

Dear Jocelyne & all members of the IWCC Board:

I am submitting my bio for consideration as a possible choice to fill in a vacant director's position within the IWCC.

My family and I have lived with Irish Wolfhounds for 20 years. My husband had always wanted a wolfhound and in 1999 we got our first, a female. We both have had several different breeds in our lives and once we had our first wolfhound there was no other breed for us. Sadly our first was purchased with not much knowledge on our part and we lost her quite young. However due to our challenges with the breeder I was put in touch with the IWCC and from that point on I have gotten to know a lot of the members and breeders over the years as well as being a member myself.

We are not breeders or show people, just a regular family who loves the breed. Gilligan is our fourth wolfhound. I have had the enjoyment of sharing him with the elderly in the community where we live. I started taking my previous boy Keegan to the retirement home where my mother was residing. Gilligan has continued Keegan's legacy at the retirement home as well as the long term care facility where my mother moved after a stroke. My mother has since passed away, however we still continue our visits. Their faces light up when they see us come in, sharing stories of the pets in their lives. As much joy as we bring to them, I can honestly say they give right back to us. Gilligan works for treats and they never disappoint!

I have been to several Specialties over the years showing in altered and my girls did some junior handling long ago. I have little understanding of breeding and showing. Having said that, I believe I can bring an opinion from a wolfhound pet owner's perspective. I feel this is something that is an important balance in a Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hewson