Bitch:

GCHB CH Poole's Ide That Touch of Mink
CGC ATT "Darla." Breeder: Greg Siner,
Bethany Urban and Toni Owens. Owner: Emily
Pikul And Florence Blecker.



Gun Dog:

CH Realta's Marvelously Wicked Irish Lad SH CGCA "Karma." Breeder Rosemary Sexton, Mark Barker, Sondra Barker. Owner Kathryn Lee

Gun Bitch:

CH Poole's Ide On My Mind CD RI JH DS CGC WC "Georgia." Breeder: Gregory M. Siner, Bethany Urban and Toni Owens. Owners: Gregory M. Siner and Hannah Loonsk and Bethany Urban.

Best of Breed 4-6-Month-Old Beginner

Puppy:

Ballyhoo's You Had Me At Sligo aka "Sláinte." Breeder: Dede Selph. Owner: Janet Manuel.

2024 IWSCA WC Qualifiers

1. Blackthorn's Finn MacCool of Wicklow "Finn." Breeders: Timothy Gulley and Melissa Gulley & R. James Rubin. Owners: Dylan Hawkins and R. James Rubin.
2. Chantico's A Slice and a Pint OA OAJ "Arrow." Breeders: Kim and Jeremy Kezer and Mindy Garbarino. Owners: Kim and Jeremy Kezer.
3. MACH CH Chantico's Super G O'Muddy Waters RN MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B WC. Breeder: Kim and Jeremy Kezer and Mindy Garbarino. Owners: Kim and Jeremy Kezer.

2024 IWSCA WCX Qualifier

1. CH Poole's Ide On My Mind CD RI JH DS CGC WC "Georgia." Breeder: Gregory M. Siner, Bethany Urban and Toni Owens. Owners: Gregory M. Siner and Hannah Loonsk and Bethany Urban.





Awards from the Specialty

IWSCA Awards Committee presented almost 100 awards during the awards ceremony held on the last night of the 2024 IWSCA National Specialty in Ohio. A full list of the awards can be found on the IWSCA Website or by following this link [List of awards presented at the 2024 National Specialty: https://iwsc.org/images/downloads/2024_Specialty/2024_specialty_award_recipients.pdf](https://iwsc.org/images/downloads/2024_Specialty/2024_specialty_award_recipients.pdf)

Spotlight Awards

2024 Spotlight Award Nomination: Dana Louttit. Nominated by Hannah Loonsk

The Irish Water Spaniel permanently captured my mom’s attention from the pages of *The Treasury of Dogs*, a book published by her father’s (my grandfather’s) publishing company. She acquired her first IWS, Gallagher’s Putney O’Rourke Am CD Can CDX, in 1982 from Pat Welch. From that day forward, she has been a tireless champion of the IWSCA.

Her first club position was as newsletter editor. Since then, she has worn a multitude of hats: specialty committee member (inside and outside her region), puppy & adult dog coordinator, AKC Gazette breed columnist, board member, madam president to name just a few. In the 6 years that she led the club, she accomplished a tremendous amount including promoting unity and continued progress despite a 2-year pandemic. Those who have served in this role know that it is nothing short of a full-time job. This dedication and service to the club deserves respect and gratitude from those of us who reap the benefits.



She has worked incredibly passionately on the cardiac committee to expand our database and screen countless more IWS for cardiac defects prior to breeding, including setting up a very successful clinic at the 2023 National Specialty.

In the 40+ years that my mom has been in this breed, she has not only represented it well in confirmation, obedience, and (most recently) the field, she has been an active and invaluable member of the club.

Dana Louttit, thank you for all that you do for this club. I know that this summary has merely scratched the surface. From your daughter, thank you for choosing this wonderful breed and club to help raise me.

Dana Louttit



2024 Spotlight Award Nomination: Brenda Bauerlein. Nominated by Susan Tapp.

I would like to nominate Brenda for a Spotlight Award.

Brenda has been a member of the IWSCA for almost fifty years now, during that time she has exemplified dedication to the breed through her good sportsmanship and support of others.

Brenda has been a mentor to other breeders by sharing her deep knowledge of pedigrees and hands or experience with many of the dogs that are the foundation of our current breeding programs. She welcomes newcomers to the breed with open arms and offers encouragement to them by actively contacting them about local IWS activities they may be interested in joining and making them feel welcome. Brenda has been instrumental in putting on the “Meet the Breeds” at the big Orlando AKC invitational for many years. From gathering materials and equipment to setting up the booth, recruiting volunteers with dogs and of course bringing her own dogs and speaking to the large crowds of interested prospective IWS owners.

She, herself, has exhibited IWS in conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Scent Work. When she was still teaching elementary school children, she would bring her own dogs in for educational programs such as “how to approach an unknown dog safely” and “read to a dog.”

There are many more ways she has shown her dedication to the breed and IWS owning population mostly without a public thank you. That pat on the back is overdue and this would be a nice way to rectify that.

One of the most important lessons Brenda instilled upon me way back when she was my breed mentor was to always welcome “newbies” into the breed and help them as much as possible. That lesson still resonates with me today not only as a benefit to the breed but just shows what a genuine, kind and giving spirit Brenda is.



Brenda Bauerlein

**2024 Spotlight Award Nomination: Judy Goonyep.
Nominated by Kim and Jeremy Kezer.**

We are nominating Judy Goonyep for the spotlight award being that this is the 50th anniversary of her having Irish Water Spaniels in her life. Judy has shown her dogs in conformation, obedience, and the field; with her focus on those All- Around IWS venues. She is a strong component in getting these dogs to do what they were bred to do in the field and always encourages those who are willing to take on the experience. Judy has bred several litters and goes over and beyond to support her puppy owners along the way. She is the best “Auntie Jude” for many pups; at the drop of a hat, Judy will do anything to help a club member in need and is the best auntie for IWSCA has benefited from Judy’s attention to detail and organization skills for multiple board and committee positions. She is always there to lend a hand whenever needed during specialties and is always recording all those bids during the annual auction, sacrificing herself by missing out on dessert or having melted ice cream. Judy has a great sense of humor and has many stories to tell about Irish Water Spaniels if you have the privilege to be there to listen. Her dog voice imitations are the best!!!!



Judy Goonyep

Annual List of AKC titles earned by Irish Water Spaniels during 2023. Congratulations to all these IWS for earning titles during 2024! 2023 IWS new Titles: https://iwsca.org/images/downloads/2024_Specialty/iws_new_titles_for_2023.pdf

Call for 2026 Specialty Bids

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Final Call for 2026 Specialty Bids

We are looking for a Specialty Committee for the 2026 National Specialty Event. The Board had previously said that it would like the event to be in the southeast region. There has not been a national specialty in the area for many, many years. However, we need to confirm the 2026 Specialty Committee so bids from any region are welcome and encouraged!

The Board would like all bids to be submitted no later than September 1, 2024. The bid must be in writing and provide an overview that identifies the Chairperson, interested committee members, the location including event location and lodging locations, dates, and a general plan for the Specialty.

Each National Specialty Committee is expected to select and develop events that will make their Specialty unique, take full advantage of the uniqueness of their locality and provide attendees with a memorable experience. While effort should be made to feature the many characteristics of the IWS, there is never enough time to do everything. But it is the goal of the IWSCA to produce a National Specialty each year. It is hoped the mosaic of those National Specialties will, over time, feature the versatility of our breed, beauty, and cuisines of our regions and warmth of our members.

Information about organizing a IWSCA National Specialty Event can be found on the IWSCA Website under “The Club” and then “Club Documents” where you can click on the Specialty Work Breakdown. There is a lot of important information in this document, and it will help guide you in planning this event.

If anyone has any questions, please call Timothy Gulley at 415-672-4206 or email at tgulley11@gmail.com



IWSCA Supported Entry at June Strawberry Classic on June 16, 2024

The sun was out, the sky was blue, and the heat from the previous few days had broken to a comfortable 70-degrees in Brooklyn, Connecticut, when the Irish Water Spaniels went into the ring at the June Strawberry Classic dog show on Sunday, June 16, 2024. It was a beautiful day for a dog show!

The Irish Water Spaniel Club of America supported the entry of IWS for the club's only breeder-judge, Tara Darling-Lyon, and 5 dogs and handlers enjoyed the spotlight.

Tara's placements were:

Best of Breed – “Simone,” GCHS CH Poole's Ide Say No More CD RA JH CGC TKI owned by Hannah Loonsk, Gregory Siner and Bethany Urban

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed – “Jax,” Hooligan N Epik Long Awaited owned by Gemma Moorman, Emily Pikul, and Florence Blecher

Select Dog – “Jack,” Poole's Ide Smackwater Jack owned by Bethany Urban, Bridget Kvarnlov, Gregory Siner, and Madeline Urban

Select Bitch – “Myna,” CH Epik's In Omnia Paratus owned by Emily Pikul

Winner's Dog – “Ripley,” Poole's Ide Riptide RN CGC owned by Gregory Siner, Hannah Loonsk, Bethany Urban, and Dana Louttit

Owner-Handled Best of Breed – “Simone”

All of these IWS have something (or someone) in common: GCHB Poole's Ide Last Dance CGC “Summer,” bred by Gregory Siner and Dorothy Line, and now enjoying retirement with Nona and Harlan Noel. “Summer” is Dam to Simone, and Grand-Dam to Jax, Jack, Myna, and Ripley.

Thank you to Emily, Hannah, and Dana for supporting the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America's entry!

Heidi Currier Ferris and Toby Teller



Best of Breed Go-Around June 16, 2024



Best of Breed Line Up June 16, 2024



Hannah and Simone



Simone Admires Her Rosettes June 16, 2024





Emily Pikul and Myna



Emily Pikul and Myna



Going Over Jack



Good Friends at the Show



Simone Admires Her Rosettes June 16, 2024



Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease or Dog Flu?

WHAT EXHIBITORS SHOULD KNOW.

By: Sheryl Krohne, DVM, MS, DACVO

Last summer there was an increase in canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC) in several areas of the country, and it was covered extensively in the popular press and by AKC news. CIRDC is a highly contagious disease that is often the result of concurrent infections with viral and bacterial agents (listed below in the tables). It has been known and researched for many decades and is also known as “kennel cough.” Most cases were typical, with mild symptoms; however, atypical cases resulted in pneumonia and a few deaths. Symptoms include harsh, dry coughing fits (which can recur for several weeks), retching and gagging, and sometimes decreased appetite. The retching presentation is often misdiagnosed as a GI problem. The atypical cases with pneumonia presented with inactivity, lack of appetite, fever, nasal discharge, and difficulty breathing.

The consensus knowledge at this time is this outbreak was not the result of a new type of pathogen, virus, or bacteria. Two main reasons for this are: 1) a new pathogen has not been isolated, and 2) a new type of infection would have caused much more disease and been much more widespread than was seen. Terminology is important in reports about this type of outbreak, because many reports, including some from the AKC, used “flu,” “Influenza” and sometimes “Canine Influenza” interchangeably. This is inaccurate.

Just as with human disease, “flu” is often used without a specific medical definition and may include GI and respiratory symptoms. Canine Influenza is a specific viral disease with vaccines available, and can be diagnosed with virology tests (PCR, Antibody titer). Please see table 1 below for known pathogens and those that have available vaccines. The reasons for the outbreak continue to be investigated. Currently, the hypothesized causes are increased travel (since the pandemic) with dogs to shows, increased boarding of dogs by traveling owners, sharing water bowls and close proximity at shows and doggie daycare, increased numbers of daycare and dog park facilities. Also, playing an important role is the decreased attention to preventative vaccination protocols. The use of approved WSAVMA and AHHA vaccination protocols is important to maximize “Herd Immunity” in the canine population.

Table 1 shows known causes of CIRDC, including Canine Parainfluenza (CPIV). It is recommended that all vaccines listed in this table be used for traveling dogs. Increased cases of CPIV have been identified in the recent seasonal outbreak. This may be because CPIV vaccination is effective for 1 year, and is often included in DHPP combination vaccines, which may be given every 3 years. If a combo vaccine is used initially, then CPIV could be boosted in between with a separate vaccine, or combined with another yearly booster, such as Bordetella intranasal. The advantage of this routine is that local immunity is additive to the parental immunity from the injection route. Another respiratory virus--Canine Influenza A (mutated from avian) has been reported in specific areas of the country, and vaccination is recommended for those living in or traveling to those areas. Other causes include Adenovirus and Distemper, which have core vaccines available for serious virus infections that affect multiple body systems, including respiratory, and these should be updated as recommended. A DHPP combo vaccination, which also includes Parvovirus, is often used for this inoculation.



TABLE 1 Pathogens Associated With Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex^{2,7,8}

PATHOGEN	VACCINE COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE?
Adenovirus-1	Yes
Distemper virus	Yes
Parainfluenza virus	Yes
Respiratory coronavirus	No
Influenza A virus (H3N8 + H3N2)	Yes
Herpesvirus-1	No
Pneumovirus	No
Hepacivirus	No
Reoviruses	No
<i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i>	Yes
<i>Mycoplasma canis</i>	No
<i>Mycoplasma cynos</i>	No
<i>Streptococcus equi</i> subsp. <i>zooepidemicus</i>	No
<i>Chlamydophila psittaci</i>	No

Table 2 shows the combination vaccines available to use with the PIV. (Parenteral = injectable. Intranasal extremely effective also).

TABLE 2 Available Canine Parainfluenza Virus Vaccines³

ORGANISMS IN VACCINE^a	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION
Parainfluenza only	Parenteral
<i>Leptospira</i>	Parenteral
<i>Leptospira</i> , enteric coronavirus ^c	Parenteral
Distemper virus, adenovirus-2, parvovirus	Parenteral
Distemper virus, adenovirus-2, parvovirus, <i>Leptospira</i>	Parenteral
Distemper virus, adenovirus-2, parvovirus, <i>Leptospira</i> , enteric coronavirus ^c	Parenteral
<i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i>	Intranasal
<i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i> , adenovirus-2	Intranasal

^aOnly vaccines available in the United States and United Kingdom are listed.

^bIn addition to canine parainfluenza virus.

^cVaccination against enteric coronavirus is not recommended in the AAHA or WSAVA vaccination guidelines.

Conclusions - Since show dogs travel and are exposed to other dogs in situations where the health status of all participants can't be known, it is extremely important to use all tools available to prevent infectious disease spread, including kennel cough preventative vaccines. Vaccines for diseases in the complex have variable immune effectiveness in the animal, and millions of data points are now available for most canine vaccines to inform us and the veterinary profession about the best protocols to use. Distemper and Adenovirus should be boosted every 3 years, and Parainfluenza, Influenza A, and Bordetella should be boosted annually for the best protection. The Canine influenza vaccine (like the human vaccine) may not completely protect your dog but will reduce symptoms. Four million dogs were recently studied after vaccination and very low adverse effects numbers were documented in an AVMA research paper. Approximately 20 adverse effects/10,000 vaccination events were found over all vaccines. Adverse effects were mild and resolved, and many can be predicted (dog size, etc.). It is important for us to have information about vaccinations from evidence-based reports, not internet sites reporting speculation and anecdotal information. Since Kennel Cough can be complicated with multiple causative agents, some with no vaccine available, it is additionally important to protect your dogs from the agents with available vaccines.

A final thought - There isn't any system in the US or NA for reporting, and thus knowing the accurate incidence, morbidity, and mortality of most canine diseases. This may surprise people, but only the deadly diseases that affect people and livestock are reportable and tracked by government offices. If possible, it is useful for us to request and pay for (when possible) diagnostic tests for diseases our dogs contract. The state diagnostic laboratories then have some data to track infectious and communicable diseases which are rising in numbers every year.



Happy Ratters: A Lovely Hybrid

By **Melissa McMunn**

Over the past year, and through the hard work of a good friend, I have become involved with an organization called Happy Ratters. The mission of this organization is to use the fundamentals of both scent work and barn hunt to mirror urban rat hunting, which is, in and of itself, a thriving organization in this area.

Using clean boxes, paper, and other detritus that you might have lying around (discarded children's toys and garden equipment make great examples) as the base, the rat tubes like those used in Barn Hunt are "hidden." At the beginning level, the tubes are just part of the detritus and visible. The dog must also complete a "bridge" (putting all 4 feet on an object) rather than being required to get up on a hay bale. This is a draw for older dogs or those with IVDD, as a bridge might be as simple as a dog ramp laid flat on the floor. Another requirement is a "burrow" that is an open end of an old agility chute rather than being required to tunnel. The "burrow" is open, and dogs can see where they are going rather than being in the dark and the dogs having to negotiate turns in such situations.

There are many and various levels in the regular classes, and the incremental increase of rats is linear rather than the jump that it takes in Barn Hunt. Additionally, there are various games to play. One game is very similar to scent work master containers. A typical trial day consists of all regular classes and a set of three predetermined games. Some games are outside and on the lead, while others take place in a more traditional sized ring. The most important difference is that dogs are rewarded for locating the tubes and if food is dropped, a fault is recorded like in scent work.

Titling is rather easy as you just accrue points at the various levels to move up, or like in scent work, you may remain for "metallic" points and titles. The games also have levels and titles. There are differing colored ribbons for games, regular classes, or metallic runs.

I've found that this venue has allowed for some great cross training for my dogs that are competing in barn hunt and scent work, and my young dogs who have played neither of the other sports, now have a foundation to segway into them. It is a fun way to spend the day and watching the dogs negotiate the playing field can bring its own entertainment! From the mound of boxes in the center of the room to rolling toddler tents, many a laugh from both people and dogs can be observed.

By playing Happy Ratters, Sport has gained a great amount of confidence that will help him as he moves into the upper levels of scent work and Barn Hunt. He has taken a good deal of time to understand the concept of "more than 1," be it scent or rat. Because several of the Happy Ratters Games ask for him to find more than 1 rat, he has learned to continue his search after success. Gidget has been playing Happy Ratters games for the last year and is ready to debut in both scent work and barn hunt. The ability to reward for the find has made a great deal of difference in building drive for the game.

The sport is still small in nature, but if you have a chance, it's a great entry activity into the sport of dogs. There have been a number of "pet" people who have heard of the activities, come to see, and to stay!





In Memoriam: “Auryn” CH Reálta’s Never Ending Story

AURYN CDX RE SH DN, ALL AROUND QUINTESSENTIAL

June 16, 2009 - June 20, 2024

From: Sarah Zumpf

How fortunate I was to have known her for so long: godspeed beautiful girl. I loved “Auryn,” (Trout’s Mother) ... for so many reasons ... mostly because she was the dog with the most generous spirit.



Regional Reports

Northeast Regional Report

Stephanie O'Reilly writes that "Flare earned her PACH3 on July 16, 2024. This is her 8th agility championship title that she has earned. At 9 years old, she still loves the game. Flare is now CH MACH5 PACH3 Castlehill's When Sparks Fly Of Cuardach RN MXG2 MJG2 MXP7 MXPS MJP7 MJPG PAX3 MXF T2B FCAT."

Madeline Urban shares: "the past few months have been a whirlwind showing Jack (Poole's Ide Smackwater Jack). At the shows in Ohio before the National, Jack and I got 2 majors and our first OH Group 1 putting us at #1 IWS NOHS. Then, just 2 weeks later at Ladies Dog Club, Jack and his handler, JoJo, got his first Variety Group 1 under Dr. Donald Sturtz Jr., completing his championship! Finally, at the Strawberry Clusters, Jack and JoJo got a beautiful Group 3 ribbon! I'm so excited to see what else Jack, JoJo, and I will accomplish together!"

Natalie Weissman shares "RACH Ballyhoo's True Blue Justine BN CD GN CDX RAE3 RM4 CAX TKIN CGCA DN has been competing in AKC Rally. At the Lower Camden shows --High in Combined, Triple points and Placements. At the Doberman Pinscher Club of Tappan Zee -- High in Combined, Triple Q Ribbon. And at the K9 of Essex -- 2 High in Combined and Triple Q. She is now up to RACH 2 legs 16 & 17."

"RACH 2 CH. Castlehill's Wickedly Cute Jolene CDX BN GN RM 6 RAE 5 CAX DJX DN CGCA TKP THDA was busy in The Read to the Dog Program at the Norwood Public Library. She completed 100 hours and earned a Certificate of Achievement for Tail Wagger Title and a Therapy Dog Advanced Title from AKC."

"RACH Ballyhoo's True Blue Justine O'Hogan at Castlehill CDX BN GN RM 3 RAE 4 CAX DN CGCA TKN competed at Lower Camden Rally Trials and picked up RACH 2 legs 11 and 12, as well as the Triple Q Ribbon and the High in Combined Ribbon with 3 perfect scores, as well as points and placements at the 2 trials. Justine competed at the Doberman Pinscher AKC Rally Trials this weekend and picked up RACH 2 legs 13 and 14 with points and placements and 2 perfect scores." Arrow (Chantico's A Slice And A Pint) and Ghillie (Chantico's Super G O'Muddy Waters) had a great time at the specialty, with Arrow getting his first Beginner Novice leg and Ghillie finishing her CD. They also both earned their WCs at the WC/WCX event. Arrow also continues to work his way up in agility, earning his Excellent Standard and Novice FAST titles recently."

And looking ahead to fall, a couple events to mention. First is the Wine Country Cluster in the New York Finger Lakes, always a fund get-together of IWS. We'll have more information later, but save the dates of September 26-29th. And Rat Tail Days in Rhode Island will be happening October 5th and 6th!

Thanks,
Jeremy & Laurel





Kim and Arrow



Kim with Arrow and Ghillie



Jack Receives Best of Winners





Jack Wins First Variety Group 1 at Ladies Dog Club



Flare with Her PACH3 Award, July 16, 2024



Arrow in Action



Mid-Atlantic Regional Report

Submitted by Tiffany Schuffert

How can half the year be over already? This year is flying by! Hopefully, like me, it's going by quickly because you've been out and about with your IWS! Patsy has had a great couple of months earning her BCAT title and doing some conformation shows. I know some other mid-Atlantic folks were busy hunting rats (see Missy McMunn's article on Happy Ratters) and earning Fetch Dog titles, too! We also had the pleasure of hosting the 2024 IWSCA National and a Regional Specialty & Supported Entry. Thank you to everyone who came out to support those events and congratulations to all the winners!!



Patsy, Owned by Tiffany & Terry Schuffert



Goose, Owned by April Barr

Goose earned his Fetch Dog Intermediate title, and the same day ran completed two qualifying runs in FastCAT! His best time was 8.99 seconds! Wow, that's fast!



Midwest Regional Report

Conformation

The 2024 National Specialty is now in the books. I had a wonderful time judging our talented Irishers in the WC/WCX! What a joy to see so many enthusiastic dogs and owners at the tests. Thanks to Heidi Ferris for procuring the lovely test grounds on such a short notice. Congratulations to the participants and a huge shout-out to the wonderful handlers and qualifiers!

The Midwest IWS Irishers did well at the National. The results will be reported in the Specialty section.

Field

The 3rd IWSCA Spaniel Hunt Test was held on June 1, 2024, in conjunction with the FSSA Spaniel Hunt Test on June 2, 2024. We ran two sections; our judges were Danelle Oliver and Zara Labrenz in Section A and Deb Strohl and Bruce Warnimont in Section B. Entries for both tests limited out at 55 dogs with 52 dogs running due to late scratches. Thanks to all the committee members: Chuck and Renee Pederson, Secretary, who came out from ND; Ann McNeill who came out for OH; Ruth Bruskiewitz, Bob Deihl, and Susan Sarracino-Deihl, Chair, local WI IWSCA members.

The weekend was rewarding but challenging. It rained and poured on Saturday. Fortunately, the hard rains started after the Master field was done so that the birds flew well for the Master dogs. The Hunt Dead and Water Blind were done in the pouring rain. The Water Retrieve in a gentle rain. Though the fields ended up soggy and the handlers soaked, the Irishers loved it! Sunday the sun came out, the weather heated up, the challenge was to keep the dogs cool. That was done easily with fans, shade tents and staying under the shade trees.

Four IWS entered the Junior tests both days – Ann and Brian McNeill's Finn (Ballyhoo's V Finnegan McNeill BN FDC CA BCAT DS CGC TKN WD VHMA), and our dogs Doogan (Kirkmarsh Forester DS JHU WD), Lily (Saracen Diamond Decoy JHU DJ WD), and Harris (CH Saracen Springtime Thunder JHUA BCAT CGC TKN FTN WD) to support both tests. All 4 dogs did outstanding jobs. Ann and Brian's Finn had earned his second JHU leg in April at the American Water Spaniel Hunt Tests. Ann and Brian had high hopes that this weekend would be the lucky weekend. They were not disappointed. Finn came home with a new title! He is now officially Ballyhoo's V Finnegan McNeill JHU BN FDC CA BCAT DS CGC TKN WD VHMA.

Thanks to the IWSCA for sponsoring the spaniel hunt test. It is well-attended and supported by Midwest field people!

Have a great summer!
Susan





Susan at IWSCA Awards



Lily Braves the Downpour, June 1, 2024



Lilly on Land, June 1, 2024



Harris in Rain and Water, June 1, 2024



Harris on Land, June 1, 2024





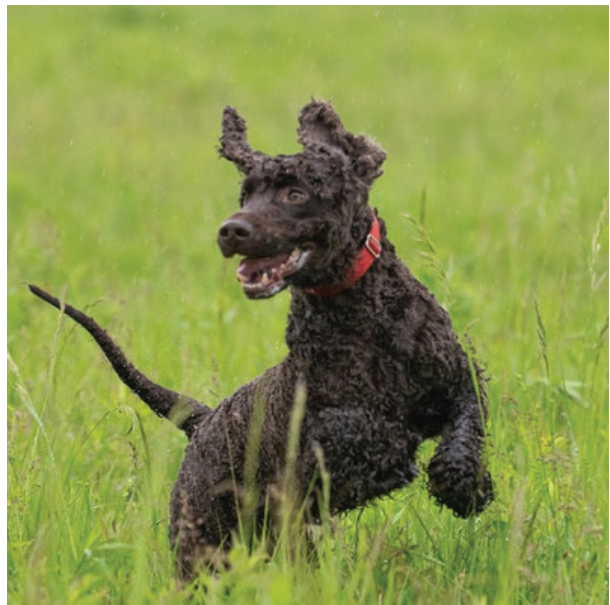
Finn Springs into the Water, June 2, 2024



Finn on Land, June 2, 2024



Doogan Jumps into the Water, June 1, 2024



Doogan's Got This, June 1, 2024



Northwest Regional Report

SUMMER is getting closer in the Pacific Northwest. We had a full week of temperatures into the upper 70's, at least on Camano Island where I live. Next week we'll be back in the 60's with a little rain to keep things green. It's nice to enjoy having the doors open into the evening, listen to the chatter of the birds and frogs and watch the seagulls and eagles spar for food and territory. The dogs can go in and out to play or check out any action that may require Maze's attention.

It was great to see a nice representation from the Northwest at our National Specialty. I loved seeing the many posts from our group to Facebook of their travels and successes. Thanks to all who shared.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Stacy Duncan and Grant on their Best in Specialty Show at the National. To top that off, they took home some nice wins at the Laramie Kennel Club shows on the way home. GROUP 1, GROUP 2, and BEST IN SHOW.

Grant: MBIS MNBIS MBIS GCHS. Flintcrest Five Star General RN DJ FDC CGC TKN

From Sheryl Krohne in Spokane, WA.

Raine (Cat's Over The Rainbow CD BN RE MXP MJP BCAT RATCHX9 etc.)

Raine and I went to Barn Hunt at French Creek in Snohomish and went to Obedience/Rally trials in Richland, WA in the last 2 months. She finished her Platinum2Bronze Crazy8 title and got 5 Master Qs in BH. An almost perfect Q weekend on really big, technical courses. In Obedience the weekend before, she finished her CD and Rally Excellent titles. Both trials had great weather and we worked in some trail walks, and swims in the Columbia River. Onyx also had a great time!



National Photo, June 21, 2024, by Sheryl Krohne



2023 Barn Hunt Trophy, June 21, 2024





Raine and Sheryl, June 21, 2024



Raine and her Rosette



Raine is Ready! June 21, 2024



Raine with Rosettes, June 21, 2024



From Lorece Newton and Mary Westlake

Lorece and Rob'n have 2 started passes in UKC and shared some photos from the event and field training with Mary and Gary Westlake with Sheena.



Mary and Gary with Sheena, June 24, 2024



Lorece and Rob'n



Rob'n with Rosette, June 21, 2024



Lorece with Mary



International Regional Report

Hello from Western Canada!

The Irish Water Spaniel Association of Canada IWSAC is hosting a supported entry on Saturday August 3, 2024 with the Alberta Kennel Club at the AKC Summer Classic in Okotoks Alberta. This is a 4 day All Breed Show held outside at the Okotoks Polo Field. We expect to have a fabulous Western Canada Irish Water Spaniel Turn Out, and I look forward to reporting the results.

From **Mary R Williams Marter** in Port Coquitlam British Columbia

Mary, Morgan, Clover and friends Julie de Salaberry, Bernard and Murphy **represented** the Irish Water Spaniel Association of Canada (meet the breed) at the Highland Games June 15 and 16. They handed out cards and met many friendly faces. The big comments were “they’re so soft,” “their tail is bald,” and “they feel so warm.”

From **Jacquelyn Fussell, Finnibone Irish Water Spaniels CKC Perm Reg.** in Red Deer Alberta

BISS GCH Shaboo’N Finnibone’s Iron Man “MR Steel” competed in the local NADD event and achieved his Dock Junior Title in 5 splashes.

CH Finnibone’s Illusion is Real RN “Viper” got back on the dock this spring and got a Q in the Hydrodash game.

From **Charlene Schermers** in Red Deer, Alberta

The summer has us hopping! Sway, Mamacass and I have been busy at the pool, on the disc field playing frisbee with the Worldwide K9 Toss and Fetch League, competing in Rally Obedience, and Sprinter (Fast CAT) and training in competitive obedience.

Mamacass recently achieved her NADD Junior Distance Excellent III Title and her NADD Air Retrieve Junior Advanced Title. Baby sister Sway recently achieved her NADD Dock Senior Title and a personal best distance jump of 17’. She is my lil dock star in the making at just 2 years old. Sway also competed in a local Sprinter Trial.

We are excited to head to Lloydminster, Alberta to participate in the Prairie K9 games which is a huge sports event with a NADD trial, Weight Pull, Wall Climb, Sprinter, Lure Coursing, Rally Obedience, and more fun games with Dogs!

From **Wayne Dickson** – Eastern Canada

Just to let you know that I still have a pet boy to place from my December 18th 2023 litter! Very healthy and sweet boy.





Wayne Dickson's Available Sweet Boy



"Sway" Finnibone's On Your Knees Boys DJA HDNA DS DN in the CKC Sprinters Competition



Sway



Sway



Upcoming Events

September 26-29, 2024 IWSCA Regional Specialty and Supported Entry	Wine Country Circuit, Romulus, NY
October 5-6, 2024 Rat Tail Days	South Kingstown, RI
January 10, 2025 Flushing Spaniel Show	Knoxville, TN
February 28 – March 2, 2025 Maryland Sport Dog Association (MSDA) Spring Event.	West Friendship, MD
May 12-15, 2025 IWSCA National Specialty	Estes Park, CO



2024 Rat Tail Day is Back

ALL IRISH WATER SPANIELS ARE WELCOME!

Breeders Education

10AM - NOON

LUNCH

NOON-1:30 PM

HOTDOGS *HAMBURGERS

*CHIPS *SOFT DRINKS

*SIDES *DESSERT

Rat Tail Days

CLASSES FOR EVERYONE, FROM
PUPPIES TO PETS, CUT DOWNS AND
SHOW TRIMS

BREED COMPETITION

2:00PM

WHEN

Saturday, October 5th, 2024

WHERE

Tuckertown Park Pavillion
1165 Tuckertown Rd, South Kingstown,
RI 02879

Dinner + Auction

Location: Phil's Main Street Grille
323 Main Street, Wakefield, RI 02879

RSVP by Saturday, September 18th, 2024

Bethany Urban - bethany2002@gmail.com





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