

The Curious History of Irish Dogs

by **David Blake Knox**

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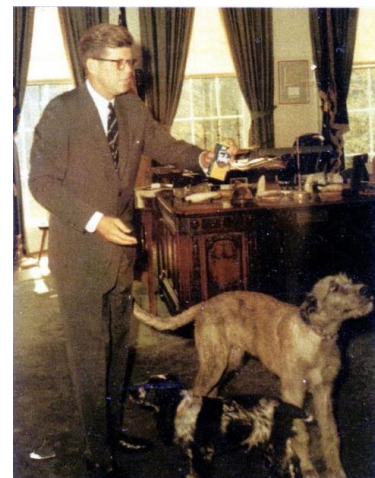
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Keynote: The first ever comprehensive history of Irish dog breeds that is both authoritative and hugely entertaining!

Selling points:

- **Wide appeal to Irish and British dog lovers and breeders** – a huge and committed constituency
- Combines a historic overview with David Blake Knox's story-telling credentials
- Set to become a **market leader on the subject**
- **Generously illustrated**, with 2 colour plate sections
- Launched at the **St Patrick's Day Dog Expo in Dublin** in March 2017, organised by the Irish Kennel Club

About the book: Did you know that...

- The **Irish** have the **highest proportion of dog ownership** in Europe?
- The first full description of an **Irish Red Setter** dates from 1570?
- The **Irish Wolfhound** was first described by Julius Cesar in *De bello Gallico*?
- In 1920 **Michael Collins** organised a breed show for the Kerry Blue? His dog was entered under the show name of "Convict 224", Eamon de Valera's prison number.

About the Author:

David Blake Knox received his PhD at Cambridge University. He worked as a TV producer for RTÉ in Dublin, the BBC in London and the HBO in New York. While at RTÉ, he devised and produced the cult *Nighthawks* TV series, and was a director of TV production. He founded Blueprint Pictures in 2002, which specialises in Arts and Entertainment programmes. He also is author of two books: *Suddenly, While Abroad* (new edition in May 2017), and *Ireland and the Eurovision*, both published by New Island.