

Spring/Summer 2025



Quarterly Newsletter



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Special thanks to photographers Carolyn Chow and Andrew Green for the use of their photos!

Congratulations!

Please join in congratulating those who achieved new conformation and racing titles at the specialty show in May of 2025!



Racing Excellent (SRX - 10 Qs)

- Stone House Heart Throb “Redford”
 - Owned by Jackie Wright-Minogue

Racing Open (SRO - 3 Qs)

- Tova’s Cumulus Dawn from Fairbairn “Radish”
 - Owned by Jean McCord
- Fairbairn’s Matcha Maker “Enzo”
 - Owned by Lori Hill & Jean McCord
- Blue Mist Soul “Wanda”
 - Owned by Amy, Jessica & Valerie Stier
- Aurai Chunky Bleu of Wisco “Luca”
 - Owned by Laura & Chris Pollock



Grand Champion (GRCH)

- Blue Mist Rhone of Tova “Mimic”
 - Owned by Jessica and Valerie Stier
- Stone House Wind In The Willows “Rose”
 - Owned by Sidney Hoblit
- Blue Mist Time At Stone House “Time”
 - Owned by Sidney Hoblit

Champion (CH)

- Fairbairn’s Wee Sly “Stash”
 - Owned by Jean McCord
- Sonata’s Dancing on the Ceiling of Stone House “Lionel”
 - Owned by Dana Diemer
- Propels Queen Of Country “Reba”
 - Owned by Jacquelyn Wright-Minogue
- Fairbairn’s Magic Hour “Honey”
 - Owned by Claire Conklin
- Tova’s That’s Amore “Linguine”
 - Owned by Cat Seifert & Victoria Gee

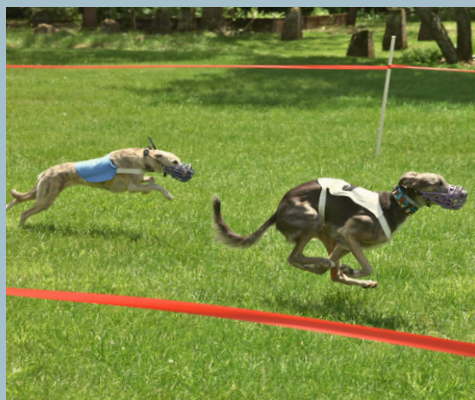


Junior Champion (JCH)

- Fairbairn’s Sunrise at Solaris “Orion”
 - Owned by Laura & Chris Pollock
- Fairbairn’s Capitol Reef Red “Nava”
 - Owned by Andrea Cooper
- Wisco Oak Grove CoJack of Aurai “Haven”
 - Owned by Jessa Michie & Patricia Conklin

Fun at the Show

Some lovely moments at the May 2025 Mid-Atlantic Specialty Show, captured by Carolyn Chow and Andrew Green, as well as one very talented first-time Junior Handler photographed by Candice Scheibel. Many thanks!



Canine Cooling

Help Your Windsprite Beat the Heat!

Windsprites are certainly more cold tolerant than many other sighthounds (a great advantage in our New York winters), but there's a flip side - reduced heat tolerance and risk of hyperthermia (increased body temperature) in the warmer months of the year, particularly in dogs who are not acclimated to the heat. While we can all do our best to exercise our pups in the morning and evening, keep them in the shade, and have lots of fresh water available for them to drink, some situations - such as the organized dog sports many Windsprites enjoy during the warmer months - are less easily managed.

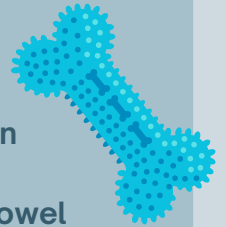
A recent study investigated multiple cooling strategies that could be performed on the site of a job or competition - the application of ice packs, wet towels, etc. To the researchers' surprise, one strategy was hugely effective - having the dog voluntarily dunk their head up to their eyes or ears in a bucket of room-temperature water. This is a behavior trained as a technique to flush the nose and eyes of working dogs, so it isn't as crazy an idea as it first sounds! In dogs, blood flow increases to the head during hyperthermia, so providing cool water directly to this area had a greater overall effect than some other techniques.

For those of us who have not yet trained our dogs to dunk their heads, are there alternate options?

Stay Cool & Still Have Fun

Need ideas for keeping your pup busy on hot days? Try these!

- play with the hose
- splash in a kiddie pool
- try a dock diving lesson
- visit a local dog beach
- hide treats in a damp towel
- freeze puzzle and foraging toys
- play indoor training games



Investigators are testing whether wetting the head through other strategies, such as pouring water on the head, will yield similar results. There are no published studies at this time, but I'm sure there is at least some beneficial effect. This is what I'll be doing with Luca until I have a consistent voluntary head dunk behavior.

If you become concerned about heatstroke, in addition to active cooling (soaking the entire pet in water, placing in air conditioning), seek emergency care at your local emergency veterinarian. Heatstroke can easily become deadly. Sometimes at the time of onset, but sometimes additional life threatening complications are not seen until several hours after the episode. Due to changes within the hypothalamus (the brain's thermoregulatory center) after heatstroke, dogs who have suffered one episode of heatstroke are at a higher risk of repeat episodes. Stay safe this Summer!

 *Dogtor Luca*



*Want to see the
head dunk in action
and learn how to
train your own dog?
Scan the QR code!*



Club Updates

IWC Membership Elects Two New Board Members

In the International Windsprite Club's first election since 2021, held this June and certified by an independent party, the club's membership at large voted to elect Jean McCord and Jacqueline Wright-Minogue to the Board of Directors, each contributing a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. Congratulations, Jean and Jackie! Thank you for your service to the International Windsprite Club.

Recent changes to the IWC's bylaws adjusted the timing of the biennial elections, moving them from January to June, and ensured no current Board members were required to vacate their seats, bringing the number of Board seats up from 9 to 11 following the 2025 election. The recent changes to the bylaws also codified the existence of two permanent advisory seats on the Board, to be held by Sidney Hoblit and Jean MacKenzie until such time as they wish to step down. Their many years of expertise in Windsprites will be invaluable as the membership grows and the breed becomes more popular.

The two new Board members will take their seats effective July 1st, 2025. In the near future, the newly assembled board will elect new officers from among their number, which will be announced at a later date.



Communications Committee Publishes New Brochure



The IWC Communications Committee has completed a brand new Windsprite brochure, available to download in PDF format on the IWC website at Windsprites.org/shareable-resources. This handy resource can be printed and shared with the public.

Community Corner

WE NEED YOUR CREATIVITY!

IWC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



The IWC Communications Committee is seeking submissions for the coming issues of the quarterly newsletter! Please reach out to Jessa Michie on Facebook or send an email to internationalwindspriteclub@gmail.com! Remember, these aren't possible without your help. All ideas are welcome!

