

The Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW Inc

(Affiliated with Dogs NSW)



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To Dogs NSW Board of Directors

At the first meeting of the Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW Inc for 2013 it was voted that the Club write again to Dogs NSW re-affirming our dismay at the outcome of the October 2012 ANKC meeting. This resulted in particular Victorian bred Irish Wolfhounds being re-instated to the Main Register in spite of incomplete / blanks in their registration.

We believe that incomplete information provided by Dogs Vic persuaded delegates to change their directed votes.

It is now 40 years since Irish Wolfhounds were re- introduced to Australia and we are not a major breed. ANKC breed information shows 200 as the maximum number of dogs registered annually between 1986 and 2011.

It is vital for the integrity of our breed, both from a parentage & health perspective that correct and complete information is available. Dogs Vic has only recently accepted that DNA evidence provided to them by reputable members was indeed true; that no action was taken at the time was a failure to support their own rules & regulations. We have attached copies of DNA testing provided to our Club.

While sympathetic to new owners who in good faith bought dogs that they believed to be fully registered dogs, these are civil matters & recompense must be sought through civil action. It is however long term ethical breeders and exhibitors who have been entirely frustrated at the lack of support at both State & ANKC level. This matter was notified to State bodies years ago and was ignored. We should not have to wear the consequences of the failure to act.

No one denies a small number of dogs with blanks in the pedigrees strongly resemble Irish Wolfhounds and have been successfully exhibited under a number of judges – both local and overseas. However, there are others which do not conform to the breed standard both in stature and breed characteristics. This does not change the real issue – their pedigrees are incomplete.

We have received immense support both nationally and internationally from not only the Irish Wolfhound fraternity but many other Clubs and individuals who are appalled that the ANKC has failed to rectify this situation.

Yours sincerely

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