



THE BEAGLE CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc.

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Mr B Parker
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Dear Brian

The Committee of the BCSA Inc. has been alerted to discrepancies regarding the registration of Irish Wolfhounds by Dogs Vic and the ramification of not upholding accepted pedigree registration standards will have on the future of pedigree dogs in Australia. Of concern is that the ANKC has allowed this mismanagement to continue by not permanently invalidating the pedigrees of the hounds in question.

Of even more concern is the apparent attitude of the ANKC and other associated bodies that it is OK to ignore the rumble of discontent coming from its Members. Throwing an invisibility blanket over the affair does not resolve the problem nor does it placate the Members who are intelligent enough to be aware of the ongoing implications that this creates. Resolving to conclude issues "In-Confidence" is not an appropriate resolution to this matter. Similarly refusing to discuss this most important issue at the recent Dogs SA AGM is similarly inappropriate.

The above may be an incorrect interpretation of events but as discussion has all but been banned, we can only assume that something inappropriate is being hidden. This situation can only be resolved by listening to the concerns raised by the members, reopening discussion and invalidating all erroneous pedigrees.

The BCSA Committee notes with concern the large number of dog clubs supporting a call for reopening this issue. Should this not occur the BCSA Committee believes a vote of no confidence in the governing bodies is indeed a possibility. We therefore request that every effort is made by Dogs SA to support the outcry from its members to have this reopened and appropriately dealt with to restore faith in the Executive of the ANKC and other governing bodies.

The future and security of pedigree dogs in Australia is squarely in the hands of those members of the ANKC and member bodies who made the decision to allow registration of progeny from unregistrable hounds.

We look forward to a positive early response to this communication.

Yours Sincerely

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