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President's Message

Volunteers are essential for the life and growth of any organization, and the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America is very lucky to have a healthy core of eager volunteers, with plenty of room for more. Volunteers bring energy, new ideas, and strength to the organization. To be a volunteer takes a willingness to give of your time, patience because not every project or process goes smoothly, and dedication to stick with a job or project and see it through. It also takes understanding and compassion because we all have lives beyond the IWSCA.

Jobs, family, animals, and other groups are also an important part of our days, but those lives can be enhanced by joining with other IWS owners to support the IWSCA's constitutional goals:

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 public, purebred dogs, and Irish Water Spaniels in particular.

All of the above can be done while still enjoying our wonderful, fun-loving, amazing animals. I have been in the breed since 1958, and my love for the breed is as deep as any owner's. I volunteer, and my hope is that as you look into those wonderful, love-filled eyes of your IWS, you will be moved to join in and help our breed and our organization grow so that, as others come along, there is a wonderful IWSCA that they will be proud to be a part of.

Pam Manus



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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:

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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.



Upcoming Events

May 12–16, 2026

2026 National Specialty at Seven Springs Mountain Resort

Seven Springs, Pennsylvania

May 30, 2026

IWSCA Spaniel Hunt Test at Rock River Kennels

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
Superintendent: Huntsecretary.com.
Closing date: May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Preference to IWS.

May 31, 2026

Field Spaniel Society Club of America Spaniel Hunt Test

Contact Susan Sarracino-Deihl at
262-751-5039.

July 11, 2026

IWSCA Supported Entry

Green Mountain Dog Club,
Tunbridge, Vermont.

July 25–27, 2026

**IWSCA Supported Entry,
Waukesha KC Summer Splash**

Waukesha, Wisconsin.
Waukesha County Expo Center.
Dock Diving, Fast Cat, Obedience
and Conformation.



Photo: Sarah Zumpf



IWSCA 2026 National Specialty Champion, PA Schedule of Events

Monday, May 11 th	7am – 10am 7am – 7pm 4pm	Breakfast Buffet Pre-National IWSCA AKC All-Breed Agility Trial (off-site: B & D Creekside Activity Center, Latrobe, PA) Hospitality and Grooming Rooms Open
Tuesday, May 12 th	7am – 10am 7am – 7pm 6:30pm	Breakfast Buffet IWSCA AKC All-Breed Agility Trial with Specialty Runs (off-site: B & D Creekside Activity Center, Latrobe, PA) Welcome Party
Wednesday, May 13 th	7am – 10am 8am To follow Obedience 12pm 6pm	Breakfast Buffet Obedience Trial Rally Trial Scent Work Trial Annual General Meeting with Dinner
Thursday, May 14 th	7am – 10am 9am To follow To follow 5pm 5:30pm	Breakfast Buffet Lecture: Reproductive Health of Your Stud Dog Breeder's Education Meeting Stud Dog Showcase Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres SWEEPSTAKES: Puppy, Gundog, and Veterans
Friday, May 15 th	7am – 10am 8am 12:30pm 5:30pm 6pm	Breakfast Buffet Judge's Education Presentation National Specialty Conformation No-Host Bar Opens Dinner and Live Auction
Saturday, May 16 th	7am – 10am TBD TBD 11am 5:30pm 6pm	Breakfast Buffet Cardiac Clinic (By Prepaid Appointment) WC/WCX Field Tests (off-site) CGC Testing and Trick Dog No-Host Bar Opens Awards Banquet with Freestyle Entertainment

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Look out for
"know before you go"
updates coming soon!



AKC Delegate's Report

January 13, 2026

The quarterly AKC Delegate Meeting was held on Thursday, December 11, and Friday, December 12, 2025, at the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

I attended the Canine Health Committee and Parent Club Committee meetings, and the Legislative Caucus. A brief summary is provided below.

Canine Health Committee

The AKC Canine Health Foundation is 30 years old. Monthly webinars are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. EST. Discoveries of the Year finalists include care of the overheated dog, cardiomyopathy, and a legume diet, and genes that make Labs greedy and obese. Grants funded for 2026 include research on liver disease in Labs, pain control of herniated discs, and stomach cancer. An OFA update noted that more than 38,000 samples have been distributed to research projects through the CHIC DNA Bank, with samples sent only to credible, qualified researchers. The AKC Veterinary Outreach Program is also making positive inroads with students.

Parent Club Committee

There was talk of developing shows for breeds of like purpose and origin. Breed bans based on breed characteristics are expected to rise in the years ahead.

Meet the Breeds in New York City was scheduled for February 7–8, 2026. The AKC Purebred Preservation Bank suggested offering free collections of Best of Breed winners at National Specialties. A Town Meeting also discussed ways to increase membership, decrease costs, and rethink communication strategies, with delegates from numerous parent clubs participating.

Legislative Caucus

Discussion points included responding to animal-rights threats with fact-based arguments and taking back the language used when referencing dogs, breeding, and the care of companion animals. Reputable breeders were encouraged to combine forces to battle proposed anti-breeder legislation, become better informed, and seek seats on local animal advisory boards.

A Q&A session took place with nine candidates for three vacancies on the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2030, which will be voted on at the March Delegate Meeting.

Candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee

- Domenic Palleschi Carota – Pharaoh Hound Club of America
- Jason Hoke – Chain O' Lakes Kennel Club
- Thomas S. Powers – Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Candidates endorsed in writing by the Delegates

- Carl C. Ashbey III – United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.
- Karen J. Burgess – Greater Clark County Kennel Club, Inc.
- Patricia M. Cruz – Heart of the Plains Kennel Club
- Sue Goldberg – Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.
- Laurie Maulucci – South Windsor Kennel Club
- Lisa Peterson – Norwegian Elkhound Club of America, Inc.

AKC President and CEO Gina DiNardo presided over the Delegate Meeting.



AKC Chairman Dr. Thomas M. (Tom) Davies described the current period at AKC as one of marked transition, renewed focus, and continued evolution in programs and relationships. He emphasized support for young people in the sport and positive engagement with new exhibitors.

AKC President and CEO Gina DiNardo also reminded delegates that progress does not happen all at once and identified modernizing operations, strengthening programs, expanding outreach, and protecting traditions as AKC priorities.

Third-quarter financial report highlights

- Registrations and Event Fee Revenue was 5% below the same period in 2024.
- Advertising Revenue was 28% below the same period in 2024.
- Operating Revenue was 5% below the same period in 2024.
- Operating Expenses were 1% above the same period in 2024.
- Litter Registration Revenue was 13% above the same period in 2024.
- Dog Registration Revenue was 12% below the same period in 2024.
- Conformation and Companion Events Revenue was comparable to the same period in 2024.
- Performance Events Revenue was again 7% above the same period in 2024.
- The Family Dog Program Revenue was 3% below the same period in 2024.

2025 Eddy Award recipients

- Dr. Gene Sisneros – American Pomeranian Club
- Peter G. Piusz – American Rottweiler Club
- Karen Lee – American Whippet Club
- Patricia Putman – Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America
- Karolynne M. McAteer – Irish Setter Club of America
- Julie Poulin Siefert – Newfoundland Club of America

AKC Political Action Committee notes

- In 2024, AKC PAC contributed \$67,800 to election campaigns with a 90% success rate.
- In 2024, Animal Wellness Action spent \$1.35 million.
- AKC PAC encourages club members to consider a \$15-per-month recurring donation.

One proposed amendment to the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers was voted on at the December 2025 AKC Delegate Meeting. Chapter 14, Section 2 – which states that a disqualification by a judge in field trials or hunting tests will count as a disqualification across both sports – was adopted with a two-thirds vote in the affirmative.

Details appear in the minutes from the Delegate Meeting, published on the Secretary's Pages of the January 2026 edition of the AKC Gazette: [AKC Gazette January 2026](#)

Please send comments directly to Dan Sayers at Ninodanny@aol.com.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Newark Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, on Monday and Tuesday, March 9–10, 2026.

Yours respectfully,
Dan Sayers



AKC Purebred Preservation Bank



Courtesy of the AKC Library and Archives

Mission Statement

The Mission of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKC PPB) is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs.

This valuable service is necessary to salvage or restore endangered dog breeds now and in the future.

While coordinating efforts with non-profit breed-specific clubs, the AKC PPB will educate breeders, clubs, and the public about the importance of safeguarding frozen semen and protecting purebred dog breeds for future decades.

Donor Information

To date, the AKC PPB has received several semen donor applications that have been accepted into the program. Many of these dogs were referred by our *Partners in Preservation*, saving semen that was to be discarded.

Donors are required to complete a detailed application. Upon submission, it is reviewed by our Gift Review Committee, consisting of three AKC PPB Officers.

When the application is reviewed, donors are asked to complete a Legal Agreement and Transfer of Ownership form. At this point, the semen becomes property of the AKC PPB.

If you are interested in donating, please scan the QR code on the back of the pamphlet, and navigate to the Donor Information page!

Parent Clubs are encouraged to continue providing criteria for both donors and recipients.

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The AKC Purebred Preservation Bank program is entirely voluntary and optional – for donors of semen, users of semen, and Parent Clubs providing guidance
- AKC PPB is a Charitable Organization under IRC 501(c)(3) – it was established as a mission driven organization without profit motive
- AKC PPB is a separate organization from AKC, and has its own Board of Directors with some representation from AKC
- The American Kennel Club has committed to subsidize and underwrite the expenses of AKC PPB
- AKC PPB does not charge donors or clubs to participate
- Parent Clubs are invited to provide breed-specific questions of sire and semen for donor applications
- Parent Clubs are invited to provide breed-specific criteria for dam and breeder for distribution applications
- The AKC PPB will use Parent Club recommendations except in extenuating circumstances, such as if a breed is threatened with extinction or that breed no longer has a viable Parent Club
- Parent Club approved health statements and CHIC requirements will be consulted
- Parent Club will be notified when an application for distribution is received
- AKC PPB will not distribute semen if the owner still has any semen available
- AKC PPB will only deal with purebred AKC registered dogs (and foreign registerable)
- AKC PPB will not distribute semen unless the breed is determined to be at significant risk
- AKC PPB will continue to welcome questions, comments, and suggestions

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Join us for an OFA Cardiac Clinic with Dr. Emily Westphal



**Saturday
May 16th**

**IWS over
1 year of age**

Vist www.iwsca2026.com
to learn more & pre-register!

IWSCA 2026 National Specialty



Public Relations and Education

AKC Meet the Breeds

By Rebecca Brooks

The AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center on February 7–8, 2026 was a vibrant showcase for the Irish Water Spaniel community, despite the biting cold that swept through New York City that weekend. With temperatures dipping into the single digits, our dedicated group gathered indoors, ready to share our love of this unique breed with the tens of thousands who came through the doors. The energy inside the Javits was palpable, offering a warm and welcoming refuge from the winter chill outside.



Photo: Jenny Wadhwa and Dinah

Our booth was a hub of activity, thanks to Emily Pikul with her charming duo, Myna and Beard; Tiffany Schuffert accompanied by the delightful Josie; and Jenny Wadhwa and Angus Zuklie with their two stars, Dinah and Oscar, a.k.a. Batman. Archie and his humans joined us on Sunday. Once again, it was too cold this year to fly a dog with me from Seattle, but I was thrilled to be part of the team, connecting with curious attendees and sharing insights about the breed's curly coats and lively personalities. If we could somehow turn the phrase “they are so soft” into a fundraiser. On Sunday, Dan Sayers joined us to lend a helping hand, stepping up when we needed someone to be interviewed and chatting with AKC Board members who stopped by our booth. Jenny was also interviewed and made the evening news. We are kind of a big deal.

Over the course of the weekend, we had the pleasure of meeting around 36,000 visitors, each eager to learn more about Irish Water Spaniels. Children and adults alike were captivated by our dogs' playful antics and dignified demeanor, while our team answered questions and dispelled myths



about the breed. Despite the freezing temperatures outside, the enthusiasm inside made for a memorable experience, leaving an impression on everyone who stopped by our booth.

I would like to thank everyone responsible for making this event so successful — Laurie for all your help behind the scenes, Emily for handling the logistics for all of us, Jenny and Angus for their energy and enthusiasm, Tiffany for being the best hostess and chauffeur, and Dan for always having such wonderful things to say and for being a delight to spend time with. I am already planning for next year and encourage you to join the fun.



Photo: Dinah



Photo: Oscar, aka Batman



Honoring the Life and Heart of Wendy O'Leary

By Laurie Jacobs

Editor's Note: Pam Manus asked Laurie to reprise her wonderful tribute to Wendy in the newsletter. Wendy will be missed by many in the club. Wendy and Dennis provided so much support to the club and its members — from the IWS Extravaganza they hosted every year, to constant support for dock-diving IWS, to a friendly face and a laugh for all who met Wendy.

I'm writing this through tears. Our friend **Wendy O'Leary** passed away after complications from a three-year fight with Parkinson's disease. We have lost a dear friend, and it hurts more than I can put into tidy words.

Wendy was strong-willed, full of life, and overflowing with love. She loved her dogs fiercely, loved this community, and gave more of herself than most people ever do. The world is genuinely better because she was in it. When I first met Wendy, I remember laughing because I had never met a Mrs. O'Leary before. Coming from Chicago, I teased her about Mrs. O'Leary's cow and the lantern that supposedly started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. She took it exactly as you'd expect Wendy to take it — with humor, warmth, and that unmistakable spark that let you know she was someone special. Many of you were part of Smiles for Wendy, when cards poured in week after week, filling her days with color, kindness, and connection. That outpouring of love meant more to her than she ever let on. She felt it. She cherished it.



On a deeply personal note, when my son was going through some very serious challenges, Wendy was there for me on the other end of the computer. Steady. Present. Unwavering. If she didn't hear



from me for a while, she would write and gently scold me in that Wendy way, pushing me to stand taller and face what was in front of me with more strength than I thought I had. She helped carry me through a difficult time in my life.

Wendy's kindness, humor, strength, and love live on in the people she lifted up, the dogs she adored, and the countless lives she touched without ever needing recognition.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the countless members of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of

America whose lives she touched, we extend our deepest condolences to Dennis and to her family. She will be profoundly missed by all of us.

Rest easy, dear friend. You mattered. You always will.

Laurie



Rat Tail Reflections: “Early Irish Water Days” (Part 2)

By Thomas C. Marshall

This letter is part of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America archives. It was written on April 7, 1972, by Thomas C. Marshall, who founded the IWSCA with several early-twentieth-century breed supporters. Today’s club members will no doubt recognize their own dogs in the stories shared here, and the accounts will likely provide many readers with a familiar nod, a good laugh, and even a little uneasiness. Whatever response they elicit, the experiences recounted are sure to reaffirm one’s affection for and devotion to the breed we know and love.

Dan Sayers, IWSCA Historian

[Editor’s Note: This article has been split into two parts. This is the second and final part. The first part was published in the last issue of Rat Tails.]



I like the American Spaniel Club show. It was at this show I won the Irish Water Spaniel Challenge Trophy offered by Mrs. Hoyt of Poodle fame. This was sterling silver, about 12 inches in diameter. She was very interested in Irish, but never bought one. We both were invited to an invitational



trial at Rudy Carpenter's property in Montchanin, Delaware. My Jiggs beat all the dogs in the invitational. Mrs. Hoyt's trainer was after me to sell Jiggs, and Mr. Carpenter's trainer was after me, too. First one and then the other would raise their offer. The highest offer was \$2000 from Mr. Carpenter's trainer. Mrs. Hoyt offered me a blank check for me to fill out. I could have used the money, but I knew, going to a Chesapeake or a Poodle kennel, the minute Jiggs slowed down in giving a good performance in a retriever trial it would be curtains for him. I had discovered some of these wealthy owners of large kennels killed off so many of their poor performers each year, I just could not afford to take the chance.

I made three champions out of three of the four dogs I got from Percy K. Swan. To me they were all different, but to each judge there must have been something appealing to them in each dog. First one dog and then the other would win. I never could understand this, as I thought one dog was superior to all the others.

My obedience work paid off in spite of the ribbing I took from the retriever trainers. The second year I was active in this field, I tied with two German Shepherd kennels for a national trophy offered by the The Sportsman's magazine. It was offered for the most titles won. I had two CDs and one CDX. One competitive kennel had three CDs, and the second kennel had a CD, CDX, and a UD. After this they changed the deed for the trophy.

We gave sterling silver highball glasses for trophies along with 8-inch sterling silver Revere bowls. We were lucky in being able to get a large number of trophies at factory prices from a silver manufacturer here in Bridgeport. At the same time, I purchased three large sterling Revere bowls at least 12 inches in diameter. We offered these as "perpetual challenge bowls" for such things as most Bests of Breed, etc. I do not know what happened to these. The last I knew, one was held by Russell Lindsay of Milwaukee. I never won any of them.

Champion Step, owned by Walter Roesler, and Singer, owned by Arthur Smith, [and] Mike, owned by a man in Long Island; and my dog Champion Blackwater Jiggs CD probably did the best in retriever trials.

After spending four years going to Long Island trials of the Labrador Club, Chesapeake Club, Long Island Retriever Trial Club, and the Women's Field Trial Club, we decided to run one here in Stratford. We ran a licensed trial with all-breed Derby up to Open Stakes, also a complete set of stakes limited to Irish. We held it at Lordship in Stratford, Connecticut. This was a peninsula located between the Sound and the Housatonic river. It was all level country, without a house anywhere near. The cover was typical seashore heather and all about the same height. So, you could run a brace and just move enough horizontally to get new cover, and every dog had the same kind of retrieve regardless of the test.

This was a two-day trial, and it was supported royally by the Long Island people who felt I had spent so many years at trials in their part of the country that they should help me out. We invited everyone to the social activity.

A friend who had "Irish" here opened his home to everyone coming in on Friday night. They served drinks and supper all night long. The owner of the largest hotel in Bridgeport set aside one floor for the Irish Water people.

The Remington Arms Company gave us two deer they killed in their Powder Park for a venison stew. We served mashed potatoes with the stew and French bread toasted, with crackers and cheese for dessert. We also offered "Scotch" for drinks before the meal and beer with the meal. The only trouble was the people who got into the scotch stayed in it and we had to lock it up to get them out into the field in the afternoon.



That night, we had a cocktail party and a dinner at the Stratfield Hotel. We had wild duck. Before the meal, we had several sample meals to decide what went well with the duck. I can remember wild rice and braised celery, and Baked Alaska and several different kinds of salads. I am afraid I violated the law by assembling 75 black ducks to feed the group. They passed a dead [duck] on a silver platter for everyone to pick a feather and make a wish.

The chef had carved an Irish Water Spaniel out of ice. The owner of the hotel, who owned an Irish, gave a red wine. (Maybe he could not sell it to the hotel patrons, but it was good.) Swing Starring, the husband of my wife's boss, gave the champagne. Someone made a humorous speech in which he made fun of the sculpted ice Irish Water Spaniel with a dripping nose. Afterwards, a friend who bought an Irish over from the Southside Sportsman's Club, and was a little in his cups, complained that he did not think it was in the best of taste to talk that way about our breed.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. I learned later that the Long Island people closed the bar, and the management opened the ballroom and left a bartender with them. I never did know when this party broke up. As most of the Long Island trials let the people go home at night, I guess they were taking advantage of a weekend away from home.

On the second day of the trial, the Stratfield Hotel made us a gift of the luncheon. It was a typical fancy luncheon with various hot dishes and salads and salmon and turkey in aspic. Again, nothing but "Scotch." The news of a good trial must have spread, as several thousand people showed up and we had to get the mounted guards from the Remington Powder Park to patrol and keep the people in line.

We sold all the pheasants that were used. I can still see my 10-year-old son sitting on the back of a station wagon, with bill's sticking out of each pocket, selling the birds as fast as the bird handlers brought them in.

I had tried to make this trial different by inviting a Westerner to judge (a chap by the name of Wallace), a spaniel man (Harry Ferguson from Fishers Island), and a woman (Maggie Belmont from Long Island).

We had good shots, killing the pheasants and ducks, and used our own club members as bird handlers. Among the guns was Eltinge Warner, editor and owner of Field & Stream magazine. I can still see him sitting on a rock near the shore, dressed in Esquire's latest shooting clothes and Gokey boots, and a Purdy shotgun, letting two mallards pass over him and missing them both.

That night, everyone was invited to Pete Rayburn's house for supper and drinks again.

The nice thing about the whole affair was the fact we did not pay out a cent. The prizes, both cash for the professional handler and sterling for the amateur, were given, plus the liquor and the food, so we charged nothing. We provided places to stay for all the guns and judges, and gave each of them a nice gift, but I have forgotten what it was. We even made a little money for the club by selling the dead pheasants.

Field & Stream made a movie of the whole trial. I saw it and the shots of the Irish Water were good, but I just do not know where it has disappeared. We held it one more year here with the same success and it was just moved to Eagle, Wisconsin, after a new president was elected. It just died in Eagle. Well, it was fun while it lasted.

I am a firm believer in having your Irish Water Spaniel active in everything available. By this I mean bench shows, obedience tests, and field trials. Participation in everything, along with some



actual hunting, gives an Irish the best education there is and makes him or her a COMPLETE dog. Although the training requires much of your time, it is worth it as both you and your dog will get much out of the time spent.

Those who cannot devote the time should use a professional trainer. There are plenty of obedience trainers. You all seem to put your dogs down better than we did, so I believe for bench shows you can help each other better than a professional handler can. I used to trim all the irregular hair off of my dog, trim to make his legs look even, trim around the feet so [that] you could see each foot, comb all tangles out, cut long “off hairs” off the muzzle, trim under the ear to get the ear to lay flat, and give the dog a swim early enough so [that] the dog was curly and dry just before the judging. If the dog’s coat was poor, I always had a spray bottle full of water to put on his coat to curl him before the judging. My dogs’ color varied. I preferred the dark coats and usually felt handicapped with the kind of a coat that sunburned on the end. Winter seemed to provide most of the best coats.

You see so many Poodles in good coats [during] any part of the year that I always felt the Irish Water owner could put down a dog with a good coat any month of the year if he brushed and combed every day, exercised regularly, and fed properly.

The Irish are good retrievers and hunters. Every one should at least be hunted part of the year. It takes about three months to train an Irish to hunt as a spaniel. Then, after this period, the dog must continue to have birds killed over him or her. You owners of Irish are fortunate that your breed can run in retriever trials. Today, the good handling is responsible for training a dog to move as you wish. I am thinking of them taking direction perfectly. They must mark well and be steady. Go to a trial and watch these dogs. You can do well with your own dog if you devote time to it. Your dog must be naturally fast and really bold. Almost a devil and hard to steady. It is the dog with the real push that can win a trial.

Obedience tests’ success require patience and many hours of nerveless instruction. Repetition, repetition, and every exercise must be near perfect – no sloppy delivery or approach. Bench [shows] require ring training and a dog that looks well when moving on a loose leash.

As I think back, I can only remember what a wonderful job all you workers have done in keeping the Irish Water Spaniel Club [of America] going.



Regional Reports

Northeast Report

Stephanie O'Reilly shared, "At the 2025 AKC agility invitational, both Polly and Sloane competed and had a very nice weekend. Polly was clean in all four of her runs (and her T2B warm-up run on Friday) to finish 10th in the 20" class and make the finals. In the finals, she finished 8th overall. She also earned the Top IWS medallion. Sloane was clean in three of his four rounds, and he had a blast. It was fun to run with Sloane and also have his son, Arrow, competing there."

On January 3, 2026, both Polly and Sloane both earned another agility championship title on the same day. Polly earned her MACH4, just three months after earning her MACH3. Sloane earned his PACH2. They came into the two-day trial needing two double Qs and both had perfect weekends to earn the championships on the same day."



Photo: Stephanie O'Reilly with Polly and Sloane

Jenny Wadhwa reports, "Hello from freezing Maine! Dinah (Hooligan N Epik's Absurd Little Bird CGCA TKN ATT WD SCN ACT1 ACT1J JHU) and Oscar / Batman (CH Poole's Ide Dark Knight ATT CGC TKN WD) have been very busy wreaking havoc and chasing birds! In the show ring, Oscar made the cut at the National Dog Show under the expert guidance of his birth mom Hannah Loonsk and has gathered a few more GCH majors and CH defeats. Oscar also picked up a CGC and TKN and Dinah got her ACT1 and ACT1J to round out 2025. Her weave poles are finally looking nice so I hope to report more agility titles in the next newsletter."



Photo: Oscar at the National Dog Show



Duck season ended at the beginning of January and I'm very happy to report both dogs got a few ducks! They really understand the game now and sprint to the blind every time they're in Brunswick— it's proving to be very hard to explain to them that the season is over! When there's snow, we've been doing a lot of cross-country skiing and, if you're Oscar, running around really fast and getting brain freezes from eating too much snow... he's a very silly puppy.



Photo: Oscar with a duck

Both dogs are representing the Irish Water Spaniel at meet the breeds in NYC and they can't wait to kiss a lot of stranger's faces. Other than that, it's been a relaxing winter, we are excited to see everyone at MD sporting dog!"

Kim and I are happy to report that all our dogs are doing well. Arrow has continued venturing into the show ring this fall and winter and has picked up a couple more points towards his championship. Both Arrow and Ghillie earned Fetch titles, with Ghillie completing her Novice title and Arrow his Intermediate title.



Photo: Ghillie and Arrow Fetch titles

Ghillie and Arrow were both invitees to the AKC Agility Invitational, and we had a blast. What I really appreciated was that it was a family affair this year, as Arrow got to represent the breed alongside his mom, Ghillie, and dad, Sloane. Ghillie and Arrow have continued to trial this winter - pretty much the only sporty activity we can do as the copious snow has made any outdoor activities very limited. Ishka has been taking handling and agility classes to get her ready to show later this year.

Jenna added her Star Puppy AKC Title STR. CH RACH 2 Castlehill's Wickedly Cute Jolene CDX GN BN RM6 RAE 5 CAX DCAT THDA DJX DN CGCA TKP ATT FTI added her DCAT and Fetch Dog Intermediate this year."

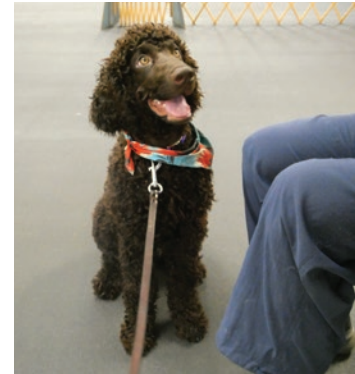


Photo: Jenna

Natalie Weissman and her dogs continue to compete in various venues, and she lets us know that "Ballyhoo's Valiant Knight Sir Joseph CD BN RA CA DS DJX CGCA TKi added his companion Dog CD Obedience Title and his Rally Advanced Title to his work this year. Marley Creek's Precious



Photo: Fetch International

RACH 3 Ballyhoo's True Blue Justine O'Hogan at Castlehill CDX GN BN RM7 RAE 7 RC CAX DCAT DN CGCA TKN ATT FTI had a busy year adding Rm 5 RAE 6 RACH 2 RM 6 RAE 7 Fetch Dog Intermediate DCAT RM7 RACH 3 Rally Choice and multiple listings in Front and Finish as well as Invitations from AKC being invited to events."

Emily Pikul reports that "BISS Gch. Epik's In Omnia Paratus CGC ATT BCAT wins multiple breeds, garnering some lovely breeds points and a Group 3 before heading to Westminster where she picked up a Select Bitch."





Photo: Polly AKC Invitation left, Arrow, Ghillie, and Sloane at the AGI, right



Photo: Joey July trial, left, and Dinah with ACT ribbons



Mid-Atlantic Report

Submitted by Tiffany Schuffert



Photo captions: Rorie left, and Orin right

The Mid-Atlantic region has had an active (and snowy!) start to the year.

Rorie is currently living her very best life in sunny Florida, enjoying hunt and retriever training, while Finn has taken a different seasonal approach— perfecting the art of couch potato life during Ohio’s deep freeze. Both are owned and loved by Ann and Brian McNeill, and we love seeing our dogs thriving in such different (but equally fitting) environments.

In late January, much of the Mid-Atlantic was hit with a major snowstorm. The Schuffert crew—Orin, Moo, Patsy, and Josie—fully embraced the 20 inches of snow we received. There is nothing quite like watching Irish Water Spaniels bound through fresh powder to remind us why they were bred to work in all kinds of weather. On the conformation front, Josie (owned and loved by Tiffany and Terry Schuffert) earned her first point toward her AKC Championship title in Allentown, PA, this December. She also recently attended the NYC Meet the Breeds event, where she happily entertained her 38,000 “closest friends.” It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our breed and introduce the public to the charm and versatility of the Irish Water Spaniel.

Next up in the Mid-Atlantic is the Sporting Dog Association dog show in late February/early March. We’ll be sure to share results in the next newsletter!



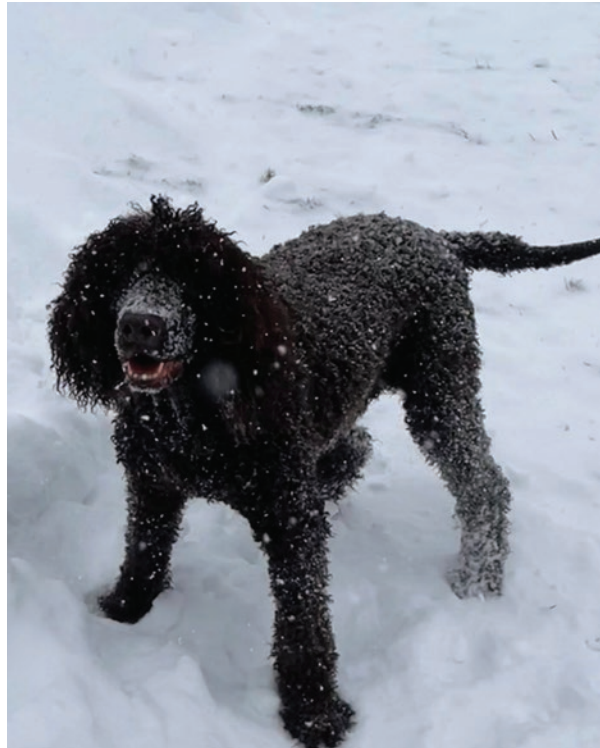


Photo: Rorie, left, and Orin, right

MD Sporting Results

Every year, we have a large showing of IWS at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association show. This year was no exception, and we had a lovely lineup of our curly friends. Below are the results.

Friday

Result	Dog / Owner(s)
BOB	Myna (Emily Pikul)
BOW/WD	Cannon (Jodi Lamp & Betty Wathne & Rick Walker)
BOS/BOBOH/OHG2	Rip (Greg Siner & Hannah Loonsk & Bethany Urban & Dana Louitt)
SEL	Oscar (Jenny Wadhwa & Greg Siner & Hannah Loonsk)
SEL	Dawn (Stephanie O’Rielly & Greg Siner)
WB	Gidget (Missy McMunn)
RWD	Prince (Chris Palmer & Hannah Loonsk & Greg Siner)
RWB	Portia (Brenda Bauerlein and Sue Tapp)



Southeast Report

For those who may not be aware of my residential status, my IWS Yoda and I are considered Florida snowbirds, residing in Florida during the winter months and Maryland when it gets too hot in Florida.

I reached out to all club members in the region to see if anyone had something they wanted to include in the Spring 2026 Rat Tails. Steve Hoven, also a snowbird, responded. Steve, his wife Jill, and their three-year-old IWS Louie reside in Estero, Florida, during the winter months. Louie doesn't compete in events, but he is a very special member of their family. He loves hiking and looks forward to — and enjoys — swimming in their pool every day.



Photo: Louie



An additional note from Edith Blackwell and Michael Rossetti: We recently moved from Northern Virginia to the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in Hendersonville, North Carolina. We settled in mid-October and are loving it. Clancy will be 13 in April and is enjoying a quiet life of walks and visits with his new doggie friends at the local dog park.

Flushing Spaniel Show – Knoxville, Tennessee January 10–11, 2026 | By Dana Louttit

The weather gods were good to us this year for the American Spaniel Club's Flushing Spaniel Show. Fair skies and mild temperatures greeted us and held through the weekend. We had a nice entry with a major in bitches. The most fun was having five Irish Water Spaniels competing in Rally. We also had a nice group breakfast at the hotel. We enjoyed getting to know Jacob Jessie, who was on a birthday trip with a dog show courtesy of his wife, Taylor. Their Tripp finished his championship on Sunday. Hannah's Carly also finished, and everyone enjoyed showing to Judge



Photo: Clancy in his new home



Stephanie Kaul. Thanks to all who turned out: the Jessies, Hannah Loonsk, Adrienne Fowler, Courtney Manrod, Janet Manuel, Grace Stewart, and Christi Williams, whose puppy Brazen made her show ring and Rally debut.

Results

Result	Dog / Owner(s)
Best of Breed	GCH Poole's Ide Riptide RI DS CGC WC — G. Siner, D. Louttit, H. Loonsk, B. Urban
Select Dog	CH Poole's Ide Eye of Agamoto — A. Fowler, G. Siner, H. Loonsk
Winners Bitch / BOS	Poole's Ide No Secrets CD RN CGC — G. Siner, H. Loonsk
Winners Dog / BOW	Ildanoch Triple Chocolate CD BN RA CGCA — T. Jessie, J. Jessie
RWD	Tara's Shenanigan — C. Stewart
RWB	Poole's Ide Modern Love — T. Jessie, H. Loonsk, G. Siner
Best in Sweepstakes	Poole's Ide Modern Love
Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes	Tara's Shenanigan

The only events held in the Southeast region during the last quarter of 2025 were the National Championship Shows on December 13 and 14. There were six IWS entered in conformation and three in agility. Results are listed below.

National Championship Shows

Result	Dog / Owner(s)
BOB / BBE / Group 3 (Sat.)	Ch. Realta & Sycomore O'Boy — Owners: Mark & Sondra Barker
Select	GCH CH Poole's Ide Riptide RI CGC — Owners: Gregory Siner, Hannah Loonsk, Bethany Urban
WD	Madcap Til Moon Becomes Sun O'Morn CGC — Owners: Jodi Lamp, Betty Wathne, Rick Walker
RWD	Chantico's A Slice and A Pint JH MX MXB MXJ MJB — Owners: Kim & Jeremy Kezer
Open Dogs	Poole's Ide of Agamoto — Owners: Adrienne Fowler, Greg Siner, Hannah Loonsk



Midwest Report

Hello from the north! It has been ‘really’ winter all across the Midwest region so far in 2026; decent amounts of snow and some brutal temps. Many fun events every weekend; I believe IWS are out there showing off their skills but not much specific to share. They excel at snowface as well so here are Grouse & Fiáin; master class in this area.

Additional update from Susan

Harris and Murphy finished the year strong, with both earning their RN titles to complete the requirements for the IWSCA QVA.

At the Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club Rally Trials on November 28, 2025, both earned their first two legs toward their RN title. In the first trial Murphy placed fourth in the class with a score of 97, behind the two top scorers with 100 and the third-placing dog with 99. At the second trial that day, he placed third with a score of 96 behind the same two top scorers from the first trial, who this time scored 98. Harris qualified at both trials. They both earned their third RN leg — and an insurance RN leg — from a virtual Rally Novice course on December 19, 2025.

Murphy is now Ch. Saracen Fireworks Over The Marsh DCAT RATN DS RN FTI CGC TKI WD QVA and Harris is now Ch. Saracen Springtime Thunder JHUA BCAT DN RN FTI CGC TKN WD QVA, pending IWSCA confirmation. Susan also noted that the Fetch tests now qualify for the QVA, which meant Harris had qualified last year when she earned her FTN and Murphy qualified when he earned his RATN in August.

In the new year, Bob and Susan had two girls out for some hunting both before and after the deep freeze. Roux had the opportunity to go pheasant hunting before the freeze, while Lily and Roux (Saracen Diamond Decoy SHU DJ FTN and Saracen Rockets Red Glare, respectively) had fun training on chukar afterward. Both were thrilled to get out of the house after being housebound by the cold.

Have a good spring!

Susan

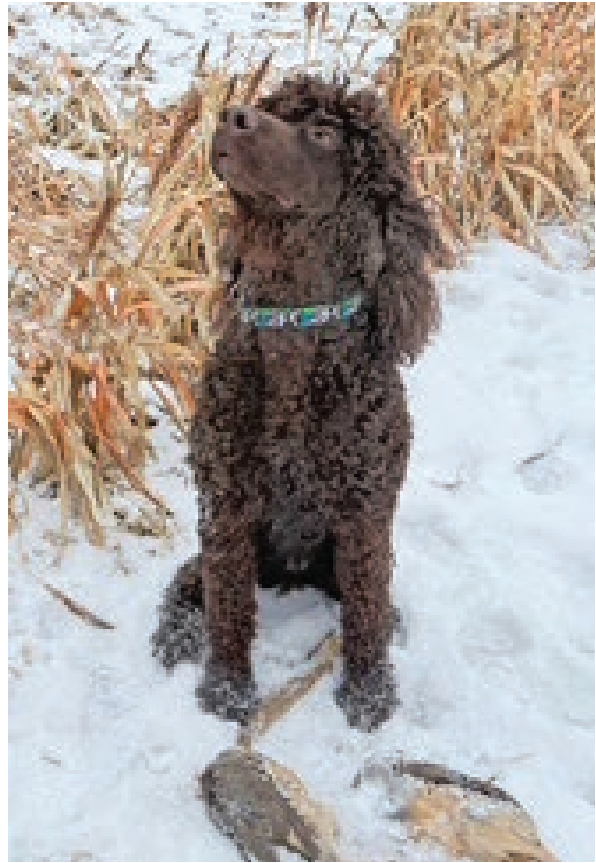


Photo: Harris

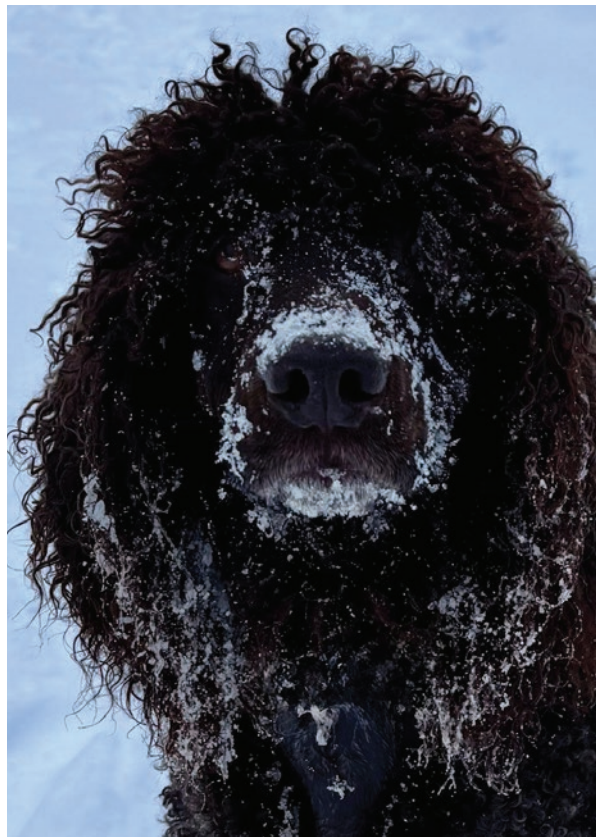


Photo: Murphy





Photos: Lily, left and Roux, right



Photos: Fiain, left, and Grouse, right



Editor's Note. This report was inadvertently left out of the last newsletter. Apologies to Ruth.

By: Ruth Bruskiwitz

Milwaukee's Irish Fest celebrated its 44th year in 2025. I have attended with my Irish Water Spaniels for 29 of those 44 years, beginning with Morgan, my first Irish Water Spaniel. In 2025, I attended with 3 generations of IWS: Liam, his daughter Poppy, and her daughter Betty. Lisa Schaitberger also attended with her IWS, Bran. The Celtic Canine area featured all 8 Irish Breeds including Glen of Imal, Irish, Kerry Blue and Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Irish and Red and White Setters, Irish Wolfhounds, and Irish Water Spaniels. During the 3 days, hundreds of Fest attendees were treated to scent work, conformation, agility and retrieving demos organized by Lisa, as well as kisses from Celtic Canines. During the Blessing of the Animals, the IWS looked forward to the sprinkling of Holy Water! Many attendees commented that they look forward to the Celtic Canine area every year, and from year to year, we see many of the same faces stopping to visit. It has also been a great opportunity to acquaint Fest goers with our wonderful breed, many having seen an IWS for the first time!



Photo caption: Irish Fest Best of Breed Conformation Match: L to R, Liam, Poppy, Betty and Bran



**Photo: Dorothy (8 years old) showing Liam (11 years old) in the Irish Fest Best in Show Conformation Match
L to R: Liam, Ruth, Poppy and Betty in front of a backdrop of an Irish castle**



Northwest Report

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest!

Our wonderful IWSCOPS president traveled to AKC Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in New York on February 7 and 8. Thanks, Rebecca, for making the trip and volunteering to represent our breed. Please see the separate report in this issue.

Jack McDaniel turned 90!

Jack's daughters, Jacque and Jeanette, hosted a wonderful event in January to celebrate with family and friends. A great time was had by all.



Photo: Jack McDaniel with Irish Water Spaniel friends — L-R: Mary Westlake, Steve Walker, Tammy Walker, Sylvia Thistle-Miller, Jack McDaniel, Tom Mackey, Marilyn Mackey, Liz Liddle, Lorece Newton.



Photo: Rebecca Brooks

From Sheryl Krohne

Raine and I went to the Montana Dog Sports Barn Hunt trial in Arlee, Montana, at Halloween and had a perfect weekend. She Q'd 10 out of 10 runs and achieved RATCHX13 and P3 Gold Crazy 8s. She was also entertained by farm goats, piglets, chickens, ducks, and cats that are loose on the farm during the trial. Then on Thanksgiving weekend, we went to Run Wild in Auburn for our last Barn Hunt of the year and she got some more Master Qs and Crazy 8 points. We were thrilled to have Lorece there with her pups, so there were two IWS competing. Raine and Rob'N both did great. To cap off the year, we received the 2025 Barn Hunt stats, and Raine was the No. 1 IWS at the Champion level in Qs and time.



Photo: Sari and Michelle

Loki and Dave continue to have fun fishing, hiking, and taking classes. Loki achieved his CGC a couple of days after his first birthday. He and Raine attempt to rearrange the furniture several times a day. The energy level at our house has definitely increased.



From Erin Fogg

What a month! Skye and I hitched a ride to California with Stacy and her crew. Once we got to Palm Springs for the dog show, Skye had an amazing weekend, being awarded Best of Breed every day and Owner-Handled Group 1 at the Southern California Sporting Dog Show. Quite the honor.

To make it even better, we got to spend our days with Stacy, Michelle, the Gulleys, and Lois and Sally. After Palm Springs, we all gathered again at Rose City in Portland. Skye was awarded Select Bitch and Owner-Handled Best of Breed all four days and, if that wasn't enough, she earned a ribbon in every Owner-Handled Group over the weekend, only to top it off with a Reserve Best in Show on Friday night.

So all those wins added up to Skye earning her Grand Champion Bronze and her NOHS Bronze — and she is barely two. What a privilege to be at the end of her lead. And then there's more: Skye and I are Westminster bound, weather permitting.

From Walter Kilmer

Chandler and I traveled to the Greater Clark County Kennel Club's Performance Games on December 6 and 7, 2025. There were two trials each day at the Clark County Events Center. After a stormy, slow drive and a last-minute dash to the ring, Chandler went in on fire and won the Novice B class with a score of 195, finishing his CD.



Photo: Erin with Skye

That night was Chandler's first time in a hotel, and he handled it like a champ. The next morning, he again won the class with a 196, and later that day he scored another 196 and earned High in Trial. Pending AKC confirmation, he is now Poole's Ide Burning It At Both Ends RI FTN BN CD. He is also the love of my life.

From Patrice Dodd

We have some better news. As you may remember, Carlin had TPLO surgery on both knees almost two years ago, in January 2024. We thought everything was fine. He got through surgery and months of rehab, had one small hiccup that was addressed, and then seemed happy, active, and well.

But then last September he started developing the slightest limp. He seemed less happy, no longer willing to go up the stairs, and less able to jump up on the bed or into the car. So finally, we took him to a surgeon at our local emergency clinic. X-rays revealed that a bone spur had formed on Carlin's left knee and then broken off, embedding in the patellar ligament.

In mid-December, Carlin had another surgery to remove the bone spur. While there, the surgeon also discovered remnants of the CCL, which should have been cleaned up in the original surgery, and tears in the meniscus. Patrice wrote in detail about that process on her blog, and the last update is encouraging: Carlin has healed up, is doing at-home rehab exercises again, is no longer limping, and is once again thrilled to jump up on the bed with the help of a step.



From Stacy Duncan

Four fun days showing Irish Water Spaniels in Portland! January is usually a very busy month of shows in the Pacific Northwest. With the shows in Puyallup dissolving, all focus was put on the Portland shows to build majors. We were very successful and had three- or four-point majors in girls each day.

To maintain camaraderie, we booked an extra-large grooming space so we could all set up together. The West Coast IWSCOPS folks in the grooming spot were well represented with Tim and Melissa Gulley, Michelle Cummings, Erin Fogg, Rebecca Brooks, and Stacy Duncan. We shared lots of laughs, grooming support, electrical fixes as we blew power, games, and an awesome lunch spread. It was wonderful to have Cat Shelby and Dana Pinney join us to watch, take photos, and support IWS Best of Breed winners in both the regular group and owner-handled group each day.

Our guest of honor on Saturday was Sari Vottonen of Curly Co. IWS from Finland. It was so fun to have Sari join us and talk dogs. We also enjoyed a wonderful group dinner after groups, with fantastic conversation and good company.



Photo: Stacy Duncan and Kelly



Southwest Report

Welcome to Tim Fleming!

The Southwest would like to welcome Tim Fleming to our area. Tim has moved to Colorado and shared his moving experience with us.

The move from Pennsylvania to Colorado in late October went smoothly over three days, even though it was a new experience to drive the U-Haul train necessary to cart all my stuff 1,500 miles west. We were greeted the first morning by a large herd of elk moving through the yard, and Koffi has had multiple experiences getting close to them while always being smart enough not to actually mess with them.



Photo: Arrival in Colorado with all our stuff

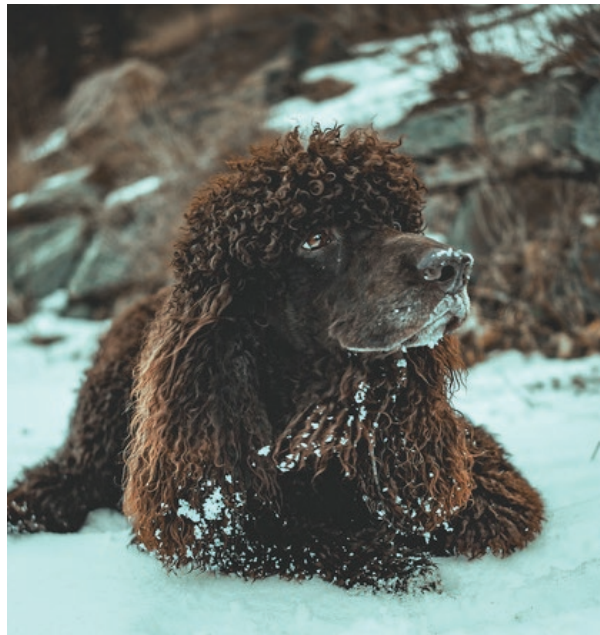


Photo: Koffi in the snow

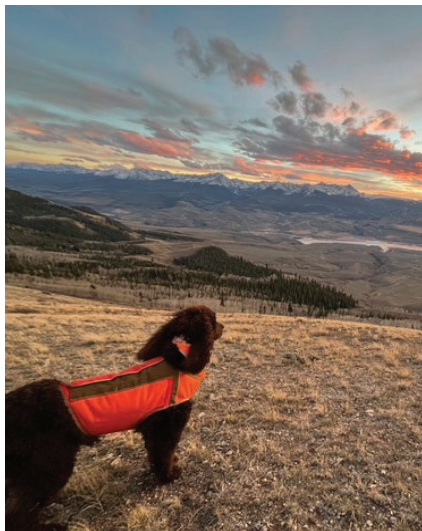




This is our second year hunting together, and Koffi has quickly surpassed me in his role in the hunts. Despite that, ever since starting to hunt here in November, we've had no luck coming across birds every time we've gone — no grouse in the mountains, just a few ducks that were too far away at a high mountain lake, and no pheasants to be found in the eastern plains. Just this past weekend we went goose hunting along a river and saw multiple large flocks flying overhead, but they were all too far out of range, so I'll need to adjust things for next time to increase our chances.

Even though we haven't had good luck with birds, the terrain is truly amazing, particularly in the mountains, and camping and hiking around during our hunts is terrific and something we both enjoy.

I had a great time visiting my son at college in San Diego over Thanksgiving, and it was really nice for both of my kids to visit over Christmas. Even though my kids were born in Colorado and we lived here from 2000 to 2009, it's been 17 years of living in Pennsylvania, the state where I was born and where family and friends still are. A lot has changed in my life over all these years, and the return to Colorado comes with some mixed feelings. Nevertheless, Koffi has easily adjusted to life in Colorado and loves the mountains and outdoors here as much as I do, so I really look forward to having more fun together in our new home state.



2026 Began with a Major!

By **Melissa Gulley**

During the fall of 2025, our West Coast IWS family worked together to build a major. Communication flew back and forth via text and email, and a plan was hatched. This would involve a fair amount of travel for most everyone involved, and the first weekend of shows began at the beginning of the new year.

We loaded up our truck with all our show gear, suitcases, food, and all three dogs and left our house long before the sun rose on New Year's Day. It turns out this is a good day to travel because most people are still sleeping from the late-night celebrations and have the day off from work.

Our destination was Palm Springs, California, for the annual Southern California Sporting Dog Fanciers and Palm Springs Kennel Club dog shows. The venue is spectacular, located on a polo field at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, California. The grounds are perfectly manicured, the blue-and-white striped tents were beautiful, and the porta-potties were the cleanest I've ever experienced. Yes, I had to mention that.



Photo: Tim with Maeve in Palm Springs

Although it had rained in the days before the show, the grounds were beautiful with only one or two soggy spots. Our grooming space had been reserved, and we were all together for the four-day weekend. It was nice to hang out with our IWS family: Stacy Duncan, Michelle Cummings, Erin Fogg, Sally Lewis, and Lois MacDonald.

We had entered both Jynx and Maeve in conformation for all four days. Jynx needed just one point to finish his Grand Championship, and he earned it on the first day.

While Maeve had shown no fear in the ring back in October in BPUP, this was a whole different story. She just wasn't sure about all of the dogs, people, and tents. But Maeve did her best to be brave with Tim working to keep her calm, and she earned Winners Bitch for a three-point major on the second day of the shows. At eight months old, she did really well on the long ride to and from Palm Springs, and she was a good hotel guest.

One of the nicest parts of the Palm Springs weekend was introducing a new friend to our beautiful IWS. She is actually a client of my office and loves dogs. She also happens to winter in the Palm Springs area. She had never been to a dog show before, and this is one of the most beautiful places to introduce someone new to the fancy. She was absolutely thrilled to meet all of our dogs and us and loved watching other breeds in the ring. She also got some nice pictures of Tim and Maeve in the ring.



Two weeks later, we repacked the truck and left the house before the sun rose to travel to the Rose City Classic in Portland, Oregon, where our clan reconnected with Stacy, Erin, Michelle, and Rebecca Brooks. It was also nice to see Loren Ripley and Tate. Unfortunately, Sally and Lois couldn't make it.

Jynx was entered in Rally Masters all four days and earned more points toward his RACH. With the short time between these two shows, Tim worked daily with Maeve, and this time she was able to keep herself together, move nicely around the ring, and stand for exam. Competition was fierce, and she went Reserve Winners Bitch on two of the four days. By the third day, Maeve was comfortable with strangers and was actively looking to say hello to people.



Photo: Tim and Maeve in Portland



We also had a special guest in Portland. Sari Vottonen of Curly Co IWS from Finland joined us on Saturday at the show. It was lovely to meet her. And there is more to come — plans are currently in the works for another gathering of the West Coast IWS clan in California in April.



Photo: Tim and Maeve getting ready

Saturday

Result	Dog / Owner(s)
BOB/BOBOH/OHG4	Oscar (Jenny Wadhwa & Greg Siner & Hannah Loonsk)
BOW/WB	Shae (Stephanie Drummond & Jeff Keyton)
BOS/	Myna (Emily Pikul)
SEL	Rip (Greg Siner & Hannah Loonsk & Bethany Urban & Dana Louitt)
SEL	Dawn (Stephanie O’Rielly & Greg Siner)
WD	Nash (Vikki Magaraci & Elizabeth Theriault & Kathy Fitzpatrick & Sue Tapp)
RWD	Beard (Emily Pikul & Helen/Alon Jaffe)
RWB	Birdie (Greg Siner & Stephanie O’Rielly)
BBE/BBE in Show	Beard (Emily Pikul & Helen/Alon Jaffe)
Best Puppy in Sweeps	Birdie (Greg Siner & Stephanie O’Rielly)
Best of Op in Puppy Sweeps	Nash (Vikki Magaraci & Elizabeth Theriault & Kathy Fitzpatrick & Sue Tapp)
Vest Veteran in Sweeps	Skiff (Missy McMunn)
Gun Dog	Dinah (Jenny Wadhwa & Emily Pikul)



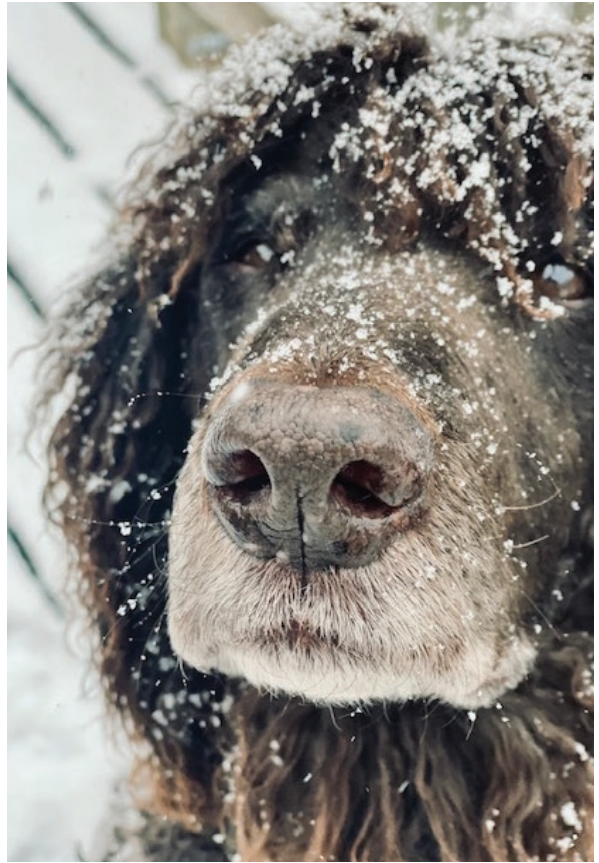
Sunday

Result	Dog / Owner(s)
BOB/BOBOH	Rip (Greg Siner & Hannah Loonsk & Bethany Urban & Dana Louitt)
BOW/WD	Cannon (Jodi Lamp & Betty Wathne & Rick Walker)
BOS/	Myna (Emily Pikul)
SEL	Elton (Elizabeth Theriault & Vikki Magaraci)
SEL	Dawn (Stephanie O'Rielly & Greg Siner)
WB	Gidget (Missy McMunn)
RWB	Portia (Brenda Bauerlein and Sue Tapp)
RWD	Prince (Chris Palmer & Hannah Loonsk & Greg Siner)
Best Puppy in Sweeps	Nash (Vikki Magaraci & Elizabeth Theriault & Kathy Fitzpatrick & Sue Tapp)
Best Veteran in Sweeps	Skiff (Missy McMunn)



Photo: Dinah with Pheasant





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