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MIRROR TOP DOG COMPETITION

# FRIENDS

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● THE third Stone family dog, little fluffball JENNY, has a bubbly personality to match, says her owner, Mary.

Despite being 13 years old, and partly blind in one eye due to glaucoma, Jenny manages to boss the other dogs and even the humans in the house.

Mary says Jenny's purpose in life "is to be a constant companion to her mistress, whose side she never leaves".

She adds that clever Jenny is "an avid recycler" who collects plastic bottles and distributes them around the house.

● CHICKY and HONEY the King Charles spaniels are as romantic as they look, says their owner, Fiona Murphy, from Newport, Co Mayo. Chicky loves posing for photos.

"Last year he even posed for a Valentine's Card." Honey was a gift to Fiona from her husband on their honeymoon. Honey was the lucky seventh puppy in the litter and her reg number was the same. But she hopes Honey comes first in the Amazing Tails category.

● IT'S puppy love for Damian McCarthy from Drogheda, whose dog PETAL helped him get over a break-up with his long-term partner - "She senses when I'm sad and down by jumping up on the sofa and lays down behind my head and licks my ears which makes me laugh and smile."

"She's my little flower in my life!"

● TEA is the favourite tippie of another HONEY, a shitzu, from Falcarragh, Co Donegal. Owner Marina McGarrigle says: "As soon as your back is turned, she is enjoying your tea."

● JACK Russell terrier BRANDY is not as fond of getting sloshed as her name would suggest. Owner Ellen Smith from Navan says: "She loves her comfort and hates going out in the rain."

● CUDDLY Cairn Terrier JAMES gives owner Doreen Burke "lots of kisses. I live on my own as I am a widow, so my James is my best friend as well".

● CLEVER boy BUSTER from Cahir, Co Tipp, can tell the time. He also minds the house for his "mummy", Aine Roche.

● MARION Conroy, from Castleconnell, Co Limerick, has an Amazing Tail about her dog JUDGE. "He can show you what he wants out in the kitchen - he makes really loud noises until I go out and ask him what he wants."

● MARGARET O'Dwyer's dog EURO not only looks like a hot dog - he is one. He once chewed through an electric cable attached to the hedge-trimmers Margaret's husband was using. "He got a shock but he was OK," she says - we presume she means Euro.

The family clearly get a buzz from having Euro around - he's a real livewire.

"He sings to music and talks on the phone," Margaret reveals. She adds: "He is loved by everyone that meets him. They call him a sausage dog."

● KIND-hearted LALA from Drogheda used to share her food with a neighbour's kitten, says owner Mary O'Sullivan.

Lala, who is a cross between a sheepdog and a labrador, was named by Mary's daughter Danielle when they got her as a puppy in Cork.

● ROSIE from Bunolody, Co Wexford, is "a big dog trapped in a miniature body", says her owner Angie O'Neill. "She understands how you feel, she gives you kisses when you're sad and plays all day with her green rabbit. She's deadly."

● LOVY the pug puckers up for a photo. "He loves all the attention he gets when he goes out for walks", says his owner, who lives in Cork City.

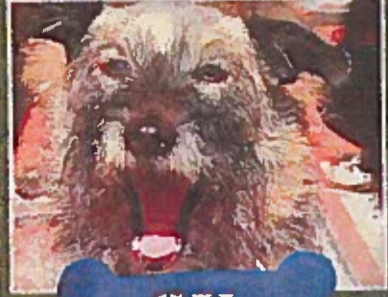
Lovy's hobbies include "lazing in the sun, barking at the birds, chasing away the postman - and getting his belly rubbed".

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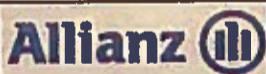
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