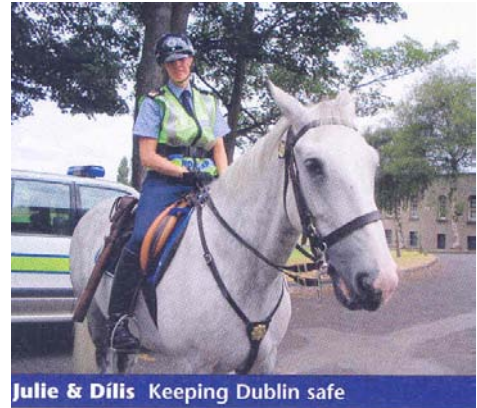


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Text 1

“I never leave my horse“

- 1 Police officers in Ireland don't carry guns. But they often ride through Dublin on horses. Julie Folan is a police officer who rides one of Ireland's ten police horses every day. Julie spends most of her time riding
- 5 around Dublin's city centre, but also works in other parts of the country. She chases criminals, helps to find missing people, controls crowds and takes part in the St Patrick's Day Parade.
- 10 Julie says "The horses are very tall, and I can see a lot. I do everything that other police officers do – but I never leave my horse. So if I'm chasing people and they go into a house, I have to call other police officers to help."



- 15 Julie comes from England but works as a police officer in Ireland. She has lived in Dublin for 16 years. She loved riding horses when she was younger, and she became a police officer four years ago. For the last two years Julie has ridden a horse called Dilis. "It's important to know your horse," says Julie. "Dilis loves children but he's afraid of plastic bags. People in Dublin often say hello to him and many kids know his name."

- 20 When Julie isn't riding Dilis, she feeds and grooms him. Julie loves her job but it's not an easy one. "It's very hard on your back and your hips," she says. "And you get hurt quite often. Last year one of the horses kicked me and broke my arm. I've also had broken fingers and toes. It's cold in winter, so my hands and feet get very cold. The job's a lot more fun in summer!"

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Annotations

- line 6 to chase – jagen, verfolgen
line 7 crowds – hier: Menschenansammlungen
line 19 to groom – striegeln