



THE CURIOUS TALE (TAIL) OF THE IRISH WOLFHOUND

Irish Wolfhound Charitable Trust

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Key Facts:

- Vulnerable native breed (256 registrations 2016)
- Tallest dog breed in the world
- Galloping sighthound
- Ancient breed, 7000BC
- Popular until numbers dwindled in 19th Century
- Revived by Capt. George Augustus Graham 1880's
- Composite of Borzoi, Great Dane, Deerhound, Mastiff



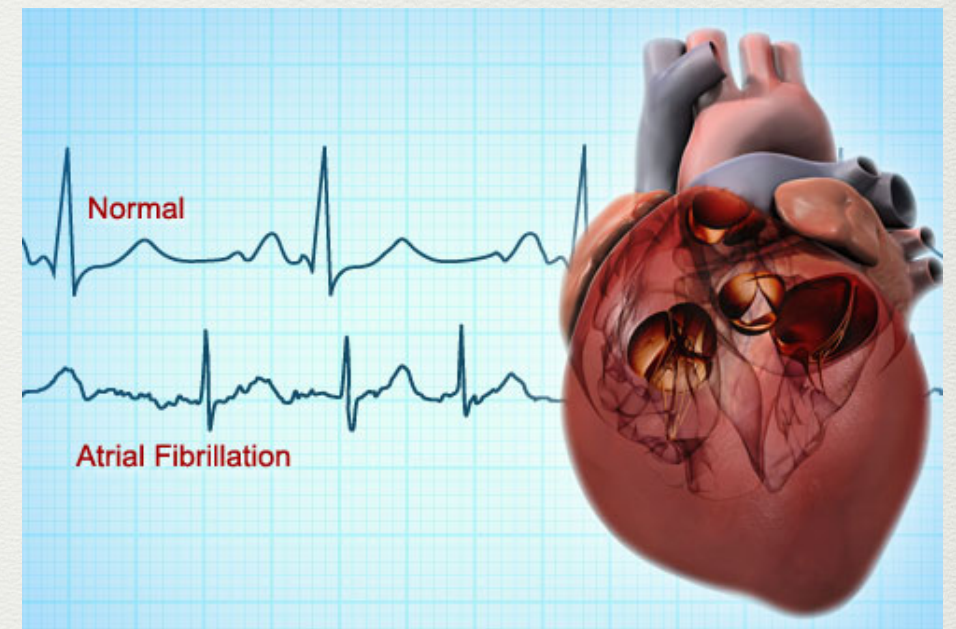
Modern Irish Wolfhound “of great size and commanding appearance”



- combines power and swiftness with keen sight
- fast enough to catch a wolf, strong enough to kill it
- loyal, affection, patient, devoted
- canine athlete - double suspension gallop

Health Issues

- Average life span is 7 years
- 2 main causes of death are heart disease and osteosarcoma
- Other health concerns are liver shunt (PSS), pneumonia, Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV/ bloat), tail injuries and Wolfhound Rhinitis
- orthopaedic developmental problems: Carpal Valgus, Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy (HOD), Fibrocartilaginous Emboli (FCE/spinal chord infarction/puppy paralysis/dragging leg syndrome),
- Health testing schemes: heart testing scheme (Nottingham Vet School, Dr Serena Brownlie), pneumonia survey (Dr Angela Bodey & IWHG), puppy liver shunt testing (AHT)



Veterinary Support

- Pneumonia - often fatal, IWHG protocol, waiver for Excenel, immediate and sustained treatment (3 months)
- Heart testing through IWHG subsidised scheme every 12 months, results fed back to Nottingham, AF is the trademark of IW heart disease
- PSS - encourage testing of all puppies, IWHG advice sheet



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Complimentary Therapies

- Canine Hydrotherapy: pool or water-walker/treadmill
- Canine Acupuncture
- McTimoney Chiropracty, Canine Bowen Tehnique, Galen Canine Myotherapy
- Physiotherapy
- Canine massage



Web Links

- www.iwct.co.uk
- <http://www.iwhealthgroup.co.uk/pneumonia.html>
- <http://www.iwhealthgroup.co.uk/files/FCE.pdf>
- <http://www.iwhealthgroup.co.uk/liver-shunt.html>
- <http://www.iwhealthgroup.co.uk/bone-cancer.html>
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