

PET RESCUE



Limerick Animal Welfare based in Kilfinane, rescues animals in distress and helps to find pets a new home. Below are some dogs and cats available. LAW is open seven days a week from 12pm to 3pm. An adoption fee ensures that all pets come vaccinated, wormed, microchipped and neutered, and home checks apply. For more information, phone 087 6371044.

Looking for a new home



The first dog is a gorgeous boy named **Spot** and he is an eight year old Jack Russell Terrier. He is a very friendly little guy who loves belly rubs and likes to play with the ball. Spot came to LAW after his owner sadly passed away. Spot is looking for a loving home and he is good with other dogs and children.

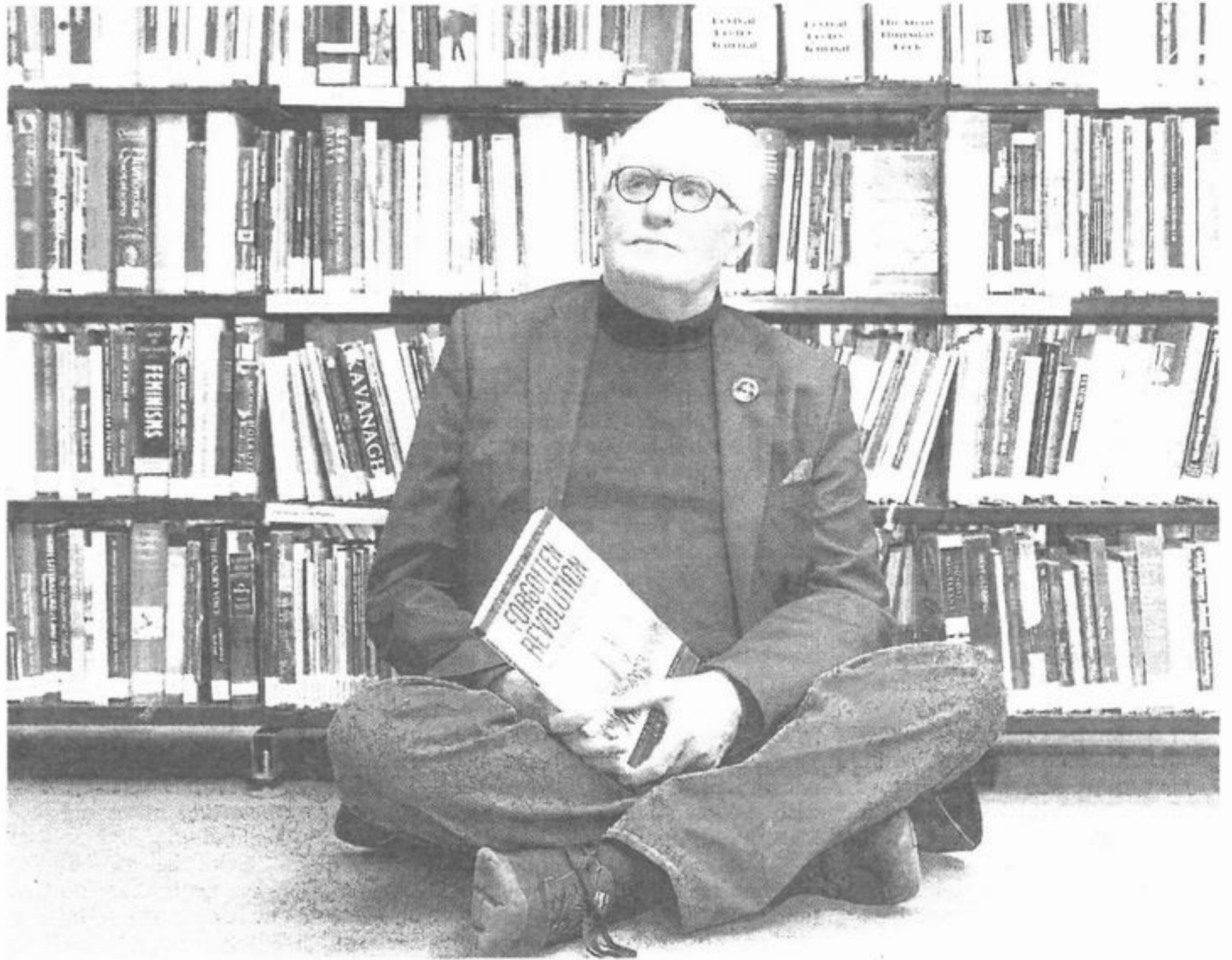
The second dog this week is called **Max** a friendly little male Bichon Jack Russell terrier mix and he is two years old. Max is good on the lead and loves walks and would suit as a companion pet.



The third strays of the week are gorgeous ten week old Labrador mix puppies. They will be big dogs when fully grown. They are friendly and playful and would suit a home where they will have plenty of exercise.

Paudi needs a new pal

Paudi is a six year old labrador. He is a little shy but is the most loyal dog when he gets comfortable with you. Paudi would be a fantastic companion dog and would fit into any family, big or small. Adoption fee is €150 and each dog is neutered, wormed, vaccinated and microchipped.



Author Liam Cahill in the Granary at the launch of his book on the Limerick Soviet. PICTURE: LIAM BURKE/PRESS 22

'Colleges should look again at Soviet'

History: Centenary edition of *Forgotten Revolution* is out

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ONE of the foremost experts on the 100-year-old Limerick Soviet has called on historians to reassess their attitude to the Labour movement.

Dr Liam Cahill brought the curtain down on the 100th anniversary celebrations which have been taking place in Limerick across the last month by launching a rewrite of his book at the City Library.

Dr Cahill says the Decade of Centenaries had seen a welcome reappraisal of the role of women in the war.

Now, however, he said the time is at hand to "conduct a fuller and fairer review" of Labour's key role.

The special 100th anniversary edition of the book was launched by Sheila Nunan, the president of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, who was joined by the president of the Limerick Trades Council Mike McNamara.

"From 1916 to 1919, there was close collaboration frequently between organised workers and the Irish Volunteers and Sinn Féin, both nationally and locally. The highpoint of that co-operation was the defeat of conscription in April 1918. My research shows that the 'Limerick General Strike against British Militarism' a year later - known as the Limerick Soviet - was the other

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significant event where that happened. For two weeks, the Limerick United Trades and Labour Council, workers took over the entire running of the city as part of a general strike," he told the gathering.

He added: "Historians should stop writing off the Limerick Soviet as a kind of exotic aberration in the 'Confraternity' city. It was spearheaded by workers and their representatives but with considerable logistical support in the background from the reinvigorated Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Irish Volunteers.

"The leadership of the First Dáil, as well as national leaders of the IRB and the Volunteers, were in touch daily with Limerick and the Dáil cabinet discussed the crisis three times. It was the cabinet's decision - against IRB advice - not to support a national strike that forced the Soviet to end."

He said the real significance of the Soviet is that it was a spontaneous eruption of grassroots militancy and impatience with the slow pace of action against British rule.

"In that respect, it is comparable to the first shots of the War of Independence fired at Soloheadbeg, in Co Tipperary, only a few months earlier."

Dr Cahill urged Limerick's third level institutions to engage more with the history of the Soviet, and its links to national historical developments.

He said: "There is room for more collaborative community-linked projects, oral history projects, retrieval and conservation of memorabilia as well as a variety of artistic and cultural responses."

The *Forgotten Revolution, Centenary Edition* is available in local bookshops.