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NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA APRIL, 1977

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This newsletter, the first under the aegis of Marie & Gary Johnson, contains a wealth of interesting material. Maintaining this high level requires assistance -- give the Johnsons your news items. Similarly, the committee on the revision of the constitution (see page 4) needs the benefit of suggestions from the membership.

The annual meeting and dinner in New York were highly successful events and enthusiasm and interest seemed at a very high level.

Your new President was nominated by Mike Gately and the transition will be easier because of Mike's continuing activity and strong support.

Our next event will be the Traveling Specialty Show with Chain O' Lakes K.C. at Grayslake, Ill. on June 19 with Bob Peters judging, preceded by the Irish Terrier Club of Chicago Specialty on June 18 with Dennis Barnes adjudicating. Webb is superintending. There will be a Saturday night banquet, a headquarters motel with hospitality room, and everything should combine to bring out a large, representative entry. For room reservations and further information, write your President.

Yours,



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We have heard of the following litters:

Jim and Liz Wilson
1965 Davison Lake Road
Oxford, Michigan 48051

Ch. Kincora's Out of My Way ex Ch.
Culliedown Colleen of Markris

Bill Griffins 3 males 12/27/76
RFD #7
Garrison Road
Carmel, NY 10512

Shindygo Yankee Dandy ex Teltown
Skipper's Girl

[See last page for additional litters.]

COMING EVENTS

April 8-10. Too late to enter but not too late to attend and watch a fine entry on the Sunflower Circuit. Three shows--Hutchinson, Salina, and Wichita, Kansas. Contact Jim Kelley for details.

June 4. The "new" Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit will host its second sanctioned "B" match at the home of Jim and Liz Wilson. Club President John Best will judge. The Wilson's report they have room for campers on the premises, and all are welcome.

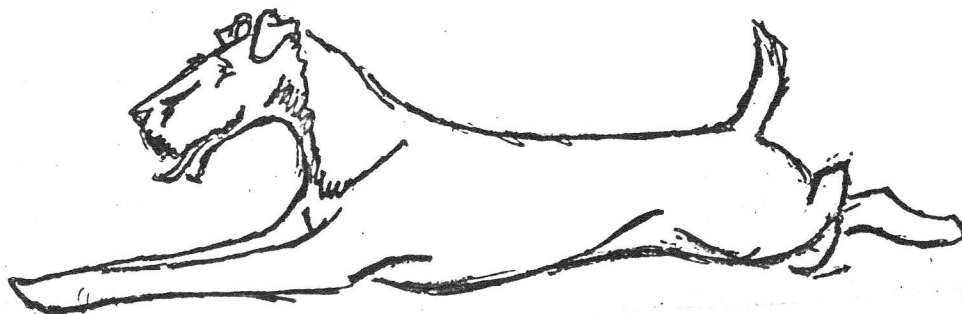
June 5. Ann Arbor Kennel Club show. The Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit will support this entry.

June 11 and 12. There will be an entry of Irish Terriers at the Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club Show in Minneapolis and at the Land O'Lakes show in St. Paul. No word yet on judges.

June 18 and 19. Gray's Lake, Illinois. The Irish Terrier Club of Chicago with member judge Dennis Barnes judging, and the Irish Terrier Club of America Specialty at the Chain O' Lakes show with Bob Peters judging. It's not often there are two breeder-judges in one weekend and these shows should not be missed! Two years ago these shows drew entries of over 40 and the Clubs are hoping for an even bigger entry this year.

June 11 and 12. For those out west, the Irish Terrier Club of Northern California specialty at the Contra Costa Kennel Club, Pleasant Hills, CA, and the Golden Gate KC.

June 18 and 19. For those who can't make it to Chicago, the Irish Terrier Club of Southern California at the Associated Terrier Club specialties and the Beverly Hills show should provide a large entry for those of you planning to be in California.



Bob Peters has sent us this report of the 1977 Winter Specialty:

The February, 1977, Specialty seems to have been a big success. With 45 people attending the dinner and annual meeting at the Sheraton New York Motor Inn overlooking the Hudson, and 27 entries in the show, all of the efforts of the committee certainly were worthwhile. An added dimension this year was a promotional table which was done by the show chairman who provided spectators with free literature on the breed, applications for ITCA membership, and lists of officers of regional clubs--all arranged in green, white, and orange for Irish Terriers and set up next to the show ring. Judge Mrs. Phyllis Haage chose as Best of Breed Ch. Mullaghboy Bounty Tyrus; Best of Opposite Ch. Irish Ms; Best of Winners and Winners Dog Cashel Wallop; and Winners Bitch Glenworth's Cara Mee O'Myne; Reserve WD was Blackacre Barrister and Reserve WB

was Sarsfield Space Cadet. Show Chairman Carol Butterworth salutes Mickey and Gene Koshara who handled trophies, Sharie and Dick Diamond who handled hospitality, Beryl and Dennis Barnes who handled advertising, and Ruth McGrail who handled publicity, as well as Gregor Hetzel and Edward Sheehan who were the ring stewards.

Following the judging, a meeting was held of the Board of Governors which had been elected at the annual meeting on the previous night and which remains the same as in 1976 with one exception: Carol Butterworth replaces Cruse Honey. The Board members present elected the following officers: President, John Best; Vice President, George Kidd; Secretary, Robert Peters; Treasurer, Dennis Sheehan. Delegate to the Associated Terrier Clubs is Carol Butterworth and delegate to the AKC is Michael Gately. Chairman of the constitutional revision committee is John Elliott.

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SHOW RESULTS

- ITCA Specialty February 13, 1977: Judge: Mrs. Phyllis Haage
- Puppy, Dogs 1. Tawney Owen - Dr. John Preece
2. Glenworth's Challenger - Ed Worth
- Open, Dogs 1. Cashel Wallop - John and Joan Elliott
2. Blackacre Barrister - John Best
3. Glannagalt Keep Peace - Robert Schnitzer
- American Bred, Bitches 1. Sarsfield Space Cadet - Diane and Brendan Ryan
2. Greencastle's Gypsy Riley - P. Kendrick
- Open, Bitches 1. Glenworth's Cara Mee O'Myne - Richard Accurso
2. Sarsfield Space Leader - Thomas P. Ryan
- Veteran, Dog 1. Ch. Maurycaun Cocksure Hooligan - Bob Clyde
- Winners Dog - Cashel Wallop Reserve Winners Dog - Blackacre Barrister
Winners Bitch - Glenworth's Cara Mee O'Myne Reserve WB - Sarsfield Space Cadet
Best of Breed - Ch. Mullaghboy Bounty Tyrus - Lorraine and James Reed, Jr.
Best of Opposite Sex - Ch. Irish Ms - Dr. Joseph Sayres

Westminster Kennel Club February 14, 1977

Mr. David Doane, Judge

- Open, Dogs 1. Blackacre Barrister - John Best
- Best of Breed - Ch. Sarsfield Spaceman - Carlotta Howard
Best of Opposite Sex - Ch. Irish Ms - Dr. Joseph Sayres

March 13, 1977 Detroit Kennel Club

Judge: Mrs. Ann Rogers Clark

Open, Dogs

1. Culliedown Casey of Cork - Jim and Sylvia Duffy
2. Leddy's Dark Padric - James and Ann Kelly
3. Ruddlebrier's Rusty Bucket - Andrew Miller
4. Carlbeth's Donovan - Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnes

Winners Dog - Culliedown Casey of Cork Reserve WD - Leddy's Dark Padric

American Bred Bitches 1. Culliedown's Meggan O'Molly - Duayne Koltowicz

Open, Bitches 1. Culliedown's Offaly Naughty - Patrice Smith and James Wilson

Winners Bitch - Culliedown's Offaly Naughty Reserve WB - Culliedown's Meggan O'Molly

Best of Breed - Ch. Professor Quill of Inisheer - Charles and Lauren Ritter

Best of Opposite Sex - Ch. Culliedown Penny of Markris - Theodore and Carole Baxter

Best of Winners - Culliedown Casey of Cork

Note: Owner-handled Professor also went on to Group 4 under Mrs. John Marshall Jones. The Ritters have planned to retire Professor after this show.

March 5, 1977 First Sanctioned "B" Match, Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit
Judge: Dennis Barnes

Best Irish Terrier and Best Puppy: Culliedown Jake Rafferty - Diane Courney
Best Puppy Bitch: Culliedown Colleen - Charles Cromberg.
(Both four-months old)

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We contacted our winter specialty judge Mrs. Phyllis Haage some time after the specialty, and she was kind enough to send this critique of the show:

"It was a great pleasure to judge the Irish Terrier Specialty at New York. The entry was a very pleasant surprise, as I felt that the general quality was excellent. Certainly, the Best of Breed competition was a collection of above average Irish, with at least three dogs that I could have given the breed to, and three bitches that pressed them hard.

"Coats do not seem to be a problem, and by and large the dogs were in very good condition. Ears were, on the day, rather less questionable than often seen in this

breed. Movement seems to have improved over the past several years, while size continues to be a problem, with many of the better dogs being well up in size.

"I should like to say a word of caution about mouths. My experience has convinced me that once a bit of leeway is allowed in this department, it quickly becomes a major problem. Since such an overwhelming majority of Irish do have good mouths, I feel that this is the time to be most scrupulous about them.

"Your trophy committee is to be commended for the imagination and taste shown in the beautiful display of trophies. My stewards deserve my thanks for being so very kind and helpful. The exhibitors were uniformly courteous and sporting, and I do thank all of you for a most enjoyable day."

(Mrs.) Phyllis H. Haage

Handling ITCA puppy referrals in 1977 will be Margaret Stone. The ITCA ad in Dog World will refer potential customers to her. Margaret requests that those of you with puppies or older dogs that you wish to place notify her so that she can provide up-to-date information to those who are looking for an Irish Terrier. And, it would probably be a good idea to let her know if all your puppies have found homes so that prospective buyers are given accurate information. Send all litter announcements to:

Mrs. Margaret Stone
133 Humboldt Drive
Burlingame, CA 94010
(415) 344-2700

And, while you're at it, send us a copy for the newsletter! It's good advertising!

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John Elliott, chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee, has informed us that work on the new constitution has already begun. In addition to John, committee members are Isabelle O'Connor, Jim Kelley, Dennis Sheehan and Charles Ritter. Because the committee is truly nation-wide in its makeup, most of the business will have to be done by mail. John expects the committee's proposals to be based on a model constitution devised by the AKC. He also would like to consider any suggestions that ITCA members might have. If you would like to make a suggestion to the Constitutional Revision Committee, please send it to:

Mr. John Elliott
Box 227
Riverton, Virginia 22651

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There are 52 Irish Terrier kennel names hidden in this puzzle. Most of them are current, but a few are from the past. They may be spelled forward, backward, or diagonally. How many of them can you find?

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| Bluffview | Glenworth | McGoo | Shantytown |
| Cahill | Gloccomara | Mishaira | Sheehan |
| Carris | Goswyre | Mullaghboy | Shindygo |
| Cashel | Greenbriar | Nutbrown | Temrock |
| Cocksure | Greencastle | Red Alert | Tipperary |
| Cottonhill | Harlem | Renvyle | Topsham |
| Culliedown | Inisglen | Ridge Road | Trackway |
| Denbryl | Inisheer | Riley | Tyterry |
| Dundalk | Irish | Rockledge | Wahoo |

Starting with this issue, the ITCA newsletter will be edited by Marie and Gary Johnson. This job has traditionally fallen on the shoulders of the already overworked secretary; it is only fair to say that we have volunteered for this job and that the new secretary, Bob Peters, is not trying to get out of his responsibilities! I am sure that all of us in the Club want to thank Joyce Wilson for the years that she served "double duty" as secretary of the ITCA and editor of the newsletter.

One problem with trying to put out a newsletter such as this one is finding the news--neither of us has ESP. Therefore, we will be grateful for any contributions that any of you would be willing to make--news from your part of the country, show results, group placements, shows that you will be supporting, new puppies or litters expected, opinions on what's right or wrong with the Irish Terrier, obedience hints and wins, tips on how to better enjoy the Irish Terrier, or antidotes about your special dog, etc. Also, if there is something that you would like to see in the newsletter, be sure and tell us about that, too! Send your ideas and opinions to:

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Blaine, MN 55433
(612) 786-1914

There has been a great deal of concern among many dog breeders in the last few years about the reproductive disease, CANINE BRUCELLOSIS. I personally have not seen a case of this disease; and it is, for reasons we do not fully understand, extremely rare among cases at the Veterinary Clinic in the University of Minnesota. There have recently appeared several interesting review articles written by Dr. L. E. Carmichael of Cornell University. Dr. Carmichael has been a leader in canine brucellosis research, and I thought ITCA members might be interested in a summary of these papers as well as some recommendations on how to deal with this disease.

Brucellosis is a disease of domestic animals and man caused by a group of related bacteria of the genus Brucella.

The canine form of this disease was not recognized until the mid 1960's. At that time it was primarily a problem of Beagle colonies. It has since been diagnosed in many other breeds and there is no reason to believe that any particular breed is resistant. An infected animal appears only mildly ill; however, because of its devastating effect on reproduction, because of the absence of a proven effective treatment and because the bacteria may be transmitted from dog to man, canine brucellosis is considered a dread disease by many dog fanciers across the country.

Diseased dogs generally have decreased vigor and swollen lymph nodes. Bred females often have an apparent failure to conceive. Many who become pregnant abort their pups, most commonly about 50 days after breeding. Infected males may have painful, inflamed testicles. They often lick and bother their scrotum. With time, one or both of their testicles may shrivel up, as does their sex drive and fertility.

The disease may be transmitted in several ways. The most common is by ingestion of aborted tissues or associated vaginal discharges, both of which contain high numbers of bacteria. Venereal transmission from infected males to susceptible bitches is a second major route of transmission. The reverse, transmission from an infected bitch to a susceptible stud has not been shown to take place. In light of this the common practice of offering a dog at stud only to bitches that have tested brucellosis free seems inappropriate. It is the bitch who is at risk in a mating, so it is the stud who should be tested. Simple contact between infected and non-infected dogs will not result in disease transmission unless there is a breeding or a contagious vaginal discharge. Occasionally, live pups are born to infected bitches. In these cases the pups will be infected at or before birth. Currently it is not known whether these pups can recover before they reach sexual maturity.

Most veterinarians can test dogs for canine brucellosis with a quick, simple diagnostic procedure called the rapid slide agglutination test. Negative results

from this test are reliable--if a dog tests negative he does not have the disease. Positive results, on the other hand, do not necessarily mean a dog has brucellosis. It has been estimated that as many as fifty percent of the dogs giving a positive reaction do not have the disease. Positive results should be followed by additional laboratory and clinical studies.

Once a diagnosis of canine brucellosis has been confirmed the dog's owner is faced with a difficult decision. Current veterinary texts and many veterinarians recommend immediate euthanasia because of the lack of an effective treatment, the possibility of transmitting the disease to other dogs, and the danger to public health. In male dogs the prognosis for recovery is very poor. His reproductive usefulness is over. Antibiotic treatment and castration is, in this case, a reasonable alternative to euthanasia since this minimizes the chances for transmission of the disease.

In the case of a bitch spontaneous recoveries can occur, usually many months or years after infection. In some cases, prolonged antibiotic treatment may hasten recovery. Repeated laboratory tests will be necessary to establish the cure. In the meantime, the bitch should not be bred and if she has a vaginal discharge other dogs should not be exposed. In many cases, euthanasia or having the dog spayed plus put on antibiotics may be a more practical approach.

The public health significance of canine brucellosis may, in the past, have been somewhat overstated. This is pro-

bably because human brucellosis acquired from other domestic species can be a serious disease. People infected with the canine form have a transient, mild disease that is characterized by headache, fatigue, enlarged lymph nodes and occasional nausea. The disease has not been shown to cause abortion in humans; however, pregnant women or women of child-bearing age should probably be especially careful not to contract the disease.

I don't know of any cases of canine brucellosis in Irish Terriers, though maybe some of you know otherwise. There are a few things that you can do to protect yourselves and your dogs. Most important, you can reduce the risk of exposure by not letting your dogs run loose. The prevalence of canine brucellosis among stray dogs is much greater than that in dogs with an owner. When you must board your dogs at a kennel, choose one with good sanitation and preferably one that minimizes contact between kennel runs. Breed your bitches to stud dogs that are periodically tested negative by the rapid slide agglutination test. If one of your bitches aborts, suspect brucellosis until your veterinarian can rule it out. He will probably have you gather up the aborted tissues into a plastic bag and bring them to him. In any event, use caution when handling the aborted tissues. Disposable gloves and a thorough hand wash are certainly in order.

I might also suggest that you have your bitches tested for canine brucellosis four weeks after breeding. If your bitch tests negative and you refrain from letting her run loose, you can assist in the whelping without fear of catching the disease. With reasonable caution and a little luck, we can keep canine brucellosis from becoming a problem in Irish Terriers.

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We would like to thank Mary Murray for furnishing the sketches for this issue of the ITCA Newsletter. We would also like to thank all those of you who responded so quickly to our requests for articles.

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Rt. #1, Box #103
Dry Fork, Va. 24549
Tel: (804) 724-7100

Sire: Shantytown Paddy Murphy (litter is
Dam: Shantytown Lilibets due in June)

2 yr old Shantytown Celtic Gold is available
Sire: Ch. Nutbrown Leprechaun
Dam: Ch. Patti's Martha Riley

Additional Litters

Mary & Paul Welch
127 Great Rd.
Acton, Mass. 01720
617-263-2314

Sire: Ch. Rennyle's Banny Taig
Dam: Carris' Happiness Is

Joan & John Elliott
Box 227
Riverton, Va. 22651

Karen & Ed Worth
254 E. Riding Dr.
Carlisle, Mass. 01741

1 male - 8 mo.
Sire: Ch. Glenworth Superstar
Dam: Ch. Glenworth Erin

Mary & Mike Gately
1509 Rowland St.
Bronx, N.Y. 10461
212-823-9036

Elizabeth Clark
209 West St.
Harrison, NY 10528

Sire: Ch. Tim Toolan O'Tipperary

Marga Maehl
9724 Manor Road
Leawood, Kansas 66206
913-383-2637

Sire: Danish Ch. Joe
Dam: Taglitos Paternus Amber

Litters Due

Karen & Ed Worth
(address above)

Sire: Ch. Glenworth Superstar
Dam: Ch. Glenworth Erin

Karen Worth & S.
Marie Cooney
(same address)

Sire: Ch. Glenworth Minuteman
Dam: Ch. Glenworth's Danu of
Windmere

Mike & Sharon Cole
84 Nagog Hill Rd.
Acton, Mass. 07120

Sire: Ch. Carris' Watch Me
Dam: Foxglove Flirtation

Phyllis J. Kendrick
37 Catherine St.
Worcester, MA 01605
617-752-0017

[2 litters]
Sire: Ch. Ahtram Dividend
Dam: Ch. Greencastle's Pooka
of Banba

Sire: Ch. Riley's Cocksure Laoch
Dam: Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth