

IRISH SUNDAY MIRROR TOP DOG COMPETITION

AMAZING TAILS



AXL



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DINO



HERR LUMPIC



JESSIE

BEST-LOOKING



FUDGE



GISMO



LADY



MISSY



TYSON



WOODY

DOGS R US

It's ruff at the top for these pooches

IT'S getting dog-ruff out there. Our cuddly friends make no bones about their am-bitch-ion to be Ireland's Top Dog - and win a year's supply of Pedigree petfood, a pair of shades from Doggies, an outfit from Pet Stop, a canine make-over by Dogsbody and a year's pet insurance from Allianz.

Loveable mongrel Podge writes himself to tell us: "My owner thinks I am the best thing since sliced bread. I live with my bro Max, who is a selfish cat, but I tolerate him... just."

Podge also loves to boss his owner, Sheila Burke from Lucan. Tyson is a real Brad Pittbull. Owner Jennifer Tighe, from Crumlin in Dublin, says: "He has the cutest face ever."

Also in the lead in the best-looking category is Missy, who "absolutely loves to wear clothes" says owner Amanda McClintock from Lifford, Co Donegal.

"She has loads and loves to show them off. Her favourite is a grey and pink hoodie with 'Princess' written on the back. She definitely acts like a princess as she loves to be petted and groomed."

By GERALDINE COMISKEY

Fudge the golden labrador is another show-off. "When we bring her walking, she thinks she is the babe of the town," says owner Valerie De Lacey from Bagenalstown, Co Carlow.

Fudge is just as sweet as she looks, Valerie adds. "She is so affectionate and gives loads of kisses."

Sandy, from Thurles in Co Tipperary, was not so gorgeous when he was rescued by Mary and Michael Britton.

"My coat was in a bad state. They cleaned me up. Now I am lovely. They treat me like a king," he says.

Cutie-toothie Axl is a loveable rottweiler from Convoy, Co Donegal.

His owner Patricia says: "He is so clever and crafty. He is always taking my socks and playing with them. He keeps all the children around us entertained. They love and cuddle him."

Axl loves to play with toy cars and teddies when he's not picking up birds, cats, rabbits and foxes shot by Patricia's husband.

German shepherd cross Jessie was dumped by her first owners - but found far nicer ones.

"We got her at seven weeks old from a friend of mine. He was walking in the Phoenix Park when he saw a black bag being thrown from a car. When he opened the bag, he saw two brown eyes look up at him and it was Jessie."

Lady is a bit of a gourmet, says her owner, Jade Caffrey from Finglas South. "His favourite thing to do is lick slugs every night in the garden."

Brave Dino the Westie is a diabetic dog, says his owner Ann Davis from Navan.

She says: "He has gone blind and his paws are sore from it. He is on two injections a day. He has to have his blood checked and is on a special diet."

"But he doesn't even mind. He's still as friendly and good as ever."

Kayzie from Kilkenny is blind too but her owner, Mary Kerwick, says: "She looks after the big dog Kia and barks at anyone who goes near the house."

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