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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



The Irish Terrier Rescue Network will celebrate its third year anniversary on 24 December 2013. Our first three years have been filled with hard work, challenges and incredible rewards. You can read about them in our Happy Tails article in this issue of The Wag.

Some of the hard work involved setting up those business infrastructures that ensure ITRN accomplishes its missions and goals. We have established working relationships with

vets, shelters, rescue organizations, transport services, and boarding kennels across the nation – this network continues to grow with each new rescue case. Documentation, record keeping, annual reports, tax preparation and a whole host of other administrative duties must be accomplished each year to maintain our 501(c)3 status and meet other IRS requirements.

The greatest challenge for ITRN is finding the funding to support its mission and objectives. In the Happy Tails photos, you will see the 13 successful placements accomplished in the first 3 quarters of 2013. As I write this, we are in the process of placing 3 more Irish in forever homes. When these 3 leave us – 6 additional Irish will take their place in our rescue program. We believe more Irish Terriers will be in need of ITRN's rescue services. While all Irish will receive our standard vet care; some dogs will require special medical attention - our lad Dexter is one of these special cases.. Others will need foster homes before being placed. We need your financial support.

Within this issue of the Wag, please read about the many ways to donate to ITRN and enable us to continue to care for Irish Terriers in need. You can write a contribution check or donate on-line via Pay-Pal. You can buy our notecards or rescue calendar. You can participate in our Canine on Canvas Raffle to win an original portrait of your Irish. ITRN is eligible for donations through direct IRA contributions and employer matching fund programs. You can join iGive and shop on-line at your favorite stores. By making a generous contribution you will be joining a chorus of IT owners and admirers around the globe who support ITRN's mission. In addition to your financial support, we need and welcome your assistance whether that be transporting a dog or helping maintain the website. Please join the ITRN family – our volunteer application can be found on our website!

In closing, the ITRN board and I want to express our gratitude to our family of volunteers, donors, and owners for all your contributions. We truly value your involvement and efforts on behalf of these very special dogs. We thank you!

Le gach dea-ghui,
Marcia

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Donate to ITRN. It's tax deductible and easy!

Let's count the ways....

1. Write a check and mail it to Irish Terrier Rescue Network, PO Box 3542, Laurel, MD 20708
2. Donate on line via PayPal.
3. Buy our notecards. Order on line at our website shop or via the order form provided.
4. Raffle Tickets - Purchase a ticket for chance to win a commissioned portrait of your favorite pet by animal artist Sandra Merwin in our Canine on Canvas drawing. Opportunities to donate are available on-line, via the order form provided, in person at upcoming ITRN
5. Purchase our 2014 Rescue wall calendar. Order on line at our website shop or via the order form provided
6. Employer Matching Funds – does your employer have a charitable giving fund? If so, ITRN is eligible for such donations.
7. Shop on line after joining iGive, 1300 plus stores – even airlines, rental cars, and hotels participate. Best of all ITRN receives up to 26% of your purchases. Follow this link: www.iGive.com/IrishTerrierRescueNetwork



notecards >>>



Notecards For Sale

These notecards feature “Three Irish – Sparks, Fiona, and Caty” – a painting created by animal artist Sandra Merwin. Each package contains ten (10) 7 x 5 inch notecards on 13 weight matte finished card stock and ten (10) envelopes. The inside is left blank just waiting for your personal message. The cost per package is \$15.00 and all proceeds are used for ITRN's rescue dogs.

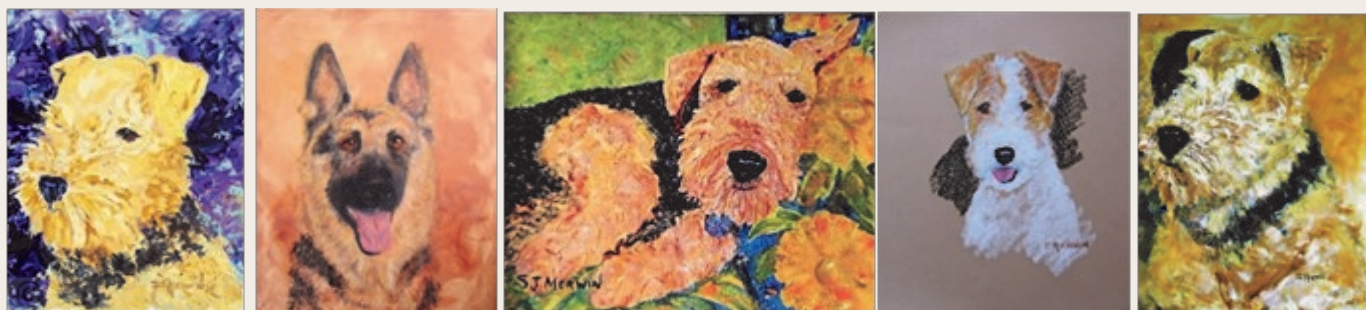
Ordering is easy – via our website shop at <http://www.irishterrierrescuenetwork.org/products/> or using the order form provided.





Canine On Canvas Raffle Fundraiser

ITRN excitedly and proudly announces our Canine on Canvas Fundraiser. Animal Artist, Sandra Merwin, has generously agreed to lend her talent to a canvas that will come to life with the canine of one very lucky ITRN donor.



Sandra has an incredible talent for capturing the essence and spirit of the animals she paints. Her artwork has graced the covers of magazines and the walls of galleries but she is quick to say that she is thrilled when her paintings help animals in need. To learn more about Sandra and her work, visit her on-line gallery at www.sandramerwin.com.

Participate in the Canine on Canvas Fundraiser and you could bring home an S J Merwin original painting of your special best friend. Donate \$ 5.00 for 1 opportunity to win or \$20.00 for 5. You can participate by donating on line at our website shop or by using the order form provided.

Visit <http://www.irishterrierrescuenetwork.org/products/> to purchase the raffle tickets above or the calendar below.

2014 calendar...

The poster red dogs are rescue Irish who are living a great life in their forever homes. Our wall calendar is printed on 8.5 by 11 inch premium paper with a saddle-stitch binding. It is protected in shipping by cardboard insert and shrink-wrapping. All proceeds go to benefit the Irish Terriers in our rescue program.



2014
Calendar



Serving Irish Terriers in Need!
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Irish Terrier Rescue Network Order Form

Ship To:

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip, Country	
Telephone	
E-mail	

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
2014 Rescue Wall Calendar	\$ 20.00		
Shipping in US and Canada (up to 5 calendars)	\$ 6.00		
Three Irish Notecards	\$ 15.00		
Shipping in US and Canada (up to 3 packages)	\$ 6.00		
Canine on Canvas Donations			
1 opportunity to win	\$ 5.00		
5 opportunities to win	\$ 20.00		
TOTAL			

Calendars and Notecards are shipped USPS Priority Mail in the US. Shipping charges for combination, large quantity, or international orders - please inquire at directors@irishterrierrescuenetwork.org.

Make checks payable to **Irish Terrier Rescue Network**

Send order form and check to:

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Laurel, MD 20708

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Meet Dexter

Dexter came to ITRN in late October as a special medical needs Irish.



He had a oblique fracture of his tibia that required surgery to remove bone fragments, wire the remaining bone, and install the four pins that serve to stabilize his leg while the break mends.

The boy is making progress and is due to have his second set of x-rays taken to check on the healing progress. Dexter has been receiving the best care available - Dr. Phyllis Frost is his vet and Cheryl Collins (WFTRM and ITRN board member) has been lovingly fostering the lad.



Dexter will undergo a second surgery to have the pins removed before Christmas and Dr. Frost predicts a full recovery. What a joy it will be to see this lad run free!

Dexter's vet bill is now \$2048 and will increase due to the second surgery and x-rays. Please help us with a Donation for Dexter.

Simply send a check or call:

Avenue of the Saints Animal Hospital
2221 4th St SW
Waverly, IA 50677
Ph: (319) 352-3722

We thank you and so does Dexter!



our happy tails...

In the first nine months of 2013, thirteen Irish Terriers were placed in their permanent and forever homes in nine different states. The history of these red dogs are as varied as their ages but their future is bright and filled with possibilities!

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Tallie

Tallie was wandering the roads in Nebraska and was picked up as a stray. She came to us from a shelter so her history is a mystery. **Tallie** is a sweet girl who loves to play and socialize with other dogs. Neil, her new dad, fell in love at first sight and made the long drive to Texas and brought her home. Today, she spends her days in Phoenix, Arizona as a pampered and adored family pet. **Tallie**, now **Verucca**, is never far from Neil's side and we can think of no better place for her to be!



Archie

Archie was only 4 months when he was turned into a shelter in Phoenix, Arizona. He now spends his summers in Oregon and his winters in the Phoenix suburbs as a loved family member.



Desi

Desi joined rescue under our Owner Rehome Program. She landed in the perfect home in Maryland. She spends her days with her adoring stay-at-home mom and never misses an opportunity for a car ride or a hike. **Desi**, now **Penny**, greets her dad with Irish twists and twirls each night and snuggles up to watch TV. It is a good life this little lass has.



Riley

Riley was a lad with a behavioral quirk or two who just needed the right place to call home. He found a home as special as he is in Florida. The lad owns and guards all he surveys – the house, the yard, the neighborhood and everything in it. **Riley** has a feline buddy that he shares his home with. Our Maryland lad has a family who loves him to distraction just the way he is!



Keeley

Keeley joined rescue in Illinois under our Owner Rehome Program. **Keeley** was a busy and opinionated lass who had worn out her welcome in her neighborhood – she found the perfect home a few miles away and lives the life of a pampered single child who works out on her very own treadmill. What could be better?



Seamus

Seamus, a very loving lad, from New York found his way to rescue as a part of our Owner Rehome. What he lacked in training and manners, he made up for in his attempts to get attention. He is now blessed with the most dedicated and loving owners an Irish could ask for. He lives in Massachusetts.



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Brandy

Brandy came to ITRN as a 10 year old senior. She lost her home in the hills of Tennessee but found the perfect home in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Today Brandy races around her own backyard, pilfers from the kitchen counters, and visits a local nursing home where she is welcomed and loved by all who meet her.



Gigi

GiGi joined rescue at the senior age of 10. She had spent a number of years in the hills of Tennessee with Brandy. GiGi has no concept of her age. She races around, plays with toys, takes hikes, and goes camping with her family. Every night she cuddles up in bed with them – the rest of her days will be filled with love and the best life has to offer.



Ross

Ross came to ITRN as a puppy and won everyone's hearts as he strutted his stuff in the St. Patrick's Day parades this year in DC and York, PA. He spent a few weeks in training with Sparks, Caty, and Fiona before moving on to the perfect home in Maryland. Ross, now named Rusty, has his own girl to love and an Irish sister named Casey. He is growing into a fine Irish gentleman and will be adored for the rest of his days.



Skye

Skye came to us from Kansas. Little did we know how many hearts she would steal (one in particular) and the joy she would bring when she joined Cheryl Collins and the wires at Wire Fox Terrier Rescue Midwest in Iowa. When Skye walked through that door in Dumont, IA – she came home! Skye landed well and will be treasured for the rest of her life as Cheryl's only big red dog..



Murphy

Murphy was a wee puppy when he joined ITRN. He was a smart and BUSY tyke who bounced around playing and rough-housing with the pack with Cheryl at WFTRM. He came to rescue through our Owner Rehome Program – he was just too much for his elderly owners to handle so they came to us for help. Murphy now lives with his new parents and wheaten sister and is much loved as all Irish should be.



Ivy

Ivy is one of the first dogs ITRN rescued from a puppy mill. She came to us sick and with a broken spirit. The medical issues were easy to fix, her spirit needed time to recover. Ivy made great strides and learned that humans could be kind and that she could trust them. A very special home would be needed for this lass – one that could give her as much time as she needed. A marvelous family stepped up and Ivy now lives a great life in Minneapolis, MN.



Sam

Sam-I-Am came to rescue with Ivy. He is a gregarious and gentle guy who served as Ivy's safety net. His ability to immediately connect with humans and his happy temperament showed Ivy the way. If he participated, Ivy would join the activity. It was very obvious that for Ivy to be successful, Sam would have to be part of the package. And so, the same marvelous family who adopted Ivy, adopted Sam who is now known as Enzo. The two are adored by their human family of four and we could not be more pleased!

