

## Donations News in Brief

\* Support Dogs Ernie & his friends held a Canine Swimathon event which has raised over £2,000 to date and money is still coming in!

Special thanks go to Sarah Clay and her team at Halfkey Kennels for hosting the event and of course to our client Kate along with her husband Gavin, retired support Dog Norman and Ernie himself for all their hard work both on the day and in organising the event.



\* Bakewell Methodist Church held a coffee morning and raised £350. Special thanks go to Heather Swindell for organising the stand.



\* Huthwaite International have been continuing their fundraising work and handed over another cheque for £1,000 at a recent charity cricket match in aid of Support Dogs which also raised a further £430 towards their next donation.

It really was a truly international affair with Huthwaite's team including players from Greece and Holland!

Our thanks also go to Wentworth Cricket Club who hosted the event and

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provided such entertaining opposition on the pitch. Well done to one and all!

\* Russ Evans held his annual fundraising Cheese & Wine weekend in aid of Support Dogs raising a wonderful £1,060.

\* Olwyn Paxman completed the Sheffield Half Marathon to raise £250 for the charity.



### Laura Wins Award

Support Dog owner Laura Crawford has been recognised in this year's Queens Birthday Honours List!

The title of Member of the Order for the British Empire (MBE) has been given to Laura from Rhos on Sea for her voluntary work with disabled people in Wales.

The Queen's Birthday Honours List recognises outstanding achievement and service across the UK. More than 70 per cent of awards have gone to ordinary people, local heroes, who have made a difference to life in their communities.

Laura has dedicated her life to

helping other people and currently represents the Equipment & Adaptation Monitoring Group, a charity based in North Wales which helps disabled people of all ages.

Laura will be collecting her award at Buckingham Palace on 15th July and Kizzy her Support Dog will be attending alongside her.

"Everyone at Support Dogs was delighted to hear of Laura's award which is thoroughly deserved," commented Rita Howson, Director of Operations. "And it's really exciting to know one of our dogs will be part of such a prestigious awards ceremony."



Laura & Kizzy

## Donation Form

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

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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.

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### Doggy Paddle!

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Murdoch a dull dog, so when the temperatures began to soar recently, the training team at Support Dogs decided to take action.

To ensure our dogs in training have some relief from the heat during their "off duty" hours, we've set up a canine paddling pool outside the training centre in Sheffield.



It's all great fun for the dogs (and the staff too!) but behind the frivolity it addresses some serious issues for our dogs during hot weather.

#### Remember!

\* Do not leave dogs in cars, even with the windows down as for even short periods of time in hot weather this can be fatal.

\* Never leave your dogs unsupervised around paddling pools or any other water.

