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Are you feeling lucky? We hope so because [St. Patrick's Day](#) is just around the corner! Speaking of [St. Patrick's Day](#), did you know many of the most popular dog breeds are native to Ireland? In celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, here are eight breeds (with a fun little factoid) guaranteed to bring you luck!

- Kerry Blue Terrier- an icon for Irish independence and patriotism.
- Irish Setter- intelligent, friendly, and energetic working dogs.
- Glen of Imaal Terrier- unique for their ability to work turnspits.
- Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier- featured in the movie Oceans 8 with Rihanna.
- Irish Water Spaniel- adventurous, brave, bold, extremely quiet, and hypoallergenic.
- Irish Wolfhound- regal, smart, and peaceful, they are a great option for older adults.
- Irish Terrier- served as messengers during World War I.
- Kerry Beagle- scenthounds that make great family pets, not yet AKC recognized.



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**[Why Does My Dog's Bark Sound Hoarse?](#)**

This is the question we are going to tackle today but be advised that you should always seek out the advice of a veterinarian when it comes to your pet's health. There are, in fact, several reasons you may notice a change in Fido's bark. And, while it may not seem like a big deal, it's better to be sure since it could be a symptom of something more serious. Let's go over the top three most common culprits.

### **Excessive Barking**

If your dog is a [serial barker](#) then your pooch may be putting strain on his throat or irritating his trachea (tracheitis). In this case, figure out how to eliminate the source of their [excessive barking](#) so they can rest their throat. Make sure they drink plenty of water and you may even want to infuse it with a little honey. Try giving your dog one-half tablespoon to 1 tablespoon of honey mixed with a little warm water in a bowl. If the problem persists, make an appointment with your veterinarian. Your vet may prescribe a liquid cough suppressant such as butorphanol or hydrocodone.

### **Upper Respiratory Infection**

With the exception of puppies, elderly dogs, or dogs with compromised immune systems, upper [respiratory infections](#) in dogs are usually mild and last for 7 to 21 days. They can be viral, as with canine flu, or bacterial, as with kennel cough. Cold-like symptoms like sneezing, fatigue, coughing, eye and nose discharge, and a hoarse bark are typical of these infections. Comfort your pet with plenty of water, warm foods, a humidifier, keeping their eyes and noses wiped will help your dog feel better and recover quicker. Of course, if symptoms continue or take a turn downhill, consult with your veterinarian as soon as possible.

### **Laryngeal Paralysis**

Sometimes the nerves of the laryngeal muscles can (the muscles supporting the larynx/voicebox) become weak or paralyzed. As a result, the muscles tend to relax, and the cartilages tend to collapse inwards resulting in laryngeal paralysis. In most cases, the cause is unknown and is often seen in Irish Setters and Labrador Retrievers. Breeds most commonly

born with the condition include Bouvier des Flandres, Siberian Huskies, Bull Terriers, and Dalmatians. Reported symptoms include [coughing](#), noisy breathing, shortness of breath, and change in bark aka dysphonia. Medications and/or surgery can help and may be recommended by your veterinarian.

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## [Professional Pet Sitters Week](#)

Let's Celebrate! Professional Pet Sitters Week is observed from March 6-12 and marks the 28th annual celebration. Be sure to thank your professional [pet sitter](#) for the valuable work they do for you and your pet.



## Rescue Spotlight: Mary's Dogs Rescue & Adoption



[Mary's Dogs](#) was founded in 2011 by Mary and John Doane and serves as a resource to communities and pet owners in Southern New Hampshire. Approximately 600 dogs are rescued annually from kill shelters in the south and rehomed dogs in New England. Thanks to the work of its network of volunteers and foster and forever pet parents, hundreds of animals are given a second chance at the life they deserve. You can support the rescue by donating money or supplies through their [Amazon wishlist](#). Mary's Dogs became a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2016 so your donation is tax-exempt.

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold. When it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.

-Charles Dickens

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