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## IWANE Sweepstakes 2025

My sincere thanks to the show committee for the invitation to judge sweepstakes. I thoroughly enjoyed the hounds, the day, and the spirit and atmosphere of the show. Someone new to the breed and showing could do no better than attending this event. My thanks also to those who supported me on the day, the organization, consideration, and gentle steer were spot on. Finally, to the exhibitors, many thanks for the privilege of going over your hounds, all were well presented, and though modest in number gave me plenty to think about. Where considering alternatives I sought to prioritize movement, as even in a young hound I look for those moments when they come together and give you a glimpse of what might be. As always, I came away having learnt something. Thank you.

## Dogs

### Junior Dogs 6-9 Months

1<sup>st</sup> No.7 Pinehurst O'Lugh Dire Straits Owner: Andrea and Michael Dormady

Young male with lovely outline, flowing topline and good sweep to his underline. Excellent bone and balanced front and rear. Well ribbed back. Pleasing head and expression. Overall, very balanced for such a young dog. Did not really find his stride moving but given his construction I don't doubt that he will. Very promising pup.

2<sup>nd</sup> No. 5 O'Lugh's Duff owner: Patricia Strait, Andrea Dormady

Six to nine month pup not quite as balanced as 1. More typical of a male this age in that the flow is not quite as even, nice sweep of the neck into the shoulder but a little high over the loin as the topline moves towards the rear. Elbows well set under providing for a good angle into the chest, shoulder could be set back a little further. Rear is strong though he is a little high in the rear now, which is not unusual for the growth at this age. His movement was somewhat constrained which with maturity and better balance front and rear should improve.

### Junior Dogs 9-12 Months

1<sup>st</sup> No.15 R Noble Raifeartaigh's American Spirit Owner: Joe M and Kathy Roland

Tall young boy very much in the mold of the 'large greyhound type' which shows that great sighthound outline. Powerful on the move, reaching and driving. The word 'raw' comes to mind with him, in that he suggests a promising frame that he needs time to grow into. With width and fill he has the making of a lovely hound.

## Senior Dogs 15- 18 months

1<sup>st</sup> No. 21 Hops-N-Hounds Into The Mystic Beckett Owner: P. & B. Hersch, J. & C. Schaeffer

Substantial male that moved well, reaching out with purpose. Pleasing profile, with a nice sweeping topline. Underline lacked a little tuck. Front and rear angulation was sufficient without being exaggerated. Broad throughout. A promising young male that would benefit from being in lighter and harder condition, this would improve his underline and allow him to demonstrate more of the potential he has. **Best of Opposite.**

2<sup>nd</sup> No. 23 Carnasserie R Noble Yeats Owner: Betsy Daly, Joe Roland

Young male with nice sweep to his underline, strong topline though angle of the neck into the shoulder interrupts the flow and sweep of the topline. The shoulder is too upright which is the underlying reason for this. The rear has strength and breadth, but he could use more angulation. Pleasing head and expression with well set rosed ears.

## Bitches

### Junior Bitches 6-9 Months

1<sup>st</sup> No.6 Pinehurst O'Lugh Joan Jett Owner: Andrea & Michael Dormady

Beautiful young bitch with perhaps the best topline of the morning, especially for such a young pup. Matched with pleasing underline, lovely overall profile. I would like a little more angle in the upper arm, lovely head and expression, already showing muscle, good width in the thigh. Ran very close for best in sweeps.

### Junior Bitches 9-12 Months

1<sup>st</sup> No. 10 O'Murchadha's Gra'Ngabhor Owner: Pamela Murphy

Lovely houndy bitch, moved into the ring with purpose, great reach and drive, extending both in front and behind. Lovely arch to her neck, flowing into a strong shoulder well set back. Good topline with rise over her loin. On occasion she stacked with her rear too extended which compromised her topline. Elbow could be set a little more back. I appreciated the combination of the sighthound outline with the width and strength she showed, especially on the move. **Best in Sweepstakes.**

2<sup>nd</sup> No. 12 R Noble Carnasserie Star Spangled Girl Owner: Joe M. and Kathy Roland

This young lady powered into the ring, full of energy. Classic sighthound head with lovely, rosed ears, strong neck moving into a shoulder that is a little too far forward. Balanced top and underline moving into a strong rear and nice broad thigh. I would like more of an angle in her front, but you cannot deny the power and drive of this girl.