



FRIENDS of the Irish Wolfhounds

♣ Safeguarding their well being ♣

Throughout its history, the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada has had an outstanding reputation of individual breeders and breed fanciers stepping up with personal time and resources to help a hound in need. A decade or so ago, the proliferation of backyard breeders was on the rise. Well aware that the infrastructure of any rescue group finds its strength in being multi-faceted both in terms of programs and support; in 2009, the IWCC struck a committee to review the rescue process and come up with a plan.

The ground-level mission of this committee was to pull together all the support possible, not only individual breeders and people who show their wolfhounds but also those who do not. It even includes those who may not currently own a wolfhound but who love the breed and anguish over one of these fine hounds falling outside of the club's safety net. To this end, the rescue review committee evolved into the IWCC Rescue Committee with diverse geographical and linguistic representation.

That year "**FRIENDS**" of the Irish Wolfhound was launched.

Folks who care about Irish Wolfhound Rescue.

Realize that there's a need to help.

Irish Wolfhounds are awesome and should be safe, healthy, and happy.

Enthusiastic about helping where and how they are able.

Not one Irish Wolfhound should be in distress or fall through the cracks.

Dedicated to helping this incredible breed by educating others.

Sees the Gentle Giants as companions not chattel.

At this time, we (the IWCC Rescue Committee) would like to update the database of our national network of people willing to be the eyes and ears of IWCC Rescue in their respective communities.

How might a "FRIENDS" help?

- Keeping an eye out for IW's at local shelters (this could be done online or in person) or watch for them in classified ads. The more eyes and ears we have to help a hound in need the better.
- Checking out local shelters when and where there is a report of an IW. (shelters will be receiving support materials from the committee to help identify what we as a club rescue can do to help them and the IW).
- Transporting a hound that the rescue committee has determined needs assistance to either its foster home or its forever home. This can be relay transport when long distant are in play.
- Applying to foster an IW that has been rescued until it can be suitably rehomed.
- Applying to adopt a rescued hound. Can you find room in your heart, home and bank account for a gentle giant?
- Donating to RESCUE as a gift for an anniversary, birthday, other special occasion or to honour a loved one's passing. Donations help to offset veterinary expenses and food. Shelters and Humane Societies charge a fee for releasing a hound to club rescue.

- Help with fundraising.
- Sponsoring is a wonderful way to help. Perhaps you cannot adopt or foster, but could sponsor a hound until it can be rehomed.
- Donate new or gently used toys, bedding, food dishes, water bowls, crates or other supplies; that might assist a foster or forever home with a rescued hound.
- Volunteer to be one of the Provincial or Area Rescue Reps.

Are you interested in joining or renewing your commitment to the "**FRIENDS**" of the Irish Wolfhounds?

Please tell us what you are willing to do to help our IW's in need.

Fostering (application required). Adopting a hound in need (application required). Helping with fundraising. Travelling, or sponsoring a gentle giant.

Please provide us with your Name, phone number, and E-mail address and forward your information to the National Coordinator Bev Calvert at: rainbwone@gmail.com

We appreciate any help you can provide. Thank you.

The Rescue Committee