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EDITORIAL

Big welcome Everybody to all our Supporters and Visitors! August Bank Holiday! Where else would you rather be than supporting RCD in Ellis Hall, Letterfrack. What a wonderful summer we've been having. Trust everybody is enjoying themselves and of course that their Pet Cats and Dogs are enjoying this time as well bearing in mind the extreme temperatures can lead to extra precautions. We've covered that on Facebook and Website and mention later on a reminder of some vital points of Care. Anyway enjoy yourselves and on with the Show

But Sadly, we have to report:

In Dublin two horrifying cases of cruelty to dogs. The facts and photo were so awful that I won't go into it any further. I have to say though why do some people want dogs or cats? Do they even know the meaning of Responsible Pet Ownership? Do they even care? We ask people to be vigilant, watchful and try to ensure that all pets are being responsibly cared for?

Which brings me to This: Salthill Beach after a hot day!



We pointed out that despite the growing number of signs re dog poo and the fines involved (quite rightly so) Our Canine and Feline friends had nothing to do with this. We wondered how many fines were handed out!!! Dogs are banned from many beaches. It's a mystery what they have done to deserve this especially when humans can treat natural amenities in whatever way they choose.

Big Thank you to a Couple who

Answered our plea for a foster home. The dog was 13/14. Very sadly the elderly owner couldn't keep her. I didn't think it had a chance. It's very difficult to get a foster home for a young dog, never mind an elderly 14 year old. But as they say 'if you're not in, you cannot win.' So we put her up on Facebook and Website and Bingo! A wonderful couple offered her a home for the remaining years of her life. Indeed, we had more than one offer. You've no idea the boost that gave to us in RCDR. Sadly far too often nobody offers. Fingers crossed a change is taking place...

Much Happier News DEADLINE : First Week of September 2026, our new storage shed is to arrive. A little smaller than our present one. It too is from Steeltech and will mean no more long trips uphill to store tables, chairs, and storage boxes. This brings me to THREE CHEERS FOR OUR LIFTERS. An intrepid band of men who in all weathers tramp up and down without complaint. Their only reward a sponsored coffee and goodie from Mary in Books at One, another generous supporter. So the Lifters will be off the hook. Many have helped sporadically but the reliables deserve a mention: Michael the Sage, PJ who leads from the front, takes no prisoners, John of Caretaking Fame, Michael another one! Who pumps iron to keep in shape. Legendary men. They asked me to mention they are no longer available for freelance work.



A look at the base

RCDR Schools Education Programme

June saw our Schools Educational Programme back in action. Lesley and Babs work hard to make this as meaningful as possible. The emphasis is very much on interaction with the Primary school children. All the schools in the Renvyle Area were visited and the Feedback has been very positive. There is no shortage of lively comments from the children and Lesley and Babs are kept on their toes. While many of the tools of this technological age are used, it's what the children have to offer that makes it so worthwhile. An innovation this year was the presentation to each child of a certificate to acknowledge their attendance at these talks on Responsible Pet Ownership

Big Thank You to John

On the 21st May 2026, there was an Information Day for Older People in the Town Hall. Every possible aspect of local community that could help or advise were represented. It was very well attended. We were delighted to be asked to have a table with info re. RCDR. Hence our gratitude to John for organising everything..



To all Collie Owners in Case You Forgot
21st JULY 2026 WORLD COLLIE DAY



This unique, so misunderstood, absolutely out in its own dog deserves to have a day in its honour. Look into this dog's face, it's the eyes that reveal all..... Please go to this link

<https://www.eiliscorner.com/blog/bclife>

A very realistic, profound collie story written by Eilish Petroni who designed and runs our website

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In Praise of the Older Cat/Dog

If you're lucky your pet, whatever the breed, will live to at least the expected age. If you're very lucky, it will live way beyond that. We hear stories all the time of cats and dogs who defy what is expected and live to ages like 21/22 and occasionally beyond. Whatever the case, we ask you to remember what this pet has given you over your years together. Companionship, an inspiration to play, be young again, long walks who cares about the weather and so on. But basically a presence in the house, always there to welcome you, to be excited and happy to see you. So when age catches up try to remember all of those times and open your heart. Too many times, we hear people say, 'we had our pet put to sleep to spare its suffering.' But if you know your pet, really know it, then it will tell you when it's time to go. So please bring words like love, cherish, sensitivity, caring into your life and go with them, learn from them, through what can be a very rich emotionally deep experience. Yes of course at times heartbreaking but time allows perspective and with it often the realisation and gratitude of having experienced something never ever to be forgotten.

A Few Major Hot Weather Tips

For more in depth please visit our Facebook/Website
30 degrees centigrade plus becoming far too hot for Cats/
Dogs 16 degrees plus, cut off for overweight animals, dogs

like bulldogs, pups, huskies, generally large animals. Water always available. Change regularly, plenty of shade available, walk early morning, evening, not midday! We strongly advise people not to leave a pet in the car during this very hot weather. But if you absolutely have no other alternative, then only for a very short time with the use of screens, lots of ventilation, water & park in the shade.

MILO is a very special dog who badly needs a home



He is about three, vaccinated, microchipped, neutered. Life has not been kind to Milo. He needs an experienced owner, no other dogs, children or cats and he will flourish. We think he'd make a great companion to someone who is prepared to spend time with him and grow to understand each other. He deserves better. Please call 0879616586. If you are interested..

You have to see this

Our New Selection of Thank You Cards. Below is an Example. We got tired buying thank you cards so a **BIG ! BIG ! THANK YOU TO JOE BOSKE and ANNIE WEBER FOR THE DESIGN BELOW.**

Drawing to a Close

So many people as always to thank. To begin with, our great group who help at every sale. Our Lifters afore mentioned. Joe and Annik. Our so generous ladies in Dublin who gather goods for every sale and contribute such generous donations. All our ' Bakers '.... But this time two people in particular. Breda & Janet who puts our News Sheet together, makes sense of all the ramblings. And Finally...Bridget Lydon who has retired from her job in Letterfrack. Bridget was our rock over so many years. She collated the News Sheets, always made sure we booked the Ellis Hall annually, Photocopied. Nothing was ever too much trouble. A Very Big Thank You. We will miss you and hope you have a peaceful time surrounded by good friends in your new home.