

NCIWC Cardiac Health Testing

Once again this year, the Irish Wolfhound Foundation (IWF) will sponsor screening for cardiac health at the show site on **Friday, October 9, 2026 8am to 3pm**, for dogs who are participating in the Life Cycle Study II. Board certified cardiologist Dr. Brett Boorstin will be offering EKGs, auscultation, and echocardiograms. To help defray the cost of the cardiologist, the following donations to IWF are requested:

- \$80 for EKG/auscultation for hounds under 6 years of age
- \$40 for EKG/auscultation for hounds 6 years and older
- \$250 for echo/EKG/auscultation for healthy dogs 2-6 years of age
- \$100 for echo/EKG/auscultation for hounds who are 6 or older OR hounds of any age with previously diagnosed heart conditions.

Preregistration is strongly recommended so things will go smoothly at the clinic. Preregistration requires completing your LCS II form on the IWF website, after which you will see links to the registration forms. Or you may call Frances Abrams at 937-371-3609 for forms. Online registration is preferred, but there may be an opportunity to sign up on the day of the clinic, time and space permitting. NCIWC contact person for this cardiac clinic is Kerri Shandro DVM, 650-279-6318, email kjshandro@me.com

Preregistration will assure that you have a time assigned for testing. You will get an acknowledgement by email and times will be assigned once the judging program comes out. Results will be emailed to owners.

In addition to cardiac testing, the veterinary team will be collecting blood samples for the IWF DNA bank. This is a one-time submission for dogs participating in LCSII. This is not mandatory but would provide very useful information for IWF, so please consider contributing.

OFA forms will be supplied on request. Owners are responsible for filling them out by hand before testing and filing them with OFA afterwards. A copy of the dog's registration form will be helpful in filling out OFA forms correctly. The cardiologist will complete the forms and sign them and the white copy will be returned to the owner for sending to OFA.

If your dog is not yet enrolled in the Life Cycle Study II, you can read more about it and sign up at this link: <https://www.iwfoundation.org/studies/life-cycle-study-ii> All purebred wolfhounds are eligible to enter the study even if they do not come for testing.