

# Midwest Wolfhound

A quarterly newsletter for and about  
Irish wolfhounds and their people.  
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## Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association

Annual Meeting-Dinner  
Saturday, February 4, 2012

At the



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Invites you to the Annual Meeting-Dinner  
Saturday, February 4, 2012



3131 Finley Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 964-3131  
<http://www.rockwoodtaphouse.com/>

Cocktails and Appetizers 5:30 ~ Dinner 6:30  
\$35.00 a person

Family Style dinner includes; London Broil & Orange Ginger Salmon  
Salad, potato, vegetable and dessert. Soft beverages, coffee and tea.

Cash bar! 🍷

Our guest speaker is Dr. Joe Whalen  
Dr. Joe graduated with honors from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine  
in 1991. His areas of special interest are alternative medicine including Chiropractic care,  
Acupuncture, Chinese herbs,  
Veterinary rehabilitation, and orthopedic surgery.

Our photo board will be up. Bring some of those  
wonderful pictures of your wolfhounds.

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Reservations must be in no later than January 28. Send to Claire Morrison, 6215 W 127<sup>th</sup> St. Palos Heights, IL. 60463. Please make your check out to GLIWA

## GLIWA Calendar of events

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES 2012

#### February 4

Annual Meeting-Dinner  
Rockwood Tap House  
3131 Finley Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

#### March is parade month



Manhattan St. Pat's Day Parade

Naperville St. Pat's Parade

And maybe Southside Irish Parade

More info to follow

#### April 1st

Meet up & Lunch  
At the home of Mike and Helen Philpot, 26 County Road 1800 N, Seymour, IL

Mike and Helen Philpot invite us back to their home for a meet up with our hounds. What a great time it will be walking your hounds on their five acres of land with open unpaved trails that go down to the Sangamon River. Afterward, they invite us to stay for a wonderful homemade lunch. All you will need to bring is a lawn chair. Water will be available for the dogs.

So that Helen has some idea how many will be there for lunch, please contact her at [helen@EnglishHedgerow.com](mailto:helen@EnglishHedgerow.com) or me, Claire Morrison [morrison-iw@att.net](mailto:morrison-iw@att.net). As always last minute attendees are welcome

Mike and Helen Philpot  
26 County Road 1800 N  
Seymour, IL 61875

#### April? - TBA

Passport to Ireland, Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier.  
700 E. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60611  
The hours are from 11-3pm  
Contact Barb Pische if you are interested. [remi2332@sbcglobal.net](mailto:remi2332@sbcglobal.net)

**April 30- May 3**

IWCA Specialty

Purina Farms, Grey Summit, Mo.

<http://www.iwclubofamerica.org>

**Saturday, May 19**

**GLIWA Annual Spring Match and LGRA Trial**

**Judge: Donna Smith, Taliesin Irish Wolfhounds**

**Pilcher Park, Joliet, IL.**

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**Sunday, May 20**

LGRA (Racing) Trial Pilcher Park, Joliet, IL.

**May 26-28 Memorial weekend**

Gaelic Park Irish Fest

6119 W. 147th St, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

The dog exhibition is three days from 2pm-6pm

**June 16-17**

Scottish Festival and Highland Games

The Midwest's premier showcase for Scottish arts and Culture

Hamilton Lakes, Itasca. Times are anytime between 8-4pm.

**August?**

The Irish American Alliance Annual Picnic

Bur Oak Woods, Cook County Forest Preserves

**September 2-4 Labor Day weekend**

Wisconsin Highland Games

Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha, Wisconsin

<http://www.wisconsinScottish.org/>

**October?**

GLIWA Annual Fall picnic

**Saturday, October 20**

Locust Grove Match

At the home of Robert and Gretchen Bernardi,

Berwyck

Edwardsville, IL.

**Some dates have not been determined; check our web site  
or Facebook page for updates**



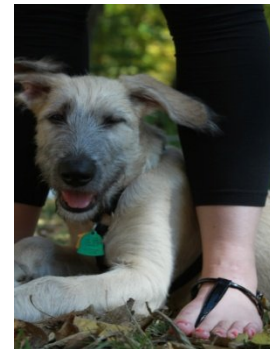
## GLIWA Picnic at the Pilcher Park Nature Center

We could not have asked for a nicer day. We were tucked away back in this beautiful park by the log cabin nature center. The sun was shining and the trees were full with beautiful red, orange and yellow leaves...

Chris Krowzack started the day with a grooming workshop, accompanied by Acapella as the demonstration dog. We sat around in a circle as she showed us some great ideas on grooming and also what tools we should use. Being the good students that we are, the fur started to fly as we all began brushing and grooming our hounds.



By the time Chris was done, we were all ready for lunch. Barb Pische cooked on the grill while the rest of us set out all the side salads and desserts we brought.



Afterwards the sign up sheets came out and most everyone joined in the games. Chris and Maria started them out by measuring for the tallest dog and longest tail. The results were no surprise if you had a chance to stand next to a wolfhound named Ardyn.

Ardyn took both tallest dog (36") and longest tail (29") Two years reigning champion (Bill, Linda Hurless)

Find the Hot Dog, we have a new Champion - Bandit. He had no trouble finding it in less than 16 seconds. (John Lockhart and Shelley Udell)

Boxer Rebellion, Fastest two were Jennifer Ahren with her boy Sean  
Godzilla Game, Tosca. She knocked those little critters down in less than 15 seconds (The Wunsch's)

The Best Costume contest was next, we had eight dogs entered and they were all dressed to the hilt. After parading around for all of us to see, everyone agreed that all eight had the best costume and won!



Tosca was dressed up as the amazing Lady GaGa (Katie Wunsch)



Bailey looked so cute in her Bat Dog Costume (Katie Wunsch)



Roric was very cool as Wonder Boy (Leslye Sandburg)



Bandit was of course The Cool Guy (John Lockhart, Shelley Udell)







Lavender was the very proud Lion King  
(John Lockhart & Shelley Udell)



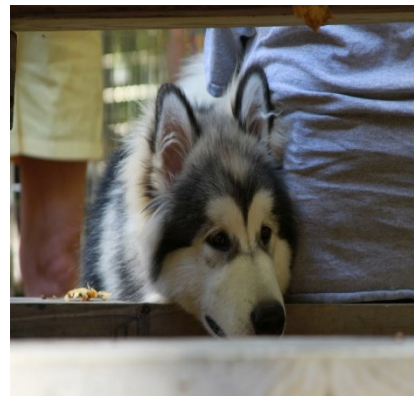
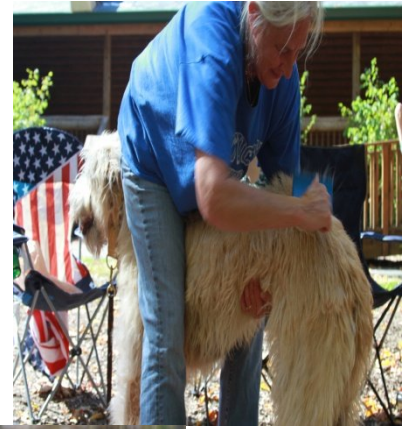
Moose looked so handsome as the Cowardly Lion  
Farley shone in his Tin Man costume.  
Sean was the very sweet Scarecrow  
All with (Jennifer Ahrens)



Thanks to everyone for coming out and making it an enjoyable day. A special thank you to Debbie and Robert Greene for some of these photos and letting us use this wonderful location for our picnic and Brandon Kerr for all the great photos he took.







More photos can be seen on our Facebook page

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## GREAT LAKES IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m.

Board members present: Maria Lubera, Joe Mahoney, Debbie Habian, Doug Morrison, Claire Morrison, Jane Brown, Pat Powers, Leslye Sandberg, Barb Pische

Absent: Debbie Greene

Also present: Madeleine Mahoney, Chris Krowzack

Minutes were read and approved as published in The Midwest Wolfhound

**Reports**

**President-** No report

Executive session held - discussion on need to enumerate all GLIWA policies and standards for reputable breeders and guidelines for ethical behavior

**VP / Hospitality-** No report

**Secretary / Membership-** 125 current members

**Treasurer-** Report available upon request

**Activities-**

- Annual picnic was a success and Pilcher good location - 25 wolfhounds attended

- Helen and Mike Philpott have invited members again late spring 2012 - date and details to follow

**Ways and Means:** Sales slow, will need more items for 2012 Match

**Publications-** New printer working great - Newsletter deadline early December

**Rescue-** No report

**Old Business**

Annual members meeting date set tentatively for Sat. Feb 4, 2012 Rockwood Tap, Downers Grove

GLIWA trademark - Leslye reported cannot register trademark for both GLIWA and full name

Board decision to use full name "Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association"

**Match 2012**

Date set for May 19-20, 2012 at Pilcher Park, Joliet, Donna Smith judge

attendees will need chairs and canopies if they have

Barb will do hospitality during match, Volunteer committee needs volunteers

No new items will be bought for boutique - will have raffle and GLIWA goodies

Will ask Branden Kerr to do photography, Karen or Slash to run LGRA

Board looking for restaurants in area and dog-friendly hotels - details to follow

**New Business**

Chris Krowzack's Report of Nominating Committee

President - Maria Lubera, VP - Claire Morrison, Treasurer - Leslye Sandberg, Secretary - Debbie Habian

Board:

Elected for 2-yr terms:

Jane Brown  
Debbie Greene  
Pat Powers

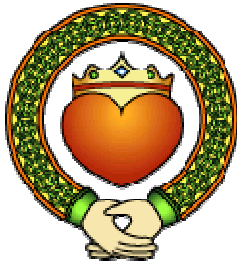
Finishing their terms:

Doug Morrison  
Joe Mahoney

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Debbie Habian  
Secretary





gone hunting



You were the best.  
Better than the rest!  
We loved you from the start.  
Until that fateful day.  
That dreadful day...  
When you passed away.  
You will always be our shining star!  
And we will always love you.

**Rockhart Conall of Mayo**

aka "Big C"

November 8, 2003-November 6, 2011

Loved by Joe and Madeleine Mahoney







*Rockhart Ceili at Glenmoriston*

*11/ 8/ 2003 ~ 9/11/2011*

*They haven't really been taken away. They have only gone with the Angels to play.  
They have been given wings with which to fly. All their troubles have passed them by.*

*Their life in heaven now must start. But we'll hold their memory in our hearts.  
Nothing about them will be forgotten. But now they sleep on billowy clouds of cotton.*

*Author Unknown*

*We miss our sweet girl*

*Doug, Claire  
Sky, Mooney, Piper*







Stoneybrook Kamille, FCh

December 13, 2000

to

April 17, 2011

I love thee, I love thee  
with a love that shall not die  
Till the sun grows cold  
and the stars grow old  
-William Shakespeare



"Please, remember me, fondly.

I heard from someone you're still pretty.

And then they went on to say

The pearly gates

Had some eloquent grafitti

Like "We'll meet again." "

"The Trapeze Swinger" Iron & Wine



**Medical information from the American Veterinary Medical Association  
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### **Leptospirosis in Dogs and Cats**

- Avoid letting your dog drink from or swim in rivers, lakes, ponds, marshy areas or slow-moving or stagnant water;
- Minimize contact with wildlife, farm animals and rodents, including carcasses.

Although an infected pet dog presents a low risk of infection for you and your family, there is still some risk. If your dog has been diagnosed with leptospirosis, take the following precautions to protect yourself:

- Administer antibiotics properly as prescribed by your veterinarian;
- Avoid contact with your dog's urine;
- Wear gloves when cleaning up urine;
- If your dog urinates in your home, quickly clean the area with a household disinfectant;
- Encourage your dog to urinate away from standing water or areas where people or other animals will have access;
- Wash your hands after handling your pet.

If you are ill or if you have questions about leptospirosis in people, consult your physician. If you are pregnant or immunocompromised (due to medications, cancer treatment, HIV or other conditions), consult your physician for advice.

Although this brochure provides basic information about leptospirosis, your veterinarian is always your best source of health information. Consult your veterinarian for more information about leptospirosis and its prevention.

This brochure was developed with assistance from the

American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM)

For more information, visit,  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)

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### **Zoonotic Risk**

### **What is leptospirosis?**

Leptospirosis is a disease caused by infection with *Leptospira* bacteria. These bacteria can be found worldwide in soil and water. There are many strains of *Leptospira* bacteria that can cause disease.

### **Where can it be found?**

Leptospirosis is more common in areas with warm climates and high annual rainfall but it can occur anywhere. Exposure to slow-moving or stagnant water is a major risk factor for leptospirosis, although it can also be contracted from wet, shaded grass or along the banks of rivers or lakes. In the United States, the southwestern states appear to have lower risk of leptospirosis. The highest number of leptospirosis cases occurs in the late summer and fall in the United States, but seasonality can vary in different parts of the country.

### **What animals are at risk?**

Dogs are most commonly affected.

Leptospirosis in cats is rare and appears to be mild although very little is known about the disease in this species. In some parts of the United States where the bacteria are widespread in the environment, almost every dog is at risk of developing leptospirosis, regardless of whether they live in the country, suburbs or city. Any age, breed or sex of dog can be affected. Common risk factors for leptospirosis in dogs residing in the United States include:

- Exposure to or drinking from rivers, lakes or streams;
- Roaming on rural properties (because of exposure to potentially infected wildlife, farm animals, or water sources);
- Exposure to wild animal or farm animal species, even if in the backyard;
- Contact with rodents or other dogs (such as in urban areas, dog parks or multi dog working facilities).



**How is it spread?**

Dogs can become infected and develop leptospirosis if their mucous membranes (or skin with any wound, such as a cut or scrape) come into contact with infected urine, urine-contaminated soil, water, food or bedding; through a bite from an infected animal; by eating infected tissues or carcasses; and rarely through breeding. It can also be passed through the placenta from the mother dog to the puppies.

**What are the signs of leptospirosis?**

The signs of leptospirosis in dogs vary based on the strain of the bacteria, geographic location, and how the dog's immune system reacts to the infection. Some infected dogs do not show any signs of illness, some have a mild and transient illness and recover spontaneously, while others develop severe illness and death. Signs of leptospirosis can be very non-specific. They may include fever, shivering, muscle tenderness, reluctance to move, increased thirst, changes in the frequency or amount of urination, dehydration, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and mucous membranes), or painful inflammation within the eyes. The disease can cause kidney failure with or without liver failure. Dogs may occasionally develop severe lung disease and show high respiratory rates (breath rates) and have difficulty breathing. Leptospirosis can cause bleeding disorders, which can lead to blood-tinged vomit, urine, feces (stool) or saliva; nosebleeds; and pinpoint red spots (which may be visible on the gums and other mucous membranes or on light-colored skin). Affected dogs can also develop swollen legs (from fluid accumulation) or accumulate excess fluid in their chest or abdomen.

**How is it diagnosed and treated?**

Leptospirosis may be suspected based on the exposure history and signs shown by the dog, but many of these signs can also be seen with other diseases. In addition to a physical examination, your veterinarian may recommend a number of other tests such as blood tests, urine tests, radiographs (x-rays),

and an ultrasound examination. Tests that might be used to help diagnose leptospirosis include tests for antibody production (performed on blood) and tests for the DNA of the organism (performed on blood and urine). The tests recommended are usually based on the severity of disease and the signs observed. Leptospirosis is generally treated with antibiotics and supportive care. Depending on the severity of their illness, affected dogs may require fluid therapy, and/or nutritional support. In extreme cases oxygen therapy, mechanical ventilation (support for breathing), kidney dialysis, or other intensive care measures might be necessary. When treated early and aggressively, the chances for recovery are good but there is still a risk of permanent residual kidney or liver damage. When warranted, early referral for kidney dialysis, which gives the kidneys time to mend, can be life saving for dogs if finances allow. Dogs with severe respiratory disease are less likely to recover despite treatment. Other dogs in the household may also need to be treated for leptospirosis, even if they do not yet appear ill.

**Are people at risk?**

Yes. Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, which means it can be spread from animals to people. Infection can cause flu-like symptoms and can cause liver or kidney disease. In the United States, most cases of human leptospirosis result from recreational activities involving water. Infection resulting from contact with an infected pet is much less common, but it is possible.

**How is it prevented?**

Currently available vaccines effectively prevent leptospirosis and protect dogs for at least 12 months. Contrary to some beliefs, these vaccines are no more likely to cause adverse reactions than are the other commonly administered vaccines. Annual vaccination is recommended for at-risk dogs.

**Chicken Jerky Warning**

FDA Continues to Caution Dog Owners About Chicken Jerky Products

November 18, 2011

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is again cautioning consumers that chicken jerky products for dogs (also sold as chicken tenders, strips or treats) may be associated with illness in dogs. In the last 12 months, FDA issued a cautionary warning regarding chicken jerky products to consumers in September 2007 and a Preliminary Animal Health Notification in December of 2008. After seeing the number of complaints received drop off during the latter part of 2009 and most of 2010, the FDA is once again seeing the number of complaints rise to the levels of concern that prompted release of our earlier warnings.

Chicken jerky products should not be substituted for a balanced diet and are intended to be fed occasionally in small quantities.

FDA is advising consumers who choose to feed their dogs chicken jerky products to watch their dogs closely for any or all of the following signs that may occur within hours to days of feeding the products: decreased appetite; decreased activity; vomiting; diarrhea, sometimes with blood; increased water consumption and/or increased urination. If the dog shows any of these signs, stop feeding the chicken jerky product. Owners should consult their veterinarian if signs are severe or persist for more than 24 hours. Blood tests may indicate kidney failure (increased urea nitrogen and creatinine). Urine tests may indicate Fanconi syndrome (increased glucose). Although most dogs appear to recover, some reports to the FDA have involved dogs that have died.

FDA, in addition to several animal health diagnostic laboratories in the U.S., is working to determine why these products are associated with illness in dogs. FDA's Veterinary Laboratory Response Network (VLRN) is now available to support these animal health diagnostic laboratories. To date, scientists have not been able to determine a definitive cause for the reported illnesses. FDA

has seen an increase in the number of complaints it received of dog illnesses associated with consumption of chicken jerky products imported from China. These complaints have been reported to FDA by dog owners and veterinarians.

The FDA continues extensive chemical and microbial testing but has not identified a contaminant. The FDA continues to actively investigate the problem and its origin. Many of the illnesses reported may be the result of causes other than eating chicken jerky. Veterinarians and consumers alike should report cases of animal illness associated with pet foods to the FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator in their state or go to

<http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints1>.





Meet Up at Sundown Meadows



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**Proxy Ballot**  
**Annual Members Meeting, February 2012**

**Nominating Petition**  
**Annual Members Meeting, February 2012**

Article IV Section 8: Proxies. Any Member entitled to vote at any meeting at which a vote of the Members shall be taken shall be entitled to submit at any time prior to the beginning of such meeting, a written and signed Proxy Statement which shall serve as said Member's vote on every matter specifically addressed by said Proxy Statement; provided that any Member may withdraw his or her proxy by personally attending the meeting for which the proxy was submitted. All Proxy Statements must be in writing, signed by the Member, and must express the Member's specific vote on each issue addressed by said Proxy Statement. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to ensure, insofar as it is reasonably possible, that the Member's intentions are accurately included in the official tally of votes.

Article VII Section 3: Nomination by Petition. Any ten percent (10%) of the Individual Members eligible to vote at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Members may nominate in writing a Candidate for any Office or Directorship. The Secretary shall provide each Member, along with the official Notice of the Official Slate of Candidates, and at the Association's expense, one (1) copy of a standardized Nominating Petition Form for the Member's use. The Secretary shall provide any Member with one (1) copy of a standardized Nominating Petition Form at any time upon such member's written request. No other format shall be used for nomination. Completed Petition Forms shall be filed with the Association not more than sixty (60) days and not less than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the Annual Meeting at which the Nominees by Petition shall stand for election.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the **Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association** do hereby cast my vote(s) by proxy as follows:

We, the undersigned members in good standing of the **Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association**, do hereby nominate:

- For the official slate of candidates for election.
- For the official slate of candidates for election. **except** as listed below.
- For the candidates for election listed below.

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For election to the position of:

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 Name Office or  
 Directorship

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 Signed

Looking for a new puppy?

For breeder referrals call

Maria Lubera

630-279-7179

Or contact the Irish Wolfhound Association

Of America

[www.iwclubofamerica.org](http://www.iwclubofamerica.org)

We can help you find a reputable breeder who cares about health and temperament. We also have a Breeder Referral section in our website

[www.gliwa.org](http://www.gliwa.org).



Please do not buy a puppy from someone who advertises PayPal on their website as the way to buy a puppy before you have even seen it or checked out the breeder. Reputable breeders want to meet the people who are going to have their puppies.



**Report of the Nominating Committee  
Official Slate for Election 2012**

According to GLIWA By-Laws, the Nominating Committee respectfully offers the following Official Slate of Candidates for Election at the February, 2012 Annual Meeting of the Members, as ratified by the Board of Directors at the November 2011 meeting:

For:

President (1 year term)	Maria Lubera
Vice President (1 year term)	Claire Morrison
Secretary (1 year term)	Debbie Habian
Treasurer (1 year term)	Leslye Sandberg
Director (2 year term)	Jane Brown
Director (2 year term)	Debbie Green
Director: (2 year term)	Pat Powers

The following are completing their original 2 year terms, and are not up for re-election:

Director: (2 year term)	Joe Mahoney
Director: (2 year term)	Doug Morrison

This shall serve as the sole Official Notice to the Members, per By-laws, of the Official Slate of Candidates for election.

Nomination by Petition, Proxies, Write-in Ballots:

According to GLIWA Bylaws any 10% of the members eligible to vote may nominate by petition a candidate or candidates for any office or directorship. A copy of the Nominating Petition Form is included. For the 2011 election, 10 signatures of members eligible to vote shall be required for EACH person nominated by petition for any office of directorship. The Secretary must receive nomination petitions no later than 10 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Proxy Statements will be accepted in lieu of attendance from any member eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. While no official form is required, we have included a Proxy Ballot with this letter.

Per By-laws, "Write-in" votes and "Floor Nominations" shall NOT be accepted.