

**IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE GARDEN STATE
VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES 2013
CRITIQUE – CAROLE GUILFOYLE**

I would like to thank IWAGS for asking me to judge the Veteran and the Puppy Sweepstakes, it was a very interesting experience judging both on the same day. Thank you also to the exhibitors who brought their hounds out.

The veterans impress with their bodies and mature balance. I did feel that some would have been better in a parade than a competitive class. We have to try not to let them persuade us to let them be couch potatoes and keep up their muscle tone, but they all did their owners proud.

Veteran Bronze 6 Years & Under 8 Years Dogs

- 1 95 **GCH. PINEHURST GARRET. HP27931907** 08/18/2007. Breeder: Karen Catov-Goodell. By: Ch. Pinehurst Haxton – Pinehurst Mowry. Owner: **Karen Catov-Goodell.**

This was a really good veteran male with a lovely shape. He is balanced and very strong and easy on the move. Does need to think more positively about his ears.

- 2 87 **CH. KELLAMORE BRAEMAR OF FITZWICK HP19367507** 12/01/2005.
Breeder: Joanne Buehner Brown. By: Ch. Karontara Starkeeper Dylan - Ch. Kellamore C'est La Vie, CD RE AX AXJ OAP AJP NFP. Owner: **John E. Fitzgerald.**

This was a good moving veteran, with a strong rear, holding a lot of sweep very well for his age, nice and low in the hock.

- 3 99 **GCH CARRICKANEENA AN FIRIC ARIS. HP27411901.** 05/19/2007.
Breeder: Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan. By: Mochras Ipse Facto - Ch. Carrickaneena Treise, SC. Owner: **Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan.**

This was a boy with an impressive head and strong body. Gave up a bit to the first two on topline,

- 4 93 **DC MISE EIRE AN FEAR SARSFIELD, SC HP25459902.** 03/01/2007 Breeder:
John & Maureen English & Eileen M & Eileen B. Flanagan. By Ch. Carrickaneena Slieve Gullion – Ch. Carrickaneena Sian Abhaile. Owner **John & Maureen English.**

The veteran boys certainly show us how our hounds body up in their latter years. This was a nice old boy who was not convinced that he wanted to be out this early in the morning. He didn't move as well as the first three, not pushing strongly from the rear.

Veteran Gold 9 Years and Over

- 1 107 **DC CARRICKANEENA GARRYOWEN O'BK, SC. HP08226501.** 10/19/2003.
Breeder: Jeanine Pierson. By: Killykeen Dante - Miss Moose of Bumpkiss. Owner:
Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan.

This old gentleman is a character with a good body and attitude. Showing his age in movement.

Veteran Bronze 6 Years & Under 8 Years Bitches

- 1 146 **CH. MISE EIRE NIAMH. HP25459901.** 03/01/2007. Breeder: John & Maureen English & Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan. By: Ch. Carrickaneena Slieve Gullion - Ch. Carrickaneena Slan Abhaile. Owner: **John & Maureen English.**

This older lady has a lovely shape, though long in body, she holds her topline well. She has low hocks and nice front. She won the class with her good muscle tone and ability to stride out.

- 2 134 **CH. MISE EIRE NUALA HP25459903** 03/01/2007. Breeder: John & Maureen English & Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan. By: Ch. Carrickaneena Slieve Gullion - Ch. Carrickaneena Slan Abhaile. Owner: **John & Maureen English.**

My notes say that this lady was very similar to the first placing girl, which turns out to make sense as they are littermates. She was out moved on the day, but this could have been because the handler didn't move as well !

- 3 136 **CH. CRIONNACHT CARRICKANEENA LYONS SC HP22223003** 02/2/2006. Breeder: Dr. Caren M. Carney & Eileen M & Eileen B. Flanagan. By: Ch. Carrickaneena's Dichu,. SC – Carrickaneena Uisce Beatha. Owner: **Dr. Caren M. Carney.**

This lady was the best mover in the class but had less bone and breadth. Also showing her age in her bite.

- 4 152 **CAN. CH. GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER WALLIS HP22158501** 02/21/2006. Breeder: Susan M. L. Prokopenko & Jocelyne Gagne. By Can. Ch. Gulliagh Brendan Behan – Ch. Starkkper Cuhaven Morgan. Owner: **Helga Lavigne & Susan Prokopenko.**

This was a madam with a nice shape but determined not to show today.

Veteran Silver 8 Years and under 9 Years Bitches

- 1 154 **DC CARRICKANEENA AN DUN SC HP16495201** 06/05/2005. Breeder: Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan. By: Ch. Carrickaneena Tigernach – Ch. Carrickaneena Dromora, MC, LCX, FC. Owner: **Patrick & Darlene Walker & Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan.**

An older lady with a nice shape and muscle, but stiff on the move.

Veteran Gold 9 Years & Over Bitches

- 1 162 **CH. SKYWALKERS NAUGHTY SHENANIGANS**

Another nice shape, a perfect example of the character of a veteran bitch - not impressed with this whole idea and the expression to let us all know it.

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - CH. PINEHURST GARRET

The winner is an impressive veteran who doesn't show his age except in his mature look. He has lots of substance, good front and rear and is balanced standing and on the move.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - CH. MISE EIRE NEAMH

Best of Opposite is a lady to win your heart, she obviously won Els' as she went on to an Award of Merit. She has a bit less tuck up in her older years, but still moving out well and happily a real lady of merit.

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES 2013 CRITIQUE

We all love our puppies and it is always fascinating to see where the Breed is going. There were some really lovely babies here and the temperament was amazing, on a very cold, windy day, everyone was prepared to stand and talk to me, great to see. Movement is always a challenge with the youngsters, but most did very well. If we want to look at problems, we are seeing some steep croups, upright pasterns and the narrow under jaw with canines growing up into the upper. I felt that upper arms were of better length overall, though there were some with the lack of proportion and very long shoulder blades. My opinion on the day, I just hope that my picks turn out to be good adults and I will see them through the years.

6 – 9 Month Dogs

- 1 17 **HOUND HILL VENDERBILT OF AERIE. HP44986602** 02/27/2013 Breeder: Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin & Donna Bown. By Ch. Hound Hill Sebastian – Ch. Hound Hill Valley of Aerie. Owner: **Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin & Donna Brown.**

Well put together puppy, tall but with length to match. Strong mover, with a nice head and lovely expression. I look forward to seeing him when he settles into himself and relaxes into his curves.

- 2 5 **STARKEEPER'S RYN. CAN AE502594.** 03/15/2013. Breeder: Jocelyne Gagne. By: Ch. Carnasserie Coal - Can. Am. Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda USA Flag. Owner: **John Luke & Kim Durrant & Jocelyne Gagne.**

This was another tall baby, with a similar shape to number one he has a good length of rear and nice curves. Not holding himself together as strongly that will probably come with time.

- 3 15 **O'LUGH'S TURBO DIESEL. HP45310301.** 04/27/2013. Breeder: Andrea & Michael Dormady. By: Ch. O'Lugh's Jagermeister Of Aerie - Ch. O'Lugh's Streetwalker. Owner: **Andrea & Michael Dormady.**

This boy was a bit shorter on the leg than the first two. He has a strong front with nice angles. At present he drops off in the croup.

- 4 9 **O'LUGH PATRON OF LEE RIDGE HP45240402.** 04/16/2013. Breeder: Andrea & Michael Dormady. By: Ch. O'Lugh Gibbs Of Aerie – Ch. O'Lugh's Tequila Sunrise. Owner: **Josie Lee & Andrea Dormady.**

A brindle puppy with good bone lengths and a nice neck. He lacks the breadth of stifle and strength in the rear of the first three.

9 – 12 Month Dogs

- 1 27 **SYLVERWOLF GRADY GLASGLAENN HP44551104.** 11/18/2012. Breeder: Eilssa Culp & Jocelyne Gagne. By: GCh. Ch. Limerick Frosty The Showman - Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda Kelt. Owner: **Sylvia Tamm.**

Here we ha a big strong puppy with lots of bone. He has good lengths and nice breadth of stifle. He was feeling very full of himself on this nice cold morning so I hope his tail carriage settles down as he grows up.

- 2 23 **AOTEAROA MATAATI TAMA O TOTE. HP45067101.** 11/15/2012. Breeder: Barbara N. Daley. By: Ch. Aotearoa Lee Ridge Tote - Can. Ch. Aotearoa Whakamaru. Owner: **Barbara N. Daley.**

This boy has a lot less to him at this age, long legged but straighter overall.

- 3 25 **GLADSTONE'S THUNDER ROAD. HP44601107.** 12/12/2012. Breeder: Betty Johnson & Roger Johnson & Christine Johnson. By: Ch. Riverlawn Exit Of Aerie - DC Gladstone's Maeve, SC. Owner: **Scott & Lindsay Maruska & Roger Johnson.**

A lovely puppy with bone and curves who moved well, would have been further up in the class, but for his narrow under jaw.

- 4 21 **ANTOSTAL GLENDON OF GLASGLAENN. HP44551105.** 11/18/2012. Breeder: Elissa Culp & J. Gagne. By: GCh. Ch. Limerick Frosty The Showman - Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda Kelt. Owner: **Gwendalee M. Centeno & Elissa Culp.**

This littermate to the first placing puppy is also a big baby, with lots of bone and curves. He moves well, but drops off in the croup.

12 – 15 Month Dogs

- 1 29 **DUN MYRICA NOLAN RILEY OF EAGLE. HP44036501.** 08/11/2012. Breeder: Sam Houston McDonald & Joe M. Roland. By: Ch. Carnasserie Coal - Ch. Armaitiu Nona Of Eagle. Owner: **Michael McCabe & Sam Houston McDonald & Joe Roland.**

A yearling with a nice body and length, lovely ears and expression. He is a strong dog who needs to relax into himself.

- 2 31 **CALYDDON MOTLEY KNIGHT. HP44121603.** 08/16/2012. Breeder: Donna S. Pitt & Joseph C. Pitt. By: Calyddon Hoel - Ch. Calyddon Maledysaunte. Owner: **Anne Flanigan & Donna S. Pitt.**

This was a big boned, strong dog, low in the hock with lots of stifle. He did not show well and drops off in the croup at present.

- 3 59 **AISLING OENGUS. HP4375001**, 09/13/2012 Breeder Cheryl & Gordon Lang. By: Ch. Highcross's Dougal – Aisling's Dragon Mist Donagh. Owner: **Cheryl & Gordon Lang**.

A much slighter puppy with balanced movement, but without the angles of the first two.

15 – 18 Month Dogs

- 1 33 **HEARTHOUND'S ONE FOR THE ROAD. HP43009704**. 05/15/2012. Breeder: Mary O'Malley & Debbie Sharpe. By: Ch. Connemara's Pagan Justice - Connemara's Wise One At Hearhound. Owner: **Mary O'Malley**.

A difficult puppy to critique, because he doesn't fit together yet. He is a tall boy with low hocks who could be longer in the ribs and tends to knuckle over in the pastern at present.

6 – 9 Month Bitches

- 1 10 **O'LUGH'S SAKE BOMB. HP45240401**. 04/16/2013. Breeder: Andrea & Michael Dormady. By: O'Lugh Gibbs Of Aerie - Ch. O'Lugh's Tequila Sunrise. Owner: **Andrea & Michael Dormady**.

I just loved this puppy. She has lots of length everywhere, lovely neck and topline, strode out with confidence and attitude to spare.

- 2 16 **CUGEIN'S STERLING. CAN AC508850**. 02/19/2013. Breeder: Katherine & Dwayne Yorke. By: CuGein Tyrian O'Tairisem - Shellane's Eibhlin At CuGein. Owner: **Dwayne Yorke & Katherine Yorke**.

And here was another lovely girl baby, very close to number one. She has a bit more body but not quite the strength in stifle and stride.

- 3 8 **R NOBLE LOLA OF EAGLE. HP45129601**. 04/03/2013. Breeder: Joe & Kathy Roland & Sam Houston McDonald. By: R Noble Ghasper Of Eagle - Ch. Dun Myrica Lyra Of Eagle. Owner: **Joe & Kathy Roland & Sam Houston McDonald**.

This girl had more of the baby look about her, but lots of potential. She moved well, has a very nice front though a little down on her feet at present, low hocks and a nice body.

- 4 14 **STARKEEPER'S ROGUE. CAN AE502595**. 03/15/2013. Breeder: Jocelyne Gagne. By: Ch. Carnasserie Coal - Can. Am. Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda USA Flag. Owner: **Serena Ivanovskis & Jocelyne Gagne**.

This was a really lovely class of puppies. Number four also moved well, with good lengths, low hocks and a strong topline.

9 – 12 Month Bitches

- 1 32 **STARKEEPER LAISLINN ON THE EDGE OF GLORY. HP44551102.**
11/18/2012. Breeder: Elissa Culp & Jocelyne Gagne. By: GCh. Ch. Limerick Frosty The Showman - Ch. Starkeeper Glenamadda Kelt. Owner: **Lani Hoph-King & Jocelyne Gagne.**

A nice big boned bitch with better tail carriage than her brother. She has lots of length, nice depth for her age, a strong head and good ear carriage. It will be interesting to see how these littermates develop.

- 2 30 **MYTHIC'S TEXAS PEARL. HP44692110.** 01/12/2013. Breeder: Anne Linden & Raven-Wolf Axelrad. By: Ch. Dun Myrica Speaker Of Eagle - Ch. Mythic's Morrigan A Kindred, JC. Owner: **Anne Linden & Raven-Wolf Axelrad.**

This puppy was close to number one, but a different type, not as much substance or curves, but a very nice puppy with a great coat.

- 3 26 **MYTHIC'S DAIRE A KINDRED. HP44692109.** 01/12/2013. Breeder: Anne Linden & Raven-Wolf Axelrad. By: Ch. Dun Myrica Speaker Of Eagle - Ch. Mythic's Morrigan A Kindred, JC. Owner: **Anne Linden & Raven-Wolf Axelrad.**

This girl was very close to her littermate, looked lovely standing with low hocks and a nice shape but not moving as well as she should have.

- 4 22 **O'LUGH'S PERRIER JOUET HP44884601.** 11/06/2012 Breeder: Andrea & Michael Dormady & D Marx & A. Benjamin. By Ch. O'Lugh's Vintage Merlot – Ch. O'Lugh's Jigger of Aerie. Owner: **Andrea & Michael Dormady.**

A red wheaten brindle, with lovely ears and eyes. She has lots of length of stifle but doesn't seem balanced at the moment.

12 – 15 Month Bitches

- 1 38 **KELLYKERRY ECHO OF AERIE HP44397701** 10/24/2012. Breeder: Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin. By: GCh. Riverlawn Exit Of Aerie - June Of Aerie. Owner: **Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin & Glenn Myer.**

Here was a streamlined, lovely looking bitch, who could move out with ease and confidence. She is balanced, with lots of length, altogether an impressive young lady.

- 2 34 **DUN MYRICA NOVA OF EAGLE. HP44036504.** 08/11/2012. Breeder: Sam Houston McDonald & Joe M. Roland. By: Ch. Carnasserie Coal - Ch. Armaitiu Nona Of Eagle. Owner: **Sam Houston McDonald & Joe & Kathy Roland.**

This was also a close decision though different types of puppy. This girl moved well, had more body and low hocks.

- 3 40 **NUTSTOWN AISLING OF CARRICKANEENA IRE Z46746** 09/24/2012. Breeder: John & Kathleen Kelly. By: Prince Finn Of Nutstown - Pretty Daisy Of Nutstown. Owner: **Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan.**

This young lady seemed to be going through a growth spurt and was high in the rear, this did not do her topline or rear any favours. But she moved well with a strong front.

- 4 36 **NUTSTOWN BRIDIE OF CARRICKANEENA. IRE Z45146** 09/01/2012.
Breeder: John & Kathleen Kelly. By: Prince Finn Of Nutstown - Clocan Killian. Owner:
Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan.

It was hard to get a good look at this puppy, as she refused to behave, so was hard on herself and her handler.

15 – 18 Month Bitches

- 1 42 **CARRICKANEENA ME FEIN. HP44430601.** 07/21/2012. Breeder: Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan. By: DC Nutstown Fear Mor Of St Doulaghs, SC - DC Carrickaneena Fioriomha, SC. Owner: **Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan.**

Here was a strong looking girl who moved well. I would like more leg under her and more rear to match her front.

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES – KELLYKERRY ECHO OF AERIE

It is a number of years since I last judged a puppy sweepstakes and I find that our puppies have changed, not as many “little lion cubs| as we used to see and I loved. But sometimes you find a puppy that, though not the type you would expect to love, stands out. Even then this winner had a battle with the 6-9 month puppy bitch who pushed her very hard.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES – HOUND HILL VANDERBILT OF AERIE

In the past this is not a bit what I would have expected to see in a six to nine month class, but he is a puppy to match the girl winner. This boy has so much potential, already covering ground well, with his length yet lots of angles.

I look forward to seeing the three of them mature.