Duggie and Ben

We know that birds of a feather flock together but Ben, a Labrador retriever, and Duggie, a dolphin, take togetherness to another level.

Duggie was first spotted in the spring of 2006, swimming near the shores of Tory Island off the coast of County Donegal in Ireland.

He soon became a favorite of locals, tourists, boaters and ferry passengers. Tory Islanders named Duggie in honor of local celebrity dancer, Willie Duggan.

The playful animal was often spotted enjoying massages from the jets of passing boats. Occasionally he would join a traveling pod of dolphins and return to the island’s shores a short while later.

It wasn’t long before Ben, the Lab, splashed into the water to join Duggie in frolicsome romps that would last an hour or two. Sometimes the pair would be joined by other dogs and passing dolphins.

“Hey, wait for me!”
Just as suddenly as he had appeared Duggie vanished. Island folks like to think that he finally joined his own kind as they swam through the area.

“You can’t catch me!”

Dublin’s Independent Newspaper has published an article on the unique relationship between Duggie and Ben, and hundreds of people have viewed the unlikely pair on a You Tube video.

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