

# Dog Tales



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

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## Dora's Day of Miracles ♡

Open up and see how your love took Dora  
from frozen in fear, to the bouncy girl with  
the pink bunny you see before you here...

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## Dora's Day of Miracles

Sunday on a summer afternoon. Dora is tied to a lamppost — abandoned with a belly full of pups. We know it doesn't sound like it, but for Dora, that Sunday was a day of miracles, all because of your kindness...

“**S**he was frozen in fear — *literally* frozen,” says Karen, who was the first to kneel by Dora's side.

Dora was abandoned... tied to a lamppost and left to her fate.

The blue rope tied tightly around her neck. Her skinny frame and swollen belly. Her flea and worm-ridden body — Dora's life had not been a happy one.

But with your love comes miracles. And the moment Dora was brought through our doors, her life changed forever, thanks to you. **She just didn't know it yet.**



Dora ❤️

You can see the defeat in her soft brown eyes, bless her heart...

### Cigarette butts and scraps

Exhausted, frightened, in those first days, Dora hardly lifted her head. She'd been eating cigarette butts and rubbish to survive.

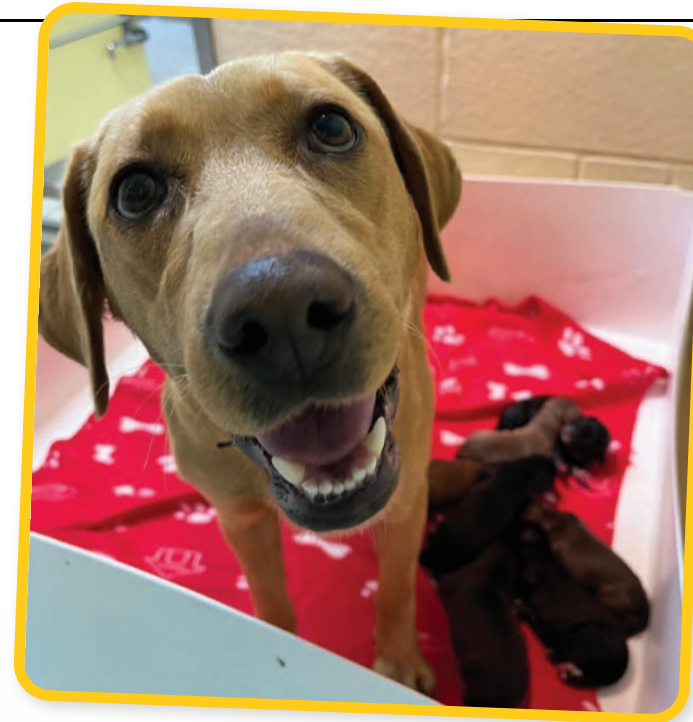
“**Her first days were heartbreaking... she was vomiting up cigarette butts and bits of rubbish.**”

“I sat with her for hours — talking to her and offering little bits of chicken,” Karen says. “On the third morning, I got to her kennel and she gave me a tiny wag. I thought, okay, I've got you... that was really the moment her new life began.”

### More tragedy for Dora

Dora gave birth a week later. Sadly, four of her pups didn't make it. They were just too fragile.

But to the four who lived, Dora was such a kind, devoted mother.



Despite the lack of love in her life, Dora doted over her pups. You'd have been so proud of her!

### "I burst into tears"

You remember that tight blue rope around Dora's neck?

Well, you won't be surprised to hear that Dora was terrified of the collar and lead. "It took four

weeks of gentle coaxing and encouragement to get her to set paw outside,” says Karen. “When she finally did, I burst into tears.”

### Abandoned to aDORAed

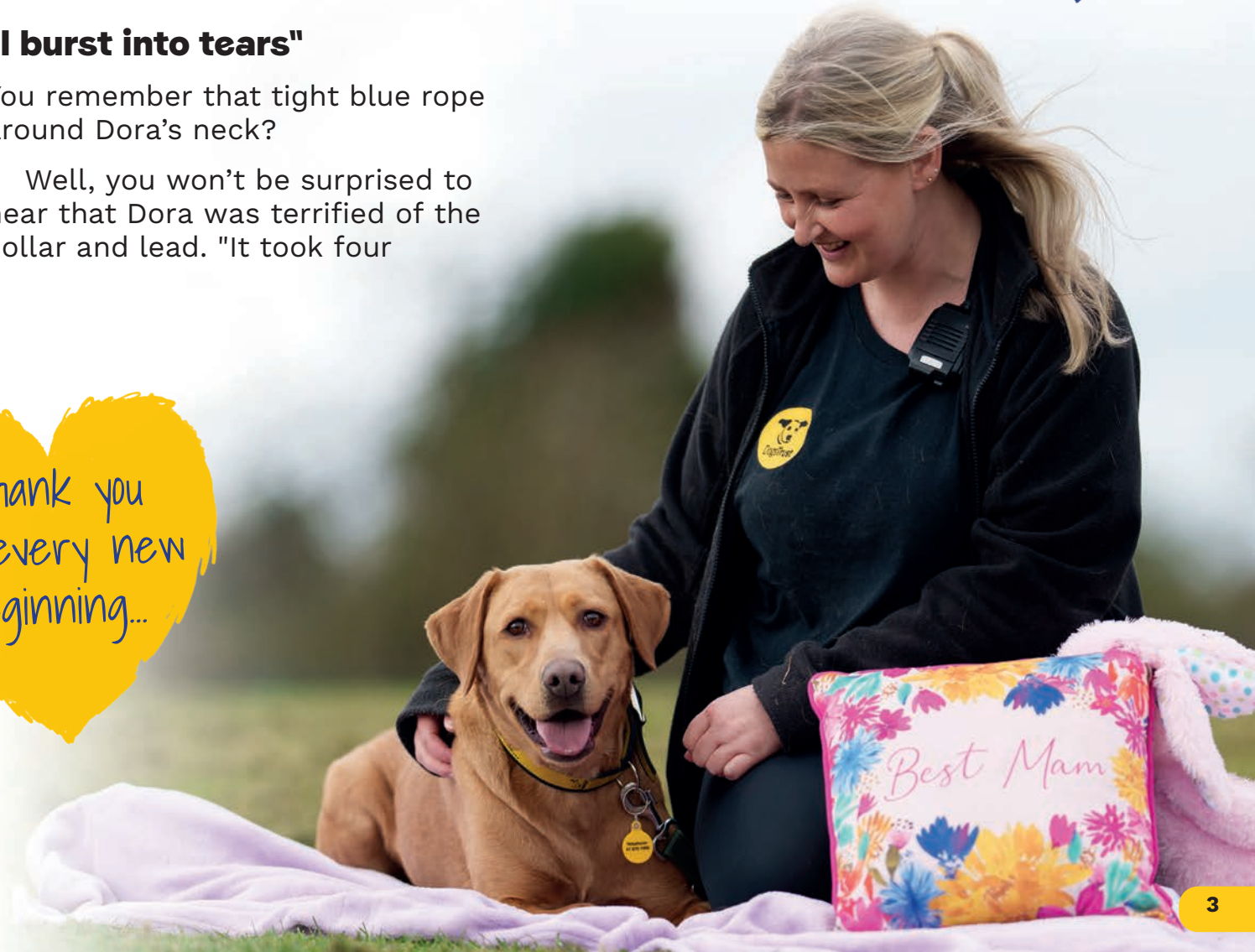
Wrapped in your love, Dora bloomed. She discovered the joy of toys — the squeaky ones, the fluffy ones — Dora loves them all!

Her pups were all homed when a lovely family came to meet Dora. “They were her people,” says Karen. “The day she went home with them, I cried again — happy tears!”

**Today, Dora is safe, adored, and will never again find herself on the end of a rope. For the miracles your love brings...**

THANK YOU! -♡-

Thank you for every new beginning...





### A Little Kiss, from Dutchess to You

**Skinny. Starving. And left at the local dog pound because she was pregnant. But weak as Dutchess was, she summoned the strength to give her rescuer a little kiss. Safe at Dogs Trust, in the arms of your love, with that kiss, she was saying... 'Thank you.'**

**W**hen our team heard about Dutchess — rail thin and heavily pregnant — they knew she couldn't wait.

Thankfully, a mum-and-pup kennel had just become free. Your kindness took things from there...

#### A Mother's Love, and Yours

Dutchess was so thin you could feel every rib. But just 24 hours after your love brought her through our doors,

#### Your Love is Life-saving

Poor Dutchess, so thin and diminished already, became dangerously ill as she tried to care for her newborn pups.

She developed diarrhoea, blood clots and was struggling to stand on her back legs.

But thanks to you, Dutchess got the urgent vet care she needed. And your generosity wrapped her in all the love she'd never known before.

**“When I opened my arms for Dutchess, she just melted into them. Then she looked up at me and gave me a little kiss. It was her way of saying... thank you.”**

#### The Kiss That Said So Much

Karen stayed with Dutchess while she recovered. She was weak and exhausted. But above all, she was desperate to feel the love and comfort she'd been denied for so long.

“I opened my arms for Dutchess and she melted into them,” says Karen. Then she looked up into



Dutchess & her precious pups

her carer's face and gave her a gentle little kiss on the chin.

**That kiss, it was for you...**

...for the powerful love you wrapped our Dutchess and her pups in when she had no one else.

**For giving, caring and for loving the dogs others throw away...**

**Thank you! ♥**



she gave birth to ten fragile puppies. Two slipped quietly away, too weak to survive. But eight clung on — your kindness gave them warmth, safety and a fighting chance.

### Mamma's & Pupper's Wish-List

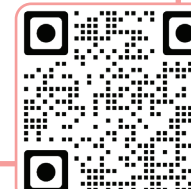
**Your kindness today can help protect Ireland's abandoned Mums and their little ones...**



- ✓ **€35** protect a litter of pups from worms.
- ✓ **€54** is enough for **4 x tubs of 'babydog' formula** to replace a struggling mum's milk.
- ✓ **€88** could provide **30 x cans of veterinary 'recovery mousse'** for mum and pups.
- ✓ **€100** could help vaccinate a litter of pups against disease.
- ✓ **€300** could help provide **life-saving treatment for a suffering mum** like Dutchess.

Your kindness today could help answer the cries of the next little puppy who needs you, and so much more.

**Give using your enclosed reply, or by scanning this code >>>**



\*Your kind gift will help care for all the dogs and puppies at Dogs Trust and support all our vital work to protect Ireland's dogs.



"Dogs are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole."



## Bubbles Choice...

**Jesse was left in someone's garden with her two tiny pups. Thankfully, your love led her to Dogs Trust. And when her foster mum met her, she fell instantly in love. But it was up to someone else to decide if Jesse could stay...**

If you have a multi-pet home, you know who's boss — *and that's the cat!*

So when Mary Joe fostered Jesse, she knew it would be Bubbles, her 18-year-old cat, who got the final say.

"I fostered Jesse and her pups. She didn't know how to walk on a lead and barked at everything," says Mary Joe. "She hadn't had a nice, stable life, so she was just worried — and that's how she expressed herself."

With love, patience and routine, Jesse began to settle, and she was

slowly introduced to Bubbles.\*

**Not quite besties, but buddies**

"A huge milestone was reached when Bubbles and Jesse could

**"Jesse has brought so much joy to my life... Bubbles even lets Jesse sit next to her on the sofa!"**

sit together on the sofa," says Mary Joe. "Soon, they felt comfortable enough to fall asleep next to one another." Bubbles verdict was in.

"Jesse wakes up full of fun, and she gets me out and about. I wouldn't be without her now," Mary Joe says. "Jesse has brought so much joy to my life."

**Thank you for giving dogs like Jesse a precious second chance to be loved like every dog deserves. 🐾**



## Peace of Mind for You, and Your Best Friend...

Nobody loves your dog like you do. But have you ever worried — *who would care for my dog if something happens to me?*

When you apply for a Dogs Trust Canine Care Card, you can safeguard your dog's future should you pass away, become seriously ill or need to go into a nursing home.

**Find out more at [DogsTrust.ie/CCC](https://www.dogs-trust.ie/CCC) - Thank you!**



\*You can find more about introducing dogs and cats on [dogstrust.ie/dogsandcats](https://www.dogs-trust.ie/dogsandcats)

## ♥ Your Love for Dogs, Everlasting...

**This is how a father's change of heart — and a simple line in his Will — will give generations of dogs the love they deserve. And how you can too...**

**M**artin wasn't always a 'dog lover'. "I grew up on a farm, so the dogs would have been mainly working dogs," he says.

But when his daughter was born, a dog lover from day dot, she begged the family for a dog. Finally, Martin gave in. And from the moment Otis's paws walked through their front door, Martin was a man transformed!

"We've got two dogs now, they're lovely little lads. I broke my hip recently, and I had to sleep



**Martin and 'his boys'**

downstairs. Otis didn't leave my side." Recently, Martin made a decision that means his love for dogs will live on... long after he's gone —

**"We were updating our wills, and I knew I wanted to include Dogs Trust."**

**When Dogs Trust rescue a dog, they'll look after him until he finds a forever home. It was an easy decision."**

If, like Martin, you'd like to **consider a gift in your Will of any size to Dogs Trust**, visit [DogsTrust.ie](https://www.dogs-trust.ie) and we'll help you take the next step. Thank you!



# Four Tiny Paws at a Time...

For lifting these little ones out of harm and into caring arms – Thank you!



**Ladybug**

Ladybug was **found in a field** next to a supermarket. At just **three weeks old**, she wouldn't have survived the night. Thanks to you, she's safe and growing up with a heart full of love.



**Maeve**

At just six weeks old, someone found little Maeve and her brothers, **dumped in a carrier in some bushes**. Thanks to you, her little life filled with love and bedtime treats is just beginning.



**Lucia**

At just four months old, little Lucia found herself at Dogs Trust for **barking too much**. Because of you, she's found a forever home where she's **part of the family**.

## Could You be a Puppy Protector?

**Y**ou've seen how your kindness can save the tiniest souls from unthinkable beginnings...

Puppies left to their fates in fields. Pregnant dogs, tied up and abandoned. Puppies purchased only to be cast out.

**Please, will you be a protector of some of the most fragile lives in all of Ireland and become a Puppy Playgroup Sponsor Paw-rent?**

Your steady monthly support gives every precious puppy a fighting chance.

To become a Puppy Playgroup sponsor, use the reply form enclosed or scan the QR code to join with a recurring monthly gift of any size. **Thank you!** ♥



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