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## Irish Terriers!

Big thanks to Hattie and Bruce Good for sharing their love and knowledge of the breed at our recent meeting. Not only did we learn a lot about an interesting breed, they brought puppies for us to see, touch and love on!

The picture above, kindly shared by Hattie, is of Jake (GCH Kincora's Quillayute Sun)(on left), Aednat (Ch Kincra's Quillayute Moon (in center) and Kenna (Kincora's Chinook Wind (on right), showing Bruce the beach. Looks like a handful, right? They look ready for anything. More pictures on subsequent pages give you an idea of just how gorgeous these dogs are. Bruce says they are intelligent and maybe, sometimes, stubborn. Show me a dog that isn't!

### Editor Needs YOU

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This newsletter is for the members of the HRKC, and we'd like to include YOUR news, brags, events and pup pictures (pups of all ages!). Please send your stuff to Marie at [hrkcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hrkcnews@yahoo.com).

## [HRKC.org](http://HRKC.org)

The new website is up and running! Same URL/address, but the new host/interface is easier to manage, so please - send me good stuff to post up there for the world to see!

Send items to [hrkcnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hrkcnews@yahoo.com), or via the link on the Contact Us page. Be sure to include your name, dog names (and, if more than one dog, identify who is who please).



Kenna (Ch Kincora's Chinook wind) after winning a 4 pt major at Marymoor Park ATCWW Show



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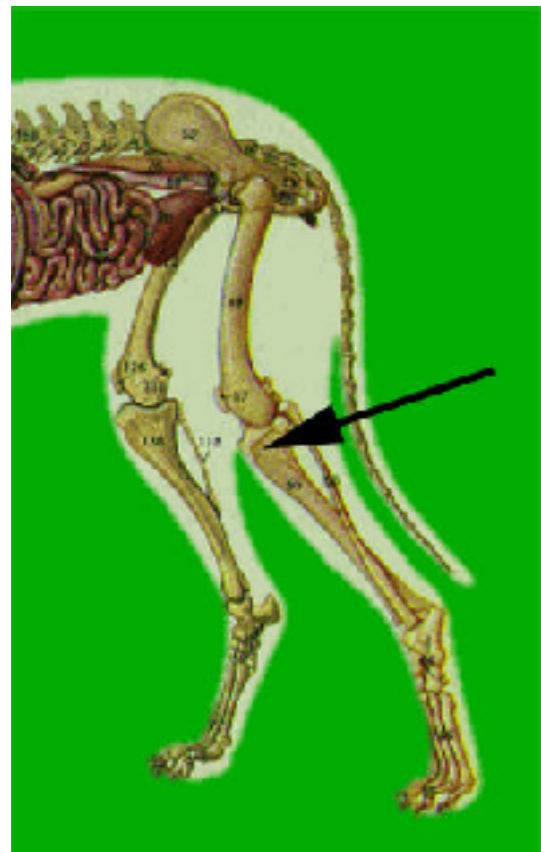
# Acupressure for Bloat It Simply Works

By C.A. Krowzack, DVM\*

In February of 1998, the Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association (GLIWA) held their annual meeting. The meeting is an occasion for fellowship of the members, the club attends to business and also hosts a speaker on a special topic. In the past it has been obedience, therapy dog training, and this year the topic was acupuncture. Dr. Debbie Mitchell gave an overview of what acupuncture is, its history and its medical uses. Then, using a member's dog, showed the participants several acupuncture/acupressure points that they could utilize. One point was to stimulate gastrointestinal motility to combat bloat.

This week at my clinic, a GLIWA member brought her wolfhound in for an examination. During the night Quinn had begun experiencing discomfort. He sleeps in the bedroom with his owners. The husband had worked a long day and was asleep, but the wife was awakened by the restless behavior of Quinn. When she petted him she found his abdomen severely enlarged and hard to the touch. She knew it was bloat, but didn't know what to do. She is a small woman, and Quinn a large dog. She remembered the acupressure point Dr. Mitchell had shown and began massaging it. Within a few minutes, Quinn began passing "a lot of gas" and his abdomen became smaller and softer. The husband and wife brought Quinn in the next morning to make sure he was all right, and because he had diarrhea.

On examination, Quinn was completely normal. He was not experiencing discomfort upon palpation, and no abnormalities beside the diarrhea could be found. Because she remembered the acupressure point, the wife had saved Quinn's life. The acupressure point is on the hind leg. If you start at the hock, on the front of the leg (anterior) you can feel the tibia. Move your hand up the leg along the tibia's sharp crest; what in



humans would be called the shin. As your hand approaches the stifle, or the "knee" the crest becomes very pronounced and then curls around to the outside (laterally). Just inside this curve is a depression. The acupressure point is in this depression. An acupuncturist might insert a needle into this spot, or inject a liquid, but, as Quinn's owners will attest, massaging also stimulates the point. The gastrointestinal tract starts to contract and move (peristalsis) and expels the built up gas before torsion can occur. If torsion has occurred, massaging the spot will not help.

I don't recommend this procedure instead of veterinary treatment, but begun early, or on the way for veterinary treatment, [it] can save your hound's life!

\* Pictures and text from [http://www.iwane.org/acp\\_point\\_v2.htm](http://www.iwane.org/acp_point_v2.htm)

*For further information on acupressure points in dogs, [Lucky Dog Health \(http://www.luckydoghealth.com/dogacupressurechart.htm\)](http://www.luckydoghealth.com/dogacupressurechart.htm) has some diagrams and a list of ailments, associated acupressure points and physical location of the points. There are also YouTube videos; just search under "acupressure for dogs" and you'll find lots of resources. Like everything else on the web, caveat emptor!*

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# USDA Canine Food Pyramid



**Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club**  
**General Meeting**  
January 18, 2017  
Jan Gould, Presiding

The Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club general meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on January 18, 2017, at the Prairie Grange Hall in Sequim, WA. Officers present: Jo Chinn, Treasurer, Deborah Dowd, Secretary. Directors present: Jan Garrison, Anne Andritsch, and Jan Gould.

**Roll Call:** The following members attended the meeting: Joe Larson, Steve Chinn, Marie Hooper, Ashley Johnson, Bruce Good, Hattie Good, Susie Metzger, Bill, Metzger, Ron Fye, Polly Sarsfield, Lorraine Shore, and Nancy Field. There was one guest: Vicki Hutchinson Niederkorn.

**Program:** Bruce and Hattie Good discussed the Irish Terrier breed and brought two of their young dogs for the club members to enjoy.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the December 2016 meeting were approved as written.

**Report of President:** None.

**Report of Secretary:** Anne will continue sending cards on behalf of the Club and has recently sent cards to Christie Martinez and Carolyn Money. Members are welcome to contact Anne for this or any other matter.

The AKC has been notified of the Club's 2017 officers.

**Report of Treasurer:** The account-current report.

We received a refund of our security deposit for the rental of the building for our Christmas party.

We have paid the AKC application fees and sent the judges' information to the IRS.

We have paid the new website host for three years.

**Report of Committees:**

*All-Breed (July 28, 29, 30, 2017):* Joe Larson reported that he has four judges for 2018. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Peter Greene, Beth Swigert, Ken and Eva Berg, and Dana Cline be hired as the judges for 2018.

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound wanted to include their specialty.

With help and manpower from the School District, the access from day parking will be paved before the show.

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club has not finalized the Fast Cat coursing activity.

***A/R/O (June 2, 3, 4, 2017):*** Steve Chinn reported that the applications have been sent in.

He is looking for the judges for 2018.

The premiums and poster are nearing completion.

**Unfinished Business:** The Club honored Joe Larson's many years of effort on behalf of the Club.

**New Business:**

***Brags:*** Joe Larson got winner's dog with a major and handled his dog himself.

Vicki Hutchinson Niederkorn took 2 – 100s and 2 – 99s in Rally

Ashley Johnson took 3d place in the Port Angeles 5K Mud Run with her Irish Terrier

Nancy Field has a new black-and-tan wirehaired dachshund puppy "I Spy Benjamin's Kite." Call Name Franklin.

Jan Gould and Sparrow are featured in Terry Ryan's International Training classes painting with paws.

The question of refreshments for the General Meetings will be sent to the Board.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Dowd





Fly & Keegan (aka Ch Kincora's Flight of Fancy & CH Kincora's Chelan Thunder)