



November 7, 2011

The Irish Kennel Club
Att: Mr. S. Delmar, President
Mr. A. O'Neill F.C.P.A., F.C.I.S, Secretary
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Dear Mr. Delmar and Mr. O'Neill:

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL OUTCROSS PROGRAMME FOR THE IRISH RED AND WHITE SETTERS

This letter is in response to a memorandum that was written to various Breed Clubs and Kennel Clubs from the Irish Red and White Setters Club of Canada regarding the International Outcross Programme that is being proposed by the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Ireland. The Genetics and Medical Committee have reviewed the memo as well as the outline of the proposed International Outcross Programme.

The Genetic and Medical Committee understands and appreciates the intent and principles of the programme however, just like the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Canada, they felt the outline of the programme proposed by the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Ireland was very vague and sketchy. Registration of the puppies that will come out of this programme will be a very contentious issue with breeders here in Canada. The Irish Red and White Setter Club of Ireland needs to provide more detailed information on this programme before it can be accepted by the Canadian Kennel Club and the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Canada and be considered as legitimate. The Committee would like the following concerns addressed before proceeding with this programme:

- The Irish Red and White Setter Club of Ireland should state exactly what it is that they are trying to accomplish or achieve in this programme by specifying what traits or characteristics they want to improve or develop in this breed.
- Identify how the programme will be carried out by developing a set of controls and guidelines.
- Indicate how they are going to select the population samples for foundation stock in this programme.

- Establish in detail, the criteria that they are going to use in the proposed breed crossing programme.
- State what characteristics are to be expected in the F1, F2 etc. generations as the programme progresses, as well as exactly what is to be expected as the end product that can be accepted as the final specimen by Breed Clubs and Kennel Clubs.
- Indicate the organization that is overseeing this programme.

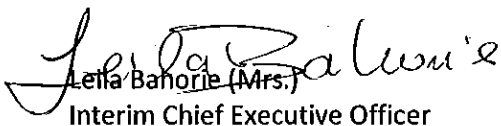
As there are a number of questions about this program, it will prove difficult for registration of dogs imported to Canada out of this programme. As it stands, the CKC requires a complete pedigree setting forth the ancestry of the same breed to a minimum of three (3) generations plus, the registered name and number of every dog in said pedigree; therefore, the F1 generation cross-breed will not be acceptable for registration purposes. With this in mind, the CKC may not be able to accept and register dogs imported to Canada out of this programme. Both the Irish Red and White Setters Club of Canada and the CKC must view this programme as legitimate and agree with the intent of the programme as well as, the standards and procedures set to achieve the final specimen. It is only after these concerns are addressed that the CKC can allow registration of dogs from this process, containing a three generation pedigree of ancestry within this programme complete with names and registration numbers.

We would urge the Irish Kennel Club to review this programme and provide more detailed information about the concerns expressed in this letter by the Canadian Kennel Club and the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Canada.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

THE CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB


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CKC Genetics and Medical Committee