

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION (NIWA) NEWSLETTER

Soon to be called the Hounds Herald

PRESIDENTS LETTER:

As I write this, it has been 16 days since we went live with our website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. To say that we have all worked hard is an understatement. There are such amazing things going on behind the scenes, every day.

We organized to offer all Irish Wolfhound lovers acceptance and a home that is judgment free, educational, and supportive. We want to make a difference for not only you, but the breed, and we want that difference to become the "norm". We call ourselves an Association, because anyone can associate with us. We especially welcome the first time owners, the new breeders and anyone who just loves their dogs.

We currently are looking forward to the St. Patrick Day festivities around the Nation. We have a large contingency that walk with their dogs in the St. Louis Downtown Parade. We want to be represented other places too. So if you have festivities in your area, we would love to have you represent us and let us know about it.

September will bring many of our members and guests to an Irish Hooley and FunMatch Weekend in the beautiful Ozarks of Southern Illinois. This is all still in the planning stages, we need volunteers and people helping in all the positions. We expect to have a fun match, like dog show, with food games, prizes and of course FUN. Dates are still to be determined. But will keep you posted on the progression and happenings.

Jennifer Ahrens





All about us:

Treasurer: Nanette Marks, St. Louis MO

Hi! I'm Nanette, owner of two beautiful Wolfhounds. Regan Fiona age 5 and Finnegan Conor McGregor 18 months. I hope to have Finn coursing in the Spring. I'm the current Treasurer of the NIWA and wanted to share a bit of my background. I spent 23 years in Banking and retired at 40 to pursue an opportunity to teach and compete in karate on a National and International level. I am now a bond trader for a Texas firm and hope to retire in 3 years to devote my time to the NIWA. I'm active in the St. Louis Missouri social events for and with Irish Wolfhounds. Please feel free to reach out and say Hello!

President: Jennifer Ahrens, Harrisburg IL

I am very excited to be an integral part of this Association. Already I have grown as a person, and met so many new people that love this breed as much as I do. We have so many great ideas and plans to put forth! I want you to be as excited as I am and get involved for yourself and for the dogs. I'm not nearly as exciting as my dogs, Although the address is in Illinois, it doesn't tell the whole story. I am a military wife, and have lived many places, around the world. It wasn't until after my husband had retired from the military that I got my first wolfhound, although I had wanted one since I was about three years old. I quickly made up for lost time and I have had a number of Irish Wolfhounds, and if you count the dogs that I have cared for through rescue and for others, I have had well over 150 dogs call my house their home. I love this breed. Currently, I am owned by two Irish Wolfhounds, Jameson and Harper. And thanks to my husband, John, who puts up with, and supports my love and interest in Irish Wolfhounds.

Secretary: Susan Hawkinson-Gergely

I couldn't imagine life without the dogs that have marked all my decades. I started training, showing and being involved in boards in the 1970's in a great Obedience club in St. Paul, MN. I even got to judge some fun matches. I worked for 40+ years in Radiology, human and veterinary. The greatest joy has been realizing that instead of watching my old dogs fade out, and be gone, a whole new chapter flew open when we got our first Irish Wolfhound, Tauriel. She is our heart hound and we couldn't be happier to be on the journey with her and with this club. Thank you!

VicePresident 1- Linda Gilmour: Hello!. I live in Missouri. I have had Irish Wolfhounds for 15 years and I can't imagine my life without them. I have had a total of 7. I have 4 now and hopefully 5 soon. My background is in Veterinary Medicine, a trained chef and I have also done interior design work. I am retired and now enjoy showing my Irish Wolfhounds. I am very proud to be Vice President of this wonderful organization.

VicePresident 2- Beth O'Neal- I had told my husband for over 15 years, "I am going to have an Irish Wolfhound someday!" In September of 2012 one became available for rescue in Kansas and in February 2013 he became mine!!! Sam is my best friend; I got him a new brother in August 2018, Finnegan. I am well and truly blessed, can't imagine ever being houndless again. I am so thankful too, that I am a part of a tribe of like minded Wolfhound lovers.



An Irish Verse, or two....

May God grant you always a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you, Laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you, and whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.

May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long.

May you have the hindsight to know where you have been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.

May your heart be light and happy, may your smile be big and wide, and may your pockets always have a coin or two inside.



Skin Saver Slush –for dogs

4 Sprigs of fresh Parsley

1/4C thawed or fresh peas

3 large carrots (or 4 med) in
chunks

1 small beet in chunks

1 med. apple quartered and seeded

1 Tbsp grated ginger root or cut into
small pieces

1 cucumber, peeled chunked

(These are the core ingredients)

Optional: 1 /2 C of cabbage, broccoli,
green beans, etc.

The produce must be fresh
and RAW, the whole idea is to create
a broad spectrum of nutrients, minerals
and enzymes. Grind with 3/4
cup of water in food processor or
blender until in small pieces or pureed.

Store in refrigerator. Keeps 3-
4 days before enzymes start to break
down. If using with a smaller dog,
recipe may be halved or even quartered.

Mix in with kibble. Start with
a smaller amount then work up to
recommended level.

Small dogs: 1 tsp.

Medium dogs: 1-2 Tbsp.

Large dogs: 3-4 Tbsp.

Giant dogs: 1/2 C

Hydrochloric/ Pepsin tablet in his food. (I stick it in a blob of yogurt and it goes right down!)

The HCl/ Pepsin and live enzymes
in the raw produce help your dog assimilate
food and utilize it properly.

The difference shows in his coat, his
attitude and his energy level.

Pumpkin Shake:

(human and dog recipe, can be shared)

1/2 banana (peeled, frozen, diced)

- ~1/3 cup pumpkin puree
- ~1/3 cup plain or vanilla Greek yogurt
- ~3/4-1cup vanilla soy or almond milk (or milk of choice)
- Few shakes of pumpkin spice (Cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and allspice)
- Few shakes of cinnamon •1tsp vanilla •4-5 ice cubes

Mix all together in blender, food processor or Smoothie machine. Cheers!



DOG and CAT Emergency Preparedness Kit

While preparing an emergency kit for yourself, please do not forget your pets. Here is a recommendation of what to put in your pet's kit:

DOGS:

- * Food and water for 1 week. Don't forget a can opener and plastic spoons if you are using canned food.
- * Plastic food bowls (you don't want to have to use precious bottled water cleaning dishes)
- * A carrier for each pet small enough to fit in one (good luck with an IW size)
- * Towels (lots of towels) to go in each carrier
- * A leash and collar with ID for each pet
- * Extra medications
- * Pet first aid kit
- * Pet waste bags
- * Photo of you and your pet together* Extra photocopies of photos of each pet
- * Copies of vaccine records

CATS:

All the above, plus-

- * Aluminum foil roasting pan to serve as disposable cat litter boxes
- * 1 week's supply of kitty litter and a scoop

We need **volunteers**.

Do you have the time to put together a newsletter?

Are you a party planner?

Can you help with a WIX website?



CONTACT US :

You can reach us through Messenger, shout us out on FB, or email us at:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOUNDS!

January 2019						
Dec 2018						Feb 2019
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 SEAMUS LEE FREYJA GRAVES
6 NORHUNTERS KEEVA	7	8	9 GUS MATAYA	10 CASEY ANNE	11	12
13	14	15 NORHUNTERS BABY DOLL	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 NORHUNTERS TOO HOT TO HANDLE	26
27	28	29	30	31		



