

**RUTH
LANGSFORD
& EAMONN
HOLMES**

When Eamonn and Ruth, both 65, announced their shock split last year, all thoughts went to their four-legged child, Maggie. The former *This Morning* stars have gushed over the 14-year-old Border Collie cross since rescuing her in 2011, referring to her as their 'darling girl'. While Ruth now keeps Maggie mostly in her care, Eamonn – who is dating Katie Alexander – is allowed days out with the pooch, and shared an emotional video of them reuniting in January.



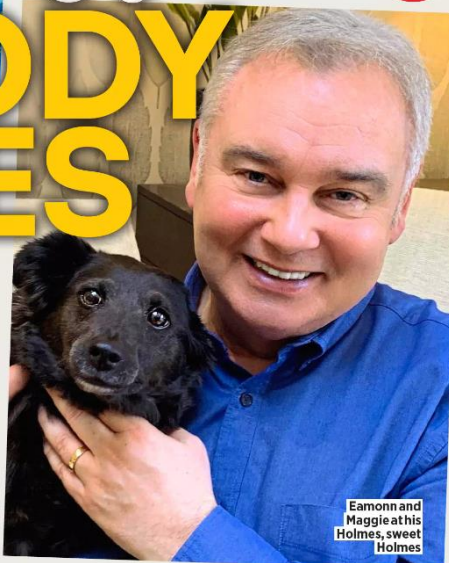
Ruth and her
fur-ever friend

It's all
about me.
Woof!

Celeb Pet CUSTODY BATTLES

They're fighting like cats and dogs – over their cats and dogs

While properties and bank accounts are often hot commodities when it comes to celeb splits, there's another asset that sends emotions to an all-time high – their beloved pets. From cats and dogs to pigs and horses, there's no denying that our furry friends become members of the family. And when families go their separate ways, it can bring drama. Whether it's sole custody or puppy visitation days, here's what went down during some of the biggest celebrity pet custody battles...



Eamonn and
Maggie at his
Holmes, sweet
Holmes



Lisa gets ready to
rumble

**ANT MCPARTLIN &
LISA ARMSTRONG**

Despite settling their divorce in 2020, Ant, 49, and Lisa, 48, are in a fresh battle over their pooch. While the pair initially agreed to share custody of chocolate Labrador Hurley, that changed when Ant moved on with new wife Anne-Marie Corbett, 46. With Lisa now wanting full custody of the rescue dog, an insider said, 'Ant has other dogs with Anne-Marie, so Lisa would like Hurley to live with her.'



Depp V
Heard:
doggy style



JOHNNY DEPP & AMBER HEARD

Broadcast for millions to watch, the fallout from Johnny and Amber's 15-month marriage was mammoth – with no one feeling it more than their two Yorkshire Terriers, Pistol and Boo. During the couple's 2016 divorce, tensions rose over the pint-sized pups. While Amber, 38, wanted to keep Pistol – who was given to her by an ex-girlfriend – Johnny, 61, wanted to avoid splitting them up. Eventually, Amber was given custody of the two dogs.



Oh, to be that dog

MILEY CYRUS & LIAM HEMSWORTH

An avid animal lover, it's no surprise that Miley, 32, wasn't going down without a fight when it came to her divorce from Liam, 35. When the couple split in 2019 after seven months of marriage, they were described as having a 'miniature zoo' – made up of seven dogs, three cats, two horses, two miniature horses, and an adopted pig. Miley walked away with full custody of their 15 pets, with insiders saying Liam chose not to challenge it.



Lola's life is a
cabaret, old chum

**BILLY PORTER
& ADAM SMITH**

During Billy and Adam's 2023 divorce, their dog Lola became a hot topic. According to Billy's legal team, Adam, 41, had 'blocked access' to the Cockapoo. Adam's team argued that Lola was 'not a marital asset,' but rather a loving birthday gift from Billy, 54. But the two of them eventually found common ground – with Billy now allowed daytime visits.



'Can we pull
you for a
pup cup?'

**TASHA GHOURI
& ANDREW LE PAGE**

After getting together in 2022's *Love Island*, Tasha, 26, and Andrew, 29, announced their split earlier this year. Andrew moved back to Guernsey – leaving their rescue dog Luna behind. *Strictly* star Tasha later wrote, 'When Andrew's found a place back in the UK, we will be working out a way for both of us to see her.'

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