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Heart Screening Letter

Dear Veterinarian,

You are probably already aware that Irish Wolfhounds have a high prevalence of cardiac dysfunction, some of which is inherited. We at the IWHG have been proactive for many years in undertaking heart screening of Irish Wolfhounds and using the data to aid research conducted by Dr Serena Brownlie.

The main areas of concern are Atrial Fibrillation and Dilated Cardiomyopathy and how they are inherited.

The IWHG Heart Screening scheme consists of the following :

- Auscultation
- Electrocardiogram
- Echocardiogram

Any one method on its own does not guarantee that a hound is not affected with AF or DCM, so a full three-part screening is recommended as part of the Irish Wolfhound Club and Irish Wolfhound Society members code of conduct.

Irish Wolfhounds are routinely screened annually but particularly prior to breeding.

If you would like any further information on heart screening in Irish Wolfhounds please do visit our website, or contact me via the email shown below.

Yours faithfully

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