



Your love of dogs can live forever



and keep tails wagging long into the future.

An amazing act of love

Hi I'm Miley!

And my life was saved by a very special human. A human who isn't here anymore - who never even met me.

But in an amazing act of love, left a gift in their Will to protect a dog like me.

When I was carried through the doors of the Rehoming Centre I was in a bad way. I couldn't walk. My body was peppered with shotgun pellets, and I'd a deep gash on my right leg. I didn't think I could go on much more.

But because of that kind dog lover's generosity, Dogs Trust were able to give me emergency surgery. They couldn't save my leg, but they were able to save my life.

And when I woke up, it was to a different world. One of care and love. Full bellies. Soft blankets.

And when I was strong enough, something I never dreamed of - a forever home, where I get smothered with cuddles every day.

I didn't know that people could be like this - that people, like you, who loved dogs so much existed.

Thank you for caring about us. And for thinking about leaving a gift in your Will to Dogs Trust to protect us.

It could give another dog, just like me, a happy ending to their story. It could save their life.

 **Miley**

Former Dogs Trust resident.



A gift that keeps tails wagging

We believe that every dog deserves to live life to the full.

And as a dog lover yourself, we know you'll agree that every dog should get all the love and care they need.

Not all dogs do, right now.

But by leaving a gift to Dogs Trust in your Will, you can change all that. And together, we can create a better future for all dogs in Ireland.

A Will is an incredibly special thing.

For many of us it's our last opportunity to make sure that the people we love are looked after when we're gone.

But it can also be a chance to have a lasting impact on a cause close to our hearts.

We are so grateful to our wonderful supporters who choose to honour their love of dogs with a gift to Dogs Trust in their Will.

These amazing gifts come in all different shapes and sizes. Some gifts are large, some are small, some are for a specified amount and others for a percentage of whatever is left over after family and friends have been looked after.

But all these gifts have one thing in common - each one brings us one step closer to creating a better world where every dog can live a full, safe and happy life.

What a legacy to leave, to our most faithful friends.

Cosmo, Labrador cross
& Canine Carer, Andy





Valerie's dream of better

“ I don't have any family, so my dog Rowley is everything to me. I adopted two other dogs before Rowley - Jumble and Captain. When they passed away, I thought my heart would break. I said never again, but then I met Rowley. He was in desperate need of a home and the rest is history. I don't think you ever feel lonely when you have a dog. We meet so many people on our walks and everyone wants to chat to Rowley. I began supporting Dogs Trust ten years ago and no matter what's happened in my life that's never changed.

Dogs Trust is committed to giving every dog they meet the chance at a better, happier life. They do everything they can to save every dog. That's a big part of why I chose to include a gift to Dogs Trust in my Will.

I have so much faith in Dogs Trust and have seen the exceptional love and care they provide dogs who need them.

I dream of a day when every dog has the chance of a happy life and I know this gift to Dogs Trust in my Will can help make that dream a reality. ”

Will you join Valerie today and leave a lasting gift of love to Dogs Trust in your Will?

SPECIAL MILESTONES

2009



State-of-the-art new Rehoming Centre opens for stray dogs.

“We will never give up on a healthy dog. We'll stick with them as long as it takes. They will always be safe and loved here.”



2014

New Puppy Wing at Dogs Trust unveiled.

“500 extra puppies and mums can now be rescued annually. It's going to make such a difference.”

2018

Dogs Trust celebrates 20,000th dog finding their forever home.

“That's 20,000 dogs getting the second chance at life that they deserve. Thanks to all our supporters who made it possible.”

Walkies down memory lane

Dogs Trust Ireland was set up in 2005 with a vital mission - to end the needless destruction of healthy dogs.

Back then, 48 dogs were put to sleep every single day. It was a situation that dog lovers like you agreed couldn't be allowed to continue.

And so, with amazing supporters like you by our side, we set about our work to save the lives of as many lost, abandoned and neglected dogs as we possibly could.

Now, because of people like you, the number of dogs put to sleep everyday in pounds has been reduced to fewer than one.

But that is not enough. There are still too many dogs ending up in pounds each year.

We believe even one single dog destroyed is too many.

And we won't rest until we bring about the day where every dog can live a full, safe and happy life.

That's why we need people like you, **and Valerie**, who believe in a better future for dogs in Ireland too.



A puppy wing built with love

Wagging tails, inquisitive noses, talkative ears and boundless energy – watching the puppies giddily play in the special wing that gifts from generous people like you made possible, fills us all with such joy here at Dogs Trust.

Some incredible supporters had chosen to leave us gifts in their Wills. And we wanted to use them to do something really special.

To make the biggest difference we could to dogs' lives in Ireland.

One of the most heart-breaking challenges we had at that time was caring for pregnant mums and their unplanned litters. Some abandoned. And others, like Blue, the survivors of horrific puppy farms.

Kept in dark and deafening silence, in cramped, cold and filthy pens. All they ever experienced was fear and pain. They needed the help, love and care only we could provide them with.

So, we built a special Puppy Wing in 2014 for them. Providing a safe home for up to 500 rescued puppies and their mums every year!

And even now, supporters' gifts from over the years continue to give hundreds of puppies the happy, safe, start they deserve in life every year.

That's the kind of amazing impact you can have. The incredible legacy of love you can leave to a mum like Blue and her pups.



“ A way to give back to dogs who've brought so much joy to our lives. ”

Michael and his dog, Tiny

Michael remembers the joy

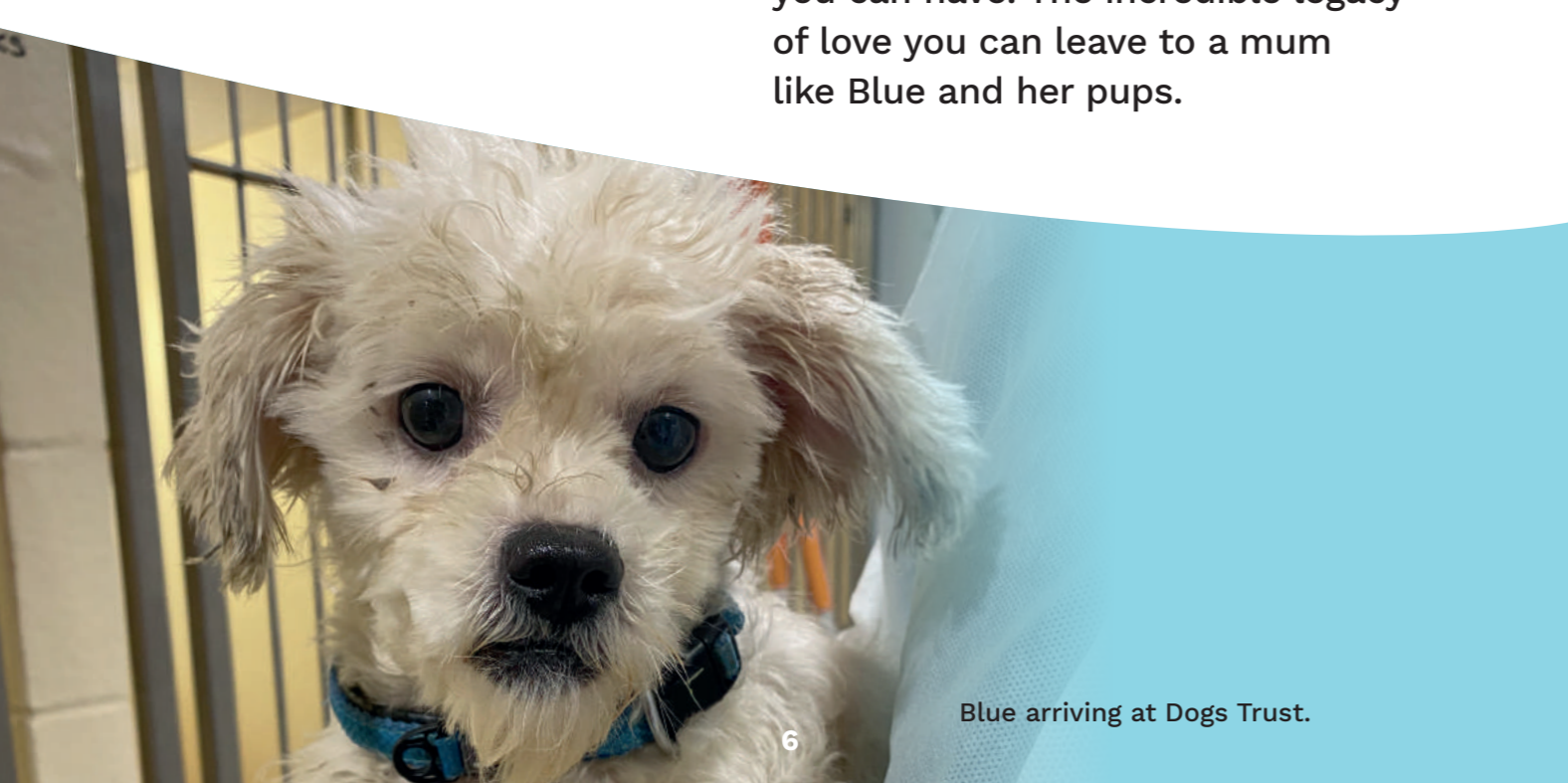
“Childhood summers spent on my uncle's farm is where my great love of animals began. The loyalty and faithfulness of dogs has always amazed me.

My wife and I have been married for 50 years. We have five children and at last count, 11 grandchildren.

Over the years we've shared our home with a host of canine companions. I've such fond memories of the two West Highland Terriers we raised and two Cavalier King Charles we adopted when their owner moved abroad.

Our most recent addition, Tiny, is a miniature Jack Russell who I found abandoned on the roadside. After all our efforts to find Tiny's owner failed, we decided to offer her a home here with us and we've never looked back.

When making the decision to include Dogs Trust in our Will, we first discussed it with our children. Everyone agreed that leaving a gift was a great way for us to allow our love of dogs to live on after we've gone.”



Blue arriving at Dogs Trust.

SIMPLE STEPS

leave a big imprint



Your Will can help make your wishes clear to the loved ones you leave behind and makes it easy to ensure the people, and causes, you care for most are provided for.

For something that can leave such a big imprint, the actual process of writing a Will can be surprisingly easy. Just follow these four simple steps:

- 1 Make a list of all your assets** – such as your home, savings and car, and your liabilities such as debts or mortgages.
- 2 Make a list of your beneficiaries** – your family, your loved ones, and, if you choose, Dogs Trust too.
- 3 Appoint an executor** – who will be responsible for your Will and carrying out your wishes. This can be a trusted friend or relation, or a solicitor.
- 4 Meet your solicitor** – who will write your Will, and ensure it is stored in a safe place.

And remember, you can change your mind at any time and revise your Will at different stages of your life.

If you want to learn more about how you can keep tails wagging with a gift in your Will, call Katie on 01 879 1843 or email Katie.O'Neill@DogsTrust.ie.

We'll love and care for your dog if you can't!

We know your dog's love and happiness means everything to you. And that one of the worst thoughts is *'What if something happens to me?'*

You worry, where will they go?
And who will look after them?

We will, with our free
Canine Care Card service!

Enjoy the peace of mind that we will step in to love and care for your dog if you pass away, become seriously ill or have to move into a nursing home.

Sign up for this FREE service and become a Canine Care Card holder today by calling Katie on 01 879 1843.



Eimear's happy goodbyes

There is this heart-wrenching, bitter-sweet moment when you see a dog you've loved and cared for leave for their forever home.

I often have to fight back the tears. But they're happy tears.

And they are the very best kind of goodbyes.

Seeing a dog who arrived so broken and unloved, getting the second chance they deserve.

Not all dogs are so lucky. Sadly, I know Dogs Trust will be needed long into the future – long after I'm retired and gone.

But I also know they will be here.

And I'm comforted by the knowledge that they will never stop. Not until the day when no healthy dog is put to sleep. And every dog has a home where they are safe and loved.

By leaving a gift in your Will to Dogs Trust, you will create more happy goodbyes from our Rehoming Centre.

And make sure every dog gets the second chance they deserve.

Eimear Cassidy



Eimear Cassidy, Assistant Operations Manager

Our promise to you



A gift in your Will to Dogs Trust is such an incredible act of love. And we understand and appreciate the trust you are placing in us to protect and care for abandoned and neglected dogs and puppies with it.

We take your trust incredibly seriously, and that's why we promise:

- 1** To follow the **Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Reporting by Charities (SORP)** standard, which is recommended by the **Accounting Standards Board (ASB)**.
- 2** To promote best practice in fundraising and adhere to the **Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising**.
- 3** To make sure our annual reports are available to view at all times on our website or alternatively, you can call or email us and we will send you out copies.
- 4** **And most importantly**, to honour your wishes and make sure your values and beliefs live on after you.

If you ever have any questions about how your generous donations are helping us save more dogs, you can **call Katie on 01 879 1843** or **email Katie.O'Neill@DogsTrust.ie**.

Will you choose to let your love of Dogs live forever?

We are grateful to anyone considering leaving a gift to Dogs Trust in their Will.

Letting us know that you have chosen to remember Dogs Trust in your Will can help us plan for a better future for stray and abandoned dogs in Ireland. It also means we can keep you up to date with how

support like yours is saving dogs' lives every day. If you would like to discuss it with someone, you can call Katie on 01 879 1843 or fill in your contact details below and we will be in touch.

Your details will be treated with complete confidentiality.

Title Name Surname
Address

From time to time we would like to send you exciting updates about our work, products, services and let you know about other opportunities to help, including fundraising activities and research.

Email and phone can be a quick and cost-effective way for us to contact you.

I'm happy to receive emails. My email address is:

I'm happy to receive phone calls. My phone number is:

If you have provided a mobile number are you happy to receive Text Messages? Please tick box for Yes:

If you would prefer not to receive information by post please tick this box

Don't worry, we'll still keep in touch about your Legacy Gift.

- I'm considering including Dogs Trust in my Will
- I intend to include Dogs Trust in my Will
- I have included Dogs Trust in my Will
- I would like to talk to Katie, please call me on my details above

The type of gift is likely to be

- A percentage of what is left after my loved ones have been looked after (a residual gift)
- A specified sum of money (a pecuniary gift)
- I'd rather not say

Please return your completed reply form in the Freepost envelope enclosed, or call **Katie** on **01 879 1843** to discuss any questions you may have.

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