

**Event: Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada
British Columbia Regional Specialty Show**
Date: May 13, 2006
Judge: Gretchen Bernardi

Thank you to all of the officers, show committee members and exhibitors for this wonderful experience. I count judging this specialty and participating in this wolfhound week-end as one of my most memorable and best experiences. So many things contributed to making it so enjoyable: the weather, the beautiful show site and its surrounding, the dogs (from the first place winners right on down through the "also rans"), my wonderful and very helpful steward and those in charge of making me comfortable and ferrying me from place to place. Most importantly, I am grateful to the exhibitors for their almost universal good sportsmanship and their acceptance of their placements. Never think that it goes unnoticed when an exhibitor returns to the ring again and again, despite never winning top honors in the previous classes. I congratulate not only those who won their classes, but also those who did not, but accepted their placements with grace and continued to come back for more.

It is worth repeating and also worth emphasizing that judging is one person's opinion of the dogs she saw on one day and nothing more. Tomorrow brings another judge with different experiences and different tastes. And tomorrow brings another interpretation of the standard and how it applies to this breed. I was asked for my opinion at the 2006 B.C. specialty and it was my great honor to give it. By now you have realized that, in my opinion, an Irish Wolfhound should be a strong, powerful dog with the ability to not only catch a wolf but to kill it. All of us who breed this great dog are required to remember its reason for existence, even though that reason no longer exists.

Movement is not everything in an Irish Wolfhound, but it is important. Some think that side movement is all that matters, including drive and reach, that beautiful ground-covering action. I used to be of that opinion. Some think that soundness coming and going is the most important and perfect footfall is what matters most. I used to be of that opinion as well. But I have come to realize that both are important and should be taken into equal consideration when evaluating our own dogs and others when judging. The trot of the Irish Wolfhound is unlike the flying trot of the German Shepherd, so speed does nothing to impress the knowledgeable judge. When I encounter handlers racing around the ring at top speed, my first reaction is that there must be something in the dog's movement that requires hiding. A dog that is reaching and driving well will do so at any speed.

I ask for a loose lead for several reasons, the most important being the comfort of the dog. But from a judge's standpoint, a dog does his best when moving on his own, balanced on his four feet and not leaning into the lead for support or out of training habit. If you doubt this, look at your dogs at home when they are moving freely and looking their best, at liberty. That is how you want them to look in the ring.

I would like to pay tribute to the training and handling skill of Emma Ross, primarily because I am jealous and because I have a few dogs at home in desperate need of her skill. Every dog she brought into the ring moved calmly and effortlessly, in perfect harmony with her on a long, loose lead, one that rested comfortable at the base of the dogs' necks. They carried their heads at a comfortable level without being choked into that position. I want to publicly commend her for her soft, kind hands with the dogs, who were happy and who looked their best as a result.

And, finally, to the dogs themselves. There was an abundance of quality at this show. Even though I found my Best of Breed from the dog classes, the depth of quality was, as usual, in the bitches, with several really nice ones. The future looks especially good in this regard, because there were so many good young bitches. I was especially pleased to see dogs with adequate length of leg, which is a problem everywhere and in so many breeds.

In the last eight months, I have judged five wolfhound specialties in four countries and the main problem is the same the world over: toplines. It was not unusual for me to look at a class here and find a different topline on every dog in the ring. Aberrations in toplines is not so worrisome in the youngsters, as they are still developing and growing and even the croups can change dramatically. But toplines in our finished hounds need our attention.

If I had been able to give an Award of Merit, it would have gone to Ch. Cnoccarne Cashelagh from the specials class. He was, to my mind, the correct type with the right shape, including topline and length of leg and failed only because he was in not quite as good condition as the Best of Breed, who was two years his junior.

The most difficult decision of the day was to choose between the two youngsters in competition for Best Puppy. Both were outstanding puppies and seldom is a judge able to consider the finer points of our breed in making decisions, but that was the case here. These are both very promising youngsters. And what a pleasant experience it was to judge the Altered classes, especially Altered Males, in which there six dogs to choose from and some very nice ones, too.

Thank you again for asking me to evaluate your Irish Wolfhounds, a breed I love, and for sharing your week-end with me. I loved every minute.

Gretchen Bernardi

Regular Classes

Junior Puppy Male

85 Kellyhide's Bohemian Rhapsody Listed 10/14/2005 Breeder: Bettina Isers Fleetwind Cutter X Allegria Of First Avenue Elsewhere Owners: Jim & Ellen Kroll

A very pretty red brindle puppy, barely into the junior class. He has a very nice shape, is dead sound front and rear, well-balanced and covers ground nicely for a dog so young.

Senior Puppy Male

This is such a difficult stage for wolfhound puppies, especially the males, making it a frustrating class to judge. Some wolfhounds lose all of their curves in the rear at about this age and most, but not all, get them back. Toplines are also changing, sometimes daily. All a judge can do is judge the dogs as they are on that day, without prediction or supposition.

86 Lockley Of Irish Pride RQ 058804 8/6/2005 Breeders: Linda & Scott Melbourne Ch Moloney's Andre X Ch Glor Na Gael Brosna Canada Owners: Linda & Scott Melbourne

Although this young dog is not quite as long in the back as I would like, he is deep in the chest and very shapely in the hindquarters, which allows him to cover more ground with less effort. But he is very straight in the pasterns, which I hope does not get worse as he matures.

87 Cnoccarne Cillcurragh RN 051094 7/9/2005 Breeder: Emma Ross Clannuaine Connor X Cnoccarne Catincagh Canada Owners: Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross

This puppy has the correct length of back, but is not as deep as the one in front and is lacking curves behind. He has a very nice neck set and an easy way of going.

12 - 15 Month Male

89 August Smithwicks Listed 3/28/2005 Breeders: Jim & Ellen Kroll Ch August Timbre X August Rhapsody Of Rosslare Elsewhere Owners: Pat Vetter, Marshall Brown

A wheaten brindle dog with the correct length of back and good width across the stifle. I would prefer a slightly longer neck for better overall balance.

15 - 18 Month Male

91 Procyon's Kona Of Misty River 1087962 Reg 12/16/2004 Breeder: Judith Brawn AmCan Ch Moloney's Andre X Bailebrae Gaelwynd Dancer Elsewhere Owners: Fred & Lynn Haywood

When left to stand on his own, this dog has an acceptable shape, with nice width across the stifle and a strong second thigh. When stacked, he appears too upright in neck carriage and too high in the loin. Although carefully groomed, he has a soft coat.

92 Heathview Donn Cu Phaelan RA 993242 1/20/2005 Breeders: Laurie E Rutherford, Ian Rutherford Ch Heathview Uriel X Ch Hydebeck Golden Sponge Canada Owner: Sharon J Crooks

A tall wheaten who needs more bone all around and a slightly longer back.

Canadian Bred Male

93 Cnoccarne Cuirragh PE 973458 3/20/2004 Breeder: Emma E Ross Knocknarea Venoble Of Cnoccarne X Cnoccarne Catincagh Canada Owner: Shirley Stokes Agent: Carole Conlin Peterson
A tall red wheaten who was more interested in finding his mum than presenting himself to his best advantage. He has a beautiful head with nice, tidy ears, but needs more curves all over.

Bred By Exhibitor Male

95 Am Ch Lilliput Prometheus Listed 4/3/2001 Breeders: Beverly C & Putnam Little Am Ch Kaelyns Jacquard SC X Lilliput Black Narcissus Elsewhere Owner: Beverly C Little
This masculine dog epitomizes old wolfhound type. He is all soft curves, with great width across the thigh and nice low hocks. Although I would prefer him slightly taller, he is in perfect balance. His neck set is beautiful, going into a well-made front assembly with good forechest. He was shown in hard condition and he moved soundly and easily, although not enthusiastically. Winners Dog and Best of Breed.

96 Am Ch Legacy's Winchester Listed 10/6/2002 Am Ch Rysheron's Conjured Soul X Windswept Legacy's Storm Surge Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Harley & Lisa Blanchard
Second is another handsome dog, rangy, standing over a lot of ground. He is not as shapely in the hindquarters as the first and was slightly weak in the hocks on the move. But he is masculine and a credit to his breeder. Reserve Winners Dog.

94 August Timbre Listed 3/10/2003 Breeders: Jim & Ellen Kroll Wolfhouse Melody Maker X August Selena Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Jim & Ellen Kroll
The third place dog has quality, is sound and very reachy on the move - a big stepper He is not in quite as good condition as the first two.

Open Male

This class has five different toplines, ranging from one with an overly steep croup to one that is soft, with everything in between.

101 Legacy's Haunted Honeymoon Listed 10/31/2004 Breeders: Harley & Lisa Blanchard Stoneybrook Kozmopolitan X Legacy's Must Be An Illusion Elsewhere Owners: Larry & Suzi Romine
A tall, powerful dog who proves that some dogs move very well with some structural problems. This dog who moves power and drive, despite a straight front assembly and a too steep croup. He is undoubtedly able to do this due to his hard, muscular condition.

98 Am Ch Muireadach Loki Scallawag Listed 6/1/2001 Breeders: Rick & Nadean Murray Am Ch Gwinn-Dell's Killylea Mactire X Kaelyns Damask Liadain Elsewhere Owners: Belle & Dan McCluskey
Another tall dog with a strong, masculine head and appearance. He is slightly out of balance because of more development in the forequarters than the rear. A too long loin results in a soft topline.

97 Rysheron's Taibhsear Mclre Listed 2/10/2003 Breeder: Cheryl Riggs Ch Rysheron's The Guardian X Rysheron's Legacy Elsewhere Owners: Barbara J & James W Robertson
Another handsome dog whose neck is set on very well, but whose front movement is erratic.

100 Legacy's Honeymoon Dream Listed 10/22/2004 Breeders: Harley & Lisa Blanchard Stoneybrook Kozmopolitan X Legacy's Bewitched Elsewhere Owners: Larry & Suzi Romine
Another dog who is certainly not showing himself off, especially on the move. He, too, is erratic on the down and back.

Winners Male 95 Reserve Male 96

Veteran Male

102 Am Ch Kellcastle Emerald Berrybriar Listed 3/17/1998 Breeders: J Gagne, T & B Ritzenthaler Am Ch Kellcastle Tartan-N-Tristan X Starkeeper's Norah Ni Lerne SC Elsewhere Owners: Mark & Tina Berry
A handsome, masculine eight year old male, maintaining a beautiful shape. He has one of the best front assemblies of the day and shapely hindquarters, with beautiful width across the thigh. He is sound as a dollar on the down and back and held his shape well on the move. This dog is a credit to his breeders for having produced him and to his owners for keeping him fit and well. Best Veteran.

Veterans Male 102

Senior Puppy Female

105 Cnoccarne C' Ameragh Dreamacres RN 050853 7/9/2005 Breeder: Emma E Ross Clannuaine Connor X Cnoccarne Catincagh Canada Owner: Jill A Johanson Benoit

A ten month old puppy of great quality. She is just the right shape for her age with long legs, deep chest and correct topline. In very hard condition, she moves well both from the side and on the down and back.

106 Cnoccarne Sheeagh Dreamacres RN 050847 7/31/2005 Breeder: Emma E Ross Ch Cnoccarne Cashelagh X Knocknarea Vanessagh Of Cnoccarne Canada Owner: Jill A Johanson Benoit

Although from the same kennel but a different breeding as number one, she could be her littermate, they are so similar in type and shape. Not quite as deep as the first, but with the same nice long legs. She is not quite as sound on the move as the first.

104 Cnoccarne Kesagh RN 050845 7/31/2005 Ch Cnoccarne Cashelagh X Knocknarea Vanessagh Of Cnoccarne Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

A littermate to number two, but quite different in type at this stage of development. She is a very racey type in rock hard condition, not quite as deep as I would like and slightly off in topline

12 - 15 month Female

This was a very hard class for me to judge, because I had to put aside my own preferences as a breeder and evaluate the dogs from more of a judge's viewpoint. The bitches in this class were of very different styles.

107 August Chornay Listed 3/28/2005 Ch August Timbre X August Rhapsody Of Rosslare Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Jim & Ellen Kroll

Although certainly not the type of bitch I favor, her quality and perfect balance could not be denied. She is slightly small, both in height and in mass, but her side movement is breathtaking and she is sound on the down and back.

108 Knocknarea Sianagh Of Cnoccarne 1090448 Reg 2/20/2005 Breeders: Ulli & Ika Peiler Knocknarea Solamh X Juxitalia Ita Of Knocknarea Elsewhere Owner: Emma Ross

This is my style of bitch, more of a hunting type, but she needs more forechest and a better topline. Another good mover, going easily on a loose lead, she has a classic head and expression, always interested and attentive.

110 Berrybriar Juniper Listed 3/11/2005 Am Ch Kellcastle Emerald Berrybriar X Am Ch Berrybriar Queen O' The Nile Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Mark & Tina Berry

A sound, very substantial bitch of hunting type, with a pretty head and good expression. She moves with ease and soundness, but is loaded in the shoulders.

109 Knocknarea Romneyagh 1090449 Reg 2/20/2005 Breeders: Ika & Ulli Peiler Knocknarea Solamh X Juxitalia Ita Of Knocknarea Elsewhere Owner: Jill A Johanson Benoit

Although similar to the second place bitch with the same good length of leg but not as much depth. A very striking, dark bitch who is not as sound on the move as those who placed before her.

15 - 18 month Female

I enjoyed going over both of these bitches and, in the end, it came down to a preference in type.

112 Cnoccarne Treasagh PW 985885 11/15/2004 Ch Cnoccarne Cahillagh X Knocknarea Vanessagh Of Cnoccarne Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

Another strong, hunting type dog with good length all around: leg, neck, ribbing, muzzle. A very promising young bitch.

111 Heathview Dulcie RA 002380 1/20/2005 Ch Heathview Uriel X Ch Hydebeck Golden Sponge Canada Breeder/Owner: Laurie Rutherford

Not quite the length all over, but with a very strong, powerful neck and good spring of rib. She has a rather masculine head, but is still a young bitch of quality.

Canadian Bred Female

113 Cnoccarne Clooneenagh PE 973452 3/20/2004 Ch Knocknarea Venoble Of Cnoccarne X Cnoccarne Catincagh Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

Just slightly over two, this is a shapely bitch with a long head complete with tidy ears. She could use slightly more bone and substance all around, but still a bitch of quality.

Bred By Exhibitor Female

116 Cnoccarne Moriagh NL 931582 6/5/2003 Ch Cnoccarne Cahillagh X Marumac Gabriellagh Canada
Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

A well-developed, mature looking bitch with a powerful neck going into well-constructed shoulders. She is long but well-ribbed back and moves cleanly and effortlessly. She is that nice combination of femininity and power. Reserve Winners Bitch.

115 August Cadenza Listed 3/10/2003 Wolfhouse Melody Maker X August Selena Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Jim & Ellen Kroll

A wheaten bitch of quality with outstanding side movement, she is powerful and muscular all around. But she is slightly short in the muzzle and in body with a soft topline, standing and on the move.

118 Legacy's In Your Dreams Listed 10/22/2004 Am Ch Stoneybrook Kozmopolitan X Legacy's Bewitched Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Harley & Lisa Blanchard

A bitch of wonderful, old wolfhound type, shown in hard condition. She moved well going around, but showed a weakness in the hocks going away.

117 Am Ch Berrybriar Queen O' The Nile Listed 1/31/2002 Am Ch Rosslare's Sandor X Am Ch Berrybriar Jamoca Almond Fudge Elsewhere Breeders/Owners: Mark & Tina Berry

This is another nice bitch, powerful and shapely, who unfortunately found herself in a class of other high quality bitches.

Open Female

119 Legacy's Honeymoon Dreamweaver Listed 10/22/2004 Breeders: Harley & Lisa Blanchard Stoneybrook Kozmopolitan X Legacy's Bewitched Elsewhere Owners: Larry & Suzi Romine

There was no difficulty for me in picking my winner in this class. This bitch, only 19 months old, was strong, powerful and of true hunting type. She has a strong neck, flowing well into the body with a good front assembly. She moves beautifully from the side and does well on the down and back with just a very slight weakness in the hock, which is easy to forgive in a dog of such quality and strength. Winners Bitch.

122 Legacy's Dreamgirl Of Islay Listed 10/22/2004 Breeders: Harley & Lisa Blanchard Ch Stoneybrook Kozmopolitan X Legacy's Bewitched Elsewhere Owners: Doug & Mary Cobb, Harley & Lisa Blanchard

A litter sister to the first bitch, she is more mature looking, with not quite enough bend of stifle and a rather unattractive tail. Her groomer could use some advice, however.

121 Killykeen Roxy 25000367 ERN 8/25/2002 Breeder: Anthony Killykeen-Doyle Rossa Of Nutstown X Killykeen Olive Elsewhere Owners: Michael & Lori Walker

This wheaten has a very pretty head with tidy ears and a nice topline. She needs more bone all over and more bend of stifle.

120 McIre's Awenydd O' Rysheron Listed 4/9/2003 Breeders: Barbara J Robertson, Carrie McLean Ch Rysheron's The Guardian X Ygdrasil Baccarat Elsewhere Owners: Barbara J & James W Robertson

Another pretty-headed wheaten bitch complete with tidy ears, but a rather straight front assembly. Her temperament was unacceptable.

Winners Female 119

Reserve Female 116

Veteran Female

124 Ygdrasil Baccarat Listed 6/21/1998 Breeders: Carrie & Ron McLean Am Ch Kyth Kyn Aiden And A Bettin X Diamond Of Ygdrasil Elsewhere Owners: Barbara & Jim Robertson

An eight-year old bitch in good condition, showing little sign of her age. A racy type, slightly slight in body, who wasn't as relaxed as her experience should have allowed her to be.

Veterans Female 124

Specials Only

125 Heathview Eochai Male RA 993219 1/22/2005 Ch Heathview Uriel X Ch Moloney's Kacey Of Heathview Canada Breeder/Owner: Laurie Rutherford

126 Ch Cnoccarne Cashelagh Male JU 618518 10/12/1999 AmCan Ch Knocknarea Phelan Of Cnoccarne X AmCan Ch Ar Morga Amargh Na Cnoccarne Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

127 Ch Cnoccarne Cahillagh Male LL 735705 6/13/2001 Ch Cnoccarne Cashelagh X Ch Marumac Chant Of Cnoccarne Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

Best of Breed 95
Best of Winners 95
Best Veteran 102

Best of Opposite Sex 119
Best Puppy 85
Best Canadian Bred 116

Altered Classes

Altered Male

132 Legacy's MacRory Stewart Listed 3/26/2000 Breeders: Harley & Lisa Blanchard Ch Trigger Happy Flanagan X Ch Procyons Shelby Of Maloney Elsewhere Owners: Doug & Mary Cobb

133 Skywalker Smilin O' Tom Of Islay Listed 6/17/2003 Breeder: C Harris Skywalkers Aniken Karlsma X Skywalkers Obiwan Kenobi Elsewhere Owners: Doug & Mary Cobb, C Harris

131 Cnoccarne Conncaragh CS 205923 10/12/1999 Breeder: Emma Ross AmCan Ch Knocknarea Phelan Of Cnoccarne X AmCan Ch Ar Morga Amargh Na Cnoccarne Canada Owners: Philip & Loragene Gaulin

129 Mclre's Paragon Of Rysheron Listed 9/4/2003 Breeders: Barbara Robertson, Carrie McLean Am Ch Rysheron's The Guardian X Ygdrasil Baccarat Elsewhere Owner: Jayney Roskamp

Winners Altered Male 132 Reserve Altered Male 133

Altered Female

134 UCI Alt Ch Royal Lady Of Thunder Paw CGC 22000507 ERN 12/15/1998 Breeders: Robert D & Maureen C Stewart Ch Wolfhill Micker T' Divil X Finola Of Thunder Paw Elsewhere Owners: Ed & Kathy Crow

135 Cnoccarne Gemmagh LW 773093 11/5/2001 Ch Cnoccarne Cashelagh X Markmac Gabriellagh Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross Agent: Sally A Bradbury

Winners Altered Female 134
Best Altered in Breed 134

Reserve Altered Female 135
Best Altered Opposite Sex in Breed 132

Non-Regular Classes

Sire & Get

127 Ch Cnoccarne Cahillagh Male LL 735705 6/13/2001 Ch Cnoccarne Cashelagh X Ch Marumac Chant Of Cnoccarne Canada Breeder/Owner: Emma Ross

Dam & Progeny

124 Ygdrasil Baccarat Listed 6/21/1998 Breeders: Carrie & Ron McLean Am Ch Kyth Kyn Aiden And A Bettin X Diamond Of Ygdrasil Elsewhere Owners: Barbara & Jim Robertson

Exhibition Only

136 Cnoccarne Bradagh JG 583685 4/2/1999 Breeder: Emma Ross AmCan Ch Knocknrea Phelan Of Cnoccarne X Cnoccarne Abbeylaragh Canada Owner: Monica Belgardt

137 Cnoccarne Brittagh JG 583684 4/2/1999 Breeder: Emma Ross Knocknarea Phelan Of Cnoccarne X Cnoccarne Abbeylaragh Canada Owners: Peter & Fran Briscoe

Forequarter

115 August Cadenza Female 3/10/2003 Owners: Jim & Ellen Kroll

Hindquarter

119 Legacy's Honeymoon Dreamweaver Female 10/22/2004 Owners: Larry & Suzi Romine

Gait

116 Cnoccarne Moriagh Female 6/5/2003 Owner: Emma Ross

Head

129 Mclre's Paragon Of Rysheron Male 9/4/2003 Owner: Jayney Roskamp

Type

116 Cnoccarne Moriagh Female 6/5/2003 Owner: Emma Ross

Parade of Veterans

134 UCI Alt Ch Royal Lady Of Thunder Paw CGC 22000507 ERN 12/15/1998 Breeders: Robert D & Maureen C Stewart Ch Wolfhill Micker T' Divel X Finola Of Thunder Paw Elsewhere Owners: Ed & Kathy Crow

As a young puppy, Lady had a rocky start suffering an injury that kept her out of the ring. With lots of time and love we made it over the ruff times. Lady has been a wonderful dog for a deaf household, responding to sign language from the boys.

Protecting two deaf boys while they played safely in our yard, Lady rose to her duties. Now that the boys are older, she protects them with her patience and understanding. She has been a great asset in her new role in the Junior Showmanship ring.

Social and extremely friendly, Lady has been part of the court at the Washington Renaissance Fantasy Faire in Gig Harbor. She has also been part of the Celtic Kennel at the Seattle Scottish Highland Games for the past 5 years. This year she participated in the International Canine All Breed Dog Show, as a Veteran and earned her International Title.

We love our Irish Wolfhound.

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Cnoccarne Brittagh was the smallest in her litter, scrawny and black!! I can remember calling Emma every day and asking how the little black puppy was doing. She was feisty from the beginning and lived up to her nickname of Britt the Brat, by bullying the rest of the litter.

Now at 7 years of age she really has come into her own. She loves to roll in the grass, chase moles and play with Gryffin. She is fiercely protective of her place on the bed and always has the choice bone. She's first to notify us of the neighbor's movements, the appearance of a bear or other visitors. She can sleep through loud action movies but hates thunder!

She's very sweet and we're very lucky that she picked us to be her family!

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Sweepstakes Judge: Rosemary Wortman**

Thank you so very much indeed, for giving me the pleasure of judging Sweepstakes at the BC Regional Specialty. There were some lovely puppies, perfect weather in a beautiful park and some very sporting people who accepted my choices very graciously.

My overall impression was of lovely temperaments, some very nice movers. Of concern, I found some very straight pasterns, pigment and eye colour less than ideal. In general, I felt there were promising youngsters coming along and I look forward to seeing them as they mature, hopefully several being less overweight.

Very grateful thanks to our steward Rowan and to the club and exhibitors for giving me such a lovely visit to BC, wallowing in Wolfhounds - my favourite place to be.

Sweepstakes - Judge Rosemary Wortman

6 - 9 Month Male

85 Kellyhide's Bohemian Rhapsody Jim & Ellen Kroll
Nice substance and mover, lovely long tail, well set, would like better ear

9 - 12 Month Male

87 Cnoccarne Cillcurragh Katy Albrecht, Jerry Holmes, Emma Ross
Nice head shape, ears and coat, moved well
86 Lockley Of Irish Pride Linda & Scott Melbourne
Mainly being very straight in pastern. I liked his curves in his rear and also has very nice head and ears

12 - 15 Month Male

89 August Smithwicks Pat Vetter, Marshall Brown
Could have darker pigment, nice shape standing, but paces most of the time currently, maybe going through a stage and maybe practice with his handler would really help

15 - 18 Month Male

125 Heathview Eochai Laurie Rutherford
I loved his type and shape and best balanced in the class. Would certainly benefit from quite a bit less weight. Very nice feet
92 Heathview Donn Cu Phaelan Sharon J Crooks
Better balanced than #91 at this time, nice harsh coat, loves his food also
91 Procyon's Kona Of Misty River Fred & Lynn Haywood
Has more angulation in rear than front, topline runs downhill so could have better balance and more control of his movement

9 - 12 Month Female

105 Cnoccarne C' Ameragh Dreamacres Jill A Johanson Benoit
Loved the type and balance of this puppy, nice length of rib, slightly long in loin. Happy Puppy
104 Cnoccarne Kesagh Emma Ross
Best mover in this class, but prefer the curves and substance of # 105, lovely harsh coat

106 Cnoccarne Sheeagh Dreamacres Jill A Johanson Benoit

Nice substance and length, but not moving well in front today

12 - 15 Month Female

107 August Chornay Jim & Ellen Kroll

Lovely strong mover, would like a little more length of leg, pretty shape but would like a darker eye

108 Knocknarea Sianagh Of Cnoccarne Emma Ross

Well muscled, happy puppy, moved quite well, but would like more rear and a darker eye.

110 Berrybriar Juniper Mark & Tina Berry

Loved this girl, but found her a little long in loin at present and it is affecting her topline, strong mover

109 Knocknarea Romneyagh Jill A Johanson Benoit

Lovely harsh coat, but very close in rear going away, liked her head and neck, held proudly standing or moving

15 - 18 Month Female

112 Cnoccarne Treasagh Emma Ross

Lovely tall, balanced puppy, liked her type and happy temperament, but carried her tail high on move

111 Heathview Dulcie Laurie Rutherford

Best low hocks of all the puppies in sweepstakes, way too fat and ears very flat, lovely harsh coat and strong mover

Best in Sweepstakes 125

I loved this boy, prefer he loses rather a lot of fat!

Runner up to Best in Sweepstakes 105

I was choosing between 2 wonderfully moving bitches for this award, the other one carried her tail high, gave #105 the advantage today