

Dog Tales

News of how **your compassion is saving dogs**
and setting tails wagging across Ireland.



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From **Wags** to Riches...

When they were abandoned in the pouring rain — their little hearts sinking as the car sped away — your love was there to scoop them up. Story continues, on page 2...

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From Wags to Riches, Continued...

The CCTV footage is hard to watch... It's pouring with rain. A car pulls up outside Dogs Trust after hours. And two dogs, we believe a mother and daughter, are shoved under our gates.

Confused and worried, the girls watch as the car drives away without them — their waggy tails coming to a slow stop as the car disappears.

Alone, scared, soaked to the bone, the pair were out there for over an hour before a staff member spotted them.

Your love opens the door

Thanks to you, a safe, warm place was waiting just behind the gates. We brought them inside, and named the girls Sharon and Kelly.

As Ireland's dog crisis continues, our kennels are always full.



Worried and confused, but safe now, thanks to you!

And sadly, when people abandon dogs on our doorstep, it puts another deserving dog in desperate need even further down the waiting list.

Thankfully, one of our fosterers, Chloe, took the girls in — “just for a while”. You know what’s coming next...



“We love them to bits!!”

Chloe fell head over paws for Sharon and Kelly. “It was as if they'd always been here,” she says. “They hopped on the sofa like they were saying - ‘Oh, it's good to be home’.

Only weeks later, Chloe officially adopted ‘her girls’. **“We feel so lucky to have them in our family. Thank you!”**

Snuggles on the sofa. Bedtime biscuits. And a forever home of their own... Thank you for every second chance you give. 🐾

Snow White's Fairy Tale Ending

Rail-thin. Red-raw skin. There was not a soul in this world who loved Snow White, not like she deserved. But that was ‘before’ — before rescue, before love, before YOU...

You must remember little Snow White. She was found wandering alone near a coffee shop in a pitiful state...

Starving. Skinny as a rake. And covered in scabs from a nasty case of mange. The poor little dote must have felt like her skin was on fire.



“Don’t cry little one, You’re ok now baby...”

Skin soothed, heart healed

It would have hurt your heart to hear Snow White's little whimpers of sorrow and relief as carers gently lifted her out of her first warm,

medicated bath. It was as if she finally felt safe.

Your love soothed her sore, scabbed skin with healing creams, and she felt love for the first time. She even had a fluffy bed of her own and a heat lamp to keep her warm.

A new chapter begins

You'll be so happy to hear that Snow White has been adopted!

She went home not long ago with a family who cherish every hair on her head — now and always.



Thank you for giving this little princess a new life filled with all the love her once-broken heart can hold.



"She was in an awful state... she was so skinny underneath that rug of tangled fur." — Valentina, canine carer

The Very **Waggy** Caterpillar

Tangled, terrified, and trapped in her own body, Caterpillar was found on a busy road — narrowly avoiding being hit by cars. Her story could have ended right there. But a caring person lifted her out of harm's way. And your kindness took things from there...

Alone and afraid...

Caterpillar was panicked. Dodging traffic, she was **barely able to see because of the heavy mats covering her face and body.**

It took the dog lover over an hour to catch her, but they refused to give up!

"She was so skinny"

Caterpillar was sedated as our vet team carefully removed her matted rug of tangled fur.

Despite her tiny size, it took two and a half hours and blunted three blades.

Your heart would have broken to see how skinny she was underneath, and the red-raw skin all up her little legs.

Your love transforms

Matting this bad doesn't happen overnight. Poor Caterpillar had likely been **a prisoner in her own body for many, many months.** At only around a year old, she'd already endured so much.

But thanks to you, everything was about to change for this very lucky Caterpillar!



**My wounds are healed,
I look brand new,
My heart is happy,
and it's all thanks to YOU!**

A different dog...

Liberated her from her cage of tangles, Caterpillar transformed...

Gone was the frightened soul from the roadside, and in her place, a waggy-tailed, snugglebug — climbing into laps, nuzzling hands, and soaking up every drop of love she could get her paws on!

"She couldn't get enough love, or give enough of it," says Valentina.

A home of her own

All Caterpillar wanted was someone to love. And that's the precious gift you give...

When Caterpillar's new family set eyes on her — that goofy smile, her button nose, her tippy toes — they fell head over paws for her!

Her tail wagging a mile a minute, she went home with her forever family soon after.

"As soon as all that matted fur was gone, she was a different dog. All she wanted was love... as soon as you sat down, she'd climb into your lap and look up at you for a cuddle."



Cast out, unloved, discarded... thank you for changing little lives, four precious paws at a time.



Three More **Happy Tails**

Precious lives that are just beginning, because of you...



Pudding

At six weeks old, Pudding was dumped on a lonely road. But today, little Pudding and her heart-shaped nose are **safe and forever loved, thanks to you.**



Teddie

Teddie was found cowering under a palette in an industrial estate. Flea-bitten and covered in flies, **your love saved his precious paws** just in time!



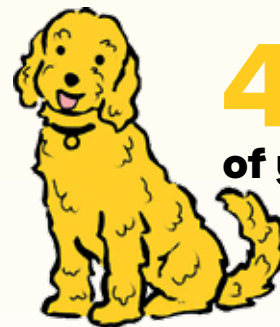
Moana

A dog lover found Moana and her four siblings high in the mountains — thrown away like rubbish, left to their awful fate. **Thanks to you, these little ones are now safe.**

Your Dog Census, the Results...

Loving dogs comes as naturally to you as breathing. It's part of who you are. That's why, last year, we asked you to take part in Ireland's first-ever dog census. This is what you and your fellow dog lovers told us...

26,512
dog lovers like
you responded
to the census.



41%
of you believe
Ireland should be
more dog-friendly.

Irresponsible breeding was the top
dog welfare issue facing Ireland's
dogs you'd like to help tackle.



81% of you
agree that there needs
to be stronger law
enforcement to crack
down on irresponsible
breeding.



Unconditional love
and companionship
are what you said
you love most
about your dogs.



Ireland's most popular
dog names are...

Bella & Bailey



And our most popular
breeds are Terriers,
Labradors and Collies.

**'Count every dog,
so every dog counts'...**

Please, look out for the 2025 Dog Census landing
in your inbox very soon! Be sure to complete it as
soon as you can. By taking part, you help
shape the direction of our life-saving
work to protect dogs at every level of
our society. **Thank you for being a voice
for Ireland's dogs.**



Until Nala has
one of her own...

Will **YOU** be her family?

Sweet
Nala is
patiently
waiting for
'her person'
to walk
through our
gates and
fall in love.



But until that
wonderful day comes,
she's looking for a kind,
caring dog lover like you
to be her Sponsor 'Paw-rent' —

**"Nala LOVES you. That's a fact.
If you were to meet her, she'd
tell you that herself. A classic
lurcher, Nala's favourite place
to be is snuggled up under a
duvet... preferably with you!"**

— Clare, one of Nala's carers —

Please, until Nala's 'person'
finds her, will you be her family?



As Nala's special Sponsor, you'll
receive regular pup-dates and love
letters from your gorgeous girl! **Use
the reply form enclosed to sponsor
Nala, or visit DogsTrust.ie/Sponsor**

When Your Love Means Life Itself...

As Ireland's dog crisis wears on, our services are stretched like never before. But your kindness today can give even the most forgotten and fragile dogs a second chance to be loved...

Annie was found with deep gashes all over her face, a belly full of pups, and a mouth full of broken teeth.

We can't show you the worst of Annie's photos. But **you can paint your own grim picture of her life before** your love found her.

But as the dog crisis continues, so does the pressure on our already stretched services. And we can only save dogs like poor Annie with the help of **caring, committed dog lovers like yourself...**

Please, will you give a gift today and make sure help is there for the next dog like Annie, who needs urgent, life-saving care?



The Poorly Pup's Wishlist



Found with a ruptured eyeball. Please, will you help little ones like Edwina?

- ☒ Post-surgery **recovery food** (12 x cans) — €50
- ☒ First week **critical vet care** for a dog — €75
- ☒ Treatment for **advanced mange** — €100
- ☒ **Urgent surgery** for a very poorly pup — €300+

To give, use your reply form, enclosed. Or scan this code with your phone.



Your gift will help care for dogs and puppies and support all Dogs Trust work to protect Ireland's dogs.

Woof you!



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