

Event: 2007 IWCC Canadian Specialty Show

Date: September 15 & 16 2007

Conformation Judge: Ulli Peiler

It was a great honour and a most enjoyable experience to judge your show. I would like to thank your Committee for looking after me so extremely well, and especially Meg Connelly, whose thoughtfulness and attention to detail made my stay with you such an unforgettable one. My stewards, Judi Orsi and Jodi Paquette, were most helpful. Judi kept me on the straight and narrow in her competent and humorous way, which is probably not the easiest of tasks.

The whole show was run most efficiently but with the lightest of touches, resulting in a very friendly yet competitive atmosphere. This was easily the best run Specialty I have ever taken part in as a ringsider, competitor or judge. Thank you so much!

The overall standard of the exhibits was excellent. Hounds were shapely and typical. Compared with previous engagements in North America there was much improved balance between front and rear assemblies resulting in a corresponding reach and drive. Side movement was excellent almost throughout.

There were many classes so packed with excellence that many deserving hounds had to remain unplaced. Equally, I would have liked to have had at least half a dozen Awards of Merit at my disposal. I was thrilled with my main winners. They are fine examples of the breed. That my Best of Breed also won the straight racing on the same day really put the icing on the cake.

While I was more than happy with the overall quality of your hounds, as so often, there were some recurrent problems as well. There are four areas I would like to point out:

Ears are mostly set correctly, but many – if not most – are less than perfectly folded.

Most bites are level, not scissors. There are also a lot of individual crooked teeth.

Weak underjaws mar many otherwise excellent heads. This refers both to their depth as well as their width. Interestingly, my friend Jim Behan remarked on the same problem when judging Nor Cal this year.

Finally, while side movement was mostly excellent, sometimes breathtaking, coming and going was often untidy and disappointing.

If I had been unforgiving in respect of these four problems, I would have run out of hounds in some classes to fill my placings. As breeders, you have got the all-important, broad strokes right. Now you should spend your efforts to improve on some of the detail. I was very impressed by the excellent handling skills, the lovely presentation and the good temperaments of your hounds. Thanks again to all who organized and ran this Specialty and to all the exhibitors who accepted my decisions so sportingly.

- Ulli Peiler

6 – 9 Month Junior Puppy Male (2)

1 – Aotearoa Oldline Freehold Moa, TA143867, 01/17/2007

Ch. Aotearoa Manuka 2nd x Oldline Eringael of Freehold, Canada

Breeder: D. Margaret Freeman & Candy Rubenick; Owner: Barbara Daley

A tall youngster with a very pleasing head. Good pigment, correctly shaped, dark eyes. High set and neatly folded ears. Long neck, nicely rounded croup, long first and second thigh. At this stage all growth seems to have gone into height, which gives him the general outline of an African sighthound.

2 – Prairie Creek Toccata, Listed, 02/28/2007

Prairie Creek Maestro x Prairie Creek Dulce Ygdrasil, Elsewhere

Breeder: Constance & James Smalley, Carrie McLean; Owner: Arlene Leachman & Constance Smalley

A tall wheaten puppy at an awkward stage of his development. He has correct general proportions, an extra long muzzle but a disproportionately short forehead. Ears are high set but could be tighter. Good topline. Long, strong-boned legs. Lacking angles all round at this stage.

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9 – 12 Month Puppy Male (1)

1. – Aotearoa Lee Ridge Tote, 1095467, 11/27/2006

Ch. Aotearoa Manuka 2nd x Aotearoa Suro Mangu Keely, Elsewhere

Breeder: Josie Lee; Owner: Barbara Daley

A tall puppy with a beautiful head. Long, strong and elegantly arched neck flows into a good topline. Long, well-rounded croup. Extra long first, long second thigh. Good forechest for age, well laid-back shoulder. Upper arm should be a little longer. With time his chest should drop and he should develop some spring of rib. He moves with a lot of drive and some reach.

12 – 15 Month Puppy Male (4, 1 absent)

1. – Pitlochry's Keystone, Listed, 06/29/2006

Pitlochry's Telonius-Troy x Celtic Myst Brolley, Elsewhere

Breeder: Conny Fernhout-Schildt; Owner: Doug Marx, Amy Benjamin & Jeanette Luther

A very typical hound with a lot of balance and an excellent mover. Pleasing head with neat ears. Elegant neck flowing into perfect topline. Adorable hindquarters. Well tucked up. Pibcage has yet to drop fully and should extend a little further back. Upper arm still somewhat steep and elbows subsequently too forward, resulting in no spring of pastern. Even these age-related shortfalls hardly detract from the impression that this is a star in the making.

2. – Starkeeper McEnroe of Limerick, 1093880, 06/22/2006

Taryn Tate of Limerick x Halle of Limerick, Elsewhere

Breeder: Linda Souza & Jamie Souza-Bartlett; Owner: Jocelyne Gagne

A tall dog with a lot of promise. He has a very nice head. Top and underline still need some time to develop. Very good croup and good hindquarters. Excellent front with long, well-angulated upper arm and shoulder. Good mover.

3. – Cugearoidin Conall, Listed, 07/17/2006

Ch. Millenium Nutstown x Emma of Shantamon, Elsewhere

Breeder: Geraldine Hayes; Owner: Ingrid Stephens

Quite small for his age. Pleasant head with dark pigmentation and high set, well-rosed ears. Good topline and croup, long first thigh, short second thigh and hocks. Upper arm long but loose since ribcage has not dropped at all. Moves actively but a bit choppy.

Canadian Bred Male (5, 1 absent)

1. – Starkeeper Cuhaven Digby, RC997578, 02/15/2005

Ch. Calorien Glenamadda Ard Rhi x Ch. Cuhaven Starkeeper Cameo, Canada

Breeder: Pam Hendrickson & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Lori & Ken Coulter

Tall, well-developed dog in hard condition. Nice head marred by flat ears. Strong, nicely-arched neck flowing into good topline. Strong, long first thigh. Second thigh too short. Good underline. Very good front with plenty of forechest. Good coat. Moves well.

2. – Kerry's Special Edition, Listed, 10/25/2004

Brimstone Solomon x Ch. Houndhouse Genesis, Canada

Breeder: Kerry Koller; Owner: Kerry Koller

Tall and strong, in hard condition. Good head and very nice neck. Good croup. Short first but good second thigh. Good underline and nice front. Moves actively but untidy coming and going. Tends to roach his back on the move.

3. – Aotearoa Tihi Aru, SC074420, 02/20/2006

Ch. Aotearoa Kia Ora x Ch. Aotearoa Ngarara Huaru, Canada

Breeder: Barbara Daley; Owner: Barbara Daley & Kyreen Shorey

Smaller and less mature than the first two hounds, he lacks masculinity. Good overall balance. Good coat. Good hindquarters. Croup insufficiently muscled.

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4. – Flying Hurricane Hunter, RL043587, 06/16/2005

Stoney Acres Faolin Ruadh, LK x Flying Truth Truly, Canada

Breeder: Thomas Stem; Owner: Ewa Boldok & Robert Link

Light-boned, medium-sized dog. Extremely steep front, shortening the neckline. Topline too flat. Short first, very long second thigh. Hocks well let down. Ribcage too shallow. The dog is in hard muscle and well handled.

Bred by Exhibitor Male (8, 2 absent)

While the standard of the previous classes was quite varied, this class seemed like a sudden explosion of excellence. Not one entry was disappointing and the first three placed dogs were of great quality and hard to separate.

1. – Rockhart Elysee, Listed, 06/09/2004

Rockhart Anthem x Ch. Stoneybrook Rockhart Rebecca, Else

Breeder: Christiana C. Hartenstein & Lynn M. Simon, MD; Owner: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon, MD

*A powerful, strong-boned dark brindle dog of outstanding overall quality. He has a very nicely-shaped male head with no noticeable stop and very good pigment. He ears are high set but not perfectly rosed. His neck is strong, beautifully arched, long and perfectly flowing into a superb topline. Croup long and well-muscled, hindquarters perfectly made. Deep, well-shaped ribcage gives a harmonious underline. Long, well laid-back shoulder, well-angulated upper arm. Ample forechest. He moves truly and with great reach and drive. I would have loved him a little less groomed and 10 pounds lighter. **Winners Dog and Best of Opposite Sex.***

2. – Slaine Syncopated Rhythm, ERN26002073, 08/01/2005

Wolfhaven Berwyck Cabriolet x Slaine Chanteuse, Elsewhere

Breeder: C. Krowzack; Owner: C. Krowzack

A strong, masculine dog with very good bone and very nice balance. Great top and underline. Plenty of substance. Nice head, spoiled a bit by untidy ears. Very strong long neck. Correct arch over loins. Very good croup and hindquarters. Deep, long chest. Well tucked up. Good front, plenty of forechest. Moves extremely well.

3. – Riversong Oh! Really Special, Listed, 05/10/2003

Carnasserie Jericho x Falcarragh Rosa Rugosa, Elsewhere

Breeder: Cynthia M. & Dave Patterson; Owner: Cynthia & Dave Patterson

Nothing between this one and the second placed. A strong-boned, masculine yet elegant dog. Nice head with well-shaped and pigmented eye. Strong, long neck, which could be a little more arched. Good topline. Perfect hindquarters. Nicely angulated front and strong-boned, straight forelegs. Good forechest, beautiful underline. Would like more length to croup. Moves with great reach and drive.

4. – Taliesen's Waleron, Listed, 02/22/2006

Taliesin's Llenlleawg x Wolf Tone Bonne Louise, Elsewhere

Breeder: David & Donna Smith; Owner: David & Donna Smith

A dog of great charm and ring-presence. Excellent head, well-shaped, dark eyes. Correct rose ears. Strong and elegant neck going into very good topline. Excellent hindquarters. Good front, but upper arm a bit short and steep. Overall shorter in body than the first three. Excels on the move.

Open Male (16, 1 absent)

1. – Wolf Tone Mike, Listed, 08/16/2002

Comedias Prunus x Wolf Tone Meg, Elsewhere

Breeder: Elisabet & Leif Janzon; Owner: Maura High

A strong-boned, substantial stallion hound, lovely proportions and with great ring presence. Very good head, powerful neck sweeps gently into good topline. Hindquarters perfectly angulated and with exceptional width across the stifle. Ribcage deep and long. Nice tuck up. Well-angulated forequarters, very good forechest. Great bone and hard muscle. Moves effortlessly with equal drive and reach.

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2. – Rockhart Enigma, ERN26002001, 06/09/2004

Ch. Rockhart Anthem x Ch. Stoneybrook Rockhart Rebecca, Elsewhere

Breeder: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn M. Simon, MD; Owner: Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon, MD

An excellent hound of great quality. Lovely head, good pigment, lovely shaped dark eyes, correctly set ears. Strong neck going into good topline. Croup slightly steep. Hindquarters powerful but overangulated, giving this otherwise flawless hound a crouched outline. Very good length of sternum. Forequarters well angulated, great forechest. Moves with great power, reach and drive, but appears slightly crouched even on the move.

3. – Sidhe Guinness of Gardenfield, ERN23001039, 01/21/2005

Sidhe Dragonsbane x Meadh Cunaardri, Elsewhere

Breeder: Thomas Rabbitt; Owner: Roni Kaluza & Randy Valenti

An impressive hound, a bit shorter in body but with flowing lines and still a typical Wolfhound outline. Strong male head, powerful neck into good topline. Croup well muscled but a little short. Very good hindquarters. Good depth and length of chest. Upper arm slightly short and upright. Moves well.

4. – Taliesin's Suailce, JC, Listed, 01/27/2005

Wolf Tone Merlin x Am. Ch. Taliesin's Luas, Elsewhere

Breeder: David & Donna Smmith; Owner: David & Donna Smith

A tall and strongly built male with great presence. Excellent head, very strong neck, good topline. Croup short. Moderate angulation front and rear. Impressive depth but insufficient length of chest. Moves very well.

Veteran Male (2)

1. – Ch. Kellcastle Status Symbol, CGN, FCh., 1073415, 07/24/2000

Kellcastle Emerald Berrybriar x Kellcastle Tartan MacKellar, Elsewhere

Breeder: Anne Spalding Prill; Owner: Lani Hopf & Jocelyne Gagne

A gentleman with all the right angles and curves in the right places. Lovely topline. Powerful hindquarters, good front. Chest deep but a little short. Coat soft and profuse. Moves very well. In very good shape and a credit to his owners and breeder.

2. – Ch. Bilbernie Uilliam, HY561226, 12/22/1998

Ch. Starkeeper's Dearg Niall x Bilbernie Mighty Mischief, Canada

Breeder: Bernice M. Stevenson; Owner: Donna Tomson

A tall hound in hard condition and with great ring presence. Moves with great drive like a hound half his age. Nice head, neck and rise over loins. Exceptionally good front. A veteran to be proud of.

6 – 9 Month Puppy Female (1)

1. – Brenniam's Redtop Virginia Rose, Listed, 12/22/2006

Wolfhaven Hillside Dan Aerie x Redtops Brenniam's Tudor Rose

Breeder: Brenda & Bill Neu; Owner: Rosemary E. Wortman

*This puppy has wonderful balance and type. Head perfectly proportioned. Soft, feminine expression. Dark, well-shaped eyes. Correct dentition. High set, tightly folded ears. Long elegant neck into excellent topline. Very good croup and hindquarters. Well-angulated front. Moves very well. A sweet girl with a lot of promise. **Best Puppy in Specialty***

9 – 12 Month Puppy Female (4)

McDe's Queen Etain, Listed, 11/02/2006

Ch. Kingscourt's Devlon Rogue x Ch. Armaitiu Ides of Devlon, Elsewhere

Breeder: Donald & Kelly Leonard & Penelope Jones; Owner: Sally McNamara

The most mature of the entry, she has a beautiful head with the softest Irish expression. Correct pigment, eye shape, rose ear and dentition. Long, nicely-curved neck. Good topline, great hindquarters. Well-boned forequarters. A long cast, powerful hound and a great mover.

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2. – Gairbraid Elizabeth, SW128405, 11/30/2006

Gairbraid's Edward de Ville x Gairbraid Daira, Canada

Breeder: Carole Jeninga; Owner: Carole Jeninga

This sweetie is very well made, all elegant, uninterrupted lines. Long sweeping neck into nicely-curved topline. Very good croup, excellent hindquarters, long and strong thighs. Tail touching the ground. Very good shoulder, long upper arm, which is upright at this stage. Ribcage needs to extend further back. Very good mover.

3. – Kerry's DD Dynamo, Listed, 12/14/2006

Rockhart Great Gatsby of Kerry x Kerry's Miss Victorious, Canada

Breeder: Kerry Koller; Owner: Kerry Koller

The least mature of the entry. Very good head, soft expression. Long, arched neck flowing into very good topline. Nice lay-back of shoulder. Croup of good length but a little steep at this point. Excellent first and second thigh. Long upper arm. Underline still immature. Very good side movement.

4. – Starkeeper Glenamadda Halley, SU142454, 10/20/2006

Skye's Comet x Ch. Starkeeper Cuhaven Keri, Canada

Breeder: Karen Day & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Susan Prokopenko & Jocelyne Gagne

Long cast and strong boned, this is another very promising girl. Beautiful head, long neck into a very good topline. Excellent hindquarters with extra long second thigh. Tail a bit whippety. Upper arm of sufficient length but upright. Underline should improve with maturity. Good mover. Very promising.

12 – 15 Month Female (3)

1. – Gordon of Aerie, Listed, 06/22/2006

Pitlochry's Quintus x Giggles Aerie of Eagle, Elsewhere

Breeder: Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin; Owner: Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin

Tall and well—developed for her age. A noble hound. Very nice head, correct planes, good dentition, very good topline and croup. First thigh long, second thigh of medium length. Very good underline. Front still a little straight. Strong bone. A very good mover.

2. – Cugearoidin Sorcha, Listed, 07/17/2006

Ch. Millenium of Nutstown x Emma of Shantamon, Elsewhere

Breeder: Geraldine Hayes; Owner: Ingrid Stephens

This girl hates to be stacked but shows her real quality as soon as she gets moving. Nice head with very good pigment and high set, neatly folded ears. Her topline suffers from her reluctance to co-operate but is very good on the move, where she shows a lot of promise. Good bone throughout. Ribcage still to shaoow and short, should develop with maturity.

3. – Rockhart Sylverwolf Kylah, 1095125, 08/18/2006

Ch. Rockhart Anthem x Ch. Stoneybrook Rockhart Rebecca, Elsewhere

Breeder: Christiana C. Hartenstein & Lynn Simon, MD; Owner: Christiana Hartenstein & Sylvia Tamm

A bitch with a noble, well-proportioned head. Good pigment and dentition. Ears high set but could be tighter. She could be a little longer in body to complement her long legs. Very elegant neck and good topline. Croup a bit steep, causing her to over-reach on the trot. Probably in one of those stages where different parts develop at different rates. If everything comes together, she should become a very attractive bitch

Canadian Bred Female (13)

This was a smashing class with not enough places for the many excellent hounds and the placed ones have only a hair's width between them.

1. – Wolfkin's Galena of Kiso, RS129923, 09/09/2005

Wolfkin Zydeco x Ch. Sharbo Sharin' with Wolfkin, Canada

Breeder: Casey Nesbitt & Geraldine Morito; Owner: Casey Nesbitt & Geraldine Morito

A very houndy girl with the outline and presence of a hunter. Good head, very good pigment and high set, tidy ears. Strong, perfectly curved neck going into superb topline. Long, strongly-muscled croup, perfect hindquarters. Deep chest. Long upper arm and shoulder, which is well laid back. Good forechest. Moves with lots of reach and drive, true coming and going.

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2. – Wolfkin's Dharma, RG129921, 04/07/2005

Ch. Wolfkin's Chai Pi x Ch. Wolfkin's Serendipity, Canada

Breeder: Casey Nesbitt; Owner: Susan Andrews, Donita Osborne & Casey Nesbitt

Another beautiful hound and a great mover. Classic head. The smoothest line from occiput to hock. Excellent hindquarters. Very nice underline. Good front and forechest. Great mover.

3. – Rockhart Barbie of Kerry, RY078033, 12/31/2005

Rockhart Great Gatsby of Kerry x Rockhart Baccara, Canada

Breeder: Kerry Koller; Owner: Kerry Koller

Tall bitch with very sound construction and that elusive lurcher quality about her. Great head with almost no stop at all. Tidy, well-placed ears. Good pigment. Strong, long neck going into correct topline with plenty of rise over the loin. Perfect croup and hindquarters. Underline not yet fully mature. Long, well-angulated upper arm and shoulder. Good forechest. Very good mover. Would like a little more length of body.

4. – Jadzia Freesoul of Castlekeep, NQ899133, 08/27/2003

Ch. Wolfhaven Soul Man x Glor Na Gael Saoirse Castlekeep, Canada

Breeder: Donna Tomson; Owner: Linda Wood & Donna Tomson

Strong yet feminine hound. Nice head with the softest expression. Strong neck. Good topline. Excellent croup. Very good hindquarters. Perfect underline. Upper arm a bit short and shoulder not sufficiently laid back. Moves very well

Bred by Exhibitor Female (21, 3 absent)

A huge class, the quality still getting better all the time.

1. – Brimstone Sara, Listed, 11/26/2002

Brimstone Meshach x Brimstone Sindur, Elsewhere

Breeder: Laurie & Lauren Morris; Owner: Laurie & Lauren Morris

A bitch without exaggerations. Just flowing lines from head to tail. Ideal length to height proportions. Lovely head with sweet, feminine expression. Good pigment and nicely shaped eyes. Ears correctly placed but could be tighter. Long, perfectly arched neck flowing into gently curved topline. Excellent croup and hindquarters. Nice underline and very good front. Moves like a dream. She pressed the eventual Best of Breed winner hard for Winners Bitch.

Reserve Winners Bitch

2. – Hanta Yo's Cree of Tomahawke, Listed, 04/19/2004

Ch. Tomahawke Apach Honwe x Tomahawke's Hanta Yo, Elsewhere

Breeder: Robin & Mike Pline; Owner: Robin & Mike Pline

A tall, strong-boned yet feminine bitch, which excels on the move. Nice head, well-arched neck, very good topline. Broad, well-muscled croup. Excellent hindquarters. Deep chest, very nice tuck up. Long, well-angulated upper arm. Could be slightly longer in body. Moves with lots of reach and drive.

3. – Riversong's Ragged Glory, Listed, 06/26/2004

Rosslare's Sandor x Falcarragh Rosa Rugosa, Elsewhere

Breeder: Cynthia M. & Dave Patterson; Owner: Cynthia & Dave Patterson

A strong but gracefully built bitch with idea proportions. Old-fashioned head with strong pigment, lovely eyes and sweet expression. Ears high set but could be tighter. Strong, strait front legs. Good forechest. Long, elegant neck. Topline sags when stacked but is very good on the move. Good broad croup, excellent first and second thigh. Nice underline. Moves with power and grace.

4. – Vesuvius of Aerie, Listed, 03/03/2006

Pitlochry's Quintus x Vice Versa Aerie of Eagle, Elsewhere

Breeder: Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin, Jeannette Luther; Owner: Jeanette Luther, Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin

Nice head with good proportions, strong pigment, sweet expression and high set, slightly untidy ears. Strong, long and well-arched neck flowing into very good topline. Croup too short and steep. Long strong upper thigh, second thigh of reasonable length. Good underline. Excellent front, plenty of forechest. Moves with great reach and drive.

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Open Female (24, 4 absent)

What a class! Quality still rising.

1. – Druid Rock Shellane's Skylark, Listed, 08/02/2005

Wolfhaven Berwyck Cabriolet x Wolfhouse Rhythm & Blues, Elsewhere

Breeder: Carolyn Dean & Pernille Monberg; Owner: Claire Morrison & Maria Lubera

A tall bitch of perfect proportions. There is neither a hint of weakness nor of coarseness to be found anywhere. All her parts fit beautifully together and it is this soundness of construction together with her true type that should cause every Wolfhound lover's heart to beat faster. Her head has correct planes, dark pigment, feminine expression and high set but less than perfectly folded ears. Perfect dentition. Her strong, long and beautifully-arched neck fits into her superb topline. Plenty of rise over her broad loins, well-muscled croup going into perfect hindquarters. Extra long and strong first and second thigh, short hocks. Great width across stifle. Tail touching the ground. Deep chest, sternum reaching far back, nicely tucked up. Long, well-angulated upper arm and shoulder, straight strong-boned front legs. Ample forechest. She moves effortlessly with great drive and reach. In hard muscled condition and harsh coat.

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed

2. – Rockhart Calamity, Listed, 11/08/2003

Rockhart Kamouflage x Rathrahilly Stoneybrook Umbria, Elsewhere

Breeder: Christiana C. Hartenstein & Lynn M. Simon, MD; Owner: Christiana Harteinstein & Lynn Simon, MD

A very pretty bitch with an old-fashioned, beautiful head. Good pigment, high set ears, soft expression. Beautiful neck flowing into very good topline. Perfect croup and hindquarters. Nice underline. Sufficient lay-back of shoulder, upper arm well angulated but a little short. Good forechest. moves with exceptional drive and reach.

3. – Wolfhaven Don't Go Breaking My Heart, PE946026, 04/25/2004

Ch. Wolfhaven Gotta Bossanova x Olive Aerie of Eagle, Canada

Breeder: Donita Osborne, Susan Andrews & Amy Benjamin; Owner: Donita Osborne

Just out of the maternity ward, this girl is in exceptional shape. Excellent head, good pigment, well-shaped dark eyes. High set, tidy ears. Strong neck, smoothly set into topline. Well-rounded croup. Very good hindquarters. Lovely underline. Very good front. Great mover.

4. – ThunderWolf's Connemara Autumn, ERN27000658, 11/06/2005

Ch. Tomahawke Wolfhaven Windtalker x Wolfhaven's ThunderWolf Waltz, Elsewhere

Breeder: Debra Traskos, Susan Andrews & Donita Osborne; Owner: Debbie Sharpe, Debra Traskos & Donita Osborne

A smaller yet powerful bitch with very good bone throughout. Very beautiful head, good pigment, high set, neatly folded ears. Excellent coat. Nice topline and very good hindquarters. Deep, long ribcage. Upper arm a bit steep, shoulder well laid back. Impressive mover.

Veteran Female (6, 2 absent)

What a joy to judge these grand old ladies.

1. – Ch. Wolfhaven's Body and Soul, KA658312, 01/14/2000

Excel Fionnmae x Ch. Wolfhaven's Meadows of Madness, Canada

Breeder: Donita Osborne, Susan Andrews & Donna Brown; Owner: Donita Osborne & Susan Andrews

A beautifully-proportioned lady of considerable charm and quality. She has a great hunter's face and an overall lurcher's quality. Strong, sweeping head into correct topline. Perfect croup and hindquarters. Good depth of chest and tuck up. Exceptional front and forechest. Moves with enthusiasm, reach and drive. One for the young ones to learn from.

2. – Ch. Kellcastle Starkeeper Vanilla, FCh.X., 106995, 05/19/1998

Moloney's Andre x Ch. Kellcastle's Tartan 'n Tweed, Elsewhere

Breeder: Anne & Allen Prill; Owner: Jocelyne Gagne

A nine year-old with impeccable conformation. Lovely head with perfect ears. Elegant neck sweeping into very good topline. Excellent croup and hindquarters. Very good underline. Good front. moves with drive, reach and energy.

3. – Wolfkin's Bliss, JL614858, 06/28/1999

Ch. Wolfhaven's Mighty Quynn x Ch. Wolfdane's Kelsey Command, Canada

Breeder: Casey & Victor Nesbitt; Owner: Kylie & Courtney Hewson

A tall and still powerful eight year-old with nice proportions and in great shape. A credit to her owner and breeder.

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4. – Karontara Starkeeper Charlston, KN685138, 07/09/2000

Ch. Starkeeper 's Dearg Niall x Ch. Starkeeper Karontara Fiddle DD, Canada

Breeder: Karon Volk & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Celeste Kindree, Karon Volk & Jocelyne Gagne

A girl with a lovely head and neck, good bone and correct proportions. Very nice underline and in great shape. Another one to be proud of.

Specials Only (21, 2 absent)

A class of exceptional quality. I would have liked to have given Awards of Merit to all hounds who had made the final cut of six. Unfortunately, I was restricted to only one. This award I gave to:

Gairbraid Edward de Ville, NW917888, 11/28/2003

Caraglen Berwyck Imago x Gairbraid Sereh, Canada

Breeder: Carole Jeninga; Owner: Carole Jeninga

A powerful very well made stallion hound. He has strength without coarseness and is built along the most generous lines. All his angles and parts combine to form a picture of harmony and beauty. He moves with drive and reach. I would have liked to see him twenty pounds lighter. He could have given the Best of Opposite Sex a run for his money.

Award of Merit, Best Hindquarters, Best Canadian Bred

Sexually Altered – Male

1. – Slaine Chivalry, ERN23002259, 11/02/2002

St. Leger Capone x Slaine Caraglen Keltic Wager, Elsewhere

Breeder: C. Krowzack & S. Stobart; Owner: C. Krowzack & S. Stobart

2. – Loki at Massapeag, PQ975821, 08/04/2004

Curriann R Q Home to Wolfhaven x Wolfhaven's Malarkey at Wolfkin, Canada

Breeder: Casey Nesbitt, Susan Andrews & Donita Osborne; Owner: Karen Eberl

3. – Ch. Karontara Starkeeper Grendel, LA711236, 01/07/2001

Ch. Antrim's TRB of Aremcee x Ch. Karontara Starkeeper Scandal, Canada

Breeder: Karon Paterson & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Celeste Atkinson, S. Kindree, K. Volk & J. Gagne

Sexually Altered – Female

1. – Ch. Kellamore Starkeeper Majora CGC, 1075597, 10/06/2000

Ch. Kellamore Finn Maccuhal x Starkeeper Kellamore Viva, Elsewhere

Breeder: Joanne B. Brown & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Jocelyne Gagne

2. Castlekeeps' Cara, RN035229, 07/19/2005

Ch. Wolfhouse Mythical x Ch. Glor Na Gael Saoirse, Canada

Breeder: Donna Tomson; Owner: Jennifer L. Johansson

3. – Ch. Calorien Glenamadda Arabella, LG726241, 04/12/2001

Ch. Glenamadda Rainvale Impressario x Ch. Starkeeper Calorien Eagle Quyl, Canada

Breeder: Judith Callender & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Susan Prokopenko & Jocelyne Gagne

4. – Kellamore C'est La Vie, Listed, 10/06/2000

Kellamore Finn Maccuhal x Starkeeper Kellamore Viva, Elsewhere

Breeder: Joanne B. Brown & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Joanne B. Brown

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Brace

1. – Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda Realtan, MN835835, 07/27/2002

Armaitiu Niall Caille of Eagle x Ch. Starkeeper Orion Na Wolfhaven, Canada

Breeder: Judith Ryan & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Susan Prokopenko & Jocelyne Gagne

Ch. Calorien Glenamadda Arabella, LG726241, 04/12/2001

Ch. Glenamadda Rainvale Impressario x Ch. Starkeeper Calorien Eagle Quyl, Canada

Breeder: Judith Callender & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: Susan Prokopenko & Jocelyne Gagne

Stud Dog

1. – Ch. Karontara Starkeeper Dylan, MA786888, 01/06/2002

Hound Hill Parill of Eagle x Ch. Starkeeper Cuhaven Binseen, Canada

Breeder: Karon L. Paterson & Jocelyne Gagne; Owner: John Fitzgerald, K. Volk & J. Gagne

Brood Bitch

1. – Glor Na Gael Saoirse Castlekeep, 1074409, 03/28/2001

Ravensbeech Aidan x Waterford Garbo, Elsewhere

Breeder: Tibor & Csilla Juhasz; Owner: Donna Tomson

Team

1. – Castlekeep's Heavenly Freesoul, NQ899139, 08/27/2003

Ch. Wolfhaven Soul Man x Glor Na Gael Saoirse Castlekeep, Canada

Breeder: Donna Tomson; Owner: Donna Tomson

Castlekeep's Soul of the Earth, NQ899135, 08/27/2003

Ch. Wolfhaven Soul Man x Glor Na Gael Saoirse Castlekeep, Canada

Breeder: Donna Tomson; Owner: Donna Tomson

Castlekeep's Livonia, RN035231, 07/19/2005

Ch. Wolfhouse Mythical x Glor Na Gael Saoirse Castlekeep, Canada

Breeder: Donna Tomson; Owner: Donna Tomson

Castlekeep's Cara, RN035229, 07/19/2005

Ch. Wolfhouse Mythical x Glor Na Gael Saoirse Castlekeep, Canada

Breeder: Donna Tomson; Owner: Jennifer L. Johansson

Head

Riversong's Special T Rose, Listed 05/10/2003

Carnasserie Jericho x Falcarragh Rosa Rugosa, Elsewhere

Breeder: Cynthia M. & Dave Patterson; Owner: Cynthia & Dave Patterson

Gait

Wolfkin Wolfhaven Gaia Curiann, PQ975825, 08/04/2004

Ch. R Q Home to Wolfhaven x Ch. Wolfhaven Malarkey at Wolfkin, Canada

Breeder: Casey Nesbitt, Susan Andrews & Donita Osborne; Owner: Donita Osborne

Hindquarters

Gairbraid's Edward de Ville, NW17888, 11/28/2003

Caraglen Berwyck Imago x Gairbraid Sereh, Canada

Breeder: Carole Jeninga; Owner: Carole Jeninga

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Event: 2007 IWCC Canadian Specialty Show

Date: September 15 2007

Sweepstakes Judge: Rosemary Shoreman

Thank you for bringing your puppies for me to judge. My friends in Wolfhounds have allowed me to share your world for many years and I have spent a number of years keeping the third weekend in September open to come out for your National.

Generally the puppies had shape and good temperaments but I didn't see a lot of puppies with the awkwardness of big bone, knobby wrists and legs going in all directions as in the wolfhound puppies I remember from the past.

Overall the eyes are getting darker. Ears are improving from what I have seen in the recent past. The set on of tail was generally good.

Length of rib is diminishing and loins are getting longer. Side gaits were pleasing to watch which comes with longer bodies. The unfortunate part is that the length comes with longer loins.

My winners filled my eye as true Wolfhound puppies.

Our junior handlers were a joy to judge. They were intense and eager to learn. They handled their large charges very well. My winner was a young girl who showed her knowledge of the breed and listened to instructions well.

6-9 Month Male Sweeps

1st. #36 I preferred his overall outline. Pleasing head with a well carried ear, albeit on the large side. Although immature, one could catch glimpses of good fluid side movement. I would like to see more length and spring to his ribs and breadth in rear but he is still a baby. His rear needs to be more developed but he has nice short hocks.

2nd. #58 A good strong puppy showing more maturity but lacks conditioning. Longer in rib with good spring. Good broad beam with well shaped thighs but needs some strength. His tail is not his fortune. He has well structured front and strong topline. On the move, he needs to show more drive.

9-12 Month Male Sweeps

1st. #37 A good moving hound but immature in body. Good length of neck fitting well into his shoulders. Good length of rib but would like to see a stronger rear.

12- 15 Month Male Sweeps

1st. #76 More mature dog with more bone. Easy going side movement. Pleasing head with good ears. Well developed thigh with good broad beam. Nice short hocks. A shapely hound who is shorter in loin than the other two. Uses himself well. Good sound typey dog deserving to be my winner on the day.

2nd. #26 A wheaten boy who is starting to mature. His head shows his immaturity. Well set on front. Longer in body but more in the loin. I'd like to see more strength in the lower thigh. He has good side movement.

3rd. #64 Another hound with length of body more in the loin than the rib. Pleasing head, heavier in ear but can hold them properly. Straighter in front with a neck tending to be stuffy. Good upper thigh with a long second thigh, which could show more strength. Nice tail.

6-9 Month Female Sweeps

1st. #142 Young shapey bitch, immature and moves like a baby. Lovely head with nice dark eyes. Good ears. Well laid on shoulders. Looks over-angulated at this age but with more strength in upper thigh, her rear will come. Tends to move close but with maturity, she should have good movement. Good tail.

9-12 Month Female Sweeps (Unfortunately my tape failed me for this class)

12-15 Month Female Sweeps

1st. #77 Lovely shapey bitch. Pretty feminine head but I would like a darker eye. Ears well held but too long. Good strong neck leading into well-laid back shoulders. Nice broad beam going into well developed thighs with long second thighs. I liked her proportions with good length of rib and short loin but she did not use it as well on the day as the dog which I chose for Best in Sweeps. It was still a hard decision to choose between these two.

2nd. #131 A shorter bodied bitch with a lovely dark eye. Pleasing head with decent ears. Long neck, going into a front which could have better angles. She does not use herself very well as she needs more strength in her rear and more length of body. Her tail is not her fortune.

15-18 Month Female Sweeps

1st. #94 This bitch has a good front with well-laid back shoulders and good return of upper arm. She needs a stronger head but has a beautiful dark eye. Longer neck which could be stronger. Good length of rib with a short loin. Good strong upper thigh but would like to see more return of stifle and longer second thigh. She uses herself well.

Best in Sweeps - #76 Pitlochry's Keystone

Best of Opposite in Sweeps - #77 Gordon of Aerie