

# THE IRISH WOLFHOUND RESCUE TRUST

**Trustees: Mr Roger Tebbutt, Mrs Jan Pain, Ms Jean Timmins (Secretary), 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 offer assistance to 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.

The Secretary of the Trust keeps a register of possible homes and in the event of a home being needed, endeavours to put the owner of the hound in direct contact with a suitable new owner.

This organisation does not 'deal' in Irish Wolfhounds, and makes no charge for this service, but its expenses, such as postage and telephone costs are considerable. For this reason, as a new owner, you are expected to make a donation of at least £150, or in the case of a hound of twelve months or under £300, (more would of course, be most welcome!) Bearing in mind the cost of a twelve-week-old puppy is in the region of £1300 and sometimes more, this sum is not onerous.

It is an express condition of this Rescue Trust that any hound placed in a new home, shall not be used for showing or breeding, or be sold. For this reason, all papers, such as pedigrees and registrations, are retained by the Trust and the new owners are required to enter into a written undertaking regarding this. We also ask that details of hounds re-homed through the Trust are not placed on Facebook or other social media.

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 have to 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 expensive food and extensive exercise if they are to be kept fit, healthy and out of mischief. It is also important to keep pet insurance in force against 3<sup>rd</sup> party and veterinary fees – policies that offer lifetime cover, rather than those that are capped, should be preferred.

Upon completion of the Questionnaire and Adoption Contract, arrangements are made for a visit from an experienced Wolfhound owner, who will often bring along an adult wolfhound. This gives potential owners the opportunity to ask questions and to experience sharing a sitting room with such a giant hound. You also have to ensure you have adequate 3<sup>rd</sup> party and pet insurance when you take on a hound, and obviously agree to keep he or she under control at all times.

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 and return by post to :

**Hon Secretary, Ms Jean Timmins, Mill Cottage, Stourport Road, Great Witley, Worcs. WR6 6HZ**

**Tel: 01299 896159 (0798 322 6169)**

**E-Mail: [jean.timmins2016@gmail.com](mailto:jean.timmins2016@gmail.com)**

ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE –

Please complete and return to - Ms. Jean Timmins, Mill Cottage, Stourport Road, Great Witley, Worcestershire WR6 6HZ. Tel: 01299 896159 - We do not accept emailed or facsimile applications, only original signed hard copies. Please add any other relevant information on page 2

NAME (please include spouse/partner, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. (inc. code) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property you live in rented? YES  NO  If yes, can you include written permission from the landlord for dogs to reside there?

Have you any children living with you, or visiting regularly? (If yes, please state ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any elderly people living with you? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you already have any dogs? \_\_\_\_\_

(If so, please give details)

| BREED | SEX | AGE | NEUTERED/SPAYED  |
|-------|-----|-----|--|
|       |     |     | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
|       |     |     | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
|       |     |     | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
|       |     |     | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you have any experience of living with Irish Wolfhounds YES  NO  If yes please give details \_\_\_\_\_

Any other giant breeds i.e. Mastiff/Danes \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other pets (cats, livestock)? YES  NO  If yes please give details \_\_\_\_\_

If you are offered a hound, do you have a preference for a dog or a bitch, or would you be happy with either? \_\_\_\_\_

Very occasionally, two hounds may be in need of re-homing together, would you consider this? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

Could you cope with the needs of an elderly hound – between the ages of 7 – 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

If not please state what age range you would consider \_\_\_\_\_

Could you cope with a hound with issues such as lack of socialisation/ lead training / car training? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

Could you cope with a hound that did not get on with other dogs \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

Occasionally we are asked help re-home IW crosses – would you consider this? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

Do you live in the town  or in the countryside?  If countryside, please give details of any farm stock close by \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have land  Large Garden  Small Garden  Do you have secure fencing? YES  NO

What facilities and/or opportunities do you have for exercising a large, active hound? (E.g. Own land, Parks, Common Land, Fields, Beaches etc.)

Is someone at home at all times during the day? YES  NO  if not, what is the maximum length of time a hound would be left

alone and how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Will your hound sleep in the house or in an outside kennel? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your own car/van? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it large enough for a Wolfhound to travel in? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens to the dog if you are on holiday \_\_\_\_\_

How far would you be prepared to travel in order to collect a hound? \_\_\_\_\_

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.....

Upon its completion, please print, sign and return this form, together with one signed copy of the Adoption Contract to :-

**PLEASE ADD AS MUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS YOU CAN EXPANDING ON ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE OR ANY INFORMATION YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT.**

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Email: jean.timmins2016@gmail.com

**Name and address of person applying for adoption of an Irish Wolfhound:-**  
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 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY LIABILITY AND VETERINARY TREATMENT, IN RESPECT OF THE HOUND, WILL BE KEPT IN FORCE CONTINUOUSLY – **policies offering lifetime cover, rather than capped, 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.
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 or Chairman of the IWRT.
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.
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### 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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