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# IWDB

THE IRISH WOLFHOUND  
DATABASE



# Near complete

- Our main goal:
  - A complete overview of all registered Irish Wolfhounds that ever lived anywhere in the world
- Where are we now?
  - 96-98% of all Irish Wolfhounds ever registered are in the database
  - ~95% of these have complete pedigrees leading back to the breed founders

# International

- Breeding is international
  - an international database is necessary
- Example:  
In Norway from 2000-2018, 59% of sires were foreign bred
- IWDB covers every country where Irish Wolfhounds are bred – on all continents
- Accurate and timely. At every show you should be able to find all hounds in IWDB
- Multi lingual. Currently available in 11 languages

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- May be used by anyone
- Educational posts for puppy-buyers
- Breeding tools for breeders
- Population tools for breed bodies

# Standard pedigree features

- Standard pedigrees: 3-10 generations
- More than 10,000 images of hounds
- Siblings and half siblings
- Progeny
- Influence on breed
- Inbreeding, ancestor loss, sire and dam lines, contribution of blood, common ancestors
- Reverse pedigrees
- Vertical pedigrees
- Trial matings

# Beyond standard pedigrees

- Longevity information on more than 7,500 hounds
- Results from health screening programmes
- Inbreeding shown related to breed average
- Average lifespan in pedigree calculated and related to average of breed
- Number of known veterans calculated
- Private notes for confidential information
- Ability to share and embed pedigrees
- Companion blog with educational articles and videos
- Help system

# Made for breeding strategies

- Reports on one or more countries
- Reports on user defined time range
- Number of litters
- Development of litter sizes
- Estimated population size
- Effective population size
- Development of inbreeding (10 generations)
- Development of ancestor loss (10 generations)
- Origin of sires and dams
- Number of litters for all breeding stock

# Made for researchers

- Open for researchers
- Simple application and approval process
- Simple licensing requirements
- JSON and SQL-based interfaces gives integration with live data
- Export capabilities



# In the pipeline

- Complete pedigree mappings with influence of every hound in the pedigree back to the founders
- Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for longevity based on longevity information in the database
- Cause of death summarised in pedigree
- Longevity statistics on research pages
- DNA repository
- Wordpress-plugin allowing automatic pedigree data on your Wordpress-enabled website

# Organisation

- An independent, volunteer working group
- Run by five self-appointed trustees from five different countries
- Core group of 15 volunteers have access to add and modify data
- Users add data, which is approved by admin group
- Informal cooperation with and support from breed clubs internationally
- Open license for non-commercial use

# Finance

- Completely financed by user contributions
- No active fundraising, but a Paypal button on pedigree pages
- Current funds sufficient for running the site for the next 10 years

# Some numbers in June 2019

- Site launched in March 2016
- 162,000 hounds in database
- 10,000 pictures of hounds
- 7,500 deceased hounds with lifespan
- 9,000 health screening results
- 1.6 million pedigree views
- More than 300 visitors daily
- 1,500 pedigrees shown daily

# Key success factors

- A dedicated, international team
- Transparency creates transparency
- No preference to certain countries, breeders or breeding philosophies
- Influential breeders share data
- Support and data from key people and breed clubs
- Constant improvement
- Creating a sharing culture
- Responsiveness
- Respectful and friendly communication
- Wider, international community across the breed

# Key challenges

- Cultural differences
- Gaining trust of the community
- Countries holding data secret
- Planning 10, 20 and 50 years into the future

# Users say

- «What you have done here is unparalleled. Thank you, thank you, thank you.»
- «Thank you for putting this together. It is a wonderful resource and I use it often. Great work!»
- «THE most valuable tool for IW rescue. I cannot thank you enough!»
- «As a non-breeder, I was thrilled to have this available for breeders. What I did not realize, at the time it became available, was how much *\*I\** would use it for research and reference. CONGRATULATIONS on creating and making available such an important and valuable tool!»
- «This is probably the most valuable tool ever created for the Irish Wolfhound breed and I cannot thank you enough for all the hard work that you and your team has put into this. Your enthusiasm, dedication and determination is second to none. Your love for Irish Wolfhounds all over the world, present and past, shines through in the detailed information and the images that can be found in the IWDB. Thank you. You have my greatest respect and my love.»

# Get in touch

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