



## Terms of endearment...

I love dogs and, since this is the magazine of Dogs New Zealand, I think I am in good company.

We form deep emotional connections to our dogs. As members of the family and a source of companionship beyond compare, it's a natural extension of this relationship when we begin to use words and phrases that express our affection for our dogs.

Terms of endearment vary according to location, heritage and culture and, thanks to a world that is increasingly connected through technology and travel, you aren't limited to your own ancestry when talking to your dog.

Terms of endearment from across the globe include:

### France:

- Mon bébé = my baby
- Mon lapin = my bunny
- Doudou = a soft toy or comfort object

### Germany:

- Mausi = little mouse
- Schmuser = cuddler
- Fellnase = fur nose

### Italy:

- Amore = love
- Cucciolotto = big puppy
- Patatino = little potato

### Russian:

Malysh = baby

Zaika = bunny

Solnyshko = sunshine

### Spain:

- Gordito = little fatty
- Peludo = furry
- Mi bebé = my baby



### Yiddish:

- Bubala = sweetheart, darling
- Boychik = little boy or lad
- Sheynkaytle = little beauty

I have also found that terms of endearment change and develop over my dog's lifetime. In Sox's case — pictured above — here is the development of his name since he joined me in March 2022:

Sox

Mr Sox

The Fantastic Mr Sox

Soxy

Foxy Soxy

Soxilicious

Bubala

BUBALA!!!

Mommy's little baby bubala

What do you call your dog when no one's listening? I'd love to see a photo of your dog and your terms of endearment.

Send yours via email to [info@balanceddog.co.nz](mailto:info@balanceddog.co.nz). 🐾