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Dear Mr Gent

Re:- Inconsiderate activity in respect of Irish Wolf Hounds

As a long term owner of Irish Wolf Hounds I am concerned at the serious risk to the longevity of the breed that the Dogs Victoria are proposing. To retain the registration of the offspring and descendants of an unregistered dog of unknown parentage and dubious breed heritage is reprehensible and a proposal which I strenuously oppose.

The actions by Dogs Victoria in pursuing this proposal and in successfully delaying any professional assessment by the ANKC at its planned October meeting needs to be reconsidered in the National interest and by the National body.

It is obvious to any person outside Dogs Victoria's vested interest, that these owners cannot be depended on to place the breed's welfare above all other considerations and to remove them from the gene pool of their own accord.

Dogs Victoria must not be permitted to register litters as "pure breed" that are by unregistered dogs with unknown parentage and uncertain breed heritage.

The extreme risk of unknown genetic disorders that the unknown lineage poses to the future of the Irish Wolf Hound breed is of great concern and is unacceptable. No other reputable breed would tolerate this threat so why should the Irish Wolf Hound?

I respectfully expect that the professionalism of the ANKC will prevail and that they will disallow and reject this selfish and narrow-minded proposal by Dogs Victoria.

Yours Sincerely

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