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BIO:

I became involved in dog showing 46 yrs ago. We had great success with our first breed Afghan Hounds owning two Crufts group winners and breeding Crufts BIS winner 1987 Ch Viscount Grant. We became involved with Irish Wolfhounds in 1987. We started with a male from the Drakesleat kennel. Drakesleat Odyn, who became our first champion. Since then, we have owned/bred 30 champions. 9 Afghans and 21 Irish Wolfhounds. In Wolfhounds we have bred the current overall breed CC record holder Ch Sade Paris and the current bitch CC record holder Ch Sade Prudence. I have been fortunate to judge the breed at CRUFTS/ IWCA/ EIWC/ WORLD SHOW/ and IWC (twice) plus many other lovely shows around the world. It's an honour to be invited to talk about our breed. I look forward to it very much.

IRISH WOLFHOOUNDS FROM 1900 TO THESE DAYS, INTERVIEW WITH MRS. NAGLE (SULHAMSTEAD) AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UK

Abstract:

Our breed has been very fortunate. Mrs Nagle who had been a pillar of the breed since 1912 was still with us into the 80's, so we had someone who was still active and able to give a perfect insight into the breed and changes through to the 80's. Her thoughts and fears for the breed should always be seen as valuable tools to help us in the future. Not many breeds are as fortunate. With this in mind has the breed changed for good or bad? In what way? Have we kept true to the standard? Is our breed still bred to be able to do the job it was meant for? We have been involved with the breed for 38 years. We were fortunate to be friends with people who were very close to Mrs Nagle. One in particular Sheila Kemp entrusted us with a 3hr interview she did with Mrs Nagle. The tapes were a valuable source for the book Mission Accomplished. I feel it would be useful to talk about whether some of her fears for the breed have come to pass.