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GLIWA Fall Match

October 14, and

Educational Seminars

October 15

Greater Racine Kennel Club

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President's report:

Looking forward to the weekend of October 14 & 15 for a revival of our annual Fun Match Please come and when you do please give Risha & David Culprit and Christina Rappel a big hug and thank you for shepherding this beloved event. Our judge is IW Breeder Dr. Judi Roller who guarantees me that she will choose only IWs as class winners (smile) November 11 will also be what I personally hope to become an annual event a brewery meet up. Please thank Michelle, Violet and Tony Whitehall W for setting that up.

Do you notice that our IWs perk up as the weather cools off?

I long for the crunch of leaves on long crispy walks.

Now don't forget clear your calendars for October 14 and 15 for our new and improved Fall Fun Match.

See you there

Mike Cherry



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MINUTES

Board Members present: Mr. Michael Cherry; Mr. Joe Mahoney; Mr. Doug Morrison; Ms. Pat Powers; Ms. Debbie Greene; Mr. Scott Mortenson

Board Members absent: Mr. Bill Hurless (not sure Bill still board member?); Ms. Maria Lubera

Guests: Ms. Michelle and Mr. Tony Wittenhall; Mr. Robert Greene; Ms. Madeleine Mahoney

Fun match update provided by Ms. Risha and Mr. David Berzins. A list of volunteers for distribution and review has been provided to Mr. Michael Cherry (see attachment for specifics). Some needed areas discussed include volunteers for silent auction, lunch organization for Saturday, and boutique for Saturday, and for catalogue sales. Set-up crew for ring needed for Saturday. Cleanup crew needed for Sunday; requirement to vacate and clean premises by 4 pm Sunday. Ms. Berzins will verify equipment needed for match ring on Tuesday the following week. Ms. Claire Morrison reviewed plans for lunch catering. Mr. Mahoney will bring trophies and sound system, as well as perform sound system set-up. Trophies will include perpetual and take home trophies. Board members attending will plan to arrive at approximately 8 am Saturday.

President's Report

Fun match promotion efforts appreciated. Parade of rescues will be proposed.

Vice President's Report

No report

Secretary/Membership

Consideration for moving due date for membership fees as they appear to coincide with Northstar. Motion to change membership renewal date to June. Motion passes.

Treasurer

Mr. Mahoney distributed a Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting. The report is available upon request.

Publications

Ms. Pat Powers wishes to relinquish responsibility for the newsletter. Pat will prepare a job description for the

individual who assumes those duties. Mr Cherry provided thanks from the board for her commitment and dedication to the newsletter.

Activities

Ms Claire Morrison provided an update. Ms. Michelle Wittenhall presented a plan for a November 11th meet up at Hailstorm.

New Business

Mr. Tony Wittenhall named nominating chair by Mr. M. Cherry. Nominating chair will poll the board to identify individuals wishing to serve. Ms. Claire Morrison, Mr and Ms. Wittenhall will serve as members of the nominating committee.

Annual meeting venue committee (Motion made and passed to stay at Rockwood Tap for annual meeting) Mr Scott Mortenson agreed to volunteer as point person for the annual members meeting.

Rescue

Mr. Robert Greene updated the Board regarding circumstances behind a recent rescue for an eight year old named Sully.

In a non-related matter, issues related to liability for wolfhound rescue were discussed. A motion to research the need for a review of liability for GLIWA rescue.

Old business

New business

Mr. Mike Philpott and Mr. Mike Kelly to coordinate to work on an integration of gmail with square space which hosts the GLIWA web site.

Robert and Debbie Greene
Joe and Madeleine Mahoney
Michelle and Tony Wittenhall
Scott and Diane Mortenson
Michael Cherry
Pat Powers
Doug and Claire Morrison
Michael Kelly

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association Fall Fun Match

Our fabulous Fun Match will begin all over again this year in October on the 14th at the Greater Racine Kennel Club Grounds 6320 6 Mile Rd, Racine, WI 53402

Come and see what it's all about. Maybe you think it's just a beauty show. That's part of it but there is a lot more, and here's a fun way to find out what that judge is thinking.

Beautiful, handmade Irish Wolfhound cups by Don Goodrich will be awarded to all first place winners.

This is a good time to meet other wolfhound people and maybe a breeder or two that you might like to talk with about that next puppy.

Dr. Judi Roller of Rivendell Irish Wolfhounds will be our Fun Match Judge.

We have lunch from Portillo's planned so please let us know if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough food for all.

There will also be a boutique where you can buy interesting Irish wolfhound goodies.

A silent auction with IW merchandise will be available Saturday.

Attendance is open to anyone interested in Irish Wolfhounds. Entry classes encompass puppies over 3 months of age to Veterans, altered IWs, and Champions. The Premium List is available at <http://gliwa.org/events/>





Sunday there will be seminars include “Grooming Your Irish Wolfhound” and “Canine Nutrition” as well as presentations geared to those looking for their first Irish Wolfhound and those new to competing with their Irish Wolfhound.

Directions To Greater Racine Kennel Club

From the North, exit 7 Mile Road east to Hwy. 38 and turn south (right). Follow Hwy. 38 and signs for Hwy. G through the town of Husher to where Hwy. 38 turns south (right) and Hwy G (6 Mile road) continues forward. Follow Hwy. G for 1 mile. The GRKC is on the left (north) side of the road.

From the South, exit at Highway G and go East following G.

From Hwy. 31 (Green Bay Road) or Hwy 32
To Hwy G (6 Mile Rd) 1 mile west. The GRKC is on the right (north) side of the road.

Maps are on the GRKC.org website

Calendar of Events 2017

The Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association is a club that enjoys hosting and participating in many events and activities throughout the year. Anyone interested in our breed is welcome to join us.

We ask that you contact one of our activities directors if you plan on participating in any of these events. Michael Cherry at Michaelcherry1704@comcast.net>; Claire Morrison at dcmorrison11@comcast.net.

October 14 & 15, 2017

We are excited to announce the return of the

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Fun Match

At the Greater Racine Kennel Club 6320 6 Mile Rd, Racine, Wisconsin 53402

Conformation Fun Match Judge: Dr. Judi M. Roller

Day One: Saturday, October 14 *Conformation Fun Match

*Vendors *Silent Auction *Judge's Dinner

Day Two: Sunday, October 15, *Vendors *Education Seminars

Show Co-chairs: Risha Cupit Berzins, David Berzins, Christina Marie Rappel

Hotel block information: LaQuinta Pleasant Prairie Inn Kenosha/Pleasant Prairie, 7540 118th Ave Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158 (262)857-7911

Block of rooms is listed under; Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association/ GLIWA for the nights of Friday, Oct. 13 & Saturday, Oct.14 *Reservation # 4017549

2 Dogs per room strictly enforced *No pet deposit required

*Room types/cost before taxes & fees: King \$89.10 per night ~ Double \$93.60 per night

Please be sure to book early, as Oct. is Wisconsin's biggest wedding season! Stay tuned for more details & feel free to invite your friends!!!

Saturday November 11th Walk at The Orland Grasslands and Lunch at the Hailstorm Brewery

11:30 AM

Meet up at The Orland Grasslands

167th Street & S La Grange Road, Tinley Park, IL

We will meet in the parking lot, just west of La Grange Rd. <https://www.orlandgrassland.org/>

The trail is five miles around the perimeter. A hike through Orland Grassland at the southern edge of Orland Park, provides expansive views of gently rolling prairie and wetland. Most pathways are wide open and can be very sunny. We will not walk the whole trail, but will walk for about an hour. We recommend a hat and plenty of sunscreen, even in winter. We would also suggest bringing water for your hounds.



Around 12:30 pm

We will head over to Hailstorm Brewery

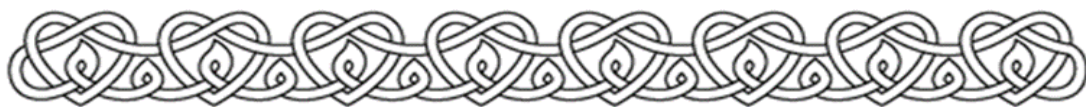
8060 186th St, Tinley Park, IL, for lunch. Around 10 minutes from the grasslands.
<http://www.hailstormbrewing.com/>

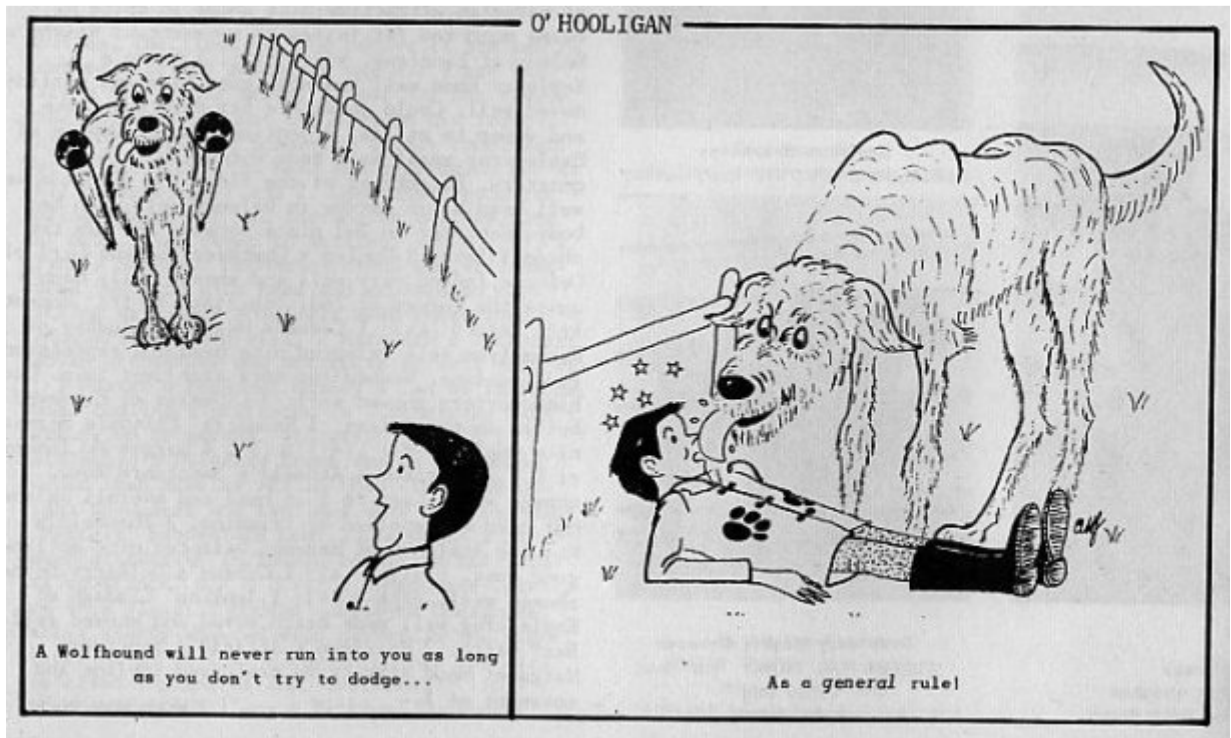
Hailstorm specializes in artisan craft beer, all brewed on the premises. We can order pizza's for lunch from a local restaurant.

Leashed dogs are allowed inside with owners.

NOTE: Space is limited. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Contact Claire Morrison (dcmorrison11@comcast.net) or Michelle Whittenhall (michelle.whittenhall@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.







Cartoon courtesy of Hillary Jupp

How Exercise Can Harm A Puppy's Growth Plates

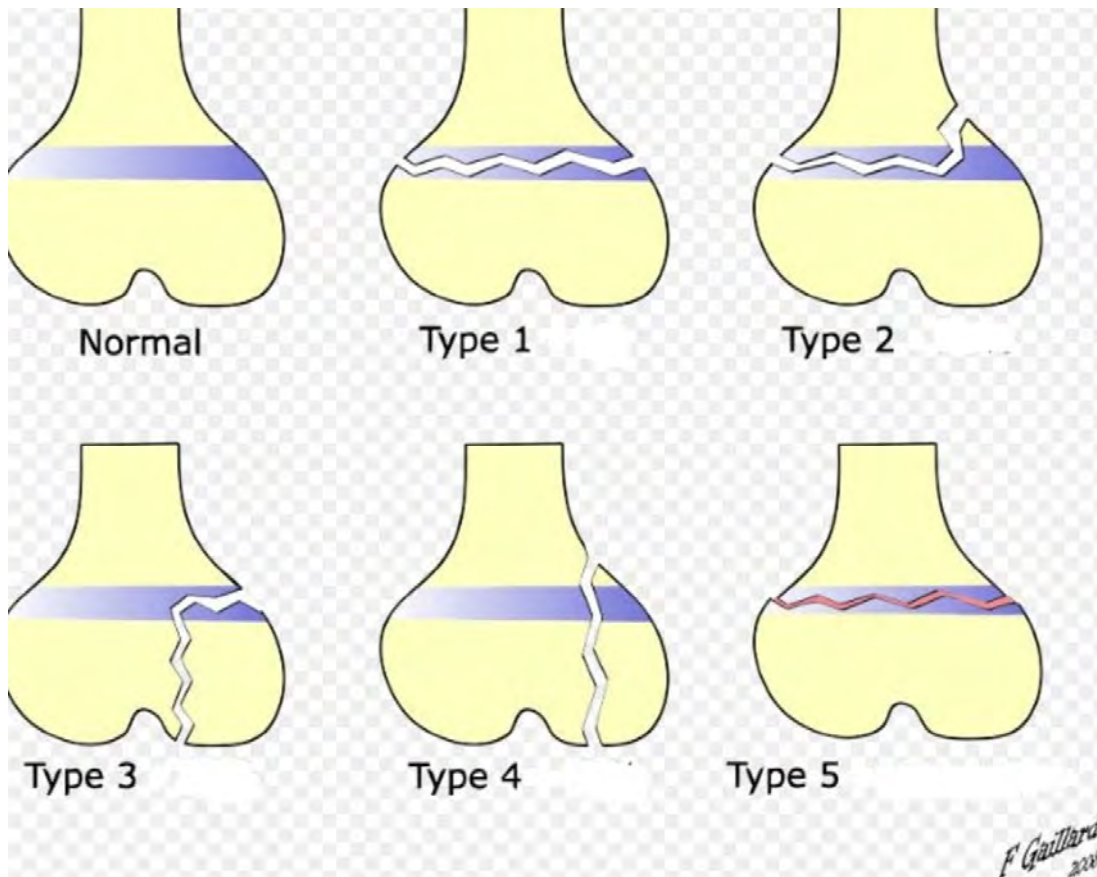
Adrienne Janet Farricelli [more](#)

Adrienne is a former veterinary hospital assistant, certified dog trainer, behavior consultant, and author of "Brain Training for Dogs."

A Matter of Growth Plates

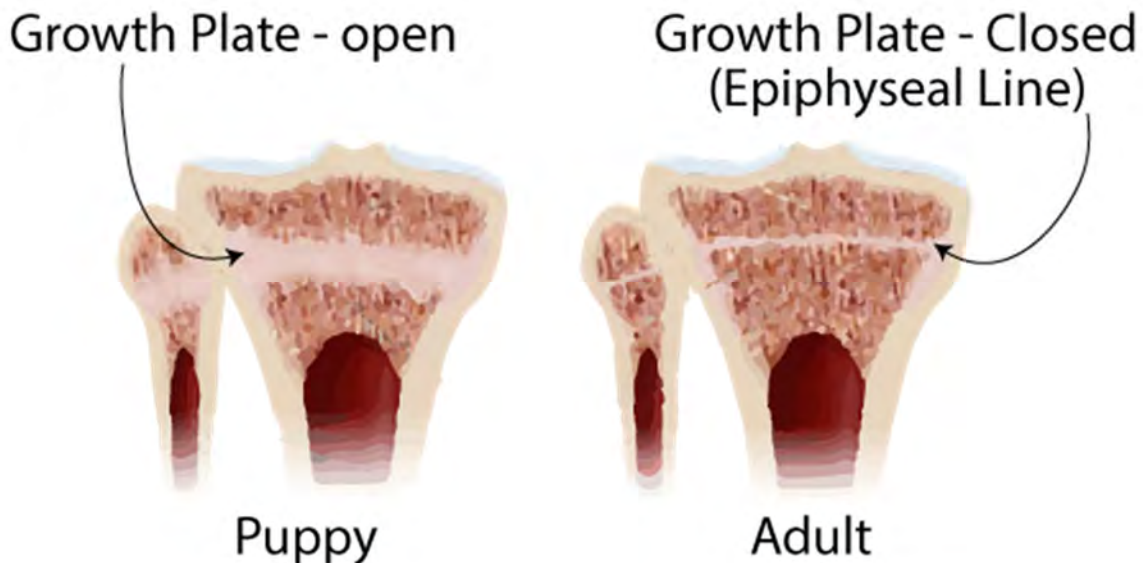
Are there puppy exercise limits to follow so as not to harm a puppy's growth plates? When can my puppy come jogging with me and when can we start agility classes? These are common questions puppy owners eagerly ask. There is no question that puppies love exercise and movement in general, you can see it in their eyes as they brighten up upon seeing toys that entice him to stalk, pounce and run. Yet, as with everything in life, puppy exercise limits must be applied because too much of a good thing can always risk to harm. In this case, one of the biggest risks is posed by damage to the puppy's developing skeletal system, in particular to the delicate developing bones of the puppy's long legs.

The issue is mostly a question of growth plates. What exactly are puppy growth plates? Growth plates are soft areas of developing cartilage tissue found by the ends of the dog's long bones. They are typically made of cartilage when the puppy is born, but gradually they calcify and transforms into denser bone as the puppy matures. The dog's long bones do not develop from the center outward; instead, growth occurs right by the growth plate at the end of the long bones. As the puppy grows, the growth plates close and harden into solid bone; however, prior to that, the growth plates are vulnerable to being injured and potentially fractured because they are the last portion of the bones to harden.



An injury to the puppy's leg during this time may result in lots of damage and potential deformity. The main problem is the fact that an injury to a growth plate may result in damaged cells that will stop growing on one side. In the meanwhile though, the healthy, undamaged cells on the other side will continue to grow because they are healthy, with the end result of the bone developing a deformity. It's vitally important therefore that the growth of all bones is synchronized and happens at the same rate.

The most common deformity appears to occur in the forearm area which comprises the ulna and the radius. If the growth plate of the ulna is injured it will stop growing, while the other bone will continue to grow, potentially causing bowing of the leg. Because of these risks, it's imperative that the puppy sees a vet immediately if he sustains an injury. It's also important to keep an eye on the length and straightness of a dogs' legs and compare them with the other leg and immediately report any abnormalities. As with other developmental problems, the key to avoiding them is through prevention.



When Do Puppy Growth Plates Close?

So when do puppy growth plates close? Generally, most growth takes place when the puppy is between the ages of 4 to 8 months. After the age of 8 months, there is minimal longitudinal growth of bones going on, and by one year of age, most growth plates are fused or closed and no longer show on x-rays, according to Vet Surgery Central. However, in some large/giant dog breeds the growth plates may remain open up to 18 to 20 months of age.

For a general guide on time frames it takes for puppy growth plates to close, see this table by Provet Healthcare Information. It's always a good practice to ask a vet before starting a puppy on jumps and weave poles or any rigorous exercise regimen. Veterinarian and agility expert, Joni L. Freshman, veterinarian and agility expert, recommends refraining from "any jumping training, any weave poles or any contact (climbing) obstacles until the growth plates are closed as well."

Since most of the longitudinal growth of bones occurs up to eight months of age, growth plate injuries that occur after this point are not as devastating.



— Dr. Daniel A. Degner, Board-certified Veterinary Surgeon
Puppy Exercise Limits

For a very good reason, trainers running agility classes won't let puppies compete in this sport until the puppy has generally turned at least one year old, in the meanwhile though, they may get the puppy familiar with the equipment and start some basics in foundation classes such as learning to walk through an agility tunnel.

Training a pup to walk through an agility tunnel is not only fun, but helps instill confidence and provides some basic skills. At my training center, we love to introduce tunnels and make walking them a fun experience. Then, as the puppy reaches an age when more rigorous exercise can be started (this may vary between one breed and another) jumps of certain heights can be introduced and young dogs may even start competing. .

This does not apply to the sport of agility only. Any type of high-impact activities or prolonged exercise on hard surfaces may potentially cause the puppy's bone to cease growing or even grow in an incorrect way. This includes repeatedly jumping to catch a Frisbee, jogging on concrete and hurdling over obstacles at full speed with leg twisting movements.



Source
An Easy Guideline

So how do you gauge your puppy's exercise? And what forms of exercise are appropriate for young pups? As a general rule of thumb, the U.K. Kennel Club recommends five minutes of exercise per month of age twice a day. This means a four-month old puppy should get about 20 minutes of exercise at a time. Short walks, brief training sessions and play with other pups is often sufficient for young pups.

Some veterinarians may further recommend supplements (glycosaminoglycans and chondroprotective agents) for high-risk breeds to help prevent damage to the growth plates.

While calcium supplements may sound like a good idea for developing strong bones, giving excess calcium can be as dangerous as not getting enough. Always consult with a vet before giving supplements and ask about the nutritional needs of puppies when feeding a home-made or an all-meat diet. A balanced diet is very important for good skeletal development and strong bones.

Disclaimer: this article is not meant to be used as a substitute for professional veterinary advice. Please consult with your vet for advice on puppy exercise limits and questions on puppy growth plates.

Sterilization of Large/Giant Breed Dogs Before Adulthood And Its Effect On Bone/Joint Development

Giant Breed Dog

Although veterinarians and the orthopedic foundation for pets have not observed developmental orthopedic (bone, muscle, and joint) abnormalities, the notion that neutering large to giant breed males or spaying females before they reach sexual maturity leads to increased ligament injuries and the development of hip dysplasia, has been prevalent in breed forums, among breeders, groomers, etc. Despite there being no evidence to support this claim outside of innuendo and assumptions, the rhetoric has nonetheless persisted and now commonly ends up in my examination room.

To make matters worse, a study conducted by the veterinary college of UC Davis in 2013, kind of lent some credence to the large breed pre-adult anti-sterilization movement. I state "kind of," because the study only concluded a very small, virtually nominal increase in the incidence of orthopedic problems in dogs sterilized less than 6 months of age. For dogs sterilized over 6 months of age, no appreciable increase in orthopedic disease was observed. For even dogs that were sterilized prior to 6 months of age, no deficiencies in if reaching full growth potential were noted in the UC Davis or any other study that has preceded it.

Consequently, while many in the large breed pre-adult anti-sterilization movement may see the UC Davis study as vindication of their sentiments, veterinarians view it as proof that it may not be a good idea to spay/neuter a large breed dog before 6 months of age; something that the majority of us were not recommending anyway. It also proves that waiting until adulthood and/or sexual maturity to sterilize a large/giant breed dog does absolutely nothing to decrease the incidence of orthopedic deformities or injuries if done at or about 6 months of age. On other hand, waiting until sexual maturity to sterilize may accomplish the following in male and female dogs, respectively:

– Males

Development of aggression, marking, and other unwanted "male" behavior that may not resolve with neuter after sexual maturity

Development of a thickening of the tale base tissue called stud tail, which commonly leads to ski infections.

Growth of benign but unsightly and/or unhygienic tumors around anal region, called perianal adenomas.

Increased incidence of infection of the penis and skin sheath that covers it (called balanoposthitis).

Increased incidence of prostate infections and prostate enlargement.

– Females

Increased incidence of mammary cancer.

Predisposition to life threatening infection of the uterus called pyometra.

Increased tendency for nervous or aggressive demeanor.

Predisposition to infections of the mammary gland (called mastitis).

In conclusion, there is absolutely no increased risk of orthopedic disease in large to giant breed dogs before adulthood if done after 6 months of age. On the other hand, waiting until adulthood to have these pets sterilized can lead to number of problems, not to mention making the procedures

at that time a greater risk and recovery slower (reproductive organs after sexual maturity of great blood supply and are larger, predisposing to more bleeding, while necessitating larger incisions).

Dr. Roger Welton is the President of Maybeck Animal Hospital in West Melbourne, FL, Chief Editor of the Veterinary Advice and Information Website, Web-DVM, and founder/CEO of Dr. Roger's Holistic Veterinary Care.



Hounds in the News

The screenshot shows the top portion of a news article. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with 'ONLINE NEWSPAPER' and 'LOG IN' links. Below this is a white header with a hamburger menu icon, 'SECTIONS', the 'The HERALD-NEWS' logo, and a 'SUBSCRIBE' button with a lock icon. The main content area features a large photograph of a grey and brown Irish Wolfhound dog with its mouth open, sitting in a wire cage. A person's hand is visible on the right side of the dog, petting its head. Below the photo is a credit line: '[Alex Ortiz - aortiz@shawmedia.com]'. The article text begins with: 'One of the main attractions were the Irish Wolfhounds, which is one of the largest breeds of dogs and have been native to Ireland for thousands of years.' At the bottom of the article preview, there is a row of social media sharing buttons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Reddit, Pinterest, and Tumblr.

The Morrison's Baron

GENTLE WHEN STROKED ~ FIERCE WHEN PROVOKED

Do you know who they are?

Irish wolfhound at the White Sox Game



By Jessica Kleinschmidt

Here at Cut4 we are obsessed with dogs. We love all the dogs. The fluffy dogs, the skinny dogs, and especially the big dogs. Or in this case, the giant dogs.

The White Sox were hosting "Dog Day" night on Wednesday as they fell to the Indians, 5-1, in Cleveland's 14th straight win. And while there were many adorable canines, one of the spectators stood out above the rest.

BigDog

This very good (and very massive) dog stretches across a few seats and the commentators themselves were in shock at the size of the hound. Sporting a White Sox bandana and being extremely well behaved, you can see it was eager to meet all of the other pups in attendance.

10 out of 10 would pet him.

Help Wanted!

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association needs a new editor.

Have you wanted to do a newsletter? Then let us know please.

Experience needed - good computer and grammar skills.

Ability to source material to fill the newsletter every 3 months.

Some visual design experience.

Ability to improvise.

Contact Pat Powers at treanaiw@yahoo.

Yes, I'll be available for consultation. It's time for new ideas and insight.

(Note – I hadn't done this before I started so if you have the desire and ability to learn you can do it too.)

Can be done remotely – not necessary to be in the immediate Chicago area.

Irish American Heritage Fest



Child tasting by Bodhi! I think she liked him



More Babies and Hounds



Pictures by Debbie Greene

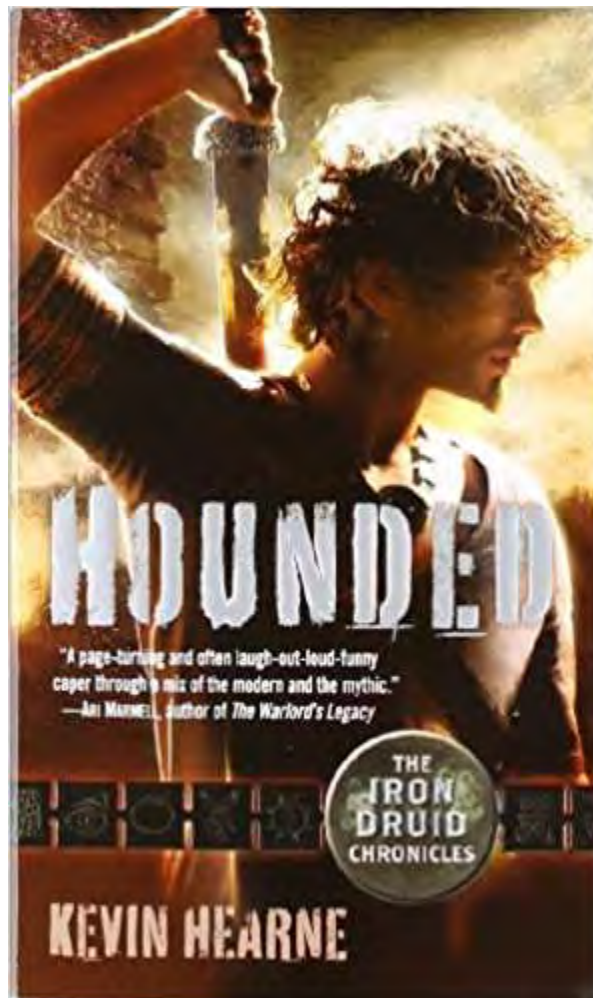
Irish Wolfhounds in Books

We all enjoy reading stories with wolfhounds in them and there are some new series that you might like.

The Iron Druid Series by Kevin Hearne

A blend of science fiction and fantasy, with a wolfhound named Oberon who has delightful mental comments on food and life.

Oberon also has his own twitter account and info page <http://theirondruidchronicles.wikia.com/wiki/Oberon> and a couple of books of his own



The Embroidery Mystery Series

By Amanda Lee

Totally lighthearted and fun a mystery series of ten books so far set in Oregon. Best of all not only is there an Irish wolfhound in every book, Angus is on every cover!

