



DEDICATED TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

For the attention of:

Mr. Hugh Gent, President of the Australian Kennel Club
Tracey Barry, Administrator of the Australian Kennel Club

Cc Mr. Jim Bean, President, Wolfhound Club of Ireland and the European congress of Irish Wolfhound

Ref: Objection to the Registration of Cross-Bred Dogs as Irish Wolfhound.

The Irish Kennel Club is very concerned at the decision of the Australian Kennel Club to allow registration and pedigree recognition of dogs who are the progeny of Irish Wolfhounds crossed with non-breed specific dogs. **The Irish Kennel Club strongly contends that these dogs cannot legitimately or legally be called 'Irish Wolfhounds'.**

Centuries of internationally recognised selected breeding will be put at risk by this action and accurate health profiling will be seriously undermined. If these bloodlines are allowed to spread nationally and internationally into the gene pool, the Irish Kennel Club believes that there will be detrimental and irreversible damage to the breed standard.

We accept that the Australian Kennel Club has full authority over its own registrations. However, the Irish Kennel Club has a national responsibility to protect the breed standard of native Irish breeds. Furthermore, we are totally dismayed at this unilateral action by the Australian Kennel Club and we are very disappointed that the Irish Kennel Club was not consulted before this decision was taken.

Consequently, under no circumstances will the Irish Kennel Club recognise registrations and pedigrees of the progeny from these mating's. We will also be contacting our fellow members in the FCI and all Kennel Clubs worldwide to explain our position and ask for their support.

The Irish Kennel Club formally requests that the Australian Kennel Club reverse the decision to allow registration and pedigree recognition of dogs who are the progeny of Irish Wolfhounds crossed with non-breed specific dogs.

Yours Sincerely,

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President

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