

# Form 1023 Checklist

(Revised June 2006)

## Application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

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**Note.** Retain a copy of the completed Form 1023 in your permanent records. Refer to the General Instructions regarding Public Inspection of approved applications.

**Check each box to finish your application (Form 1023). Send this completed Checklist with your filled-in application. If you have not answered all the items below, your application may be returned to you as incomplete.**

- Assemble the application and materials in this order:
- Form 1023 Checklist
  - Form 2848, *Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative* (if filing)
  - Form 8821, *Tax Information Authorization* (if filing)
  - Expedite request (if requesting)
  - Application (Form 1023 and Schedules A through H, as required)
  - Articles of organization
  - Amendments to articles of organization in chronological order
  - Bylaws or other rules of operation and amendments
  - Documentation of nondiscriminatory policy for schools, as required by Schedule B
  - Form 5768, *Election/Revocation of Election by an Eligible Section 501(c)(3) Organization To Make Expenditures To Influence Legislation* (if filing)
  - All other attachments, including explanations, financial data, and printed materials or publications. Label each page with name and EIN.
- User fee payment placed in envelope on top of checklist. DO NOT STAPLE or otherwise attach your check or money order to your application. Instead, just place it in the envelope.
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Completed Parts I through XI of the application, including any requested information and any required Schedules A through H.
- You must provide specific details about your past, present, and planned activities.
  - Generalizations or failure to answer questions in the Form 1023 application will prevent us from recognizing you as tax exempt.
  - Describe your purposes and proposed activities in specific easily understood terms.
  - Financial information should correspond with proposed activities.
- Schedules. Submit only those schedules that apply to you and check either "Yes" or "No" below.
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| Schedule A | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule E | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ___ |
| Schedule B | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule F | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Schedule C | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule G | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Schedule D | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Schedule H | Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- An exact copy of your complete articles of organization (creating document). Absence of the proper purpose and dissolution clauses is the number one reason for delays in the issuance of determination letters.
  - Location of Purpose Clause from Part III, line 1 (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) Attachment B, Page B.8, Article 4, Section 1 (IWSCA Constitution & By-Laws 11/7/12, Page 2 of 3)
  - Location of Dissolution Clause from Part III, line 2b or 2c (Page, Article and Paragraph Number) or by operation of state law Attachment B, Page B.9, Article 5 (IWSCA Constitution & By-Laws 11/7/12, Page 3 of 3)
- Signature of an officer, director, trustee, or other official who is authorized to sign the application.
  - Signature at Part XI of Form 1023.
- Your name on the application must be the same as your legal name as it appears in your articles of organization.

Send completed Form 1023, user fee payment, and all other required information, to:

Internal Revenue Service  
P.O. Box 192  
Covington, KY 41012-0192

If you are using express mail or a delivery service, send Form 1023, user fee payment, and attachments to:

Internal Revenue Service  
201 West Rivercenter Blvd.  
Attn: Extracting Stop 312  
Covington, KY 41011

## Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

▶ Type or print. ▶ See the separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0150

**For IRS Use Only**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Function \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date     /     /

**Part I Power of Attorney**

**Caution:** A separate Form 2848 should be completed for each taxpayer. Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.

**1 Taxpayer information.** Taxpayer must sign and date this form on page 2, line 7.

Taxpayer name and address Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc. Po Box 2511 Arlington, VA 22202	Taxpayer identification number(s) <div style="text-align: right;">36-4044964</div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Daytime telephone number 703-413-4198</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Plan number (if applicable)</td> </tr> </table>	Daytime telephone number 703-413-4198	Plan number (if applicable)
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hereby appoints the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:

**2 Representative(s)** must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

Name and address Patricia A. O'Malley, CPA Rubino & Company 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20817	CAF No. _____ PTIN                   P00285909 Telephone No.       301.564.3636 Fax No.               301.564.2994
Check if to be sent notices and communications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>
Name and address	CAF No. _____ PTIN _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____
Check if to be sent notices and communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>
Name and address	CAF No. _____ PTIN _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____
	Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>

to represent the taxpayer before the Internal Revenue Service for the following matters:

**3 Matters**

Description of Matter (Income, Employment, Payroll, Excise, Estate, Gift, Whistleblower, Practitioner Discipline, PLR, FOIA, Civil Penalty, etc.) (see instructions for line 3)	Tax Form Number (1040, 941, 720, etc.) (if applicable)	Year(s) or Period(s) (if applicable) (see instructions for line 3)
Application for Exemption	1023	

**4 Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF).** If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for Line 4. **Specific Uses Not Recorded on CAF**

**5 Acts authorized.** Unless otherwise provided below, the representatives generally are authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform any and all acts that I can perform with respect to the tax matters described on line 3, for example, the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or other documents. The representative(s), however, is (are) not authorized to receive or negotiate any amounts paid to the client in connection with this representation (including refunds by either electronic means or paper checks). Additionally, unless the appropriate box(es) below are checked, the representative(s) is (are) not authorized to execute a request for disclosure of tax returns or return information to a third party, substitute another representative or add additional representatives, or sign certain tax returns.

Disclosure to third parties;    Substitute or add representative(s);    Signing a return; \_\_\_\_\_

Other acts authorized: \_\_\_\_\_ (see instructions for more information)


**Exceptions.** An unenrolled return preparer cannot sign any document for a taxpayer and may only represent taxpayers in limited situations. An enrolled actuary may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(d) of Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (Circular 230). An enrolled retirement plan agent may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(e) of Circular 230. A registered tax return preparer may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(f) of Circular 230. See the line 5 instructions for restrictions on tax matters partners. In most cases, the student practitioner's (level k) authority is limited (for example, they may only practice under the supervision of another practitioner).

List any specific deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**6 Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney.** The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you **do not** want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here  **YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.**

**7 Signature of taxpayer.** If a tax matter concerns a year in which a joint return was filed, the husband and wife must each file a separate power of attorney even if the same representative(s) is (are) being appointed. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.

**▶ IF NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE TAXPAYER.**

  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 04/08/2013 Title President Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ PIN Number  Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

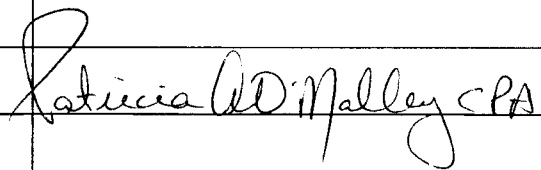
**Part II Declaration of Representative**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that:

- I am not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am aware of regulations contained in Circular 230 (31 CFR, Part 10), as amended, concerning practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am authorized to represent the taxpayer identified in Part I for the matter(s) specified there; and
- I am one of the following:
  - a Attorney—a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below.
  - b Certified Public Accountant—duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below.
  - c Enrolled Agent—enrolled as an agent under the requirements of Circular 230.
  - d Officer—a bona fide officer of the taxpayer's organization.
  - e Full-Time Employee—a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
  - f Family Member—a member of the taxpayer's immediate family (for example, spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, step-parent, step-child, brother, or sister).
  - g Enrolled Actuary—enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Circular 230).
  - h Unenrolled Return Preparer—Your authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited. You must have been eligible to sign the return under examination and have signed the return. **See Notice 2011-6 and Special rules for registered tax return preparers and unenrolled return preparers in the instructions.**
  - i Registered Tax Return Preparer—registered as a tax return preparer under the requirements of section 10.4 of Circular 230. Your authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited. You must have been eligible to sign the return under examination and have signed the return. **See Notice 2011-6 and Special rules for registered tax return preparers and unenrolled return preparers in the instructions.**
  - k Student Attorney or CPA—receives permission to practice before the IRS by virtue of his/her status as a law, business, or accounting student working in LITC or STCP under section 10.7(d) of Circular 230. See instructions for Part II for additional information and requirements.
  - r Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent—enrolled as a retirement plan agent under the requirements of Circular 230 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(e)).

**▶ IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED. REPRESENTATIVES MUST SIGN IN THE ORDER LISTED IN LINE 2 ABOVE.** See the instructions for Part II.

**Note:** For designations d-f, enter your title, position, or relationship to the taxpayer in the "Licensing jurisdiction" column. See the instructions for Part II for more information.

Designation— Insert above letter (a-r)	Licensing jurisdiction (state) or other licensing authority (if applicable)	Bar, license, certification, registration, or enrollment number (if applicable). See instructions for Part II for more information.	Signature	Date
b	MD	10666		7/15/13

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Use the instructions to complete this application and for a definition of all **bold** items. For additional help, call IRS Exempt Organizations Customer Account Services toll-free at 1-877-829-5500. Visit our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for forms and publications. If the required information and documents are not submitted with payment of the appropriate user fee, the application may be returned to you.

Attach additional sheets to this application if you need more space to answer fully. Put your name and EIN on each sheet and identify each answer by Part and line number. Complete Parts I - XI of Form 1023 and submit only those Schedules (A through H) that apply to you.

**Part I Identification of Applicant**

<b>1</b> Full name of organization (exactly as it appears in your <b>organizing document</b> )		<b>2</b> c/o Name (if applicable)	
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc.		R. James Rubin	
<b>3</b> Mailing address (Number and street) (see instructions)	Room/Suite	<b>4</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
PO Box 2511		36-4044964	
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		<b>5</b> Month the annual accounting period ends (01 - 12)	
Arlington, VA, 22202		12	
<b>6</b> Primary contact (officer, director, trustee, or <b>authorized representative</b> )		<b>b</b> Phone: 7034130700	
<b>a</b> Name: R. James Rubin, President		<b>c</b> Fax: (optional) 7034134198	
<b>7</b> Are you represented by an authorized representative, such as an attorney or accountant? If "Yes," provide the authorized representative's name, and the name and address of the authorized representative's firm. Include a completed Form 2848, <i>Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative</i> , with your application if you would like us to communicate with your representative.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>8</b> Was a person who is not one of your officers, directors, trustees, employees, or an authorized representative listed in line 7, paid, or promised payment, to help plan, manage, or advise you about the structure or activities of your organization, or about your financial or tax matters? If "Yes," provide the person's name, the name and address of the person's firm, the amounts paid or promised to be paid, and describe that person's role.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> See <a href="#">Attachment A</a> (Professional Adviser)	
<b>9a</b> Organization's website: <a href="http://www.iwsca.org">www.iwsca.org</a>			
<b>b</b> Organization's email: (optional) <a href="mailto:sight@verizon.net">sight@verizon.net</a>			
<b>10</b> Certain organizations are not required to file an information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). If you are granted tax-exemption, are you claiming to be excused from filing Form 990 or Form 990-EZ? If "Yes," explain. See the instructions for a description of organizations not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	
<b>11</b> Date incorporated if a corporation, or formed, if other than a corporation. (MM/DD/YYYY)		05 / 22 / 1995	
Articles of Incorporation Amended on:		11 / 09 / 2012	
<b>12</b> Were you formed under the laws of a foreign country? If "Yes," state the country.		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	

**Part II Organizational Structure**

You must be a corporation (including a limited liability company), an unincorporated association, or a trust to be tax exempt. (See instructions.) **DO NOT file this form unless you can check "Yes" on lines 1, 2, 3, or 4.**

- 1** Are you a **corporation**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of incorporation showing **certification of filing** with the appropriate state agency. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they also show state filing certification.  **Yes**  **No**  
[See Attachment B \(Articles\)](#)
- 2** Are you a **limited liability company (LLC)**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of organization showing certification of filing with the appropriate state agency. Also, if you adopted an operating agreement, attach a copy. Include copies of any amendments to your articles and be sure they show state filing certification. Refer to the instructions for circumstances when an LLC should not file its own exemption application.  **Yes**  **No**
- 3** Are you an **unincorporated association**? If "Yes," attach a copy of your articles of association, constitution, or other similar organizing document that is dated and includes at least two signatures. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  **Yes**  **No**
- 4a** Are you a **trust**? If "Yes," attach a signed and dated copy of your trust agreement. Include signed and dated copies of any amendments.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Have you been funded? If "No," explain how you are formed without anything of value placed in trust.  **Yes**  **No**
- 5** Have you adopted **bylaws**? If "Yes," attach a current copy showing date of adoption. If "No," explain how your officers, directors, or trustees are selected.  **Yes**  **No**  
[See Attachment C \(ByLaws\)](#)

**Part III Required Provisions in Your Organizing Document**

The following questions are designed to ensure that when you file this application, your organizing document contains the required provisions to meet the organizational test under section 501(c)(3). Unless you can check the boxes in both lines 1 and 2, your organizing document does not meet the organizational test. **DO NOT file this application until you have amended your organizing document.** Submit your original and amended organizing documents (showing state filing certification if you are a corporation or an LLC) with your application.

- 1** Section 501(c)(3) requires that your organizing document state your exempt purpose(s), such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement. Describe specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document. Refer to the instructions for exempt purpose language. Location of Purpose Clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph):   
[Attachment B, Page B.8, Article 4, Section 1 \(IWSCA Constitution & By-Laws 11/7/12, Page 2 of 3\)](#)
- 2a** Section 501(c)(3) requires that upon dissolution of your organization, your remaining assets must be used exclusively for exempt purposes, such as charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes. Check the box on line 2a to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement by express provision for the distribution of assets upon dissolution. If you rely on state law for your dissolution provision, do not check the box on line 2a and go to line 2c.
- 2b** If you checked the box on line 2a, specify the location of your dissolution clause (Page, Article, and Paragraph). Do not complete line 2c if you checked box 2a. [Attachment B, Page B.9, Article 5 \(IWSCA Constitution & By-Laws 11/7/12, Page 3 of 3\)](#)
- 2c** See the instructions for information about the operation of state law in your particular state. Check this box if you rely on operation of state law for your dissolution provision and indicate the state:

**Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities** [See Attachment D \(Narrative\)](#)

Using an attachment, describe your *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities in a narrative. If you believe that you have already provided some of this information in response to other parts of this application, you may summarize that information here and refer to the specific parts of the application for supporting details. You may also attach representative copies of newsletters, brochures, or similar documents for supporting details to this narrative. Remember that if this application is approved, it will be open for public inspection. Therefore, your narrative description of activities should be thorough and accurate. Refer to the instructions for information that must be included in your description.

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors**

- 1a** List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of all of your officers, directors, and trustees. For each person listed, state their total annual **compensation**, or proposed compensation, for all services to the organization, whether as an officer, employee, or other position. Use actual figures, if available. Enter "none" if no compensation is or will be paid. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. [See Attachment E \(Compensation\)](#)

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
<b>R. James Rubin</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Helen Howard</b>	<b>First Vice-President</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Patricia A. Welch</b>	<b>Second Vice-President</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Sandra L. Ascot</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Emily Pikul</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

**b** List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of each of your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation. Do not include officers, directors, or trustees listed in line 1a.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
<b>Not Applicable</b>			

**c** List the names, names of businesses, and mailing addresses of your five highest compensated **independent contractors** that receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year. Use the actual figure, if available. Refer to the instructions for information on what to include as compensation.

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
<b>Not Applicable</b>			

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to *past, present, or planned* relationships, transactions, or agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.

**2a** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees **related** to each other through **family or business relationships**? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No

**b** Do you have a business relationship with any of your officers, directors, or trustees other than through their position as an officer, director, or trustee? If "Yes," identify the individuals and describe the business relationship with each of your officers, directors, or trustees.  Yes  No

**c** Are any of your officers, directors, or trustees related to your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1b or 1c through family or business relationships? If "Yes," identify the individuals and explain the relationship.  Yes  No

**3a** For each of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c, attach a list showing their name, qualifications, average hours worked, and duties. **See Attachment F (Names, Duties)**

**b** Do any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, or 1c receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to you through **common control**? If "Yes," identify the individuals, explain the relationship between you and the other organization, and describe the compensation arrangement.  Yes  No

**4** In establishing the compensation for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed on lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, the following practices are recommended, although they are not required to obtain exemption. Answer "Yes" to all the practices you use.

**a** Do you or will the individuals that approve compensation arrangements follow a conflict of interest policy?  Yes  No

**b** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements in advance of paying compensation?  Yes  No

**c** Do you or will you document in writing the date and terms of approved compensation arrangements?  Yes  No

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- d** Do you or will you record in writing the decision made by each individual who decided or voted on compensation arrangements?  **Yes**  **No**
- e** Do you or will you approve compensation arrangements based on information about compensation paid by **similarly situated** taxable or tax-exempt organizations for similar services, current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms, or actual written offers from similarly situated organizations? Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  **Yes**  **No**
- f** Do you or will you record in writing both the information on which you relied to base your decision and its source?  **Yes**  **No**
- g** If you answered "No" to any item on lines 4a through 4f, describe how you set compensation that is **reasonable** for your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, and highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c.
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- 5a** Have you adopted a **conflict of interest policy** consistent with the sample conflict of interest policy in Appendix A to the instructions? If "Yes," provide a copy of the policy and explain how the policy has been adopted, such as by resolution of your governing board. If "No," answer lines 5b and 5c.  **Yes**  **No**  
See [Attachment G \(Conflict of Interest\)](#)
- b** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you for setting their own compensation?
- c** What procedures will you follow to assure that persons who have a conflict of interest will not have influence over you regarding business deals with themselves?
- Note:** A conflict of interest policy is recommended though it is not required to obtain exemption. Hospitals, see Schedule C, Section I, line 14.
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- 6a** Do you or will you compensate any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c through **non-fixed payments**, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are determined, who is eligible for such arrangements, whether you place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Do you or will you compensate any of your employees, other than your officers, directors, trustees, or your five highest compensated employees who receive or will receive compensation of more than \$50,000 per year, through non-fixed payments, such as discretionary bonuses or revenue-based payments? If "Yes," describe all non-fixed compensation arrangements, including how the amounts are or will be determined, who is or will be eligible for such arrangements, whether you place or will place a limitation on total compensation, and how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than reasonable compensation for services. Refer to the instructions for Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c, for information on what to include as compensation.  **Yes**  **No**
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- 7a** Do you or will you purchase any goods, services, or assets from any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such purchase that you made or intend to make, from whom you make or will make such purchases, how the terms are or will be negotiated at **arm's length**, and explain how you determine or will determine that you pay no more than **fair market value**. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such purchases.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Do you or will you sell any goods, services, or assets to any of your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," describe any such sales that you made or intend to make, to whom you make or will make such sales, how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you are or will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies of any written contracts or other agreements relating to such sales.  **Yes**  **No**
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- 8a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with your officers, directors, trustees, highest compensated employees, or highest compensated independent contractors listed in lines 1a, 1b, or 1c? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 8b through 8f.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine you pay no more than fair market value or you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach copies of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.
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- 9a** Do you or will you have any leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements with any organization in which any of your officers, directors, or trustees are also officers, directors, or trustees, or in which any individual officer, director, or trustee owns more than a 35% interest? If "Yes," provide the information requested in lines 9b through 9f.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part V Compensation and Other Financial Arrangements With Your Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, and Independent Contractors (Continued)**

- b** Describe any written or oral arrangements you made or intend to make.
- c** Identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements.
- d** Explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length.
- e** Explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or that you are paid at least fair market value.
- f** Attach a copy of any signed leases, contracts, loans, or other agreements relating to such arrangements.

**Part VI Your Members and Other Individuals and Organizations That Receive Benefits From You**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to goods, services, and funds you provide to individuals and organizations as part of your activities. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1a** In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to individuals? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to individuals.  Yes  No
- b** In carrying out your exempt purposes, do you provide goods, services, or funds to organizations? If "Yes," describe each program that provides goods, services, or funds to organizations.  Yes  No  
*See Attachment H (Services)*
- 2** Do any of your programs limit the provision of goods, services, or funds to a specific individual or group of specific individuals? For example, answer "Yes," if goods, services, or funds are provided only for a particular individual, your members, individuals who work for a particular employer, or graduates of a particular school. If "Yes," explain the limitation and how recipients are selected for each program.  Yes  No
- 3** Do any individuals who receive goods, services, or funds through your programs have a family or business relationship with any officer, director, trustee, or with any of your highest compensated employees or highest compensated independent contractors listed in Part V, lines 1a, 1b, and 1c? If "Yes," explain how these related individuals are eligible for goods, services, or funds.  Yes  No

**Part VII Your History**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to your history. (See instructions.)

- 1** Are you a **successor** to another organization? Answer "Yes," if you have taken or will take over the activities of another organization; you took over 25% or more of the fair market value of the net assets of another organization; or you were established upon the conversion of an organization from for-profit to non-profit status. If "Yes," complete Schedule G.  Yes  No
- 2** Are you submitting this application more than 27 months after the end of the month in which you were legally formed? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.  Yes  No

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities**

The following "Yes" or "No" questions relate to specific activities that you may conduct. Check the appropriate box. Your answers should pertain to *past*, *present*, and *planned* activities. (See instructions.)

- 1** Do you support or oppose candidates in **political campaigns** in any way? If "Yes," explain.  Yes  No
- 2a** Do you attempt to **influence legislation**? If "Yes," explain how you attempt to influence legislation and complete line 2b. If "No," go to line 3a.  Yes  No  
*See Attachment I (Legislation)*
- b** Have you made or are you making an **election** to have your legislative activities measured by expenditures by filing Form 5768? If "Yes," attach a copy of the Form 5768 that was already filed or attach a completed Form 5768 that you are filing with this application. If "No," describe whether your attempts to influence legislation are a substantial part of your activities. Include the time and money spent on your attempts to influence legislation as compared to your total activities.  Yes  No
- 3a** Do you or will you operate bingo or **gaming** activities? If "Yes," describe who conducts them, and list all revenue received or expected to be received and expenses paid or expected to be paid in operating these activities. **Revenue and expenses** should be provided for the time periods specified in Part IX, Financial Data.  Yes  No  
*See Attachment J (Gaming)*
- b** Do you or will you enter into contracts or other agreements with individuals or organizations to conduct bingo or gaming for you? If "Yes," describe any written or oral arrangements that you made or intend to make, identify with whom you have or will have such arrangements, explain how the terms are or will be negotiated at arm's length, and explain how you determine or will determine you pay no more than fair market value or you will be paid at least fair market value. Attach copies or any written contracts or other agreements relating to such arrangements.  Yes  No
- c** List the states and local jurisdictions, including Indian Reservations, in which you conduct or will conduct gaming or bingo.



**Part VIII Your Specific Activities** (Continued)

- 11** Do you or will you accept contributions of: real property; conservation easements; closely held securities; intellectual property such as patents, trademarks, and copyrights; works of music or art; licenses; royalties; automobiles, boats, planes, or other vehicles; or collectibles of any type? If "Yes," describe each type of contribution, any conditions imposed by the donor on the contribution, and any agreements with the donor regarding the contribution.  **Yes**  **No**  
See [Attachment L \(Contributions\)](#)
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- 12a** Do you or will you operate in a **foreign country or countries**? If "Yes," answer lines 12b through 12d. If "No," go to line 13a.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Name the foreign countries and regions within the countries in which you operate.  
**c** Describe your operations in each country and region in which you operate.  
**d** Describe how your operations in each country and region further your exempt purposes.
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- 13a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to organization(s)? If "Yes," answer lines 13b through 13g. If "No," go to line 14a.  **Yes**  **No**  
See [Attachment M \(Grants\)](#)
- b** Describe how your grants, loans, or other distributions to organizations further your exempt purposes.  
**c** Do you have written contracts with each of these organizations? If "Yes," attach a copy of each contract.  **Yes**  **No**  
**d** Identify each recipient organization and any **relationship** between you and the recipient organization.  
**e** Describe the records you keep with respect to the grants, loans, or other distributions you make.  
**f** Describe your selection process, including whether you do any of the following:
- (i)** Do you require an application form? If "Yes," attach a copy of the form.  **Yes**  **No**  
**(ii)** Do you require a grant proposal? If "Yes," describe whether the grant proposal specifies your responsibilities and those of the grantee, obligates the grantee to use the grant funds only for the purposes for which the grant was made, provides for periodic written reports concerning the use of grant funds, requires a final written report and an accounting of how grant funds were used, and acknowledges your authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused.  **Yes**  **No**
- g** Describe your procedures for oversight of distributions that assure you the resources are used to further your exempt purposes, including whether you require periodic and final reports on the use of resources.
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- 14a** Do you or will you make grants, loans, or other distributions to foreign organizations? If "Yes," answer lines 14b through 14f. If "No," go to line 15.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** Provide the name of each foreign organization, the country and regions within a country in which each foreign organization operates, and describe any relationship you have with each foreign organization.
- c** Does any foreign organization listed in line 14b accept contributions earmarked for a specific country or specific organization? If "Yes," list all earmarked organizations or countries.  **Yes**  **No**
- d** Do your contributors know that you have ultimate authority to use contributions made to you at your discretion for purposes consistent with your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe how you relay this information to contributors.  **Yes**  **No**
- e** Do you or will you make pre-grant inquiries about the recipient organization? If "Yes," describe these inquiries, including whether you inquire about the recipient's financial status, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, its ability to accomplish the purpose for which the resources are provided, and other relevant information.  **Yes**  **No**
- f** Do you or will you use any additional procedures to ensure that your distributions to foreign organizations are used in furtherance of your exempt purposes? If "Yes," describe these procedures, including site visits by your employees or compliance checks by impartial experts, to verify that grant funds are being used appropriately.  **Yes**  **No**

**Part VIII Your Specific Activities** (Continued)

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|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>15</b> | Do you have a <b>close connection</b> with any organizations? If "Yes," explain.   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>16</b> | Are you applying for exemption as a <b>cooperative hospital service organization</b> under section 501(e)? If "Yes," explain.  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>17</b> | Are you applying for exemption as a <b>cooperative service organization of operating educational organizations</b> under section 501(f)? If "Yes," explain.  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>18</b> | Are you applying for exemption as a <b>charitable risk pool</b> under section 501(n)? If "Yes," explain.   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>19</b> | Do you or will you operate a <b>school</b> ? If "Yes," complete Schedule B. Answer "Yes," whether you operate a school as your main function or as a secondary activity.   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>20</b> | Is your main function to provide <b>hospital or medical care</b> ? If "Yes," complete Schedule C.  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>21</b> | Do you or will you provide <b>low-income housing</b> or housing for the <b>elderly</b> or <b>handicapped</b> ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F.  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |
| <b>22</b> | Do you or will you provide scholarships, fellowships, educational loans, or other educational grants to individuals, including grants for travel, study, or other similar purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule H. | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> |

**Note: Private foundations** may use Schedule H to request advance approval of individual grant procedures.

**Part IX Financial Data**

For purposes of this schedule, years in existence refer to completed tax years. If in existence 4 or more years, complete the schedule for the most recent 4 tax years. If in existence more than 1 year but less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence and provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. If in existence less than 1 year, provide projections of your likely revenues and expenses for the current year and the 2 following years, based on a reasonable and good faith estimate of your future finances for a total of 3 years of financial information. (See instructions.)

**A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

	Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or 2 succeeding tax years			(e) Provide Total for (a) through (d)
		(a) From ..... To .....	(b) From ..... To .....	(c) From ..... To .....	(d) From ..... To .....	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)					
	<b>2</b> Membership fees received					
	<b>3</b> Gross investment income					
	<b>4</b> Net unrelated business income					
	<b>5</b> Taxes levied for your benefit					
	<b>6</b> Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)					
	<b>7</b> Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)					
	<b>8</b> Total of lines 1 through 7					
	<b>9</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)					
	<b>10</b> Total of lines 8 and 9					
	<b>11</b> Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)					
	<b>12 Unusual grants</b>					
<b>13</b> Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12						
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>14</b> Fundraising expenses					
	<b>15</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)					
	<b>16</b> Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)					
	<b>17</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees					
	<b>18</b> Other salaries and wages					
	<b>19</b> Interest expense					
	<b>20</b> Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)					
	<b>21</b> Depreciation and depletion					
	<b>22</b> Professional fees					
	<b>23</b> Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)					
	<b>24</b> Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23					

**Per Notice 1382 (Rev. December 2011)  
Five Years of Data Provided on Pages  
9a & 9b (next 2 pages)**

**Part IX Financial Data**

**A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses**

Type of revenue or expense	Current tax year (estimated)	4 prior tax years				(f) Provide Total for (a) through (e)
	(a) From <u>01/01/2013</u> To <u>12/31/2013</u>	(b) From <u>01/01/2012</u> To <u>12/31/2012</u>	(c) From <u>01/01/2011</u> To <u>12/31/2011</u>	(d) From <u>01/01/2010</u> To <u>12/31/2010</u>	(e) From <u>01/01/2009</u> To <u>12/31/2009</u>	
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (do not include unusual grants)	\$ 28,362.11	\$ 28,608.23	\$ 28,549.20	\$ 31,321.46	\$ 24,754.35	\$ 141,595.35
<b>2</b> Membership fees received	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 8,920.00	\$ 9,435.00	\$ 10,535.00	\$ 46,550.00
<b>3</b> Gross investment income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 803.00	\$ 803.00
<b>4</b> Net unrelated business income						\$ -
<b>5</b> Taxes levied for your benefit						\$ -
<b>6</b> Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit without charge (not including the value of services generally furnished to the public without charge)						\$ -
<b>7</b> Any revenue not otherwise listed above or in lines 9-12 below (attach an itemized list)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,173.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,173.00
<b>8</b> Total of lines 1 through 7	\$ 37,162.11	\$ 37,468.23	\$ 38,642.20	\$ 40,756.46	\$ 36,092.35	\$ 190,121.35
<b>9</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to your exempt purposes (attach itemized list)	\$ 26,000.89	\$ 20,583.77	\$ 16,091.80	\$ 37,167.54	\$ 19,645.65	\$ 119,489.65
<b>10</b> Total of lines 8 and 9	\$ 63,163.00	\$ 58,052.00	\$ 54,734.00	\$ 77,924.00	\$ 55,738.00	\$ 309,611.00
<b>11</b> Net gain or loss on sale of capital assets (attach schedule and see instructions)						\$ -
<b>12</b> Unusual grants	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
<b>13</b> Total Revenue Add lines 10 through 12	\$ 63,163.00	\$ 58,052.00	\$ 54,734.00	\$ 77,924.00	\$ 55,738.00	\$ 309,611.00
<b>14</b> Fundraising expenses	\$ 4,225.35	\$ 3,930.75	\$ 3,338.40	\$ 8,151.49	\$ 11,343.36	
<b>15</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid out (attach an itemized list)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
<b>16</b> Disbursements to or for the benefit of members (attach an itemized list)						
<b>17</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees						
<b>18</b> Other salaries and wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155.00	
<b>19</b> Interest expense						
<b>20</b> Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)						
<b>21</b> Depreciation and depletion	\$ 335.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 41.00	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>22</b> Professional fees	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 793.00	
<b>23</b> Any expense not otherwise classified, such as program services (attach itemized list)	\$ 36,818.65	\$ 34,251.25	\$ 32,881.60	\$ 42,687.51	\$ 34,158.64	
<b>24</b> Total Expenses Add lines 14 through 23	\$ 44,079.00	\$ 38,994.00	\$ 36,761.00	\$ 52,639.00	\$ 52,450.00	

**Part IX Financial Data**

ITEMIZED LISTS						
		estimated				
		2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>LINE 7:</b>						
	Rescue Medical	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,173.00	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>LINE 7 TOTALS:</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,173.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>LINE 9:</b>						
	BEC Fees	\$ 1,806.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,550.00
	Newsletter Ads	\$ 423.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 820.00	\$ 1,130.00
	Program Revenue	\$ 23,771.89	\$ 18,608.77	\$ 13,946.80	\$ 34,847.54	\$ 16,965.65
	<b>LINE 9 TOTALS:</b>	\$ 26,000.89	\$ 20,583.77	\$ 16,091.80	\$ 37,167.54	\$ 19,645.65
<b>LINE 15:</b>						
	NAIA 501(c)3 Donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
	Rabies Challenge 501(c)3 Donation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	<b>LINE 15 TOTALS:</b>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
<b>LINE 23:</b>						
	Secretary Expenses	\$ 5,222.00	\$ 4,859.00	\$ 3,101.00	\$ 6,366.00	\$ 6,905.00
	Bank, Gov. & Org Fees	\$ 594.00	\$ 552.00	\$ 623.00	\$ 494.00	\$ 441.00
	Program Services	\$ 31,002.65	\$ 28,840.25	\$ 29,157.60	\$ 35,827.51	\$ 26,812.64
	<b>LINE 23 TOTALS:</b>	\$ 36,818.65	\$ 34,251.25	\$ 32,881.60	\$ 42,687.51	\$ 34,158.64

**Part IX Financial Data (Continued)**

**B. Balance Sheet (for your most recently completed tax year)**

Year End: **2012**

Assets		(Whole dollars)
1	Cash . . . . .	145,483
2	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	
3	Inventories . . . . .	
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
5	Corporate stocks (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
6	Loans receivable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
7	Other investments (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach an itemized list) <i>See Attachment N</i>	469
9	Land . . . . . <i>(Depreciable Assets)</i>	
10	Other assets (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
11	<b>Total Assets (add lines 1 through 10)</b> . . . . .	<b>145,952</b>
Liabilities		
12	Accounts payable . . . . .	
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. payable . . . . .	
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
15	Other liabilities (attach an itemized list) . . . . .	
16	<b>Total Liabilities (add lines 12 through 15)</b> . . . . .	<b>0</b>
Fund Balances or Net Assets		
17	<b>Total fund balances or net assets</b> . . . . .	<b>145,952</b>
18	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances or Net Assets (add lines 16 and 17)</b> . . . . .	<b>145,952</b>
19	Have there been any substantial changes in your assets or liabilities since the end of the period shown above? If "Yes," explain.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Part X Public Charity Status**

Part X is designed to classify you as an organization that is either a **private foundation** or a **public charity**. Public charity status is a more favorable tax status than private foundation status. If you are a private foundation, Part X is designed to further determine whether you are a **private operating foundation**. (See instructions.)

- 1a Are you a private foundation? If "Yes," go to line 1b. If "No," go to line 5 and proceed as instructed. If you are unsure, see the instructions.  Yes  No
- b As a private foundation, section 508(e) requires special provisions in your organizing document in addition to those that apply to all organizations described in section 501(c)(3). Check the box to confirm that your organizing document meets this requirement, whether by express provision or by reliance on operation of state law. Attach a statement that describes specifically where your organizing document meets this requirement, such as a reference to a particular article or section in your organizing document or by operation of state law. See the instructions, including Appendix B, for information about the special provisions that need to be contained in your organizing document. Go to line 2.
- 2 Are you a private operating foundation? To be a private operating foundation you must engage directly in the active conduct of charitable, religious, educational, and similar activities, as opposed to indirectly carrying out these activities by providing grants to individuals or other organizations. If "Yes," go to line 3. If "No," go to the signature section of Part XI.  Yes  No
- 3 Have you existed for one or more years? If "Yes," attach financial information showing that you are a private operating foundation; go to the signature section of Part XI. If "No," continue to line 4.  Yes  No
- 4 Have you attached either (1) an affidavit or opinion of counsel, (including a written affidavit or opinion from a certified public accountant or accounting firm with expertise regarding this tax law matter), that sets forth facts concerning your operations and support to demonstrate that you are likely to satisfy the requirements to be classified as a private operating foundation; or (2) a statement describing your proposed operations as a private operating foundation?  Yes  No
- 5 If you answered "No" to line 1a, indicate the type of public charity status you are requesting by checking one of the choices below. You may check only one box.  
The organization is not a private foundation because it is:
  - a 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)—a church or a convention or association of churches. Complete and attach Schedule A.
  - b 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)—a **school**. Complete and attach Schedule B.
  - c 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)—a **hospital**, a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Complete and attach Schedule C.
  - d 509(a)(3)—an organization supporting either one or more organizations described in line 5a through c, f, g, or h or a publicly supported section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organization. Complete and attach Schedule D.

**Part X Public Charity Status (Continued)**

- e 509(a)(4)—an organization organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.
- f 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)—an organization operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.
- g 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)—an organization that receives a substantial part of its financial support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.
- h 509(a)(2)—an organization that normally receives not more than one-third of its financial support from gross **investment income** and receives more than one-third of its financial support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions).
- i A publicly supported organization, but unsure if it is described in 5g or 5h. The organization would like the IRS to decide the correct status.

**6** If you checked box g, h, or i in question 5 above, you must request either an **advance** or a **definitive ruling** by selecting one of the boxes below. Refer to the instructions to determine which type of ruling you are eligible to receive.

- a **Request for Advance Ruling:** By checking this box and signing the consent, pursuant to section 6501(c)(4) of the Code you request an advance ruling and agree to extend the statute of limitations on the assessment of excise tax under section 4940 of the Code. The tax will apply only if you do not establish public support status at the end of the 5-year advance ruling period. The assessment period will be extended for the 5 advance ruling years to 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first year. You have the right to refuse or limit the extension to a mutually agreed-upon period of time or issue(s). Publication 1035, *Extending the Tax Assessment Period*, provides a more detailed explanation of your rights and the consequences of the choices you make. You may obtain Publication 1035 free of charge from the IRS web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676. Signing this consent will not deprive you of any appeal rights to which you would otherwise be entitled. If you decide not to extend the statute of limitations, you are not eligible for an advance ruling.

**Consent Fixing Period of Limitations Upon Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code**

For Organization

.....  
 (Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

.....  
 (Type or print name of signer)

.....  
 (Date)

.....  
 (Type or print title or authority of signer)

For IRS Use Only

.....  
 IRS Director, Exempt Organizations

.....  
 (Date)

- b **Request for Definitive Ruling:** Check this box if you have completed one tax year of at least 8 full months and you are requesting a definitive ruling. To confirm your public support status, answer line 6b(i) if you checked box g in line 5 above. Answer line 6b(ii) if you checked box h in line 5 above. If you checked box i in line 5 above, answer both lines 6b(i) and (ii).
- (i) (a) Enter 2% of line 8, column (e) on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person, company, or organization whose gifts totaled more than the 2% amount. If the answer is "None," check this box.
- (ii) (a) For each year amounts are included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each **disqualified person**. If the answer is "None," check this box. [See Attachment O \(Disqualified Persons\)](#)
- (b) For each year amounts are included on line 9 of Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer, other than a disqualified person, whose payments were more than the larger of (1) 1% of line 10, Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses, or (2) \$5,000. If the answer is "None," check this box.

**7** Did you receive any unusual grants during any of the years shown on Part IX-A. Statement of Revenues and Expenses? If "Yes," attach a list including the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, a brief description of the grant, and explain why it is unusual.  **Yes**  **No**

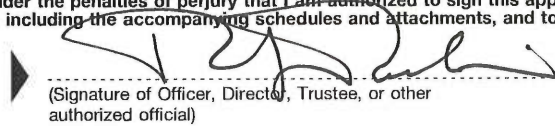
**Part XI User Fee Information**

You must include a user fee payment with this application. It will not be processed without your paid user fee. If your average annual gross receipts have exceeded or will exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, you must submit payment of \$750. If your gross receipts have not exceeded or will not exceed \$10,000 annually over a 4-year period, the required user fee payment is \$300. See instructions for Part XI, for a definition of **gross receipts** over a 4-year period. Your check or money order must be made payable to the United States Treasury. *User fees are subject to change. Check our website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "User Fee" in the keyword box, or call Customer Account Services at 1-877-829-5500 for current information.*

- 1 Have your annual gross receipts averaged or are they expected to average not more than \$10,000?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," check the box on line 2 and enclose a user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change—see above).  
 If "No," check the box on line 3 and enclose a user fee payment of \$850 (Subject to change—see above).
- 2 Check the box if you have enclosed the reduced user fee payment of \$300 (Subject to change).
- 3 Check the box if you have enclosed the user fee payment of \$850 (Subject to change).

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

**Please Sign Here**



(Signature of Officer, Director, Trustee, or other authorized official)

**R. James Rubin**

(Type or print name of signer)

**04/08/2013**

(Date)

**President, IWSCA**

(Type or print title or authority of signer)

**Reminder:** Send the completed Form 1023 Checklist with your filled-in-application.

**Schedule E. Organizations Not Filing Form 1023 Within 27 Months of Formation**

Schedule E is intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of your application or from your date of incorporation or formation, whichever is earlier. If you are not eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) from your date of incorporation or formation, Schedule E is also intended to determine whether you are eligible for tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) for the period between your date of incorporation or formation and the postmark date of your application.

- 1** Are you a church, association of churches, or integrated auxiliary of a church? If "Yes," complete Schedule A and stop here. Do not complete the remainder of Schedule E.  **Yes**  **No**
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- 2a** Are you a public charity with annual **gross receipts** that are normally \$5,000 or less? If "Yes," stop here. Answer "No" if you are a private foundation, regardless of your gross receipts.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** If your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000, are you filing this application within 90 days from the end of the tax year in which your gross receipts were normally more than \$5,000? If "Yes," stop here.  **Yes**  **No**
- 
- 3a** Were you included as a subordinate in a group exemption application or letter? If "No," go to line 4.  **Yes**  **No**
- b** If you were included as a subordinate in a group exemption letter, are you filing this application within 27 months from the date you were notified by the organization holding the group exemption letter or the Internal Revenue Service that you cease to be covered by the group exemption letter? If "Yes," stop here.  **Yes**  **No**
- c** If you were included as a subordinate in a timely filed group exemption request that was denied, are you filing this application within 27 months from the postmark date of the Internal Revenue Service final adverse ruling letter? If "Yes," stop here.  **Yes**  **No**
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- 4** Were you created on or before October 9, 1969? If "Yes," stop here. Do not complete the remainder of this schedule.  **Yes**  **No**
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- 5** If you answered "No" to lines 1 through 4, we cannot recognize you as tax exempt from your date of formation unless you qualify for an extension of time to apply for exemption. Do you wish to request an extension of time to apply to be recognized as exempt from the date you were formed? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining why you did not file this application within the 27-month period. Do not answer lines 6, 7, or 8. If "No," go to line 6a.  **Yes**  **No**
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- 6a** If you answered "No" to line 5, you can only be exempt under section 501(c)(3) from the postmark date of this application. Therefore, do you want us to treat this application as a request for tax exemption from the postmark date? If "Yes," you are eligible for an advance ruling. Complete Part X, line 6a. If "No," you will be treated as a private foundation.  **Yes**  **No**  
**See Note Below**
- Note.** Be sure your ruling eligibility agrees with your answer to Part X, line 6.
- b** Do you anticipate significant changes in your sources of support in the future? If "Yes," complete line 7 below.  **Yes**  **No**

**IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA, INC  
(EIN: 36-4044964)  
FORM 1023 ATTACHMENTS**

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Form 1023, Part I, Line 8**  
*Professional Adviser*

**Name: Patricia A. O'Malley, CPA**

**Company: Rubino & Company, Chartered**

**Address: 6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 1200,  
Bethesda, MD 20817**

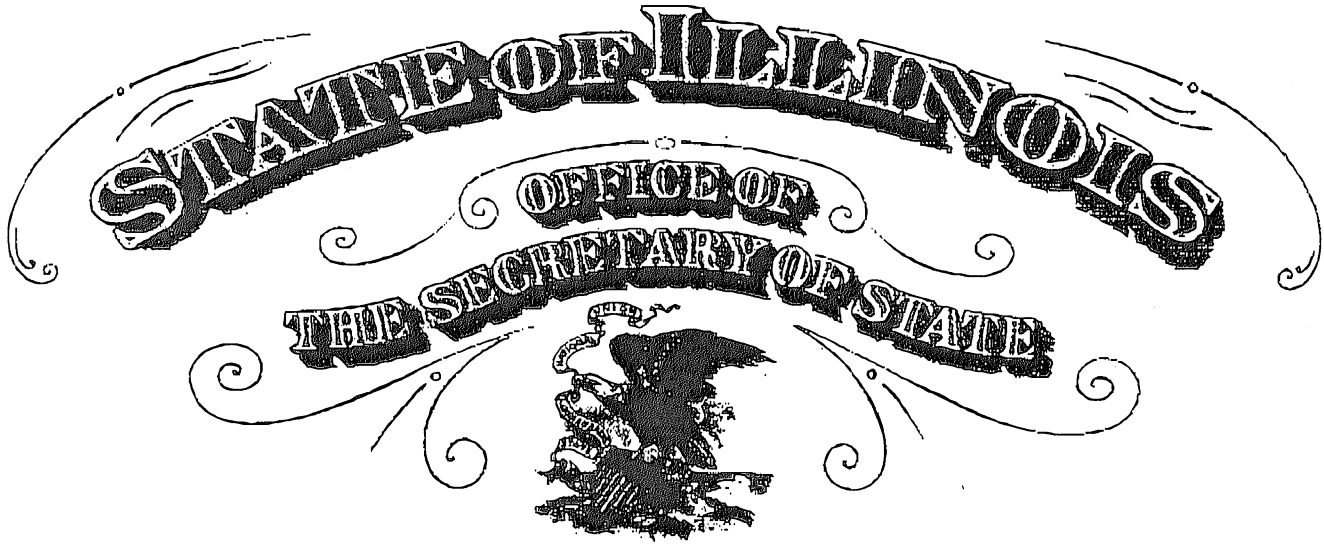
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**Role: To review and advise on Form 1023**

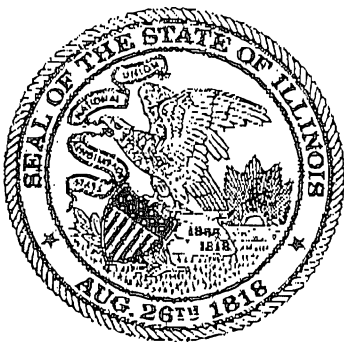
**ATTACHMENT B**  
Form 1023, Part II, Line 1  
*Articles of Incorporation*

File Number 5834-848-1



To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting: I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that

THE FOREGOING AND HERETO ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY, CONSISTING OF 10 PAGES, AS TAKEN FROM THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE FOR IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA. \*\*\*\*\*



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 14TH day of NOVEMBER A.D. 2012

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

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# State of Illinois Office of The Secretary of State

Whereas,

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA  
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN  
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE  
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE  
JANUARY 1, A.D. 1987.

Now Therefore, I, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this 22ND day of MAY A.D. 19 95 and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and 19TH.



*George H Ryan*

Secretary of State

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(Rev. Jan. 1995)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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**SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE**

Payment must be made by Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Illinois Attorney's Check, Illinois C.P.A.'s Check or Money Order, payable to "Secretary of State."

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Date 5-22-95

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Approved [Signature]

PAID



TO: GEORGE H. RYAN, Secretary of State

MAY 22 1995

Pursuant to the provisions of "The General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986," the undersigned incorporator(s) hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

Article 1. The name of the corporation is: IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA

Article 2: The name and address of the initial registered agent and registered office are:

Registered Agent Sandra Ascot  
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Registered Office 3609 N. Avers  
 Number Street (Do Not Use P.O. Box)  
Chicago IL 60618 Cook  
 City Zip Code County

Article 3: The first Board of Directors shall be 5 in number, their names and residential addresses being as follows: (Not less than three)

Director's Names	Number	Street	Address City	State
<u>Susan Tapp</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>Webster Ave.</u>	<u>Washington Township</u>	<u>MI 07675</u>
<u>Bridget Kvarnlov</u>	<u>7001</u>	<u>Trenton Ln. No.</u>	<u>Maple Grove</u>	<u>MN 55369</u>
<u>Daniel Sayers</u>	<u>603 N.</u>	<u>4th St.</u>	<u>Philadelphia</u>	<u>PA 19123</u>
<u>Renee Peterson</u>	<u>24712 SE</u>	<u>380th</u>	<u>Enumclaw</u>	<u>WA 98022</u>
<u>Sandra Ascot</u>	<u>3609 N.</u>	<u>Avers</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>IL 60618</u>

Article 4. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(54)

A Social Club established to promote the general welfare of "Irish Water Spaniels", by doing all in our power to advance interest in this Breed.

To encourage sportmanslike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials, and tracking tests.

The corporation shall be non-partisan, and no funds shall be used or subscribed for any political purpose, and no services shall be rendered for any individual member. No part of net earnings of the Corporation, any, nor any distribution of assets upon dissolution shall inure to any

Is this corporation a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act?  Yes  No (Check one)

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Is this corporation a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954?  Yes  No (Check one)

Is this a Homeowner's Association which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure?  Yes  No

Article 5. Other provisions (please use separate page):

5-17

Article 6. NAMES & ADDRESSES OF INCORPORATORS

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated January 15, 19 95.

SIGNATURES AND NAMES

POST OFFICE ADDRESS

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| <p>1. <u>Susan Tapp</u><br/>Signature<br/><u>Susan Tapp</u><br/>Name (please print)</p> <p>2. <u>Bridget Kvarnlov</u><br/>Signature<br/><u>Bridget Kvarnlov</u><br/>Name (please print)</p> <p>3. <u>Daniel Sayers</u><br/>Signature<br/><u>Daniel Sayers</u><br/>Name (please print)</p> <p>4. <u>Rena Peterson</u><br/>Signature<br/><u>Rena Peterson</u><br/>Name (please print)</p> <p>5. <u>Sandra Ascot</u><br/>Signature<br/><u>Sandra Ascot</u><br/>Name (please print)</p> | <p>1. <u>434 Webster Ave.</u><br/>Street<br/><u>Washington Township, NJ 07675</u><br/>City/Town State Zip</p> <p>2. <u>7001 Trenton Ln. No.</u><br/>Street<br/><u>Maple Grove, MN 55369</u><br/>City/Town State Zip</p> <p>3. <u>603 N. 4th St.</u><br/>Street<br/><u>Philadelphia, PA 19123</u><br/>City/Town State Zip</p> <p>4. <u>24712 SE 380th</u><br/>Street<br/><u>Enumclaw, WA 98022</u><br/>City/Town State Zip</p> <p>5. <u>3609 N. Avers</u><br/>Street<br/><u>Chicago, IL 60618</u><br/>City/Town State Zip</p> |
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(Signatures must be in BLACK INK on original document. Carbon copy, xerox or rubber stamp signatures may only be used on the true copy.)

- If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by its President or Vice-President and verified by him, and attested by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary.
- The registered agent cannot be the corporation itself.
- The registered agent may be an individual, resident in this State, or a domestic or foreign corporation, authorized to act as a registered agent.
- The registered office may be, but need not be, the same as its principal office.
- A corporation which is to function as a club, as defined in Section 1-3.24 of the "Liquor Control Act" of 1934, must insert in its purpose clause a statement that it will comply with the State and local laws and ordinances relating to alcoholic liquors.

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FORM NFP-102.10  
 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
 under the  
 GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT  
 CORPORATION ACT  
 of  
 IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB  
 OF AMERICA

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FORM NFP 110.30R (rev. Dec. 2003)  
ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
RESTATED ARTICLES  
OF INCORPORATION  
General Not For Profit Corporation Act

Jesse White, Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
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1. Corporate name (Note 1): Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
2. Manner of adoption of amendment:  
The following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted on November 7, 2012 in the manner indicated below (Check one only):  
(Month, Day & Year)
  - By affirmative vote of a majority of the directors in office, at a meeting of the board of directors, in accordance with Section 110.15. (Note 2)
  - By written consent, signed by all the directors in office, in compliance with Sections 110.15 and 108.45 (Note 3)
  - By members at a meeting of members entitled to vote by the affirmative vote of the members having not less than the minimum number of votes necessary to adopt such amendment, as provided by this Act, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws, in accordance with Section 110.20. (Note 4)
  - By written consent signed by members entitled to vote having not less than the minimum number of votes necessary to adopt such amendment, as provided by this Act, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws, in compliance with Sections 107.10 and 110.20. (Note 5)
- 3(a). List all provisions of the restated articles of incorporation that amend the existing articles of incorporation. (Attach additional pages if extra space is needed.)  
Article 3. Board of Directors.   
Article 4. Puposos for the Corporation.  
Article 5. Dissolution.
- 3(b). Text of the Restated Articles of Incorporation (Note 6)  
(Attach additional pages if extra space is needed.)  
See attached.

4. The undersigned corporation has caused these articles to be signed by a duly authorized officer, who affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true. (All signatures must be in **BLACK INK.**)

Dated

November 8th

2012

(Month & Day)

(Year)

Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

(Exact Name of Corporation)

*[Handwritten Signature]*

(Any Authorized Officer's Signature)

R. James Rubin, President

(Print Name and Title)

5. If there are no duly authorized officers, then the persons designated under Section 101.10(b)(2) must sign below and print name and title. The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ (Month, Day & Year)

Signature

Print Name and Title

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**NOTES**

**Note 1:** State the true and exact corporate name as it appears on the records of the Secretary of State, BEFORE any amendment herein reported.

**Note 2:** Directors may adopt amendments without member approval only when the corporation has no members, or no members entitled to vote pursuant to §110.15

**Note 3:** Director approval may be (1) by vote at a director's meeting (either annual or special) or (2) by consent, in writing, without a meeting.

**Note 4:** All amendments not adopted under Sec. 110.15 require (1) that the board of directors adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and (2) that the members approve the amendment.

Member approval may be (1) by vote at a members meeting (either annual or special) or (2) by consent, in writing, without a meeting.

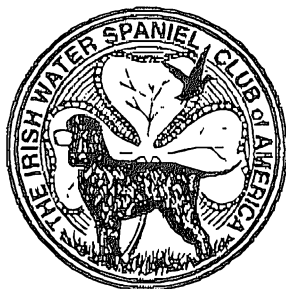
To be adopted, the amendment must receive the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least 2/3 of the outstanding members entitled to vote on the amendment, (but if class voting applies, then also at least a 2/3 vote within each class is required).

The articles of incorporation may supersede the 2/3 vote requirement by specifying any smaller or larger vote requirement not less than a majority of the outstanding votes of such members entitled to vote and not less than a majority within each when class voting applies. (Sec. 110.20)

**Note 5:** When member approval is by written consent, all members must be given notice of the proposed amendment at least 5 days before the consent is signed. If the amendment is adopted, members who have not signed the consent must be promptly notified of the passage of the amendment. (Sec. 107.10 & 110.20)

**Note 6:** The text of the restated articles of incorporation must set forth the following:  
(i) The date of incorporation, the name under which the corporation was incorporated, subsequent names, if any, that the corporation adopted pursuant to amendment of its articles of incorporation, and the effective date of any such amendments;  
(ii) the address of the registered office and the name of the registered agent on the date of filing the restated articles of incorporation.

If the registered agent and/or registered office have changed, it will be necessary to accompany this document with form NFP 105.10.



**IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA, Inc.**

**\*\*\* Not-For-Profit\*\*\***

**Date of Incorporation: May 22, 1995**

**Illinois Secretary of State file number: 58348481**

**Last Annual Report filed: May 9, 2012**

## **Restated Articles of Incorporation**

Based on

**Constitution and By-Laws Approved November 7, 2012**

**Article 1.** The NAME of the corporation shall be the **IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA.**

**Article 2.** Registered Agent last changed September 6, 2005:

**Sandra L. Ascot  
19755 Highway 113  
Custer Park, IL 60481**

**Article 3.** The current **Board of Directors** consists of seven (7) members. (An additional position has been approved for future implementation):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Office</b>
<b>R. James Rubin</b>	PO Box 2511, Arlington, VA 22202	President
<b>Helen Howard</b>	1865 Woodlawn Rd, Covington, GA 30014	First Vice-President
<b>Patricia A. Welch</b>	1164 East Shore Dr, Ithaca, NY 14850	Second Vice-President
<b>Sandra L. Ascot</b>	19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481	Treasurer
<b>Emily Pikul</b>	290A Wilbraham St, Palmer, MA 01069	Secretary
<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>	86 High St, Amesbury, MA 01913	Membership Chair
<b>Evelyn Van Uden</b>	2301 Lower Mountain Rd, Ransomville, NY 14131	AKC Delegate

Based on:

**IWCA CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS 11/7/12**

Page 1 of 3

**Article 4. Purpose.**

**SECTION 1.** The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, humane treatment of animals, support of scientific study & research and educational purposes within the meanings of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The specific objectives shall be:

1. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
2. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Irish Water Spaniels;
3. To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of the Irish Water Spaniel;
4. To establish a National Data Base of resource materials about the Irish Water Spaniel;
5. To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
6. To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an AKC recognized Parent Club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
7. To conduct activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes;
8. To otherwise preserve and protect the Irish Water Spaniel and to do all things possible to bring its natural qualities to light, including promoting regional activities and the establishment of local clubs and/or interest/study groups;
9. To urge members and breeders to abide by the AKC's Code of Good Sportsmanship and accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged.

**SECTION 2. Housing Provision.**

The Corporation is not a Condominium Association, nor established under the Condominium Property Act. It is not a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The Corporation is not a Homeowners Association as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure.

**SECTION 3. Non-Profit.** The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues, fundraisers or donations shall inure to the benefit of any individual member.

**SECTION 4. Governance.** The Corporation shall adopt, and may from time to time revise, such Constitution and By-Laws as may be required to carry out the objectives in Section 1.

**Article 5. Dissolution.**

The Corporation may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of dissolution, whether voluntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Corporation, or any proceeds thereof, nor any assets, shall be distributed to any members.

Upon dissolution or liquidation of the corporation the remaining assets of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation (except any assets held upon condition requiring return, transfer or other conveyance in the event of dissolution, which assets shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements), shall be conveyed to a qualified tax-exempt organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, educational, or to protect animals from abuse, purposes described in Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or corresponding provision of any further United States internal revenue law) (the "Code"), for the benefit of dogs, as the Board of Directors of the corporation shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of the general jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such tax-exempt organization or organizations described in Section 501(c) 3 of the Code, as said court shall determine.

**ATTACHMENT C**  
Form 1023, Part II, Line 5  
*Constitution and Bylaws*



Adoption Date: November 7, 2012

## IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA

# CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The **NAME** of the Club shall be the **IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA**.

SECTION 2. The **OBJECTIVES** of the Club shall be:

1. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular;
2. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Irish Water Spaniels;
3. To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of the Irish Water Spaniel;
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7. To conduct activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes;

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9. To urge members and breeders to abide by the AKC's Code of Good Sportsmanship and accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt, and may from time to time revise, such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

Adoption Date: November 7, 2012



## IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA

### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Membership in the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of the Club. The categories of membership are: Regular, Household, Junior, Honorary, and Lifetime. Each of the membership categories (except Honorary and Lifetime) must pay annual dues as recommended by the Board and approved by the membership.

1. **Regular** - Open to all persons 18 years of age or older. Regular memberships enjoy all privileges, including the right to vote and to hold office.
2. **Household** - Open to two adult members residing in the same household. Each member enjoys all the privileges of a Regular membership, including the right to vote and to hold office. Two members can either join the club together as a Household membership, or they may convert two individual memberships to a Household membership when meeting the requirement of "two adult members residing in the same household" upon their next annual membership renewal.
3. **Junior** – Open to children 9 years of age through 17 years of age. Junior members may not vote or hold office. This membership may bypass the normal membership application process

and be automatically converted to a Regular or Household membership (if eligible) when the person turns 18 years of age.

4. **Honorary** A Membership bestowed by the Board upon deserving people as a means of showing respect and honor for their valuable contributions to the club and the breed. Honorary Members do not pay dues and may not vote or hold office. They may, however, opt to pay dues and thus enjoy all the privileges of a Regular Membership, including the right to vote and to hold office. Candidates for Honorary Memberships may be nominated by any Club Member in good standing and must be approved by a 3/4 majority vote of the Board. The nominating Member shall cite examples of valuable contributions for each nominee. Nominations within any Club Year must be made by mail and received by the Corresponding Secretary no later than 60 days prior to the upcoming Annual General Membership Meeting. Upon Board approval, an Honorary Membership will normally be announced and awarded at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

5. **Lifetime** A membership bestowed by the Board upon IWSCA Members with thirty-five or more years of Club Membership whose contributions to the Club and Breed are exemplary. Lifetime Members do not pay dues but enjoy full privileges of Regular Membership, including the right to vote and hold office. Candidates for Lifetime Memberships must be nominated by three Club Members in good standing and must be approved by a 3/4 majority vote of the Board. The nominating Members shall include length of IWSCA Membership and examples of exemplary service for each nominee. Nominations within any Club Year must be made by mail and received by the Corresponding Secretary no later than 60 days prior to the upcoming Annual General Membership Meeting. Upon Board approval, a Lifetime Membership will normally be announced and awarded at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2. **DUES:** Membership dues shall be an amount recommended by the Board of Directors and voted on by the Membership. They shall be due and payable on or before January 1st of each year. Only members whose dues are current may vote. During the month of November, the Membership Director shall send to each member a statement of dues for the next calendar year. Failure to receive such notice shall not excuse non-payment of dues. Any new membership submitted after November 1st shall constitute membership for the next calendar year. For Honorary members, no dues are required unless they elect to pay Regular or Household dues to be eligible to vote and hold office. Lifetime Members do not pay dues.

**SECTION 3. ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP:** Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors, which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution, the By-Laws, the IWSCA Code of Conduct, and the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name and address of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year. Applicants may be elected at any meeting of the Board of Directors or by written vote of the Directors by mail or email. Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board, or 2/3 of the entire Board voting by mail or email or teleconference, shall be required to elect an applicant. An application which has been denied by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next annual meeting of the Club, and the Club may elect such applicant by a favorable vote of 75% of the members present.

**SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:** Membership may be terminated:

1. **By resignation:** Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Corresponding Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the Club and become incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.
2. **By lapsing:** A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the 1st day of the fiscal year; however, the Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.
3. **By expulsion:** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE II. MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held the day before, the day of, or the day after, the Annual Specialty show of the Club; and such Annual Meeting shall be held at or near the site of such Specialty show. If no Specialty show is held by the Club, the Board of Directors shall designate some place and the time, convenient to the majority of the members, where such Annual Meeting shall be held. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be published in the Club Newsletter or mailed or emailed to every member by the

Corresponding Secretary, at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be 10% of the members of the Club in good standing. A quorum shall not be required, however, to count the ballots of the Annual Election.

**SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Special Club meetings may be called by the President; or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board or who vote by mail or email or teleconference; and shall be called by the Corresponding Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held at the place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed by the Corresponding Secretary at least 15 days, and not more than 30 days, prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business may be transacted. The quorum for such meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing.

**SECTION 3. BOARD MEETING:** A meeting of the Board shall held be within forty-eight hours of the Annual General Membership Meeting. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as are designated by the President or by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each meeting of the Board shall be mailed or emailed, if all members are on line, by the Corresponding Secretary at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board voting in person, by mail or email or teleconference. In an emergency, the President may call a Board Meeting with 48 hours' notice, provided that the majority of Officers and Directors may attend. Board meetings may be held by teleconference except for the annual Meeting of the Board in conjunction with the Annual General Membership Meeting.

**SECTION 4.** The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail or by email or teleconference. The Corresponding Secretary shall report to the Board all correspondence received and the Recording Secretary will keep a record of said correspondence. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all business transacted by the Board. The official record shall include the minutes of all meetings, all business conducted by mail, email or teleconference, the exact wording of all resolutions, together with the names of the Officers and Directors who voted to approve and those who voted to disapprove. The official records shall be open to inspection by the members of the Club at any time. The Recording Secretary shall post a report of all Club business in the IWSCA newsletter and electronically, and preserve the report in the Club files.

### **ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board shall be comprised of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Delegate to the AKC and Membership Director, all of whom are members in good standing, have been IWSCA members for three years, have attended at least two Annual General Membership Meetings, and who are residents of the United States. At the Club's first Annual Election after these By-Laws become effective, the Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Director shall be elected for 2-year terms. The President, First Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and AKC Delegate shall be elected for an initial one-year term at the same time and will thereafter be elected for two-year terms at the Club's Annual Election, as provided in Article IV, and shall serve until their successors are elected, with half of the Board of Directors being elected every other year, as specified in this section. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors except for cumulative donations from the General Fund totaling more than \$1000 to any single organization in a 12 month period which must be approved by a majority of the Membership by written ballot cast by mail according to Article IV, Section 2.

**SECTION 2. OFFICERS:** The Club's officers, consisting of the President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities, both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings:

1. The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, in addition to those specified in these By-Laws.
2. The **First Vice President** shall be the liaison to the specialty committees and shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President, in the case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.
3. The **Second Vice President** shall be the liaison to the rescue committee and shall assume the office of the First Vice President if vacated for any reason.

4. The **Recording Secretary** shall keep a record of all meetings of the IWSCA and the Board; of all votes taken by mail, email, or teleconference; of additional nominations to the Board, and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club
  
5. The **Corresponding Secretary** shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify the Board of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, notify Regional Reps of Club approval of supported entries, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws.
  
6. The **Treasurer** shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. S/He shall deposit the same, in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club. His/Her books shall, at all times, be open to inspection of the Board and s/he shall report to them, at every meeting, the condition of the Club's finances and every item or receipt or payment not before reported; and, at the Annual Meeting, s/he shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 3. The **DELEGATE** to the American Kennel Club, following election/approval by the American Kennel Club, shall represent the Club at the American Kennel Club meetings until the credentials of his/her successor, duly elected by the membership, have been acted upon with approval by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club (unless s/he has previously resigned).

SECTION 4. **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** : Shall maintain a roll of members with their addresses, provide current membership data to the Board and newsletter editor, and distribute a Directory of Membership annually to the Membership. S/He shall send out dues renewal notices and collect dues, send the dues collected to the Treasurer, receive and present new member applications to the Board, and notify new members of their election to membership.

SECTION 5 **COMPENSATION and/or REIMBURSEMENT**. No Board Member shall receive any compensation for services rendered to the IWSCA; however, a Board Member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the IWSCA if such expenses were preapproved by a majority vote of the full Board.

**SECTION 6. VACANCIES:** Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next Annual Election for that position by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the First Vice President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of the Second Vice President shall be filled by the Board.

**SECTION 7. BONDING AND INSURANCE** All Officers and Directors shall be indemnified from personal financial liability through the IWSCA purchasing of Directors and Officers Insurance.

**SECTION 8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** Any Board member whose immediate household members or immediate family members or business partners including co-ownerships represent or have any direct or indirect interest in financial or policy decisions facing the Board shall be considered to have a Conflict of Interest. Further, s/he will be prohibited from participating in any decisions involving that entity. Board members in such situations, either personally or through association with household and/or family members or business partners, will reveal their interest, making full disclosure of the same, refrain from any written discussion, and leave the room or teleconference during any discussion period concerning the entity and transaction involved. Board members will also abstain from voting on any matters pertaining to such entity.

#### **ARTICLE IV. THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, & ELECTIONS**

**SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR:** The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The Club's official year shall begin May 1, and shall continue through the following April 30. The elected officers and directors shall take office on May 1, and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days of the annual election (March 31).

**SECTION 2. VOTING:** At the Annual Meeting, or at special meetings of the Club, voting shall be limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for: the annual election of Officers, Delegate, and Directors; amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, the Standard for the Breed, division of regions and dues, and cumulative donations from the General Fund totaling more than \$1000 to any single organization in a 12 month period; which shall be decided by written ballot cast by mail. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail.

**SECTION 3. ANNUAL ELECTION:** In the election of Officers, Directors, Delegate to the American Kennel Club, and the Membership Director, the vote shall be conducted by ballot. Ballots, to be valid, must be received by the Recording Secretary (or an independent professional firm designated by the Board) on or before the date of the Election; this exact date, March 31. Each member will have one vote for each position up for election. The ballots shall be counted by three Inspectors of Election appointed by the Board from the Membership, none of whom may be candidates for office (or by the independent professional firm designated by the Board). The Recording Secretary shall announce the results of the Election by April 15. The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. If any nominee, at the time of the Election, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 4.

**SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS:** No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-Laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen before September 15th. The Recording Secretary shall, on or before August 15th, solicit volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee from the current Members in good standing, none of whom shall be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall then appoint a Nominating Committee of five, representing at least three different Regions as articulated in Article IX, name a chairman for the Committee with the First Vice President acting as Liaison. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, email, or teleconference

1. The Nominating Committee shall nominate, from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each position up for election. After first obtaining consent from the nominees, the Nominating Committee shall submit the list of candidates to the Recording Secretary on or before December 31. The Recording Secretary shall publish the list of candidates in the Club Newsletter and Rattails Only and/or send the list of candidates to each member of the Club by mail, email and Rattails Only on or before January 15. Joint notices may be sent to members residing at the same address.

2. **Additional Nominations:** Additional nominations may be made by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary. Such petitions must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than February 15 and be signed by 5 Members in good standing, at least 3 of whom must reside in separate Regions. Each petition must be accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee, signifying his/her willingness to be a

candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than 1 office, and the additional nominations may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination from the Nominating Committee.

3. If no valid nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before February 15, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Election (March 31), and no balloting will be required.

4. If 1 or more valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before February 15, s/he shall (not later than March 1) mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, with the names of the states in which they reside, together with a blank envelope and an envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary (or independent professional firm designated by the Board) marked "Ballot", and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his/her ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which, in turn, shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary (or independent professional firm designated by the Board) and returned on or before March 31. The Inspectors of Election (or independent professional firm designated by the Board) shall check the returns against the list of members whose dues are paid for the current year, prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters, as well as the results of the voting, which shall be announced by the Recording Secretary no later than April 15.

5. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than provided above.

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1. There shall be Standing Committees to advance the breed in public outreach and education, rescue, health and genetics, breeder education, and judges education. Each committee shall make reports to the membership on an annual basis, with interim reports to the IWSCA Board when requested by the Board. Such committees are subject to the final authority of the Board.

SECTION 2. The Board may, each year, appoint additional ad hoc or standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, hunting tests, obedience trials, trophies, annual awards, membership, and other areas which may well be served by committees. Such additional committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 3. Standing Committees shall be reviewed by the Board at least every three years and be reapproved by a 2/3 majority of the Board.

SECTION 4. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may reappoint those persons whose service has been terminated.

#### **ARTICLE VI. DISCIPLINE**

SECTION 1. **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SUSPENSION:** Any member who is suspended from any of the privileges of the American Kennel Club shall be automatically suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. **CHARGES** Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Corresponding Secretary, together with a deposit of \$50.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board or a committee following a hearing. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the Breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the breed or the Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date of hearing by the Board or a Committee of not less than 3 members of the Board, not less than 3 weeks nor more than 6 weeks thereafter. The Corresponding Secretary shall promptly send 1 copy of the charges to the accused member (hereinafter "Defendant") by

registered mail, together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his/her own defense and bring witnesses, if s/he wishes.

**SECTION 3. BOARD HEARING:** A Board Hearing under this article may be held by videoconference, by teleconference, or in person, at the sole discretion of the Board. The Board or Committee shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board or Committee may, by a majority vote of those present, draft a letter of reprimand and/or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than 6 months from the date of the hearing, or until the next Annual Meeting, if that will occur after 6 months. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board or Committee. Immediately after the Board or Committee has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall, in turn, notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

**SECTION 4. EXPULSION:** Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the Annual Meeting of the Club, following a hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board or Committee, as provided in Section 3 of this Article. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges, findings, and recommendations; and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf. The meeting shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the suspension shall stand.

**SECTION 5. LETTERS OF CENSURE** With or without charges, the Board, by a 2/3 majority, may elect to issue a letter of censure to any member whose actions or conduct are deemed prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or Breed. Should such action be approved, the Corresponding Secretary will draft a letter to be mailed to the offending member within 15 days.

## **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and standard for the breed may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or by written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary, signed by 20% of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the Board by the Recording Secretary for a vote within 3 months of the date when the petition was received by the Recording Secretary.

SECTION 2. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any time, provided a copy of the proposed amendment(s) have been mailed by the Recording Secretary to each member in good standing, accompanied by a ballot on which s/he may indicate his/her choice for or against the action to be taken. The notice shall specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing, by which date the ballots must be returned to the Recording Secretary to be counted. The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return valid ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

SECTION 3. No amendment to the Constitution, By-Laws, or Standard for the Breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION**

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club, nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Club, shall be distributed to any members of the Club; but, after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE IX. Regions**

SECTION 1. Every five years the Board will review the distribution of members in each region and send recommendations to the membership.

**Northeast:** CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT

**Mid-Atlantic:** DE, MD, OH, PA, VA, WV, DC

**Southeast:** AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN

**Midwest:** IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI

**Northwest:** AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

**Southwest:** AZ, CA, CO, HI, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT

## **ARTICLE X. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Report of President
4. Reports of Recording and Corresponding Secretaries
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Reports of Committees
7. Election of New Members

8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business (unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present) shall be as follows.'

1. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting
2. Reports of Secretaries
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Reports of Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. Election of New Members
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**Form 1023, Part IV**  
*Narrative Description of IWSCA Activities*

Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code provides tax exemption for groups organized to *prevent cruelty to animals*, promote the conduct of *scientific research* and *educate the public*. To focus on these purposes, in November of 2012, by an overwhelming vote of the entire membership, the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America (IWSCA) passed a heavily revised Constitution and By-Laws and changed its Articles of Incorporation to reflect its commitment to Charitable purposes.

The IWSCA is an independent corporation and the National Parent Club for Irish Water Spaniels within the American Kennel Club (AKC). We operate Nationally. We are the organization entrusted by the AKC for the preservation, health and welfare of the Irish Water Spaniel. The AKC is composed of around 5000 independent Clubs. Many have chosen to be organized and operate as Public Charities. 622 have a say in AKC policies. Within those, only 167 are Parent Breed Clubs, charged with the stewardship of purebred dogs. Without the oversight of Parent Clubs, many inhumane, abusive, and cruel acts can beset these animals. The Parent Club for each breed must ensure the safety of dogs at risk, recommend and track the health tests best associated with keeping the breed sound, support research and conduct scientific studies into genetics and disease, as well as, educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

Historically, the Irish Water Spaniel (IWS) is believed to be an ancient dog breed. Archeological evidence shows dogs similar to the IWS in southern Ireland in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Century. They can be found in recorded history as early as the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. The Irish Water Spaniel Club of America (IWSCA) was formed in 1937 to preserve and protect the IWS in the United States. Members have always been interested in the soundness and health of the breed. For the rest of the 20th Century the Club grew and became better organized. In 1995 The Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc. was incorporated under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1986 in the State of Illinois. In 1996 it was recognized by the IRS as exempt under Code Section 501(c)(7). Since its incorporation, the IWSCA has worked to serve the public. We have been steadily increasing our Rescue activities, Health and Genetics capabilities and our Public Education tools and events. The vote by our membership to revise our Articles of Incorporation and formally dedicate our organization to charitable purposes was the natural extension of our commitment to charitable purposes and represents decades of work.

Membership in the IWSCA is opened to the public ([see Attached Membership Application](#)). Dues support club operations and are considered contributions. No tangible benefits are offered to members for their dues. We have always been – and intend to remain – an all-volunteer organization.

The IWSCA has developed and maintains a nation-wide dog *Rescue and Re-home Program*. We work to identify IWS in any shelter or in a distressed / potentially abusive living situation. With a core group of volunteers, we coordinate club members around the country to identify, transport, re-train, and/or provide veterinary care to IWS in need. Once a dog is reported or found, we dispatch a member to visit the dog and determine its health, temperament and transportability. As a rare breed, this can often require members to travel hundreds or even thousands of miles. Sometimes we reimburse travel costs. Often members will refuse the offer. If the dog is in need of veterinary attention we will provide it. We try to attain clear title to the animal. Whenever possible, we transport the dog to a safe environment. We assess the dog to see if additional training is needed. If it is, we provide it. When we are convinced the dog is healthy and ready for a new home, we use our national network of members to find one. Usually, volunteers will transport the dog to its new home. If other transportation is needed, we arrange for it. We follow up with the new owners to ensure they have proper food, vet care and training for their

new IWS. We ask those who get a Rescue dog to donate a portion of any costs that may have been incurred. If reimbursement would put a financial burden on the recipient, we waive all fees. We hope over time to raise sufficient resources to allow this program to be run with the income from investments.

**Our Health and Genetics Program** represents potentially our largest area of future growth. In 2001 we produced our first Health Survey; 2008 a Lifespan Study; 2010 a Movement Study, and; 2010-2012 we conducted an on-line, year long, worldwide Health Survey (for full reports please visit: [www.iwsca.org/reports.htm](http://www.iwsca.org/reports.htm)). Using this work, we evaluated response rates, identified the top 10 ailments, age and cause of death, allergies and cancers. We studied the rate of change in these categories over the decade 2001-2011 and published our research in the Newsletters. Last year, based on years of communicating the work we had done to fully understand the IWS population and how it has changed over time, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) agreed to map the genome of the Irish Water Spaniel. This is the first breed-wide study they have undertaken. We intend to work with them to identify phenotypic (physical) characteristics and see how they translate into genetic structures. As an old, rare breed of dog, selective breeding has concentrated both good and bad genetic structures. Because we understand our population as well as we do, we are able to identify such things as a recent increase in certain types of cancers. By using the IWS genome and our understanding of the choices breeders have made, we hope to identify, along with other things, some of the genetic links between what can be observed in physical characteristics and genetic disease.

Statistically, to develop a representational assessment, club members needed to provide thirty blood samples of IWS not related at the grandparent level. This was more challenging than it may appear. Based on the analytic work of our Health and Genetics Committee, we believe there may only be 35 IWS alive in the entire country that meet the NIH criteria. The results of this research will be significant for the IWSCA and genetic disease research. NIH has defined how the dog genome relates to human genetics. NIH will provide the resulting data to leading researchers around the world. Once the initial mapping is complete, the IWSCA and NIH will conduct excursion studies into unique afflictions and characteristics of the IWS. To apply this knowledge, it will fall to the IWSCA to develop genetic tests for its breeders to identify and eliminate many of the genetic diseases found in the IWS. These same tests could be beneficial to all dogs and because of the genetic cross mapping between the IWS and human genomes, may translate immediately into human research.

Currently, the Breeders' Education Committee works with the Health and Genetics Committee to identify the health testing we should conduct and file with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals - a (501(c)3) organization. Last year, the Breeders Education Committee developed and ran a health-testing clinic at our National Specialty. This year the two committees are co-sponsoring genetics seminars. The work of the Breeders Education Committee is funded through dues and donations. The work of the Health and Genetics Committee is supported through restricted donations. Upon the recommendation of the Health and Genetics Committee, over the years, the IWSCA has donated about \$15,000 to the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) - a (501(c)3) organization. Each year, the Health and Genetics Committee reviews the program plans of the Canine Health Foundation and determines if the IWSCA should participate. The IWSCA is ready to support the initiatives of both the Breeders Education Committee and the Health and Genetics Committee using operating funds, and it will be increasingly needed as the emerging science of genetics becomes more accessible.

**Public Education** is one of our primary goals. Making the public aware of our wonderful breed along with helping them learn about responsible pet ownership are key to us. We have four committees dedicated to reaching broad audiences: Public Education and Outreach, Breeders Education, Judges Education, and Electronic Media. Our Public Education takes many forms. First our website allows all our members (and the public) access to the latest information we have on Irish Water Spaniels. We have developed a “Puppy Pack,” (puppy care and raising information applicable to all dog breeds) which is available to the public on our website. We have created detailed course material and invite the public to all of our events. We participate in public Meet-The-Breed programs, making our dogs, Newsletters (see attached samples) and other breed descriptive literature freely available to all attendees. We maintain several Yahoo Lists and invite the public to participate. Through the AKC, we are constantly updating the information available to the public worldwide. Our Public Education efforts are part of operations. With the development of valuable and easily understandable communication material, our spending is increasing on dissemination. We are constantly looking to use electronic media or other means to contain these costs. In the future, we need more transportable and robust booth material for our Meet-The-Breed events at the Javits Center in NYC and Orange County Civic Center in Orlando. These are dedicated Public Education and outreach events. On any given day, 40,000 to 50,000 members of the public could ask or be taught about Irish Water Spaniels. Also, The Breeders’ Education Committee’s multiyear effort to sponsor Nationally renowned speakers continued to successfully develop and produce public seminars: 2010 Dr. Robert Scott Dove (Canine Theriogenology); 2011 Dr. Fran Smith (OFA Test results – Elbows); 2012 CHIC Health Clinics with Dr. Stuart Robson and Dr. Laurel Baglia (Genetic Testing Techniques), and; 2013 Dr. Jarold Bell (IWS Genetics) (Co-sponsored with the Health & Genetics Committee).

Once a year, the AKC asks its Parent Clubs to produce a National Specialty. To a Parent Club, “activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials ...” are opportunities for critical observation. These events offer important, structured environments to assess individual dogs and soundness, structure, muscular development, health, attitude, movement and many other heritable characteristics of the breed as a whole. In other words, these events assure continued welfare of the dogs; they are public education opportunities, and perhaps most importantly, they offer opportunities for scientific research, health testing and are a fundamental part of breed stock selection.

For the IWSCA, this is a weeklong gathering of IWS, their owners, and anyone interested in IWS or any of our training and education programs from around the world. It’s composed of events, programs and fundraisers. To allow the public maximum opportunity to take part, it is located in different US regions each year. A different Committee of volunteers leads preparation at each location. There is a broadly defined rotation from east to west. For example, the last three and the next three were/will be in: Maryland, California, Missouri, Ohio, Utah and Rhode Island. The planning process starts three years before. At any one time, the club is planning and executing at least three different National Specialties.

Since the start of this century, the National Specialty has drawn more participants and usually covers its costs. We have added venues and increased education opportunities. This year we are having two world-class geneticists present seminars. We are also introducing a new program to educate first-time attendees, with special tutorials on events and activities. We consider all this part of our exempt purposes and offer them free of charge. The public is invited to take part in all National Specialty activities.

We have always tried to keep expense to attendees to a minimum. As services increased in price, we have been able to replace commercial vendors with volunteers. Even while holding entrance and other fees flat, or even lowering them, around 2005, the National Specialty started to add considerably to our treasury. Last year we conducted a detailed assessment and Work Breakdown Structure analysis of all the functions a National Specialty Committees can choose to provide (see Attached Work Breakdown Structure). Our largest source for additional funds is an auction fundraiser. We usually hold it at the end of the week, as the last event. All items auctioned off to attendees are donated. We hope tax-exempt status will add to the level of donations and generous giving during the auctions and otherwise.

- 1) Preventing Cruelty to Animals (28% today, 25% in the future; of funds/effort).
- 2) Health and Genetics (24% today, 40% in the future; of funds/effort).
- 3) Public Education (48% today, 35% in the future; of funds/effort).



# Irish Water Spaniel Club of America

Member Club of the American Kennel Club

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you presently own an IWS? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your principal reason for owning an IWS?

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of IWS: \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_ Date whelped: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended by AKC, CKC, or any other registering body? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, indicate the date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ and reason(s) for the suspension(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate possible area(s) of interest within the Club and any expertise you may have, which would be helpful to the IWSCA (show, obedience, tracking experience, computer, financial, legal, etc.)

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I/We wish to join the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America and agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the I.W.S.C.A. and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club. Signature(s) of applicant(s):

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures of two (2) endorsers who must be Club members in good standing:

Signatures: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed names: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

### CLUB OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular; 2. To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Irish Water Spaniels; 3. To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of the Irish Water Spaniel; 4. To establish a National Data Base of resource materials about the Irish Water Spaniel; 5. To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Irish Water Spaniels in particular; 6. To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an AKC recognized Parent Club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs and Irish Water Spaniels in particular; 7. To conduct activities including sporting events, sanctioned matches, specialty shows, hunt and working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the American Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes; 8. To otherwise preserve and protect the Irish Water Spaniel and to do all things possible to bring its natural qualities to light, including promoting regional activities and the establishment of local clubs and/or interest/study groups; 9. To urge members and breeders to abide by the AKC's Code of Good Sportsmanship and accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged.

### MEMBERSHIP

Is open to all who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and subscribe to the purposes of the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America. Please submit completed application form to the Membership Chair with dues payment for the current year.

Dues: Checks payable to IWSCA (payable in U.S. funds)

USA, Canada & Mexico: Individual membership \$25, household membership \$40 (household membership upgrade only available to current members)

Overseas: Same as above but please include additional \$20 to cover international shipping surcharges

Send application with check, payable in U.S. funds, to:

**Jeremy Kezer**  
**86 High Street**  
**Amesbury, MA 01913 USA**

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SEVENTH GENERATION CH, OBEDIENCE TITLED & FIELD TITLED IWS  
FIRST IWS WITH SPANIEL HUNT TEST TITLE  
FIRST DOG IN AKC TO BE TITLED IN TWO FIELD PERFORMANCE VENUES

BREEDER/OWNER: SUSAN SARRACINO-DEIHL & ROBERT DEIHL

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### Conformation, Obedience and Rally

Sept 29-Oct 2 – Wine Country Circuit, Romulus, NY  
 IWSCA Supported Entry Sept 30  
 Show Superintendent: Rau Dog Shows ([www.raudogshows.com](http://www.raudogshows.com))  
 Entries Close Sept 14  
 Contact: Laurel Baglia ([navaroneiws@rochester.rr.com](mailto:navaroneiws@rochester.rr.com))

Oct 20-21, 23-24 – Harvest Moon Classic, Pleasanton, CA  
 IWSCA Supported Entry Oct 23  
 Show Superintendent: M-BF ([www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com))  
 Entries Close Sept 28  
 Contact: Liz Liddle, 530-615-4346 ([bobbiedog@comcast.net](mailto:bobbiedog@comcast.net))

### Agility

Sept 29-Oct 2 – Wine Country Circuit, Romulus, NY  
 Trial Secretary Noreen Bennett, PawPrints Trials ([www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com))  
 Entries Close Sept 10  
 Contact: Laurel Baglia ([navaroneiws@rochester.rr.com](mailto:navaroneiws@rochester.rr.com))

Oct 21-24 – Del Valle KC Beardies, Pleasanton, CA  
 IWSCA Supported Entry Oct 22  
 Trial Secretary: ABBA Dogs ([www.abbadogs.com](http://www.abbadogs.com))  
 Contact: Liz Liddle, 530-615-4346 ([bobbiedog@comcast.net](mailto:bobbiedog@comcast.net))



By Sharon Moreland

## Health and Genetic Committee Health Survey

### *First Look*

The 2010 IWSCA Health Survey is complete, and the numbers show that it was hugely successful. From January to December our Club conducted an on-line survey, collecting data on over 800 IWS worldwide. The survey was developed using experts in canine health, the breed, survey techniques and human learning. It represents a follow-up to a more modest survey conducted in 2000. Among other organizing principles, it was developed to format the data so the IWS can be compared to other breeds. We tracked eighteen major categories of health concerns and eighty-five specific sub-categories. We are confident the survey gives a good representation of all Irish Water Spaniels and are looking forward to using this important information.

Almost all of us have had health concerns for our dogs. The survey will help us put those individual experiences into a proper context. Collectively we will see where our breed can best benefit from specific investments in canine health research and education.

The complete analysis of the survey data will take several months. But the Health and Genetics Committee intends to provide "First Look" Newsletter articles discussing our findings, as they are analyzed. At least three articles are currently planned. This first one will identify the top ten IWS health concerns, both in North America and worldwide. The next article will discuss longevity and causes of death. The third article will put some of our results into a context derived from other breeds, the OFA and previous IWS data collection efforts. Please let H&G Committee members know

what other kinds of results you would be interested in seeing.

#### **Top Ten Ailments of IWS**

One of the major motivators for the 2010 IWSCA Health Survey was to discover which ailments of IWS were the most prevalent so that the IWSCA could place its research funding in the most appropriate area. To that end, the first step of the analysis of the data was to find the ten most frequent ailments of IWS. We have done that analysis for North American (N. Am.) dogs as well as dogs from the United Kingdom (UK) and dogs from Europe, excluding the UK (Eu). This comparison also may give breeders some information that may help them when they consider importing semen or dogs from one geographic area to another.

**Survey Numbers:** The survey resulted in entries for 819 dogs. North American dogs accounted for 507, UK dogs 215, and the rest of Europe for 74 more dogs. Other areas only produced 23 dogs, so those areas will not be used in the analysis presented here. The results for North American dogs is particularly gratifying since we believe that the North American population of IWS is only 1500-1700 animals.

**Healthy Dogs:** The table below breaks down how many dogs were represented in the survey from the three geographical areas listed. The table also indicates what percent of total reported population was identified as healthy with no reported ailments.

Geographic Area	Total Dogs	% With No Illnesses
N. America	507	25% (127)
UK	215	27% (58)
Eu	74	24% (18)
All other	23	35% (8)

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*Health and Genetic Committee Health Survey – continued*

Given that questions were asked about a great many ailments, including many that could be considered minor, it is gratifying that the rate of healthy dogs is about 25%. We will later analyze these results to see if these results are true across all age groups, or if this group is dominated by young dogs.

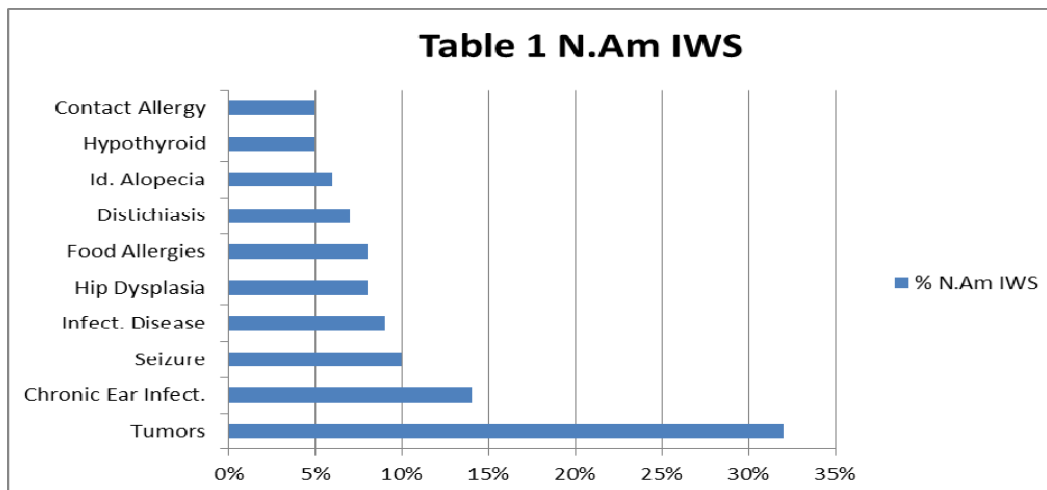
**Top 10:** The following table shows the most frequently reported ailments of IWS in three geographic areas:

<b>N. America</b>	<b>UK</b>	<b>Eu</b>
Tumors	Tumors	Tumors
Chronic Ear Infections	Idiopathic Alopecia	Infectious Disease
Seizures	Cystitis	Idiopathic Alopecia
Infectious Disease	Chronic Ear Infections	Seizures
Food Allergy	Seizures	Chronic Ear Infections
Hip Dysplasia	GDV (Bloat/Torsion)	Atopic Dermatitis
Distichiasis	Infectious Disease	Cystitis
Idiopathic Alopecia	Food Allergy	Contact Allergies
Hypothyroidism	Entropion	Incontinence
Contact Allergy	Hip Dysplasia	ACL Injury

Clearly IWS share some of the same health issues no matter what in what geographic area they reside. However, the frequency of those issues is dramatically different from area to area. Cancer is the major killer of all dogs so it is not a surprise that tumors were the major health issue in IWS. Perhaps more surprising to us is that seizures were reported more often in North American dogs than in dogs residing in the UK and Europe. Idiopathic alopecia (which may include undiagnosed follicular dysplasia) seems more prevalent in Europe than in North America. Gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), or bloat, did not show even a 1% rating in North America, but ranked #6 for the UK.

**Top 10 reported Aliments in North American IWS**

Table 1 depicts rates of the top 10 ailments reported in North American dogs. These percents are based on 507 IWS.





### *Health and Genetic Committee Health Survey – continued*

The ailment most often cited was cancer/tumors at 32%. This is not surprising since cancer is the leading cause of death in all dogs, and has been estimated to be at a rate of 30-35% across all breeds. Therefore, we can assume that the IWS as a breed has an average canine cancer rate.

The second most reported ailment is chronic ear infections at 14%. Chronic ear infections are often thought of as a management problem. If that is indeed the case, we should be able to reduce this rate with better education. Future analysis of the data will explore a possible correlation between ear infections and allergies.

The report that 10% of the North American IWS have had seizures is greater cause for concern. The Health and Genetics committee has been supporting the leading study of the genetic causes of epilepsy (Dr. Gary Johnson, University of Missouri) for a number of years. Finding the mode of inheritance and eventually perfecting a genetic test can result in a much smaller number of effected dogs.

The rate of infectious diseases is also uncomfortably high. Our further analysis into which disease were most represented will give us some understanding on how to reduce this rate. Food allergies continue to be a problem with our dogs. Future analysis of the rates of food allergies correlated to the rates of other immune factors may provide some additional insight into the problem.

The survey found that rates of reported hip dysplasia is at 8%; this rate is less than the 11.9% reported by OFA. This might be a result of some pet dogs with non-symptomatic disease; therefore the owner is unaware that their dog is dysplastic.

Distichiasis was reported in 7% of the IWS residing in North America. The IWS has a rate of distichiasis of about 20% based on CERF records from 1991 to date and 25% within the last 12 years. We have no reports of eye problems in dogs with distichiasis, and in fact, this condition may be an artifact of our curly coat. Idiopathic alopecia, hair loss from unknown causes, continues to be a reported problem. The rate was reported at 6%,

and may include some undiagnosed cases of follicular dysplasia, and perhaps some based on thyroid disease and allergies. The rate of alopecia will be correlated with other factors such as hypothyroidism and allergies in future analyses.

Five percent of dogs in the North American group were reported to be taking supplements for low thyroid. As our analysis progresses, we will see if this survey agrees with OFA, that the genetic form of thyroid disease, Auto-Immune Thyroiditis, is at about 1%.

The 10<sup>th</sup> most reported ailment in North American dogs is contact allergies at 5%. In a later phase of the analysis we will compare contact allergy with others and with other ailments to see if there might be a correlation.

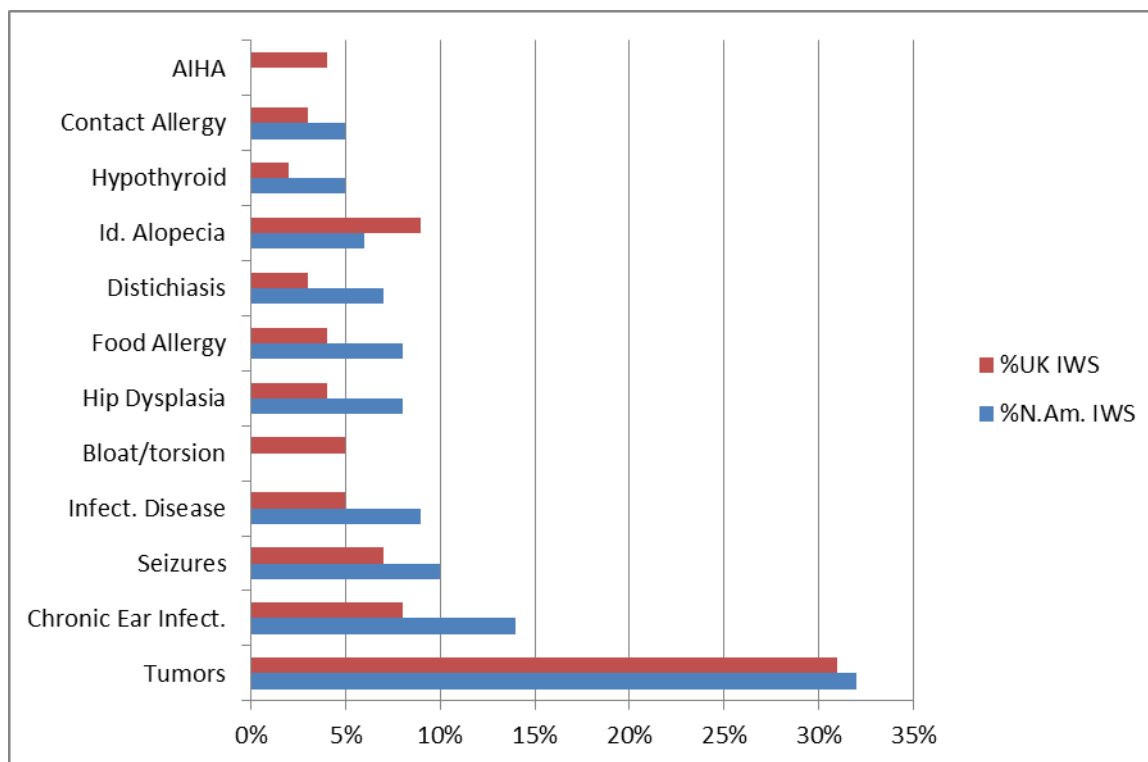
While these 10 most frequent ailments will not be a great surprise to most of us, the percentages of some of these ailments should give us pause. Many of these can only be solved by more critical breeding and, hopefully, by future genetic tests which will make breeding decisions clearer.

#### **North America Compared to the United Kingdom:**

The following chart compares the rates of the North American Top 10 with the rates of same reported ailments in United Kingdom dogs. Additionally, here were two ailments that were reported in the UK dogs that were almost non-existent in N. Am. IWS; they are GDV (Bloat/Torsion) at 5%, autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA) at 4%. Only one IWS from North America was reported to have GDV, and only one reported for AIHA.



### Health and Genetic Committee Health Survey – continued



The rates of tumors between the two populations appear to be similar. However, the UK dogs appear to have only about half of the cases of ear infections as the North American dogs. Seizures appear to be somewhat less frequent in the UK, as are infectious diseases.

The reported hip dysplasia rate was higher (8% versus 4%) in North America than is the UK. This rate difference maybe an artifact of how the rating system for hips differs between the two different rating organizations—OFA in the North America and BVA in the UK.

The rate of food allergies in the North American IWS was reported at almost twice the rate as in the UK IWS. Further analysis of allergies and their relationships to other factors may make clarify the reason for this difference.

Distichia was also more heavily reported in North American dogs, and again, might be an artifact of the differences in the two areas re frequency of eye examinations.

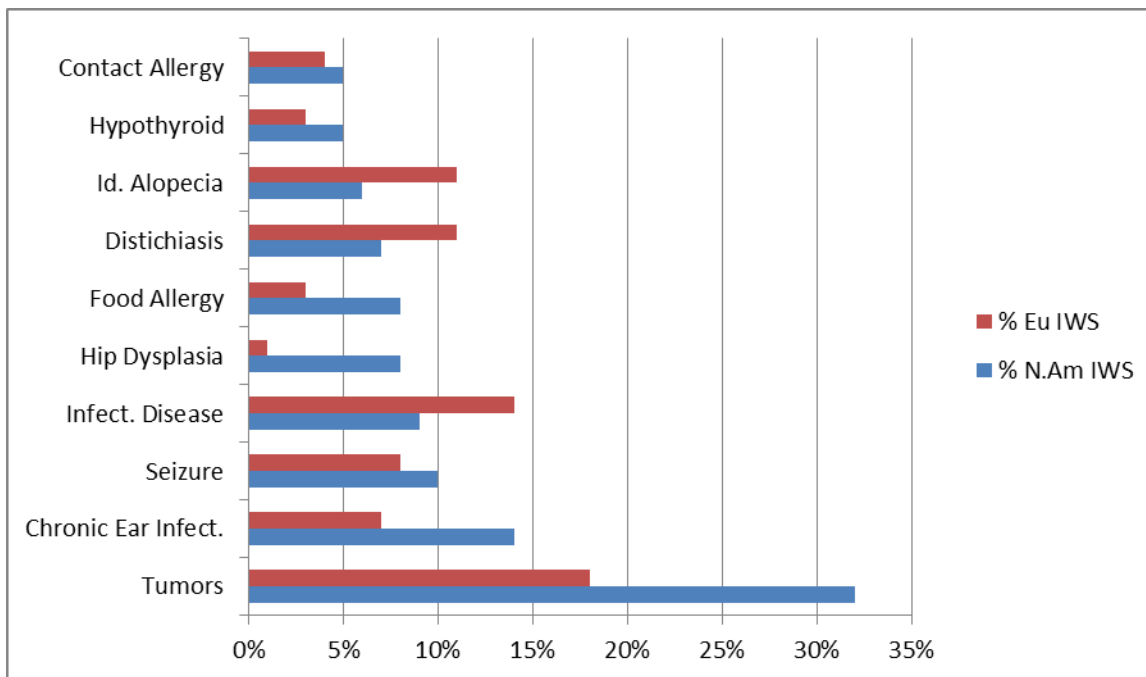
Idiopathic alopecia was reported at a higher frequency in the UK than in North America; hypothyroidism at only about half the rate; contact allergies were reported more frequently in North America. This may indicate that there is no correlation between these three factors, and this will also be addressed later in this study.

#### North America Compared to Europe

The following table shows the rates of the Top 10 ailments for North American dogs compared to the rates for European dogs.



*Health and Genetic Committee Health Survey – continued*



Only 18% of European dogs were reported with tumors, which seems an unlikely result given that the overall death rate from cancer for all dogs is 25%-35%. This reported rate may be the result of the relatively low number of dogs we had to evaluate in Europe. We will do further analysis to determine if the results from this population are statistically significant.

Only in infectious diseases, distichia, and idiopathic alopecia were European dogs reported to have higher frequencies than North American dogs.

**Next Steps:**

“First Look” articles will continue in Rattails, as analysis of the survey data continues. The next one of the series will discuss age of death and causes of death. The Health and Genetics committee welcomes any feedback on this or subsequent articles.

By Sharon Moreland for the Health and Genetics Committee, Laurel Baglia, Chair

**\*\*Errata\*\***

The article on page 17 of the July-August issue of Rat Tails should have been titled:

**Annual Health and Genetics Committee Report for 2010**

And should have been signed:

**Sharon Moreland for the Health and Genetics Committee, Laurel Baglia, Chair**



## CHIC for the IRISH WATER SPANIEL

### IRISH WATER SPANIEL

#### Hip Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation

#### Elbow Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation

#### Autoimmune Thyroiditis

- OFA Evaluation - from an approved laboratory

#### Eye Clearance

- CERF Evaluation - after the age of 24 months








The Irish Water Spaniel became a CHIC breed in April 2008 when 46 IWS were issued the first CHIC numbers. As of August 2011, 146 IWS have been issued CHIC numbers. This is a great participation from our breed because the American Water Spaniel and Field Spaniels became CHIC breeds in 2002 and 2005 respectively and their numbers are 178 and 160.

Advertising members of the IWSCA Breeder Education Committee and AKC Breeder of Merit must have CHIC numbers on all their breeding stock to participate in these programs. It is therefore the IWSCA's goal to encourage all IWS owners to get CHIC certification on their IWS.

How does an Irish Water Spaniel get a CHIC certification number?

1. The tests listed above must be performed.
2. The results must be made public in the OFA database.
3. The dog must have a permanent ID in the form of a microchip or tattoo.

After all four of the test results are published in the OFA database, a CHIC number and certificate will be issued. OFA issues CHIC numbers about twice a month so it can take a couple of weeks before the CHIC number and Certificate is generated. An example of

CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER			
IRISH MIST'S LITTLE MERMAID <i>registered name</i>	SR22187704 <i>registration no.</i>		
IRISH WATER SPANIEL <i>breed</i>	F <i>sex</i>	12/5/2004 <i>date of birth</i>	
 <i>tattoo/microchip</i>	4/20/2008 <i>date of report</i>		
<b>CHIC#: 46020</b>			
REQUIRED TESTS			
ELBOW	OFA	IWS-EL184F24-PI	12/9/2006
HIPS	OFA	IWS-1479E24F-PI	12/9/2006
EYES	CERF	IWS-343 (06,07)	4/29/2007
THYROID	OFA	IWS-TH129/33F-PI	9/13/2007
<b>owner</b>			
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	 Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc.	 Canine Health Foundation A Division of Sunnycrest	
<a href="http://www.caninehealthinfo.org">www.caninehealthinfo.org</a>			

Dogs issued a CHIC number will have a CHIC logo next to the registered name in the OFA database. In addition, the dog's registered name will appear in the CHIC database in the following link. <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/search.html>

Some reasons why a dog is not issued a CHIC number if the owner believes all the appropriate health tests have been performed.

1. No permanent identification. If a NOPI is listed next to a hip, elbow or thyroid score, a CHIC number will not be issued. This will also occur for a CERF submission—you must supply the microchip or tattoo number on the white sheet that is sent back to CERF. If for some reason the microchip number and/or tattoo number was omitted from the OFA hip, elbow and thyroid form, you can fill out a VERIFICATION OF PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION FORM (which can be found on the OFA website) to submit the permanent identification info to OFA. The form must be signed by a veterinarian who verifies the permanent identification.
2. The CERF exam was performed prior to 24 months. This seems to be the most common reason that a CHIC number has not been issued for an IWS.
3. The owner has not allowed enough time after the scores are published in the OFA database for a CHIC number to be issued. The CERF numbers can be found in the CERF database at <http://sunnycrest.vmdb.org/CERFVerify/>. The CERF office uploads the newly issued CERF number and the updated submissions to the OFA database a couple times a month. The CHIC number cannot be issued until the CERF number appears in the OFA database.

I am the IWSCA liaison to OFA/CHIC. Please contact me if you have a problem with the OFA database, questions about CHIC, CERF, test results, etc.

Laurel Baglia, PhD  
IWSCA OFA/CHIC liaison

## How "CHIC" Are You?

Obtaining a registration with the **C**anine **H**ealth **I**nformation **C**enter means you have invested in the health of the Irish Water Spaniel.

The CHIC and OFA open data bases helps us track health trends, determine breeding choices and is the fundamental tool for protecting the future of this rare breed.

In 2008 the Irish Water Spaniel became a CHIC breed. The IWSCA supports it, Health & Genetics recommends it, and the BEC requires it.

To reach the goal of testing 100% of our Irish Water Spaniels the BEC will post a list of upcoming clinics where you can get a discounted rate on testing.

## Are you CHIC yet?

These dogs have received their CHIC certification in 2011 (to date). The BEC congratulates their owners for investing in the future of the Irish Water Spaniel.

### Congratulations to 2011's "CHIC Picks"

Whistle Stop's The Wind Moriah	70493	Ballyhoo's Kurre O'quiet Storm	71872
Poole's Ide Who'd A Thought It	70494	Realta's Irishtafarian	72251
Curlyco Arctic Storm	70495	Aquashores Saracen Falling Waters	72534
Muddy Waters Plotline O'birdhill	70654	Poole's Ide Corteo Du Tidemark	72535
Whistlestop Journey To Freedom	70759	Grainne's Tibbot D'lochs	72912
Cuchulain's Cindy Lou Who	71067	Saracen Golden Eye	73927
Cuardach Seek New Shores	71377	Claddagh's The Beat Goes On	73928
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### UPCOMING HEALTH CLINICS – reserve a place today

#### SEPTEMBER

#### Saturday, Sep 3, 2011

Durham Kennel Club Show Health Clinic  
NC State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham Building  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
Registration 8:30am to 4:30pm/Clinic hours 9:00am-5:00pm  
WALK-INS ONLY  
CERF/Thyroid/Microchip/Tattoo  
For complete information: <http://www.durhamkennelclub.com>

#### Sunday, Sep 11, 2011

Delaware Valley Havanese Club All Breed Health Clinic  
Canine Creature Comforts  
81 Lancaster Ave  
Malvern, PA 19355  
(610) 296-8407  
CERF \$41/Hips: \$65/Elbows \$55  
Pre-registration w/payment is required before September 6th

#### Saturday, Sep 17, 2011

Pet Wellness Clinic Health Clinic Location  
4848 South College Ave, Suite B  
Fort Collins, Co 80525  
Time: 9:00am-1:00pm  
CERF \$40.00/Elbows \$35.00/Hips \$55/Thyroid to MSU \$30  
Hips & elbows done without sedation

#### Sunday, Sep 18, 2011

Scott County Kennel Club All Breed Health Clinic Location  
Preemption Vet Clinic  
1706 Highway 67  
Preemption Illinois 61276  
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm  
CERF \$20/Thyroid \$80  
Pre-registration is required and must be received by 8/31/11  
Contact information: Karen Pouder, 309-269-9004  
Forms available at: [www.scottcountykennelclub.org](http://www.scottcountykennelclub.org).

For more information about THE CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER visit  
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## THE IWSCA WORKING TESTS



## FOR UPLAND

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### New Membership Applications



Dee Briggs 1412 Swissvale Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15221 917-860-7446 dee@deebri.gsstudio.com Owns: Quiet Storm Speak Easy (Rowan) Endorsed by: Dan Sayers & Dede Selph	Amy Hardwicke & Gene Dembawski 507 W Briar Place Chicago, IL 60657 312-882-0204 ahardw1947@cox.com Owns: Orlagh Endorsed by: Susan Sarracino-Deihl & Pat Morton	Al Houde 5 Edgecliff Lane Stafford, VA 22554 540-288-8044 gunsmithgwp@aol.com Endorsed by: Dede Selph & Judy Goonyep	Suzanne Zondler & Phil Zack 1975 E. Linda Vista Avenue Ventura, CA 93001 626-372-2432 su-zanne.zondler@sbcglobal.net Endorsed by: Jim Rubin & Michelle Cummings	Karen Zoppa 72 Scotia Street Winnipeg, MB R2W 3W9 CANADA k.zoppa@uwinnipeg.ca 204-582-2224 Owns: Muddy Waters Stir It Up Endorsed by: Victoria James & Diane Wacker
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### Submission Deadlines

Issue	Deadline
November – December 2012	October 15, 2012
January – February 2013	December 17, 2012



By Jim Rubin

## President's Message

*September-October 2012*



After more than three years of painstaking work, the Board has voted to send the recommended changes to our Constitution and By-Laws to the Membership for ratification. Among other things, these changes expand our Board, stagger our terms of

office and lay the foundation for important future IWSCA growth and capability. We hope you will vote to accept them.

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and their Chair: **Lynn Musgrave, Greg Johnson, Dana Louttit, Debbie Bilardi, Kim Kezer, and Jack McDaniel**. Thank you for all your hard work. Please see Lynn's article discussing the changes in more detail, later in this Newsletter.

Dr. Elaine Ostrander, Ph.D., leader of the Dog Genome project at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has agreed to map the IWS genome. I'm convinced this will be a huge benefit to our dogs by putting them at the forefront of genetic research throughout the world and helping us access leading treatments and knowledge. **Dr. Laurel Baglia, Ph.D.**, Chair of our Health and Genetics (H&G) Committee is leading our effort. Dr. Ostrander has also agreed to speak at next year's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Specialty in Ohio to tell us what she and her team will have learned about IWS. So make your plans to attend this very special Specialty, now.

Our wonderful dogs continue to excel from coast to coast—and across the Atlantic—through exploring both new (see the Upland and other Field work discussed later in this Fall Hunting Edition) and old venues including Agility wins,

titles and qualifications, and Best in Shows, group wins and placements. In some cases, success seems to be a “family affair.”

**Jen and Liz Weaver** both qualified for the USDAA Cynosport Nationals, Jen with both Brag and Dare, and Liz with Quasi. Liz also qualified half-sisters Quasi and Toro for the AKC Agility Invitational. **Stephanie O'Reilly** qualified for the Agility Invitational as well, with two half-siblings, Clark and Glider. This dynasty comes from Stephanie's Scout, very likely the most titled dog in our breed, with a MACH, 4 PACHs and a NATCH in Agility, among her many other titles, and will no doubt soon be joined at national competitions by Ryan, also owned and trained by Stephanie and out of Scout's daughter Liberty, a dog who has made history herself by winning an Agility Warrant (Silver) in England, the first and only IWS to do so. Clark just picked up Master Century (MXC) and MACH 4 titles, the first IWS to earn these awards. Glider continues work toward her MACH. The Keegan-Moriah litter bred by **Colleen McDaniel** and **Stacy Duncan**, Annah, Riley, Claire, Merlin and Bella are equally amazing. Claire was the first IWS to take a Best in Show in Sweden since 1978. Annah won our national following in the paw prints of her father with Riley and Bella receiving Awards of Merit. Two months earlier, Merlin got the successes rolling by winning the Group at Crufts. Congratulations to breeders and owners alike, for records to be cherished; some we may not see again. Thanks for such terrific breed promotion.

**Dan Sayers**, after years of writing our column in the AKC Gazette, is stepping down. Our Gazette column was one of those wonderful things that just appeared, perfectly written, technically accurate, and balanced. Regardless of the topic, Dan always enlightened us. He would cover issues from appearance to health to temperament and performance. His immense love and understanding of our breed was clear in every piece. Thanks Dan. No single person could replace him. But **Colleen McDaniel** has formed a Committee (currently **Patrice Dodd** and **Jill Brennan** with **Emily Pikul** as their Board Liaison). They have published their first article.




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*President's Message – continued*

Please give it a read and let them know what you think.

You may have already noticed, with this edition of the Newsletter, the front and back covers are no longer paid ads. There are still plenty of advertising opportunities within the Newsletter. But with the growing success and size of the Newsletter, we need to use the cover space to help organize the editions with headlines and themes. Please see **Annette Mora's** (Editor) comments later in this Newsletter and keep passing her your articles and ideas.

August's warm weather redefined the Dog-Days of Summer for IWS. Easterners from Maine to Florida gathered to celebrate their first Regional Specialty. It was fantastic. Five days of conformation, punctuated by drinks and food around the pool, a silent auction, grooming, meeting new friends and shopping. I'm sure next year will be even better. Out West, IWSCOPS and the Canadian National Clubs gathered. Their events were marked by Gun Dog and PeeWee Matches, along with the usual western hospitality and camaraderie. Despite some scheduling conflicts, attendance was high and a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all the participants and winners. Thanks to those who made these wonderful events possible—especially, **Karen and Rick Mulkearn** who put the inaugural Virginia Specialty together.

This year looks to be our last Wine Country for a while. The Northeast wants to move the Supported Entry to a new location. Entries will have closed by the time this Newsletter reaches

you. But entered or not, consider stopping by Sampson State Park, Romulus, New York, September 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The IWS-family has had many happy memories at these shows and we owe most of them to four members: **Mary Su & Richard Turner, Pat Welch** and her mother **Jean Gallagher Welch**. Pat and Jean before her have made sure the Kennel Clubs remember the water spaniels. Mary Su and Richard have hosted us at "Loop 5" and regardless of rain, snow, mud or beautiful, crisp autumn days, guaranteed there was plenty of food and a warm, welcoming campfire where conversations started early and lasted into the wee hours. A yearlong labor of love, trophies and awards were always well done and donated by the Turners. Thank you very much.

**Ellen MacDonald** and **Marilyn Cantrell** will lead this year's Meet The Breeds at the Javits Center in New York City, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Last year was really fun; see the article later in this Newsletter. The success of this event hinges on our pet-members. For the personality of our dogs to be seen by the public, we need lots of dogs; its hard work standing on a grooming table and greeting/kissing all those passers-by. This is a great opportunity for pet members to help the club and meet others in the breed. Please let Ellen or Marilyn know when you can bring your IWS by our booth.





By Susanne Hogan

## Water Spaniels with Experience

### *The Economy and the IWS*



Over the past year, I have been mildly surprised to see a number of IWS subjected to poor living conditions, then moved into Rescue situations because of the economic situation of their families. Ultimately, with the dogs that I have seen, the families opted to surrender the IWS to a shelter or family for future care as they could no longer ensure that care for themselves, much less their dog. In each case, the dogs were underweight with the need for health care and grooming. In my experience, this is a new event in the IWS community and merits at least a mention.

The current economic downturn in the United States does have an impact on our dogs and our community. This has been eye-opening for me and I believe we all need to be conscious that, perhaps, our IWS in need may be more prevalent in local shelters than in the past. Vigilance of our breeders and their contractual connection to the IWS they place is a tremendous advantage to us but may not always guarantee that we can keep track of each IWS. Sometimes, for various reasons, owners do not contact the breeder to allow them to intercede for their dog. As I have identified breeders and sought them out, they have been very cooperative and we have worked together to the best interests of the IWS.

To address some of the concerns on IWS in need, Rescue will be formulating an effort to enhance our shelter communications and reach out to the shelter community with sound information about identifying our dogs and the assistance Rescue can provide for them. Over the next few months, the Rescue Team will be formulating a plan and will solicit your participation.

### *Current Activities*

Rescue has been busy with both shelter interactions and applicant reviews over the past few months.

We assisted and placed two girls one from a shelter and one from a home that offered her shelter from a bad owner situation for the past year. In both circumstances, the original home met with economic problems that did not allow continued care for the Irish Water Spaniel they had owned since a puppy. Both girls are now thriving in existing IWS homes and continue to improve.

IWS members in the Southeast are visiting and interviewing two new applicant Rescue homes. We hope to add them to our list of qualified adoption families for any Rescue IWS or to assist any IWS breeders who are looking to place one of theirs. Both homes are new to the IWS and, as such, Rescue likes to ensure that they are fully aware of IWS characteristics, activity level, and other considerations in volunteering to take one of our dogs into their families. Our support network is always ready to help with a home visit and we appreciate them greatly.

An update from our Rescue boy in Florida from 2010 brought news that he continues to bring joy to his home and has shown continued improvement in his initial health concerns.

A recent contact through one of our breeders brought news that a Rescue puppy placed 13 years ago succumbed to old age recently. The home has become so enamored with our wonderful Irishers that they are anxiously awaiting



### *Water Spaniels with Experience – continued*

a puppy from a breeder to fill the void left by the loss of their Rescue IWS.

As we included in our last IWSCA Newsletter column, Sally Lewis of California has agreed to join our Rescue efforts. We welcome her talents and enthusiasm.

*Introducing our new West Coast Coordinator – Sally Lewis*



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I got my first Irish Water Spaniel, River, in 2004 after having Setters for 35 years. I quickly found that these irresistible Irishers captivate and challenge like no other dog. Together with my partner, Lois MacDonald, I now have three IWS, including one from the first litter we bred. I am

currently concentrating on conformation and agility with my girls.

A couple of years after getting River and concurrently joining IWSCA, a young bitch was identified as a possible IWS in a Southern California shelter. I volunteered to go check her out and decided that yes, she was an Irish Water Spaniel although she was so matted and dirty she was barely recognizable. After she was spayed by the shelter, I picked her up and fostered her for a few days before shipping her up to Colleen McDaniel. She was so frightened that she could barely walk, and I called her “KD” for Kennel Dog.

About a year later, I received photos of a lovely bright-eyed smiling Irisher, “Katie,” with her forever mom. Knowing I had been a part of that happy ending was one of the most rewarding moments of my life.

I work as a Veterinary Technician after going back to school and retraining following a long career as an IT Project Manager for Disney. My life is about animals round the clock! Rescue is a good fit for me and I am happy to help.



By Marilyn Cantrell

## Call for IWS in New York City, October 20-21, 2012



IWSCA Family,

AKC's Meet the Breeds in NYC will be Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21 at the Javit's Center. Coordinators for the IWSCA's booth this year are Ellen McDonald and Marilyn Cantrell - email and phone below. Check your schedules and let us know if you can participate.

**NO** experience necessary! If you have an Irish Water Spaniel, are willing to show him (her) off, talk to the public about IWS, and/or have time to hang out...we WANT you!!! Whether you can spend a few hours, half a day, or the entire day, we would love for you to join us.

What do you do? The public strolls through the rows of dogs (and cats on the other side) meeting the different breeds and asking questions. We will have a 20' x 10' booth with 2-3 grooming tables set up for the dogs "on stage" and 2-3 crates for the dogs "taking a break." Take a look at this link to see last year's event: [http://www.akc.org/meet\\_the\\_breeds/2011photos.html](http://www.akc.org/meet_the_breeds/2011photos.html)

We had an absolutely awesome group of IWS and their "parents" last year. And, it was lots of fun! I hope everyone will come again!!! We also desperately need more dogs and people so it isn't too tiring for anyone.

If you know of anyone with an IWS might be interested in attending with their IWS, or meeting an IWS in person, please tell them about this event. It is a huge party.

Again, check your calendar and let us know if you can join us. Please let us know as soon as you can! Any questions, ask Ellen or Marilyn. Hope to see you in NYC!

Best,

Ellen and Marilyn

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PS: If you can't make it to New York, there is always Orlando on December 15-16 for the Eukanuba Meet the Breeds.





By Laurel Baglia

## CHIC List as of May 2012 to September 1, 2012

MOLE END INCANDESCENT	81041
MOLE END BREAKING THE WAVES	81042
MOLE END ONE AND ONLY	81043
JAYBREN'S RIONACH O'COOMARA	81336
COOMARA'S HINDSIGHTS TWENTYTEN	81337
BALLYHOO'S LIGHT MY FIRE	81787
POOLE'S IDE AT LAST	81942
CHANTICO'S ISLE OF CELTIC DEW	82165
WHIPCORD BORN TO FLY	82166
NAVARONE'S BACK IN BLACK	82404
CHANTICO'S RISING TIDE	82405
CAT'S 'N' CAVAN TRISTAN O'TYNAN	82406
BLACKTHORN'S MOLLY MALONE	82661
CHANTICO'S ON LAND OR SEA	82662
MALLYREE BREACADH AR KTAADN	82906
CHANTICO'S CAMELOT	83000



5 month old Ballyhooligan male puppy available  
Born on St Patty's Day (03/17/2012)

Name: *Ballyhoo's Quail Of A Time*

Sire: Am/Can CH Saracen Hard Scrabble, CD JH JHU  
Dam: CH Ballyhoo's Janne O'Bachlach, CD RN JH U-SHR  
CGC

Contact: Dede Selph 703-272-8339 dedeselph@aol.com



By Lynn Musgrave

## Constitution and By-Laws Changes

Dear IWSCA Members,

Included with this newsletter is the amended Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Board. This document is the result of three years of work by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and is pre-approved by AKC Club Relations (though the AKC must officially approve it following the vote to approve by you—our Membership).

Enclosed with the new draft is your ballot for approval (along with instructions for voting). The entire document is up for approval; so many Articles and Clauses are interdependent that a piecemeal approval would be virtually impossible.

Many of the Amendments are minor—officially adding email and teleconferencing as approved means of meeting, voting, and communication. In addition to including electronic communication, our Committee was tasked with a number of issues; others arose along the way. Specifically, those include:

- moving to two-year terms for the IWSCA Board
- establishing a staggered schedule for elections of Board positions to assure continuity
- establishing a date-specific nomination/election timeline to permanently separate elections from annual meetings and national specialties along with aligning Board terms with the official club year (May 1-April 30)
- developing a conflict of interest clause for Board members
- including letters of censure under Article XI Discipline
- adding a secretarial position (moving to Recording and Corresponding Secretaries) to reduce the burden placed upon one individual and articulating division of those duties throughout the document
- codifying (requiring) Bonding and Insurance for the club and the Board
- limiting the amount of donations that may be approved by the Board or members at AGMs to \$1,000.00. Donations exceeding that amount must be approved by the entire Membership.

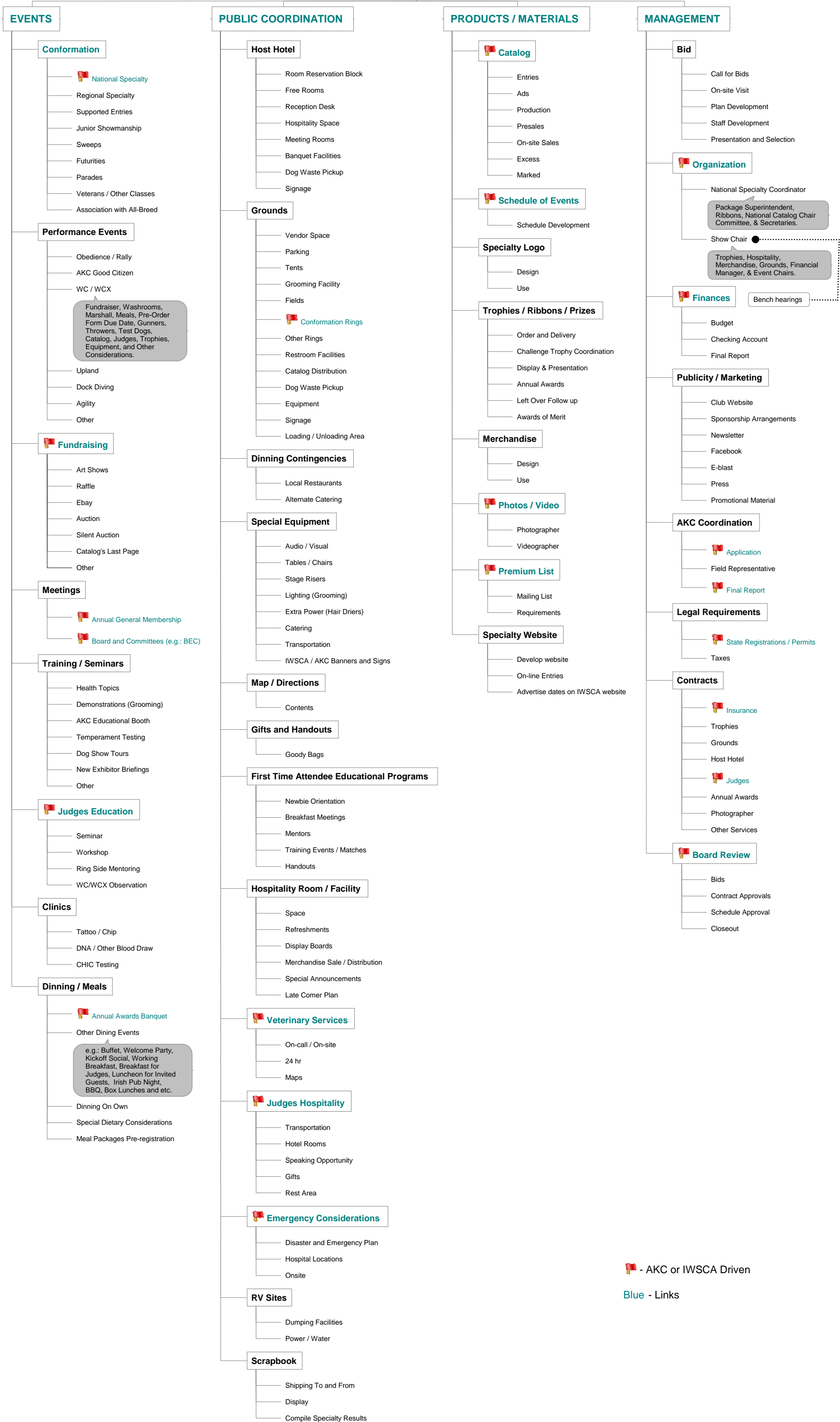
- adding a Lifetime Membership category
- amending Article I (Objectives) of the Constitution to satisfy IRS requirements for any future application by the Club to be granted 501 (c)(3) status

The proposed amendments include all of the above—and more. For the purposes of comparison, the current Constitution and By-Laws along with a complete red line mark-up may be viewed in the Files Section of RattailsOnly and on our website. If you belong to the RattailsOnly Yahoo list, you know the amendments are open for discussion. While our Committee is available to answer questions, only the Board may request changes; so if you have concerns, these should be addressed to the Board.

With abundant thanks to past and current members: Grattan Foy, Greg Johnson, Debbie Bilardi, Kim Kezer, Dana Louttit, and Jack McDaniel—and to the Board for entrusting us with this process and approving the amendments,

Lynn Musgrave, Chair, Constitution and By-Laws Committee

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY**



**ATTACHMENT E**  
Form 1023, Part V, Line 1a  
*Compensation*

Name	Title	Mailing address	Compensation amount (annual actual or estimated)
<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>	<b>Membership Director</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Evelyn Van Uden</b>	<b>AKC Delegate</b>	<b>19755 Highway 113, Custer Park, IL 60481</b>	<b>none</b>

**ATTACHMENT F**  
**Form 1023, Part V, Line 3a**  
*Names, Duties, Qualifications and Work Hours*

Name	Duties	Qualifications	Avg work (hr/wk)
R. James Rubin	President, Shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President, in addition to those specified in the By-Laws.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Naval Academy Graduate w. MBA in Finance.</li> <li>• Runs a management consulting company he started in 1985.</li> <li>• Two Decades in the Irish Water Spaniel (IWS) breed.</li> <li>• Served the IWSCA as both President and First Vice President.</li> <li>• Attended and worked on several National Specialties.</li> <li>• Served on numerous Committees and sits on other non-profit Boards.</li> </ul>	10
Helen Howard	First Vice-President, Shall be the liaison to the specialty committees and shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President, in the case of the President's death, absence, or incapacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 years in AKC Sporting Dog Events (of which, 23 with IWS).</li> <li>• AKC Pointing Judge since ~1994. Judges Education events.</li> <li>• Attended 17 National Specialties. Chaired and Co-Chaired Specialties, Supported Entrees and Committees.</li> <li>• Founding member and former 3 term President of the Gordon Setter Club of Greater Atlanta and Corresponding Secretary of the Field Spaniel Club of America.</li> </ul>	5
Patricia A. Welch	Second Vice-President, Shall be the liaison to the rescue committee and shall assume the office of the First Vice President if vacated for any reason.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate of St. Louis University.</li> <li>• Worked part time for the Assistant Dean of Facilities for Cornell's Agriculture and Life Sciences College.</li> <li>• Life time member and held numerous office positions at Ithaca Dog Training Club and Finger Lakes Kennel Club.</li> <li>• At IWSCA held all of the offices except treasurer. Began informal rescue as IWSCA secretary.</li> <li>• Was honored with the Gaines Medal award, Tri-States Stewards Association.</li> </ul>	5
Sandra L. Ascot	Treasurer, Shall collect, receive and deposit all monies due or belonging to the Club in a bank approved by the Board. His/Her books shall, at all times, be open to inspection of the Board and s/he shall report to them, at every meeting and at the Annual Meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had tax training through H&amp;R Block for 10 years.</li> <li>• Passed the IRS exam to represent clients during an audit.</li> <li>• Was Partner in restaurant and in commercial real estate company. Currently, own plant and garden nursery.</li> <li>• IWSCA Treasurer since 2010. Same position 1992 - 1996.</li> <li>• Was IWSCA club president 1996 to 1998.</li> <li>• Club secretary 1998 to 1999.</li> <li>• Co-chaired the IWSCA 1992 Specialty and was the fundraising chair for the 1992, 2004 and 2007 Specialties.</li> </ul>	10
Emily Pikul	Secretary, Shall keep a record of all meetings of the IWSCA and the Board; of all votes taken; of additional nominations to the Board, and of all Club ordered matters. Shall notify: members of meetings, the Board of meetings, officers and directors of their election to office, and Regional Reps of Club approval of supported entries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was Geography major with a concentration in environmental studies.</li> <li>• Worked 7 years for Ben &amp; Jerry's, Natick, Mass. Managed store for 5 years. First store in Ben &amp; Jerry's history to be top ten in all three sales categories.</li> <li>• IWSCA Member for over five years.</li> <li>• Started showing dogs at the age of 7 at the National Specialty. Showed dogs in every group for 9 years.</li> </ul>	8
Jeremy Kezer	Membership Director, Shall maintain and provide a roll of members to the Board and newsletter editor, and distribute a Directory of Membership annually to the Membership. S/He shall send out, collect and deposit dues renewals to the Treasurer; shall process new member applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Engineer and Team Lead at a high-tech company in Burlington, MA. Have significant experience managing and working with people across organizational boundaries.</li> <li>• Runs a photography business, focused mainly on dog performance and competitions.</li> <li>• Within the IWSCA, have been the Membership Director for several years, and also the Chair of the Code of Ethics Committee.</li> </ul>	5
Evelyn Van Uden	AKC Delegate, Shall represent the Club at the American Kennel Club meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owned/operated all breed training school in western NY.</li> <li>• Started showing in obedience over 30 years ago.</li> <li>• Lifetime Member and President of local Kennel Club.</li> <li>• Served as chairman for the Gaines Eastern Regional Obedience competition.</li> <li>• Was judge throughout USA and Canada, including IWS Specialty.</li> <li>• Served on the IWSCA board in various positions.</li> </ul>	3

**ATTACHMENT G**  
Form 1023, Part V, Line 5a  
*Conflict of Interest Policy*

**Any Board member whose immediate household members or immediate family members or business partners including co-ownerships represent or have any direct or indirect interest in financial or policy decisions facing the Board shall be considered to have a Conflict of Interest. Further, s/he will be prohibited from participating in any decisions involving that entity. Board members in such situations, either personally or through association with household and/or family members or business partners, will reveal their interest, making full disclosure of the same, refrain from any written discussion, and leave the room or teleconference during any discussion period concerning the entity and transaction involved. Board members will also abstain from voting on any matters pertaining to such entity.**

**ATTACHMENT H**  
**Form 1023, Part VI, Line 1b**  
*Services and Funds To Individuals*

**From time to time, in the furtherance of our exempt purposes we give restricted grants to other charitable organizations (see [Attachment M: Grants to Organizations](#)) and for-profit entities like shelters and transfer kennels.**

**ATTACHMENT I**  
Form 1023, Part VIII, Line 2a  
*Legislation*

**In its 75 years, the IWSCA has not paid any money for lobbying or to influence Legislation. Out of an abundance of caution and in case we are called to defend ourselves, in 2009 we established a Legislative Fund. Currently, we have no plans to expend these funds. In the future, should the need arise, we will file a Form 5768.**

**ATTACHMENT J**  
Form 1023, Part VIII, Line 3a  
*Gaming Activities*

**On occasion a member will voluntarily make a quilt and donate it to the club. They are beautiful, intricate pieces depicting Irish Water Spaniels. So that everyone, regardless of financial means, has equal access to these pieces, tickets are offered free of charge. A small donation is requested. Volunteers distribute tickets and collect donations. All returned ticket stubs are assembled and similar to a door prize, the winner of the quilt is randomly selected.**

**Should we engage in charitable gaming in the future, we will comply with all Form 990 filing requirements, State and Local laws.**

**ATTACHMENT K**  
Form 1023, Part VIII, Line 4a & d  
*Fundraising Programs*

**To support our charitable purposes, we ask for donations and support. Our primary fundraising activities are at our Annual National Specialty (described in our Narrative in Part IV of the 1023). All fundraising programs are conducted by volunteers. Donations are solicited for our annual auction. Sometimes support will be sought for a particular program or event. As a convenience, logo merchandise is made available to our members. From time to time, a particular piece (statue or medallion) will be made for fundraising. For example, to commemorate our 75th Anniversary a pewter medallion is offered for a \$30 donation, the cost per unit is only \$6. There is quite a bit of interest in supporting this fundraiser. All fundraising takes full advantage of any means of communicating possible: interpersonally; electronically, or; through the mail. If approved as a Public Charity, government and corporate grants would be actively sought.**

**In 2013 we hold our National Specialty in Wilmington, Ohio. We will only conducted fundraising for our organization and no other organizations have raised money for us.**

**ATTACHMENT L**  
Form 1023, Part VIII, Line 11  
*Contributions*

**For our auctions we accept artwork, memorabilia and miscellany. We prefer it be related to Irish Water Spaniels and/or dogs. Donors provide a good faith estimate of fair market value. Usually, no conditions can be imposed by the donor. Once, donated artwork was specifically earmarked to fund a Thyroid Study (charitable purpose). But this is discouraged.**

**ATTACHMENT M**  
**Form 1023, Part VIII, Line 13**  
*Grants to Organizations*

As a small organization, our efforts are occasionally limited to contributing to larger groups. Generally, we have limited our grants to 501(c)3s with charitable purposes similar to ours or recognized experts. For example, we supported the Rabies Challenge Fund a 501(c)(3) studying the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines. \$2,300 was awarded over three years with an additional \$1,000 provided in 2013.

We support the Canine Health Foundation (CHF), another 501(c)3 dedicated to preventing, treating, and curing canine disease. These grants amounted to \$15,000 over 3 years (2001, 2003 & 2007). Each year we review the studies the CHF plans to support and our Health and Genetics Committee recommends whether we should allocate a portion of our grant money to a particular study.

We spent \$3700 to conduct a Thyroid Study with Dr Jean Dodds of Hemopet. The Report was published in our Newsletter (see Attached excerpt).

In support of their Rescue and Public Education programs we voted, at an Annual Meeting to award a grant of \$5000 to the National Animal Interest Alliance, another 501(c)3.

We asked Dr. Jerold S. Bell to conduct a genetic assessment of our breed for about \$1500. Attached is the contract and questions we developed for him to address.

As a Public Charity, we hope to build larger assets and establish closer relationships with the organizations we fund. With the National Institutes of Health genome mapping of the IWS, we should have more specific concerns and interests, and will organize & conduct excursion studies. These future, collaborative efforts should be distilled to writing and will have a structured monitoring process to provide greater oversight.



By W. Jean Dodds, DVM

## 2011 Hemopet Report for the IWS Thyroid Study Project

W. Jean Dodds, DVM  
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The following report summarizes our findings for the IWS Thyroid Study that began shortly after my presentation at the IWSCA 2006 National Specialty. Florence Blecher generously donated \$500 to cover the initial set-up charges for the study. Our study has gathered data in 2 ways and is ongoing.

### Background

Blood samples are submitted to us using the special Hemopet IWS Test Request Form and pricing [\$55] plus the required IWS-Hemopet Thyroid Study Questionnaire. OFA Thyroid Registry testing is also offered [\$85] and requires a completed and signed OFA Thyroid Registry Form and separate \$15 check made out to OFA. At the 2007 IWSCA Specialty, the IWSCA Breeders' Committee authorized a \$20 subsidy per dog, thereby reducing lab fees to owners. All submissions and results are kept strictly confidential; findings are only provided to the owner of record and their veterinarian. Only aggregate data summaries are released and made available to the IWSCA and its committees.

Thyroid study data from MSU thyroid profiles, IDEXX/ Vita-Tech in Canada, and Texas A & M University have also been entered into our database when accompanied with a completed IWS-Hemopet Thyroid Study Questionnaire.

IWS are also enrolled in the collaborative genetic study with Hemopet and Dr. Lorna Kennedy, Centre for Integrated Genomic Medical Research, University of Manchester in the UK to identify the genetic DNA MHC/DLA markers associated with thyroiditis in the breed. There are two published papers to date on this research [Kennedy LJ, Quarumby S, Happ GM, Barnes A et al. Association of canine hypothyroid disease with a common

major histocompatibility complex DLA class II allele. Tissue Antigens 68:82-86, 2006; Kennedy LJ, Hudson HJ, Leonard J, Angles JM, et al. Association of hypothyroid disease in Doberman pinscher dogs with a rare major histocompatibility complex DLA class II haplotype. Tissue Antigens 67:53-56, 2005.] We are an author on the 2006 paper.

To participate in the UK DNA study, we need 3-6 mL of whole blood in EDTA [LTT] sent along with a signed informed consent. All submissions to the UK for this study are anonymous.

All test submission forms and questionnaire are available from the [www.iwsthyroidstudy.com](http://www.iwsthyroidstudy.com).

### Current Findings

When we began, we determined that the definitive data base needed to establish the norms and prevalence of hypothyroidism in IWS would ideally require 200-400 healthy dogs of varying ages and both sexes -- females not in estrus, coming into estrus, pregnant, or lactating. Since beginning the study in June 2006, we have enrolled 437 IWS.

Since mid-August 2006, 124 IWS whole blood samples have been submitted to Dr. Kennedy for the UK Thyroiditis Genome Project.

Congratulations to those IWS supporters for this impressive effort!

We have entered results and questionnaire responses for 437 dogs. Samples were received from the US, Canada, England, Holland, Finland, Sweden, Australia, and New Zealand.



2011 Hemopet Report for the IWS Thyroid Study Project – continued

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR HEMOPET IWS THYROID STUDY**

# IWS	Testing Lab	THYROID STATUS * †			
		Normal	Hypothyroid	Equivocal	Autoimmune Thyroiditis†
231	Hemopet/Antech				
185	Hemopet				
17	MSU				
2	Antech Other				
1	Vita -Tech				
1	Texas A & M				
<b>Total 437</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

\* results status not categorized by testing laboratory to maintain anonymity. † 9 dogs had elevated thyroid autoantibodies and 6 of these were hypothyroid; 2 dogs also had Addison's disease; 24 hypothyroid dogs received thyroxine therapy.

**Summary of Findings for Thyroid Function Testing**

**These results indicate that 15.8% (69 of 437) of the IWS tested were hypothyroid.** Some of these hypothyroid dogs were subsequently retested after being placed on thyroxine therapy, but they were only counted once in the database. Seven dogs tested in the equivocal category and need to be retested in another 4-6 months. [Note: in 2007, 8% of the IWS tested were hypothyroid. In 2008 that number was 13.5%. In 2009 that number increased to 16.8% although it decreased slightly in 2010 to 15.4%. For this 2011 report, 15.8% of the total number of IWS tested were hypothyroid.]

**Nine dogs were diagnosed with autoimmune thyroiditis** based upon finding elevated levels of either T3AA, T4AA or TgAA [i.e. T3 or T4 autoantibody, or thyroglobulin autoantibody]. [Note: in 2007, 3 dogs were diagnosed with autoimmune thyroiditis. In 2008 and 2009, that number increased to 5 and 7 dogs, respectively. For 2010, the total increased by one dog to 8, and increased again to 9 for this report. The latest case had extremely high thyroglobulin autoantibodies, which reflected the early acute inflammatory phase of this thyroid destructive process.

**Two dogs had Addison's disease** (autoimmune hypoadrenocorticism).

As autoimmune endocrine disorders have a heritable basis, the above thyroid testing data support the need to actively screen all IWS breeding stock, in contrast to earlier assumptions that IWS are at relatively low risk for developing hypothyroidism.

Review of the data collected so far indicates that the normal reference ranges for IWS typically fall within those limits established by us for other medium-sized breeds.

**Summary of Findings for UK Thyroiditis Genome Project**

Of the 124 IWS samples submitted to Dr. Kennedy to date, 101 have been genotyped (82 healthy control IWS and 19 thyroiditis/ hypothyroid cases). This includes one pair of siblings where one is affected and the other healthy. These DNA Study blood samples were collected throughout North America and sent frozen in dry ice from Hemopet to Dr. Kennedy's lab in the UK. This is part of Hemopet's contribution to her collaborative research study.

Dr. Kennedy's findings to date showed that like some breeds studied, but in contrast to some other breeds, the IWS does not appear to have a strong association between their MHC (Major Histocompatibility Complex) genes and hypothyroidism. None the less, the results listed in



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*2011 Hemopet Report for the IWS Thyroid Study Project – continued*

Tables 1 and 2 show an interesting increase between the IWS case vs. control groups at DLA (Dog Leukocyte Antigen) Haplotype 8 (23.5% of cases vs. 5.3% of controls). Additional characterization of the IWS population found no increase in the number of hypothyroid IWS that carried the haplotypes 3, 5 and 10, which were previously found linked to hypothyroidism in several other breeds with the gene DLA-DQA1.

While the IWS as a breed does have several DLA class II haplotypes that carry the rare DQA1\*00101 genetic marker allele associated with affected dogs of other breeds, none of the affected IWS cases had this haplotype. In contrast, a different haplotype was raised in the 19 IWS cases. The frequency of the hypothyroidism risk allele in the IWS breed as a whole group has been estimated by Dr. Kennedy to be at 25%.

Further definitive conclusions about these IWS hypothyroidism gene associations will require more samples of healthy and hypothyroid IWS. Dr. Kennedy estimates needing another 48 healthy control and 48 hypothyroid IWS to screen their DNA with the new higher density more powerful genomic array. With the cooperation of the IWSCA and IWS owners, we can and need to make this happen! Currently, the continuation of this study is being financed through the generous donations of three individual IWS fanciers.

To confirm this finding, we need to send more blood samples to the UK from affected thyroiditis/hypothyroid IWS to determine if this is the significant associated haplotype. If this finding is confirmed, then the thyroiditis marker in IWS has been identified.

This important research should benefit the health and longevity of all future IWS.



# Veterinary Genetic Counseling

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**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB OF AMERICA, AND  
 JEROLD S BELL, DVM DBA VETERINARY GENETIC COUNSELING**

Dr. Bell will present a 3 hour genetic health seminar to the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America in the morning of Wednesday, April 17th 2013 at Eukanuba Hall in Wilmington, Ohio. In preparation for the seminar, Dr. Bell will review questions and materials forwarded by the Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, including a computerized pedigree database, disease information, and any information pertaining to a breed health questionnaire. Dr. Bell will contact any researchers identified by the club to be working on health issues pertaining to the Irish Water Spaniel breed, and will explain in laymen's terms any specific facts or recommendations based on the current research. Dr. Bell will also research any other genetic disorders reported in the breed, and report his findings during the seminar.

The seminar will cover genetic diversity in the breed, the popular sire syndrome, and genetic disorders affecting the Irish Water Spaniel, with updates from conversations with any pertinent researchers. If the club has conducted a breed health survey, it will be analyzed in relation to what is seen in the field. The talk will cover the different types of genetic tests, their availability, and their proper use. It will include breeding recommendations to manage different types of genetic disorders. A question and answer period will close the seminar.

The seminar will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation prepared specifically for the breed. Dr. Bell will provide the computer and video projector. The club will provide a projection screen, projection stand (or table to place the projector), extension cord, podium, microphone, and pitcher of water.

The club has the right, and is strongly encouraged to videotape the presentation, duplicate it, and distribute or sell copies to interested breeders or owners as it sees fit. Most show videographers will tape health seminars as part of their show contracts. Dr. Bell will retain no rights to the video or the fees generated from its sale.

The fee for this contract is \$700 plus travel. Travel would include parking and round trip airfare from Hartford-Bradley, a rental car, gas, and Tuesday night hotel accommodations at the host hotel. Payment will be made the day of the seminar.

The signing of this proposal by both parties indicates an acceptance of this contract.

*Jerold S. Bell, D.V.M.*

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12-31-12

Date

*R. J. Rubin*  
 Irish Water Spaniel Club of America, Inc.  
 R. J. Rubin  
 PRESIDENT  
 IWSCA

1/3/13  
 Date

## **Genetic Questions We Want Answers To (We Think)**

**Diversity and Coefficient of Inbreeding:** We are aware of a recent study of mitochondrial DNA in Poodles, which produced the result that Poodles are not genetically diverse enough for the breeders to eliminate major health problems in the breed. Is this result valid? Can any such statement be made, or hopefully refuted, for IWS?

Is restraining IWS breeding to those with a CoI below 20 sufficient to ensure that we retain what genetic diversity we have? Are there better methods to ensure diversity? How might we decide what level of CoI is appropriate with IWS? What's wrong with using COI alone or as the major consideration when selecting a breeding pair.

**Other breed outcross:** What would be the result on our breed's diversity with a single outcross? How many generations of backcrosses would be necessary to bring those dogs to the same level of diversity as the general population? What might be the advantages and disadvantages of such a single cross being included in our breeding?

**Genetics of Behavior:** We breeders have a significant problem with producing dogs that are fearful and shy. We understand that these characteristics exist in most/all? Breeds but we seem to have a larger proportion of our dogs that suffer from these conditions. What is known now about the genetic basis and inheritance of these disorders? What research could be done to increase our knowledge of the inheritance?

**Elbow Dysplasia:** We have rather recently become aware that IWS have a significant problem with elbow dysplasia. We estimate 25-27% of our dogs are effected? Since our population is quite small (approximately 1500 in North America) we have officially taken the position that breeding a DJD1 dog is appropriate as long as that dog is bred to a clear animal. Should we be eliminating any dogs with DJD

from our breeding population? What is the likelihood of a genetic test for DJD in the near future? Even with a test, would it be wise to eliminate all dogs with the genes from the breeding population?

**Alopecia:** Many IWS develop alopecia (the loss of hair ... usually along the back). Our Health and Genetics committee believes that most of this type of alopecia is Follicular Dysplasia. Work on IWS Follicular Dysplasia in Europe indicated that it is genetically dominant. The alopecia seen in the US is typically not dominant. Are there other genetic condition which might produce this type of alopecia? If so, how is those conditions inherited? How can we avoid it in our breeding programs?

**Epilepsy:** We do not see a clear pattern of inheritance in IWS with epilepsy. How could we improve our understanding of the inheritance of this condition to help eliminated it?

**Aggression:** What is now known about the genetic basis of aggression? What is known about the pattern of inheritance?

**Hunting Drive:** Are there genetic markers that may have been found in common with IWS and other hunting/retrieving bird dogs. Is there anything genetic related to hunting drive.?

**Personality:** There are dogs found in humane societies who have been badly abused or lived on their own without a pack, who nonetheless come through with tails wagging and a trusting spirit. But others are effected for the worse by such treatment. These differences do not seem to be breed specific. Is there a genetic link to forbearance?

**Bite:** What is known about the genetics of a dog's bite. "Common knowledge" is that the length of the upper and lower jaws is controlled by different genes, and those characteristics can be inherited separately. Is this true? Is a "parrot jaw" (where the lower jaw is significantly shorter than the upper jaw) genetic or developmental? What controls the size of teeth? How should breeders manage these issues? Is there any relationship of bite with a kink in the tail? What causes a kink in the tail? Is it a simple developmental issue or does it indicate something more serious?

**ATTACHMENT N**  
Form 1023, Part IX, Section B, Line 8  
*Depreciable Assets*

**Computer (\$469)**

**ATTACHMENT O**  
Form 1023, Part X, Line 6b, (ii)(a)  
*Disqualified Persons*

**For Purposes of This Application, 5-years of Officers Represent Disqualified Persons (All Amounts Estimated)**

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<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>R. James Rubin</b>	<b>Jack McDaniel</b>	<b>Jack McDaniel</b>	<b>R. James Rubin</b>	<b>James Brennan</b>
Line 1 (Contributions)	\$ 76.65	\$ 77.32	\$ 77.16	\$ 84.65	\$ 66.90
Line 2 (Fees)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Line 9 (Admissions)	\$ 70.27	\$ 55.63	\$ 43.49	\$ 100.45	\$ 53.10
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<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Sandy Ascot</b>	<b>Sandy Ascot</b>	<b>Sandy Ascot</b>	<b>Sandy Ascot</b>	<b>Michelle Cummings</b>
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<b>AKC DELEGATE</b>	<b>Evie Van Uden</b>	<b>Evie Van Uden</b>	<b>Evie Van Uden</b>	<b>Evie Van Uden</b>	<b>Susan Tapp</b>
Line 1 (Contributions)	\$ 76.65	\$ 77.32	\$ 77.16	\$ 84.65	\$ 66.90
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Line 9 (Admissions)	\$ 70.27	\$ 55.63	\$ 43.49	\$ 100.45	\$ 53.10
<b>MEMBERSHIP CHAIR</b>	<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>	<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>	<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>	<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>	<b>Jeremy Kezer</b>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>ALL</b>
Line 1 (Contributions)	\$ 536.58	\$ 541.24	\$ 540.12	\$ 592.57	\$ 468.33
Line 2 (Fees)	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Line 9 (Admissions)	\$ 491.91	\$ 389.42	\$ 304.44	\$ 703.17	\$ 371.67
<b>LINES 1, 2 &amp; 9 TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,203.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,105.66</b>	<b>\$ 1,019.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,470.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,015.00</b>

**Form 1023 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Public Support Test for 509(a)(2) Organization [Part X, Line 5h]:**

REVENUE LINES from Part IX	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
Line 1 (Contributions)	\$ 28,362.11	\$ 28,608.23	\$ 28,549.20	\$ 31,321.46	\$ 24,754.35	
Line 2 (Fees)	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 8,920.00	\$ 9,435.00	\$ 10,535.00	
Line 9 (Admissions)	\$ 26,000.89	\$ 20,583.77	\$ 16,091.80	\$ 37,167.54	\$ 19,645.65	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED FROM DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS</b>						
Line 1 (Contributions)	\$ 536.58	\$ 541.24	\$ 540.12	\$ 592.57	\$ 468.33	
Line 2 (Fees)	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	
Line 9 (Admissions)	\$ 491.91	\$ 389.42	\$ 304.44	\$ 703.17	\$ 371.67	
<b>REVENUE LINES WITHOUT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS</b>						(f) Adjusted Totals
Line 1 (Contributions)	\$ 27,825.53	\$ 28,066.99	\$ 28,009.08	\$ 30,728.89	\$ 24,286.02	\$ 138,916.52
Line 2 (Fees)	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 8,685.00	\$ 8,745.00	\$ 9,260.00	\$ 10,360.00	\$ 45,675.00
Line 9 (Admissions)	\$ 25,508.98	\$ 20,194.35	\$ 15,787.36	\$ 36,464.37	\$ 19,273.98	\$ 117,229.03

<b>Adjusted Totals</b> Sum of (Lines 1(f),2(f),9(f) Above)* =	\$ 301,820.55
Total Revenue (Part IX, Page 9a, Line 13(f)) =	\$ 309,611.00
Public Support % =	97% <b>PASS</b>
Needs to Be More Than =	33%
* Reference: IRS, <i>Instructions for Form 1023</i> , page 15, "Line 5h"	