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Vicki:

Here is what I am today sending to the Canadian Kennel Club. This will be the second such letter to the CKC since August. Rest assured that we do not intend to let this issue drop. Please forward to any other clubs or individuals in Australia that might be interested, or to the ANKC itself. Hopefully, international pressure will help persuade the ANKC to reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,

Christine Cardwell
Secretary
Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada

[The attached letter was forwarded by The Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW Inc. to Dogs NSW; it was then sent on to the ANKC.]



THE IRISH WOLFHOUD CLUB OF CANADA

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ATT: Supervisor, Registrations

Dear Sir/Madam:

At the request of the Executive of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada, I am writing to you regarding the decision of the Australian National Kennel Club to allow registration of Irish Wolfhounds whose pedigrees include blanks. Due largely to the negligence of one particular breeder, none of the registering bodies in Australia have been able to verify the identity of certain breeding hounds, or even to ascertain whether they are indeed purebred Irish Wolfhounds. The ANKC has decided to accept registration of these hounds and to recognize them as purebred. To allow these pedigrees to stand and to accept these hounds and their progeny as purebred will taint the breed in Australia. Furthermore, this decision will adversely affect the integrity of the registries of any country that allows the importation and registration of such dogs, or allows the registration of any litters whose pedigrees include these blanks.

As a breed club dedicated to the betterment and protection of the Irish Wolfhound in Canada, the IWCC cannot sit silent on this issue. The Canadian Kennel Club mandate states that it is "...a dynamic non-profit national service organization focused on the promotion and advancement of purebred dogs in Canada." It further goes on to state that it provides registry services for 175 breeds and speaks out on major canine issues across the country. It offers numerous breeder education programmes and initiatives, sponsors events such as RDOG Day to promote responsible dog ownership, and involves itself in issues such as Ontario Breed Specific Legislation (Bill 16). Surely this threat to the Irish Wolfhound registry in Canada is something that concerns the CKC!

Many individuals over the years have dedicated their lives to breeding Irish Wolfhounds free of genetic defects and inherited diseases, ensuring that what they produce is as close to the breed standard as possible. We therefore ask the Canadian Kennel Club to deny registration of any Irish Wolfhound imported from Australia, or of any Irish Wolfhound whose pedigree includes such tainted registration. Action must be immediate, before these blanks are visible only upon multi-generational research. We feel that such drastic action is required to ensure the integrity of Canadian lines and to protect Canadian-bred Irish Wolfhounds for the future.

Sincerely,

Christine Cardwell