

THE HOUNDS' BUGLE



Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club

September 2006

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Address Correction Requested

Hi all,

Well, the Specialty Show is over for yet another year – though you will not be actually seeing the reports until the next Bugle – I can tell you it was a lot of work but also huge fun, for me at least !

However, this being an active club, we – you - do not get to sit back and relax quite yet ... the club sponsored Lure Course is just around the corner and, in a return to the club tradition of holding these at members houses, the Christmas Party is to be in Woodside, on the Peninsula south of San Francisco. Jaime Quevedo and Maxine Levy have very kindly offered to host the event this year at their beautiful home in the redwoods. Irish hounds are welcome.

I really do hope you can make it ...

Chris Thompson

And the Hounds of Eirinn



NCIWC CALENDAR

October 1, 2006	Bonanza KC - Carson City, NV
October 7, 2006	Donner Trail KC - Roseville
October 8, 2006	Donner Trail KC - Roseville
October 14, 2006	Two Cities KC - Yuba City
October 15, 2006	Two Cities KC - Yuba City
October 22, 2006	Del Valle Dog Club - Pleasanton
October 23, 2006	Del Valle Dog Club - Pleasanton
October 28, 2006	Sacramento Dog Fanciers - Dixon
October 29, 2006	Sacramento Dog Fanciers - Dixon
November 11, 2006	Wine Country KC - Napa
November 11, 2006	NCIWC ASFA All Breed Lure Trial - Livermore
November 12, 2006	Wine Country KC - Napa
November 12, 2006	IWAWC ASFA All Breed Lure Trial - Livermore
November 19, 2006	NCWFA - AKC All Breed Lure Coursing - Oakland
November 24, 2006	Golden Valley KC - Turlock
November 24, 2006	MBCA ASFA All Breed Lure Course - Paicines
November 25, 2006	Golden Valley KC - Turlock
November 25, 2006	PHFNC ASFA All Breed Lure Course - Paicines
November 26, 2006	San Joaquin KC - Stockton
November 26, 2006	MBCA ASFA All Breed Lure Course - Paicines
November 27, 2006	San Joaquin KC - Stockton
December 2, 2006	IWAWC Gathering of The Cu - Monterey
December 10, 2006	BCONC AKC All Breed Lure Course - Oakley
December 28, 2006	Oakland KC - San Mateo
December 29, 2006	Santa Cruz KC - San Mateo
December 30, 2006	Salinas KC - San Mateo
December 31, 2006	San Mateo KC - San Mateo

Check with ChrisThompson for updated NOFCA events truebrit@napanet.net
Check with Robin Burchett for updated ASFA events toryiw@jps.net

The Cow Palace Show in 2007 . . .

Gail Hawksworth has proposed an old idea in new clothes (or cloth!...), for those of you who show in conformation.

She would like the club to get behind her plan to present the club members as a unified group at next year's Golden Gate Kennel Show at the Cow Palace.

For those who do not know, this is a benched show where the dogs are placed on a raised, padded and decorated platform so that they can meet-n-greet the public. Provided this is carefully managed so that the hounds aren't over-exposed, it is an ideal situation in which to have your IW demonstrate his/her superiority as the King of Dogs, Dog of Kings ... this goes on for the two days of the show, though many of us also arrive on the Friday to perform the set up of our individual displays.

Frank Christian and the others do a fantastic job of their display designs. For those that wish to participate in the proposed new scheme, all of the booths would be decorated with similar coloured base and wall material including some sort of over-arching Club-logo/name backdrop. The individual kennels would then have their displays as a design within the larger design. Instead of having a single, tiny booth promoting the Club's activities (as we did this past year - very successfully, I might add - we won Best Display and \$ 100 !), we would distribute the work to those kennels for which it is appropriate.

By this, Gail means that a kennel known for its Lure Coursing hounds will display photos, etc that reflect that. A kennel which often attends the hiking/camping activity will show a display of that, and so on ... the only caveat is that no representations of hounds appearing in AKC competitions can be allowed, most especially if accompanied by awards !

By the way - this whole experience is a lot of fun (though exhausting too), and I thoroughly encourage you to consider attending.

Chris Thompson/ Aka Gail Hawksworth

Please contact Frank Christian fwc@nowusa.com if you would like to help with the Cow Palace decorations or are interested in supporting an IW activity

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**Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club Meeting Minutes –
August 26, 2006**

Ann Gould & Tom Birse residence

President called the meeting to order at 11:40. Officers and Board members present: C. Thompson, L. Finucane, J. Schluter, R. Burchett, C. Gabriel, K. LoPresti, M. Levy, Marcia Walsh and A. Gould. Members present: Megan Thompson, Alan Schluter, Richard Boulanger, Mary Sharkey, Frank Christian, Mike Walsh, Inga & Tom Bourdon, Terry Burchett, Ken & Carol Jones, Kay Browne, Lily Zahrt.

President's Report (Chris Thompson): Club interests and decisions should have a discussion before the board before a vote. Minutes m/s R. Boulanger, C. Gabriel.

Secretary's Report (Lori Finucane): AKC approved all Specialty events. Lure coursing seminar offered in November in Rosemead, CA by Mr. Bob Mason, field representative.

Treasurer's Report (Jane Schluter): Requesting second signature for club bank account in case of emergency so funds may be accessed by the club. C. Thompson will provide. This is a club policy. R. Boulanger m/s C. Gabriel. Specialty expenses born by members, loss of 20% family and 10% single members this year, income now \$3210/year. Discussion: traditionally some members rejoin at the Specialty; why aren't folks rejoining? Should they be contacted to discover their reasons? Member fees not raised for two years, increase them? Tabled. Fundraising may be in order. Donations for Specialty (C. Jones): \$1200 received. \$1900 due for trophies. \$600 – ribbon cost and addition of logo will increase cost, \$100 – engraving, \$340 printing, \$760 judges costs, BaRay \$1400 – 2400 approx. depending on amount of work done for specialty, decorations \$300 approx., Bugle \$450. Prefer to have all bills paid in September to concentrate on 2007 Specialty Budget. C.Gabriel m/s K. LoPresti.

2006 25th Anniversary Specialty (Frank Christian): AKC approved Show Chairman & Show Secretary dual role for our Specialty. Veteran age for next year will be discussed at October meeting (from 7 yrs to 6 years).

Dinner (C. Gabriel) approx. 30 reservations rec'd. tableware, tablecloths, flowers. Renting wineglasses. Wine for dinner will be donated by the Thompsons.





Seminar (A. Gould): Tina Perriguet training seminar will need an assistant.

Bar (M & M Walsh): will set up, \$1 soda, \$3 beer, \$5 cocktails, bar opens when show is over.

T-shirt (Loanne Lark): Seventy orders rec'd in advance.

RV Parking (C. Thompson): Frank & Chris measured sites, electrical outlets counted. RV may arrive Wednesday if working on set up, Thursday noon if not.

Field & Grounds (C.Thompson): Anybody seen on the grounds considered a cheerful worker to be engaged.

Trophies (M. Thompson): Possible bread plate substitution: puppy dish instead. Cost 2/3 of bread plate. Set up fee \$1250 then \$10 per dish. Table replacement decision until next meeting. Expect to pay \$1900 for trophies for Specialty this year. Ribbon vendors explored, members would like our logo printed on the ribbon which adds to the expense, \$600 last year, \$800 this year. Ribbon wording must match premium list.

NCIWC Lure Coursing (M. Sharkey): Certification Friday 5 p.m.; Sunday roll call 8 a.m. Judge - Christie Beetz. Nov. 11 & 12th all breed coursing at Robertson Park Meadow in Livermore. Jamie Jones provisional judge, seeking judges.

Open Field (C. Thompson): Open field schedules created and sent via email soon. Anti hunting demonstrations may be at the site. Should NOFCA hire security to prevent possible incidents?

Activities (F.Christian): Feather Falls walk in fall; Green Island Lakes- 2 mile hike in with real food, Labor Day; Emigrant Wilderness hike best ever.

Historian (C.Jones): Specialty premier, stop by the table.

Bugle (R. Burchett): Difficult to produce a Specialty edition as it takes time to receive information. Requesting articles and members input on topics.

Fun Match 2007 Chairpersons: Carol Jones & Inga Bourdon will chair event. Mr. Pepper and Mr. S. Marx suggested.

Boutique (M. Thompson): Request permission to restock, \$1500 for T shirts many sizes sold out; create sale items of slow moving merchandise. C. Jones m/s K. LoPresti. **Volunteers** needed at the booth.

Website (M. Levy, J. Quevedo, G. Collins): 80% complete. Sixty hits/day. Club photos wanted, events & activities info. Boutique to be added with paypal accounts for fund deposits. More next mtg. Karen LoPresti & Richard Boulanger will photograph items.

New Members (R. Burchett): Election of four new members. K.LoPresti / M.Walsh m/s approved new members!

Old Business: 2007 Cow Palace show: Materials the first year (\$40). Ann Gould will work with Gail Hawksworth on a plan - need **Volunteers** and a flyer to send out to the usual suspects, deadline to participate, next meeting. Club printer for backdrop. Interested, contact A. Gould or G. Hawksworth.

Business Cards: M. Thompson motion to order 500 cards with Logo from Vista. \$40 plus shipping. K. Browne offered to fund purchase. K. LoPresti m/s A. Gould.

New Business:

Club account second signature C. Thompson will sign, current policy is to have two signatures.

Specialty Ads: Email sent.; *2007 Fun Match*, see above; *2007 Specialty Junior handler* is a foreign judge and not acceptable by AKC, thus replacement is needed.

Christmas Party – Saturday Dec. 9th, home of M. Levy & J. Quevedo in Woodside.

Decade book – tabled until next meeting.

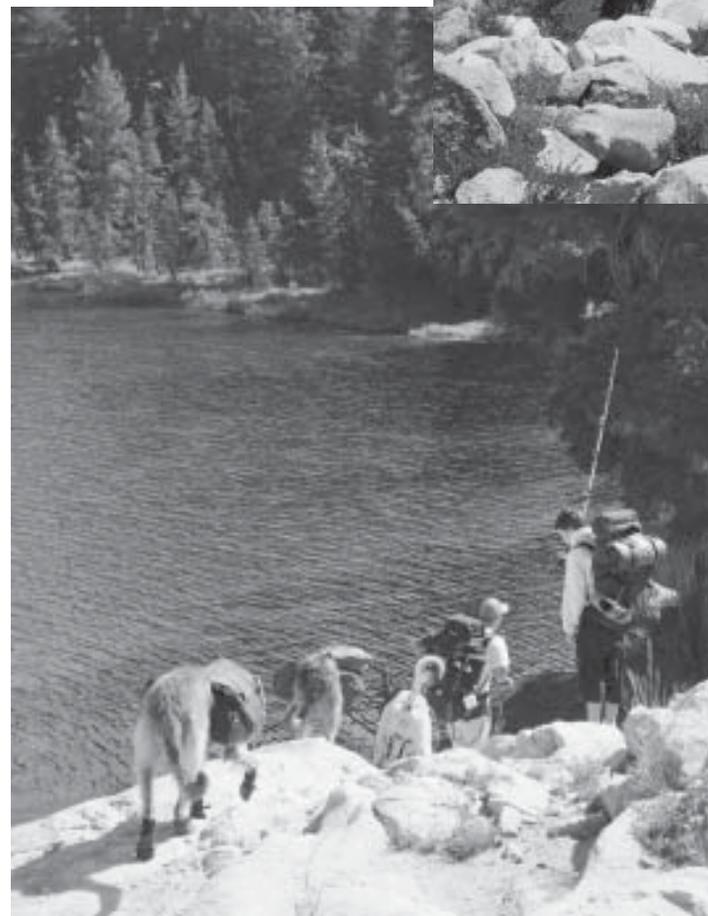
2007 Club Calendar Fundraiser(M. Levy): no names just photos, cost \$5 sell for \$15. Produce 50 for Specialty. Will advertise.

Next Meeting Date: Sunday October 22, Del Valle dog show, Pleasanton.

All meetings of the Board are open to all members who may speak on any topic before the Board. Any topic can be discussed provided it is on the agenda or naturally arises as part of an agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Finucane,
NCIWC Secretary



completed 55 miles. That's our trip into Emigrant Wilderness this year. I hope that more of you may want to give this a try. It is an incredible place that we and our hounds can enjoy together.

Submitted by:
Frank W Christian
NCIWC Activities Chairman



Candid shots taken at the meeting by Lily Zahrt





Minutes – Special Board meeting at Petaluma on 16 September, 2006

Board present : Chris Thompson, Robin Burchett, Jane Schluter, Carol Gabriel, Ann Gould

Purpose : To right a wrong, viz : prospective members had filled out an application at 2005 Specialty. The paperwork was lost during the break down and forgotten.

Remedy : Hold special meeting to accept the membership applications forthwith, with apologies for error. M/S Carol G. / Robin B. unanimous.

glacial bowl, complete with a waterfall. We had a terrific time there, the fishing was terrific. The last day at Upper Twin Lake, mom, I, and Wayne hiked down to lower Twin Lake to try some fishing. I had no problems catching about a dozen; I kept four. Mom and Wayne were a little less successful. Again we had fish with our dinner. Mike and Arthur hiked to the top of the mountain to look out on both upper and lower Twin Lakes, and to play in the snow. The last evening there we all did some fishing. My mom was helping Mike, and I actually saw him catch one, finally. One item that made the stay at Twin Lake less than perfect was the Mosquitoes. Still lots of snow run off and water for the mosquitoes. Our next destination was Huckleberry Lake. Again we stayed two nights. Our camp on Huckleberry was on an outcropping next to the lake with a grand view of our own cove. It also was a good spot for fishing, no problem catching all the fish we wanted. Mom lounged about the camp, watched the hounds for us and fished while Wayne and I fished around the lake. The lake is much larger than one may first think. It took us the better part of the day to hike around the perimeter. Huckleberry has many stony islands and hidden coves, with lots of deep holes with fish abundant. After two days at Huckleberry Lake we moved on. We are now heading back towards the staging area taking a parallel route to the one we took outgoing. The trail takes us out of the Huckleberry basin by following glacial outcroppings up and over the top, then down again past several lakes and ponds. We stopped at Cow Meadow Lake for lunch and give the pooches a rest (Let mom catch up. She is steady going but at her own pace). After lunch we made it to Wood Lake. I originally was going to camp at Wood Lake but there was just enough traffic on the trail that I decided to hike up a side trail about .5 miles to another small lake. This turned out to be a good choice because we had the lake to ourselves. The camp was comfortable and the water warm enough for Arthur, Mike, and Myself to go swimming. Sure felt good to get the trail dust off. The next section of our route was next to the creek that flows out of Wood Lake. The trail crosses many flat areas of solid granite. The route is marked with stones. Our final night of the trip was next to a small creek on a sandy beach, making a comfortable camp. Also no Mosquitoes. The trip out to the vehicles was uneventful and we arrived at the staging area about 11:00 AM. All the hounds did well. We kept booties on their feet any time we hiked and also wrapped their toes with Vet wrap under the booties to prevent the nails from poking into the soft flesh. The only notable problem with the hounds was Kira. Three days into the hike I noticed that the pack on Kira had abraded her skin and caused a sore spot on the back. I treated the sore with polysporin and changed packs with Valli, giving Kira the newer better fitting pack. All was well with Kira for the rest of the trip till she got home. She developed a swelling where the abrasion was and another one on the shoulder blade. The Vet said similar to a bursa. Today the lumps are slowly disappearing and she seems completely healthy. We

Emigrant Wilderness backpacking 2006

We started off from the Crabtree staging area around noon. Wayne and Arthur Colby with their friend Mike, Myself and my mom, Betty, with our three hounds, Wabbit, Valli, and Kira (on loan from the Burchett's) all packed up with nine days of supplies. The trail was rather dusty from all the foot traffic and mule teams. We passed a Boy Scout group on the first hill. If they knew that a 74 year old lady just out hiked them they may have being more encouraged to continue. As it was I don't think they were going to make any distance that day. We hiked to the first lake along our route, Camp Lake and stopped for a lunch break. After lunch of bagels and cheese we set off across our first crossing of a valley: first down a switched back canyon wall, and then across the meadow with creek and back up the other side through a saddle and beyond. Just outside of Piute Lake we stopped for the night. We camped above the trail away from the water to avoid the bugs. After breakfast the next day of hot oatmeal we continued up the trail towards Buck Lakes our destination for the day.

We passed a rather large stream and several lakes on this stretch of the trail. Arthur and Mike swam in one of the ponds during a break. Mike came out shivering. He said it was OK on the surface but rather chilly below. After lunch at Gem Lake we continued, passing Jewel Lake, and Deer Lake. We finally reached Buck Lakes in the late afternoon. Wayne and I went ahead and scouted out a camp site on a small rocky peninsula with a terrific view of the lake, and very few mosquitoes; an important detail. After the camp was set up we went fishing. We caught enough for everyone to have fish; a good addition for our dinner. This was our second night out and in my tent was my mom, Valli, and Kira. Wayne, Mike, Arthur, and Wabbit were in the other tent. We were about 8,000 ft high in elevation and would the next day walk past Emigrant Lake and the pass above it that is at 9,200 ft; the highest we would be on this trip. We arrived at the high pass late afternoon after spending a couple of hours at Emigrant lake having lunch and trying some fishing. No luck with the fish, but the hounds enjoyed the rest stop. Through the high pass we went and then drooped down into the valley where Maxwell Lake is nestled, the destination of that day. That night Kira socked my mom in the face while running in her dream. Mom woke up with a swollen eye with a hint of blue. From Maxwell Lake we went past Horse meadow and down to Cherry creek and then up through several switch backs to upper Twin Lake. A destination we planned on staying two nights at. Wabbit was unsure of the creek crossing, but with much encouragement from us he managed to time his crossing to knock my mom and at another crossing Arthur into the creek. Upper Twin Lake is a huge oval lake of about two miles long and almost a mile wide at the widest. It is set in a



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"What kind of dog is THAT?" , "Where's your saddle?", "Who's walking who?"

We've all been asked the usual questions many times like "What kind of dog is THAT?" , "Where's your saddle?", "Who's walking who?", etc. Well, I have a new one. Argus, Konan and I stopped at a rest area on the way to the Puget Sound Specialty. I was still recovering from IWAWC so was a bit tired and cranky. I saw a woman and her 2 sons, ages around 4 and 5, running towards us. I went the other way (sometimes I get tired of the "usual" questions and I was in a hurry).

I realized my van door was open so we headed back. The woman said, "CAN MY SONS MEASURE YOUR DOGS?" I said, "Measure?" There they were standing, all smiles, with their little measuring tapes held out. The Mom says, "Do you want to measure their tongues.?" "Their feet.?" "Their tails.?" The little boys held out their tapes in different directions but wouldn't get too close. Argus and Konan loved all the attention.

After several minutes of measuring, the Mom thanked me and off they went. I had to laugh and must admit I felt less tired after such a joyful experience.

Carol Gabriel

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**Pet-Bac Oral Gel.** Kaeco, Retail distribution includes Valley Vet Supply, valleyvet.com

**Pet Inoculant.** Wysong, (800) 748-0188 or wysong.netprimal Defense.

**Garden of Life,** gardenoflife.com. HSO probiotic powder and capsules. Retail distribution includes Vitamin Shoppe, (800) 223-1216 or vitaminshoppe.com

**Probios Dispersible Powder for Dogs.** Retail distribution includes PBS Animal Health, pbsanimalliealth.com

**Saccharomyces boulardii** manufactured by Jarrow Formulas. Retail distribution, including VitaCost, (800) 793-2601 or vitacost.com

**Stonyfield Farm Yogurt,** in many stores; stonyfield.com

**Wilderness Family Naturals.** Yogurt makers, yogurt culture starter, kefir culture starter, vegetable culture starter. (866) 936-6457 or wildernessfamilynaturals .com



Welcome Eirinn's Bryne McTate Of Tory

A very special thank-you goes to Chris & Megan Thompson for letting have this special puppy girl. We will do our very best to supply her with the opportunity to be happy !

Terry & Robin Burchett

**When buying food sources of probiotics, look for the freshest products possible. The live cultures in products such as yogurt and kefir lose potency as they sit on shelves.**

### **Further Information About Probiotics**

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### **RESOURCES**

**Acidophilus + Digestive Supplement for Dogs.** Pet Authority, [petauthority.com](http://petauthority.com). Retail distribution includes Drs Foster & Smith, [drsfostersmith.com](http://drsfostersmith.com)

**Animal Essentials Plant Enzymes & Probiotics.** Animal Essentials, [animalessentials.com](http://animalessentials.com) or (888) 463-7748

**Bene-Bac Pet Gel.** Pet Ag. Retail distribution includes Valley Vet, [valleyvet.com](http://valleyvet.com)

**iFlora4Pets.** Sedona Labs, (888) 816-8804 or [sedonalabs.com](http://sedonalabs.com)

### **News Page**

New book on cancer: Help Your Dog Fight Cancer  
An Overview Of Home Care Options  
by Laurie Karlan

Book on herbs: All You Ever Wanted To Know About  
Herbs For Pets  
by Greg Tilford  
Bowie Press, 1999

Websites: [petswelcome.com](http://petswelcome.com)  
Great site for vacation spots that  
welcome dogs

[groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert)  
A nationwide group that is to be used for  
posting alerts for missing dogs through  
out the US.

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If you need a pet sitter, be sure to check out  
[www.preferredpetsitting.com](http://www.preferredpetsitting.com)

It is a very handy website and enables you not only to find a  
credited pet sitter, but to leave crucial details for your sitter.

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If anyone would like a current club membership list, please let  
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email (excel). Robin can be reached at (925) 689-9765 or  
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The club is looking for places to take our dogs for visiting, such as  
hospitals, retirement communities, day care facilities, schools If  
you know of any place that would like to have Irish Wolfhounds  
visit, please contact a board member. Please help - we have  
interested people, happy hounds and club insurance - all we need is  
a place to go.

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## Walkies With Growly Dogs By Patty Storkel

He's your pride and joy. Your dream come true. Such a sweet baby, he did so well in puppy kindergarden classes and that beginning obedience class. You are so proud of how big and handsome he is getting, you want to show him off to the world.

Off for a walk you go, striding out confidently, remembering what the instructor told you. Oh, here comes the dog from down the street. Wait, Whoa, OH, OH, Stopthat!!! You are mortified as you pull him back as he's jumping and growling at the other dog. Your hands are shaking as you seek to gather and tighten your grip on the lead and collar. You can feel yourself blushing as you stammer out an apology to the other person who is looking at your dog in horror. They turn and go the other direction muttering about vicious dogs as you return home with your heart pounding in your chest.

You give it a couple of days and try again. This time, it's that nasty untrained yappy dog from two blocks over. You are in disbelief at the change that comes over your boy as he again decides to give the other dog a piece of his mind. You are in tears as you return home, afraid of what is happening with your boy.

What was That?!! What happened?? He's never done that before!

Has my sweet baby boy suddenly become a vicious dog? Did I do something wrong? Can I take him out again in public??

Well, lets see... If your dog is around 14 ~ 20 months old, he's beginning to feel the effects of those raging hormones pumping through his body. Has he become vicious? Most likely not. He is, however, responding to instinctual and physiological cues his body is sending out. Can he become a gentleman on walks again? Absolutely.

I am greatly disturbed when I see such interactions occurring and the owners do nothing to correct the dogs other than to pull them apart. Worse yet are the people petting and cooing to comfort their dog afterwards. That only reinforces the bad behavior, as petting is praise. Even if your dog didn't start it, you will always be blamed because you have the bigger dog (unless this is occurring between two wolfhounds, or Great Danes, etc.)

Another easy addition to your dog's diet is homemade yogurt. Goat milk is often recommended for dogs because it's easier to digest than cow's milk, and when its la-tose is broken down through fermentation, it's far less likely to cause digestive problems than other dairy products.

Commercially produced yogurt, including "live culture" brands, lose potency as they sit in stores, even on refrigerated shelves. Making your own in an electric yogurt maker is the easiest way to insure that your dog receives the maximum number of live cultures possible. If you let yogurt ferment undisturbed for 24 hours, beneficial bacteria will break down 100 percent of its lactose for maximum digestibility.

Kefir, another fermented dairy product, is even easier to make because it doesn't require heat. Kefir's vigorous beneficial bacteria, which easily colonize in the digestive tract, include *Lactococcus spp*, *Leuconostoc mesenteroides*, *Lactobacillus kefir*, *Kluyveromyces marxianus*, and *Saccharomyces unisporus*.

Don't underestimate the health benefits of lactofermented foods. In 2005, researchers at Seoul National University in Korea announced that a culture fluid of *Leuconostoc kimchii*, a beneficial bacteria in kimchi, showed clear remedial effects for chickens suffering from bird flu, Newcastle disease, and bronchitis. Previous research showed that *Pediococcus pentosaceus*, another lactic ferment from kimchi, successfully prevented infection from harmful bacilli, including *Helicobacter*, which causes gastritis. and *Listeria* and *Shigella sonnei*, which cause food poisoning. Some research suggests that traditional European sauerkraut may help protect dogs and people from cancer.

Beneficial bacteria may be tiny microbes, but they're big supporters of your dog's immune system. Yours, too! \*

*A long-time contributor to WDJ and author of The Encyclopedia of Natural Pet Care Natural Remedies for Dogs & Cats, and other books, C J Puotinen lives in New York with her husband, a Lab, and a tabby cat.*

### WHAT YOU CAN DO.

**Give probiotics to any dog under chronic or acute stress, or who receives antibiotics.**

**For dogs with allergies or digestive problems, use a variety of probiotics with several strains of beneficial bacteria.**

**f probiotics with several strains of beneficial bacteria.**

Dr. Shahani lists several foods and food ingredients that satisfy these criteria and which belong to a special class of carbohydrates called oligosaccharides. Garlic, bananas, chicory, and milk are examples. Several oligosaccharides, including FOS (fructooligosaccharides) and GOS (galacto-oligosaccharides) are sometimes used as ingredients in yogurt, cultured dairy products, and other foods as well as in probiotic supplements. FOS and GOS ingredients are most popular in Europe and Japan, where they are used in more than 500 foods and nutritional supplements.

Another popular FOS prebiotic is the Jerusalem artichoke or sunchoke (it's a member of the sunflower family), which contains inulin, a favorite food of lactobacteria. Jerusalem artichoke flour, for use in cooking, is widely sold in Japan.

Sweet whey, the part of milk that is separated out in the cheese-making process, is high in lactose, making it an ideal food for intestinal bacteria.

“In theory, prebiotics consumed alone might be able to deliver benefits, provided that the beneficial bacteria are indeed present in the GI tract in sufficient numbers,” says Dr. Shahani. “Today many probiotic supplements available in the marketplace now contain prebiotics. Such products (where probiotics and prebiotics are combined) are called synbiotics. This approach may provide an efficient mechanism for introducing and then enriching health-promoting probiotic bacterial.”

Prebiotics such as sweet whey and FOS should be introduced gradually, however, because they ferment in the large intestine, producing gassiness, abdominal discomfort, belching, bloating, and flatulence until the body adjusts.

Foods such as sauerkraut and other lactofermented vegetables contain and feed beneficial microbes, making them both probiotics and prebiotics. Lactofermentation breaks down and releases gases before these foods are consumed, making them far less likely to cause adverse reactions. In fact, dogs receive far more nutrition from lactofermented vegetables than from the same untreated vegetables, even if they are pureed or juiced. This is because lactofermentation breaks down, tenderizes, and predigests vegetables, increasing their vitamin content. Many natural food markets sell raw, unpasteurized sauerkraut, kimchi (Korea's tradition~ sauerkraut), and other lactofermented fare. But these foods are easy to make at home, with or without special equipment. (For details, see “it's All in How You Make It,” March 2001, Whole Dog Journal.

you need to verbally reprimand your dog, and this is one time when I believe in a little use of force. You need to pop or jerk sharply on the collar to get your dog's attention. He needs to feel it and get the idea that you will not, under any circumstance, allow that type of behavior again. Now, having said that, I don't mean you pull a 160lb wolfhound off his feet (unless it's a real life and death situation). Perform the Harlow Correction (see below).

When you see the subtle and not so subtle signs that your precious baby boy is changing, you need to be firmer with training at this time. If you've allowed him to meander, and only occasionally required heeling or close walking, that time is now over. He needs to know what the boundaries are, as his instincts tell him he needs to challenge other males for dominance and territory. This is part of pack mentality, and how pack hierarchy is established. What he doesn't know, since he's not in a real pack, is that this behavior isn't appropriate. He can't dominate the whole city, county or state. He can maybe only dominate other dogs in his household (if there are any), and his actions may be misdirected towards the cat or your kids. He's a teenager and needs to be reminded that the limits and boundaries are still there. This phase fortunately lasts for only a short while so the sooner you let him know you're still in charge, the better. If you don't do formal training, now is the time to get him into a good class, so he learns that no matter what the distraction, or what the other dogs are doing, if you say Sit, he has to Sit. And Stay.

Usually a couple of firm corrections from you coupled with firm obedience commands when out and about should have him back to behaving in a gentlemanly way. Wolfhounds are sensitive to their people, and as soon as they realize you are not happy, they will try to respond with alternate behavior. And as all people are different in their responses to life's challenges, so are our wolfhounds. Some dogs seem to never go thru this, others do at an earlier or later age.

There are a couple of things you can teach and do to help you get thru this phase:

1. Teach him to give you eye contact on request. To do this, say his name and give a tiny tasty tidbit when he makes eye contact. Repeat this several times a day, and as he

begins to readily look at you, increase the length of time where you hold his gaze. When you encounter something that may cause him to behave inappropriately, ask for and hold eye contact. He can't misbehave when looking into your eyes.

2. Teach him the phrases "MindYourManners!" and "BeAGentleman". He won't initially understand what they mean, but with time, will begin to understand and stop the undesirable behavior when he hears the phrase. He will also learn which behaviors elicit the command and their occurrence should decrease in frequency.

3. Perform the "Harlow Correction"- While holding him with one hand by the collar, place your other hand across the top of his muzzle and push/turn his head down and to the side. You are purposefully breaking eye contact. Tell him in a low, growly tone that THAT is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated!! Then, still holding his collar, slide both hands around his head & muzzle and lift his face to you. Establish eye contact (he might not want to), and tell him in a calm, quiet, neutral tone "ok, lets try again". This whole action should only take a minute. Then give your walk/heel command and off you go.

A couple of additional comments: the Harlow correction should first be practiced with a stuffed toy or your kids, spouse, etc., so you know the movements and can perform the correction smoothly without fumbling. However, do not *practice* this on your dog. Also, when holding the collar, you do not have a death grip on it, holding the dog off the ground, nor are you twisting it into his neck. You are simply holding it firmly to keep the dog there. Remember this: a dog cannot learn when in pain. The only thing he can think of while experiencing pain is how to escape or try to offer a behavior to make it stop.

And while not occurring as frequently, the bitches can also go thru a similar phase. The steps to correct are the same. It is up to us, as fanciers and champions of the breed, to have our dogs behave politely and mannerly when out in public. Do not allow your dog to become a rude, disruptive example of the breed. If there's a particular dog your dog simply doesn't like, or a situation that really upsets him or puts him on guard, remove him from the situation or let him stay home. He is trusting you to keep him safe.

yeasts, fungi, viruses, and harmful bacteria, and are usually combined with several strains of beneficial bacteria.

### **Time to heal**

How long does it take to repair the body with probiotics if your dog has taken antibiotics? Estimates from researchers and veterinarians range from several weeks or months to a year or several years.

The fastest recoveries are experienced by dogs who have a good supply of surviving native bacteria — that is, beneficial bacteria that they obtained from their mothers' milk or from supplements within hours of birth — which are supported by a diet that feeds them instead of one that feeds their harmful competitors.

Another way to recover quickly is to be a good host for the beneficial bacteria introduced in supplements, so that the dog's system provides what these bacteria need in order to reproduce and colonize.

Not all beneficial bacteria colonize or continue to multiply after the patient stops receiving probiotic supplements, but some will if given the right growing conditions, and even beneficial bacteria that don't colonize can improve the digestive tract for as long as they are taken.

### **Feeding beneficial bacteria**

Probiotics are beneficial bacteria. Prebiotics are the foods that feed them. In addition to supporting beneficial bacteria that are added to the system by probiotic supplements, prebiotics nourish whatever native bacteria survive antibiotic treatment.

In his book *Cultivate Health from Within*, Khem Shahani, PhD, one of the world's leading research authorities on the role of *Lactobacill* and gastrointestinal bacteria, explains the conditions for a food to be an effective prebiotic:

- It must pass through the upper gastrointestinal tract without being absorbed or hydrolyzed;
- It must be selectively fermented by a limited number of potentially beneficial bacteria in the colon;
- It must improve the composition of intestinal bacteria in favor of beneficial strains; and
- It should improve the host's health.

supplements for human or pet use. All health food stores and many pet supply stores carry several brands of *L. acidophilus* and other strains that can help improve your dog's digestion and immune function

Probiotic supplements are especially beneficial for newborn puppies, to increase the number of desirable organisms in their digestive tract. They are also well-suited to help dogs of all ages cope with stress —travel, intensive training, competition, and boarding. It's smart to use them to boost the immune system following surgery, parvovirus infections (which affect the small intestine), chronic diarrhea, and whelping. They should also be a standard prescription during and after the use of any antibiotic.

Buying a probiotic supplement and following label directions is the simplest way to introduce a new supply of live beneficial bacteria to your dog's digestive tract. Some brands require refrigeration; others have a long shelf life at room temperature. The supplement may be sold as a powder, liquid, or in tablets or capsules, some of which are enteric-coated to survive stomach acid and break apart in the small intestine. Depending on the brand, label instructions may recommend feeding the product on an empty stomach between meals, with food, or immediately before or after eating.

Some products contain a single strain of beneficial bacteria, such as *L. acidophilus*, while others contain multiple strains. Experts disagree as to which approach is better. Single-strain products tend to be backed by more clinical research, but some advocates favor multiple strains because that's what the body contains.

The newest probiotics on the market are not bacteria; they are homeostatic soil organisms, or HSOs, which literally come from dirt. Soil contains so many different microorganisms that science has defined less than 1 percent of the estimated total. One gram of soil (about a teaspoon) can contain as many as 10,000 microbe species.

Until recently, dogs, cats, and people all over the world ingested a constant supply of HSOs. That no longer happens in the U.S., where indoor lifestyles and cleanliness keep HSOs out of our mouths and food supply. Now medical researchers are linking asthma, allergies, and other common health problems to a lack of exposure to everyday dirt, germs, and HSOs, especially during early childhood. Some vets make the same connection to puppies and kittens.

The manufacturers of HSO supplements grow organisms discovered in pristine parts of the world where the number of beneficial microbes in soil is unusually high. These microbes are chosen for their ability to destroy molds,

## AT THE SHOWS



IWAWC Specialty

July 28 & 29, 2006

Sweeps Judge: Mr. Lou Guerreo

Best In Junior Sweeps - Pern Prentiss - Kelly Cromer

Best Opposite Sex In Junior Sweeps - Fleetwind Carroy One In A Million - Lynne Rosebrock & Fleetwind Kennels

Best In Senior Sweeps - Pinehurst Mason - Karen Catov-Goodell & S. Curtis

Best Opposite Sex In Senior Sweeps - Pinehurst Halsey - Karen Catov-Goodell

Conformation Judge: Ms. Ronnie Kaluza

WD           Brimstone Chance Of Arntara - Dot Arn & Richard Heskett  
\*\*\*\*\* New Champion\*\*\*\*\*

RWD         Barragwynn Gabriels Argus - Carol Gabriel

WB/BOW    Grey Goose Aerie Of Kerryarc - Carson Collier & M. Tyler

RWB         Pinehurst Halsey - Karen Catov-Goodell

BOB         Ch Taryn Tate Of Limerick, SC - L. Souza & J. Souza  
Bartlett

BOS         Ch Castlemaine Jude - Marilyn & Greg Shaw

AOM         Ch Cill Chuilinn's Irish Blessing - Susan & John Marvin

AOM         Ch Pinehurst Haxton - Karen Catov-Goodell

AOM         Ch Powerscourt Rosheen - Tom & Lani Powers

Lompoc Valley Kennel Club July 29, 2006  
Judge: Mr. Joe Walton 9 Dogs / 16 Bitches / 5 Dog & 5 Bitch Sp

WD/BOW Pinehurst Mason - Karen Catov-Goodell & S. Curtis  
RWD Horizons Sweet Donnegan - Jenny Clark  
WB Tory Irish Song of Limerick, JC, RN, CD - T & R Burchett  
\*\*\*\*\* New Champion\*\*\*\*\*  
RWB Castlemaine's Adelle - Marilyn & Greg Shaw  
BOB Ch Brolie Duchas Of Limerick - M & M Walsh  
\*\*\*Hound Group Two\*\*\*  
BOS Ch Powerscourt Rosheen - Tom & Lani Powers

Lompoc Valley Kennel Club July 30, 2006  
Judge: Ms. Barbara R Smith 7 Dogs / 17 Bitches / 4 dog & 5 Bitch Sp

WD Horizons Sweet Donnegan - Jenny Clark  
RWD Tara Hills Justin Of Limerick - B. Call & L Souza  
WB/BOW Horizons Cadenze O'Bodhran, RE, JC, CD, NA - J. Clark  
\*\*\*\*\* New Champion\*\*\*\*\*  
RWB Quest Sea Raider's Alvilda - E Powers & C Lursen-Powers  
BOB Ch Castlemaine Jude - Marilyn & Greg Shaw  
BOS Ch Cill Chuilinn's Irish Blessing - Susan & John Marvin

Richmond Dog Fanciers August 5, 2006  
Judge: Mary Ellen Compagnon 1 Dog / 3 Bitches / 1 Dog Special

WD/BOW Quest Kings Ransom Of Tory - Terry & Robin Burchett  
WB/BOS Kerryarc Bad Girl of Eagle - Alan & jane Schluter  
RWB Castlemaine's Mrs. Jones - Alan & Jane Schluter  
BOB Ch Brandywhine Cornado Of Eagle - Gail Hawksworth

Richmond Dog Fanciers August 6, 2006  
Judge: Mr. Ralph Lemcke 1 Bitch  
WB/BOB Steppin' Wolf's Aideen Rose - Carol Jones & Jonette Jones

pathogens, maintaining a large and vigorous population of these friendly microbes can help prevent all types of infection as well as their transmission from people to animals and vice versa.

### Replacements to the rescue

Thanks to the growing popularity of beneficial bacteria, it isn't difficult to increase their population for improved health and immunity.

Several strains are grown in laboratories for use in supplements, including the familiar *Lactobacillus acidophilus*. Other popular bacteria include *L. bulgaricus*, *L. rhamnosus*, *L. casei*, *L. plantarum*, *Streptococcus faecium*, *thermophilus*, and *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, formerly known as *L. bifidus*. *L. acidophilus*, which resides mostly in the small intestine, is the strain most associated with animals, while *B. Bifidum*, which resides mostly in the large intestine and colon, is most associated with humans.

Many yogurt producers have recently changed their formulas in response to consumer demand for probiotics. Stonyfield Farm, a leading maker of yogurt and organic dairy products on the East Coast, now adds six live cultures to every product: *L. bulgaricus*, *S. thermophilus*, *L. acidophilus*, *bifidus*, *L. casei*, and *L. reuteri*. As the company's website explains. "Probiotics protect us from pathogens such as *Salmonella* and others by preventing their attachment to the intestinal lining. They interfere by blanketing all available surfaces thus limiting the growth of microscopic invaders like *Giardia*, *Candida* yeast, and bacteria such as *E. coli*."

"Studies have shown that probiotic cultures benefit health in several ways — by suppressing pathogenic bacteria, helping control antibiotic-associated diarrhea, helping prevent traveler's diarrhea and leaky gut syndrome, improving lactose tolerance, producing some vitamins and enzymes, decreasing toxins and mutagenic reactions, improving carbohydrate and protein usage, strengthening innate immunity, creating a barrier effect in the intestinal tract, and reducing infant food allergies and eczema."

Beneficial bacteria have an ancient history, for people have been using them to culture and preserve foods for millennia. They are ingredients in traditionally fermented foods like sourdough bread, yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, tempeh, miso, and amazake.

### Probiotics for your dog

The word probiotic literally means "for life," as opposed to antibiotic, which mean "against life." Probiotics are strains of beneficial bacteria sold as

keep *Salmonella* bacteria in check.

*Clostridium difficile* is a rod-shaped bacteria that produces two toxins that interact to cause a serious, potentially fatal disease that produces diarrhea, abdominal cramping, inflammation of the colon, and meningitis-like symptoms. In June 2006, the Centers for Disease Control alarmed therapy dog organizations by publishing a report from researchers at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, in which a therapy dog was shown to carry a human epidemic strain of *C. difficile*.

The study's lead author, Sandra L. Lefebvre, explained, "One particular strain of *C. difficile* has been implicated in out-breaks of *Clostridium difficile*-associated disease (CDAD) in hospitals in North America and Europe and appears to be spreading internationally at an alarming rate. We report this toxin-variant strain of *C. difficile* in a healthy four-year-old Toy Poodle that visits persons in hospitals and long-term care facilities in Ontario weekly. *C. difficile* was isolated from a fecal sample collected in the summer of 2004 as part of a cross-sectional study evaluating pathogen carriage by visitation dogs. . . CDAD cases were occurring at increased frequency in the facility around the time the dog's fecal specimen was collected."

While this is the first documented case of the human epidemic strain of *C. difficile* in a dog, the study does not prove that interspecies transmission of *C. difficile* occurs. "However," it states, "that possibility exists, as is becoming apparent with other pathogens, such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. The recurrent exposure of this dog to human healthcare settings suggests that the animal acquired this strain during visits to the hospital or long-term care facility, either from the healthcare environment or contaminated hands of human contacts. We recommend that future studies evaluating the dissemination of this strain and investigations of the movement of *C. difficile* into the community consider the role of animals."

According to Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine professor Kelly Dowhower Karpa, PhD, in her book *Bacteria for Breakfast: Probiotics for Good Health*, numerous studies show that the beneficial bacteria *Saccharomyces boulardii* has cleared *C. difficile* in an encouraging number of cases.

In other studies, Dr. Karpa writes, one strain of *Lactobacillus* given at high doses (10 billion live bacteria daily) for as little as 7 to 10 days following conventional antibiotic therapy has cured patients experiencing relapsing *C. difficile* diarrhea.

Because beneficial bacteria are the body's first line of defense against

Sierra-tuolumne Kennel Club

August 26, 2006

Judge: Mrs. Judy Webb

4 Bitchesdog / 1 Special

WB/BOB Int'l Kerryarc Gael Aerie Of Myshan - Gail Hawksworth  
RWB Carroy Fiona McJames - Lynne & Dick Rosebrock  
BOS Ch Brandywhine Cornado Of Eagle - Gail Hawksworth

Sierra-tuolumne Kennel Club

August 27, 2006

Judge: Dr. Lee Reasin

2 Dogs/ 3 Bitches / 1 Dog Special

WD/BOW Destiny Duchas Elair McTate - Marcia & Michael Walsh  
RWD Quest Kings Ransom Of Tory - Terry & Robin Burchett  
WB/BOS Castlemaine's Kilaney - Corey, James & Devin Williams  
RWB Carroy Fiona McJames - Lynne & Dick Rosebrock  
BOB Ch Brolied Duchas Of Limerick - M. & M. Walsh & L. Souza

Gold Country Kennel Club

September 2, 2006

Judge: Mrs. Carol Esterkin

7 Dogs / 6 Bitches / 2 Dog & 1 Bitch Sp

WD/BOW/BOB Quest Kings Ransom Of Tory - T. & R. Burchett  
RWD Bailebrae High Wide N Handsome - M. T. Grotano & W. Barry  
WB Una Cu Mara Of Wolfridge - Ann Gould  
RWB Horizons Sydney McWin - Jenny Clark  
BOS Ch Sonoma Fiona Of Thunder Paws, JC - Ann Gould

Gold Country Kennel Club

September 3, 2006

Judge: Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi

7 Dogs / 6 Bitches / 2 Dog & 1 Bitch Sp

WD/BOW Horizons Sweet Donnegan- Jenny Clark  
RWD Bailebrae High Wide N Handsome - M. T. Grotano & W. Barry  
WB Rua Cu Mara Of Horizons - Ann Gould  
RWB Kerryarc Bad Girl Of Eagle - Alan & Jane Schluter  
BOB Ch Brolied Duchas Of Limerick - M. & M. Walsh & L. Souza  
BOS Ch Sonoma Fiona Of Thunder Paws, JC - Ann Gould

Redwood Empire Kennel Club September 9, 2006  
Judge: Edward Gilbert 2 Dogs / 3 Bitches / 1 Dog Special

WD/BOW Quest Kings Ransom Of Tory - Terry & Robin Burchett  
RWD Destiny Duchas Elair McTate - Marcia & Michael Walsh  
WB/BOS Kerryarc Bad Girl Of Eagle - Alan & Jane Schluter  
RWB Castlemsine's Mrs. Jones - A. & J. Schluter & M. & G. Shaw  
BOB Ch Brolie Duchas Of Limerick - M. & M. Walsh & L. Souza

Redwood Empire Kennel Club September 10, 2006  
Judge: Edward Gilbert 2 Dogs / 4 Bitches / 1 Dog Special

WD Gabriels Konan - Carol Gabriel  
RWD Destiny Duchas Elair McTate - Marcia & Michael Walsh  
WB/BOW/BOS Kerryarc Bad Girl Of Eagle - Alan & Jane Schluter  
RWB Gabriels Kelly - Carol Gabriel  
BOB Ch Brolie Duchas Of Limerick - M. & M. Walsh & L. Souza

*The next issue of The Hounds' Bugle will be our Specialty issue*

Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club September 15, 2006  
Sweeps Judge: Jamie Souza Bartlett Junior Sweeps 1 Dog / 4 Bitches  
Senior Sweeps 9 Dogs / 11 Bitches

Best Junior Destiny Ruby May McMan - D. Evans & C. McCombs  
Best Op Jr Highgate's Tynan Of Rioga - JoAnn Lakin  
Best Senior Gabriel's Kaitlin Mericlare - Phil & Kim Morris  
Best Op Sr Destiny Spencer McEgan - Suzanne McCombs

well as by environmental toxins and diet. Many pet foods contain ingredients that nourish harmful bacteria, such as sugars and starches, along with ingredients that damage good bacteria, such as chemical preservatives.

In both species, healthy intestinal bacteria typically consist of dozens or hundreds of different species. These bacteria produce enzymes; improve digestion; lower the risk of colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, and similar disorders; prevent diarrhea; synthesize vitamins; detoxify the body; and protect against toxins. In dogs, conditions that coincide with bacterial imbalances include digestive disorders flatulence, constipation, diarrhea, urinary tract infections, allergies, diabetes, arthritis, vitamin B deficiencies, chronic ear infections, skin and coat problems, susceptibility to bacterial or viral infections, bad breath, poor immune response, and, in some cases, confusion or behavioral problems.

### **Keeping bad bacteria in check**

Healthy intestinal bacteria inhibit the growth of pathogens such as viruses, fungi, parasites, and harmful bacteria.

*Escherichia coli*, or *E. coli*, is usually a harmless inhabitant of human and animal intestines, but the strain *E. coli* 0157:H7 produces a powerful toxin that can cause severe illness. It was first identified during a 1982 outbreak of bloody diarrhea that was traced to contaminated hamburger.

Investigative journalist Jo Robinson has documented many benefits of feeding cattle on grass instead of in commercial feedlots. Among other things, a natural grass diet provides ideal conditions for the growth of beneficial bacteria in the gut of the cattle. Recent research at Cornell University shows that grass-fed cattle have less than 1 per-cent of the *E. coli* bacteria found in feedlot cattle, while other studies show that grass-fed chickens carry significantly lower amounts of *E. coli* than chickens raised in-doors on factory farms.

Robinson explains that because a grain diet increases the acidity of bovine digestive tracts, the *E. coli* that grows in feedlot cattle is less affected by hydrochloric acid in the human stomach, which would otherwise destroy it. Beneficial bacteria in the digestive tracts of dogs and people help prevent acid-resistant *E. coli* from proliferating when they eat beef from feedlot cattle.

The *Salmonella* family includes more than 2,300 types of one-celled organisms, two of which, *Salmonella enteritidis* and *Salmonella typhimurium*, are the most common. *Salmonella* can contaminate meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, seafood, and some fruits and vegetables, but it is especially associated with chickens and eggs from factory farms. Beneficial bacteria help

# Probing Probiotics

These health-boosters are not expensive and easy to find and feed.

By C J PUOTINEN

Who hasn't heard of "friendly" or "beneficial" bacteria? Even acidophilus, once a confusing tongue-twister, has become as familiar as yogurt, in which it's the active ingredient.

One reason beneficial bacteria have worked their way into the public's consciousness is the excellent press they have received for helping repair damage done by antibiotics. Broad-spectrum antibiotics target one but all strains of bacteria, leaving us thoroughly disinfected.

But no antibiotic kills 100 percent of the body's bacteria. A few always survive, some harmful and some essential to good health. Often the harmful organisms thrive and reproduce, overwhelming the beneficial strains that normally keep them in check, resulting in a host of new health problems. According to the Royal Society of Medicine of Great Britain, fully 90 percent of chronic diseases are caused by an unhealthy intestinal system.

This helps explain why antibiotic drugs have long-term as well as short-term side effects. Their long-term side effects include impaired digestion, gastrointestinal discomfort, diarrhea, chronic or systemic yeast or fungal infections, lowered immunity, and the creation of drug-resistant or "super germ" bacteria that worry public health officials around the world.

## Homeostasis, the body's balancing act

Homeostasis is a Greek word meaning stable and balanced. When the body's systems are in homeostasis, they maintain a stable body temperature, a constant blood pH, balanced blood sugar, normal blood pressure, and a healthy population of microorganisms. For the last to occur, the body needs more beneficial than harmful bacteria. In fact, most experts estimate that for optimum health, the body should contain 80 percent beneficial bacteria and no more than 20 percent harmful bacteria.

Even those who haven't taken antibiotics may lack beneficial bacteria because of poor diet, stress, illness, prescription drugs, travel, or environmental factors. Anything that interferes with the growth and reproduction of beneficial bacteria interferes with good health.

Just as our dogs share many human health problems, they are adversely affected by the antibiotics they routinely receive from veterinarians as

Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club                      September 16, 2006  
Judge: Eileen Flanagan                                              22 Dogs / 33 Bitches  
1 Vet Dog / 4 Vet Bitches / 7 Dog Sp / 9 Bitch Sp

WD                      Gabriels Konan - Carol Gabriel  
RWD                     Kerryarc Roman - J. Steven Strohm & Mandy Tyler  
WB                      Grey Goose Aerie Of Kerryarc - Carson Collier & M. Tyler  
RWB                     Destiny Priscilla McRion - Suzanne McCombs  
BOB                     Ch Castlemaine Jude - Marilyn & Greg Shaw  
BOS                     Ch Legacy's Winchester - Harley & Lisa Blanchard

## Awards Of Merit

Ch Brimstone Chance of Antara - D. Arn & R. Heskett  
Ch Gabriels Faith - Carol Gabriel  
Ch Kerryarc Kiss of Eagle - Mandy & Caitlin Tyler

Vet Dog                Thunder Paw Paddy O'Wolfhill - Jacque Obermeyer  
Vet Bitch               Ch Gabriels Faith - Carol Gabriel  
Stud Dog              Ch Kerryarc Cartier Of Eagle - M. Tyler & S. E. Ewing III  
Brace                    Taffeta & Maeve - Mo Aiken & Nancy Aiken  
Best Puppy             Destiny Ruby May McMann - D. Evans & C. McCombs

Best Junior Handler: Chandler Tyler

Obedience - High In Trial    Kerryarc's Bodacious Quest, JC, RN -  
Ed Powers & Cathy Lursen

Rally Obedience            9 entered / 7 qualified.

Lure Trial - BOB            Horizons Sydney McWin - Jenny Clark

Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club                                              September 17, 2006  
Judge: Ms. Joy Brewster                                                                                              3 Dogs

WD                      Conchobar Morann Of Limerick - Elizabeth Pearson  
RWD                     Carroy Bram O'Brogan - Kay Browne  
BOB                     Thundar Paw Paddy O'Wolfhill - Jacque Obermeyer

# BRAGS:

Ch Taryn Tate, SC, owned by Linda Souza & Jamie Souza Bartlett, received Best Of Breed at the Puget Sound Irish Wolfhound Specialty in August.

Barragwynn Gabriels Argus, owned by Carol Gabriel, received Winners Dog at the Puget Aound Irish Wolfhound Specialty.

Kerryarc's Bodacious Quest, RN, owned by Ed Powers & Cathy Lursen-Powers received High In Trial (obedience) at the IWAWC Specialty in July. Bodie then went on to achieve High In Trial at NCIWC Specialty.

Ch Brolie Duchas Of Limerick, owned by Michael & Marcia Walsh & Linda Souza is the number one Irish Wolfhound in conformation in the United States.

We have a calender girl - Ch Taryn Girls Rule at Kerryarc (aka Hermione) - is "Miss September 2007" in the 2007 irish Wolfhound Calender published by Brown Trout. Hermione resides with Sam Collier.

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To all those owners with puppies or adults whom have been diagnosed with FCE, please share with Anne Janis at:

[iwstudy@earthlink.net](mailto:iwstudy@earthlink.net)

as she is going to include FCE on her database. This information will be held in strictest confidence just like the other health issues in the study.

Thank you,  
Lois Thomasson

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heart failure score, i.e. improve exercise capacity/demeanor. I have seen this drug improve some dogs' appetites as well. Lastly, it may also improve overall survival time for patients in congestive heart failure. However, I feel that, with the studies still in progress, it is still too soon to make blanket statements about the positive effects of Pimobendan.

What are the down sides to this medication, and why don't we place every dog with heart disease on this medication? Researchers have found that Pimobendan may increase the risk of sudden death in canine patients. Interac-tions may exist between other heart medicines, such as beta-blockers, and Pimobendan. My practice has, in fact, seen sudden deaths in patients treated with Dobutamine that were taking Pimobendan. This is a serious finding, because some of these arrhythmias are difficult to treat and may be fatal in themselves. In summary, Pimobendan does appear to offer some benefits for canine patients with advanced heart disease and congestive heart failure. However, this drug has the potential for severe side effects, including sudden death. In my opinion, "Pimo" should be reserved for patients whose advanced heart disease is no longer respond-ing to more well understood medicines that have been used long-term in vet-erinary cardiology. Further studies are required with Pimobendan in order to make more concrete and definitive recommen-dations for its overall usage.

If your veterinar-ian or veterinary cardiologist does wish to use Pimobendan legally in the United States he or she must get approval from die FDA to import the drug from abroad. FDA approval can take up to four weeks to secure. Appropriate docu-mentation of this approval has to accompany the shipment; otherwise US Customs may seize the package.

*Kathy Wilson of Focus tells me that Dr. Bill Tyrrell has been an IW Liferirne Cardiac Study cardiologist and a member of the Irish Wolfhound Foundation Research C'ommittee for several years. He did his residency with Dr. Neil Harpster at Angell Memorial in Boston, so he has always had an interest in IWs*

## Cardiology Vets Evaluate “Rescue” Drug Pimobendan

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Pimobendan is a drug used in Canada, Australia, and Europe to treat heart failure in dogs. It is marketed by the pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim under the brand name Vetmedin. In the U.S., Pimobendan is currently undergoing clinical trials, and has not been approved for use. This drug has been a topic of ongoing conversation among veterinary cardiologists, veterinarians, and dog owners for the past few years.

The purpose of this brief article is to put forth some opinions to the Irish Wolfhound community about the pros and cons of Pimobendan. Since the drug is still under study, both for effectiveness and for safety, there is much uncertainty about it, and what we think we know at this point may still be incorrect. The opinions written are those of the author and reflect what is known currently (ca. early 2006). Additional studies in the United States and abroad may reveal new or different information over time.

My practice has been involved with the FDA clinical trials to see if Pimobendan should be approved for use here in the United States. I feel this medication is quite beneficial in certain circumstances. However, it is not for use for all dogs with heart disease. My practice has reserved the use of Pimobendan to use as a rescue drug in patients with advanced heart disease and congestive heart failure. We prefer to use more conventional heart medications that are FDA-approved, such as Benazepril, Digoxin, Enalapril, Lasix, Spironolactone, beta-blockers, etc., as starting points in treatment. These dogs may slow progression of disease and help the dog feel better. However, heart disease does sometimes progress in the face of treatment. If a patient is no longer responding to standard medications, then we may speak with the owner about the use of Pimobendan and its pros and cons.

On the positive side, Pimobendan will usually improve a patient's heart failure symptoms when combined with other cardiac medications. It may also improve a patient's NYHA (New York Heart Association)

## HAPPY BOOFDAY to Wolfhounds around the world



### October

- 2 yr olds: Argus Gabriel (m), Dublin Griffin (m) in OR
- 3 yr olds: Keenan Storkel (m) in OR, Promise (f), Faith (f) & Kismet (f) Temple/Fisher in CA, Gossmer Fairbanks (f) in TX
- 4 yr olds: Celeborn Buck (m), Flamenco Shaw (f) in CA, Bo E. (f) in TX
- 5 yr olds: Breeze Molnar (f) in NJ, Meaghan Chirichiello (f) in MA, Cormac MacAirt Teel (m) in TX
- 6 yr olds: Mackie Wynshaw-Boris (m) in CA

### November

- 3 yr olds: Jude Shaw (f), McCord Smith (m), Gladly Aiken (f), Ru Unzueta (m) in CA & Fionnbharr Murphy (m) in MA
- 4 yr olds: Ivanhoe Gabriel (m), Gregory Tyler/Ewing, Ian Strelova/Rasmussen, Iona Finucane (f) in CA, Ila Jean Fairbanks in TX
- 5 yr olds: Dara Smith (f) in CA
- 6 yr olds: Dario Corriea (m) in CA
- 9 yr olds: Meggs Aiken in CA, Miles Abrams in OH, Dare Cannon in OR, Shanzi Lubera (m) in NC



If you would like to see your dog's name on our boofday list, please let Carol Jones know [camikinsmom@yahoo.com](mailto:camikinsmom@yahoo.com) (916) 961-8981

## Molach Update:

Hi everyone,

Tonight I am laying in my yard next to Molach. We have successfully made it 7 months and 3 days post diagnosis and I am celebrating that as a victory.

Tonight is nothing short of a magnificent evening. It is cool enough to be blissfully comfortable, the sky is as blue as the ocean and all my roses are in a full bloom. Molach is sleeping and breathing more peacefully than he has in months ; his leg has stopped draining and he is in no pain.

As I lay next to him I feel nothing short of a profound love for him. I whispered a thank you in his ear. Thank you for loving me, for allowing me to love you, for accepting this disease with the grace of an angel, for allowing the surgeries, for offering the wags when chemo was crucifying your body, for the sloppy kisses and the becoming belly rubs. Thank you for changing my life and allowing me to partake on this journey where ever it may lead. Thank you for trusting me to make your life altering decisions. Thank you for connecting me to so many beautiful people.

In this moment of peaceful silence, I realize with such gravity how Molach has so profoundly changed my life in so many ways, how he connected me with almost all of you, how he inspired the creation of the foundation, how he will save others lives.

Sometimes the grief, pain, fear and anguish blind us from the glory of the true journey. Molach has paved my journey this year, and although it is not formed of yellow brick, none the less, it seems to lead to my salvation.

Tonight is for Molach. It is a testament of his love and courage that I write. I hope you may all find a moment of unadulterated peace this evening to reflect on all that is good. And may we always remind each other of these moments when they seem so far from our grasp.

All our love, thanks, friendship...

Laura and my beloved Molach, Pax and my sweet angel Liam.

## Surviving Bone Cancer

It's a question veterinarians hate to have to answer, but one that dog owners have to ask: Will cancer treatment prolong my dog's life?

Researchers at Colorado State University's Animals Cancer Center tried for an answer with bone cancer. Their study, "Evaluation of survival time in dogs with stage III osteosarcoma that undergo treatment: 90 cases" Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Vol. 228, No. 12) Provides some numbers – but not much guidance for dog owners facing an awfully tough decision.

The median survival time was 76 days, meaning that half the dogs lived longer (and half didn't live this long). One lasted another 1,583 days. Dogs treated palliatively with radiation therapy and chemotherapy had a significantly longer survival times (130 days), but others, including cases where the cancer had metastasized to the lungs, didn't fare as well. Sadly, some dogs that survived surgery for the advanced stage of bone cancer did not live long enough to start radiation or chemo-therapy. Overall, the one-year, two-year and three-year survival rates were 6.6 percent, 4.7 percent and 3.5 percent, respectively

With all those statistics and several kinds of analyses, the researchers said there was no sure way to predict survival times before beginning treatment for bone cancer. Sorry: We had hoped for better news, too.

Dog Watch, September 2006



Angus grew over the years into quite the character and was loved by all in his walks on the beach, in parks, at Irish Fairs, and at Northern California Irish Wolfhound club events. Angus became not just a lovable companion and friend to all, but was truly a state of mind. If you loved life and all that it offered you were being an Angus.



## AT THE RACES:

### MBCA, Paicines

Judge: Jack Downing

August 12, 2006

Open:

1st Bodie Powers / Lursen

FCH

1st and BOB: Gracie Powers / Lursen

### SSIH, Wheatland

Judge: Gail Burnham

September 23, 2006

Open

1st and BOB - Sydney Clark

FCH

1st - Lyric Burchett

### SSIH, Wheatland

Judge: Jane Bulman

September 24, 2006

Open

1st and BOB - Sydney Clark

FCH

Lyric Burchett ran,  
but did not qualify

### PHFNC, Hollister

Judge: Ian Davies & Libby Leone

September 30, 2006

Open

1st Bodie Lursen/Powers

2nd Lyric Burchett

FCH

1st& BOB Gracie Lursen/Powers

Rua Gould/Birse achieved her first JC leg

Sydney Clark achieved her JC

Lyric Burchett achieved her SC



## Molach Update continued:

Molach is doing FABULOUS all things considered. He turns seven on Monday!!! Everyone told me he would never see this birthday so I am just beyond excited for him. He has had many up and downs. 3 limb spare revisions and one surgery just to replace screws. Renal issues, platelet issues - you name it. I had a custom orthotic made for him by a team of surgeons and it is fabulous! He is happy, wagging, eating and snuggling up to me each and every night. I am so lucky to have him and I have to say that this disease has transformed my life in so many valuable ways.

Laura

My eyes welled with tears this morning when I woke up my slumbering giant to wish him a VERY HAPPY 7th birthday. We were both told he would never see this day - so it is a miracle day for us. Everyone at work is throwing me a party for him and my vet's office will have a party for him when he goes in today for blood work. Everyday is more than a gift and I treasure every wag.

Today Molach is 7 years old, 8 months post formal dx of Osteo Sarcoma and 17 months post initial mis-diagnosis. Today is a day to celebrate!

Laura & Molach

**"It wasn't that I gave Molach a good life. It was Molach who taught me how to live"**

**The NCIWC 2007 Calendar is now available.**

The Calendar comprises 26 colorful A4 pages, with 36 photos of club

walhounds



We would like to thank all those who contributed photos for consideration.

The calendar is \$15, plus an additional \$2 for shipping on the 1st calendar, and \$1 for subsequent calendars within the same shipment. Deadline for ordering the calendar is November 30th 2006.

If you pre-order the calendar and will be attending the club meeting on October 22nd 2006, or the Christmas Party on December 9th 2006, arrangements can be made for you to collect the calendars at these events.

Please send a check made out to NCIWC to:  
Maxine Levy,  
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Woodside, CA 94062.  
email : [levy.maxine@gmail.com](mailto:levy.maxine@gmail.com).

Don't forget to include your shipping address! We look forward to receiving your order.

All profits raised from the Calendar will go to the NCIWC club funds.

## HUGS FOR IWAC'S 2006 ALL AROUND HOUND



**CH HORIZONS CADENZE O'BODHRAN JC, SC, RN, RA, RE, CD, NA, NAJ, FCH, CGC, and four legs toward her RAE**

Cadenze takes after her mom and grandmother (Rosalind and Echo) with a lets go and do everything attitude. She loves being on the go and has a great time "cheating" at the lure courses as a field champion but *insists* on hugs to show she's tops.