

IW HEALTHGROUP REPORT FOR 2014

2014 was a very productive, but also very challenging year for the Group. Losing Jean Malley was a significant loss to us in so many ways. Although we knew Jean had planned to step down from her role as Treasurer in the Summer with the next review of officers, we had no idea that we would be losing her so suddenly and so completely. Jean was a founder member of the Group, a key contributor and tireless worker, but she was also a friend and dealing with the gap she left on the Group was not made easier with grieving for her as well. We have to thank her family, Karen her daughter in particular, and also Jan Pain for all their help at such a difficult time.

The detailed update of the Group's 2014 activities is in the Magazine Report, which goes out to all the breed bodies we represent, so this AGM report will only cover the necessary highlights.

January saw us welcoming the newly affiliated Irish Wolfhound Club of Scotland with Jackie Watson and Maura Lyons joining us as its reps. At the end of the year, Linda Forret, IWCoFS Secretary, also joined the Group as their third representative.

For anyone new, joining the Group can be a baptism of fire as it is very busy all the time and without let-up – it generates a phenomenal amount of email activity as most of our work is conducted this way and everyone is expected to pull their weight and take on at least one area of responsibility. I'm sure Jackie Watson had no idea when she volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer. We have been very lucky to have her and she has done an excellent job in extremely difficult circumstances.

We review and elect new officers every three years and June 2014 was the next opportunity and we already knew that Jean was going to stand down and Jackie agreed to take over in June with Jean gradually handing over to her and supporting her to the end of the year. The official handover was scheduled for early August, but as we know, Jean's health deteriorated very quickly and this didn't happen. The autumn period saw Jackie and myself struggling with Lloyds Bank as we tried to get access to funds and change over signatories and security. As a result, although funds were healthy and sufficient to cover our costs for the Regional Heart Testing, we had to resort to opening a new Bank Account with Barclays and we also used our own funds to pay cardiologists fees and expenses where necessary until it was all sorted. It was only resolved at the end of December as the result of lodging a complaint and Lloyds paid a small amount of compensation.

We now have two bank accounts and are gradually transferring over to the Barclays account, but will be keeping the Lloyds account open for the remainder of this year in case there are any costs or income still associated with it that we aren't aware of.

Given all this and a year that has seen an exponential increase in fundraising for the Group, the accounts have been more challenging than usual to prepare and although Jackie prepared her Year End figures for our meeting at the end of January, they are currently still being assessed by our Auditor, Bernard Brace. The figures are usually ready for the IWC AGM, but with that being earlier this year and Bernard being laid up in bed after his hip op, we are running a little behind. The audited accounts will be sent to the Breed Bodies we represent as soon as they are available and will be available on request from the Group.

Bernard has confirmed that our Funds in Hand @ 31/12/2014 were:

Lloyds current account	£16,105
Barclays current account	£ 2,343
Less amounts owing	<u>£ 150</u>
Total	£18,298

This boost to funds has been phenomenal and unprecedented and we have many people to thank for their exceptional fundraising donations and activities – Mandy Addington needs a special mention in dispatches for her unrelenting and seemingly tireless ability to extract money from people online through the FB IW Community Page and I'm sure the IWRT and the IWHG are both grateful for her support for us.

However, we cannot rely on such a high level of donations on a regular basis and we need to make sure that all the hard earned money donated is spent wisely and we will be setting up a more formal application for funds for any future request from research bodies, existing or new. We also need to ensure that we have some in hand for unexpected ongoing costs such as any accidental repair required for the mobile scanner.

As a reminder, the Group members do not get paid any honoraria or expenses and only claim costs related to projects, where necessary. Our actual running costs are very low and all donations raised are the amount submitted to the bank.

We'd like to thank Bernard for his ongoing services, which he does for us free of charge, but in his official capacity.

Regional Heart Testing continues to grow and expand and people have responded well to our need to establish and enforce early booking with booking forms and payment up front.

The scheme continues to just about break even and ran at an estimated overall loss of just under £1,400 at the end of the year, largely due to the ongoing subsidising of the Super Veterans, which represented £800.00, and we were still awaiting funds to be transferred for the NI session, which should add £530.00. So if we weren't subsidising the SVs, we would just about be breaking even. We believe that subsidising the SVs is still a valuable investment for the breed and have continued to support this for 2015. We are also for the first time increasing the cost per dog fee to £45.00. We have to thank the very dedicated cardiologists for making this possible.

The mobile scanner is now beginning to cover its costs, although it may be circumspect to ring fence a small amount of funds for maintenance and servicing costs as replacement parts can be very expensive and we cannot rely on fundraising to regularly produce the amounts we've seen this year.

Thanks must also go to Sue Bevis, the HT Co-ordinator, who spends many long hours managing this now.

All our Research programmes are ongoing and under constant review and we are also assessing where funds are needed next.

Feb 2014 saw the first Breeder Day run for us by Nottingham University's Veterinary department and that has heralded a new stage in our ability to influence research projects specific to the breed. It is an exciting and productive partnership that is making a real difference to the breed.

For 2015 we will be focussing on Osteosarcoma as there are some new developments in the pipeline that we are working with both the AHT and Notts Uni and we hope to announce more about that as the year progresses.

The Pneumonia Study is progressing and is about to develop into the next stage. Angela Bodey has been working hard on analysing the results she has garnered from her surveys and will be presenting a paper to the BSAVA in April with a view to creating awareness of the uniqueness of the condition in IWs and also to establish a relationship with the veterinary profession whereby they can interact and feedback to her with case studies and also we are working towards a treatment protocol that will be endorsed by Angela and Notts Uni and be the recognised approach for vets.

Anne Wilson, who has been responsible for driving the surveys, sadly stood down from the Group last year, but has continued in that capacity for the Group and she and Jean Timmins will be driving this research project.

Liz Thornton also stood down last Autumn, but has also continued in her role as Chief fundraiser for us, but will now be handing that back to the Group as it is becoming a time consuming exercise in itself. We'd like to thank Liz for her all her hard work and also her continuing support of the Group and its fundraising in the future.

STOP PRESS: We now also have two new representatives from the IWC to join Caroline Sheppard: Wendy Heather and Debbie Treadwell, both Club Committee members.

Finally, to end on an announcement! The next IWHG Seminar will be held this year on Saturday 21st November at St Peter's Church Hall, Balsall Common, Coventry – the same venue as last time. We are trying to do a seminar every two years and the line up for this year will be confirmed very soon. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Rebecca Peek
Secretary IWHG

**Irish Wolfhound Health Group
Balance Sheet Year Ending 31st
December 2014**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Lloyds Bank account	16,105	5986
Barclays Bank account	2,343	0
PayPal account	<u>0</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>Net current assets</u>	18,448	6121
<u>Less:</u>		
Amount owing for 2013 Seminar	<u>-150</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>18,298</u></u>	<u><u>6,121</u></u>
<u>Represented by:</u>		
<u>Accumulated fund</u>		
Balance brought forward	758	910
(Deficit) for the year	<u>-152</u>	<u>-152</u>
	606	758
Project Development Fund	17,692	5,363
	<u><u>18,298</u></u>	<u><u>6,121</u></u>

I can report that I have audited the attached accounts for the period ended 31st December 2014 and have found them in accordance with the books and records kept by the Health Group. However I must report that I have not received any details of the PayPal account held by the late treasurer. There were amounts owed to her and I have used these amounts as administration expenses to write off the balance as at 31st December 2013. If there any further amounts that come to light these will be adjusted in the year to 31st December 2015. Apart from the foregoing on the basis of the information obtained I can confirm that the accounts reflect a true position of the Health Group for the period ended 31st December 2014.

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25th March 2015

**Irish Wolfhound Health Group
Notes
Year Ending 31st December
2014**

NOTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2014

		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Note 1	<u>Heart Testing</u>		
	Received	10,626	10429
	deficit-transfer from Project dev fund	<u>860</u>	<u>1046</u>
		11,486	11,475
	<u>Less:</u> Heart Testing costs	<u>11,442</u>	<u>10,644</u>
		<u>44</u>	<u>831</u>
Note 2	<u>Project Development Fund-Ring Fenced</u>		
	Brought Forward	5,363	2904
	Seminar Receipts	0	943
	Donations	4,104	1217
	Profit on Garden Party	4,177	0
	Big Raffle	4,020	0
	Easy Fund Raising	356	0
	Tins	1,495	1,337
	Pneumonia	0	50
	Heart testing surplus	<u>44</u>	<u>831</u>
		19,559	7,282
	<u>LESS: Expenditure</u>		
	Subsidised heart testing (above)	860	1,046
	Seminar Cost (2013)	150	843
	Pneumonia Research Costs	857	0
	Tins	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>
		1,867	1,919
		<u>17,692</u>	<u>5,363</u>

The Project Development Fund is ring fenced and provides funds for research projects with Universities into health concerns, funding for specialised equipment and teaching seminars. During the year the fund was used for Pneumonia Research costs and the heart testing for veterans. The funds will be used for future projects as agreed by the committee.

**Irish Wolfhound Health
Group Income and
Expenditure
Year Ending 31st December 2014**

Admin Account

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Bal b/fwd 01/01/2014	758	910
Sales of DVD's	338	0
	1096	910

Less

Meeting Costs	99	99
Web Hosting	0	53
Raffle Prize (No details)	80	<u>0</u>
Stationery and Postage	55	0
Anne Vaudin Gift	150	0
RAC	106	0
	490	152
	606	758