

# Dog Tales



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

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## A New Leaf for Little Acorn

Abandoned, barely able to walk, Acorn found himself trapped in his own body. Open up to see how your love liberated Acorn from his world of darkness and put this sweet smile on his face...

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## A new leaf for little acorn, continued...

For many dogs who come into our care, yours is the first human kindness they've ever felt.

### But not for Acorn...

A fragment of a toy buried deep in his clumps of matted fur told of long-ago love — we believe someone may once have cared enough to play with him. **So what on earth happened?**

All we know is that somehow, Acorn's fluffy white fur got so tangled he became trapped in his own body.

It hurts your heart to imagine Acorn blindly shuffling the streets. By the time your love led him to Dogs Trust, he could

Acorn's fur was so matted, we couldn't even tell if he was a boy or a girl...

barely move a muscle without pain.

### “Desperate for love...”

It took almost an hour to shave off an entire kilo of fur, but beneath the tangles, the sweetest little face emerged. Acorn could finally see the world around him, filled with kind



faces and gentle hands like yours. “He was desperate for love and affection,” says Niamh, Veterinary and Welfare Manager.

You should have seen Acorn in the days after we shaved him. He was so happy to be free — to run and jump and play and roll in the grass. He was bouncing around like a bunny on his birthday!

### But thanks to you, the best was still to come for this little Acorn...

Because of your kindness, Acorn's forever family found him — beautiful dog lovers like yourself who love every little hair on Acorn's head and always will.

THANK YOU for setting Acorn free, and for giving him a second chance to be loved like every dog deserves. 🐾



## If not you, then who?

Your constant companion. Your little shadow. But do you ever worry — who'd love her if anything happened to me? A terminal illness, needing care or passing away, it's not something you want to think about. But that's where our Canine Care Card comes in...

Goldie and her mum adored one another. But as her health declined, Goldie's mum worried who'd look after her girl. Thankfully, she had already taken steps to protect Goldie with a Dogs Trust Canine Care Card.

You can imagine how it broke her heart to let Goldie go when she became too sick to care for her. But she knew, thanks to dog lovers like you, that her Goldie would be in the kindest hands.

### Two broken hearts, mended...

If you'd seen Goldie's face the day she came to Dogs Trust — *confused and worried and missing her mum* — you'd have heard her expression as clear as words: **Where is she?**

But Goldie was safe with us. And before long, she was adopted by a lovely family. Had it not been for your kindness, and a Dogs Trust Canine Care Card, Goldie's life could look so very



Goldie was brought to us when her heartbroken mum's health took a turn. Without your kindness, who knows where she'd have ended up...

different now. But thanks to you, her chapter two begins with a family who adore her. **Thank you!**

## Protect Your Pup with a Canine Care Card...

Nobody loves your dog like you do. But if ever you can't, we promise we will...

With a Canine Care Card, you can safeguard your dog's future should you pass away, become seriously ill or need to go into care. Find out more at [DogsTrust.ie/CCC](https://www.dogs-trust.org.uk/ccc) — **Thank you for being a wonderful paw-rent!**





"Those poor mums were emaciated, but Daisy was the worst. I burst into tears when I saw her..."

## The Wag that Spoke a Thousand Words

**Thunk, thunk, thunk...** even after all the horror Daisy endured, and as weak as she was, she summoned the strength to wag her tail. Because in that moment, Daisy knew she was safe. This is how your kindness saved Daisy, her pups, and two more little families...

**3** nursing mums, 13 tiny pups between them. Locked up, starving and living in filth. **Had help arrived even a day later, it might've been too late.**

As one of the only places in Ireland with a specialist maternity unit, a local authority pound called us. We were full. But this was a matter of life and death.

body, and infected eyes sunken into her sockets through starvation."

Your tears would have fallen with ours that day. But for Daisy, Betty, Sadhbh, and their pups, it was a day of miracles — *fresh water, clean blankets, soothing medicated baths, good food, and gentle hands giving tender care* — these are the life-saving gifts you give.

The other mums your love saved. Thank you!

Sadhbh



Betty & her babies



played ball with her"

We'll never know how things took such a dark turn for Daisy. But because of you, there's only love ahead...

After months of rehabilitation and a lot of love, all three mums and their pups found the forever families of their dreams, thanks to you!

**For being a defender and protector of Ireland's most neglected dogs...**

**Thank you!**

### The Wounds Tended & Hearts Mended



Wishlist

**Could you provide the next dog who arrives broken and bruised with the urgent, life-saving care they need?**

- Veterinary grade flea and worm treatments (for 1 dog) — €25
- Nutrient-dense cans of food (pack of 12) — €50
- Vital vaccines to protect a fragile immune system (for 1 dog) — €75
- A course of treatment for severe mange like Daisy's — €100
- Help give life-saving surgery to a dog in critical condition — €250

**"Daisy knew she was safe, she could feel it... that's when her tail started wagging. It was like she was saying – thank you."**

To take the pressure off the emaciated mums, their pups were bottle-fed round-the-clock. Daisy, Betty, and Sadhbh were fed nutrient-dense meals, little and often. "Daisy didn't get up for the first two days, but her tail was going the whole time," says Karen.

#### Love lost and found

When Daisy went into the field for the first time, she found a ball. "She dropped it at my feet, asking me to throw it," says Karen. "It crushed me because I realised Daisy maybe once had someone who loved and

Just look at the difference your love makes...



For broken dogs like Daisy, the road to recovery is paved with your love...

**Give using your enclosed reply, or by scanning this code with the photo app on your phone.**



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.



Thankfully, we managed to make space, and the mums and pups were rushed here into your protection.

#### A day of miracles...

"Daisy was a skeleton," says Karen, our resident puppy rearer. "Mange on half her



For filling the family-shaped hole in Butch's big, beautiful heart, thank you 

# Butch's Dream Comes True, Thanks to you...

You know Butch. He's a celebrity at Dogs Trust. You might even have been his sponsor best friend. Despite years of searching, Butch just couldn't seem to find 'his person'. But your kindness and our 'Sleepover Club' were the key to finally finding Butch the forever family of his dreams...

**B**utch was born at Dogs Trust. One by one, his siblings were adopted. He had a few families come to see him, but sadly nothing seemed to work out.

Thanks to Dogs Trust sponsors — caring people who pledge a little each



Baby Butch... born here at Dogs Trust

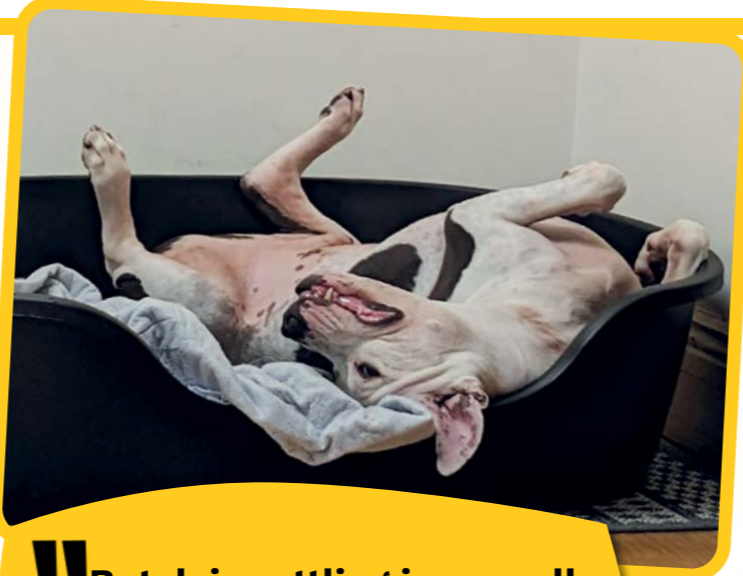
month to look after dogs struggling to find forever families — Butch loved his life here... a warm bed, as many toys as his heart desired, and more friends than he could count!

But like you, we believe every dog deserves a family. And you never gave up hope of finding that special someone for our big, bouncy boy.

**And nor did Butch...**

### Practise makes 'Paw-fect'

There's a little cabin at Dogs Trust set up like a real home. It has a sofa, carpet, a kitchen, the works. It's where our



**Butch is settling in so well.** He's so dramatic! If we stop petting him, he howls like a husky until we keep going. He LOVES attention... **my (not so little) shadow!**

— Butch's dad —

The family fell in love with Butch... and he fell in love right back.

And as you can see, he's taken to home life like a duck to water!

**Thank you for giving dogs like Butch the chance to find 'their person'... no matter how long it takes.**

canine carers get dogs like Butch used to a home environment, and 'house noises' like the Hoover and doorbell. Butch practised and practised. And he finally got the chance to show off his skills when a caring couple asked about Butch...

### Sleepover Club

We crossed our fingers and toes for Butch and arranged a sleepover.



Woof, Woof, Woooooof (that's just Nala saying, Thank you!)

### A bit about Nala from one of her lovely carers, Clare:

"Nala's a classic lurcher. She loves to be snug as a bug in a rug, curled up in bed or a nice cozy in a blanket..."

**... honestly, she'd live in your jumper if she could!"**

To become Nala's sponsor use the reply form enclosed, or visit, [DogsTrust.ie/SponsoraDog](https://DogsTrust.ie/SponsoraDog)



**Nala needs a new best friend...**

**could it be YOU?**

**You've seen what being a sponsor means to a dog like Butch. Now, Nala is looking for a new best friend and sponsor. Could you be the one she's searching for?**



## Three More Happy Tails

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



**Carmel**

Starving and scared, with **open wounds on her legs and paws**, our vets managed to save Carmel's leg (but she lost a few toes.) **Thanks to you, she's thriving** with a loving family of her own.



**Mando**

**Cast out into the cold with a belly full of pups**, your love saved not just Mando's life but her five pups. All six **now safe with forever families**, thanks to you.



**Draiocht**

His name means magic, and that's what he needed. Because without the healing power of your love, he could have died before he even opened his eyes. Now, he's living his best life with his forever family. **Thank you!**



## From 'Trash' to Treasured...

There's a bog in the Drongadeh hills, where it's not uncommon to see discarded rubbish. But not long ago, a driver spotted something — *someone* — that made him slam on his brakes...

... a tiny, terrified puppy. No, TWO tiny puppies.

Not yet eight weeks old — emaciated,

huddled together in fear, and frozen to the bone in the bitter February cold.

Had this caring person not seen them, they mightn't have survived the night.

Your kindness provided immediate medical care, the nutritious food their fragile little bodies so

desperately needed, and the love these little ones had never known. And now, your love has carried them into forever homes of their own.



**Thank you for saving lives, four precious paws at a time.**

## More Waggy Tails than **Ever** Before...



**Thank you, thank you,  
1,042 times thank you!**

**L**ast year, your devotion to dogs sent 1,042 happy tails wagging into forever homes of their very own.

Whether surrendered, abandoned,

or even abused like little Doodles here who was dragged behind a moving car — that's more little lives saved in a single year since 2010...

**We only wish we fit every one of their 1,042 fuzzy faces inside your Dog Tales Newsletter!**

Since Ireland's dog crisis began, your compassion and concern has united with dog lovers across Ireland to protect the underdogs who have nobody else in this world.

Please, will you carry on the fight for every precious life? Enclosed is a Freepost envelope so you can continue your life-saving mission right now.

Thank you! 




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