

Donations News in Brief

* Support Dogs would like to thank the family and friends of the late Mr Brian Homer (pictured below) for their kind donation of £495 in lieu of flowers at his recent funeral.

Always a dog lover, Mr Homer lived a difficult life having lost both of his legs to diabetes and was a bi-lateral amputee who managed to walk again. Although he suffered from cancer, it was a heart attack that finally took his life.



"It is always very sad to hear about the death of a loved one," commented Support Dogs Fundraising Officer Angela Gregory.

"So we are always very touched when a family chooses us to be the recipient charity in this way. The money will be used to help us continue our work which makes such a lives of disabled people across the UK and we hope that this is a fitting way to honour Mr Homer's memory."

* The Ladies of Quorn Quilters have been hard at work for many months making a series of beautiful quilts which they have now donated to Support Dogs to help raise funds or give comfort to our clients in need of help.

The group also made a



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after a presentation by Support Dog owner Erica Grubb along with her Disability Assistance Dog Winnie and retired dog Muffin.

Our thanks go to all the ladies concerned for their kindness, generosity and hard work.

If you belong to a craft or social group that would like us to pay a visit or fundraise, please contact us at the numbers at the bottom of this page.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Support Dogs would like to wish all our supporters, clients and their dogs, a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Noel's HQ Give A Dog A Phone Appeal



and pop them into the special Freepost Noel's HQ envelope.

Alternatively you can just write the following Freepost address on an ordinary envelope and pop your phone inside – Freepost, Noel's HQ. All monies raised less processing costs will go to Support Dogs.

Please ensure you remove your sim card and any other personal data before donating.

on such an appeal is simply fantastic. Like many charities, Support Dogs has been affected by the recession and donations have fallen, so this couldn't have come at a better time."

Each Support Dog costs in the region of £10,000 to train and care for during its working life so approximately 2,000 phones will be needed to fund a single dog.

The launch of the appeal brought in 653 old phones as Noel encouraged shoppers at Birmingham's Bullring shopping centre to give up their old phones for charity and members of the live studio audience handed in their old sets too.



Philippa Forrester & Keith Chegwin meet Ernie & Ajay

Clients, trustees and staff at Support Dogs received a huge boost, when after their appearance on last Saturday's Noel's HQ programme, Noel announced that he was launching his "Give A Dog A Phone" appeal to help raise the vital funds for the charity.

"We all have old mobile handsets lying in drawers and cupboards, never to be used again," says Noel.

"Now we've found a way to help you clear out those old drawers and raise money for charity."

All you have to do is take your old phones to any Orange shop in the Mainland UK and Northern Ireland

"This is a wonderful surprise for everyone involved with Support Dogs," comments Fundraising Officer, Angela Gregory.

"As a small charity, with limited resources, to have the support of Noel and his team plus everyone at Orange



Ernie waits for phone donations

Donation Form

I would like to make a donation to Support Dogs. I enclose a cheque for £.....

Title:..... First Name:.....Surname:.....

Address:.....

Postcode:..... Telephone:.....

Email:.....

I am a UK taxpayer & I want the charity to treat: All donations and subscriptions I have made from 6th April 2000 and all those I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signature:.....Date:...../...../.....



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We're on the Web!

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Get others involved! Put up a "Give A Dog A Phone" poster.

Download your poster at www.support-dogs.org.uk or call 0114 261 7800 today for copies.

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New Merchandise Range

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Annual General Meeting 2008

Support Dogs would like to thank everyone who attended our recent Annual General Meeting. Everyone had a great time as clients, dogs, supporters and staff all came together to celebrate the graduation of our class of 2008.

Special thanks go to David Bailey from Guide Dogs for the Blind for his excellent presentation, Sounds Commercial for providing the presentation & stage equipment and all our dogs who took part in the highly entertaining agility film.

Due to the rebuilding of the Training Centre in 2007, this year's AGM was contact us on 0114 261 7800 or by email support-dogs@btconnect.com



Foster Carers of the Year 2008

Linda & Gary Mackender 2008

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New Dogs in Training

Sam is a 3 year old Golden Retriever who was donated to Support Dogs by Kath Robertson from Billingham. He has a lovely personality and is very calm and relaxed taking most things in his stride although he dislikes sudden, loud noises. He is very sensitive and loves human company. He is currently in training to become an Autism Assistance Dog.



Sam

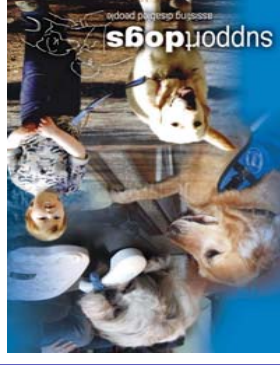
Billy is a very cute, 2 year old Jack Russell who is in the early stages of training to become a Disability Assistance Dog for his owner Carole Willacy. He is a confident, outgoing, sociable and very intelligent dog who is picking up his task work very quickly and progressing well.



Billy

New Information Brochure

Support Dogs have produced a new information leaflet incorporating details of all three of our assistance dog programmes. If you would like a copy or copies to distribute to family and friends or other potential supporters, please contact us on the numbers within this newsletter.



PDF copies are available online at www.support-dogs.org.uk

Crufts 2009



Support Dogs Patron Mic Martin from BBC's Dog Bortal

In 2009 Support Dogs will once again be appearing at the world's greatest dog show **CRUFTS**.

This not to be missed event takes place from 5th to 8th March at the NEC, Birmingham between 8.15am to 7.30pm each day.

Support Dogs is also pleased to announce that its newest patron and star trainer from BBC's *Dog Bortal*, Mic Martin, will also be on hand at Crufts to answer all your

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