



THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

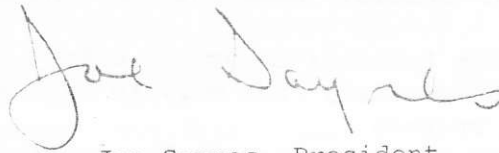
Raingear was the order of the day for our 1982 Travelling Specialty. Despite the weather, it was a resounding success. It was not entirely incongruous to see all those beautiful Irish Terriers being shown in the rain on the green, green grass. Visions of their ancestors cavorting in the Emerald Isle ran across my mind.

The efforts of Mary Welch, Isabelle O'Connor, Karen and Ed Worth, Nancy Robinson, Chris and Ken Marsh, Sharen Cole and etc, all were rewarded with the large entry of 32. The weather did not dampen the spirits of exhibitors or spectators, and everyone had a good time.

Age was served on this wet and dreary day in Wellesley, Massachusetts when Ch. Glenworth Minute Man, nearly 11 years old went Best of Breed.

In closing, I would urge all of our members to attend one of our Specialty shows. You can then appreciate our dogs and our fellow club members who work so hard to make these events successful.

I hope that you have all purchased your raffle tickets on our Irish wool sweaters by now. If not please do so.



Joe Sayres, President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year's Nominating Committee -- Mary Welch, Chairman, and Jeanene MacDonald and Gregor Hetzel -- has submitted the following slate:

President	Joseph P. Sayres, New York
Vice President	Robert C. Peters, Virginia
Secretary	Marie Johnson, Missouri
Treasurer	Rose Marie Kubacki, Pennsylvania
AKC Delegate	Richard A. Daimond, New York
Class of 1983 Board term of 1 year	James C. Reed, California
Board of Governors, Class of 1985 (4 places)	Elizabeth Gillespie Clark, New York Rev. Dennis S. Fernandes, New York Nancy L. Hetzel, Michigan Phyllis J. Kendrick, Virginia Edna M. Sillavan, Louisiana Elizabeth Wilson, Michigan

Additional nominations may be made according to the ITCA By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4 (b). Ballots will be mailed to all ITCA members in good standing, with the exception of our Junior Members who do not have voting privilege, on or before September 1, 1982.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

Letter written to Dog World Magazine, Judy Berner Publishing Co., 10060 West Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL 60153, To the Editors:

The short piece on page 112 of your May 1982 issue, "BIS Irish", omits the names of the two Irish Terriers who were recently awarded Best In Show. For the benefit of those readers who may be wondering about these dogs, you may wish to publish the following information: Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael owned by Linda M. Honey; and Ch. The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge owned by Robert E. Buckley and Edna M. Sillavan. Marion A. Honey is the breeder of both of the Champion Irish Terriers, and their breeding is identical, with their litters nine months apart.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Hetzel, ITCA Secretary

The ITCA Board of Governors has met only once a year in recent years, in early October on the occasion of the Montgomery Specialty and Annual Meeting of the membership. Throughout the year there are items which do need attention and decisions by the Board, and this business is conducted by mail in accordance with Article II, Section 4 of the By-Laws. Most of this business is of a routine nature, with the items which need most discussion reserved for the yearly meeting, provided that they are not of an urgent nature.

Approval of applicants for ITCA membership is the largest volume item: Since the Board meeting last October through June 15 of this year, 23 new ITCA members, including one junior member, have been approved by the Board. Applications of 6 additional members are currently in process.

At the President's request, the Board considered a statement of ITCA Policy concerning whether or not to reveal, and in what circumstances, the actual vote count in our general elections. It has been ITCA policy over upwards of forty years NOT to announce or discuss the vote count in elections and to announce the results only. Tellers have traditionally held the confidence that been entrusted to them. All of the 16 Board members voted on the following statements:

- (a) Not revealed, as is our present policy (tellers only know).
- (b) Announced at the General Membership meeting and published in the ensuing Newsletter.
- (c) Made privy to the Board of Governors only.
- (d) Revealed by the Secretary, but only to interested individual members of their specific request.
- (e) None of the above--please state other possible solutions to this problem.

Eight Board members voted (a). Two of these said in addition that "the Board may grant exceptions for good and sufficient reason." A third checked (d) also.

Three Board members checked (b).

One Board member voted (c) and stated "used to fill vacancies -- NEVER revealed."

Four Board members voted (d), one adding "only to candidates duly voted on in the election process." One said, "I feel any defeated candidate should be able to learn the number of votes cast for himself and his opponents, but I see nothing to be gained from further disclosure of the votes unless an unusual situation develops."

Items of a more routine nature which received unanimous approval from the Board (with the exception of one vote, different person each time, in each instance which was not returned) was approval of Jean M. Hall as Show Chairman for Montgomery 1982. The Board also approved the Club's purchase of 50 copies of Terrier Type, January-February 1982, issue for the convenience of the membership. As of June 15 the Secretary has 14 copies remaining. 36 were sold to the ITCA members at \$5.00 each, including mailing, and resulting in a small profit to the Treasury. Further, the Board authorized John Best to go ahead with the Printing of the supplementary pages to bring the Gary Hammer pedigree book up to date.

Three additional items which received complete approval from the Board, with the exception of one member who neglected to return the vote sheet, were approval of the 1982 Judicial Selection Committee, approval of Linda Honey's generous re-offer of the President's Trophy for the Traveling Specialty, same conditions as previously, and approval of the President's suggestion to publish cash prizes and trophy information for Specialties in the Newsletter. This last must be implemented each time by the Trophy Chairman for the respective show.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

Matters concerning judges for various occasions were:

1. The Board approved inviting Nick Calicura to judge Montgomery 1983. Nick has accepted our invitation, and we are confident that the necessary AKC approval will be forthcoming at the proper time!
2. In accordance with the decision in October, the Board nominated judges for the Irish Terrier classes at the AKC Centennial Show in Philadelphia on November 17-18, 1984. 21 names were suggested altogether, and the top 5 (the number the AKC had requested that we submit for their consideration) were: Dennis Barnes, Nick Calicura, William Kendrick (the only non-ITCA Member), Bob Peters and Joe Sayres. The list was formally submitted to AKC in mid-May.
3. 7 names were voted on by the Board for Sweepstakes judge for this year's Montgomery. Only one of these names came from the ITCA membership at large, as requested by the Secretary and in keeping with our guidelines! The person who will be our Sweepstakes judge is Mrs. Madelaine Axelson-Johnson. She has been an ITCA member since 1979 and has bred and judged Irish Terriers in Sweden for over 25 years. Mrs. Axelson-Johnson now lives in West VA with her daughter and family. This summer she will spend two months in Sweden fulfilling at least five judging assignments, as well as visiting friends and family.

One job which certainly does seem totally unnecessary work and expense to the Board is the need each year to "grant grace for late payment of dues" to TOO MANY members in accordance with the By-Laws, Article 1, Section 4 (b). This is a real nuisance each year! The following members needed grace this year: BILLS (2), BLEAN, BUCKLEY, DEMAINE, DRENDALL, EVANS, HAMMER, V. JOHNSON, KIEREN, KRULEWICZ, MANAHAN, MCGUIRE, NADELL, SHEEHAN, SLICK. Two members paid \$12 dues for 1982 within the past couple of weeks, but their checks have returned with polite letters advising them that they must re-apply for ITCA membership, according to the rules. A total of 16 former ITCA members were never "heard from."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Condition ITCA, April 1, 1982

Receipts:

Dinner & Houspitality	\$1,059.95
Raffle	190.00
G. Hammer Book	74.50
Advertising Fund	381.73
Trophy Fund	1,403.00
Jewelry	136.00
Breed Book, Puppy Pamphlets, Notepaper	75.98
Dues & New Members	3,203.00
Balance forward from Sept. 1981	2,379.48
Total Receipts as of April 1, 1982	6,524.16

TOTAL

\$8,903.64

Disbursements:

Dinner & Hospitality	\$1,649.23
Advertising	66.20
Newsletter	531.68
Printing	519.37
Puppy Referral	36.71
Show Expense	607.58
Trophy Fund	1,090.89
Dog World Ad	180.00
Terrier Type Ad-Special Edition	50.00
Secretarial Expenses	337.18
Treasurer's Expense	32.48
Post Master (Treasurer)	193.47
Jewelry	660.50
Raffle	28.00
Judge's Fee	50.00
New Breed Book	12.56
Total Disbursements	\$5,991.05

CASH ON HAND

\$2,908.09

TREASURER'S REPORT, continued

Your Treasurer has many items for purchase. Please note the following:

Irish Terrier stationery	\$ 4.50
ITCA Jewelry	
Bronze Pins	12.00
Silver Pins	20.00
Bronze Tie Tacs	8.00
Silver Tie Tacs	12.00
Puppy Pamphlets	
10	1.50
20	2.90
30	4.00
40	5.00
50	6.00
ITCA 1970 Breed Books	1.00
Gary Hammer Pedigree Book	12.50

For any purchase, please contact your Treasurer, Elizabeth Wilson, 1965 Davison Lake Rd., Oxford, MI 48051.

SPECIALTY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 18, 1982 THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SPECIALTY
Judge for the Regular Classes, Mr. George Pimlott
Judge for the Sweepstakes, Mr. Dennis Sheehan

The Irish Terrier Club of Northern California will be holding its Annual Specialty Show in conjunction with other Terrier Specialties at the world famous Marin Civic Center in San Rafael, California. Superintendent for this show is Ace Mathews.

On Sunday, September 19, 1982, the Sir Francis Drake KC will hold its All Breed Show at the same location. Catalogue advertisement for the Specialty has a

July 30th deadline. All information and money must be sent to James O. Hall,
1160 Robles Grandes Dr., Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Full page ad with picture
is \$32.00, Half page with picture is \$20.00, Quarter page no picture is \$12.00.
Boosters--\$3.00 each name.

OCTOBER 10, 1982 THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
Judge for the Regular Classes, Mr. Dennis Barnes
Judge for the Sweepstakes, Mrs. Axelson-Iohnson

The information that I have on this show is not complete as yet, but here's what
I have:

Showchairman Jean Hall
Hospitality Chairman, Dwight and Rosemarie Kubacki
Advertising Chairman, Joyce Wilson

This Specialty is held in conjunction with other Terrier Specialties at the
Montgomery County KC which is located near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are
two other dog shows that same week end, with Tom Crow as show superintendent.
Rooms will be reserved for Irish Terrier club members and their friends at the
Holiday Inn of Valley Forge, 260 Goddard Boulevard, King of Prussia, Pa. There
will be a Hospitality Room open for that week end. at the motel but I understand
that the Kubackis are looking for another meeting room for the Annual Meeting.

At this time no other information was turned in. Should any club member need
additonal information on this Specialty, please contact Jean Hall, 1460 Bird St.,
Birmingham, MI 48009 313-644-3589.

(PLEASE NOTE, THAT THE DATE ON THE RAFFLE TICKET IS INCORRECT) THIS SHOW IS ON
OCTOBER 10. Get out your grooming tools and start to work on the dogs mid-July.

SPECIALTY RESULTS

**TRAVELING SPECIALTY
MASSACHUSETTS**

IRISH TERRIERS. Bred by Exhibitor Dogs.
First, \$5.00

- 1 21 Foxglove Kels O'Riley. RA 614122. 10-25-79. Breeder: Owner: By Ch. Foxglove Kels - Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. American-Bred Dogs.

First, \$5.00 Second, \$3.00 Third, \$2.00

- 1 5 Laochragh's Cearnac Tiarnan. RA 660805. 04-29-81. Breeder: Kenneth & Christine Marsh. By Ch. Insh Rebellion - Ch. Insheer's Independence. Owner: Kenneth & Christine Marsh.
3 23 Greencastle's Billy Jack. RA 695667. 10-28-80. Breeder: Owners: By Shantytown Paddy Murphy - Ch. Greencastle's Badb of Renvyle. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick & Mary Weich.
2 25 Greencastle Erin Kilpatrick. RA 559140. 10-26-79. Breeder: Phyllis J. Kendrick. By Ch. Foxglove Kels - Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Owner: Tom & Nancy Robinson.
Ab 33 Shantytown Paddy Murphy. RA 136217. 01-27-74. Breeder: Cathleen Peters. By Ch. Shantytown Mudlark - Ch. Patti's Martha Riley. Owner: Patricia Peters.

IRISH TERRIERS. Open Dogs.

First, \$5.00 Second, \$3.00 Third, \$2.00

- Ab 7 Ch. Glocomara Yankee Dandy. RA 566404. 03-24-80. Breeder: Ellis West. By Ch. Greencastle's Real McCoy - Ch. Glocomara Centrifugal Mama. Owner: James E. Kerwin.
3 9 Clashmore's McNamara. (Susan G. Young, Agent). NN271201CAN. 07-09-81. Breeder: Owner: By Ch. Kincora's A Risky Encounter - Carbeth's Peppermint Patty. Owner: Mrs. Florence Sexsmith.
4 11 Larchmeadow Lord Sweeney. (Mary P. Andregg, Agent). RA 593663. 06-12-80. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Guido Verbeck. By Carolmac Saddle Tramp - Teltown Colleen. Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Guido Verbeck.
2 31 Irish Rose Ruff Ryder. (Peter J. Green, Agent). RA 651905. 12-21-80. Breeder: Rose Marie & Edward D. Kubacki. By Ch. Teddy Roosevelt Insh Rose - Greenfield's Insh. Owner: Rose Marie & Edward D. Kubacki.
Ab 35 Rockledge's Dungarvin. RA 616220. 09-12-80. Breeder: Verna E. Makara. By Ch. Rockledge's Goss - Rockledge's Brandi Makara. Owner: Joyce A. Wilson.
1 37 Sunny's Mr. McTavish. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent). RL 673094. 07-05-81. Breeder: Owner: By Ch. Rockledge's Bro Brendan - Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen. Owner: Stephen Sundheimer.

Winners Dog... 37... Reserve... 31... Points... 5... Dogs... 8...

IRISH TERRIERS. Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Bitches.

First, \$5.00 Second, \$3.00

- Ab 16 Sunny's C. Josie Killmartin. RA 694006. 07-05-81. Breeder: Stephen Sundheimer. By Ch. Rockledge's Bro Brendan - Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen. Owner: Mike & Marilyn Leonard.
1 18 Tipperary Belle. RA 690235. 06-14-81. Breeder: Robert Travers. By Ch. Kincora's A Risky Encounter - Rory's Ms. Murphy. Owner: Robert J. Hayden Jr..

IRISH TERRIERS. Bred by Exhibitor Bitches.

First, \$5.00 Second, \$3.00

- 1 6 Glennamaddy Slobhan Youchal. RA 661254. 05-13-81. Breeder: Owner: By Ch. Tipperary Belle - Ch. Tipperary Belle.

Ch. Sheehan's Irish Honey. Owner: Carol J. Butterworth.
2 12 Greencastle's Boga Sine. RL 634786. 07-19-81. Breeder: Owner By Ch. Greencastle's Real McCoy - Riley's Ruffian. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. American-Bred Bitches.

First, \$5.00 Second, \$3.00

2 20 Shantytown Shivarree. RL 634170. 06-22-80. Breeder: Phyllis J. Kendrick. By Shantytown Paddy Murphy - Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Owner: Robert C. Peters.

1 26 Riley's Ruffian. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent) RA 41299. 04-28-77. Breeder: Owner By Ch. Riley's Cocksure Laoch - Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. Open Bitches.

First, \$5.00 Second, \$3.00

1 22 Rockledge's Pacific Mist. RA 665459. 04-12-81. Breeder: Manon Honey By Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan - Ch. Rockledge's Noran Ann. Owner: Eleanor G. Hillegeist

2 28 Sunny's Lady of Erin. (Robert E. Clyde, Agent) RA 69490. 12-06-80. Breeder: Stephen Sandheimer. By Riley's Cocksure Dreag - Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen. Owner: Lillian Ricketts.

Winners Bitch... 6... Reserve... 22... Points... 5... Bitches... 7...

IRISH TERRIERS. Veteran Dogs.

1 39 Ch. Glenworth Minute Man. (Richard Redmond, Agent) R 897142. 08-17-71. Breeder: M. Cole. By Ch. Foxglove Barnaby - Cotton Hill Danu. Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Worth.

2 43 Ch. Riley's Cocksure Laoch. R 822908. 07-04-70. Breeder: Pauline P. Puryear. By Ch. Maurycaun Cocksure Hoogan - Ch. Pats's Martha Riley. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. Veteran Bitches.

1 8 Ch. Kincora's Kerry-Ann Girl. R 971208. 05-14-72. Breeder: Owner & J.M. O'Connor. By Ch. Foxglove Barbacy - Ch. Riley's Maggin O'Shay. Owner: S.G. Young & I.M. O'Connor.

3 14 Ch. Glannagalt Be Peace. R 758329. 08-07-69. Breeder: Michael Cole & Robert Schnitzer. By Ch. Foxglove Barnaby - Glannagalt Peerless. Owner: Elizabeth J. Doherty.

2 30 Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth. R 965794. 01-28-72. Breeder: Pauline P. Puryear. By Ch. Glannagalt Patriot - Ch. Pats's Martha Riley. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

IRISH TERRIERS. Best of Breed Competition.

1 10 Ch. Inisheer's Independence. RA 504528. 01-31-79. Breeder: Charles & Laureen Ritter. By Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dyan - Ch. Inisheer's Irish Eyes. Bitch. Owner: Christine & Kenneth Marsh.

✓ 15 Ch. Glennamaddy Caoimhghin. RA 612719. 08-23-80. Breeder: Owner By Ch. Glannagalt Now Peace - Ch. Sheehan's Irish Honey. Dog. Owner: Carol J. Battenkorth.

✓ 17 Ch. Kincora's Bases Loaded. RA 521672. 05-31-79. Breeder: Joseph M. O'Connor & Susan G. Young. By Ch. Kincora's Out of My Way - Ch. Kincora's Kerry-Ann Girl. Dog. Owner: Susan G. Young & Isabelle O'Connor.

✓ 19 Ch. The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge. RA 581779. 01-28-80. Breeder: Manon Honey. By Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan - Ch. Rockledge's Noran Ann. Dog. Owner: Robert E. Buckley & Edna Sullivan.

✓ 24 Ch. Cara Mae Carrie of Dungarvin. RA 538370. 12-17-79. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Accurso. By Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dyan - Ch. Glenworth Cara Mae O'Mara. Bitch. Owner: Joyce A. Wilson.

✓ 27 Ch. Inisheer's Barnstormer. RA 613432. 06-19-80. Breeder: Charles & Laureen Ritter. By Ch. Glannagalt Now Peace - Ch. Inisheer's Irish Eyes. Dog. Owner: Suzanne Stagle Vracas.

✓ 29 Ch. Kincora's Aenghus. RA 391129. 07-05-77. Breeder: J.M. O'Connor & S.G. Young. By Ch. Cam's Watch Man - Ch. Riley's Maureen O'Shay. Dog. Owner: Gloria Barube.

SPECIALTY RESULTS, coninued

✓41 Ch. Rockledge Bro Brendan. (Robert E Clyde, Agent). RA 584025. 01-28-80. Breeder: Marion A. Honey. By Ch. Rockledges Mr. Morgan - Ch. Rockledges Nora Ann. Dog. Owner: Stephen Sundheimer.

Best of Breed... 39... Best of Winners... 6... Best of Opposite Sex... 6.....

IRISH TERRIERS. Brood Bitch.

✓(30) Ch. Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Owner: Phyllis J. Kendrick.

WINNERS FOR THE SHOW SUNDAY:

- BOB, BOW, WD Sunny's Mr. McTavish, owner Stephen Sundheimer
- BOS, WB Rockledge's Pacific Mist, owner, Eleanor G. Hillegeist
- RD Clashmore's McNamara
- RB Glennamaddy Siobhan Youghal

The Publicity Chairman, of the Irish Terrier Traveling Specialty wishes to thanks those who entered their dogs and gave us a fine entry of 32 dogs. It was very gratifying despite the horrible cold and wet weather we experienced. Graduation, weddings and the dog show all have experienced the weather disappointment and will long remember early June of 1982. Cold as we were, we did experience the warm support of our supporters and we thank you sincerely, Isabelle O'Connor.

IRISH TERRIERS

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF CHICAGO

Judge—Mr. Ray L. Perso

IRISH TERRIERS. Bred by Exhibitor, Dogs

34 Vic-Terre's Sir Lancelot. RA538554. 10-4-79. Breeder, Margaret L. Duff. By CH Rockledge's Miles Dylan—Kel-Terre's Dazzling Victoria. Margaret Duff Hollingsworth, Rd. 2, Box 22A-1, Gardners, PA 17324.

IRISH TERRIERS. American-bred, Dogs

..... 2 22 22. Breeder: Paul Y. Welch. By CH Green Castles Real McCoy—CH

IRISH TERRIERS. Open, Dogs

- 12 Blackacre Brimstone. RA681049 1-8-81 Breeder, Owner By CH Tyterry Gatekeeper—Blackacre Best Bet. John S. Best, W220 N8124 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Agent Douglas McClain.
- 13 Glocomara Star Spangled Boy. RA658534 12-8-80 Breeder, Owner. By CH Greencastle's Real McCoy—CH Glocomara Centrifugal Mama. Ellis F. West, 1419 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67208. Agent, Mr. John Ready.
- 4 15 Tyterry Rustty Red. RA648124. 1-8-81. Breeder, John S. Best By CH Tyterry Gatekeeper—Blackacre Best Bet. Peter J. Chiano, Jr., 627 N. Wisconsin, Villa Park, IL 60181.
- 23 Aherlow's Mikie MacRose. RA653367. 3-4-81. Breeders, Edward D. and Rose Marie Kubacki. By CH Sarsfield Spaceman—CH Sarsfield's Molly of Irish Rose. Jeffrey J. and Kathleen Hanrahan, 403 Stonemill Rd., Dayton, OH 45409.
- 25 Flash Fire Mick Mugger. RA674778 7-17-81 Breeder, Owner. By CH Rockledge's Mick Michael—Hornpipe's Miss Irish Jig. Mariann Carson, 4217 Portland Ct., Orchard Lake, MI 48033. Agent Allison Corn.
- 29 Rockledge's Bryan Browder. RA670596 4-12-81 Breeder, Marion Honey. By CH Rockledge's Mr. Morgan—CH Rockledge's Norah Ann. Bob and Charlene Browder, 6307 E. Cactus Wren Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85253. Agent, Wood Wornall.

WINNERS DOG... 29 ... Reserve... 25 ... Points... Dogs...

IRISH TERRIERS. Puppy, Bitches, 6 mos. and under 9 mos.

- 2 14 Limerick Kelly O' Catlin. RA709546. 11-16-81. Breeder, Caris Eschenauer By Blitz Von Esch—Ginger Von Esch. Susan L. Jones, RR 1, Box 140, Catlin, IL 61817.
- 30 Rockledge's Brisa By Gael. RL674934. 10-17-81. Breeder, Gail Carter Dernaime By CH Rockledge's Mr. Morgan—CH Inisheer's Risa of Rockledge. Linda Honey, 608 W. 215th St., Carson, CA 90745. Agent, Wood Wornall.

IRISH TERRIERS. Puppy, Bitches, 9 mos. and under 12 mos.

- 21 Theiss My Wild Irish Rose. RA697979 8-5-81. Breeder, Denis L. Stratford. By Theiss Goffigan O'Temrock—Theiss Big Mable Murphy. Faith A. Keiner and Jean B. Wilcox, 602 Mesa Ave., Jefferson City, MO 65101.

IRISH TERRIERS. American-bred, Bitches

- 28 Ridgeroad Katie McTafia. RA571361. 12-1-79. Breeder, Jean G. Anderson. By Temrock's Mike McTafia—Missy The Cat. John J. and Lorraine K. Doherty, 4885 Scandia Trail N., Forest Lake, MN 55025.

IRISH TERRIERS. Open, Bitches

- 2 17 Baystone Mama's Choice. RA705824 9-18-80. Breeders, John A. Childers and S. H. Roberson. By CH Glocomara Tax Master—Baystone Fireflight, CD. Lyle G. Moffitt and John A. Childers, 1543 So. Evanston, Tulsa, OK 74104.
- 1 24 Sheehan's Irish Imp. RA598214. 6-30-80. Breeder, Dennis J. Sheehan. By CH Sheehan's Irish Hellion—Sheehan's Irish Holly. Helen E. Fear, 602 Prinz Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213. Agent, Ric Chashoudian.

SPECIALTY RESULTS, continued

3 26 Ben's Heir Liz. E138892E40506B0 (England) 12-12-79 Breeder. Mr. H. A. Davis. By Bonshire Major—Limehill Liz. Elizabeth Gillespie Clark, 209 West St., Harrison, NY 10528. Agent, Clifford Hallmark.

WINNERS BITCH *24* Reserve *17* Points..... Bitches.....

IRISH TERRIERS. Best of Breed Competition:

11 CH Blackacre Barrister. RA316159 3-8-76. Breeder, Owner. By CH Tyterry Paddy Whack—Blackacre Bracken II. Dog. John S. Best, W220 N8124 Town Line Rd., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Agent, Douglas McClain.

16 CH Shannon Mist Riley. RA372072 4-28-77. Breeder, P. J. Kendrick. By CH Riley's Cocksire Laoch—CH Riley's Tara of Glenworth. Dog. Ed Chognowski, 1001 S. Madison Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525.

ab 18 CH Glennamaddy Caoimhghin. RA612719 8-23-80 Breeder, Owner. By CH Glannagalt Now Peace—CH Sheehan's Irish Honey. Dog. Carol J. Butterworth, 416 Philadelphia Boulevard, Sea Girt, NJ 08750.

20 CH Rockledge's Fetching Bouquet. RA586669 1-28-80 Breeder, Marion Honey. By CH Rockledge's Mr. Morgan—CH Rockledge's Norah Ann. Bitch. M. J. Oudendyk, P.O. Box 138, Metamora, MI 48455.

22 CH Blackacre Bailiff. RA577362 2-14-80 Breeder, Suzanne N. Griffiths. By CH Blackacre Barrister—Carlbeths Mavoureen. Dog. John S. Best and Suzanne N. Griffiths, RR 1, Box 134, Urbana, IL 61801.

31 CH Rockledge's Mick Michael. RA523779 4-24-79 Breeder, Marion Honey. By CH Rockledge's Mr. Morgan—CH Rockledge's Norah Ann. Dog. Linda Honey, 608 W. 215th St., Carson, CA 90250. Agent, Wood Wornall.

32 The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge. RA581779 1-28-80. Breeder, Marion Honey. By CH Rockledge's Mr. Morgan—CH Rockledge's Norah Ann. Dog. Edna Sillavan and Robert Buckley, P.O. Box 53856, Lafayette, LA 70505. Agent, Ric Chashoudian.

33 Erinmorn Dark Rosaleen. RA644974 4-11-82 Breeders, Owners. By CH Gloccomara Muzak Master—Carlbeth's Cookie Monster. Bitch. Kathleen and James Robinson, 3920 Gardner, Berkley, MI 48072.

Best Irish Terrier *22* Best of Winners *24* Best of Opposite Sex *24*

WINNERS FOR THE SHOW FRIDAY

BOB	Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael
BOS	Erinmorn Dark Rosaleen
WD, BOW	Gloccomara Star Spangled Boy
RD	Rockledge's Bryan Browder
WB	Baystone Mama's Choice
RB	Theiss My Wild Irish Rose

WINNERS FOR THE SHOW SUNDAY

BOB, Gr.4	Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael
BOS	Sheehan's Irish Imp
WD, BOW	Flashfire Mick Mugger
RD	Rockledge's Bryan Browder
WB	Baystone Mama's Choice
RB	Bockledge's Brisa By Gael

Your editor had planned to attend both of these Specialties, but a death in the family prevented me from going to the one in Boston. I had really looked forward to that Specialty as it would have been my first time to visit that part of the United States. What a thrill it would have been for Becky and I to visit the very place that our great country started. What a treat for us to at last taste New England's famous Clam Chowder and Maine Lobster. I know it can not be the same as Campbell's for they sure don't know how to make Chicken Gumbo. But I did get to the Specialty in Chicago, there meeting old friends and making new ones. They had a fine entry of some really beautiful Irish. To see a ring full of Irish Terriers, so full of fire and pride, it makes dull viewing for the other breeds. This year, I received the cool weather that last years weatherman had promised. But, he over did it this year. By group time that Friday afternoon, I was so cold that I was literally shaking from head to toe. It was indeed colder than Montgomery County. I would like to congratulate the Chicago Club for putting on such a nice show and of course congratulate all the winners on their fine Irish.

NEWS FROM ACROSS COUNTY

The Irish Terrier Club of New York will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary on May 12, 1982. We are planning a big 25th anniversary dinner for June 19th, and our annual Specialty (in October) will commemorate the 25th and will be dedicated to the memory of Michael Gately, our first president.

NEWS FROM ACROSS COUNTY, continued

The Irish Terrier Club of Northern California sends news of the result of their election of officers:

President	Mary O'Brien
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NEW CHAMPIONS AND TITLE HOLDERS

Ch. Glennamaddy Caoimhghin, dog	owner: Carol Butterworth
Ch. Sheehan's Irish Imp	owner: Helen E. Fear
Aesop Tails Red Rover C.D.	Owners: Jean Burk & Karen Ford

(Editor's Note--Red Rover completed his obedience title in three consecutive trials with the scores of 195, 195½ and 196, qualifying him for the Dog World Award)

LITTER BASKET

James & Juanita Worsham 849 Seabury Dr. San Jose, CA 95136 408-266-5629	Ch. Sheehan's Irish Hellion ex Ch. Rockledge Katie Me Darlin'	4-24-82 2M, 2F
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Joyce Hart 5 Mill Hill Rd. Delta, Iowa 52550	Omaha Rusty ex Mill Hill Pinkette	4-24-82 3M, 2F
Susan Rios 835 Courtland Houston, Texas 77007 713-869-9568	Banny Taig ex Leela The Devine Cosmic Play	3-26-82 5F
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Lynda McGuire 620 Mercer Dr. Hermitage, TN 37076 615-883-7057	Ch. The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge ex The Irishman's Forever Amber	6, 82 3F
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Send litter basket news to: Mary Roberts Roberts, 10503 Cheddar St., Norwalk, CA 90850
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Joyce Wilson----- help wanted! I am compiling a list of members who have deceased since 1970 as part of the contents for the new breed book. There is no one source available to me for this information, therefore I need the assistance of the membership.

Please look over this listing and notifying me of any additions or corrections to be made. (ex: if you read your own name, speak up) THANKS

Mrs. M. Carter Hall	Miss Pauline Puryear	Mr. Carlton Roberts
Mr. Jerimiah J. O'Callaghan	Mr. Morrison Earle	Mr. Thomas Ryan
Mr. Michael Gately	Mrs. Watson Hoos	Dr. Edward J. Kubacki
Mr. Jerry Keefe	Mr. W.K. Jordon	Mr. Charles Turner
Mrs. Fred Sholes	Mr. Rudy Jensen	Wrs.W,A,E, Woods
Mr. J.R.T. Alford	Mr. Joseph M. O'Connor	Mr. Charles W. Marck
Mr. Edgar Carey	Mr. George Van Duyne	Mr. Thomas O'Keefe
Mr. Paul Welch	Mr. Matthew Whyte	Mr. Herbert Fitzpatrick
		Mr. Charles H. Otis

Send any information to: Joyce Wilson, 20 Seneca Trail, Wayne, NJ 07470

From Laureen Kennedy-----Requesting the membership who are collectors of Irish Terrier emmorabilia of any kind, to send pictures (black and white glossy or negatives) of same to me for possible inclusion in the breed book. we would like to illustrate the book with paintings, statues, etc. Please send this to: Laureen Kennedy, 320 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

From Eleanor Hillegeist-----I have been going to write to you for some time now and am just getting around to it with the close of the school year. I just want to let the membership know about the wonderful support and assistance I have received from various members of our club. As a novice in the show dog world, I just want to thank all our wonderful members who are so willing to share what they have learned along the way with a fledgling! Thanks to George Kidd and Linda Honey for helping me with gluing ears--coast to coast. And to Charles Ritter for all his training of the plucking fingers and everlasting patience with my questions. Not to forget Ellis

West's formula for developing furnishings--along with Bob Clyde's recipe for the same. And I think Joyce Wilson would help me with grooming if it defeated her own entry. And last, but not least, the encouragement of Misty's breeder, Marion Honey. Just about the time I thought I couldn't come home from work and work on Misty's coat one more evening--what comes in the mail but a St. Patrick's Day card from Marion --to me?--No--To Misty. It is really a good feeling to belong to a club with such supportive members. I encourage any of our members who haven't shown to give it a try---there's a whole club of members out there willing to help... Sincerely, Eleanor.

(Editor's Note: AMEN)

From Mary Roberts-----A special "Thank You" to Paul Kirkman, a young man who works at a veterinary clinic in Bellflower, California. His duties take him to the East Los Angeles Animal Control Center. On one occasion he recognized one of our beloved Irish there. When all efforts to find her owner failed and her time had run out, he rescued her and found her a good home. Our appreciation, Paul.

From Carol Butterworth-----When I read of the Aran knit sweater project, it occurred to me that reprinting an article from the Jersey Daredevil Quarterly concerning the Irish Terrier and the Aran knit might be of interest to the members. From the Jersey Daredevil Quarterly by Carol Butterworth, Vol. 3, No. 3, Spring, 1981:

FOR MAGGIE'S DEVOTED MASTER

Maggie is a New Jersey-bred Irish Terrier whose master once considered getting her an Aran knit sweater! A Daredevil of course does not need a sweater, since it has a natural, resilient jacket of its own. A Mick, however, actually has a lot in common with an Aran.

The authentic Aran is weatherproof bainin, knitted with goose quills; the Irish Terrier coat is weather-proof, hackled with porcupine quills! Both Aran and Irish keep people in stitches, and both Aran and Irish relate to the water.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, continued

Each Aran family has a pattern (which is how drowned fishermen are identified), each Irish Terrier breeder has a prefix, which is I.D. The cable stitch in an Aran sweater symbolizes fishing ropes; a similar interweaving can be found on the sides of the neck of an Irish Terrier. The diamond stitch, symbolizing prosperity, can be seen on the chest of an Irish. The fern sitch, symbolizing long life, can be traced on the rear end of an Irish Terrier.

"Stretching" it a bit, yet in many ways an Irish Terrier already wears an Aran of its own, and just as Aran families can identify designs, Irish Terrier fanciers can identify bloodlines.

From Diana Martin-----At a recent local California dog show I witnessed an incident that has prompted me to write this letter. I think the subject should be of interest to our members and I hope that you will include it in the next newsletter so that it may provoke some response from both exhibitors and judges.

Specifically, a Bred-by-Exhibitor dog, shown in that class by his breeder-owner, was then taken into the Winners' class by another handler, not a family member related to the breeder of record, actually in this case a well-known professional handler, and won the points. The handler of the reserve dog, winner from the Open class, questioned the judge before the judge's book was marked and was told that such a handler switch was allowable. A call to AKC the next day did confirm this answer while a comment overheard at ringside had been, "It's not exactly Kosher, but...".

For years I have heard how many people are so proud of the fact that their dog had won the points, perhaps even the breed, out of the Bred-By class. Now I wonder, "What is the point?", no pun intended, if this sort of practice is allowed? I certainly hate to think that AKC condones this type of conduct yet the current rules apparently do not prevent it. It seems to me the term "Bred-by-Exhibitor" is self-defining, self-limiting, continuing to its conclusion, i.e., Winners. We all know any serious exhibitor of a class dog is there to finish that dog, to win the POINTS. Obviously a win from the Bred-by class can mean nothing more than just that if the dog can be switched to ANY handler for the Winners class. One might as well enter the dog in

American Bred or Open. Why bother with the Bred-By-Exhibitor at all if sportsmanship no longer important?

With the sport of showing dogs growing each year, more and more breeder-owners are showing their own dogs for the pleasure and satisfaction of it. I feel AKC should review the rules on this subject. I would sincerely like to hear some other comments on these questions.

I could not end this column without mention of a letter from Dr. Leonard J. Goss, In this letter he informs the the title "PHD" stands for "Piled Higher and Deeper". Thank you Dr. Goss.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

While in Chicago, I had the pleasure to meet and spend time with two terrier (one an Irish Terrier) breeders from Australia, Liz Imlay and Adrian Walmsley. They were enroute with several detours to Sweden where Adrian has some judging assignments. They arrived in New Orleans first, stopping off to visit with the Chashoudian who has an Irish bitch of Liz's breeding. Next stop was Chicago where they were able to see a good representation of our Irish Terrier along with many other breeds. Adrian and Liz were very impressed with our dogs. Then off to California for another Irish Specialty and then back east for more shows. Adrian is the editor of a very good magazine called "Down Under--The Terrier Quarterly". This magazine has more information about Irish Terriers than any other I have read. Adrian has given me permission to print any article I think would interest our club members in our Newsletter. The following article interested all the people at the Chicago show, I hope that you will enjoy it to. This whelping box is now being used in Louisiana by a handler for an Irish Terrier litter of 5.

FROM : DOWN UNDER -- THE TERRIER QUARTERLY

Difficult whelpers

& holes in the ground

by P L Cunningham BVSc

DOWN UNDER, continued

SOME YEARS AGO I had an interesting experience with two of my own Scottie bitches who both had a previous history of difficult whelpers with slow protracted labour.

My dogs live a free life in a large garden and are rarely confined to runs, except when they are in season or about to whelp. On one occasion I completely forgot that a bitch was due to whelp and found her in a hole she had dug under a bush, happily nursing six puppies. I knew she must have come into labour and whelped the whole litter in not more than 6 hours. I was amazed that, with her previous history of difficult whelpings and long protracted labour, she had suddenly produced a litter so quickly and easily, under primitive conditions. Other than that I thought no more about it. Shortly afterwards, the same thing happened with another bitch who was usually a difficult slow whelper.

At a later date when both these bitches were made to whelp in the usual type of whelping box, they both reverted to long drawn-out protracted labour. This set me thinking —

WHY DID THEY WHELP SO EASILY IN A HOLE IN THE GROUND?

The next time one of them was due, I deliberately let her dig a hole in the garden, and sat with her to observe what happened —

1. The hole was quite deep in relation to its width.
2. The bitch did NOT lie flat in the bottom of the hole. She had her hindquarters in the BOTTOM of the hole and was really lying in a semi-sitting position, supported by the sides of the hole.



I have observed that baby puppies of almost all breeds begin to use their leg muscle AND JOINTS and start lifting their bodies up off the ground to some degree at about 10 days of age.

At this age they firstly only use their FRONT legs to lift their chests off the ground. Then within only a very few days they likewise use the hindlegs to raise the rear end off the ground. As they are growing and putting on weight very rapidly, the time interval between lifting their chests and then their rear ends seems quite a crucial period (say from one week to two weeks of age). If they don't start lifting their bodies within that period, their rapid increase in weight prevents them from doing so, and the legs start splaying to the sides of the body, weakening their joints and also preventing them from developing muscle tone in the legs.

I've mostly found that the big, fat pup is the one most likely to become a SWIMMER, for the obvious reason of its excessive weight during the crucial second week of its life. The second susceptible group are the extremely weak runty puppies, who are having a struggle to survive; probably because, in their case, they are too weak and poorly developed to get on their feet during the crucial phase.

It appears to me that once a pup is able to raise its chest it must QUITE QUICKLY develop enough muscle and joint tone in the hindlegs to raise its rear end. If it doesn't acquire this hindleg strength quickly enough, its increasing weight causes the hindlegs to slide to the sides of the body into a frog-like splayed

position. This immediately throws tremendous strain on, and weakens, the hip joints (HIP JOINTS come into discussion again later)

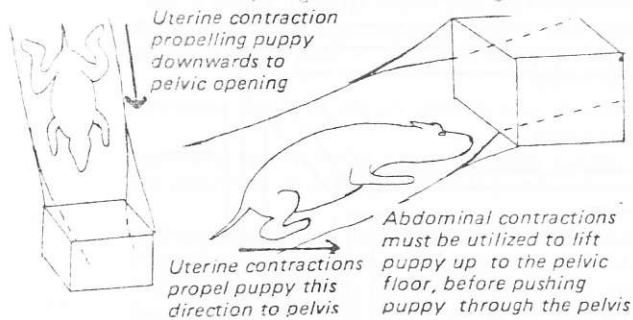
The collapse and lack of raising power in the hindlegs quickly throws tremendous strain on the front legs (plus the effect of daily increasing weight). The forelegs then give up the struggle and likewise splay to the sides of the body, greatly weakening the shoulder joint.



3. She delivered quickly and easily, with far less abdominal muscle contractions than was usually the case with her, and she did not become tired and exhausted.

4. I figured (or theorized) that as each puppy in turn moved towards the pelvis as a result of involuntary uterine muscle contractions, because of the bitch's half-sitting position, the puppy was moving straight DOWN to the pelvic opening. Whereas when a bitch is lying in a flat box, the puppies are moving HORIZONTALLY TOWARDS the pelvis, and sometimes the bitch then has to use her abdominal muscles (and her brains) to firstly lift the puppy up over the floor of the pelvis before she is able to use abdominal contractions to propel it through the pelvis.

If my theory might well be wrong, I leave that



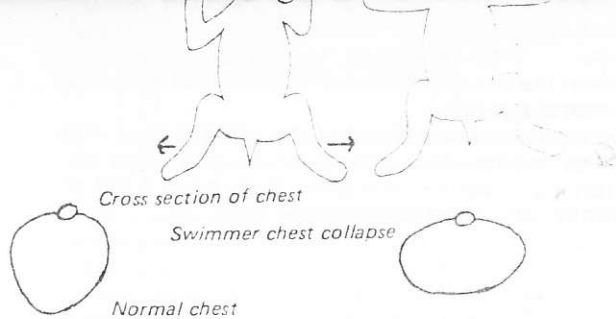
story at this point for the moment, but refer back to it later.

SWIMMER PUPS:

I believe in Scandinavia they are called "splayed puppies". Our Australian nickname derives from the fact that, with the legs splayed to the sides of the puppy, the puppy paddles them as if it is trying to swim.

What are Swimmers?

It certainly occurs commonly in Scottish Terriers and, as a veterinary surgeon, it is my experience that it occurs most commonly in short-legged, low to ground, broad breeds — Scotties, Sealys, Westies, Shih Tzus, Pekingese, Bull-dogs, Staffordshires, Dachshunds, Corgis etc... It is also not rare in some of the tiny breeds, such as Yorkshire Terriers, and is often seen in Toy Poodles. The occasional case can occur in any breed at all.



Once both fore and hindlegs have splayed and are no longer able to support the body, the puppies weight throws tremendous strain on the chest, which quite quickly becomes wide and flattened.

This causes respiratory distress, apart from pressure on the heart. Swimmers with collapsed chests gasp a lot and can be observed struggling for air.

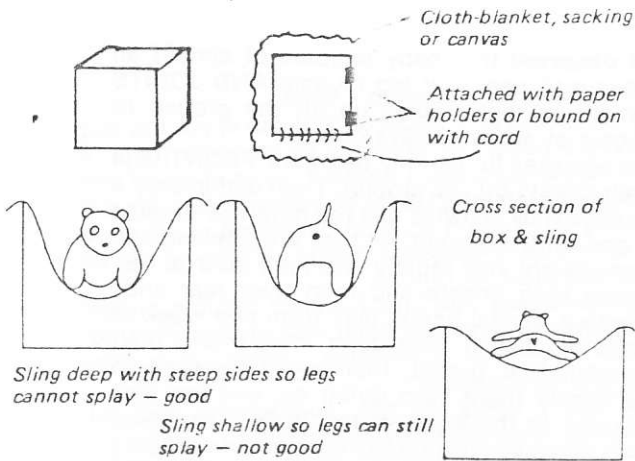
Here in Australia, even today, some veterinarians still diagnose Swimmers to be either Semi-Achondroplastics or cases of early Infantile Rickets. As a vet, who has been breeding a Swimmer-prone breed (Scottish Terriers) for 44 years, I don't agree with either suggestion. I feel Swimmers result from a purely mechanical situation, aggravated by modern feeding and management practices.

Why did I come to this un-orthodox and unacceptable conclusion?

Many years ago, a valuable English Champion Scottie bitch of mine had what was to be her last litter. She had only one puppy which, being a single, thrived and grew fat quickly.

To my distress, between 10 and 14 days of age he became a swimmer. I became desperate in my need to save him. I decided I must do something to get the legs in under his body. I thought: as long as he lies splayed his chest will continue to collapse. Using a small cardboard box, about 30 x 30 cm at the top and about 45 cm high, I devised a sling.

DOWN UNDER, continue



By experimenting, I found the sling had to be quite deep, with very steep sides, so that no matter how the legs tried to splay, they just would not be able to slide to the side. No matter where or how the puppy moved, the steep sides of the sling would automatically force the legs UNDER the body.

A couple of management hints if anyone tries using a sling to get a swimmer back to normal:-

1. When first making up the sling, DON'T attach the sling material to the box in a permanent way (such as lacing with cord etc). Just attach it with something like paper clips. The reason being that you can then put the puppy in the sling, and by trial and error easily adjust its depth. When you find by observation that it is deep enough, such that the puppies feet are unable to splay to the sides, you can then, if you wish, attach the sling cloth to the box in a more permanent way.

Personally, I don't bother to do this. I always use paper clips, so that I can alter or adjust it daily if need be.

2. As an aid to cleanliness and hygiene, cover the sling with a piece of thin cotton or linen (do not use thick material for this).

3. I also put a few paper tissues or toilet paper under the pup, to absorb urine or loose motions.

4. Most baby puppies don't try to climb out of the sling if they are kept in a warm room. Even the ones

I have found that even with quite bad swimmers, with collapsed chests, after even only 2 or 3 days you will notice a marked improvement in them. Because their bones are very soft and cartilaginous, they will return to normal almost as quickly as they became swimmers in the first place. Usually you only need to sling them for about 7 days, occasionally a shorter time interval than that.

Of course slinging CANNOT save the extremely bad swimmer, which was let go too long before being placed in a sling. But if a person knows they have a swimmer-prone breed and conscientiously watches for the earliest signs of it, it will always easily be corrected with a sling.

The following section is extremely important.

When a corrected swimmer is removed from the sling, for the next couple of weeks it MUST NOT be allowed to run on ANY SLIPPERY KIND OF SURFACE. It should be encouraged to run round to develop muscle tone, but the puppy pen floor should be covered with something rough that will not let the puppies feet slip or slide. I find corn or grain sacks are the best. It means having to have a lot of sacks, and changing and washing them daily. This is a nuisance and time consuming, but well worth the end result.

The other very good type of surface to run them on is Factory Safety Matting. Here in Australia it is called LINK MATTING.

I put a layer of newspaper under the link matting. This absorbs urine.

Link matting is easy to clean — just hose it down or scrub with water and disinfectant, give it a good shake to remove water and put it straight down again.

WHELPING SLINGS:

After a great deal of success correcting advanced swimmers with slings, I started to think how the same principle could be used to prevent them from becoming swimmers in the first place. It was obviously impractical and ridiculous to individually sling every puppy in a litter from birth onwards. But I thought, why not let the mother nurse them on a large sling. It should not be necessary to have a deep sling like the type used to correct puppies which were already swimmers. As a preventative measure, even a shallow sling would probably stop normal pups from splaying their legs.

Naturally the type and size of sling and the materials used to construct it vary, depending on the breed of dog.

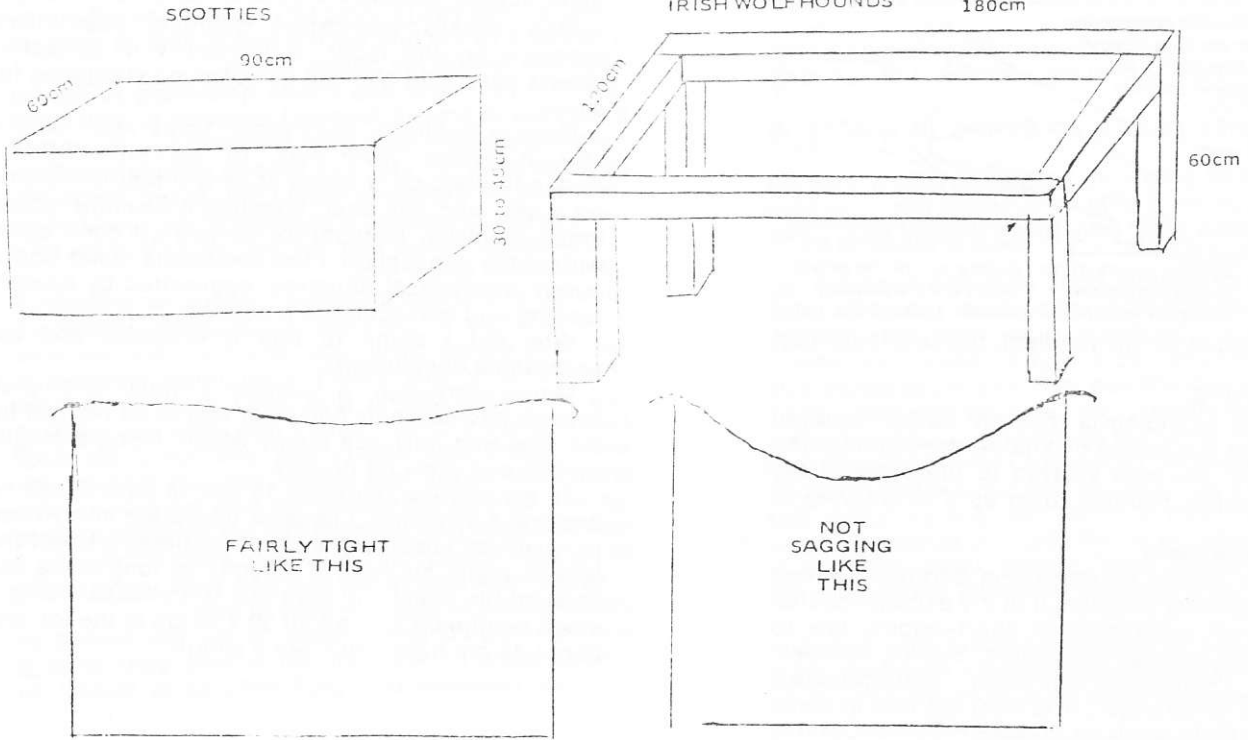
who do try to climb but are usually unable to do so if the sling is both deep and steep enough. If you do have the problem of a climber, just put a piece of mesh over the top of the sling or put a little cardboard fence round the top.

5. Only take the puppy out of the sling to feed and to let the mother lick and clean it, and then immediately put it back in the sling. Only keep it out of the sling for the shortest possible time.

You need for Scotties, Westies, Corgis etc, a sling about 60 x 90 cm and about 30 to 40 cm high.

Here in Australia bags (sacks) for grain such as wheat, rye, barley, etc are 60 x 90 cm size. By using a frame the same measurements means you can use sacks for the sling. Sacks are strong, cheap and easily obtainable.

I try to keep mum and pups on the whelping/rearing type sling until the puppies are at least three weeks of age. After that age you can transfer them to a flat floor box if you wish. I do lay a sheet of cotton or linen material over the fixed sling, and change the loose sheet regularly, for hygiene and cleanliness. Or sometimes with the Scotties I just cover the sling with a second loose sack.



DOWN UNDER, continued

After the first few days on a whelping/nursing sling some active puppies do tend to climb over the side. Because of possible injuries this must be prevented. I usually put a board about 10 cm wide around the top to prevent them toppling out.

Its better NOT to attach that board until after the bitch has whelped, mainly because, if you have to do anything to assist the bitch during labour the board round the top is a bit of a nuisance.

Apart from preventing swimmers, I have found other advantages in using sling rearing:-

1. Surprisingly, most bitches like whelping and nursing on slings.

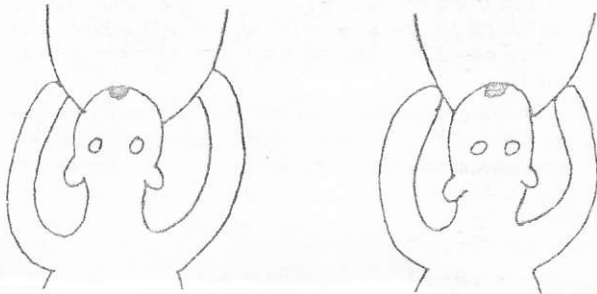
2. I found with Scotties in particular, many bitches whelp more quickly and easily on slings. Possibly because slings are a rough copy of the mechanical advantages of a hole in the ground whelping. In a sling, the labouring bitch is not stretched out on a flat surface. Most bitches lay with their hindquarters in the lowest part of the sling, and lay with their bodies UP the sloping sides of the sling. Frequently they rest their elbows and heads at the top of the frame. This means that the puppies have a semi-downhill run to the pelvis.

I am not suggesting that slings solve all whelping problems. Of course it cannot.

3. I have found I get better fronts and hindquarters with many sling-reared puppies.

I know of Scottie breeder friends who were breeding doubtful fronts and hindquarters and

NIPPLE IN MOUTH



One minor thing. Many breeders cut the little hooks off baby puppy toe nails so they won't scratch mum, or so they won't catch or get hooked up. I NEVER cut nails until the puppies are about 6 weeks old, as I think those hooks serve a purpose. When running on sacks or link matting, or any other textured surface, the hooks on the nails help to prevent feet from slipping and sliding, so help to reduce excessive strain on shoulder and hip joints.

May I suggest to anyone interested, if they happen to have 2 bitches mated at the same time, give one a flat floor whelping box and let the other whelp and nurse on a sling. During the first few weeks you will observe several differences between the litters.

When the flat box puppies are suckling, whilst they grip the nipple in the mouth and push and knead with their front feet, their hind feet will mostly be pushed out and stretched behind them. You can see they are trying to get a grip with their hind feet so that they can maintain a position close to mum, but their feet keep sliding back. This places a lot of stress on the hips. The sling litter will mostly have their hindlegs tucked under the body while they are suckling, because the sloping side of the sling prevents the hindfeet from slipping backwards.

Compare the hindquarters of the two litters when they are about 10 days old.

1. The flat box puppies — hindlegs and hip joints tend to be loose with thin second thighs.

2. Sling puppies will already have quite well developed second thighs, with well rounded bottoms, and you will find it quite difficult to pull the hindlegs out to the sides of the body.

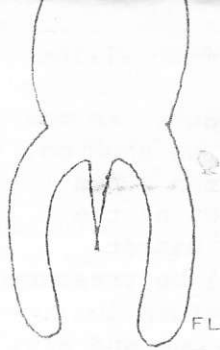
You will find similar differences in the forequarters of the two litters.

Frequently, but not always, you will find the ribs of the sling puppies run down deeper, with better brisket development than the flat box puppies.

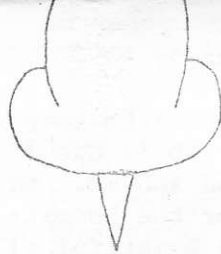
When the litters start actually walking around at 3 to 4 weeks, as compared with crawling around, you will find the sling puppies have the better development of leg muscles and use their legs more confidently than the flat box pups.

The flat box pups will be still tottering around clumsily and tumbling over when the sling pups are running confidently and firmly.

I find many Australian breeders are reluctant to sling-nurse, because they are afraid the puppies will be rolled on. I've been sling-rearing many different breeds over the past 20 years, and yes, I have had



FLAT BOX PUPPY



SLING PUPPY

thought they had a genetic problem. When they continued to breed from the same stock but changed to sling whelping/rearing, the conformation of their stock greatly improved.

But let me make one thing clear — if a puppy is genetically unsound, there is no way that sling rearing can give it good conformation. What I do say, though, is that if a puppy is genetically good for sound conformation, sling rearing may help to protect that good conformation. With many conformation faults breeders, BEFORE blaming genetics, should make sure the fault is not simply environment and management induced.

I think that sling rearing, by keeping legs in under the body during the critical first three weeks of life, prevents excessive strain on shoulder, elbow, hip and stifle joints, in particular.

4. I have a vague feeling sling rearing may possibly reduce the incidence of hip dysplasia in HD prone breeds.

When constructing a sling, have it ready EARLY in the bitches pregnancy. Attach the sling material fairly tightly (don't have a lot of sag in it).

You will find that in letting the bitch sleep on it during pregnancy, her weight will gradually have stretched it to just about the right degree of sag by the time she is due to whelp.

Once a litter is taken off the sling, do NOT let them run on a slippery surface until they are at least 6 weeks of age. Many breeders in Australia run baby puppies on newspaper because its easily disposed of. I personally HATE newspaper. It is far too slippery and frictionless for little babies trying to toddle around and learning to walk. Ideally, from 3 to 6 weeks of age, run babies on sacks or link matting.

breeds over the past 30 years, and so, some puppies rolled on, but even when I used flat floor boxes with whelping rails, I still lost some puppies.

HIP DYSPLASIA

For many years I've felt it dangerous to always think of HD as a genetic problem. It seems possible that, under some circumstances, it may be induced by incorrect management.

For instance, taking Pekingese as an example. In this breed, many puppies are slight swimmers when young and manage to survive without correction. It goes undetected because the breed is such an abnormal shape anyway, with their very broad fronts and light narrower hindquarters. You get a percentage of uncorrected swimmer survivors in other swimmer-prone breeds. Almost without exception, these natural survivors have some degree of HD.

The questions I ask myself are —

1. In such cases, is the HD a quite separate condition?

2. Is it part of the end result of being a swimmer at an early age?

3. And this is the important question — If such puppies had been sling reared, so that they did NOT become even slight swimmers in the first place, and likewise had been prevented from acquiring the associated HD, can sling rearing be used to prevent HD in those HD susceptible breeds which are not swimmer prone?

I don't know the answer to that last question, but it is worth thinking about.

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RULES TO REMEMBER

From time to time all of us need to refresh our memory on the Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows. This book is offered by the American Kennel Club free of charge on request. From time to time your Newsletter will print some of the rules set forth in this book.

CHAPTER 22 STEWARDS

The following policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors regarding stewarding at dog shows:

Clubs should appoint a chief steward well in advance of the date of their show whose duty it will be to invite a sufficient number of experienced persons to act as stewards in the judging rings on the day of the show. No person should be asked to serve as a steward whose judging or handling privileges are suspended or whose superintending privileges have been revoked. The chief steward should, as soon as practicable, confirm in writing, to each person who accepts an invitation to steward, the date and location of the show, the time at which they are to report for duty, and their particular ring assignment.

In preparing the schedule of ring assignments, the chief steward and other club officials should keep in mind that no person should serve as steward with a judge under whom he has an entry, or under whom, in the course of the day's judging, such entry may become eligible to compete. If it becomes necessary during the show to reshuffle stewarding assignments, care should be taken to see that a person is not assigned to serve as steward with a judge if there is any possibility that the judge, later in the show, will be passing upon an entry of the steward.

Persons should be selected who are familiar with judging procedure, breed classifications and rules. It should be borne in mind that a good steward makes the work of judging easier by relieving the judge of necessary detail; by assembling classes promptly, he will be able to keep the judging program on schedule and eliminate to a large extent delays between classes.

The chief steward should use his discretion in the assigning of more than one steward to a ring, but it is advisable that two stewards be asked to serve in those rings where judges have heavy assignments.

Stewards will notify the judge when all the dogs are in the ring for each class and call his attention to known absentees. Under no circumstances should a steward make any notation in the judge's book or erase or strike out any notation made by the judge.

Stewards will be responsible for returning to the chief steward or unreservedly on to completion of the judging all prize money, trophies and ribbons not awarded.

Stewards should have in mind that they have been selected to help the judge and not to advise him. They should carefully refrain from discussing or seeming to discuss the dogs or the exhibitors with the judge and should not, under any circumstances, show or give the appearance of showing the catalog to a judge. Stewards should not take or seem to take any part in judging. When they are not actively engaged in their duties, they should place themselves in such part of the rings as will not interfere with the view of those watching the judging, and should not permit persons to crowd about the ring entrance and interfere with access to the ring.

The foregoing policy should be observed by clubs holding member and licensed obedience trials, in addition to the applicable obedience regulations and the practices established for persons stewarding in obedience rings.

Before getting to the requested critique, I would like to extend my thanks to the Specialty Arrangement Committee for the superb job it did in getting the show on, and for taking such wonderful care of my husband and me. Mrs. Welch ran a bus service supreme, and the persons responsible for the hospitality basket at the motel couldn't have been more thoughtful. The beautiful tile in the basket, provided by Kincora, and the prints selected for the judge's gift will be treasured here--a constant reminder of a wet but stimulating trip! The hasty return to Virginia was caused by uncooperative plane schedules. Many thanks to one and all.

My impression of the entry on June 5th was that, overall, the type was good. (I think there is more consistency of type in the rings these days than one saw ten or fifteen years ago.) Coasts were generally very good, and the typical Irish temperament surmounted weather and crowded tenting. The Best of Breed dog and the Best of Opposite (also Best of Wineers) bitch are typey, correct size, and sound moving. They have clean heads, correct ears, good topline and tail sets, reachy necks, and show no hint of coarseness.

Some of the entries had poor ear carriage--the standard calls for the fold to be well above the level of the skull. Some tails sets were low--here the standard calls for a rather high set. Only a few of the entries were too short of body. Correct shoulders are still the exception and not the rule. There was not a lot of solid, sound rear movement. Finally, some of the dogs, obviously loved the way Irish Terriers deserve to be loved, were just too well fed! Extra pounds affect style and movement, tending to create an impression of barrel chest and general lumber.

A comment here on the veteran status of the Best of Breed dog. The veteran class indicates a minimum age, just as the puppy class indicates a maximum age. The winners of these classes are judged, as are all the dogs, as they appear on that day only, and no class has an edge. It is not common for a veteran to take the top spot, for not many ageing dogs maintain the soundness and class to outshine, on a given day, young vigorous competition. The point to be emphasized is that all entries must be judged uniformly against the official standard for the breed. Age or youth may be a minus factor, maybe because of some alterations of advanced age, or because of immaturity. But a veteran with type, soundness and class, or a puppy with ditto, are as much in the running as any other entry.

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"There is sorrow enough in the natural way
From men and women to fill our day;
But when we are certain of sorrow in store,
Why do we always arrange for more?
Brothers and sisters, I bid you beware
Of giving your heart to a dog to tear."

Rudyard Kipling