

Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (BC Branch )

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Firstly I would like to offer my thanks to the Committee for the invitation to judge the show and the exhibitors for giving me the wonderful opportunity to judge your dogs.

On arrival at the show I was immediately struck by how hard the committee had worked to prepare such a lovely setting for the show. The welcome from everyone was terrific. I had an absolutely wonderful day and would like to thank everyone for the warm atmosphere at the show and the sporting manner in which everyone took my decisions.

My overall impression of the dogs was very pleasing. It was good to see overall balance, length of leg and of course excellent temperaments. Another matter of importance to me was mouths and it was a pleasure to see correctly set jaws and teeth. I was especially pleased to have only found one instance of a narrow underjaw with incisors set inside the top jaw.

Peter and I spent a total of 14 days in your country and had a wonderful time. We enjoyed meeting friends old and new, visiting places of interest and would like to give a special mention to the wonderful Brenda Clark and Pauline Dunn for all the assistance they gave us in helping to make the most of our visit. We would also like to thank Emma Ross for her hospitality and no we have not told our dogs about "Wolfhound Paradise at Mission BC".

Finally I would also like to mention my appreciation to my ring steward Bev Atchison who kept me on the " straight and narrow" and Jim Bradbury for the beautiful photographs which will always remind me of this special visit.

Junior Puppy Male

1<sup>st</sup> G and S Humphreys Hawkhaven Hydref Macdrew

7 month old brindle dog who was a lovely example of a promising young puppy. Strong, masculine head with dark eyes, correct bite and well carried ears. Long strong muscled neck leading into a well put together front assembly. Amply boned straight legs. Feet were well padded but a little splayed. Deep chest. Good underline. Flat topline . Well muscled angulated hindquarters which he used to very good effect on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> A and J Baird's Glenamadda Wolfholm G Hunter

6 month old wheaten dog. Masculine head enhanced by dark pigmentation. Correct scissor bite and good ear carriage. Nice shoulder and upper arm placement but at present not as much infill in forechest as the winner. Deep chest, well tucked up and sufficiently angulated hindquarters. Topline and croup needs to settle. At first erratic on the move but eventually settled into his stride.

3<sup>rd</sup> R Ricard's Hawkhaven Hydres Keiran

Of the three puppies this one was the most immature but given time will I am sure be a contender. 7 months of age and another of pleasing type. Beautiful head and expression. Dark eye, correct bite and although ears a little large were carried well. Did not have the front angulation of the previous winner and needs to drop in chest. Well ribbed back. Level topline. Reasonable hindquarters. Moved with enthusiasm but did not stride out in front.

#### Senior Puppy Male

1<sup>st</sup> J and E Kroll's August Black Diamond

Very impressive and noble hound of 10 months of age. Dark grey puppy of excellent type. Although he stood alone in this class in my mind he was a very worthy winner and for me epitomises how the breed should look. Masculine head enhanced by plenty of furnishings. Correct scissor bite and good ear carriage. Would like his eyes a little darker. Long strong neck which flowed into a correctly constructed front. Good length to leg, ample bone and good width throughout. Strong topline which he held well on the move. As his chest develops his underline will improve. Well angulated and muscled hindquarters which he used to very good effect. When moving around the ring he looked as if he owned it and I was pleased to award him Best Puppy in Show.

#### 12 to 15 Months Male

1<sup>st</sup> J and S Bradbury and E Ross' Cnoccarne Michael Collins AGH

Another who stood alone in his class. 12 month wheaten brindle who was in excellent condition. A typical head of good proportions. A little light in eye and ears a little large. Correct bite. Sufficient furnishings. Well muscled neck of good length. Long well set scapula. Upper arm a little steep. Well boned, strong, straight legs and good feet with well cushioned pads. Would like to see more angulation behind and topline needs to settle. Movement was a little erratic at times.

#### Canadian bred Male

1<sup>st</sup> G and J Venikouas and Ross' Cnoccarne Troyagh

3 year old wheaten dog. Another who stood alone but was worthy of his win. Pleasing head enhanced by dark pigmentation, sufficient furnishings and neatly carried ears. Neck could be longer but his shoulders were reasonably angled and inclined. Excellent bone and width throughout. Another with good feet and pads. Deep chest, strong topline and croup and good tuck up gave this dog his lovely outline. Well angled hindquarters with good width through the hock. Moved with drive and enthusiasm but was pinning in coming towards me.

#### Bred by Exhibitor Male

1<sup>st</sup> L Souza and J Souza Bartlett's Limerick Frosty The Showman

This dog commanded my attention the minute I set eyes on him as he exuded type and quality. Words like impressive, powerful and handsome came to mind. 2 year old grey dog with a very strong head which for me was enhanced by dark eyes, plenty of furnishings, correct scissor bite and neat, well carried ears. Muscled strong neck which flowed into shoulders which were well angled and correctly inclined. Plenty of forechest. Outstanding bone throughout and long, straight legs. Good feet with tight, arched toes and well cushioned pads. Deep chest and excellent spring of rib. Well tucked up. Strong topline with correct arch over the loin which he held on the move. Excellent angulation in his hindquarters which gave him strength. Very good width through his hocks. Correctly carried tail. When he moved all parts fitted together so well and this gave him his commanding appearance. He looked as if he could do the job for which they were intended. I was thrilled to award him Winners Male and Best in Show.

2<sup>nd</sup> E Ross' Am Ch Cnoccarne Tinnakillagh

Another balanced dog of good quality and type. 3 year old wheaten whose gentle expression stole my heart and made me realise why I love this breed so much. His head was an excellent example and was enhanced by plenty of furnishings, a correct bite and neat tight ears. Another with lovely length to his amply boned legs. Good front construction and lovely feet. Well sprung ribs, deep chest and nice tuck up. Correct topline and croup. Balanced strong hindquarters. In excellent condition which showed as he moved around the ring. Did not stride out as well as the winner and was a little close behind but I was more than happy to award him Reserve Winners Male.

3<sup>rd</sup> H and L Blanchard's Legacys Kryptonite

3 year old grey dog. Good head, correct bite, neat ears. Dark pigmentation. Well muscled neck which flowed into a well constructed front assembly. Good topline and underline and plenty of width throughout. Not as balanced as the first two as legs were a little short in proportion to length of body. When moving away was unsound on his right back leg.

Open Male

1<sup>st</sup> H Cook's Pitlochry's Joshua

20 month wheaten of lovely type who won the class on his movement and pushed hard for Reserve Winners male losing out to maturity. Typical, masculine head which was enhanced by dark pigmentation and lovely furnishings. Correct scissor bite. Ears could have been neater. Strong, arched neck. Excellent front construction. Elbows set well under. Ample bone, straight legs and neat feet. Deep chest, well sprung ribs and excellent width throughout. Correct proportions to length of back. Plenty of hind angulation and muscle. Well let down hocks. Correctly carried tail completed the picture and his easy, active movement was a pleasure to watch.

2<sup>nd</sup> M and T Berry and S Stobart's Caraglen Berrybriar Mystic Man

3 year old typical male who pushed the winner when standing but lost out on movement. Pleasing head and expression. Good pigmentation, correct bite and well carried though a little large ears.

Strong well arched neck. Well angled, inclined shoulder. Correct length to upper arm. Plenty of forechest. Good bone and long straight legs. Well cushioned feet. Deep chest, well sprung ribs and lovely tuck up. Strong topline and correct length to loin. Excellent hindquarters. Moved close behind.

3<sup>rd</sup> J and E Kroll's Wolfhouse Windjammer

Well presented 2 year old wheaten dog of good size. Strong greyhound shaped head enhanced by dark eyes, ample furnishings and neatly carried ears. Strongly muscled neck with a nice crest. Average shoulder construction as his upper arm was a little short and steep. Good underline Would like more length and angle to the croup. Lovely angulated hindquarters which he used to good effect on the move. Correct coat texture.

4<sup>th</sup> S Tank's Kellcastle Rainier

2 year old dog. Pleasant head with a gentle expression but could do with more length to his muzzle. Correct bite. Ears a little large. Thick, well muscled strong neck. Nicely inclined shoulders but angle spoilt by a short upper arm. Sufficient forechest and plenty of bone. Long straight legs and correct shaped feet. Deep chest. Good underline. Topline spoilt by a dip behind his shoulders and too long a loin. Good width through the thigh and in excellent condition. Outline when moving was spoilt by his high tail carriage

Veteran Male

1<sup>st</sup> H and L Blanchard's Am. Ch. Legacy's Gwinn Dell Dublin Dream

7 year old dark grey dog in lovely condition for his age. His coat was gleaming in the sun. Shapely dog with a masculine head which sadly was spoilt by large flat ears. Excellent neck, shoulders and upper arm. Plenty of substance and bone. Good topline and tuck up. Deep chest. Good angulation to his hindquarters which were strong and muscled. Moved well.

Junior Puppy Female

1<sup>st</sup> G and S Humphreys Hawkhaven Hydref Emmagh

7 month grey brindle who was very shapely and feminine. Good head, lovely furnishings, dark pigmentation but ears could be a little smaller. Excellent neck, shoulders and upper arm. Plenty of bone. Straight legs and good feet. Deep chest. Spring of rib and tuck up should improve with age. Excellent set croup and hindquarters which she used well on the move.

Senior Puppy Female

1<sup>st</sup> J and E Kroll's August Opal

I see she is the litter sister to the Best Puppy and is very similar but not as together on the move as the dog at the present time. 10 month old female who also exhibits type and quality. Beautiful feminine head and soft gentle expression. Lovely dark eye, scissor bite and small rose ears. Good length of neck. Well angulated front construction. Plenty of forechest. Good length to her leg. Correct well cushioned feet. Correct body proportions of rib to loin. Excellent hindquarters with plenty of width through the thigh. Moved confidently around the ring exhibiting good ring presence.

12 – 15 Month female

1<sup>st</sup> M and T Berry and E Ross' Cnoccarne Berrybriar Sophie

12 month old wheaten brindle of lovely type who won this class on her excellent movement. Very feminine head and while she does not have ample furnishings her " soft expression " enhances her. Nice dark eye, correct bite and good ear carriage. Strong neck leading into an adequate front construction. Lovely long straight legs and tight well cushioned feet. With maturity I am sure her chest will drop and similarly given time her croup and hindquarters will settle. She moved with great stride and confidence and was perfectly sound.

2<sup>nd</sup> E Ross's Cnoccarne Nellie Cashman AGH

Litter sister to the first who pushed the winner hard. There was very little to choose between them at this age and maybe on another day they would change places. Wheaten brindle bitch who was typical and feminine. Lovely head and expression. Dark eyes, scissor bite and small rose ears. Well muscled neck which went cleanly into a well constructed front assembly. Staright legs supported by moderately large well cushioned feet. Chest needs to drop and topline needs to strengthen but given time will I am sure improve. Adequate hindquarters. Moved well in profile but not as good as the winner coming and going.

3<sup>rd</sup> L and D Ahston and E Ross' Cnoccarne Anne Bonney AGH

Another from the same litter and most of the same comments apply but at the present time she is not as balanced as 1 and 2. Wheaten bitch who also exhibited type and quality. Strong but feminine head and she also has good pigmentation, a correct bite and rose ears. Her lovely long neck enabled her to carry her head well and she has good front construction. Plenty of forechest and another with good width throughout. Not the length of leg of her sisters and I would like to see more angulation and width to her thigh as this would improve her back movement.

4<sup>th</sup> G and S Humphreys Taryn Jocelin of Hawkhaven

Another 12 month old bitch who was the most immature of these winners. Quality girl in lovely condition. Well proportioned head with a nice dark eye and gentle expression, correct bite and neat ears. Strong neck, adequate lay of shoulder. Lacks forechest and depth of chest at the moment. Long straight legs, feet a little flat. Good length to body and lovely hindquarters. Moved with enthusiasm around the ring but was very close behind.

Canadian Bred Female

1<sup>st</sup> K Brumpton and S Prokopenko's Glenamadda Kellyscot Enchanted

Very stylish bitch of 2 years of age ( today). Presented in excellent condition. Her balance gives her a lovely outline while standing. Feminine head enhanced by good pigmentation and furnishings, correct bite and well carried small ears. Strong neck and muscular front. Good shoulder angulationand long straight legs. Correctly shaped feet with cushioned pads. Deep body and good

spring of rib. Lovely topline and underline. Nice bend of stifle and good length to second thigh. Moved well with drive and enthusiasm.

Bred by Exhibitor Female

1<sup>st</sup> J and E Kroll's August Red Hot Salsa

I loved this bitch who at 2 years of age is maturing nicely. She was presented in excellent condition though I feel a little trimming of her neck hair would further enhance her outline. To me she is a hound who just oozes presence. A very pretty, feminine head of correct proportions, enhanced by dark pigmentation, a correct set to her jaw and neatly folded ears. Her strong well arched neck went cleanly into her well laid shoulder. Long well boned legs, good pasterns and feet and well cushioned pads. Excellent depth and breadth of chest, good topline and underline. Long back with the length correctly in the ribcage. Correct croup and curvy well angulated hindquarters. Very true on the move with a long low easy ground covering action. I was pleased to award her Winners Female.

2<sup>nd</sup> H and L Blanchard's Legacy's Giselle

This bitch caused me the greatest anguish of the day as I absolutely loved her outline but she would not co-operate with her handler, seemed very uneasy and kept sinking to the ground. An 18 month bitch with a lovely outline. Very feminine though with plenty of substance and quality. Typical head enhanced by a dark eye, rose ear and correct bite. Long neck leading into well inclined scapula. Would prefer more return of upper arm. Needs more forechest and width throughout which should come with maturity. Long, straight legs and good feet. Lovely proportions of rib to loin. Good topline and underline. Excellent width through the thigh but second thigh is a touch too long. Seemed much happier on the move and went well.

Open Females

This for me was the most difficult class of the day. I think the heat was getting to the dogs as they did not seem to want to co-operate with their handlers.

1<sup>st</sup> H and L Blanchard's Legacys Charm Lidian

4 year old substantial bitch in lovely condition. Of good size and presenting a pleasing overall outline. Well proportioned head enhanced by dark eyes, plenty of furnishings and rose ears. Correct bite. Good lay of shoulder. Ample spring of rib and depth of rib giving lots of heart and lung room. Long cast and needed a little more length of leg for balance. Well angulated hindquarters and low hocks. Moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> J and E Kroll's Augusta Maya

3 year old wheaten brindle. Very attractive bitch. Feminine, well furnished head, dark pigmentation, neatly carried ears. Correct bite. Long, well arched neck leading into a good lay of shoulder. Deep chest, lovely topline and underline. Good width throughout. Would like a little more curve to her hindquarters. Moved soundly.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> H Cook's Pitlochery's Josephine

Another lovely bitch of good type and quality. Head a little heavy and ears flat but lovely pigmentation and furnishings. Strong, well built and excellent width throughout. Well arched neck though a little short and thick leading into an excellent front assembly. Plenty of forechest and well boned straight legs. Shorter in body than the previous two. Croup a little steep. Well muscled hindquarters. Was short in leg and did not have the easy, active movement of the previous two bitches.

### 4<sup>th</sup> B McCuskey's Legacy Tyra at Salish

18 month old of excellent type. I loved her but her lack of maturity and failure to co-operate with her handler lost her a higher placing. I will however follow her progress with interest. Pleasing head with dark eye and well carried ears. Correct bite. Long neck. A little upright in shoulder and lacking in forechest at the present time. Plenty of substance and good length of leg. Deep chest. Long back of correct proportions of rib to loin. Well turned stifles giving good width through the thigh. Was extremely boisterous on the move and carried tail a little high. Movement however was very sound.

### Veteran Bitch

#### 1<sup>st</sup> E Ross' Cnoccarne Clooneenagh

I loved this wheaten bitch as soon as she entered the ring and I could not believe she was 8 years old. She was in superb condition and moved with the drive and enthusiasm of one half her age. Very good head and expression and her pigmentation enhanced her wheaten colour. Lovely neat rose ears and her bite was correct. Her neck was arched, well muscled and strong. Good shoulder and front and plenty of width throughout. Well boned straight legs and well cushioned feet. Lovely deep chest and firm underline. Her topline has a slight dip but her croup is correctly set and she has correct proportional length to her ribcage and loin. Excellent hindquarters. Moved soundly both in profile and coming and going from me. Was delighted to be able to make her my Best of Opposite Sex which she thoroughly deserved.

### Altered Female

#### 1<sup>st</sup> S and J Bradbury and E Ross' Cnoccarne Taegangii

4 year old wheaten bitch. Another of lovely type with a pleasing head, good pigmentation, correct bite. Ears were a little large. Strong neck. Shoulders were a little steep and upper arm a little short. Straight legs. Deep chest and good width throughout. Excellent length to ribcage and correct length to loin. Well tucked up. Strong hindquarters with good width through the thigh. Excellent mover.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> K Brumpton, E Boldok and S Propenko's Ch Glenmadda Rainvale V R Kismet

Another of lovely type. 6 year old grey bitch. Her head had the correct proportions from occiput to stop and stop to the end of her muzzle. Correct bite. Ears a little large but carried well. Strong neck

leading into a correctly assembled front construction. Plenty of forechest. Deep chest. Good topline and underline. Plenty of width throughout. Excellent hindquarters which she used very well on the move. Would have liked more length to her leg which for me was what lost her the first place.

3<sup>rd</sup> P and F Briscoe's Cnoccarne Trevagh

4 year old wheaten in lovely condition. Her feminine head was enhanced by dark pigmentation, correct bite and small neat ears. Well muscled neck. Front construction not as angulated as the first two and not as much forechest. Lovely topline. Deep chest. Good width throughout. Underline could be firmer. Sufficient angulation to hindquarters. Moved well.

4<sup>th</sup> G and J Venikousa's Singing Swords Ceara

4 year old grey bitch of nice type. Pleasing head with good pigmentation, correct bite and correctly carried small ears. Strong neck. Adequate front construction. Straight legs but feet a little flat. Good topline and underline. Would like more hind angulation. Movement was stilted.

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