

however is very rare at the present day. A species of Wolf-dog has also been deemed peculiar to the Country. In size it exceeds the Mastiff, but its shape has more resemblance to that of the Greyhound."

Mr. Watson, of Ballydarton, Bagnalstown, in Ireland, a well-known Master of Hounds, has informed the writer that Hounds for the pursuit of the wolf were kept there in the time of his grandfather, and that the last wolf was killed at "Myshall," close to Ballydarton, about 1786 or 1787. The Hounds were described as coarse powerful animals, running by scent.

About the year 1848, an Irish Wolfdog was purchased from a gentleman named Carter, who lived at Laughinstown, near Bray, in Ireland, by Mr. W. Leigh Clare. He was stated to have stood over 32 inches; like a Deerhound, but stouter and more powerful; very up-standing, blue-grey brindle in colour. Afterwards a bitch was also procured, light fawn colour, stoutly built, but not so rough in hair as the dog. She died whilst pupping and the dog soon after came to grief. Mr. Clare saw many Wolfhounds in this gentleman's kennels; also he kept Irish Terriers, and was celebrated for both breeds. Mr. Clare states his dog was a grand specimen.

During the visit of a lady named O'Brien to America, in the Autumn of 1882, she had pointed out to her in the Museum at Minneapolis, Minnesota, a stuffed specimen labelled as an Irish Wolfhound! It was rough, pure white in colour and of good size.

The fact that the Irish Wolfhound was a rough dog (which some people seem to doubt), has been handed down from generation to generation in Ireland, and all breeders have invariably and firmly adhered to this characteristic.

Quite lately a Club has been formed for the purpose of recovering fully this grand race of dogs. There is every reason to hope that success will attend their efforts, if steadily and carefully persevered in. A great deal of interest

has been excited both in England and Ireland, of late, regarding the breed, and if good specimens are forthcoming within the next few years, no doubt it will again take its place as "King of Dogs." The writer of this essay is at present acting as Hon. Sec. of the Club and will be most pleased to render any assistance or information to intending breeders of Irish Wolfhounds.

*Jan 1886. The nephew of Mr. Carter of
Bray was lighted on & he stated
that he had seen his uncle's
hound of the name & that they were
Prima. at the head of this book -
very small. It is narrated in a late
work by John Acton. That a wild
Irishman known as Fighting Fitzgerald
entertained a particular dislike to
the Lord Attamont & his
family. so much so. that
on one occasion he rode over to Lord
Attamont's house & took the
dog which for its size & fierceness
was the admiration & terror of the
neighbourhood. No sooner was he known
the dog than he shot it, & charging the servants
& told the master that until he became more
charitable to the poor who only came to his
door to be harked & bitten at. he should
not allow such a brute to be kept. but that
he had no objection to each of the three ladies
keeping a lapdog!!*