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Mr W Schnitzer
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Dear Mr Schnitzer

On behalf of the Committee of the Golden Retriever Club of South Australia, I am writing regarding the decision taken by the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) to allow Dogs Victoria to retain Irish Wolfhounds whose pedigrees include blanks on their main register.

We wish to support the Irish Wolfhound Clubs, breeders and owners in Australia in asking that this decision be reconsidered taking account of all available information, particularly the results of DNA testing undertaken which confirmed that the sire of the breeding bitches concerned was an unregisterable dog of unknown ancestry and uncertain breed history.

As a breed club dedicated to the betterment and protection of the Golden Retriever breed we are extremely concerned about the situation the Irish Wolfhound fraternity in Australia finds itself in because of this decision. Many of these people have spent years striving to breed Irish Wolfhounds free of genetic defects and inherited diseases. We also have great concern for the future of all pure bred dogs, including our own Golden Retrievers, if dogs with blanks in their pedigrees continue to be accepted for inclusion on the ANKC's main register.

We ask that the situation regarding the Irish Wolfhound breed be reconsidered and that action be taken to reverse the decision made.

Yours sincerely

Jan Williams
Secretary