

In Happy Memory of Chico



Gordon writes "It has been a terrible wrench parting with our beloved Chico who lit up our lives for 13 years.He brought to us more happiness and uncomplicated devotion than we could have ever foreseen."

Chico had a moment of great glory in 2009 when he played 'Tim the Railway Dog' in the parade of 'Heritage Dogs' at Crufts.

Tim collected money on Paddington Station for the orphans of the widows of the soldiers lost in the wars.

Queen Victoria put a sovereign into his collection tin and the Paddington Gazette said "He behaved like a perfect gentleman."

Well, so did our Chico who took it in his stride walking out in to the middle of the main arena surrounded by us mere mortals in full Victorian dress.

Gordon played the Railway man and the pair of them stole the show!

Cover picture

Ava perching for her picture in the Lake District. She and Mark are great Fell walkers and have climbed every peak.

Mark says "She's my perfect companion."

Photo: MarkRodgers



Finn doing a joyful leap in the Northumberland woods. Michael belongs to a mountain bike club and Finn is a member too. He has very high spirits and huge energy and follows the bikes taking time out to chase the rabbits.

Michael says: "He is a lovely family dog who charms everybody and is so quick to understand us all. He even recognises our car engines before we arrive home - then what a welcome. He's a great companion and every day with Finn is a party."

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JANUARY2017



Megan, for all her pretty face is a hard working hunting dog who is out on most days all through the year.

John writes: "I am a passionate countryman, I love country sports and so do my dogs. Meg is a brilliant all-rounder in the field, very swift but also strong and tough. She stops at nothing, just like her forbears. She's a lovely house dog too and lives indoors with the family.

I think it is important for some of us to preserve and enjoy their extraordinary hunting skills."

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FEBRUARY2017



expression of 'something' just waiting to happen is exactly what he is about."

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Ciubha, Cuilinn and Caorunn. These three are Joy's lovely dogs. She takes them with her everywhere and they are skilled 'flyballers' and excellent at obedience.

Cuilinn is 14 and no longer up for their long walks. She rides out happily in her carriage and disembarks sensibly whenever she chooses. Joy says: "The only trouble is we are always running late as everyone stops to talk to her."

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When **Truman** was 8 he had to be rehomed as his family's work patterns had changed. He had hardly settled in with Tom and Charlie when he became unwell and an operation was necessary. Anxious days but all is well and he is dearly loved and has a marvellous life beside the Thames. Tom says: "He runs to find his lead at the first sign of going out. He is very sociable and loves meeting the world and his wife."

Charlie says "He does remind us of our beloved Woody and has brought us great joy and lots of walks and fresh air!"

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Nonny, playing with her youngest children, Virginia and Alexander. Non is 13 and apart from being deaf is doing very well.

They have a great life in the New Forest and Nonny follows the shoot and every other family activity doing, of course exactly as she likes. As the grand old lady in a pack of three dogs she is, to her delight, the only one who is allowed upstairs.

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This is **Murphy**, Ann says: "We first saw an Irish terrier at a country Inn and it was love at first sight. We had to wait for a puppy and have been absolutely delighted with our Murphy. He makes us laugh and he's the funniest dog alive. He loves his bed and we sometimes have to tip him out in the morning and then he goes like a rocket for the rest of the day. We absolutely adore him. He's so full of fun and has changed our lives completely."

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Maisie and her 'house brother' Otto are Londoners, but this picture was taken in Norfolk where they spend a lot of time.

They have wonderful runs on the beach and marshes around Burnham. Maisie is 12 now and a very pretty old lady who loves a joke and still has to be restrained from challenging the swans which nest on the pond in the picture behind them.

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AUGUST2017

Brocquay is saying 'goodbye to the summer'.

He lives in London but spends the long summer holidays 'bossing everyone' around on Woolacombe Beach.

He adores his two little girls Constance and Nancy and is an essential part of their lives.

You may remember the picture of him being the 'best man' at the family wedding.



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SEPTEMBER2017



This is a perfect match - **Lorcan** in his golden coat playing in the autumn leaves. Dr Kahl writes: "We live in Cologne but spend most weekends in the woods outside the city where Lorcan is free to hunt and play. He is a wonderful cheerful dog, full of energy and a real character. He adores children and his cat Morley and is such a good member of our family and we love him so much."

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OCTOBER2017

Archie is a handsome and charming dog remarkably well behaved for one so young.

When he was on the website as the 'Dog of the Month' Lucy said: "but he's my best dog every month"

They came to the Ceremony of Remembrance at the Animals in War Memorial in London's Park Lane.

Here he is representing our beloved 'Micks' who served with great courage in the trenches on the Somme.

The many wreathes honour and remember all the animals which have served in war.

We will remember then.



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NOVEMBER2017



Clementine with her favourite cat on their favourite sofa. They are best friends and often play and curl up together. She is an incredibly intelligent dog, very intuitive and learns her way round very quickly.

She's strong and athletic (see Runners up for her splendid kangaroo jump), an enthusiastic hunter and a kind and gentle mother, with a heart of gold.

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DECEMBER2017

Tilly wishes you a very Happy New Year!



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Runners up ...









































