

Kira's Story

I'd like you to meet a great friend and a loving and sensitive soul on four legs. Her name is Kira, a rescue dog from the Animal Foundation in Kildare.

She came into our lives in 2002 after a stressful period wandering the streets of Kildare. Initially nervous and anxious she slowly gained confidence and soon established herself in our animal pack and in our hearts and grew into a strong and fun loving family pet.

In 2012 she was assessed as a suitable therapy dog for Irish Therapy Dogs and Kira started her weekly visits to two local nursing homes with her co-owner Mary. Very quickly she earned the trust and love of the residents.

In January Kira was forced into retirement for medical reasons-an age related back problem. With the help of her dedicated Vet, and the aid of a canine zimmerframe she can hopefully maintain her mobility for a little longer and enjoy her retirement with her human and animal family.

Loved to bits by her owners

Monica and Mary, Kilcullen



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BLU the 40 Km/h Couch Potato

Blu gets his name from the amazing colour of his eyes which when he was a puppy were brilliant sapphire blue !

Blu's favourite place is on top of our bed , he will sneak up on it whenever he gets the chance .

Blu is a total couch potato and is perfectly happy snoozing the day away.

I love when the mad switch trips in his head when we are out at the beach or in a big open space.

Blu takes off like a rocket and flies around at a ferocious speed often causing people to stop and stare.

Blu is in his element up on the Wicklow hills zig zagging through the heather at 40 Km/h per hour !

Dermot & Moira



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Red

**This dog saved my day.... My life... Everyday.... Each day....
Mindfulness! Living in the moment.... The present.... Thats all there
is.... I've known it for years but could never implement it.... But RED!
She does it wonderfully! Run, wag, greet strangers... That's a setter
for ya! Guaranteed a wonderful warm loving happy feeling everytime
you leave the house with red! MAGIC....**

Pamela Bartley

**P.S. Red was surrendered by her family to a local authority pound
when she was 7 years old..., and she would have been put to sleep
because no one came to get her at the pound after get two week
grace period there.... But a local animal sanctuary took her in,
minded her for 4.5 months until FINALLY she found her forever sofa!
And even though she has Pam exhausted! from all the exercise a
setter needs.... Pam and red are delighted to have found each
other.... But red occasionally looks for her old family and gets anxious
about it, sometimes**



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