

# ITCA

THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS CLUB?

- "Too many cliques. If you don't belong to a certain clique you won't get anywhere."
- "Too many older timers running the club."
- "Too many new people getting in and ruining it."
- "Dues are too high."
- "Dues are too low."
- "Too democratic to function efficiently."
- "Not democratic enough, the rank and file of the membership don't count."
- "Ect, etc, ect."

The above quotations have been heard about all dog clubs from time immemorial. They point out the difficulty of functioning happily with a cosmopolitan group of people with varied backgrounds banded together in a common cause to promote a particular breed. Since we are all human, differences of opinion occur and lively debates ensue. Hopefully the correct conclusions are drawn.

Comradeship, good humor, open mindedness, and friendly spirit must all prevail to ensure the high morale that is necessary to make any club successful. The ITCA may be suffering some growing pains, but I believe it is well and healthy, and is sensitive to the desires of all of our members.

Don't forget to support and attend if possible, our Travelling Specialty Show being held on June 4, in Wellsley, Massachusetts.

Joe Sayres, President

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please everybody, send your suggestions for Sweepstakes Judge for Montgomery 1982 to the Secretary, Nancy L. Hetzel, 4876 Keithdale Lane, Bloomfield Hill, MI 48013, before May 20. According to our "guidelines" for selecting the judge, the Board will make the choice from the names submitted. Montgomery County Kennel Club needs to have our name by June 1. It is Club policy that any person licensed by the AKC to judge Irish Terriers will NOT be considered as a Sweepstakes judge.

The Minutes for the October 3, 1981, Board Meeting follow. The Secretary will prepare the information on Board action by mail since this meeting for the next Newsletter.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Irish Terrier Club of America was held in two sessions on Saturday, October 3, 1981: in the afternoon with out-going officers and members of the Class of 1981 present, and later in the evening, following the Annual Members Meeting, with the newly-elected officers and the Class of 1984 present. This had been decided upon previously by the Board, so that the work of the Club could be accomplished before Show Day dawned!

SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

The first session was convened at 2 PM by President George Kidd. Other officers and Board Members present were: Dick Diamond, Mary Gately, Sue Griffiths, Nancy Hetzel, Marion Honey, Jeanene MacDonald, Bob Peters, Charles Ritter, Joe Sayres, Margaret Stone, Mary Welch, Jim Wilson, Joyce Wilson. Dennis Barnes and John Best were absent.

Following Roll Call, reading of the minutes of the 1980 Board Meeting was omitted, because they had appeared in the May 1981 Newsletter.

The Secretary presented applications of three prospective members to the Board, and all were approved unanimously: Dr. Mariann Carson D.V.M., Orchard Lake, MI; Mrs. Lindy Hancock-Slick, Atlanta, GA; Mr. Francis E. Manley, Buffalo, NY.

President George Kidd and Vice President Marion Honey did not have reports to present. Secretary Nancy Hetzel stated that the Club was continuing to grow in membership, with 259 dues-paying members to date. Treasurer Jim Wilson said that the current balance in the Treasury was \$2,379.48, appreciably less than last year, and that he would read his report at the general membership meeting following dinner.

Mary Gately, who had acted as our Delegate to the Associated Terrier Clubs during the illness of Frank Kennedy, said that because the date of Westminster had been moved up to the first week of February 1982, our traditional New York Armory was not available to us on Sunday, February 7. Arrangements had been made to hold the Associated Terrier Specialties at the Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth, NJ, with Tom Crowe, Superintendent. Mary said there had been dog shows there previously and despite the distance from NYC and some inconvenience, she was confident that everything would work out well.

Dick Diamond, Delegate to AKC, mentioned three items of interest, which he also reported to the general membership later: 1. The AKC plans to hold a Centennial Show in Philadelphia, PA, where the first AKC Show took place, on November 17-18, 1984. Each Breed Club has been asked to suggest judges for the consideration of the AKC's committee. 2. The AKC is planning a Dog Museum which will contain

dog memorabilia, etc. The AKC is now beginning to solicit support for this project, money and materials. 3. The AKC is considering dividing the Working Group into two separate groups for show purposes, and it is probable that this will be done.

Marion Honey, Chairman of the History Committee, reported that ITCA activities for 1980 had been written up in "historical form." She had asked several people to write up other years, including 1978 and 1979, but this has not been completed. Marion is asking for volunteers to write up specific years of ITCA accomplishment. Please contact Marion to volunteer for your favorite ITCA year!

Charles Ritter, Chairman of the Trophy Committee, said that the first yearly solicitation for trophy funds for our three Specialties had been a success and that between \$500 and \$600 had been donated. He said that it had been economic to purchase trophies for all three Specialties at the same time and that only about \$350 had actually been spent. Charles said he would welcome hearing people's reaction to these new glass trophies. He said that another letter of solicitation would be mailed to the membership in early winter, so that money would be on hand to purchase trophies needed for the Traveling Specialty in MA on June 5, 1982.

Jeanene MacDonald, representing the Committee working toward a new Breed Book, discussed the financing of the 1970 Breed Book. In order to raise funds to begin work, many of the then Board members had either donated \$100 outright or had advanced that amount to be repaid in Breed Books after publication. Ellis West, Chairman of the current Committee, has received letters from both George Kidd and John Best advising of the procedures for the 1970 Breed Book. Jeanene mentioned that among other plans the Committee expected to include pictures of Irish Terrier Champions, three to a page, paid for by the owners.

Business of Board appointments followed. It was decided to wait until the later meeting to elect a Nominating Committee for 1982.

Judicial selection Committee: Charles Ritter moved, it was seconded and passed that the 1981 committee be reappointed to serve in 1982: Dennis Sheehan, Chairman: Tome Johnson, Phyllis Kendrick.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

Coordinator of Specialty Shows: Charles Ritter was reappointed to serve for the coming year. He recommended that Father Dennis Fernandes serve as his assistant in 1982, with the expectation that Father Dennis would accept the job of Coordinator the following year. This was seconded and passed.

Mary Gately was appointed Delegate to the Associated Terrier Clubs.

Mary Roberts was reappointed Puppy Referral Service executive.

Edna Sillavan, Newsletter Editor, has every expectation of being able to continue in her job after her recovery from recent neck surgery, but she will be unable to get out a Newsletter until early in 1982. Sue Griffiths volunteered to take over the work of a November Newsletter, and the Board gratefully accepted her offer.

Several items of unfinished business were taken up next:

1. The completed Puppy Pamphlet written by Ellis West and printed by Duayne Koltowicz was enthusiastically admired by all. We have a supply of over 2000 which will be held by the Treasurer and sold for 10¢ each, except that the Secretary and Mary Roberts (Puppy Referral) will receive a supply to pass out free to prospective Irish Terrier owners. The price of 10¢ each, etc., was moved, seconded and passed.
2. Gary Hammer's Irish Terrier Pedigree Project--The supplement of pedigrees for 1978, 1979 and 1980 is ready to be typed and it will amount to 16 pages. There have been only 8 Irish Terrier Champions in 1981 to date, so it was decided to wait until all the 1981 Champions could be included. This was the suggestion of Gary Hammer and was moved, seconded and passed. However, John Best has warned that we must not delay too long, as eventually he may not be able to handle the job at his office, where the earlier job was done. The Treasurer was requested to get a price from John Best for the work of the supplement.

3. Mary Welch, Chairman of the Traveling Specialty in conjunction with the Ladies Show, Wellesley, MA, Saturday, June 5, 1982, stated her concern that we still do not have a judge for this event. Mary said that for various reasons the judges remaining in the ITCA Specialty Show Judges' pool would not work out for the Traveling Specialty in MA. Lydia Hutchinson had been suggested as judge. Charles Ritter had seen her and he stated that she would like to do our Specialty, but that she has a judging date at Union County, NJ, less than 30 days before June 5. She would be willing to request to be exempted from judging Irish at Union, but the AKC would have to approve. Mary said she had already reserved a block of 10 rooms at the Framingham Motor Inn, iwth a deposit of \$100 from the ITCA. She hopes to have a dinner attended by about 50 people and perhaps a tail-gate lunch as well. Her Committee for the Show includes Chris and Ken Marsh, Trophies; Karen Worth, Hospitality; Nancy Robinson, Advertising; Isabelle O'Connor, Publicity. It was decided that the matter of the judge for June 5 would be discussed at the next meeting later in the evening with the newly constituted Officers and Board.

Items of new business taken up next were:

1. There were two sites in the mid-west discussed as possibilities for the 1983 Traveling Specialty: Chicago area or Michigan. Both would be discussed and the selection of site and date would be reported upon later, following consultation with the Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit.
2. Selection of judges to be recommended to AKC, at their invitation, to judge Irish Terriers at the Centennial Show--George Kidd moved that we adopt the method used by the Fox Terrier Club (as advised by John Best), each ITCA Board member submit three names, with the top five in the tally of all those suggested to be sent to the AKC for their committee's consideration. This was seconded and passed. The AKC has asked us to submit the names "any time before June and not later than September, 1, 1982." (AKC Centennial Show, Philadelphia, November 17-18-1984.)
3. The site for future ITCA Annual Meetings was discussed, and Bob Peters moved, it was seconded and passed that we hold the Annual Meetings at the Hoilday Inn of Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA (as now), until such time as the Board decides otherwise, and that we book the facilities two years in advance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

4. The Board requested that Charles Ritter recommend Show Chairmen for February 1982 and Montgomery 1982.

This session of the ITCA Annual Board Meeting ajourned at 4:12 PM.

The evening session of the ITCA Annual Board Meeting convened shortly after 10 PM and was called to order by the newly-elected President Joe Sayres. Those also present were: Bob Peters, new Vice President; Secretary, Nancy Hetzel; new Treasurer, Liz Wilson; new Class of 1984--Marion HONEY, Jim Kelly, George Kidd, Ellis West; continuing members--Diamond, Gately, Griffiths, Ritter, Stone, Wilson. John Best was absent.

As Bob Peters, a member of the Class of 1983 Board of Governors, had been elected Vice President, there was a place on the Board to be filled in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the By Laws, which reads: "Any vacancy occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; ...." Bob Peters moved, it was seconded and passed that the Board limit the voting to fill the vacancy to the three names who had been nominated, but not elected by the membership in the balloting just concluded: Cory Rivera, Daina Martin, Jim Reed. The Board voted by secret ballot and without knowledge of the vote count results of the general election. Jim Reed was selected to serve as the 16th member of the Board, as a member of the Class of 1983, until the next annual election.

During the break between the afternoon and evening sessions of the Board Meeting, the following ITCA membership applications were received by the Secretary and subsequently approved by the Board: Mr. and Mrs. James K. Abel (Jean M.), Dunellen, NJ; Eileen P. Griffith, Havertown, PA; and Junior Members: Tara Cronin, Atlanta, GA; Laura A. Kelly, Berkley, MI.

Continuing unfinished business from the afternoon session, the following items were addressed:

1. At the suggestion of Charles Ritter, the Board approved E. Dwight Kubacki as Chairman for the February 1982 Specialty.



2. Following nominations from the floor, the Nominating Committee for 1982 was chosen by the Board by secret ballot; Mary Welch, Chairman; Gregor Hetzel; Jeanene MacDonald; with Linda Honey and Lauren Kennedy to serve as alternates.
3. Because of evident difficulty in selecting a judge for the ITCA Traveling Specialties (NO. CA, 1981; MA, 1982) from our pool in accordance with our approved guidelines, it was decided that the second paragraph of 4. in the Guidelines for Selecting Specialty Show Judges" be changed. The original paragraph reads:

"The top six choices will constitute a 'pool'. The Judicial Selection Committee will select judges from the pool for the Specialty Shows of the following year, with the exception of the Traveling Specialty. There must be some freedom in choosing a judge for the Traveling Specialty, as the all breed club sponsoring the show may already have on its panel a suitable judge acceptable to the ITCA..."

Joe Sayres moved, it was seconded and passed that the wording be changed to read:

"The top six choices will constitute a 'pool'. The Judicial Selection committee will select judges from the pool for the Specialty Shows of the following year, with the exception of the Traveling Specialty. At the discretion of the Chairperson of the Traveling Specialty, if no practical selection can be made from the pool, he or she may pick a suitable judge from other sources. This newly selected judge must be approved by the Board of Governors within thirty days..."

Mary Welch was instructed to work on the problem of selecting a judge for June 5 and submit the name to the Board for approval as soon as possible.

4. During the break in the Board Meeting there had been consultation with officers of the Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit, and it was agreed that the ITCGD would consider having the 1983 Traveling Specialty in Michigan at their November meeting and report to President Joe Sayres. (This has since met with the Approval of the ITCGD membership, and plans are under way.)



SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued

The following new business was dealt with:

1. George Kidd passed around leaflets from the American Dog Owners Association and proposed that the ITCA support this worthy organization with a contribution of \$25.00. This was seconded and passed, and President Joe Sayres was named to be the ITCA contact with the ADOA.
2. Marion Honey mentioned the Terrier Type issue of January 1982 which will be devoted to the Irish Terrier, as she had advised the Board previously. December 1 is the deadline for material to be submitted. Bob Peters moved that Marion contact the publisher to ask how the ITCA might contribute, that the Symposium Committee should supply whatever is appropriate, etc. This was seconded and passed.
3. It was announced that Pat Griffith had very generously conceived the idea of herself hand-knitting two Irish fisherman-type sweaters, a man's and a woman's, to be raffled to benefit the ITCA's Treasury. She has already begun knitting! It was generally agreed that the raffle should be open to all comers, tickets to be sold by the ITCA membership. E. Dwight Kubacki was appointed to work out the details with the help of Treasurer Liz Wilson.

This Meeting was adjourned before Midnight, to the great relief and loud cheering of all.

Secretary, Nancy Hetzel

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EXCERPTS FROM THE DAREDEVIL MESSENGER

An ad from January 1891, Pets for sale reads: "Mack, grand pin-wire-coated Irish Terrier dog, 24 lbs., twenty-one months, splendid long, lean head, small forward close-drop ears, straight legs and feet, tail properly docked, well built. came to death. go to ground"

grand workman, draw fox or badger, gentleman's dog, undeniable guard: price 2 guineas, worth 5 note.

Brood Bitch, of exceptional colour, quality, and pedigree, grand red coat; also her dog puppy, ten weeks, long lean head, good colour and nice drop ears, promising to make a flyer.

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#### The Care and Training of A Dog, E.B. White

The possession of a dog today is different thing from the possession of a dog at the turn of the century, when one's dog was fed on mashed potatoes and brown gravy and lived in a doghouse with an arched portal. Today a dog is fed on scraped beef and Vitamin B and lives in bed with you.....

The problem of caring for a dog has unnecessarily complicated. Take the matter of house-breaking. In the suburbia of those lovely post-Victorian days of which I write the question of housebreaking a puppy was met with the simple bold courage characteristic of our forefathers. You simply kept the house away from the puppy. This was not only the simplest way, it was the only practical way, just as it is today. Our parents were in possession of a vital secret--a secret which has been all but lost to the world: the knowledge that a puppy will live and thrive without ever crossing the threshold of a dwelling house, at least till he's big enough so he doesn't wet the rug.

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Living with more than one Irish means that they can specialize! In our house, graced as we are with 3 dogs, each performs a special function at night. (During the day, as all good Irish do, they bark and bark and sleep and bark.) But I during the night Butch warms a crate, a job he is notable suited for; Katy guards my sons and myself, a job she is notable suited for; and Meggan dons her crocheted afghan, climbs in the car, and goes to work with Duayne. There she exhibits the true and varied personalities of her breed--intrepid guard to wide eyed beggars. She takes great delight in frightening the boots off the "Gelco and Purolator drivers that arrive in the dark of night at her place of business. But she knows all the employees and meekly greets them, doe-eyed and sweet, in hopes of handout from their lunch bags. Funny thing, she is successful at all she tries.

DANIEL F. TORTORA, PH.D. REPLY

Several months ago, our President, Joe Sayres wrote in behalf of the ITCA a letter to Dr. Tortora, an author who wrote some unfavorable comments of the Irish Terrier in his book. This is his reply to us.

Dear Dr. Sayres:

Thank you for your letter and reasoned critique of my book. I think you should know that my research on the temperament of various breeds was more extensive than is described in my book.

As I stated on pages 27-29, the data for my book was collected from many sources. I started by reading almost everything that had been published on the behavioral differences of breeds of dogs. The materials included both the scientific and popular literature and was not restricted to breed books. Training manuals, magazine articles and other literature directly or indirectly bearing on the subject were examined. A reference list would contain over 200 entries.

From this mass of literature, I attempted to cull general trends. The two conclusions I drew after a full year of preliminary work was that: 1) there existed a general consensus that the breeds did differ reliably in temperament, and 2) the imprecise use of descriptive adjectives, anthropomorphisms and the lack of operational definitions of terms made it impossible to reliably specify these differences from the existing literature.

To correct this situation, I set out to develop an unambiguous terminology and operational definitions that would be descriptive of the temperament of dogs; would be useful to potential pet owners; and would be devoid of the surplus meaning that accompanies anthropomorphic terms.

In order to attain as much validity as possible and to facilitate the correlation between breed temperament and human personality

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I drew heavily from the psychological literature amassed on the description and measurement of peripheral personality traits. The result was a compilation and translation of research on dimensions of temperament for humans into the Dimensions of Temperament for dogs described from pages 27 to 41 of my book.

Thus, some of the terms I used to describe the breeds owe their origin and definitions from published scholarly treatises and tests of psychologists such as Robert L. Thorndike (Thorndike's Dimensions of Temperament c. 1963) and L. L. Thurstone (Thurstone's Temperament Schedule c. 1949).

The next step was to associate these descriptive terms to the breeds. This process had a number of steps. First, I constructed a matrix of temperament which was identical to the matrices appearing under each breed on pages 42 to 182. I filled out the matrix for each breed as it was characterized by the scientific and popular references I initially read. Along with this, I noted references to physical characteristics, such as height, weight, coat and grooming characteristics. This produced what could be called a literature profile of each breed.

My next planned step proved unproductive. I had planned to use the matrix to interview and survey experts that had experience with a large number of breeds. After a number of attempts, it became apparent that the so-called "experts" were heavily biased toward one or few breeds and really didn't know much about the other breeds. The Black Lab people disliked the Chesapeakes. The Irish Terrier people thought their Irishman could walk on water. If you took the opinion of experts literally, all breeds would be characterized as loyal, friendly, loving, good with children, obedient, trusting, etc. The opinions did not seem to discriminate between the breeds since each expert was championing his or her own breed. Thus, I discarded this plan.

DANIEL F. TORTORA, PH.D. REPLY, continued

① The third step was the most productive for me. I actually set about to measure the behavior of individual specimens of the breeds. I did this by attending dog shows, kennels, etc. making my measurements as unobtrusively as possible. The unobtrusive measurement was necessary to prevent obfuscation of the facts by interested parties. This activity took another year.

The fourth step was to shift through this pile of information and develop a composite picture of each breed. I weighted all the sources of information, giving the actual measurements the highest weight. The results of this compilation were the tables presented under each breed from pages 43 to 182 and the summary tables that appear in the appendixes of my book.

Finally, I connected the breed description with human personality characteristics. That was a brain buster of a task.

Look, maybe I am wrong about your Irish Terrier. Or, maybe we are using terminology differently and our criteria for evaluation are different. My terms are defined in my book and my criterion is a comparative one not an absolute. When I say a breed is X or Y, that means X or Y as compared to all the others.

② Have one of your people send me an Irish Terrier puppy. Maybe if I live with the breed, I will see something new. As it stands now, my position on all the breeds is as it is in my book.

Sincerely,



Daniel F. Tortora, Ph.D.  
President



P. S. If you want, feel free to place my letter in the Irish Terrier Club Newsletter.

P. P. S. I am returning your picture and your testimonial letter. Testimonials are nice but they're not scientific data and always biased in a positive direction. Who writes negative testimonials? "Negative testimonials" are not common and when they occur, they are usually round filed.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I think the key note to Dr. Tortora's lack of understanding any of the breeds he wrote about in his book lays in the sections I marked. First, you can not become an expert or authority on dogs by attending dog shows and kennels for one year. Second, you can not become familiar with any breed until you have associated personally with several different animals of that breed over a period of years. Third, you can read everything you can find on a subject and still cannot comprehend the complete meaning of the material. Take the AKC standards on the different breeds, pick a dog that you are not familiar with and try to draw a picture of the dog by reading the standards. After your through, look at the picture of the dog---I bet your picture does not even come close to the actual thing. But I for one would never give this man an Irish Terrier puppy, for I doubt that he has the knowledge to raise any kind of animal.

Edna Sillavan, Editor

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TOXICOLOGY HOTLINE 217-333-3611. The service is available to anyone with a known or suspected animal poisoning problem 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no charge for the service. Dog owners are urged to add the telephone number to other emergency numbers at home and in the office.

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SPECIALTY NEWS

THE IRISH TERRIER TRAVELING SPECIALTY      SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1982  
with the Ladies Dog Club All Breed Show, Wellesley, Mass, breed judge: Joan Elliott  
group judge: Mrs. C.M. Brown

Today, April 6th, as I sit looking out upon a wild and ferocious snow storm, the worst recorded for the month of April in New England weather history, my thoughts turn to the beauty of the month of June and the anticipation of greeting many of you.

The date is June 5th, a Saturday.

The place is Wellesley, Massachusetts, the show to be held in conjunction with the Ladies Dog Club All Breed Show.

The judge is Joan Elliott of Virginia, a long time breeder of Irish Terriers.

The headquarters is the Framingham Motor Inn, Rt. 9, Exit 12, of the Massachusetts Turnpike. Make reservations directly with the Inn, 617-879-8400.

The show supt. is Moss-Bow. Entries close May 12th. Entry fee: \$16.00, Puppy and Bred by Exhibitor, \$11.00. Mail entries to: Tom Crowe, Super. P. O. Box 22107, Greensboro, NC 27420. Make check payable to MB-F Inc.

We offer you in addition to a two day show weekend, the Freedom Trail, the Kennedy Museum, the Quincy Market with its small fascination shops, mouth watering seafood, mountains and seashore for those who can stay a day of two extra.

In looking over a 1905 New England Dog Show Catalogue (25¢) I find there were listed and entry of 30 Irish Terriers who came from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Canada. The judge was J. M. JOWett from Shipley, England (author of the priceless books on the Irish Terrier). I suspect the exhibitors and their Irish came by steam trains or horse and carriage. What enthusiasm for the breed they must have had!



For the banquet on Saturday night, choice of:

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| 1. Boneless Breast of chicken Chasseur | \$11.50 |
| 2. Beef Burgandy and Egg Noodles       | \$11.25 |

Make reservations by May 29th. Return to Hospitality Chairman, Karen Worth,  
372 Concord Rd, Bedford, Mass. 01730. (617-275-0703)

Isabelle O'Connor, Publicity Chairman

EDITOR'S NOTE: The other show that week-end is on Sunday, June 6, 1982 and has the same show superintendent. Entry fees are \$13.00 for the first entry and \$7.00 for each additional entry of the same dog. Breed judge: Dr. McGough and the group judge is H. J. Wwiner. This show's location is Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough, Mass.

I understand Karen Worth also has maps of the area along with local sites to visit.

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THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF CHICAGO                      SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1982  
with the Grayslake Terrier Association.                      judge: RAY Perso

Plans are progressing for our specialty. It will again be a three-show weekend, at Grayslake, Illinois, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 18, 19, and 20. Our show, of course, is in the middle between Skokie and Chain O'Lakes. We hope to have a block of rooms reserved in the area, and will have a dinner on Saturday evening after our judging. If you plan to attend, want a room and/or will attend the dinner, let John Best know as soon as possible, but before June 1 at the latest. His address is: 250 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414-271-6560)

It is a good idea to come prepared for any kind of weather from fair to foul and hot to freezing. We aren't quite as unpredictable and possibly unpleasant as Montgomery, but some years we have approached their cold and wet. Our judge will be Ray Perso from near Detroit. Our trophies will be (we hope) spectacular--well, anyway nice --and regardless of the weather we hope to have a good time, and to see as many of you there as can come whether you show and Irish or not.

SPECIALTY NEWS, continued

THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF SOUTHER CALIFORNIA

Saturday June 26, 1982

Judge, Grace Brewin Superintendent for this show is Jack Bradshaw  
Sweepstakes judge, Nigel Desmond

Advertising is due May 7, 1982. Please send to Jim Thomas, 1145 Oakheath Ave.

Harbor City, Calif. 90710. This Specialty is with the Great Western Terrier Association  
and will be held at the campus of Los Angeles Luthern High School. The ITCSC will support  
a western style dinner and dance to be held on the showgrounds. This will cost about \$10.

Barbara Hofmann will coordinate the dinner reservations and also the motel reservations. To  
Contact Barbara, write 17195 Via Las Caballeros, Riverside, CA., 92504 7-4-780-8245.

IRISH TERRIER LITTER BASKET,

Chairman, Mary Roberts, 10503 Cheddar St., Norwald, CA 90650 213-864-5080

Madelaine Axelson-Johnson  
Rt. 1, Box 71  
E. Lynn, WV 25512  
304-849-3405

1M  
6months

Rod Umlas  
121 College Hill Rd.  
Clinton, NY 13323  
315-853-8469

Glennamaddy Caoimhgin  
ex  
Braemoor's Lady Gael

1M, 5F  
2-17-82

June Sawchyn  
12½ Hickok Ave.  
Bethel, CT 06801  
203-744-7309

Ch. Sunny's Best Bet  
ex  
Ch. Aeriemar's Boggs of Far Darrig

2M, 3F  
3-17-82

Pat Kostal  
610 87th St.  
Downers Grove, IL 60501  
312-985-9097

Ch. Gloccomara Muzak Master  
ex  
Ch. Sheehan's Irish Heather

1M  
12-11-81

2M 3F

Mario Malatesta  
6 Holyoke Dr.  
Delran, NJ 08075  
609-461-8315

Ch. Sunny's Best Bet  
ex  
Tullamore's Bridget Uchtar

3-11-82

Marion Honey  
16470 Wagon Wheel Dr.  
Riverside, CA 92506  
714-780-7419

Ch. Sheehan's Irish Hebbion  
ex  
Rockledge's Ms Morgana

3M, 3F  
4-13-82

Florence Sexsmith  
Box 64 Debec NB  
EOJ 1JO Canada  
506-277-6562

Ch. Kincora's Risky Encounter  
ex  
Can. Ch. Carlbeth's Peppermint Patty CD

1M  
9 months

puppies expected

James & Juanita Worsham  
849 Seabury Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95136  
408-266-5629

Ch. Sheehan's Irish Hellion  
ex  
Ch. Rockledge Katie Me Darlin'

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#### REPORT FROM THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF NEW JERSEY

At the March annual meeting of the Club, the founding president, Carol Butterworth, was presented the national Gaines Medal for distinguished service and sportsmanship in the regional club. Also, a memorial trophy was established in memory of Joseph P. O'Hara and will be offered annually at the Boardwalk K.C. show in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where the New Jersey Club began in 1977.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That dog writers prefer Terriers, Spaniels, Mix-Breeds, Collies, Poodles and tied for fifth place--Retrievers as their favorite dogs around the house.

And that veterinarian rather Retrievers, Mix-Breed, Terriers, German Shepherds and Schnauzers.

This survey was made by the Brady Company.

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## PET QUALITY—SOMETHING OR NOTHING?

by Sheila Proudman

*"AKC REGISTERED PUPS FOR SHOW OR PET"—  
A great deal of advertising offers this choice. The potential pup-buyer would be well advised to ask the person selling the pups what these terms mean.*

Show quality—there is wide variation in the interpretation of this phrase. It may mean: a) this pup has no disqualifying faults, b) this pup fits a "pattern" developed in the mind of its breeder for a pup that can do some winning at dog shows (note—the judges might not judge according to the same pattern!), c) this pup has no glaring, major faults at the moment, d) this pup could become a champion someday, somehow, e) this pup could become a champion handled by a novice owner, or f) this pup's parents (or breeder) don't produce anything BUT show quality pups. It might also just mean that the breeder has caught on to the fact that you can charge a few hundred dollars more for a pup if you advertise it as "show quality". Many of these folks have never actually attended a dog show themselves, although most of them have met someone who has. It is therefore

Looking at the question from another angle, what is the pet-pup buyer seeking in a pup? Usually companionship is right up there at the top of the list. The dog should be healthy, pleasant, moderately attractive, and present no major problems to the owner. Some problems that would prevent a pup from fulfilling these requirements are serious, chronic illness, hereditary behavioral disorders such as viciousness or excessive timidity, or odd personality traits that could cause major difficulties, such as chronic escaping from a fenced yard, incessant barking, or inability to be housebroken. That is not to say that a pup having one of these characteristics COULDN'T become a pet, just that making him/her into a good pet would be more of a chore than most pet buyers are prepared to handle, especially considering the price paid for a pup from a show kennel. The prospective pet buyer might find it a good idea to discuss with the breeder just what is required of a pet pup, and also discuss what will happen if the pup bought as a pet doesn't work out. Some breeders allow a 15 to 30 day trial period during which a pup can be returned and the buyer will receive all or most

important to the buyer to find out what "show quality" means before buying the pup, so that later unpleasant surprises can be avoided.

**Pet quality**—in the vast majority of instances, this term means "whatever is left over". The show quality pups are selected by the breeder, and then the leftovers are called The Pets. Usually the single attribute that has placed a pup in this category is the absence of show quality. A potential pet buyer would be wise to find out if the breeder has standards of eligibility for pet pups as well as show pups. Would this breeder categorize a particular pup as "not show quality" and "not pet quality" as well? What kind of characteristics would place a pup in the "neither" category? What would the breeder do with such a pup?

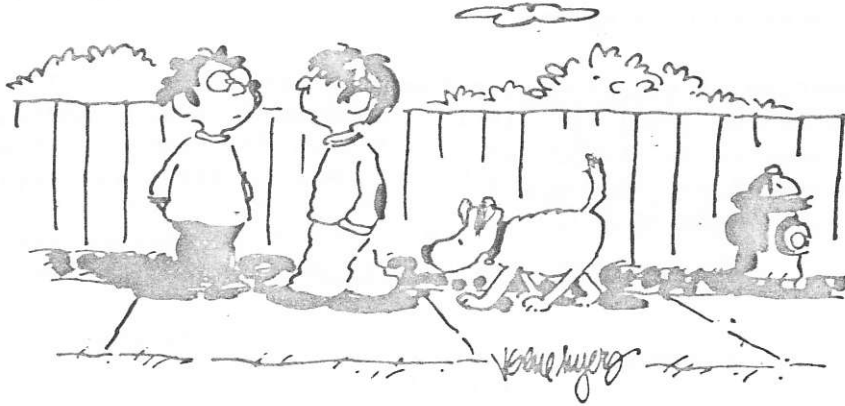
of the purchase price, or a different pup.

In short, don't think that you know what the breeder means by the terms "show quality" and "pet quality"—find out for sure! Taken from Advocate

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OBEDIENCE NEWS,

A practical training tip from your editor.



*"I finally got him to heel—I taped a hamburger to my socks."*

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

If you did not get a copy of the Terrier Type featuring the Irish Terrier, you sure missed alot. It is not too late to get one from our Treasure Nancy Hetzel. For those of you who get the Gazette, wasn't that a beautiful pictures of Irish Terries one the front cover? Did you recognize them? They were: lower left, Ch. Rockledge's Siobhan O'Goss, lower right, Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael, top, Rockledge's Ms. Morgana.

HELP, HELP, won't somebody out there come to the aid of Mratha Salem. Received a letter from Martha and she reminds me that I never published the last step of grooming the Irish Terrier for the show ring. I promised "The Finishing Touch" last Sept. 1980. In that issue I published Ellis West's steps on grooming the Irish starting about 12 weeks before the show. Now we need to know how to tidy up the Irish about 2 weeks and 2 minutes before the show. Please don't leave Martha hanging. Thanks,

Edna Sillavan, Editor