

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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Latest news of the ITCA Specialty February 11 in New York: plans are under way for an informal luncheon for ITCA members and families, similar to the one last February. Gregor Hetzel, chairman of the Specialty show committee, reports that Marie Johnson, "the hostess with the mostest", is in charge of arrangements. You will recall that Marie and Gary Johnson arranged our successful dinner the night before our October Specialty. The February luncheon is to be held following the Irish Terrier judging, which we expect to be around mid-morning, and before the annual meeting of the ITCA in the afternoon. All of this will take place, of course, at the State Armory, 216 Fort Washington Ave., New York City, just off upper Broadway.

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We have received the sad news that Charles W. Marck, of San Diego, Cal., died recently. Mr. Marck was a highly respected judge and a highly respected gentleman. He judged several ITCA Specialty shows in recent years. Both he and Mrs. Marck were formerly members of the ITCA.

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The following paragraph is excerpted from the ITC Southern California Newsletter of October 1972, written by Peggy Veal of the ITCSC:

"Our own Match Show is going to be held March 17, 1973, St. Patrick's Day, at the Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc. We hope this, too, will be an AKC sanctioned "A" Match. Last June we held our first "A" Match, which was a "smashing success." So, hold that date open and plan to enter your dog. Perhaps we can have an even larger entry than last time. This Match should complete the AKC requirements for the Irish Terrier Club of Southern California to become a recognized specialty club... This Match is quite important."

I know that I reflect the sentiment of the ITCA membership in wishing the ITCSC the best of luck in this next step toward recognition by the AKC.

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Jerry Keefe's Ch. Bluffview Leader won Best of Breed at the International K.C. of Chicago Fall show November 4. Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Winners was John Best's Blackacre Bombshell. Winners Dog was E.D. Harper's General George. The show, one of the largest in the country, drew a total entry of 3,180.

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Dr. Joseph P. Sayres wrote that his Ch. Irish Rebellion has had the following Group placements thus far this year:

- GR 2 - Genessee Valley K.C., under Mrs. W.P. Wear, July 8.
- GR 3 - Warrenton K.C., under Dr. T. A. Kirk, Jr., April 19.
- GR 4 - Tonawanda Valley K.C., under Mr. A. Stamm, June 11.

Dr. Sayres adds: "I hope this trend continues for everyone."

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Mary Jane Sturdy sends word that her Teirrah's Pegeen O'Legcor, and Mrs. Robert C. Mackeown's Ruff'n Rowdy, have qualified for the Companion Dog (C.D.) degree in obedience.

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Elizabeth Doherty writes that her bitch "Gaela" had an adverse reaction to pills for the prevention of heart worm. "Evidently she was allergic to them, as X-rays showed that her stomach lining was raw, inflamed and swollen from them. From what the doctor told me, I understand that this was not an uncommon reaction. Needless to say the pills were discontinued and now she is her old bouncy, lively self."

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Some of you may be interested in a "Puppy Buyer's Kit" offered by the Gaines Dog Research Center. The Kit contains a wall chart: Gaines Guide to America's Dogs, and six booklets: Where to Buy, Board or Train a Dog, Welcoming Your New Puppy, How to Succeed in Housetraining Puppies and Dogs, Feeding your Dog Right, What Every Good Dog Should Know, and That's My Dog. The Kit may be obtained by sending 50 cents in coin or check to Gaines Kit, P.O. Box 1007, Kankakee, Ill., 60901. The offer ends at Christmas.

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Dues for 1973 are due 1 January, payable to Treasurer John Best.

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Attached to this Bulletin is a form that may be used for paying dues. At this time I urge all those who are delinquent for past dues to settle their accounts. We cannot carry delinquents on our roll for long periods.

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PROXY

Also attached to this Bulletin is a proxy form for those who will be unable to attend the annual ITCA meeting February 11. If you cannot be there -- in the same building where the Specialty will take place -- please fill out the proxy form, have it witnessed, and send it to the Acting Secretary at the address below.

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In past weeks the following have informed me that they had puppies available at that time:

John Best	Marion Honey	Patricia Reynolds
Robert Bills	James Kelley	Mary Welch
Klee Dobra	Isabelle O'Connor	Edward Worth
Joan Elliott	Pauline Puryear	

I receive occasional enquiries from persons wishing to buy a puppy, so it would be helpful if you would let me know when you have litters.

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Quotes from other columnists: (Concerning stomach bloat and torsion) - "First and most important is to recognize the condition immediately when it happens. Probably the first thing noted will be restlessness and whining and crying out -- the dog will salivate and continue to swallow. He will keep swallowing continually even though there is nothing to swallow. He may try to vomit but will bring up little or nothing -- perhaps a little mucus. The abdomen will be distended and taut. If these symptoms occur place your dog in your car and go man go to your veterinarian...to the first vet you can find. You have between 90 and 120 minutes from the onset of torsion to surgery to save your dog." (R. W. Tichenor, M.D. in AK Gazette Nov. '72, German Shepherd Dogs column.)

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President Gately and the officers send Season's Greetings to all!!!

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