



Get your runners out Rosanna, we're too cute to be left behind

Eyeing a new home: Terrier cross pups who had their tails docked

IRELAND'S animal welfare charities are seeking women to walk, run, or crawl alongside a number of celebrities in the Dublin Flora Women's Mini Marathon.

The race has traditionally attracted a number of high-profile names, including former Miss World Rosanna Davison and the Seogie sisters, Síle and Gráinne.

Carmel Murray of the ISPCA said it needs as much help as it can get to keep puppies like this from harm. She said: 'We're trying to raise as much as possible. We under-

stand that financially it's not easy for people at the moment, but every little helps.'

Fundraising manager Amy Collins told the Irish Daily Mail that it is hopeful the model will be back again for this year's run, which is on Bank Holiday Monday, June 2.

'Usually Rosanna does it for us. But we're not sure yet with her wedding coming up. I'm sure if she can at all she will be there. She's a great supporter.' Another celebrity

runner scheduled to take part is model and reality TV star Layla Flaherty. The Desperate Scousewives star is also a supporter of the animal welfare cause. There are five categories, ranging from walker and jogger up to runner and elite runner. *Animal rights activist: Rosanna Davison*



Ms Collins added: 'Last year we had around 300 people running. This year we'd like to increase that by 150 ladies, or at least 100. Last year we raised €18,000 from the event.'

The money raised will go towards a variety of animals in need, Ms Collins said. 'Unless people specify the money will go towards looking after all animals. But people can, and do, specify,' she added.

Ronan is a wonderful 'Skype dad', says Yvonne

WORK is keeping Ronan Keating Down Under but his ex-wife Yvonne has revealed that technology is keeping him close to his children.

The model said the duo's children - Jack, Missy and Ali - are all tech-savvy when it comes to staying in touch with their father and Skype plays a key role in their 'modern family'.

Fresh from attending this year's IFTA ceremony with her daughter, Missy - who will appear with her mother on tonight's Late Late Show - Yvonne said of her children's 21st-Century approach to family life: 'Their relationship is as good as ever. They love their father and they get to spend a lot of time with him.'

'We're not a traditional family anymore. They don't spend, like a normal family 9-5 and they don't go to

school and see both of us. But they still get the same amount of time with him, just in blocks. I don't think there is a normal family anymore.'

She added: 'They Skype and they talk on the phone, I can't keep up with all the things [they use].'

Yvonne is currently looking for a new family house in Malahide, and mother-of-three said of the search: 'The house-hunting - it's fantastic. I'm getting there. It's definitely Malahide. I went for a walk yesterday along that coast road and I thought: "People travel all over the world to get views like this", even though we don't have the weather.'

'I have a few different options, everyone is just telling me to be patient.'

As for reports that Ronan may also be buying a property in the North

Dublin enclave after the duo put up their one-time home for sale, she said: 'I'm not sure. I am aware that he wants to come back to Ireland, but I don't know.'

Yvonne was on hand to launch HB Hazelbrook Farm's Quality Time Together campaign yesterday, and

'He wants to come back here'

she revealed that she took the daring move to cut her own fringe - and ended up 'butchering' it.

Now sporting a distinctive blonde bob, she said: 'I always do these things on impulse. I cut it but I had to go in and have it fixed then by Dylan Bradshaw. I butchered it, it was terrible. I think it's from back in my modelling days, I am just con-

stantly trying to change my hair and my look, even changing my clothes.'

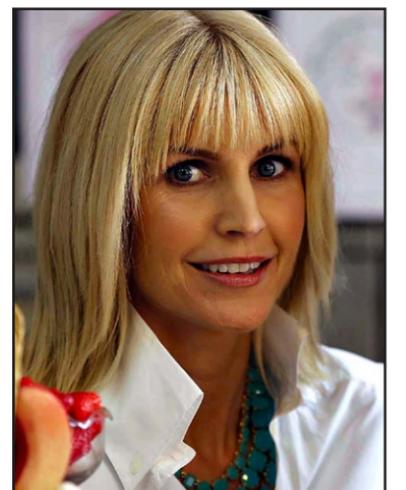
'I used to love doing that years ago and I still do it the odd time.'

She joked: 'I don't deserve my hair actually from what I've done to it, I really don't, I've dyed it and bleached it, but it's still there.'

The Celebrity MasterChef Ireland contestant revealed she will soon be back on the small screen. 'I'm working on The Family Project with RTE One, over the next couple of months,' she said. 'It's [a show] where you go in to support and help families that are struggling, whether it's with their education, their children or what have you, and you work on different projects that enable or help them to get out of that situation.'

'The family I am going to, she doesn't have a lot of support. I certainly don't have all the answers but I will definitely listen.'

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Daring: Yvonne Keating's new 'do