

30th June 2016

Dear President,

The path of the Irish nation to Independence was mirrored by the Irish Kennel Club who held its first Dog Show outside the authority of the Kennel Club, London in 1921.

The following year 1922, our state was formed and the Irish Kennel Club formalised our independent structures which still stand today. The sacrifice and dedication of dog lovers from all sections of the political divide in those turbulent times is reflected in the words of our first Chairman, Justice Henry Hanna.

*“We humbly think that the footprints we are leaving behind may encourage other Irishmen to believe that they need not be dismayed to have any burden thrown on their shoulders, if they, as we, with honest endeavour and goodwill, join hands in a united effort. Having laid the foundation, we now propose to build a worthy superstructure”*

The vision that the Founders had in 1922 remains as relevant today as it did back then. As our fellow members in Brazil celebrate their Centenary in 1922, we in Ireland congratulate them and are now formally applying as a candidate for The FCI World Dog Show 2021 in celebration of our own Centenary status.

We would value your support.

Yours in sport,

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Sean Delmar

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