

Stay forever by their side



**You've loved dogs all your life. A gift in your Will to
Dogs Trust Ireland means that love never ends.**

The best friend I never met saved my life



Hi I'm Miley!

And my life was saved by a very special human. A human who isn't here anymore – who loved dogs and wanted to return the friendship dogs had given them.

So in an amazing act of love they 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 always dreamed of, a forever home, where I get tonnes of cuddles every day.

I didn't know that people like you, who loved dogs so much, existed. But I'm so glad you do.

Thank you for caring about us. And for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Dogs Trust Ireland. It could give another dog, just like me, a happy ending to their story. It could save their life.

 **Miley**

Former Dogs Trust resident



Will you remember your most loyal companion with a lasting gift of love?

As a dog lover, you believe every dog deserves to live a full and happy life. And we know you'll agree that every dog should get all the love and care they need.

By leaving a gift to Dogs Trust in your Will, you can change all that. Together, we can create a better future for all dogs in Ireland.

Your Will is special. For many of us, it's our last opportunity to make sure that the people we love are looked after.

But it can also be a chance to have a lasting impact on the dogs who have always been by your side. The ones who have jumped for joy as you arrived home. And the ones who licked away your tears and nuzzled close when they sensed your sadness.

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

These amazing gifts come in all different sizes. 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 they all have one thing in common – each one brings us a step closer to a world where every dog can live a full, safe and happy life.

What a legacy to leave, to stay forever by the side of our most faithful friends.

Cosmo, Labrador cross & Dogs Trust team member, Andy



Valerie
and her dog,
Rowley



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 more than 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 make a lasting gift to the dogs you love? You can stay forever by their side with a gift to Dogs Trust in your Will.

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!



Blue arriving
at Dogs
Trust.

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 staying forever by the side of mums like Blue and her pups.



**Michael
and his
dog, Tiny**

Loving dogs is a family tradition worth passing down

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. After our efforts to find Tiny's owner failed, we decided to offer her a home here with us and never looked back.

When making the decision to include a gift to Dogs Trust in our Will, we first discussed it with our children. Everyone agreed that leaving a gift to the dogs of Ireland through Dogs Trust was a great way for us to stay forever by their side.

“Dogs have given me so much joy, I'm glad my love for them will live on.”

Our Promise to You and the Dogs You Love



Remembering the dogs who've touched your life with a gift in your Will is a special decision. We recognise the trust you place in our hands to carry your values forward, 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)**.
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- 2** To promote best practice in fundraising and adhere to the **Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising**.
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- 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.
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- 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 Anna on 01 879 1000** or email **Anna.Murray@DogsTrust.ie**.

What a dog-loving difference you've made!

You've stood by dogs every step of the way

From day one, the history of Dogs Trust has really been a history of dog people. Every major milestone is thanks to the people who want to return the love of the dogs who have stood beside them.

Together we're saving lives, changing laws, ending cruelty, making Ireland more dog friendly.

2009

Our state-of-the-art rehoming centre opens in Dublin, featuring a dedicated veterinary clinic and specialist staff to give dogs the best possible care.



The Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 is enacted nationally, the legislation we continue to lobby to have strengthened to this day.

2010



2005

Our Mission Begins

Dogs Trust Ireland is established to campaign and educate on dog welfare, as well as introducing its neutering programme for dogs across the country.



We successfully campaign for compulsory microchipping, making it a legal requirement and helping lost dogs find their way back home.



2015

In 2022 you helped us rehome our 20,000th dog in Ireland. And by 2025 you'd helped us find homes for 23,350 dogs. Puptastic.

2014

The opening of our specialised Puppy Wing, providing a safe, quiet haven for vulnerable mums and their newborn litters.



2024

In 2024, thousands of dog lovers like you took part in our first ever Dog Census.

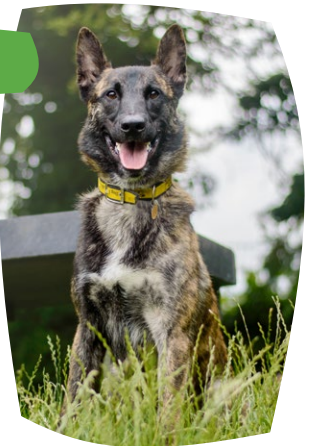
The Journey Continues... With You

Our work isn't done. By choosing to remember Dogs Trust in your Will, your love can carry forward – ensuring that you'll stand forever by their side.

Today



2020



We launch our Regional Rehoming Programme, building a network of local foster families so dogs in Munster and Connacht can be rehomed in their own region without the journey to Dublin.

“The More People I Meet, the More I Prefer Dogs!”

Karen, from rural Kerry, on the free card that means her dogs will always be looked after

Henry and Tadhg start spinning the moment I pick up their leads. The second my key is in the front door, the excited barks start. They love hard, they play hard, and they're very naughty little dogs! But they love us unconditionally.

We live in rural Kerry with no family nearby. The nearest house is a mile and a half away. Wonderful space for the dogs, but it got me worrying. If anything happened to us, I'd hate to think of them stuck here, stranded and alone.

I asked my solicitor if he knew of any scheme that could help. He didn't. But I wasn't giving up. Not when it came to my boys.

Then I found the Canine Care Card from Dogs Trust. It was exactly what I'd been looking for. It's a promise that if you should

Karen's best boys, Henry and Tadhg



find yourself needing fulltime residential care, end of life care or in the event you pass away, Dogs Trust will care for your dogs until they find them a loving new home. All I had to do was fill in a form. And it's free! I couldn't believe that.

Since my husband and I were already putting plans in place for the boys, we've left a gift to Dogs Trust in our Will too. I don't think of it as anything grand. It's just what dog people like us do, isn't it?

If like Karen, you want the peace of mind of knowing your best friend will always be looked after, you can apply for a free Canine Care Card today.

With a Canine Care Card your dogs will always be loved

We'll care for your dogs if you can't

Jack's happy his owner made sure he'd always have a loving home



Canine Care Card

In the event of my death Dogs Trust will care for my dog(s). Please call 01 879 1000



Registered Charity Number 20057978

Jack, a lively Jack Russell, and Goldie, a shy Yorkshire Terrier, came to us because their owner thoughtfully planned ahead with our Canine Care Card.

This free service ensures that if life changes and you can no longer care for your dogs we will make a safe space for them.

Our compassionate team showered this gorgeous pair with love, comfort, and the exact veterinary attention they needed.

Both Jack and Goldie eventually found wonderful, loving new forever homes. It is comforting to know this service is always here for our most faithful friends.

Become a Canine Care Card holder to put your mind at ease. Call the Canine Care Card Team on 01 879 1000.



Goldie loves her new forever home

“If I Had More Space, I’d Have More Dogs”

Susan, 62, from Cork, on why leaving a gift in her Will to Dogs Trust was the most natural decision in the world.

Believe me, I’ve always loved dogs. We got our first, Tibs, when my husband got sick, and Tibs stayed by his side through it all. After I lost my husband in 2013, my daughter said poor Tibs needed a friend. Along came Lola. They got me through the hardest of times.

Now I have Teddy and Brody. My grandson grew up with Teddy and they adore each other. Brody was living wild before he came to me. He’d never even been on a lead. But he’s the most lovable dog ever.

People can be peculiar. We’re all peculiar in our own way! But your

dog is always there for you. You’ll always come home to find them absolutely delighted to see you.

That’s why there’s a gift to Dogs Trust in my Will. I’m no millionaire. But my daughter is settled, and anything extra she gets is a bonus, but it will make a huge difference to the dogs. It’ll keep them fed and cared for until they find a home.

My daughter thinks it’s a great idea. She says it’s the kind of person I am. And she’s right. I’m a dog person. If I had more space, I’d have three or four dogs!

Dogs have been there for Susan through thick and thin



Susan chose not to be photographed for this piece. Photo features human and cute doggy models

Answers to the questions dog people ask us most

Dogs have stayed by your side all your life. A gift in your Will to Dogs Trust Ireland is a way to stay by theirs, forever. Here are our answers to the questions people ask us most often:

Do I need a lot of money to leave a gift?

Not at all. A gift of any size makes a massive difference to the dogs in our care. You can leave a specific sum or a percentage of what is left over.

Will it affect what I leave to my family?

No. We completely understand that your loved ones come first. You can easily choose to look after your family and friends first, and leave a gift to Dogs Trust with what remains.

Have a question we haven’t answered? We’re here to help. Call Anna Murray on 01 879 1000 or email Anna.Murray@DogsTrust.ie for a friendly informal chat.

Do I need to rewrite my existing Will?

Not necessarily. A simple amendment called a codicil can easily be added by your solicitor to include a gift to us.

What happens to my gift?

Your gift goes directly toward caring for dogs in Ireland – rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming vulnerable dogs who need a second chance at life.

Is this confidential?

Yes, completely. Anything you discuss with our team about leaving a gift in your Will is entirely private and we’ll never pressure you or chase a decision.



5 SIMPLE STEPS to make your dog-loving heart beat forever

You are someone who loves dogs, and is loved by dogs.

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 five 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 Ireland 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.

5 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 Anna on 01 879 1000 or email Anna.Murray@DogsTrust.ie.

Will you choose to stay forever by the side of the dogs you love?

We are grateful to you, as a dog lover, for considering leaving a gift to Dogs Trust in your 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 Anna Murray on 01 879 0000 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.

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Your Will, Your Way

How and what you choose to leave as a gift is entirely up to you. If you feel comfortable sharing your intentions, we would be very grateful if you could let us know in the space below.

- ☐ 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 someone, 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 **Anna Murray** on **01 879 1000** to discuss any questions you may have.

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