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# DOG ACTORS

Resting... Owner and trainer Julie Holmes poses with dog actors Jaro and Logan during an outing to Dublin's Phoenix Park last Sunday



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WHEN a bunch of movie stars go for a run in the park, they're bound to attract fans.

But instead of waving at the fans, these guys simply wag their tails.

And, unlike most A-listers, they are not a bit a-woof - they are happy to put on a show for the onlookers.

Sheepdogs Jaro and Logan are living the Hollywood dream.

And their pal Prudence the terrier is a real hot dog.

These pooches have even starred in horror movies - which comes naturally to pets who are regularly exorcised.

Prudence had to eat body parts in *The Carpenter And His Clumsy Wife*, while Logan is the hitchhiker's companion in *Garden Of Ireland*, a horror film still being filmed.

But Logan's role in *Man About Dog* was scarier - he was the one being castrated on the vet's table.

"It looked realistic - but he was only acting," owner and trainer Julie Holmes laughed. "He just lay down and put his leg up like that."

"The trouble is, every time he goes to the vet now, he lies like that!"

She gets Logan to re-enact it, saying "play - dead", using hand signals and telling him to "stay".

Meanwhile, Prudence will never fur-get her stint with Podge and Rodge - when she resisted the temptation to turn them into dog toys.

She took part in a stage show with them - and naturally this lead-ing lady took a bow-wow.

"She was great," Julie said. "It was a scene in which Podge was going down an alley looking for a lapdancing club - and he had to settle for the bitch."

"But she wasn't paid half enough for what he did to her!"

Prudence has also starred in the ad for Kilmeadon cheese - though she prefers dry dogfood herself.

We met Julie, from Tallaght, and her three dogs with their agent, Tommy Gorman, in Dublin's Phoenix Park.

Tommy, from Gorey, set up the Moviepets agency when he realised producers were flying in animal actors for films made in Ireland.

His four-legged clients include Milo, the red



Mobile Prudence fetches Julie's phone



Racey... A scene from Man About Dog

setter who appears in the Bus Eireann ad, some quacking good ducks who helped launch the Easo children's art competition with artist Ben O'Brody, a lamb and sheepdog who are to star in a new Eircom ad - and a flock of sheep who opened the Dublin Theatre Festival.

"PR companies hire a lot of the animals," Tommy said.

He has also supplied animals for pictures in magazines - such as a feature on Irish country living in the *Radio Times*, which featured a dog called Dudley.

"I have all sorts of animals on my books," Tommy said. "Cats, horses, cows, snakes, rabbits, hens, ducks,