

If you own a dog you need Pro Dogs : the reason why / Pro Dogs & Pets As Therapy.

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I wish to nominate the following dog for consideration of an award:

Dog's name Breed/Type

I enclose on a separate sheet as much information as I can about why I think this dog deserves a medal, including press cuttings, photo, etc and name, address and telephone number of the owner.

My name and address:
(CAPITALS)

Enclosed donation: £20 £10 £5 other to support the work of PRO Dogs. Total enclosed: £.....
Please post to address on front cover including membership application and/or order for the book 'Heroic Dogs' if required.

PRO DOGS MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES PLEASE, I WANT TO JOIN, and apply herewith for:
(Please tick)

- Single Full Membership £10.00 per year
 Joint Membership (2 at same address) £15.00 per year
 Junior Membership £4.00 per year Date of Birth
 (Under 18 years. Note insurance cover is not included.)

NAME (Title

ADDRESS

POST CODE TELEPHONE

Number of Dogs Cats

Breeds/s

I enclose herewith my Cheque/P.O./Banker's Order for
 £ p.

SIGNATURE

or charge my VISA/ACCESS (Subject to 50p surcharge)

VISA ACCESS Expiry Date

Please post to PRO DOGS at address on front cover.

HAPPINESS IS... A PAT DOG



AND FRIENDSHIP - AT A STROKE!

Tally is a Cocker Spaniel. She is one of over 6,000 friendly visiting PAT dogs. She makes most people smile (especially this patient at Maidstone Hospital) even when there's not a lot to smile about.

PAT visiting is just about the kindest gift dog owners can offer, by sharing their happy dog with people no longer able to enjoy animals in their lives.

To join in this community service you will need to be a member of PRO Dogs to ensure you are covered by the necessary insurance. Your dog will also need to pass a test for reliability.

If you have a friendly dog, and an hour or so to spare each week, please send for details. A 9" x 6" s.a.e. would be big enough to allow us to send you lots of interesting information. Ask for details when you apply for membership, or write to:



PETS AS THERAPY

PETS AS THERAPY (incorporating PAT Dogs)

Rocky Bank, 4-6 New Road, Ditton, Kent ME20 6AD.

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PRO DOGS NATIONAL CHARITY & PETS AS THERAPY

(INCORPORATING PAT Dogs)

are sister registered charities.

Based at their Cottage Offices in Kent, they are linked to a network of thousands of member dog owners - from north of Scotland, extending to the Channel Islands, and beyond.



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THE REASON WHY →



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WHY DOGS & DOG OWNERS TODAY NEED PRO DOGS' PROTECTION

The reason for the rapid growth of PRO Dogs, which was founded in 1976 by dog lover Lesley Scott-Ordish, is plain to see.

Dog owners today live under the constant threat of tough legislation and new controls banning and restricting dogs from an increasing number of parks and public open spaces where once they were welcome. **These laws are brought in by people who see dogs only as a nuisance, without appreciating the benefits they bring.**

PRO Dogs works to promote caring ownership and reduce the problems. At the same time, through schemes such as visits to hospitals and residential homes with friendly PAT Dogs, we show the good side of dogs and the benefit they bring.

PRO Dogs has professional advisers to give facts on health scare subjects such as Toxocara, showing the very unlikely risk to health. This subject is so misunderstood that unnecessary bans have been imposed on dogs.

The National Health Service spends £100,000,000 each day to keep us fit. But dogs encourage healthy exercise, for free! Dogs have also been shown to increase the life span of patients following a heart attack. This is because stroking a dog or cat lowers the heart rate, giving pleasure to people and animals alike, and reducing stress. Nobody has worked out yet just how much dogs contribute to the health of the nation, but it must be £millions!

Policing the nation also costs £millions. Here again dogs provide not only companionship but protection to their owners, and often to neighbouring properties. Dogs also guide the blind, hear for the deaf, assist the disabled, work free for police and armed services as well as for mountain rescue and Customs and Excise, by sniffing out illegal drugs. What other animal is able to help us in so many ways?

Dogs need PRO Dogs, these days, to shout the benefit of dogs from the roof-tops! PRO Dogs needs dog owners so that the charity can continue its work.

for DOG'S sake –
JOIN PRO DOGS

BENEFITS OF JOINING PRO DOGS

- A pack of information, and attractive car sticker sent to you on joining.
- ARGOS magazine for members in Spring and Autumn each year.
- **Insurance cover which no dog owner should risk being without, these days.** Courts can order substantial damages against owners whose dogs are held responsible for road or other accidents. You will receive a cover note against third party claims for injury or damage done by your dogs, up to £250,000. The cover holds only where members are not covered by similar liability insurance.
- Emergency cards to carry in case of accident or sudden illness so that emergency services know there is a dog at home needing attention.
- Competitions open to members only. Details in ARGOS magazine
- Your membership will support this charity, dedicated to defending dogs in society today.

INFORMATION LINE
0336 420 563

For information about PAT Dogs, how to protect your dog in your Will, how to buy a puppy from a reliable source, who to talk to if you are overwhelmed by the death of a much loved dog, how to get a free emergency card to carry with you in case of accident – so that the authorities know you have an animal needing attention, at home. Calls cost 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at all other times.

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GOLD MEDAL AWARDS

PRO Dogs celebrates good news about dogs each year by presenting Gold Medal Awards for:

- Life Saving
- Devotion to Duty
- Pet of the Year

Everyone wants their dog to win a medal and Pet of the Year nominations come top of the poll! Three medals have been awarded each year since 1979. Rats the soldiers' hero from Northern Ireland, Bothy the transglobe dog who visited both the north and south poles; Nipper who saved a flock of ewes from a blazing barn despite injury to his paws and lungs, and Kalli the super-mum who reared and fed orphan animals including arctic foxes, a puma and even a leopard cub.

All these wonderful dogs are featured in the book 'HEROIC DOGS' by Lesley Scott-Ordish, with foreword by Phil Drabble and available from PRO Dogs in hardback with lots of black and white and colour photographs. A gift for any dog lover at only £10.95 post free. (Orders welcome: Send cheque to PRO Dogs head office please.)

IF YOUR DOG DESERVES A MEDAL — TELL PRO DOGS!

You can nominate your dog, or any brave and special dog for an award. Give as much information about the event where the dog was put to the test as you can. If already reported, send in any press cuttings with date and name of publication, in support. Nominations close on the last Saturday in September each year and any received after that date go forward to the following year. Presentation of the medals takes place in London, usually in connection with a grand event and always with press and television invited.

PRO DOGS MAKES GOOD NEWS