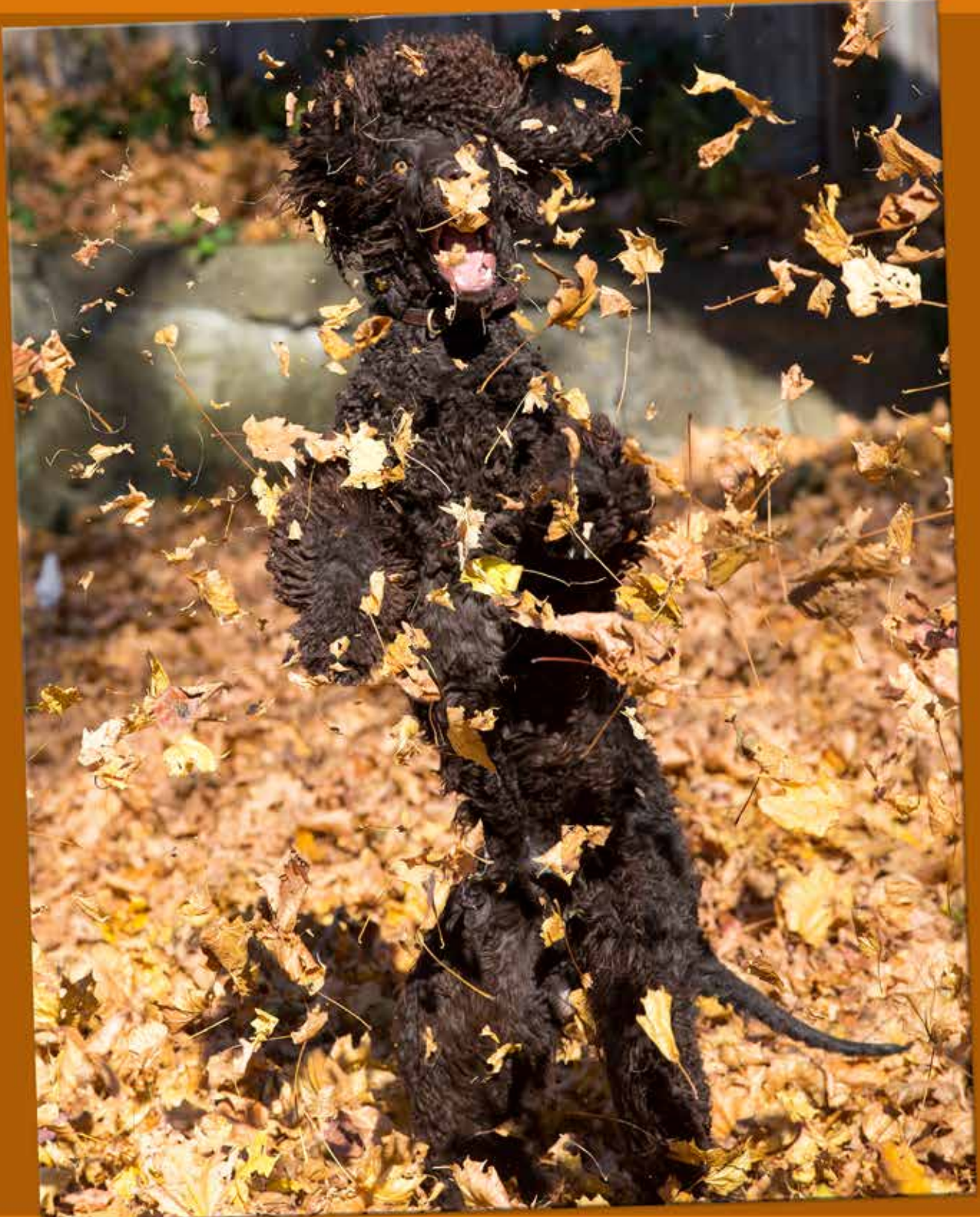


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# Message from the President



tests (water and upland). But best of all - dog owners can walk the trails freely with or without leads on the dogs. So as we move forward, I hope you all have a “happy place” to enjoy a nice quiet walk with your dogs.

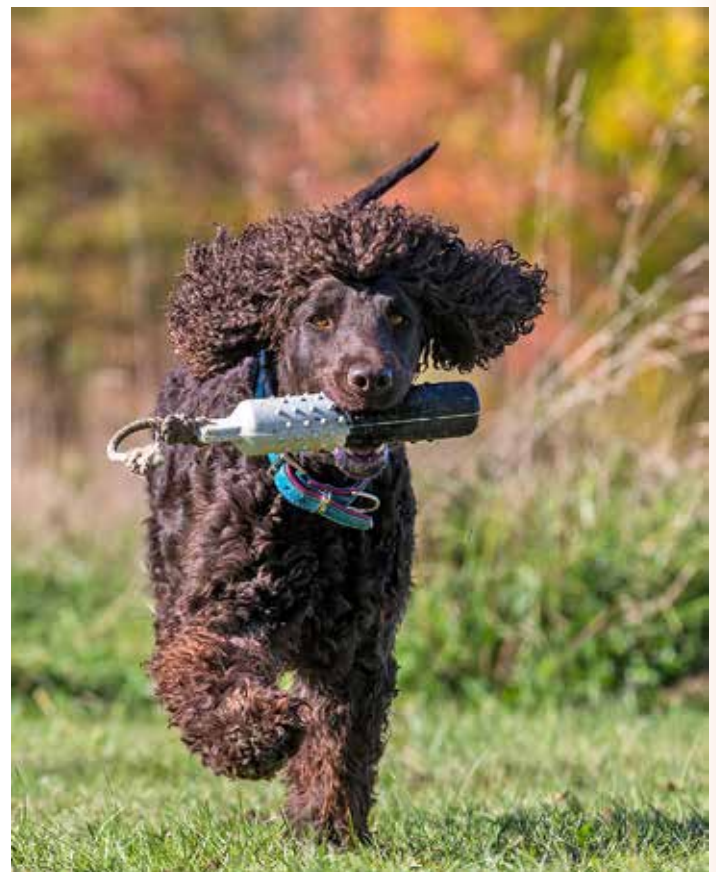
*Pam Manus*



*W*ell the hot summer is behind us. Our National Specialty is a wonderful memory and we are all getting back to our new normal. Fall is upon us with beautiful colors, gardens are being made winter ready, many of us are canning or freezing if the harvest has been good and for many it means more indoor activities for our IWSs. As all this happens around us, your board has been busy with keeping the club on track and envisioning opportunities to increase our membership, looking at improving methods of communications (internet and email), being a relevant voice at the AKC level and celebrating and spotlighting the work of the committees who continue to work hard to make a difference.

I have recently moved from a rural setting into a city. I realize how precious some open, protected sites for dogs are. I have visited some really nice dog parks and seen some not so well maintained ones also.

I just thought I'd share with you one of the nicest protected areas near me. It's called Sharpe's Farm. A couple deeded their farm to the State of New Hampshire with the conditions that it remain an open protected land, maintained by the rangers and used for sporting dog training and trials. It backs onto a large lake and has been kept up beautifully. There are deer, bear, foxes and other creatures that live, roam and breed without being hunted. Many groups in the area use it for hunt



*Photo courtesy of Jeremy Kezer*

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dog in search of a new home, let Dana know.**

## Club Objectives

**T**he 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 Data Base 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.

# Minutes March 15, 2022, Board Meeting

The following board members were present: Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Jim Rubin, Linda Deckard, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, Stacy Duncan, and Bethany Urban.

## Recording Secretary – Bethany

- February 2022 minutes approved 3-27-2022.
- Next Board meetings will be April 19th and May 10th.
- New Board members will be invited to the April 19th meeting.

## Treasurer Report – Melissa

- Report given by Melissa.

## Corresponding Secretary – Laurel

- Nothing to report

## Report of Committees

### Rescue – Lisa Schaitberger and Bethany

Update given on our current IWS in Rescue

### Specialty – Stacy

- 2022 - update given
- 2023 - nothing to report
- 2024 - request will be sent out for bids for 2024 National

### BEC – Dana

Discussion of the Breeders Education Committee charter.

### JEC – Linda

Discussion of participation in Judges Training in Greenville, SC and Houston, TX

### Website – Linda

Update given

### Public Relations – Melissa

Update given

### Regional Reps – Dana

Need to start recruiting a new NW Rep

## Delegate/Parent Club List – Jim

Description/update given on how important these lists are to our club.

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Endorsed by Terry Kast and Colleen Rebello

New members approved by all BOD.

## New Business

### Cardiac Committee – Dana

Discussion of next steps for the Committee.

Motion made by Jim to appoint Dana Louttit as the new Chair of the Cardiac Committee.

Second by Heidi.

Abstained: Dana

Approved: Jim, Heidi, Stacy, Melissa, Laurel, Linda, and Bethany

### Awards Nominations

Suggestions for nominations for the Marion Hopkins and AKC Leadership awards.

### Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned 10:55pm

# Minutes April 19, 2022, Board Meeting

The following board members were present: Dana Louttit, Laurel Baglia, Jim Rubin, Linda Deckard, Melissa Gulley, Heidi Ferris, Stacy Duncan, and Bethany Urban.

## Recording Secretary – Bethany

- March 2022 minutes approved on May 4, 2022.
- Next Board meetings will be May 10th and June 15th after AGM.
- President-Elect Pam Manus & Delegate-Elect Dan Sayers attended the April BOD meeting.
- New Board takes office May 1, 2022.

## Treasurer Report – Melissa

- 1st Quarter 2022 Report given by Melissa. This report will be published in the next Rat Tails Newsletter.

## Corresponding Secretary – Laurel

- Dan's credentials have been submitted to the AKC and will be published in the May issue of the AKC Gazette.
- Kim Kezer and Emily Pikul have requested the following for the Wine County Dog Shows. A Supported Entry on Friday, September 30th and a Designated Regional Specialty on Saturday, October 1, 2022.  
Motion made by Jim to approve the request for both shows.  
Second made by Stacy.  
Approved by all Board members.
- Board will have further discussion regarding AKC Pupdate

## Report of Committees

### Rescue – Bethany

- Update given on our current IWS in Rescue

### Specialty – Stacy

- 2022 - update given
- 2023 - nothing to report
- 2024 - request will be sent out for bids for 2024 National in May

### Newsletter – Dana

- Edith Blackwell has requested the *Rat Tails* Newsletter be published quarterly. The next issue will be published in July and be devoted to the 2022 National Specialty and included Regional Reports for May, June, and July. Fall issue would be published in October and include Regional Reports for August, September, and October. Winter issue would be published in January 2023 and include Regional Reports for November, December, and January. Spring report would be published in April and include Regional Reports for February, March, and April.

- Constant Contact will continue to be used to publish time sensitive information to the membership.
- Motion made by Melissa to approve Edith's newsletter change request.  
Second made by Linda.  
Approved by all BOD.

### JEC – Linda

- Update given on upcoming JE Seminars and Presentations.
- Motion made by Linda to request a budget of up to \$2,500 for the Judges Education expenses at the Advanced Sporting Institute in Houston, Texas on July 21-24, 2022. The money would be used for expenses for the JE presenter and the IWS owners bringing dogs to the presentation.  
Second made by Melissa  
Approved by all BOD

### Public Relations – Melissa

- Update given

### Awards – Heidi

- Update given

### Cardiac – Dana

- Discussion on how to get enough Advanced Cardiac testing done and results submitted to determine if Advanced Cardiac will become part of chic requirement.

### Field – Heidi

- The inaugural Upland Spaniel Hunt Test occurred on June 4, 2022, in Wisconsin. There was a 50-dog limit and 4 IWS were entered.

### New Members

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New member approved by all BOD.

### Membership – Heidi

- Discussion about introducing a Membership Milestone Program.

## Old Business

### 2022 Individual Club Awards

- Patrice Dodd – Sportsmanship Award
- Jack and Colleen McDaniel – Marion Hopkins Award

## *New Business*

### *IWSCA Breeder's Committee Charter*

- Discussion and review of the last version of the Breeder's Committee Charter.
- On April 29, 2022, Dana, by email, made the motion to approve the Breeder's Committee Charter.  
Second made by Melissa.  
Approved by email on May 30, 2022, by: Dana, Melissa, Laurel, Jim, Heidi, Stacy, and Bethany  
No Vote: Linda

### *IWSCA Judges Education Committee Charter*

- Discussion of the JE Committee Charter.
- On April 19, 2022, Motion made by Jim to appoint Stacy Duncan and Michelle Cummings as co-chairs for the Judges Education Committee.  
Second made by Bethany  
Approved by: Dana, Melissa, Heidi, Linda, Laurel, Jim, Bethany, and Stacy

- Review of last version of the Judges Education Committee Charter done by email on April 29th and 30th.
- On April 29, 2022, Dana made the motion to approve the Judges Education Charter.  
Second made by Melissa.  
Approved by email on May 30, 2022, by: Dana, Melissa, Laurel, Jim, Heidi, Stacy, and Bethany  
No Vote: Linda

### *Adjournment:*

Meeting Adjourned 11:20pm

## *Minutes August 16, 2022, Board Meeting*

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

### *Recording Secretary – Bethany*

- Next Board meetings will be September 8th and October 11, 2022.
- A Board meeting was held on June 17, 2022, the day after our National Specialty at the Strawberry Cluster dog show in Brooklyn, CT. The Board members present were Melissa Gulley and Dana Louttit. There was no quorum, and no business was conducted. The meeting began at 1pm and adjourned at 1:05pm.

### *Treasurer Report – Melissa*

- See attached Treasurer Report – will be published in our next newsletter.

### *Corresponding Secretary – Laurel*

- Effective July 12, 2022, the AKC has approved Dan Sayers as the new IWSCA AKC Delegate.
- Expect to have several items to bring to the Board in September.
- Discussion of Charleston Kennel Club Supported Entry on January 28th and 29th, 2023.  
There was no motion to approve.

## *Report of Committees*

### *Specialty – Dana*

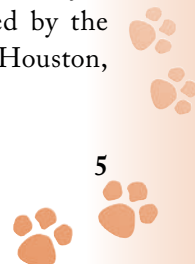
- 2022 - see attached email update from Jeremy Kezer
- 2023 - no report
- 2024 - no report

### *Newsletter – Dana*

- No report.

### *JEC – Stacy*

- Houston went very well. We received fantastic feedback from Dan on how the presentation went. Michelle and I will evaluate and discuss a best path forward to address his thoughts. We requested a list of the judges who attended Houston but have not heard back yet. I will follow up when we get that list and provide a more detailed report to the Board.
- There was no presentation in Greenville as the IWSCA did not formally confirm participation, so we were not included. We only learned this after coordination of the event and going to the website to confirm day/time of presentation. Thankfully, we discovered it early enough to adjust. I have asked them to contact me for next year.
- As has been indicated before, Michelle and I will handle all submissions to AKC. Michelle did a fantastic job submitting for the National, receipt confirmed by the AKC. We are not responsible to submit for Houston, DJAA will submit all materials to AKC.



**Public Relations – Melissa**

- Update given.

**Health & Genetics – Laurel**

- No Report

**Website – Linda**

- Planning on having Patrice make some edits to the Events sub-page; have sent Laurel an email for info re: the Wine Country shows. We still do not have any info re: the 2023 National, other than the dates and map; general location. It appears that they have not as yet set-up a web page & map; since it is only 9 months from now, I strongly recommend that we encourage them to do so in the near future.

**Cardiac – Dana**

- No report

**Field – Heidi**

- Currently compiling the information needed by the AKC for the review to determine if they will include our WC/WCX and WD/WDX certificates in the Parent Club Title Recognition program.
- Earning an AKC Spaniel Hunt Test title as an alternative to the AKC Retriever Hunt Test title in the requirements for the AKC All-Around Award. I would change the description of the award to: Presented to the dog who has achieved an AKC Championship title, and AKC Obedience title (CD, CDX, or UD) and an AKC Retriever or AKC Spaniel Hunt Test title (Junior, Senior, or Master).” Heidi will get input from the Field and Awards Committees.

**Membership – Heidi**

- No report.

**Delegate – Dan**

- See attached report.

**Merchandise Report – Dana**

- Dana presented an update regarding the Merchandise Committee
- Motion made by Dana to approve Kim Kezer and Nancy Donahue as co-chairs of the Merchandise Committee.  
Seconded by: Heidi  
Approved by all Board members

**Old Business**

**Membership – Heidi**

- Requested Board feedback on membership questionnaire.

**New Business**

- Discussion of AKC Pupdate. Tabled until next Board meeting
- Melissa – looking into a new platform for our IWSCA website.
- Rosette solicitation from Southern California Sporting Dog Fanciers for their dog show on January 6, 2023, in Indio, California  
Motion made by Dana to support the Southern California Sporting Dog Fanciers with five rosettes for \$100.  
Seconded by: Melissa and approved by all Board members

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:15pm**

**Membership News**

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## Cardiac Rebate Reminder

*If your IWS had an Advanced Cardiac echo in 2022 and you published the results with OFA, you are entitled to a \$100 rebate from the IWSCA.* Just send your dog's registered name to Treasurer Melissa Gulley at [mgully220@gmail.com](mailto:mgully220@gmail.com). She will confirm that your dog's results are in the OFA database and will send you a check for \$100. It's that easy! We hope this rebate program will encourage you to have your IWS's heart tested. As long as the dog is over the age of one, your dog's

data will help us determine whether we have an issue in the breed with congenital heart defects. Every IWS should be tested, and the club will continue to offer rebates next year. Thank you!

*Dana Louttit*  
*Chair, Cardiac Working Group*

## American Spaniel Club Flushing Spaniel Show January 13-15, 2023

*I'm pleased to announce that Tara Darling-Lyon will be judging the IWSCA Regional Specialty at the Flushing Spaniel Show on Saturday, January 14th in Knoxville, Tennessee.*

Our breed judging (a second chance at points) will be Sunday, January 15th with Judge Kathy Patterson. Puppy and Veteran Sweeps will be held under the auspices of ASC on Friday, January 13th, judge TBD.

Join us for a fun, easy weekend with trophies, rosettes, a group meal on Saturday evening, and a silent auction. The show site is spacious and the rings are carpeted. Obedience and rally are also offered.

We hope that everyone will try to make it for these special shows. We know it's cold and snowy sometimes but they really are great shows with a very limited number of breeds.

Don't hesitate to contact us with questions.

*Dana Louttit*  
*Janet Manuel*  
*Co-chairs, IWSCA ASC Weekend*



*Photos courtesy of Jeremy Kezer*

# 2022 Master Nationals (Master National Retriever Club)

*Editor's note: Two IWS qualified for the Master Nationals this year – Rosemary Sexton's Élan and Christine Roberson's Farley. Élan was unable to compete as she went into season on the day the competition was to start. This summary is from Christine Robertson.*

**F**arley once again qualified for the Master National this year; it was held in Roseburg, Oregon so I was able to drive down and watch. For the most part the weather cooperated with no rain, but several foggy mornings which delayed the tests.



There were 900 entries divided into six groups (flights); Farley ran in flight A. We started with 153 dogs and 78 passed; our tests/judges were tougher than most. They dropped 33 dogs in the first series; we were able to complete six series this year (only four last year).

Our first series was a delayed land triple (three birds down, pick up one then run a blind before picking up the other two marks) with two blinds. The next two series were a land/water test with two blinds down a steep gully followed by a water series with a double blind which was rather tight and Farley needed a quick handle on one mark.

The fourth (land) series was the only really easy series-another triple with a double blind. The fifth series (land/water with a double blind) was another tough one and Farley had to be handled one of the marks. The judges told up at the beginning, that any dogs which had two handles in previous tests had to run this test clean since it was possible we might not have time for a sixth series (three handles are allowed over the six series).



By the time we finished this series, we were almost a day ahead of the other groups and forced a sixth series by starting our last series at the end of the day. A couple groups were purposely going slowly to try to finish with only five series.

Farley ran the last series in the morning fog and did it perfectly thus earning his second Master national qualification and the title Master National Retriever (MNR). Needless to say, I was thrilled as was Bucko who has done the training and handling. We're hoping he qualifies for next year's MN in Georgia.

The middle photo is my greeting Farley after he came off the line in the last series; I hadn't seen him in about six weeks.



# Houston Judge's Education

By Lisa Wright

*Here in the deep south, we have been bunkered down on the cool tile floor avoiding the blazing heat and waiting for less dangerous temperatures when we can get back to having fun.* But we bravely ventured out for our annual participation in Meet the Breed at our local show, the Houston World Series of Dog Shows. Ronan and Jamie did a terrible job representing the Irish Water Spaniel by sleeping through much of the petting and manipulations. I had to continually repeat to the crowds "This is a high energy sporting breed. Prone to mischief and antics. Aloof with strangers. Honestly!!" Jamie proved she was not unconscious by occasionally thumping her tail for someone. And Ronan roused himself to love on every child that ventured over to say hello. Our visitors left completely in love with our wonderful breed.



After getting thoroughly tousled for an hour, the twins journeyed over for Dan Sayers presentation at the Dog Judges Association of America 2022 Advanced Sporting Institute, where they volunteered as "hands on" dogs for the judges. Jamie happily greeted each judge and with a first-time handler tried to set a record for "Most Judges Ears Licked". She also



proved that she could continually wag her tail for nearly an hour. Ronan, seeing how well behaved all the dogs were, decided to unleash his inner leprechaun and ensure that the judges got a well-rounded education. He gave an excellent demonstration of a naughty Irish Water Spaniel by dancing, moaning and drooling instead of stacking nicely when he decided (without provocation) that one unspecified dog in the room needed his manly attentions immediately.

We would like to thank Dan Sayers for bravely traveling to Houston despite the broiling heat to give the presentation. And thanks to the Barkers for bringing three additional dogs to town for judges to get hands on.



## Meet the Breed in Columbus, Ohio

*M*et the Breed in Columbus, Ohio was a huge success. Orin and Canon were the stars of our booth and were such great representatives. Their human counterparts, Jodi Lamp, Tiffany and Terry Schuffert, Shellie Lewis, and Melinda Roberts were happy to do the speaking. Mind you, these Irishers speak for themselves with their bold and dashing personalities. The event was well attended with 300-400 people visiting our booth. There was a diverse age group in attendance, from the very young to more seasoned dog lovers. Eight-year-old Orin and 9-month-old Canon were spectacular, interacting beautifully with everyone. We had many great questions and plenty of opportunity to educate attendees about the IWS. While Orin is well versed on these events, we learned that Canon has never met a stranger and wanted to kiss everybody, affectionately turning our booth into the kissing both.

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*A table full of IWS in action*



*Being an ambassador for learning about IWS*



*Nosing up to new friends*



*Orin and Orin*



*Recognizing Field work*



*Spooky time of year at MTB*



*Yes I am a cool dog*



*The Schufferts making it happen at MTB*



*Show off our sweet side*



## Patrice and Carlin

*Carlin is my Novice A scent work dog.* He (Realta's Carlin O'Whistlestop RN JH MHUA CA SWD SWME SHDN TKN) is my very first scent work dog. Both of us started out training together as rank beginners in early 2018. And on October 9, 2022, together we finished the requirements for the highest title in AKC Scent Work: Scent Work Detective. To date, Carlin is the first and only IWS to achieve that title, although several more are on their way.

To get to the point where a team can try for the Detective title, a dog must have at least one Scent Work Master title. To have done that, the team has had to qualify in 3 searches each at the Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Master levels, in at least 1 of the 4 "elements".

So what's an element? And what's a search?

The elements in AKC Scent Work are Buried, Exterior, Interior, and Containers. In Buried, the dog searches for odors (called "hides"), buried in tubs of sand and/or submerged in water, depending on the level. In Exterior and Interior, the dog searches for hidden odors inside buildings and outside buildings, respectively. And Containers can look like what you might see dogs doing in airports, searching boxes, luggage, purses, and other closed containers.

And the levels? Well, the short answer is that depending on the level, your dog may be searching for 1, 2, 3, or 4 different hides in increasing amounts of space and at increasing heights, and with greater complexity. And starting with Interior Excellent, the handler does not know exactly how many hides there are, only that there is a specified range.

In other words, it gets harder the farther you go.

But it also gets much more exciting. Irish Water Spaniels are hunting dogs. And if they can't hunt for birds, they can hunt for the odor of the essential oils of birch, anise, clove, and cypress. And watching my IWS hunt has been one of my greatest joys. It's the thing that has kept me in this game despite our many failures.

Unfortunately, I've only gotten to see a couple of IWS work in demonstrations, and only my IWS in actual trials. So I can't really generalize to how all IWS would work. But I can tell you about my Carlin.

Carlin is an enthusiastic hunter, whether for birds or odor. At a recent scent work trial, one observer commented that "he really puts his work suit on." Over the years, we've had spectators come early or stay late, just to watch Carlin run. He exhibits such talent and joy in the work.

When the judge tells me it's OK to start our search, we wait a few moments just outside the start line. Carlin lifts his nose

and swings his head, checking the air for which direction to head to first. But like I said, he's enthusiastic, and he's fast, which means that when we do start, he often bombs right through the start line and into the center of the search area. Which also means that, if a judge has put a hide right near the start line, Carlin may miss that one at first. So I've learned to always circle him back to the start line so he can check it.

After that, it's a dance. Carlin has the nose, and he needs to go where he needs to go. But I need to make sure that he's covered the entire search area. In Novice, that was pretty easy for us, because search areas at that level are only between 100 and 400 square feet. But in Detective, the search area can be as large as 5,000 square feet and consists of several separate but contiguous interior and exterior spaces.

I've been in Detective searches that consisted of two classrooms and a play area, or a campground kitchen and a section of forest, a large conference room and an amphitheater, two small conference rooms and a garden, a series of storage rooms and an outdoor ramp, and a horse barn and driveway, for a few examples.

By now, Carlin knows the logical objectives: what kinds of places are likely to hold hides. At Novice in Interiors and Exteriors, these places are often things like under chair or bench seats, in toe spaces under cabinets, on the rim of a low tub or garbage can. But in Detective, while hides often are in those Novice-like places, they can also be anywhere else, at any height, and inside of things, like closed cabinets or closets, or under high shelves. Or they can be in unexpected places, like hanging from a tree branch or in the pocket of a jacket hung on a coat rack. Or they can be not on things at all, but in cracks in the concrete or shallowly buried in flower pots or gravel.

So when Carlin sees logical objectives, of course I let him go to those. But he also has to check the ground and the walls and the corners. He needs to check wall signs that may cover a hide, or the railings or seams of a ramp, the bark of trees, under rocks or stacks of fence panels. He has to check everywhere, and my job is to make sure he gets everywhere in the search area.

My other job is to listen to him. Carlin has to tell me 2 things. First, he must tell me that he's found a hide in such a way that I know where it is. And at the Master and Detective levels (and also in Interior Excellent), he has to tell me when he's found everything and that there are no more to be found. At those levels, handlers don't know how many hides there are. We just know a range. So in Master Exterior, for example, there are 1 to 4 hides. In Detective, there are 5 to 10 hides.



*Carlin  
detective win  
photo*

In AKC Scent Work, a team does not qualify (NQ) if they haven't correctly called "Finish" before the time limit, or if they miss a hide. They also NQ if they call a hide that doesn't exist. This is called a "false alert". Carlin and I have had a few false alerts. Once, for example, he indicated that he'd found a hide, when what he'd really found was a quail wing. He's a hunting dog—I couldn't be mad at him for that. But mostly, Carlin doesn't false alert.

Much more often, we've NQd because we've missed a hide, and that's usually because we didn't get everywhere, or because he wasn't certain and his indication was too lukewarm for me to call. Or, most often, because I just didn't read his indication correctly.

Once a team gets into Detective, there are a lot of NQs. This makes it tough when a dog has to have Qd 10 time to get the SWD title. I haven't seen official statistics, but I've heard estimates of Detective pass rates everywhere between 10% and 25%. Based on my own experience in Idaho, Utah, Oregon, and Washington, usually 0 to 3 teams pass out of 11 to 18 teams. And it's been much more likely to be 0 to 1 Qs. Several times, I've been to trial weekends where Detective was offered 4 times with 15 teams each, and only a total of 2 teams passed once each, the entire weekend.

But here's the thing. Detective is exciting. It's challenging. It's absorbing—one of the few experiences in my life where I forget everything else and am just in that moment, in that flow, one moment at a time. Of all the dog sports I've tried (and I've tried most open to IWS except agility), scent work and spaniel hunt tests (and hunting) require the most active teamwork. But AKC Scent Work is a team sport where the dog is in charge and the handler is just management and administration. And honestly, I think that's why so many dogs love the sport.

When a team leaves a Detective search, we don't say anything to our fellow competitors about the search, except to give a thumbs up or thumbs down. But then, someone will inevitably ask, "Did you have fun?"

And the answer? For Carlin and me, it's always, "Yes". Q or NQ, it's always fun. My dog, and probably most dogs at that level, always have fun. They don't know Q from NQ. They just know they got to go hunting with their person, and they found stuff. Carlin always comes out of a search with a huge IWS smile on his face. And Q or NQ, that smile makes it all worth it.

*Patrice Dodd is an IWS owner, as well as an AKC Scent Work judge and competitor. The IWSCA has awarded the #1 IWS Scent Work trophy to Carlin three times. Patrice has written about her experiences as a competitor in her blog: <https://patricedodd.wordpress.com/tag/akc-scent-work/>*



*Carlin  
searching in  
Master*

And once he's told me what he knows, I have to tell it to the judge, with "Alert" for a find, and "Finish" when we're all done.

And did I mention that all this is timed? At Novice, 2 or 3 minutes is typical. And for a team that's trial-ready, that's often enough. But at Detective, the rules say that the judge can give from 7 to 15 minutes. In our Detective searches, we've most often been given 8 or 9 minutes. One time, in a 9-minute search, we took 8 minutes, 53.87 seconds.



# Riley – CH Muddy Waters Outdoorsman SH WCX

November 18, 2007 – August 1, 2022

*A*t 14 yrs 8+ mos. Riley passed away. When he was around 7 years old, Riley came to my home to be retired. He was a hunting dog which was his passion and that of his co-owner, Joaquin Delgado. Riley had by then attained the Senior Hunter and WC titles.

Riley enjoyed living with me on my small horse farm. As I was doing chores, he patrolled the yard and then waited by the door while I finished up with my horses.

In the spring of 2017 co-owner Diane Wacker and I packed up Riley, Molly and two of their pups and headed to the IWSCA National Specialty in South Sioux City, Nebraska to try for a WCX title for Riley. It was too early in the spring to have had any field practice at home. So we stopped at a baseball field on the way for Riley and Diane to get in a couple practice retrieves. On a cold, snowy morning, Riley easily completed the land portion of the WCX. The ice was barely off the water for the water retrieves. Nonetheless, in what for those present was a truly memorable effort, Riley completed the test and attained the WCX!

That should have been the end of Riley's public career. But no...from time to time he had been exhibited in conformation shows. In July 2018 in order to support a Supported Entry at the shows in Waukesha, Wisconsin I entered Riley, Molly and Cash, their son. Diane asked a friend, Collie owner Amy Ross, to handle Riley while I handled Cash. Riley and Amy left the ring with a 4-pt. major! The next day the results were

the same. So with both majors in hand we hit the show trail for the next three months. Just a couple weeks before his 11th birthday, Riley became a Champion thanks to the combined handling efforts of Amy Ross, Addie Halla, Doug Underland, Diane Wacker and me. In that year, 2018, Riley was the IWSCA Top Winners Dog!

In the years since obtaining his Championship, Riley has been sort of retired. He represented IWS at a Pheasants Forever Bird Dog Parade in Minneapolis, Minnesota, enjoyed a hunting outing with co-owner Joaquin, and served as a demonstration dog at the IWSCA Field Training event near Scandia, Minnesota, plus enjoyed a gathering at the Underlands, a swim in the lake at Sarah Zumpf's home, visits with Tory James, walks in the neighborhood with me, and a final dip in the St. Croix River.

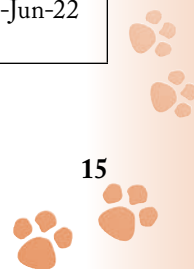
Riley was also a sire of hunting dogs, show dogs and family companions which live on in homes and hearts. Co-owner Joaquin Delgado writes in part, "He was such a lovely and loving boy...Since he was a puppy, Riley was unafraid, calm and curious. He was tireless whether hunting, fetching or jumping into the water...He has produced a fantastic line of companions and hunters with calm and obedient disposition, always attuned and reading us and our moods. If there is a heaven for dogs, Riley is there with his mom and hunting teacher, Coco."



# *New Titles Reported by the AKC through September 2022*

**E**ditor's note: This list is derived from monthly reports of new titles for IWS provided by the AKC. It only includes those titles recorded by the AKC and included in the AKC's monthly report. Often there is a time lag in reporting. The newsletter will include all new titles for IWS listed in the AKC report regardless of the month earned. If you do not see your titles here, look for them in future issues of *Rat Tails*. If the call name is blank, it means I don't have it. Please contact me (Edith Blackwell) with the call name.

| Title                 | Registered Name                                     | Call Name | Owner  | Date Titled |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|--|-------------|
| <b>Breed</b>          |   |           |  |             |
| Champion              | CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN SWA RATO          | Paddy     | Terry Kast                                     | 19-Jun-22   |
| Champion              | CH Epik Talk Of The Town At Poole's Ide             | Midge     | Emily Pikul & Gregory M Siner & Alice Getchell | 19-Jun-22   |
| Champion              | CH Flintcrest Flying Trapeze                        | Kelly     | Stacy Duncan                                   | 18-Jun-22   |
| Champion              | CH Marley Creek's Serendipity Strikes Again CGC TKN |           | Cecile Lindell & Tiffany Schuffert             | 18-Jun-22   |
| Champion              | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog                             | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner           | 16-Jun-22   |
| Champion              | CH Quiet Storm Koffi With Cream                     |           | Tim Fleming & Dan Sayers & Andrew Fleming      | 16-Jun-22   |
| Grand Champion        | GCH CH Tara's Evil Enchantress                      |           | Tara Darling-Lyon & Hunter Lyon                | 17-Jun-22   |
| Grand Champion        | GCH CH Waterford's Jumpin Jive Jackpot              | Bingo     | Shona Ensign                                   | 18-Jun-22   |
| Champion              | CH Coomara's Oran Mor                               |           | Mary Williams-Marter & Paul Price              | 17-Aug-22   |
| Champion              | CH Saracen Springtime Thunder JHU BCAT CGC TKN      | Harris    | Susan M. Sarracino-Deihl M.D. & Robert E Deihl | 14-Aug-22   |
| Champion              | CH Sycomore Irrepressible CGC                       | Kick      | Mark Barker & Sondra Barker                    | 28-Aug-22   |
| Grand Champion        | GCH CH Flintcrest Flying Trapeze                    | Kelly     | Stacy Duncan                                   | 20-Aug-22   |
| Grand Champion        | GCH CH Realta Let It Rain At Cuchulain              |           | Tim Ufkes & Heidi Gervais                      | 21-Aug-22   |
| Grand Champion Bronze | GCHB CH Realta Sycomore Spry CGC                    | Spry      | Rosemary Sexton & Sondra Barker & Mark Barker  | 28-Aug-22   |
| Champion              | CH Realta's Marvelous Adventure ACT2 ACT2J CGC      | Driver    | Ruth Crocker                                   | 17-Sep-22   |
| <b>Field</b>          |   |           |  |             |
| Junior Hunter         | Kirkmarsh Forester JH DS                            | Doogan    | Robert E Deihl & Susan M Sarracino-Deihl       | 4-Jun-22    |
| Junior Hunter         | Saracen Boatswain's Boogie JH                       |           | Patrick Wilson                                 | 5-Jun-22    |
| Junior Hunter         | Saracen Diamond Decoy JH                            |           | Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Robert E Deihl         | 4-Jun-22    |
| Senior Hunter         | Saracen Deja Blue SH SHU BCAT DJ CGC TKN            | Teal      | Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Robert E Deihl         | 4-Jun-22    |
| Master Hunter         | Realta's Élan MH                                    | Élan      | Rosemary Sexton & Sondra Barker & Mark Barker  | 29-Jun-22   |



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| <b>Obedience</b>                  |   |           |  |             |
| Beginner Novice                   | Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN BCAT SWN CGC TKN                             | Bran      | Lisa Schaitberger                                    | 26-Jun-22   |
| Companion Dog                     | Wicklow N' Blackthorn's I Don'T Look For Trouble CD RA CGC TKN              | Jynx      | Mr. Timothy Gulley & Melissa Gulley & R. James Rubin | 13-Aug-22   |
| <b>Agility</b>                    |   |           |  |             |
| Open Agility                      | Madcap The Earth Has Music For Those Who Listen OA NAJ                      | Grouse    | Sarah E Zumpf & Robert L Zumpf                       | 1-Jul-22    |
| Novice Agility Jumper             | Madcap The Earth Has Music For Those Who Listen OA NAJ                      | Grouse    | Sarah E Zumpf & Robert L Zumpf                       | 1-Jul-22    |
| Open Agility Jumper               | Madcap The Earth Has Music For Those Who Listen OA OAJ                      | Grouse    | Sarah E Zumpf & Robert L Zumpf                       | 30-Sep-22   |
| Master Excellent Jumper Preferred | Realta's Breac Eitilt NA NAJ MXP MJP OF MFPB T2BP DS DJ TKN                 | Trout     | Sarah E Zumpf  | 5-Aug-22    |
| Agility Excellent                 | CH Ballyhoo's Timing Is Everything RE AX MXJ XF CA BCAT SWE SCME SEM        | Tempo     | Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Robert S Hogan                | 16-Sep-22   |
| Master Gold Jumper 2              | CH MACH4 Castlehill's When Sparks Fly Of Cuardach RN MXS2 MJG2 MXF T2B DCAT | Flare     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Susan Tapp                      | 26-Jun-22   |
| Agility Course Test 1             | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                                     | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 17-Jul-22   |
| Agility Course Test 2             | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                                     | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 17-Jul-22   |
| Agility Course Test 1 JWW         | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                                     | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 17-Jul-22   |
| Agility Course Test 2 JWW         | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                                     | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 17-Jul-22   |
| Novice Agility                    | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog NA NAJ BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                              | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 13-Aug-22   |
| Novice Agility Jumper             | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog NA NAJ BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                              | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 13-Aug-22   |
| Open Agility                      | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog OA NAJ NF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                           | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 3-Sep-22    |
| Open Agility Jumper               | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog OA OAJ NF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                           | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 29-Sep-22   |
| Agility FAST Novice               | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog OA NAJ NF BCAT ACT2 ACT2J                           | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 3-Sep-22    |
| <b>Rally</b>                      |   |           |  |             |
| Rally Novice                      | CH Brekkon's First Drive RN CGC   |           | Mr. Jeffrey Keyton & Stacy Drummond                  | 15-Jun-22   |
| Rally Novice                      | Tirnanog Spudster Idaho Iws B BN RN CGC                                     |           | Susan Dickinson                                      | 26-Jun-22   |
| Rally Intermediate                | Ildanoch Triple Chocolate RI CGCA   | Tripp     | TAYLOR JESSIE & JACOB JESSIE                         | 19-Jun-22   |
| Rally Advanced                    | Wicklow N' Blackthorn's I Don'T Look For Trouble RA TKN                     | Jynx      | Mr. Timothy Gulley & Melissa Gulley & R. James Rubin | 15-Jun-22   |
| Rally Excellent                   | Wicklow N' Blackthorn's I Don'T Look For Trouble CD RE CGC TKN              | Jynx      | Mr. Timothy Gulley & Melissa Gulley & R. James Rubin | 28-Aug-22   |

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| Rally Excellent                     | Castlehill's Xtraordineire BN RE CAA FCAT SWE SCM SEM SBM RATS DJ CGC TKN               | Simon     | Susan Tapp & Margot Nielson                          | 15-Jun-22   |
| Rally Advanced Excellent            | Ballyhoo's True Blue Justine O'Hogan At Castlehill CD BN RAE CAX DN CGCA TKN            | Justine   | Natalie Galdie Weissman & Susan Tapp                 | 30-Jul-22   |
| Rally Master 6                      | RACH2 Castlehill's Wickedly Cute Jolene CDX BN GN RM6 RAE5 CAX THDN DJA DN CGCA TKP ATT | Jolene    | Natalie Galdi-Weissman & Susan Tapp                  | 9-Jul-22    |
| Rally Novice                        | Ildanoch Just Desserts RN CGC TKN   | Leda      | Martha Jordan  | 20-Aug-22   |
| Rally Intermediate                  | CH Whistle Stop's Jokers Wild RI CGC TKN  | Joker     | Colleen McDaniel & Carol Hamilton                    | 28-Aug-22   |
| Rally Advanced                      | Poole's Ide Sweetwater Eddy CD PCD BN RA  |           | Mr. Walter J Kilmer & Gregory M Siner                | 14-Aug-22   |
| <b>Scent Work</b>                   |   |           |  |             |
| SW Container Advanced               | Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN DCAT SWN SCA CGC TKN                                     | Bran      | Lisa Schaitberger                                    | 16-Jul-22   |
| SW Interior Advanced                | Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN DCAT SWN SCA SIA CGC TKN                                 | Bran      | Lisa Schaitberger                                    | 17-Jul-22   |
| SW Exterior Novice                  | Saracen Irish Traveller At Madrigal SEN SBN   |           | Ms. Heidi Currier Ferris & Mr. Grafton G Teller      | 11-Sep-22   |
| SW Buried Novice                    | Saracen Irish Traveller At Madrigal SBN   |           | Ms. Heidi Currier Ferris & Mr. Grafton G Teller      | 10-Sep-22   |
| SW Interior Excellent               | CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN SWA SIE SBE RATO                                      | Paddy     | Terry Kast   | 10-Sep-22   |
| SW Exterior Excellent               | CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN SWA SIE SEE SBE RATO                                  | Paddy     | Terry Kast   | 11-Sep-22   |
| SW Buried Excellent                 | CH Ballyhoo's Who's Your Paddy RN SWA SBE RATO  | Paddy     | Terry Kast   | 9-Sep-22    |
| Scent Work Exterior Excellent Elite | Realta's Carlin O'Whistlestop RN JH MHUA CA SWME SHDN TKN                               | Carlin    | Patrice Dodd & Russell Dodd                          | 24-Sep-22   |
| Virtual Scent Work Beginner         | CH Whistlestop Betting The Bracket @ Flintcrest RI CGC TKA VSWB                         | Bracket   | Renae Peterson & Rodney Peterson                     | 17-Sep-22   |
| <b>FastCAT</b>                      |   |           |  |             |
| BCAT                                | CH Poole's Ide Pollywog BCAT  | Polly     | Stephanie O'Reilly & Gregory M Siner                 | 19-Jun-22   |
| DCAT                                | Saracen Raiz My Mug To Freedom DCAT CGC TKN   | Porter    | Lori Espeland & Connie Timmerman                     | 12-Jun-22   |
| DCAT                                | Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN DCAT SWN CGC TKN   | Bran      | Lisa Schaitberger                                    | 3-Jul-22    |
| DCAT                                | Saracen Fireworks Over The Marsh DCAT DS  | Murphy    | Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Robert E Deihl               | 10-Jul-22   |
| DCAT                                | Epik's Oh The Places You'LI Go! TD DCAT DJ DN CGC TKN                                   | Poppy     | Emily Pikul & Ruth Bruskiwitz                        | 13-Aug-22   |
| <b>Trick</b>                        |   |           |  |             |
| Trick Dog Novice                    | Marley Creek's Serendipity Strikes Again CGC TKN  |           | Cecile Lindell & Tiffany Schuffert                   | 16-Jun-22   |
| Trick Dog Novice                    | Wicklow N' Blackthorn's I Don'T Look For Trouble RN TKN                                 | Jynx      | Mr. Timothy Gulley & Melissa Gulley & R. James Rubin | 14-Jun-22   |



| Title                      | Registered Name   | Call Name | Owner  | Date Titled |
|----------------------------|---|-----------|--|-------------|
| <b>Canine Good Citizen</b> |   |           |  |             |
| CGC                        | Castlehill's Buggy Malone O' Crispin RATO CGC TKA                                       | Malone    | Flora Deluce & Susan Tapp                            | 16-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | Landacre's Play Rain Or Shine CGC   |           | Mrs. Letitia King & Ms. Cecilia King                 | 29-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | Marley Creek's Serendipity Strikes Again CGC TKN  |           | Cecile Lindell & Tiffany Schuffert                   | 16-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | CH Marley Creek's Walkin After Midnight DJ CGC TKN                                      | Patsy     | Tiffany Schuffert & Terry Schuffert                  | 14-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | Tirnanog Spudster Idaho Iws B BN CGC  |           | Susan Dickinson                                      | 25-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | Wicklow N' Blackthorn's I Don'T Look For Trouble RA CGC TKN                             | Jynx      | Mr. Timothy Gulley & Melissa Gulley & R. James Rubin | 16-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | Hooligan N Epik's Absurd Little Bird CGC  |           | Emily Pikul & Florence Blecher                       | 16-Jul-22   |
| Advanced CGC               | Castlehill's Ramblin' Rafael O'Crispin BN RN CGCA TKI                                   | Raffie    | Elenora L Benz & Susan Tapp & Richard Kelsky         | 14-Jun-22   |
| CGC                        | Muddy Waters Finlay's Famous Seamus CGC   |           | Michele Wolk   | 18-Jul-22   |
| <b>Dock Diving</b>         |   |           |  |             |
| Dock Junior Advanced       | RACH2 Castlehill's Wickedly Cute Jolene CDX BN GN RM5 RAE5 CAX THDN DJA DN CGCA TKP ATT | Jolene    | Natalie Galdi-Weissman & Susan Tapp                  | 5-Jun-22    |
| Dock Junior                | Epik's Oh The Places You'LI Go! TD BCAT DJ DN CGC TKN                                   | Poppy     | Emily Pikul & Ruth Bruskiewitz                       | 15-Jul-22   |
| Dock Junior Advanced       | Ballyhoo's Valiant Knight Sir Joseph BN CA DJA DN CGCA TKN                              | Joey      | Natalie Galdi-Weissman                               | 23-Jul-22   |
| Dock Senior                | Ballyhoo's Valiant Knight Sir Joseph BN CA DS DJA CGCA TKN                              | Joey      | Natalie Galdi-Weissman                               | 3-Sep-22    |
| Dock Junior                | CH Kendall's Still The One CD RN JH BCAT DJ DN CGC TKN                                  | Liam      | Ruth Bruskiewitz                                     | 5-Aug-22    |
| Dock Senior                | Castlehill's Buggy Malone O' Crispin RATO DS CGC TKA                                    | Malone    | Flora Deluce & Susan Tapp                            | 23-Jul-22   |
| Dock Master                | Castlehill's Buggy Malone O' Crispin RATO DM DS CGC TKA                                 | Malone    | Flora Deluce & Susan Tapp                            | 6-Aug-22    |
| Dock Senior                | Evora's Brandy Pot Light BN RN DCAT SWN SCA SIA DS CGC TKN                              | Bran      | Lisa Schaitberger                                    | 31-Jul-22   |
| Dock Junior                | CH Poole's Ide Madde O'Ballyhoo DJ DN CGC TKN   | Madde     | Dede Selph   | 20-Aug-22   |
| Dock Senior                | CH Ballyhoo's Talle O'Hogan JH DS DJ CGC TKN  | Talle     | Dede Selph   | 21-Aug-22   |
| <b>Barn Hunt</b>           |   |           |  |             |
| Barn Hunt Champion X5      | Cat's Over The Rainbow OAP OJP NFP RATCHX5 CZ8P CGC TKN                                 | Raine     | Sheryl Krohne  | 2-Jul-22    |
| Open Barn Hunt             | CH Aquashores Saracen Falling Waters CD JH MHUA FDC RATO DN CGCA TKN                    |           | Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Robert E Deihl               | 19-Aug-18   |

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# REGIONAL REPORTS MID-ATLANTIC

Submitted by Tiffany Schuffert

*The Mid-Atlantic is stunning in the fall!* It's a time of plenty and beauty as we harvest the last from our gardens and orchards and watch the leaves change to bright yellows, oranges, and reds. The weather is also a bit cooler, which our 4-legged furry friends whole-heartedly approve of!

We've had a few Mid-Atlantic folks out and about doing what we love with our dogs.

Koffi, Tim Fleming, and Dan Sayers have had an eventful couple of weeks. First, Dan and Koffi went Owner Handler RBIS in New Castle, PA. Then, Koffi and Tim visited some family near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Koffi had a marvelous time running around the peach orchard. I have it on good authority that his inner leprechaun made an appearance!



*Koffi*

Rip, Poole's Ide Riptide, was Best in Puppy Sweepstakes and Winner's Dog at the IWSCA Regional Specialty in Romulus, NY. Rip is owned by Gregory M. Siner, Hannah Loonsk, Bethany Urban, and Dana Louttit.

Georgia, CH Poole's Ide On My Mind RN CGC, was Best of Opposite Sex on Sunday for a Grand Champion Major just 4 months after producing 3 beautiful Poole's Ide Puppies. Georgia is owned by Gregory M. Siner, Hannah Loonsk, and Bethany Urban.



*Georgia*

*Georgia*



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# R E G I O N A L R E P O R T S

## M I D W E S T

Submitted by: Susan Sarracino-Deibl

### Conformation:

**T**he summer and early fall have been busy in the conformation ring.

In August, I made the trip to Ohio. Murphy picked up his first major while Harris picked up majors both days to finish her CH. She is now Ch Saracen Springtime Thunder JHU BCAT CGC TKN.

Harris - New  
Champion



The last weekend of August, IWS fanciers joined together to show at the St Croix KC show and to have a meeting to iron out more details for the 2023 National Specialty.

### Ruth Crocker sent this report.

*“Beautifully handled by Cartrell Cooper, Driver had a very productive weekend at the Saint Croix shows on Aug. 27 and 28, taking two 3-point majors by going WD and BOW on Saturday and WD and BOS on Sunday. I had a good weekend too, getting to visit with lots of IWS friends that I haven’t seen in ages! (A big ‘thank you’ to Sue Underland and Rosemary Sexton for photos!) Susan reported that Harris, Ch Saracen Springtime Thunder JHU BCAT CGC TKN, picked up two majors towards her GCHB the*



Driver - New  
Champion

first time out after finishing her CH. The ever lovely Spry (MBIS BISS GCHB Realta Sycomore Spry CGC) took BOB both days.

It was great to get caught up on everyone’s news and to play with the latest Realta puppies. The luck of the Irish was evident on this rainy weekend; both days the rain held off while the dogs were in the ring, although it came down in buckets afterward (on Saturday) or before (on Sunday). Unfortunately, the Saturday storm occurred right as Laurel Reeves was trying to hold a meeting of the 2023 Specialty committee in a steel roofed building. The din was incredible, but we managed to get some work done anyway. There were even some EFO tornadoes Saturday night. We went home Sunday a bit wet and muddy, but happy!

The Rochester shows on Sept. 17 and 18 were not so well attended. Porter, Saracen Raiz My Mug to Freedom DCAT CGC TKN owned by Lori Espeland, and Driver, split the points that weekend with each of them taking WD/BOB for one point, but neither getting any love in the group ring after their respective wins. But Driver only needed one more point. He is now officially “Ch. Realta’s Marvelous Adventure, ACT2, ACTJ2, CGC.” We’ve been simultaneously training for agility, obedience, and rally, so we hope to post wins and titles in those sports next year!”



Porter,  
Saracen Raiz  
My Mug  
to Freedom  
DCAT CGC  
TKN owned  
by Lori  
Espeland -  
Fast CAT

### Field:

Irishers continue to be active in both the retriever and spaniel fields.

Rosemary Sexton reported: Élan passed her 6th Master test earning her the title of master hunter and making her the youngest Irish water spaniel to achieve master level while simultaneously qualifying for the 2022 Master National. She came, she saw, and she had to scratch because she came into season. I am, nevertheless, extremely proud of my girl.

**Rat Tails**

Realta's  
Élan!  
Master  
Hunter



Kathryn Lee reported that her boy Karma (bred by Rosemary Sexton and a litter mate to Realta Elan MH) earned his SH title 9/17/2022.



Karma earned  
his Senior  
Hunter Title

"He went on to pass 4/6 tests and earned his Senior Hunter title on 9/17/22 at 3 years, 2 months of age. He was trained by Dynamic Retrievers (Tim Springer) and handled by Lauren Springer. He's

Teal earned  
her fifth SHU  
Advanced leg



home now with plans for entrance in the 2023 IWS National Specialty for WC and WCX. Since he is also registered with the UKC, we'll be working on additional retrieving titles as well."

**I have been busy with Teal in the spaniel field.**

"Teal earned her fifth SHU Advanced leg on Saturday Oct. 1 at the West Allis Training Kennel Club hunt test. The road was a bit different for Teal and me. Teal had to take a break from running tests the month of July due to being in season. The month before that we had to deal with Teal's "pre-coming-into-season" blues. In September we had to deal with "false-pregnancy-blues". But everything came together the first weekend of Oct to finish her title. Pending AKC confirmation, she will be Saracen Deja Blue SHUA BCAT DJ CGC TKN."

**Performance:**

Several Irishers have been having fun this summer in Dock Diving and FastCat.

**Lisa Schaitberger reports:**

"Bran started Dock Diving in July (only because I needed to cool her down after having some clock failures at a fast cat trial). She took to it like an IWS to water, her first splash in July was 10'3", her last jump in September was 22'3"; she qualified for the NADD Championships in Missouri in October, and hopefully we will be there to represent IWS. She is proving to be a fun partner, she likes to compete, and is excited about doing new things."

Bran  
- Dock  
Diving



**Ruth Bruskiewitz sent this report:**

"During the dog days of summer, the only way to beat the heat was to take the dogs dock diving! At the Pier Pups Splash at the Jefferson County Fair in Jefferson, WI, Poppy earned her dock diving junior title with a second place in her class. At the Country Paws Summer Waves event in Stevens Point, WI, Liam earned his dock diving junior title. Liam is Ch Kendall's Still the One CD JH RN DJ BCAT CGC TKN"

Several Irishers have been active in FastCat during the summer. Ruth's Poppy was among them.

**From Ruth:**

“At the Greater Racine Kennel Club fast cat trial, Poppy earned her DCAT title! Poppy is Epik’s Oh the Places You’ll Go! TD DJ DCAT CGC TKN.”

In addition, Lori Espeland’s Porter (Saracen Raiz My Mug to Freedom) and Lisa’s Bran have been tearing up the FastCat trak. Bran and Porter are ranked #1 and #2, respectively.



*Poppy -  
Fast CAT*

*Poppy  
earned her  
DCAT title*



*Photos courtesy of Jeremy Kezer*

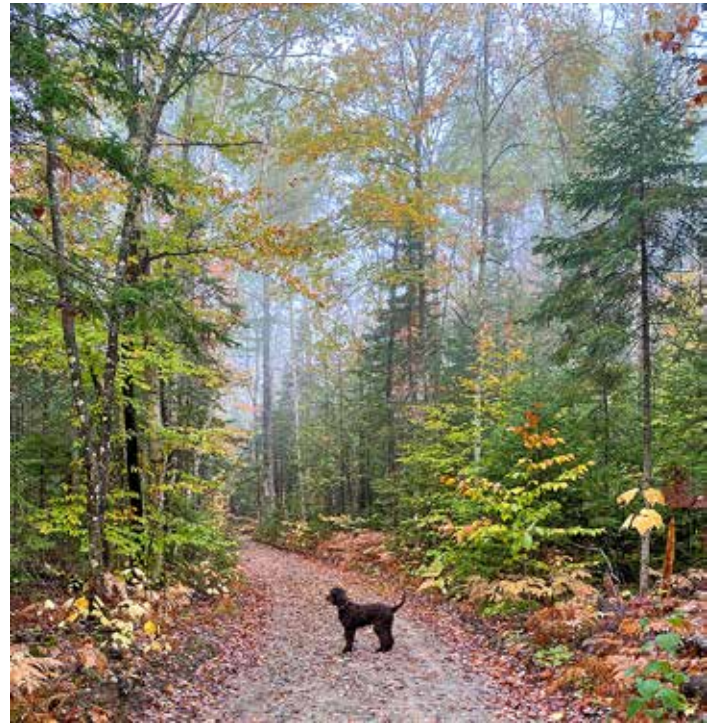
**Save the Dates!**

**May 20 – 24, 2023** – IWSCA National Specialty, Lake Elmo, MN and Stillwater, MN

**May 26- 28, 2023** – IWSCA Regional Specialty May 26, IWSCA Supported entry May 27 both in conjunction with the Key City Kennel Club shows, St Peters, MN May 26 – 28.

**June 3, 2023** – IWSCA Spaniel Hunt Test  
Everyone have a safe and wonderful fall!

**Susan**



# R E G I O N A L R E P O R T S

## S O U T H E A S T

*Submitted by: Cavell Kyser*

*Brenda Bauerlein sent in two reports:*



*Waiting for Ian*

### *Waiting for Ian*

I am no stranger to Florida hurricanes as I am a native Floridian. It is always a nervous time and I have a checklist to go over when we are in a weather watch. Dog food and bottled water is a must. Also identification collars are placed nearby. All dogs are micro chipped. The crates are placed in the car if we need to evacuate. I also have additional crates to be placed in safe places within the house. My battery operated fans are fully charged. I also have a generator .

The rain and wind arrived for three days. The dogs enjoyed all the various sticks and branches that fell into the dog yard. I however did not as I was constantly picking up the dog yard to remove the mess of sticks and branches. Thankfully my huge tree in the backyard was strong and with stood the winds. We were very lucky.

### **SUPER STAR SNIFFERS**

It is a family affair in AKC and NACSW nosework/ scentwork dog events. Celeste (mother and grandmother) has earned her SW advanced and NW1 titles. Pleeze ( Celeste's daughter) has earned her SW Excellent and NW2 titles and brought home several High in Trials. Portia and Bu ( Pleeze's daughter and son) are ready to begin the journey and earned the ORT title recently. This is so much fun for both owner and dog.

*Fall 2022*

**Celeste** - Ch. Castlehills When Stars Collide At Donnybrook RN, DCAT, SWA, NW1, TKN

**Pleeze** - Castlehills Yes Pleeze, CA,BCAT, SWE,NW2,RATN, TKN

**Portia** - Castlehills P.S. Baby I'm A Star At Donnybrook, TKN, ORT

**Bu**- Castlehills P.S. Mischief Managed, BCAT, ORT, CGC

**Gratton Foy reports:** Here are a couple of shots of Sol and the family at the New Hanover dog show. Sol picked up an Owner Handler group one and Owner Handler Best in Show Saturday. On Sunday she picked up an Owner Handler group four then a regular sporting group two on Sunday. Sol aka Champion D'locks ray of light over Midwood.



*Celeste (left) and Portia (right).*

*Gratton and Sol at New Hanover*



*Sol and the family at the New Hanover dog show*

# REGIONAL REPORTS NORTHEAST

Submitted by: Jeremy Kezer

*A*lthough it was a somewhat smaller gathering than usual at Wine Country this year, everybody had a great time. We had generally good weather, and IWS were competing in obedience, rally, agility and conformation.

Stephanie O'Reilly writes that "Sloane (MBIS MRBIS NBISS GCHS CH Poole's Ide Sargeant Sloane CD RN MX MXJ MXF) continues to have success in the breed ring. He won best of breed all 4 days at the Wine Country circuit shows including the supported entry and specialty. He went on to win Best in Show, two group 1st, and a group 3rd. It was his 21st best in show win. The breed wins made him the all-time top grand championship point winning IWS in the history of the breed. "

Wine  
Country  
Best In Show



And not to be outdone, "Polly has been busy in both the breed and agility rings. Polly won two best of opposite (including the day of the specialty) and two select bitches at the Wine Country shows. She also won best owner-handled best of breed 3 days and won a group 4 owner-handler on Friday. In the agility ring, she has been having a blast and in the process, has earned her novice and open standard titles,



Polly  
Agility

Wine  
Country  
Trophies



novice and open jumpers titles, and novice and open Fast titles. She is now CH Poole's Ide Pollywog OA OAJ OF BCAT ACT2 ACTJ".

Wine  
Country  
Watching  
Groups



Natalie Weissman writes that "Ballyhoo's Valiant Knight Sir Joseph CGCA TDI TKN BN CA DN DJ DS BN completed his Dock Diving Senior Title. Ballyhoo's True Blue Justine O'Hogan at Castlehill CGCA TDI TKN BN CD CAX DN RAE completed her RAE Title, and RACH 2 Castlehill's Wickedly Cute Jolene CGCA THDN TKP BN CD GN CDX CAX DN DJA RAE 5 RM 6 completed her Dock Diving Junior Advanced Title. She also competed in Veterans in Wine Country and won her class and Veterans class."

### Wine Country results:

**Thursday, September 29th, 2022**

BOB/G1: Sloane (GCHS Poole's Ide Sargeant Sloane CD RN MX MXJ MXF)

BOS: Polly (CH Poole's Ide Pollywog NA NAJ BCAT)

Select dog: Yoda (CH Kimswick's May The Force Be With You)

WB: Ailsey (Coltsfoot Walking On Air)

RWB: Ballyhoo's Winnie Wain Whistle De L'Alto

*Arrow  
Reserve  
Winners  
Dog*



*Kim  
and  
Reef*



*Arrow*



*Reef  
Dock  
Diving*

Select Bitch: Polly (OH G4)  
WB: Ballyhoo's Winne Wain Whistle De L'Alto  
RWD: Arrow (Chantico's A Slice And A Pint)  
RWB: Ailsey

*Emily*



**Friday, September 30th**

BOB/G1/BIS: Sloane  
BOW: Alto's Ode To Magic  
BOS: CH Tara's Evil Enchantress  
Select Dog: Yoda

**Saturday, October 1st**

**Sweepstakes:**

Best Puppy: Rip  
Best Opposite Puppy: Agatha  
Best Veteran: Jolene (RACH 2 Castlehill's Wickedly Cute  
Jolene CGCA THDN TKP BN CD GN CDX CAX DN  
DJA RAE 5 RM 6)  
BOB: Sloane  
BOW: Ailsey (new Champion)  
BOS: Polly  
Select Dog: Yoda  
Select Bitch: CH Tara's Evil Enchantress  
WD: Rip (Poole's Ide Riptide)  
RWD: Arrow  
RWB: Agatha (Hooligan N Epik's Rain Drops on Roses)





*Hannah  
And  
Rip*

**Sunday, October 2nd**

BOB/G3: Sloane  
 BOW: Alto's Ode To Magic  
 BOS: CH Poole's Ide On My Mind RN CGC  
 Select Dog: Yoda  
 Select Bitch: Polly  
 WB: Ballyhoo's Winnie Wain Whistle De L'Alto  
 RWD: Rip  
 RWB: Agatha

Alice Getchell and Midge (Ch. Epik talk of the town at Pooles Ide DN CGC) earned their WC title at the NEFCRC WC/WCX trials held in early October. Midge did really well executing the land double and dual water singles with lots of enthusiasm.



*Laurel*



*Alice And  
Midge*



*Wayne*



*Midge*

We've been keeping busy with our dogs as well. Ghillie and Reef continue to compete in agility, and both are invitees to the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando in December. Ghillie and Arrow have also been field training all summer and both are very enthusiastic about it.

Hope you all have a fun and safe fall!

*Jeremy & Laurel*

# Greeting from the 2022 IWSAC Canadian National Specialty "Paddle and Splash!"



**W**ith our small but mighty team we pulled off a fabulous specialty. A huge thank you to our local hosts Mary Marter and the Mt. Cheam Canine Association located on the wonderful west coast of Canada.

Heartfelt thanks to all our American friends who chose to make the journey North to join us! Without your support, our tiny club could not exist in even a minor capacity. We anticipate a need to continue to stand ready for many decades to come, to promote and grow the breed in Canada, to provide potential rescue outlets, and to carry on education and improving the Irish Water Spaniel breed.

The glorious artwork as conformation trophies was created by local artists from the Salish Sea Market artist's consortium. Rally and Obedience prizes were custom created by [www.myleashstore.com](http://www.myleashstore.com). Exceptional assistance above and beyond by Sandi K at Classic Show Services without whom I am sure none of this would have been possible. Please join me in thanking our providers of such spectacular items and service, and ask us for additional information if you enjoy their work as much as we do.

Thank you all for your contributions that allowed us to celebrate our National Specialty together, Colleen Rebello, Cat Shelby, Carla Foulds, Mary Westlake, Ann McNeill, Sylvia Thistle-Miller, Colleen McDaniel, Kim and Jeremy Kezer and the IWSAC 2022 Specialty committee, Kim Anderson, and others for their generous artistic and collectible donations that were silent and live-auctioned to raise much needed funds for our club.

Again, thank you all, from the IWSAC 2022 Chilliwack BC's "Paddle and Splash!" National Specialty.

**Catherine Coles**  
**President IWSAC**

## ....and the Results

- BISS GCH Realta Let it Rain At Cuchulain JH WC "Layla"
- BOSS GCH Shaboo'n Finnibone's Iron Man "Mr. Steel"
- SB CH Ildanoch's Party Rock Anthem "Zume"
- WB/BOW Finnibone's Cuz Mama Can CGN CD RE DSA DJX HDJ ETD "Mamacass"
- WD Flintcrest First Strike Fintan "Fintan"
- RWD Coomara's Oran Mor "Morgan"
- RWB Coomara Ogha O'BOBN at Beltane "Rob'N"
- 1st BBE Female Keeprien Red is the Rose "Red"
- BIS Vet Sweeps CH Whistlestop's Not Me 'Pax' Did It CD RA "Pax"
- BOS Vet Sweeps CH Brekkon's Charmed Beginning RI "Clover"

Fall 2022



**AM GCH**  
**CAN BIS**  
**BISS GCHEX**  
*Realta Let*  
*It Rain At*  
*Chuchulain*  
**WC JH**



**CAN BIS**  
**GCH AM**  
**BISS CH**  
*Shaboo'n*  
*Finnibone's*  
*Iron Man*



*Finnibone's*  
*Cuz Mama*  
*Can CGN*  
**CD RE DSA**  
**DJX HDJ AN**  
**ETD**



**AM CH**  
*Coomara Ogha*  
*O'BobN AT*  
*Beltane BN*  
**CD RN TDI**  
**CGC RATO**  
*BCAT Novice*  
*Dog Parkour*





*AM CH  
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*CH Brekkon's  
Charm'd  
Beginning RI*



*Lorece  
and  
Rob'N –  
ready for  
Obedience*



*Charlene  
and  
Mamacass  
Rally  
Master*



*Cat and Zume Rally Novice*



*Mary and  
Morgan  
Rally  
Intermediate*



*Rally and  
Obedience  
Prizes!*



*Til next time...  
Congratulations  
to all !!!!*

# *The 2023 IWSCA National Specialty will be held May 20 – 24, 2023 near Lake Elmo, Minnesota.*

*L*ake Elmo is located just east of Minneapolis/St. Paul, commonly referred to as the Twin Cities. The Twin Cities and thus the show sites are easily accessed by road via Interstate Highways 35, 90 & 94. The Minneapolis/Saint Paul International Airport is less than 30 freeway miles from the show sites.

## *2023 IWSCA National Specialty basics as currently planned are:*

**Saturday, May 20** Location: Animal Inn, Event: Specialty begins with Obedience and Rally

**Sunday, May 21** Location: Animal Inn, Event: Agility, CGC, Tricks

**Sunday, May 21, evening:** Location: Washington County Fairgrounds, Event: Welcome Party

**Monday, May 22** Location: Washington County Fairgrounds, Event: Annual General Membership Meeting, Parades, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes

**Tuesday, May 23** Location: Washington County Fairgrounds, Event: Judges' Education, Breed Judging

**Wednesday, May 24** Location: Kelly Farms near Scandia, MN, Event: WC/WCX

**Wednesday, May 24** Location: Lake Elmo Inn Event Center Awards Dinner

**Thursday, May 25** – Open date for shopping, sight seeing and relocating.

## *2023 IWSCA Regional -Specialty and Supported Entry: Key City Kennel Club shows, St Peter, MN,*

90 miles from Lake Elmo.

**Friday, May 26** Event: Regional Specialty, Conformation, obedience, rally

**Saturday, May 27** Event: Supported entry at Key City KC show. Conformation, obedience, rally

**Sunday, May 28** All-Breed show. Conformation, obedience, rally.



For updates check the Facebook group, “2023 IWSCA National Specialty” and the website, “[iwscaspecialty.com](http://iwscaspecialty.com)”.

The Specialty Committee and the IWSCA Board are planning additional activities, demonstrations, and clinics which will be announced as the Specialty dates near.

On-site camping is available at the Washington County Fairgrounds as well as nearby campgrounds. Other lodging options will be posted on Facebook and the Specialty website.

And we’ve not forgotten to include meals and entertainment with a regional flair.

Merchandise will soon be available just in time for holiday gifts. These will be posted on the website.

We’re planning lots of “Woods and Waters” fun. We hope you’ll join us for the week!

*It was great getting together with friends!*



## *IWSCA Upcoming Events*

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***January 13-15, 2023***

American Spaniel Club Flushing  
Spaniel Show

***May 20-24, 2023***

Lake Elmo, MN  
IWSCA 2023 National Specialty  
“Woods and Water”  
Lake Elmo, MN

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May 27 both in conjunction with the Key City Kennel Club  
shows, St Peters, MN May 26 – 28.

***June 3, 2023***

WCSA Spaniel Hunt Test