

again. Our judge was Marcy Zingler, and we had an entry of 21 Glens in ring number 2 at 9:30. The count was 6-6 (6-3). There was only one absentee. The Best of Breed pewter bowl was generously donated by Jackson and Melanie Steel. Additional trophies were provided by the Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America (GITCA), which supported the entry. The top prize went once again to Bruce Sussman, Rob Shuter, and Maura High, but this time for the beautiful wheaten bitch Coleraine's Mandalay Royalty, or Curry. Curry, just like India before her, was bred by Maura High.

The BOS in 2010 also went to a wheaten Glen, and he is well worth mentioning here. Owned by Laura Trainor and Peg Carty and bred by Peg Carty, he would earn his fourth Best in Specialty Show only a few days later. Ch. Rainbow Springs Dermot, RE, NJP was BISS at Montgomery in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

So, who will it be at M&E 2015? India, Curry, and Rosie are all retired. Dermot is sadly no longer with us. Bruce is taking a hiatus from showing dogs to work on a different kind of show.

Why don't you dust off your hat, cap, cloche, or fedora and join us? If you appreciate beautiful dogs, gracious hospitality, and a fine tradition, it's a wonderful show to experience for yourself.

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## Irish Terriers

### The Ubiquitous Show Personality

It wasn't long after the end of regular monthly program of the Wunderkind Kennel Club, a club at which they register a lot of breeds that leave you wondering, "What kind of dog is *that*?" when the real

order of club business commenced across the street at the Hair of the Dog Tavern.

My friend Red McGaw was holding the floor better than he was holding his drink. "I don't want no gosh-danged, gentrified, city-slicked-up son of a gun telling me that I have to show some fawning, tail-waggin', liver-stupefied moonpie of a dog in order to win a dog show. My dogs is dog fighters and bear hunters, and we don't want no namby-pambies."

"Wh-wh-what about me?"

Harold stammered. "The only thing my dogs should care about is herding, and it don't matter to them what they herd. My old Bess would herd a leaf blowing across the yard. 'Course, some doggy psychologist did say she was obsessive-compulsive. Heck, it ain't natural for her to stand there wagging her tail trying to look happy. She's worried about some sheep you and me cain't even see. It makes her a great herder, and I wouldn't want her any other way."

Belle Apox, who can grow a beard with the best of them, had her concerns about her renowned specimens of that old breed, the Monongahela Brush and Swamp Terrier. "You seen what they call sparring in my breed? They want them dogs and bitches to coo and preen and court like preppies at the prom. It's all arched necks and waggin' tails, or it's 'oh, my, that's all wrong.' My bitch don't want a date. Some bitch gets cute with her, and it speaks to the farm dog in her. She pulls up her lip to show those ivory knives and points her tail backwards to help her hold her balance when the fertilizer hits the ventilator."

My friend Ms. D. asked, "So what you're saying is that there's only one type of personality that is wanted in a show dog?"

"That's about the size of it, sis," Belle said. "No matter what they got written in them fancy standards

about how each breed is supposed to be ... well, they only give out them ribbons to the happy, tail-waggin' liver-baiters in the show ring."

"I guess you have a choice, then." Ms. D. said.

Belle eyed her suspiciously. "Which is what?"

"You can breed dogs as they were meant to be, or you can breed show dogs."

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## Kerry Blue Terriers

This month's columnist is Margo Steinman, a Kerry owner since 1946 and longtime breeder and exhibitor, as Kilmarley Kerries (est. 1966). She has participated in conformation, obedience, herding, dock dog, and barn hunt events. She is retired from breeding but still active in the breed, and her bloodlines are behind many of today's modern Kerries. She has been a member of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club since the 1960s.

### Let the Games Begin

The Celtic Games at the Enumclaw Expo Center, in Enumclaw, Washington, was held on July 25 and 26, the event's 69th year. There were Scottish bagpipe bands, meeting of the clans, Celtic dancing, and a "Celtic Kennel" for all of the Celtic dog breeds. This was under a large, covered area, with decorated booths for each breed.

Five Kerry Blue Terriers participated: my Rowan; Sharon Burnett's Rauri and 14-year-old Rocket, in beautiful condition and loving the crowds; Candi Marzano's Magic; and Jean Birkland's 12-year-old Jubie, not showing her age.

Our Kerries all got along with others and enjoyed the petting and attention, especially from the many children who were there.

Our booth was decorated with a