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A couple of years ago I was persuaded that it would be a very good idea to write an indepth piece for the Bulletin on someone special in Dusty's life, a tatty but loveable little bear called Einstein. After much delving into scrapbooks, this was the result...

Emperor Rosko, in an interview with Dusty back in 1970, asked who her best friend was. After a slightly embarrassed hesitation, and although she admitted it sounded rather "twee", her answer was "a small bear". What was it about this small bear that endeared him to Dusty? She found him one day in the early sixties in a shop window on Oxford St, he was pinned up by one ear, and from that day on, they were constant companions. Dusty could often be spotted at airports leaving or arriving with the little bear she called Einstein, clutched in her hand. Apparently, if she couldn't carry him in her hands (and he must have been frisked by many a zealous customs officer!), then he was given space in her luggage, with the instructions that he have enough room around him to allow him to breathe!

She would even make him new clothes, dresses usually. Marcelle Bernstein in his excellent article from 1968, begins by saying that Dusty has spent the whole of a sunny day sitting in her hotel room on the edge of the Lancashire moors. Her curtains are drawn and by artificial light, she makes clothes out of an old nightdress for "a tiny, dingy teddybear called Einstein". But, be he dingy or worn, Dusty often referred to him as her "alter-ego". He had "the quality of stillness, which nobody else I know has".

In 1967, Penny Valentine wrote: - The person Dusty Springfield cares about most in this world is Einstein. Einstein is no ordinary bear. He is small and old and moth-eaten, with an extraordinary resilient smile. Dusty calls him her alter-ego, because she would really like to BE him. Safe, secure, somehow well away from it all. And so the bear is the biggest clue to the true identity of Dusty. Once simply Mary Isobel Catherine O'Brien and now a complicated girl who doesn't know where she is going.

Maybe he was the constant in her life, in the way that a child might have a favourite soft toy or a bit of blanket that they hang on to for years, even into adulthood. He most probably became HER comforter, her extra blanket for the cold..... And where is he now? Well, he made it to Henley with Dusty, and after she died and the house was being cleared, soft toys were being taken to wherever soft toys get taken to, when at the eleventh hour he was rescued from an almost certain untidy end by Pat Rhodes who knew exactly what she was looking for. He now lives comfortably in Pat's bedroom, dressed rather regally and surrounded by masses of other soft toys. They may be fancier and they may have cost quite a bit more, but Einstein holds court. There definitely is something special about that little bear. Now, if only he could talk.....



Feel free to post your Einstein pictures.....Dusty can be on them too 😊

Carole x

**Laura**  
Administrator  
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Posted - 18/10/2006 : 19:23:14 📄 🏠 👤

THAT Carole, is TO cute. Thanks so much for posting!



I love those lil scruffy bears there is something very endearing about them...

Love, Laura xx

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\*Baby, did you forget to take your meds\*



**Sophie**  
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bless Einstein! 😊 will he ever make it to a Dusty Day, Carole?

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**Tim**  
Where am I going?  
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Posted - 18/10/2006 : 21:21:08 📄 🏠

Hmm, if he did Soph - that would put Ms Pigfield's snout RIGHT out of joint..!



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Well, we could always ask Pat. If she trusted us not to mug her for the OBE, she might feel the same way about Einstein.



Carole x



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**Sophie**  
Where am I going?

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haha that's a good point, Tim 🤪 and thanks, Carole - it would be cool to meet Einstein!



**allherfaces**

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Posted - 19/10/2006 : 02:02:49



Great article and thread, Carole. 🤪



Tell Pat she can do a fundraiser and charge for pics to be taken with Einstein! I know I'd pay a pound for it.

Well it's all right to go on and live your life, so come out into the light....



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**Mads**

Where am I going?



Posted - 19/10/2006 : 07:38:23



I ish pretty sure this is Einstein! I think it is anyway!



Love Mads xxx



**dusty\_freak**

I've got a good thing



Posted - 19/10/2006 : 08:03:56



awww that is SO cute!! Thanks Carole 😊 I hope Einstien can make it to Dusty Day 🤪



Clare xoxo

"I'm not Mama's little baby no more..."



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**Birdie Breeze**

Little by little



Posted - 21/10/2006 : 20:16:02



She use to get ME to sit in for Einstein, except occassionally I'd draw comments like "you talk too much", when she just wanted me to sit still and not talk...and like Einstein, I too got worn out.... I do so miss having her around to help dress me up. Birdie

<http://www.myspace.com/birdiebreeze>



**allherfaces**

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Posted - 22/10/2006 : 15:40:52



Carole, do you know around what year Dusty acquired Einstein? It's remarkable she had him for decades!



Are there other pics of Dusty and Einstein that people can post here?



Thanks.

Well it's all right to go on and live your life, so come out into the light....



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**Cas19**  
Wasn't born to follow  
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I found this one Carole, I'm sure theres more of him I will dig out when I can... I'd be over the moon to see Einstein at DD... now thats one photo I wouldnt mind having took! 😊

Casx



**Gypsy Rose Lee**  
I'll try anything  
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Posted - 22/10/2006 : 16:42:56

Well, ol' Dusty got something right! 😊👍👏



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**Teda**  
Little by little  
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Posted - 22/10/2006 : 17:05:02

I had a wonderfull time last night. I can't begain to tell you who was all there. It would be name dropping. Dusty gave me a a huge naked bear. Teda.



**Gypsy Rose Lee**  
I'll try anything  
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**Jen**  
Little by little  
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Posted - 22/10/2006 : 17:12:40



... I had had the thought of Ms. P and Einstein meeting at this years DD, but the pig went AWOL somewhere over the Atlantic! 😞!!  
I really thought she was gone forever, but fortunately she showed up with only a few days to spare. I figured it was too late to organize by then....

....it's still something I would love to see!!

Thanks for the article Carole!!

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Jen



**daydreamer**  
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Getting back on track....the only info I could find re the little bears birth was early sixties Nancy, that's when Dusty rescued him. He could have been 'born' in the 1930's for all we know!

Another little picture.

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Carole x



**Birdie Breeze**  
Little by little  
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Posted - 23/10/2006 : 05:53:45

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Fans would send her bears, and she would wind up giving them out to charity groups as there were too many to keep - Birdie

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