

## GUIDELINES FOR ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE IWCA, INC.

All members of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America will put the welfare of each of his or her Irish Wolfhounds above personal gain, profit or personal convenience. At all times IWCA members will conduct themselves responsibly, honorably, and exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship.

All Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc. members agree to:

1. Have your new Irish Wolfhound examined by a licensed veterinarian shortly after bringing it home (preferably within two to three business days).
2. Ensure that your Irish Wolfhound is always cared for both physically and emotionally, by providing proper shelter, food, water, exercise, grooming, human contact, stimulation, appropriate veterinary care and protection from bodily harm.
3. Take care when socializing young puppies to minimize the risk of contracting infectious diseases such as parvovirus or kennel cough. Encourage puppies to play with healthy, vaccinated adult dogs such as those owned by family members and friends at your home or theirs, and with healthy vaccinated puppies in well-run puppy classes. Avoid public spaces with dogs of unknown health status (e.g. pet stores, dog parks) until the puppy is fully vaccinated and responds to basic commands.
4. Notify the breeder if you are ever unable to keep your Irish Wolfhound so that the breeder can either take the dog back or help in rehoming it. If the breeder is unable or unwilling to either take your Irish Wolfhound back or help in rehoming it, you should notify the Irish Wolfhound Rescue for assistance in rehoming.
5. Not abandon any Irish Wolfhound or knowingly sell, trade or give an Irish Wolfhound to a pet shop, wholesaler or broker.
6. Never supply an Irish Wolfhound as a prize for a raffle or other enterprise where the acquisition of the dog is determined by chance or highest bid.
7. Ensure your Irish Wolfhounds have permanent identification (by microchip, tattoo or otherwise).
8. Unless otherwise agreed with the Irish Wolfhound breeder, have your Irish Wolfhound spayed/neutered at an appropriate age for the breed and based on consultation with it's veterinarian.
9. Keep the breeder informed about any physical or behavioral health problems that arise in any dog obtained from them, especially health problems that are known to be inheritable or that have unknown causes.
10. Notify the breeder of any change of your address, phone number or email address for their records.
11. Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times and during any Irish Wolfhound competition as either a competitor or spectator. This includes engaging only in polite communications on any platform including social

- media.
12. At no time should you misrepresent your Irish Wolfhound as a Service Dog, Emotional Support Dog or Therapy Dog for personal convenience or gain. This is not only disrespectful of those with true disabilities, but it is unethical and unlawful.
  13. Abide by all local, state and federal ordinances and laws, and the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club or the registry of the country of residence.
  14. Abide by all Irish Wolfhound Club of America by-laws, codes of conduct and policies and those of the American Kennel Club.
  15. Breeders should abide by the IWCA Standard of Behavior for Breeders.

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