

THE IRISH WOLFHOUND RESCUE TRUST

Trustees: Mr Roger Tebbutt, Mrs Jan Pain, Ms Jean Timmins, Mrs Linda Lees

It is an unfortunate fact that occasionally, for various reasons; some owners find they are no longer able to keep their Irish Wolfhounds. The Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust was formed in 1967, by a group of responsible breeders, who realised there was a need to aid such owners. The Trust aims to find suitable new homes for these great hounds and to raise the money necessary to finance such an organisation.

As part of the Trust's home-matching policy, the Secretary maintains a list of potential homes. If a hound needs rehoming, the Secretary may put the owner in direct contact with a potential new home from the list for initial discussions.

While this organization does not 'deal' in Irish Wolfhounds and does not charge for this service, its expenses, such as veterinary fees, are significant. It is because of this that we ask new owners to make a donation which is usually at least £250, or in the case of a hound under the age of twelve months, about £350, (and more would be most welcome!) Considering that a twelve-week-old puppy costs anywhere between £3,000 and £4,000, the donation is not excessive.

The Rescue Trust expressly forbids any hound placed in a new home from being used for showing or breeding. The Trust retains all papers, such as pedigrees and registrations, and new owners must sign an undertaking in this regard. Also, we ask that no information about hounds re-homed through the Trust be posted on Facebook or any other social media. This is to protect the identity of the hound which may have come from a difficult background situation.

The Trust is always grateful to hear from those willing to offer homes and help.

Obviously 'Rescue' hounds cannot be supplied to order and searching enquiries must be made to ensure that the new home is suitable.

Furthermore, it is necessary to make quite sure that prospective new owners know what it's like, to have a new family member weighing anything up to fourteen stone! Wolfhounds need good quality food and plenty of exercise if they are to be kept fit, healthy, and out of mischief. It is also important to keep pet insurance in force against 3rd party and veterinary fees – policies that offer lifetime cover, should be preferred.

Following the completion of the Questionnaire and Adoption Contract, a visit is scheduled by an experienced Wolfhound owner who will often bring an adult dog along to show the potential owner what it is like to live with such a big hound. You must also have adequate 3rd party and pet insurance when taking on a hound, and clearly agree to keep him or her under control.

If you are lucky enough to be offered a companion Irish Wolfhound by the Rescue Trust, you should send your donation, made payable to 'The Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust' either to the Secretary or directly to the Treasurer. On no account should any payment be made to the person from whom you collect your hound.

TO MAKE AN APPLICATION PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN BOTH THE APPLICATION FORM AND ONE COPY OF THE CONTRACT; PLEASE READ THE CONTRACT FULLY AND SIGN TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE CONTENT AND RETURN BY POST TO :

Hon Secretary Mr Don Reeves – Clustach, Pengorffwysfa, Llanelian, Amlwch, Ynys Mon, LL68 9NA.

Mobile 07388 870886 – if no response please text

Email : secretaryIWRT@gmail.com

ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE –

Please sign and return by post to Hon Secretary Mr Don Reeves – Clustach, Pengorffwysfa, Llaneilian, Amlwch, Ynys Mon, LL68 9NA. **We do not accept emailed or facsimile applications, only original signed hard copies.**

NAME(S)			
ADDRESS			
PHONE		MOBILE	
EMAIL			
OCCUPATION			
Is your accommodation rented	Yes/No	If yes – do you have landlord permission for a dog in the property? Please attach a copy to this form.	Yes / No
Do you live in a town/ village/ rural please describe?			
Please give details of any prior experience of Irish Wolfhounds.			
What livestock is near to your property?			
How would you describe your garden i.e. large, small? Please explain how it is fenced.			
What facilities and/or opportunities do you have for exercising a large, active hound? (E.g., Own land, Parks, Common Land, Fields, Beaches etc.)			
How many children / young adults/ elderly or vulnerable people live with you?			
How many other dogs do you have?			
Please describe breeds/ages and whether neutered or spayed.			
What other pets i.e., cats or livestock do you have, please give details.			
Please tell us if you prefer a dog or a bitch			
Please tell us if you have a preferred age range			
Very occasionally, two hounds may need re-homing together, would you consider this?			
Could you cope with the needs of an elderly hound – between the ages of 7 – 10 years?			

Do you have experience dealing with dog behaviours such as aggression towards other dogs / nervous anxiety or unsocialised behaviour? Please give details.	
Could you offer a home to a hound with any of the above behaviour issues?	
Occasionally we are asked help re-home IW crosses – would you consider this	
How long are you out during the day for work purposes? If someone calls in to your dogs how long do they stay?	
What is the maximum length of time a hound would be left alone and how often?	
Will a hound sleep in the house or outside kennel? If outside, please describe the setup	
Do you have your own car or van which is large enough for an Irish Wolfhound to travel in?	
What happens to your dog(s) when you are on holiday?	
How far would you be prepared to travel to collect a hound?	
PLEASE ADD AS MUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS YOU CAN EXPANDING ON ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE OR ANY INFORMATION YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT.	

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. It is usual, before offering a hound to prospective owners, for one of our home-checkers to visit you at home (often with one of their own hounds). You will then have the opportunity to ask questions and gain some insight into living with such a giant breed of hound. Someone will contact you, to arrange a convenient time to call.

Signed Dated
Please read and sign the adoption contract on page 4 which must be signed and return with this application.

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Name and address of person applying for adoption of an Irish Wolfhound: -

PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY AND THEN PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS COPY WITH THE APPLICATION FORM.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Tel. No _____ Email: _____

CONDITIONS OF ADOPTION CONTRACT

If the Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust offers you an Irish Wolfhound it is on the understanding that the following conditions are agreed with and adhered to without reservation.

- 1. THAT YOU, THE ADOPTER, WILL BE ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOUND'S KEEP, HEALTH AND WELFARE. INSURANCE AGAINST 3RD PARTY LIABILITY AND VETERINARY TREATMENT, IN RESPECT OF THE HOUND, WILL BE KEPT IN FORCE CONTINUOUSLY – policies offering lifetime cover should be considered.**
2. That you agree to indemnify the Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust (hereinafter referred to as IWRT), its Officers, Committee, Officials and Members, against any claim for injury or damage caused by the hound, either directly or indirectly.
- 3. THAT IF, FOR ANY REASON, YOU ARE UNABLE TO KEEP THE HOUND AFTER IT HAS BEEN PLACED IN YOUR CARE, YOU WILL RETURN THE HOUND TO THE IWRT AND ON NO ACCOUNT ALLOW IT TO PASS INTO OTHER HANDS. Please ensure you have something in writing for family or whoever will manage your affairs if you become unable to do so, in order that they may contact us for the return of the hound.**
4. That if the hound suffers a life threatening illness, or dies, or if advised either by a Veterinary Surgeon or any other person, that the hound should be euthanized, for any reason whatsoever, this information must be notified immediately to the Secretary of the IWRT or one of the Trustees.
5. That any change in your address, telephone number and location of the hound must be notified to the Secretary of the IWRT as soon as possible.
6. That in no circumstances shall the hound be used for breeding purposes and shall not be exhibited at any Shows other than exemption or companion shows. **Please do not give details of your rescue hound on Social Media such as Facebook.**
7. That whilst every care is taken, the IWRT gives no warranty or representation as to the quality, fitness, health or temperament of the hound, or that it will be suitable for any particular purpose.
8. That authorised representatives of the Trust be allowed to visit your premises from time to time, with reasonable prior notice and to reclaim the hound, should they not be entirely satisfied with the hound's safety or welfare, or if there has been a breach of this contract.
9. That the hound will not be taken out of the country, without first obtaining the written consent of the IWRT. Exceptions to this are holidays abroad under the Pet Passport Scheme, but for owners with property abroad, who intend to spend long periods out of the UK, the Trust require a contact address and phone number in case of emergency.
10. That when you take possession of a hound through the IWRT, you will send a donation of at least £250, made payable to "**The Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust**", to the IWRT Secretary, or direct to the Treasurer: Mr. Roger Tebbutt, Glyn, Llanbedrgoch, Anglesey, Wales. LL76 8SX

DECLARATION

I have read, understood and agreed to the above conditions without reservation.

Signed _____ Dated _____

PLEASE KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN THE OTHER DULY SIGNED AND DATED, TOGETHER WITH YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE, TO THE SECRETARY, AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS

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