

Our best friends



MR. PIG remained by Philip Treacy's side, day and night, for 12 years. Believing he was human, he used to sit quietly while his master worked. He always seemed to know what Treacy was doing. After a show, when it was just the two of them alone together, Mr Pig would leap up in the air three times to tell his master how much he liked the work. Mr Pig was sensitive, attentive to most things, but he had no trouble sleeping through the otherwise deafening techno music in the design studio during feverish preparations for Ascot week.



BUSTER and Roy Hattersley were inseparable for 15 years. Regardless of weather conditions, Buster's persistence would often force his master out into the freezing Peak District rain. Hattersley remembers being woken repeatedly in the middle of the night by Buster's snoring, which he found oddly irresistible. Buster imposed himself on the lives of all those around him, and he died eating a piece of his favourite blue cheese. When Buster died, the spring went out of his master's step. Now his master has a new hound and his spring is back.



HARRY was born on 7th July 2002. She was the first of three cocker spaniel sisters born a year apart who shared the life of author Tom Rubython. Harriet, who was always known as Harry the Hound, was a birthday present in August of that year. Harriet was a uniquely sociable dog whose sole ambition in life was to make friends with everyone she met. Whenever a car stopped at a junction, she would whistfully stare up at the door hoping its owner would alight to greet her.

The Authors



ANNABEL GOLDSMITH
Lady Annabel Goldsmith is an English socialite as well as the mother of Jemima Khan and MP Zac Goldsmith. She was first married to Mark Birley, the founder of Annabel's nightclub, which he named after her. She divorced and later married Sir James Goldsmith.



ROY HATTERSLEY
Lord Hattersley is a British Labour politician and former member of parliament. He was ennobled in 1993 when he left the House of Commons. Formerly a journalist in Sheffield, he served as deputy leader of the Labour Party from 1983 to 1992. Now a political commentator, he has also returned to active journalism.



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ANNA PASTERNAK
Anna Pasternak is a leading British journalist and writes for *The Daily Mail*. She is the author of the best-selling book, *Princess in Love* and the popular *Daisy Dooley Does Divorce*. She currently writes the 'On The Couch' column in the *Daily Mail*. She is the great niece of *Doctor Zhivago* author, Boris Pasternak.



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Philip Treacy is an Irish milliner and one of the 20th century's foremost hat designers. Since moving to England, he has designed hats for Alexander McQueen at Givenchy in Paris and for Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel. He runs his own eponymous label in London. Ascot week is his showcase to the world.



JACKIE STEWART
Sir Jackie Stewart, nicknamed 'The Flying Scot', competed in Formula One between 1965 and 1973, winning three World Drivers' Championships. He founded his own Formula One team, called Stewart Ford, in 1998. The team was sold to the Ford Motor Company in 2001. He is now a global ambassador for Formula One Sponsors.



PETRONELLA WYATT
Petronella Wyatt is a British journalist and author. She is the daughter of the former journalist and Labour politician, the late Woodrow Wyatt. Formerly deputy editor and then a columnist for *The Spectator*, she now writes for *The Daily Mail* and is one of the best-known writers in newspapers.

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COPPER, the faithful companion of Lady Annabel Goldsmith for over 15 years, had an intelligence that far outshone any lack of blueblood breeding. Copper, a mongrel cross breed, became a living legend in Richmond, west London, and often travelled on the bus on his own between Richmond and Kingston. Copper was well known in the pubs of Richmond and was often stood a drink by locals. His travels on the bus made him a legend in the leafy borough.



WILFRED was the beloved dachshund of writer Anna Pasternak until his death in 2009, at the age of 20. When he died, he was believed to be the oldest dog in Henley-on-Thames. He died as he had lived, beautifully and with dignity. At the end, Anna and her daughter, Daisy, toasted his memory with champagne. Wilfred is still much missed and has never been replaced in the families affections. Anna loved Wilfred more than any man, and after losing him wondered if she would ever feel a love like his again.



BOSS, a personable Norfolk terrier, passed away in 2005, and Sir Jackie Stewart felt a part of his soul went with him. The loss created a void and a sense of emptiness that has never completely been filled. Although Boss was always rushing around, constantly on the move, he rarely left Sir Jackie's side from the very day he arrived to his death in 2006. Although Jackie now has two new Norfolk terriers, nothing can replace the gap left by Boss.



MIMI suddenly leapt into journalist Petronella Wyatt's lap the minute they laid eyes on each other. Mimi was white with sable markings, possessed of huge black eyes, and those famous ears. It was as if God had kissed her on the cheek and there she was, a five-month-old papillon puppy. The two were inseparable until Mimi died. Till the end, she demonstrated a splendour of the soul: uncomplaining, resigned and loving. Eventually, Petronella found love again with her new papillon called Minnie.

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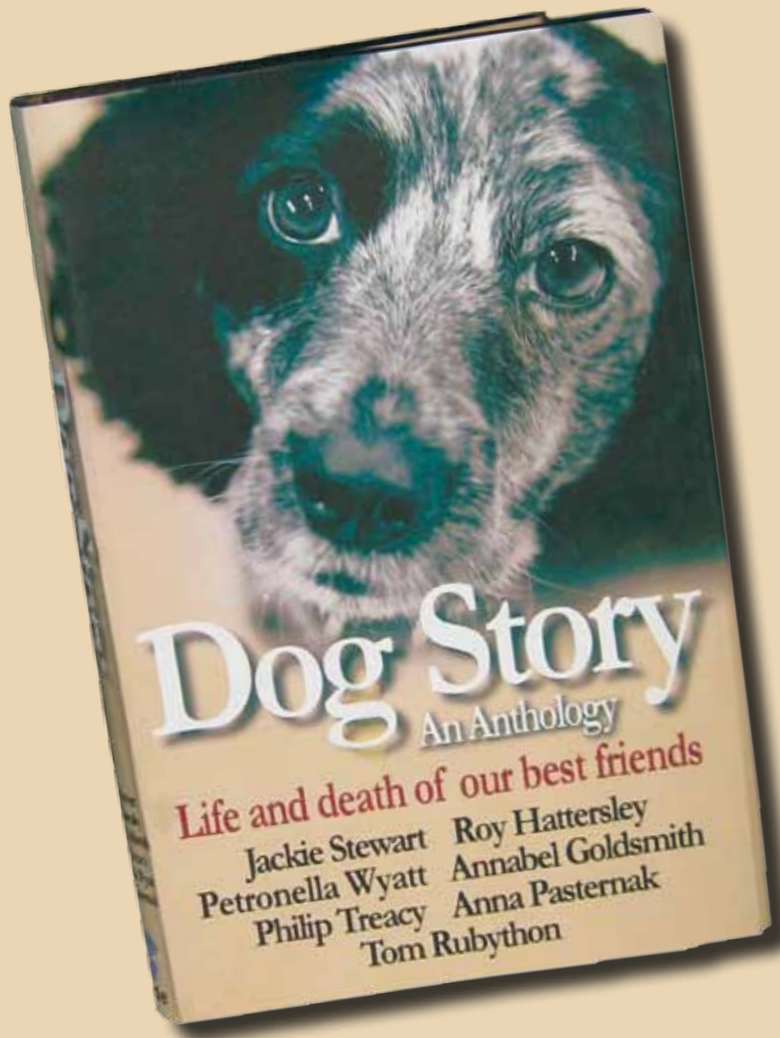
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“He came to my wedding and he was there through my divorce. He lay his head on my pregnant stomach and welcomed my newborn daughter home from hospital. He was my rock when my daughter’s father left me a single mother when she was two, four years ago. He was my best friend and companion. He was the other man in my life - and yet he wasn’t.” - **ANNA PASTERNAK**

“It’s the little things that I miss the most. The tinkle of his medallion when he ran to greet me. The smell of wet dog as I dried him after a rainy walk. The rattle of his bowl against the kitchen flagstones during the 30 seconds he took to eat his breakfast. Then there was his sudden appearance in my bathroom when my shower took longer than he thought reasonable and the look of deep resentment if he was sprinkled with water as I reached for a towel.” - **ROY HATTERSLEY**



“Rather like the hero of one of the children’s favourite films, The Belstone Fox, Copper became a living legend in the neighbourhood notorious for his exploits. By his first birthday he had learned the bus route to Richmond and Kingston. However hard I tried to keep in him, he would escape to Richmond Park, chasing joggers, rabbits and anything that moved, and when he felt a bit peckish he would take the number 65 bus into town, stopping off at the Dysart Arms on the way, where if he was lucky he would be given lunch.” - **ANNABEL GOLDSMITH**

“The dogs burst out of the blocks like 100-metre runners, and were just so delighted to be free of confinement, printing in figures of eight, Boss chasing Buggy and Buggy chasing Boss. Helen and I watched in fits of laughter and joy. Four drenched souls eventually returned to our apartment. It was still raining hard, but it had been a memorable moment of supreme happiness.” - **SIR JACKIE STEWART**



“I couldn’t resist him and I took him out people would ask what he was, and I’d say he was a piglet because he was so pink and sleek, so I called him Mr. Pig.’ He was with me for 12 years and led the most glamorous life. He was photographed by Bruce Weber and Mario Testino, he’s been on catwalks with Naomi Campbell and Honor Fraser. He had no idea he was a dog.” - **PHILIP TREACY**

“He took Mimi out of my arms. I kissed her nose and she gave me one last lick. It was like a benediction. She died showing a splendour of the soul, uncomplaining, resigned, loving. When my father died, I stood over his coffin dry-eyed. But now I cried unceasingly at my loss.” - **PETRONELLA WYATT**



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