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Dear Members and Officers of the Irish Wolfhound Association of New England,

On behalf of all of my colleagues in the Dog Disease Research group, I want to thank you for your wonderful gift to support our efforts in osteosarcoma research. I am thrilled to be able to apply these resources toward our continuing study of this devastating disease in the Irish Wolfhound breed.

Your gift will be used to help propel our analysis of identified risk loci, and will additionally aid our continued effort to collect samples for the breed.

I am deeply grateful to all of the members of IWANE for their advocacy and outreach about canine cancer; and for the Association's stellar work communicating the need for IWH samples in this study. I understand that sample collection at the recent specialty show in Marlborough was a great success thanks to your efforts. It is enormously helpful to scientists like me to have advocates like you championing the effort to increase our sample numbers.

Your gift will go a long way in helping us further our understanding of Osteosarcoma in the breed. It is my hope that one day soon we will see the benefits of our combined efforts in the form of new diagnostics and, ultimately, treatments for osteosarcoma and other cancers.

With warmest regards,



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