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To whom this may concern,

We acknowledge that there are many people looking to add a puppy to their family. Unfortunately, with Covid-19 there are not enough litters to accommodate the need.

Reputable breeders carefully select their dam and stud dog, studying numerous pedigrees. They ensure quality care of the dogs in their homes, which includes proper veterinary care. They also complete health testing, which can be expensive, and sometimes end up having to restart their breeding program in the interest of producing the healthiest puppies possible.

Those considering purchasing an Irish Setter puppy should be aware that there are several health clearances that should be done on both the sire and the dam of any litter. The recommended health clearances can be found on our website (www.irishsetterclubofcanada.com).

Additionally, puppy purchasers should ask to see proof of registration on the parents. In order to advertise puppies of any breed as “purebred,” both parents must be registered with a recognized kennel club, and there can be no limitations (such as a non-breeding agreement) on either the sire or the dam.

Any puppy sold in Canada without registration papers cannot be advertised as purebred (Animal Pedigree Act).

Additionally, if there is a non-breeding agreement in place on either or both of the parents their puppies will not be eligible for registration with the Canadian Kennel Club. Therefore, they cannot be sold as purebred.

A breeder must, at their expense, provide Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) papers to all new owners. If you are looking for a new dog find a breeder who is a CKC member and, preferably, a member of their national breed club. Avoid kijiji, ask for references, health clearances, information about the sire and dam, and ask to see the litter registration. Not only will you impress a good breeder by asking these questions, but you have a better chance of avoiding the potential of a future heartbreak. Be prepared to wait for the right dog for you - reputable breeders usually have wait lists. A good breeding takes time, planning, and resources.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of our Executive, Directors, or Coordinators.

Sincerely,

ISCC Board of Directors