

IRISH SUNDAY MIRROR TOP DOG COMPETITION

BEST-LOOKING



BRANDY



CHICKY



DEAN



HONEY



LOVY



ROSIE



SASHA



GUINNESS



BUNNY



CHARLIE



HARLEY



HECTOR

BEST OF

YOU TELL US HOW MUCH

IT'S Week Five of our Top Dogs competition and it looks as if it's going to be a howling success with so many cute pooches entering.

We've got a kennel-load of fetch-ing photos - and some of your pets are absolute paws-ers!

We've heard some hair-raising tails about the ones who are terrifying the neighbourhood cats. And there's no doubt there are a few wags around. But we love them all - even the barking mad ones. So don't paws any longer - enter them for our competition to win a year's supply of Pedigree dogfood, a cool pair of Doggles from sunglasses.ie, a designer outfit from Pet Stop, a doggy make-over courtesy of Dogsbody and a year's pet insurance from Allianz.

There are three categories: Amazing Tails, Best-Looking and I'll Be There Fur You.

Leading the pack this week are these adorable pets.

● TRAVIS, from Donnybrook, is a front-runner in the I'll Be There Fur You category. The Border Collie/Springer Spaniel cross has been a loyal friend to owner Angela Walsh from Donnybrook since she got him from the Dublin SPCA shelter two years ago.

Angela writes: "When I'm upset or distressed, he comes and puts his head on my lap as much to say 'I'm here for you'. I love him to bits and he knows it. We walk four miles together."

"He's the best thing that's ever happened to me."

● GOOD-looking DEAN looks as if he's stepped straight out of a Lassie Movie - except he's a Laddie. Owner Margaret Fitzpatrick from Enniscorthy says Dean is "very proud of his lovely coat and loves to be groomed and have his picture taken."

"When he sees the camera, he is ready to pose. I think he is very photogenic. When people say he is



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a lovely dog, he gives the paw and wags the tail as if to say "Thank you, I know."

● THE Stone family of Naas rescued cute pooches CK, SUSIE and JENNY - and have been paid back with love. Frank Stone says CK "takes the responsibility of family protection very seriously."

"In his 12 years since being rescued, his security post at the livingroom window is abandoned only when absolutely necessary for exercise, food and sleep in that order," says Frank.

CK also cheers on the local rugby team with his master. "He's hoping for the position of mascot," he adds.

The loveable pooch is also a bit of a telly addict. "He's a big fan of It's Me Or the Dog!" Frank reveals.

Frank and CK have a special bond because they're the only blokes in the house. "CK's day must begin and end with a private conversation with his master about the stress of living in an all-female house," Frank says, adding that he and CK "consider ourselves endlessly patient for enduring this hardship".

● CK's "sister", SUSIE the spaniel, was found at the roadside last year. Her owner, Claudia Stone, says: "Since her rescue, Susie has spent every waking moment giving as much love as she possibly can. Our constant hope is that we can give as much love to Susie as she gives selflessly to us."

"Her joy for life is marred both by the sadness in her eyes and her extreme nervousness, which are reminders of what she must have endured before her rescue."

But she loves to go for walks, says Claudia - adding that she gets so excited they have to "clear the way to the door".

AMAZING TAILS



EURO



HONEY



JENNY



JUDGE



CHEKA



SOCKY