

IRISH SUNDAY MIRROR TOP DOG COMPETITION

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In 150 words tell us why your dog is Ireland's top dog (or see email details at bottom of form)

NAME: _____

DOG'S NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Your pets in the running

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

WE HAD to paws for thought before unleashing this lot.

Cute and cuddly though they are, they have all got dogged determination to win. It is only week four and already we've got a furry hard time ahead of us if we are ever to pick a winner.

TV3's Alan Hughes and Sunday Mirror Editor Christian McCashin have the ruff task of deciding who should be Ireland's top dog.

The categories are 'Ireland's Best-Looking Dog', 'I'll Be There Fur You' and 'Amazing Tails'.

The front-runners this week include Harry O'Grady, who is just four-and-a-half months old and belongs to Juan Gama's kids. Juan says: "We think he's the best dog in the world because he always does what he's told and likes nothing better than playing catch."

German shepherd Count is competing in 'I'll Be There Fur You'. Owner Ann Newman from Boolague said: "He came to us after we lost two other dogs and was a great comfort to us."

Alice Callaghan from Kells said her border collie Rex "has brought us such joy. As my mum is elderly and has not been well, Rex gives her so much pleasure by cuddling up to her."

Patricia Foley, from Oldcastle in



Co Meath, said her dog Podge was "not only my pet, he's my best friend too. Podge loves going for drives."

Frances Walsh from Carrick-on-Suir in Tipp, said her dog Sandy was kind to the family's lurcher.

"The lurcher had a cut on his shoulder which wasn't healing. She would go over and lick it for him."

Definitely a front-runner in the Man's Best-Looking Friend category is Tiny, from Garryowen in Co Limerick. Owner Nora Russell said: "He barks at the mirror, which he thinks is another dog."

Snowy from Enniscorthy is also a bit vain - and why not? Owner Anne Turner said: "He turns heads wherever he goes and likes to pose for the camera."

Beautiful boxer Lucy Lou has "lovely wee boxer face", said owner Deborah Brogan from Letterkenny. "When you look at her, she makes you smile with her puppy-dog eyes."

Feisty Lucy the Yorkshire terrier wrote himself to tell us: "My hobbies are fighting with big dogs and chasing cats and birds." He loves getting hugs from his owner, Sarah Carberry from Edenderry.

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PODGE

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PATCH

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HONEY



LUCY 1



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SALLY 1



SALLY 2



HECTOR



SANDY



SNOWY



TINY

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