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CAN'T KEEP A GOOD DOG DOWN — Tomi is the talk of the town in Konohana-ku, Osaka. Whenever he goes trotting by, people come over to pat him, school children write about him in their compositions, and even magazines have come to follow up Tomi's story.

Tomi was hit by a train three years ago when he was only six months old. Now he has the use of only two of his legs, but the local residents say he can run short distances as fast as a normal dog. Local zoo officials say that Tomi should have died from the massive wounds he received at the wheels of the train, but he licked the wounds to stop the bleeding and showed tremendous fortitude in his recovery, amazing the townspeople. In the photo a young boy sprints to keep up with the sturdy little hound.