

Let's go!

Winter 2026

Meet Kate and Juniper: "Canine Partners support was a life-saver. They kept Juniper healthy and safe when I couldn't."



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Chris and Canine Partner Freddy

Welcome to Let's Go! Winter 2026

Stories of resilience, partnership and support when it matters most

As we come to the end of another fantastic year, made possible by the dedication of our volunteers, supporters and staff, we've packed our latest issue with plenty of inspiring stories and festive cheer!

But we mustn't forget that, while Christmas can be a joyful time, winter can also bring real challenges for many disabled people and their families. Rising living costs, increased household bills, and the ongoing costs of caring for an assistance dog can make this time of year particularly difficult. Yet, time and again, we see the extraordinary difference that the right support can make.

Inside this issue, you'll read some remarkable stories of resilience and partnership.

Kate faced homelessness after the breakdown of a relationship turned her life upside down. Our Financial Assistance Fund helped ensure her Canine Partner Juniper could remain by her side during this difficult time. Their story is a powerful reminder of how quickly circumstances can change and the many ways our charity provides ongoing support to our partnerships. Read more on page 4.

You'll also meet Chris and Canine Partner, Freddy, on page 12. After losing his partner, Freddy's unwavering companionship and support helped Chris regain the confidence to travel independently.

Elsewhere in this issue, you'll meet our latest celebrity VIP, Sophie Morgan, and hear why she's so passionate about supporting Canine Partners.

You'll also find practical festive advice from Hayley, our Veterinary and Wellbeing Manager, a favourite Cooking with Kathy recipe, and a feature showcasing 12 ways you can help create life-changing partnerships this Christmas and beyond.

Before you go, don't forget to visit our new Dear Canine Partners... page. We'd love to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Lucy Eldred
CEO, Canine Partners



Meet Kate and Canine Partner Juniper

"Juniper was always by my side, helping me through one of the toughest times of my life, thanks to the Financial Assistance Fund."

Kate has faced more than her fair share of challenges. Living with a painful neurological condition that leaves her feeling tired and reliant on a wheelchair brings daily obstacles, but when a relationship breakdown left her homeless, Kate's life was turned upside down. This is Kate's story of resilience, companionship and finding hope when she needed it most.

Discovering Canine Partners

Kate applied for a Canine Partner after seeing an advert for the charity, and was partnered with Scully, a black Labrador. She quickly discovered the difference an assistance dog could make to her independence and everyday life.

“Before I had an assistance dog, life was a lot harder and I relied on other people much more. If I dropped something, I couldn't just pick it up.”

Meeting Juniper

When the time came for Scully to retire, Canine Partners supported Kate by partnering her with Juniper, her second assistance dog.

After travelling to meet Juniper for the first time, Kate knew straight away there was something special about her.

"It was love at first sight. Juniper was just so happy, with her floppy ears. They still flap to this day!"



The pair completed their two-week partnership training course, and it quickly became clear they were a perfect match.

"She was just the best dog on the course. She's matched perfectly to my needs, and we're both a bit quirky."

Life with Juniper

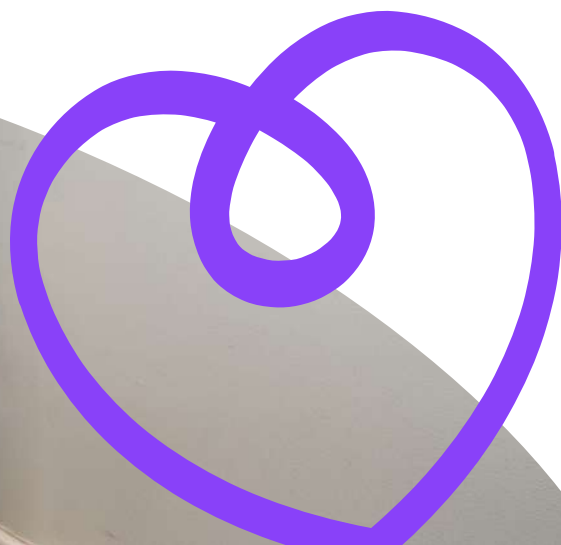
Juniper now supports Kate with practical, everyday tasks, including getting undressed, picking items up from the floor, and helping her turn over in bed.

These everyday tasks give Kate greater independence, allowing her to do things in her own time without having to rely on others.

"Having an assistance dog allows me more freedom to do what I want with my day. They're always happy to help with their waggy tail. Day or night, she always wants to help me."



Kate and Canine Partner Juniper



Support through homelessness

Following the breakdown of a relationship in 2024, Kate found herself facing homelessness and spent 14 months living in temporary accommodation. It was an incredibly uncertain and challenging time, but throughout it all, Juniper remained a constant source of comfort, companionship and practical support.

Vital financial support

At the time, Kate was entirely reliant on disability benefits and had little other support in place. The cost of temporary accommodation was also far higher than many people realise.

"People think temporary accommodation is free, but it's not. Rent is often higher than it would be paying a mortgage."

Kate was already struggling to make ends meet when Juniper became unwell with polyarthritis. Veterinary bills quickly ran into thousands of pounds, and desperate to keep Juniper safe and their partnership together, Kate turned to Canine Partners for help.

The charity's Financial Assistance Fund provided three months of emergency cover, taking care of all dog-related costs including food, insurance, supplements and preventive care; alongside Juniper's veterinary costs.

The support gave Kate one less thing to worry about during an incredibly uncertain time. It meant she could focus on rebuilding her life, knowing Juniper was getting the care she needed. Today, Juniper is back to full health and by her side every day.



The difference support can make

Kate can't imagine life without Juniper. More than an assistance dog, she's a trusted partner, a constant companion and a much-loved member of the family.

Thanks to the support of Canine Partners and the Financial Assistance Fund, Kate and Juniper were able to remain together during one of the toughest periods of their lives.

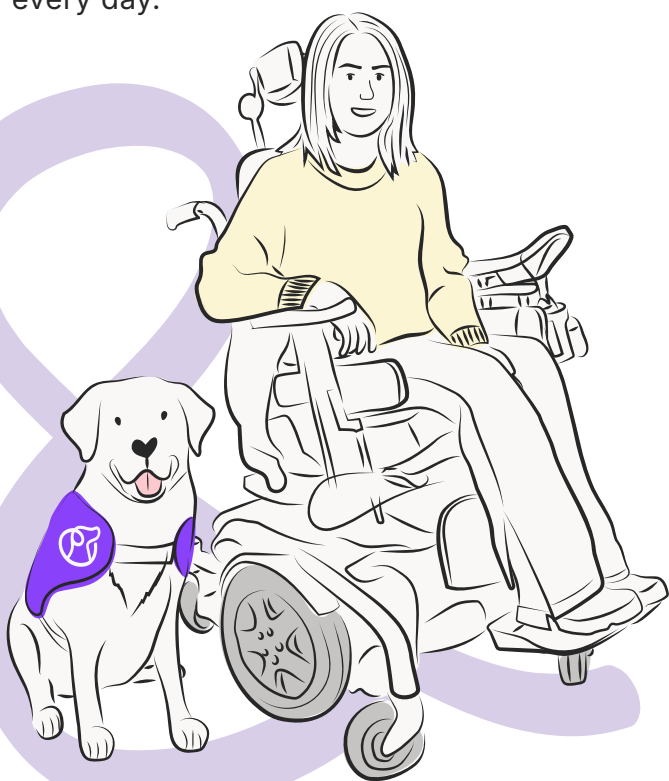
“The support the Financial Assistance Fund provided really was a life-saver. Without Canine Partners' support I'd have had to give up Juniper, and I couldn't have faced that on top of everything else I was going through. They kept her healthy and safe when I couldn't and I will never be able to repay them for that.”

Keeping partnerships together at Christmas and beyond

- ♥ **More than half** of disabled people can no longer afford to buy everything they need for their condition.
- ♥ Disabled households need **£1,095 more every month** to achieve the same standard of living as non-disabled households.

Canine Partners' Financial Assistance Fund helps partners experiencing financial hardship, paying for essentials such as food, insurance and medication, as well as emergency expenses like veterinary treatment or specialist care. Keeping dogs healthy and partnerships together.

To donate towards our Financial Assistance Fund, **scan the QR code** or visit **cpartners.uk/christmas-and-beyond**.



Introducing our latest VIP, Sophie Morgan

Broadcaster, author and disability rights advocate

“I’m absolutely thrilled to become a Canine Partners VIP and use my platform to help drive positive change for people living with physical disabilities, while shining a spotlight on the incredible work of the charity’s assistance dogs.”

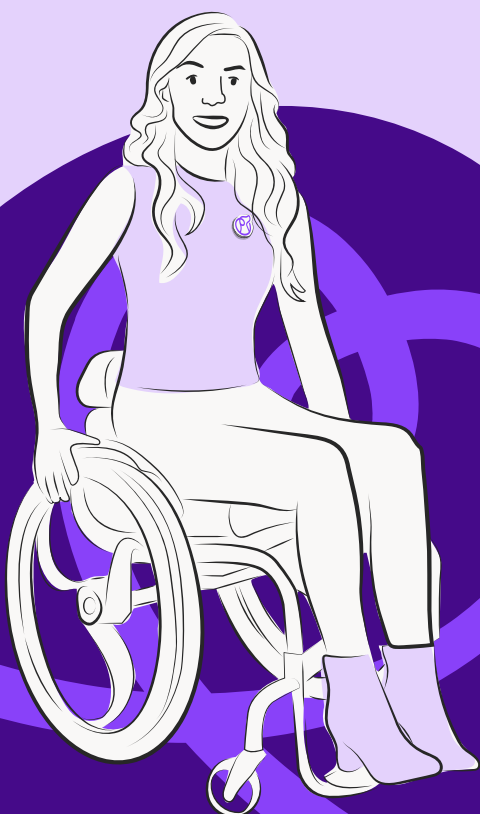
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We’re delighted to welcome Sophie Morgan as a VIP for Canine Partners.

Sophie is a broadcaster, author, artist and disability rights advocate who uses her platform to champion accessibility and inclusion. Most recently, she appeared on Channel 4’s *Celebrity Hunted* and continues to be a leading voice on disability and independent living.

A powerful voice for change

Sophie’s life changed in an instant when a car accident at the age of 18 left her paralysed from the chest down. Since then, she has built a successful broadcasting career and become a passionate advocate for disability rights, sharing honest reflections on independence, identity and the realities of everyday life as a wheelchair user.



Sharing stories that matter

In 2022, Sophie published her memoir, *Driving Forwards*, which explores her experiences of injury, recovery and independence. Through her writing, broadcasting and advocacy work, she continues to challenge perceptions and raise awareness of the barriers disabled people face.

Supporting life-changing partnerships

Sophie’s support will help raise awareness of the difference assistance dogs can make for disabled people and their families.

For more than 35 years, Canine Partners has been creating loving, life-changing partnerships between disabled people and dogs trained to support their individual needs, personality and lifestyle.

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Canine Partners’ partnerships break down barriers that exclude disabled people from everyday life, opening doors to greater independence both in and outside the home. The dogs provide practical support with everyday tasks while helping people navigate the world with more confidence.

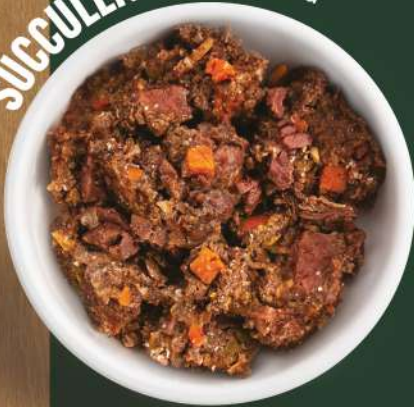
They bring independence, companionship and reassurance, reducing reliance on carers and giving people the freedom to live life their own way.

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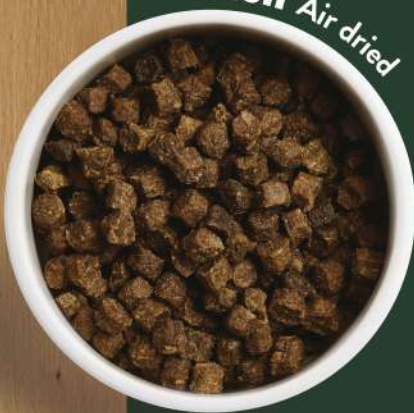
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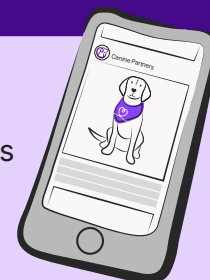
12 ways to make a difference this Christmas.

Whether you have five minutes, five pounds or a little more to give, there are lots of ways you can help create life-changing partnerships. From spreading the word on social media to volunteering, fundraising or sponsoring a puppy, every act of support makes a difference. Here are some of the ways you can give the gift of independence.

1. Spread the word - Like. Comment. Share. Repeat.

Help spread festive cheer by engaging with our social media channels. Every share helps more people discover Canine Partners and the incredible difference our dogs make.

Action: Follow us on     and share a post this week.



2. Stay connected - Subscribe to Fetch

Love reading about Canine Partners? Receive inspiring stories, puppy updates, volunteering opportunities, and fundraising news delivered straight to your inbox every month.

Action: Sign up today and encourage a friend to subscribe too.



3. Get festive fundraising

Turn your winter fun into fundraising

Host a Christmas Jumper Day, organise a festive bake sale, or invite a Canine Partners speaker to your workplace.

Action: Rally your friends, family or colleagues, and get fundraising for Christmas.



Sponsor a Puppy

4. Sponsor a Puppy - Looking for the perfect Christmas gift?

Whether it's for yourself or a loved one, sponsoring a puppy and receiving regular pupdates is a wonderful way to support and follow the journey of a future assistance dog.

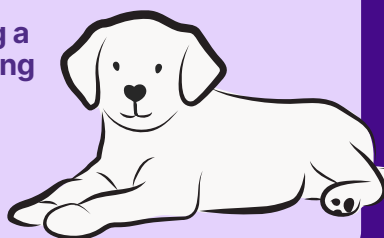
Action: Scan the QR code to sponsor a puppy today.



5. Name a Puppy **A name that starts a life-changing journey**

Give a future assistance dog their name and become part of their story from the very beginning. Perfect for marking a milestone, celebrating a loved one, or helping create a life-changing partnership.

Action: Learn how naming a puppy could create a lasting connection.



6. Support our Winter Appeal

Our Financial Assistance Fund helps partners experiencing financial hardship. Keeping dogs healthy and partnerships together.

Action: Donate what you can this season.



Keep the good going into the New Year

7. Volunteer with our dogs - Help shape future life-changers

Could you become a Puppy Training Volunteer, Dog Breeding Volunteer, or Assistance Dog Training Volunteer?

Action: Explore the role that fits your lifestyle.



8. Share your time and talents - Be part of something amazing

Support events, join a community group, inspire others as a speaker volunteer, or use your skills to help create life-changing partnerships.

Action: Give a few hours and make a big difference.



9. Partner through your workplace Help your business make an impact.

Corporate partnerships, Charity of the Year support, and employee fundraising can help change lives.

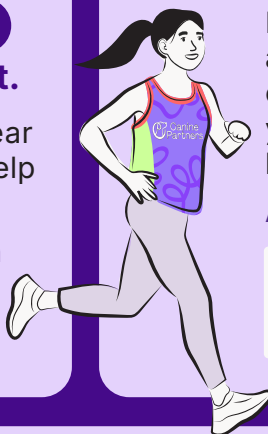


Action: Start a conversation with your employer.

10. Looking for your next adventure?

From 10Ks and marathons to treks and obstacle courses, there's a challenge for everyone. Sign up, push yourself further, and help change lives by raising money along the way.

Action: Find your perfect event.



11. Add a little kindness to your basket



Buying items from our Amazon wish list is one of the many ways to support Canine Partners beyond making a donation.

Action: Find out more about other ways to donate



12. Leave a gift in your Will

Help change lives for years to come



Your gift could support future life-changing partnerships, and our free Will-writing service makes it easy to get started.

Action: Learn more about leaving a gift in your Will.



Festive Challenge checklist



How many of the 12 can you tick off?

- ☐ Follow us on social media
- ☐ Subscribe to Fetch
- ☐ Fundraise
- ☐ Sponsor a Puppy
- ☐ Name a Puppy
- ☐ Donate
- ☐ Volunteer with dogs
- ☐ Volunteer your skills or time
- ☐ Support through your workplace
- ☐ Find your perfect challenge
- ☐ Acts of kindness
- ☐ Leave a Legacy

Festive Challenge! Why not try one, take on a few, or challenge yourself to complete all 12? Share your progress on social media and tag Canine Partners. We'd love to see how you're making a difference this winter. **#CaninePartnersFestiveChallenge**

However you choose to support Canine Partners this winter, you'll be helping create more life-changing partnerships between disabled people and assistance dogs. Thank you for being part of our community.



A stress-free Christmas for your canine companions

From family gatherings to unexpected guests, Hayley, our Veterinary and Wellbeing Manager, shares her top tips for a peaceful holiday.

Watch out for family feeders

Christmas gatherings often mean guests are tempted to share festive treats with your dog. Some foods are high in calories and others, such as chocolate, are toxic and can make our dogs poorly.

Watch out for antifreeze products

Even small amounts can be highly toxic if licked from paws or surfaces.

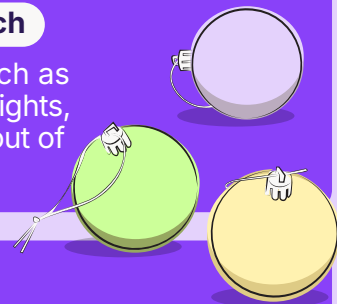


Play dates with other pets

If visiting dogs will be sharing your home, consider introducing them beforehand in a neutral environment.

Avoid hazards within reach

Keep seasonal hazards such as ribbons, decorations, fairy lights, toxic items, and small toys out of reach.



Consistency is key

Keeping to familiar routines can help reduce stress and provide reassurance.

Create a safe haven

Create somewhere warm and cosy, and ensure all visitors, especially children and other visiting animals, respect this space.



Kathy, our Facilities Manager, keeps the National Training Centre running smoothly, ensuring staff and visitors (both two and four-legged) feel welcome, comfortable, and are well fed. She's shared one of her favourite festive recipes for you to try at home.



Cooking with Kathy: After Eight Cheesecake

☒ You will need...

- ☐ 15 digestive biscuits
- ☐ 90g butter
- ☐ 4 tbsp sugar
- ☐ 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- ☐ 560g full-fat soft cheese
- ☐ 450ml double cream
- ☐ Green food colouring (optional)
- ☐ 1-2 tsp mint extract
- ☐ 300g After Eight mints
- ☐ 8-9 inch deep, lined loose-based tin
- ☐ A hand whisk

Method:

1. Melt the butter then mix with crushed biscuits, cocoa, and 1 tbsp sugar. Press into the bottom of your tin.
2. Whisk the soft cheese with 300ml cream until thick. Fold in the remaining 3 tbsp sugar, 150g chopped After Eights, mint extract and colouring (if using). Spoon over the biscuit base, smooth, then chill for at least 6 hours.
3. Before serving, whisk the remaining 150ml cream and pipe or spoon on top. Halve the remaining After Eights diagonally, arrange on top of the cheesecake and dust lightly with cocoa.

Gluten-free biscuits work well if firm and crumbly. For a vegan/non-dairy version, use plant-based spread, plant-based soft cheese and dairy-free double cream. For an alternative flavour, swap After Eights for Terry's Chocolate Orange, use orange extract and colouring.

! This recipe is perfect to keep your human guests happy, but make sure it's kept away from any canine friends.

Meet BBC The One Show stars, Shelley and Meikle

How Canine Partners' assistance dog Meikle brought Angellica Bell to tears!

Back in August, Shelley and Canine Partner Meikle, along with Shelley's son Will, were invited to BBC Broadcasting House in London for BBC The One Show's 20th anniversary programme.

The hour-long special show, hosted by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp, celebrated 20 years of special moments from the show, including a surprise segment for presenter Angellica Bell.

Angellica first came into contact with Canine Partners in 2012, when she interviewed Kate and her Canine Partner Byron. When the programme aired, it inspired Shelley's ten-year-old son, Will, to send off for an application form for his mum. Two years later, in 2014, Shelley was partnered with her first assistance dog, Kibble.



can cause me pain or injury. Some days I can walk around more easily, but other days I'm reliant on my wheelchair."

Following Will's application for a Canine Partner, Shelley is now enjoying life with her second Canine Partner Meikle, following Kibble's retirement.

"Meikle came bounding into my house and heart, and I instantly felt happy again... Where Kibble was calm and steady, Meikle is playful, affectionate and always close by. Kibble cuddled on Kibble's terms, but Meikle loves every type of affection, all the time – and that was exactly what I needed. He has me laughing every single second of every day."



Reflecting on the occasion, Shelley and Will shared:

"I still remember seeing the feature on The One Show that inspired everything that's happened since. Before then, mum would never have dreamed an assistance dog could help," said Will.

"Attending The One Show's 20th anniversary with Will and Meikle by my side has been such a proud moment. Assistance dogs like my Meikle are truly remarkable, and he's made such a positive difference to my life," said Shelley.

Getting to know Shelley and Meikle:

Shelley lives with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), a genetic condition that affects the body's connective tissues, causing her joints to dislocate frequently and without warning. "I fall regularly, drop everything, and even the smallest movement

To read more of Shelley's story on our website, scan the QR code or visit cpartners.uk/shelley-and-meikle



Meet Chris and Canine Partner, Freddy

Helping Chris get back to doing the things that matter most.

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Freddy gave me the confidence to travel by Tube for the first time in 14 years.

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In 2009, a stroke changed Chris' life in an instant. Left completely bedbound and paralysed down his left side, he became reliant on carers.

Before his stroke, Chris enjoyed a career in nursing with the NHS before later working at a college. Although his professional background helped him understand what was happening, the road to recovery was both physically and emotionally challenging.

charity on TV. In September 2014, Chris was partnered with Viking.

"Viking taking my socks or gloves off, or helping me to get undressed, reduced the amount of personal care and assistance I needed. It gave me back control of my life, which is huge."

Viking also gave Chris confidence, purpose and connection.

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People see you in a chair and they ignore you, but when they see a dog, it makes a difference. It might sound stupid, but I felt visible.

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Meeting Freddy

Chris is now partnered with Freddy, his second Canine Partner. Together for nearly two years, Freddy has become a much-loved companion and a vital part of Chris' life.

"Freddy is the polar opposite of Viking. I call him Steady Freddy. It takes him a bit longer to learn things, but he is very eager. Once he has got something, he has got it."

One of the biggest differences Freddy has made is helping Chris rediscover the confidence to travel independently. "For the first time in 14 years, I've travelled on the Underground, Crossrail and the Tube."



Finding Canine Partners

Chris' late partner Rob encouraged him to apply for a Canine Partner after seeing the



Growing in confidence together

To prepare for their first journey, Chris and Freddy spent three days sitting at their local station, watching trains come and go. When the time felt right, they boarded a train together and travelled straight to Liverpool Street in London.

"Would I have done that on my own? Absolutely not. But with Freddy, we now make that journey every month."

Being a wheelchair user on public transport can feel intimidating, Chris explains, because he is lower down with people standing over him. Freddy changes that. People notice him, and Chris feels more seen and supported.

Freddy's training was also tailored to Chris's everyday life. During their partnership training, they practised together in Chris's wheelchair-accessible vehicle, helping Freddy learn how to support him when they were out and about and travelling together.

Superheroes in jackets

For Chris, the impact of an assistance dog goes far beyond practical tasks. It's about companionship, independence, confidence and being able to do more of the things that matter to him.



"I think the general public don't get to see the full impact assistance dogs have. They don't get to see how life-changing it is or how much control it gives you back."

“ The bond, companionship and relationship are unbelievable. People may say, 'It's just a dog', but they are superheroes in jackets. ”



Leave a lasting Legacy

Half of our life-changing partnerships are made possible by gifts in Wills. These gifts create partnerships like Chris and Freddy's, restoring independence, confidence and freedom for years to come.

We've partnered with Farewill, a professional Will-writing service overseen by trained solicitors, to make writing or updating your Will simple and free of charge. It takes as little as 15 minutes.

By leaving a gift to Canine Partners, you can help fund future generations of assistance dogs.

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Paws and play



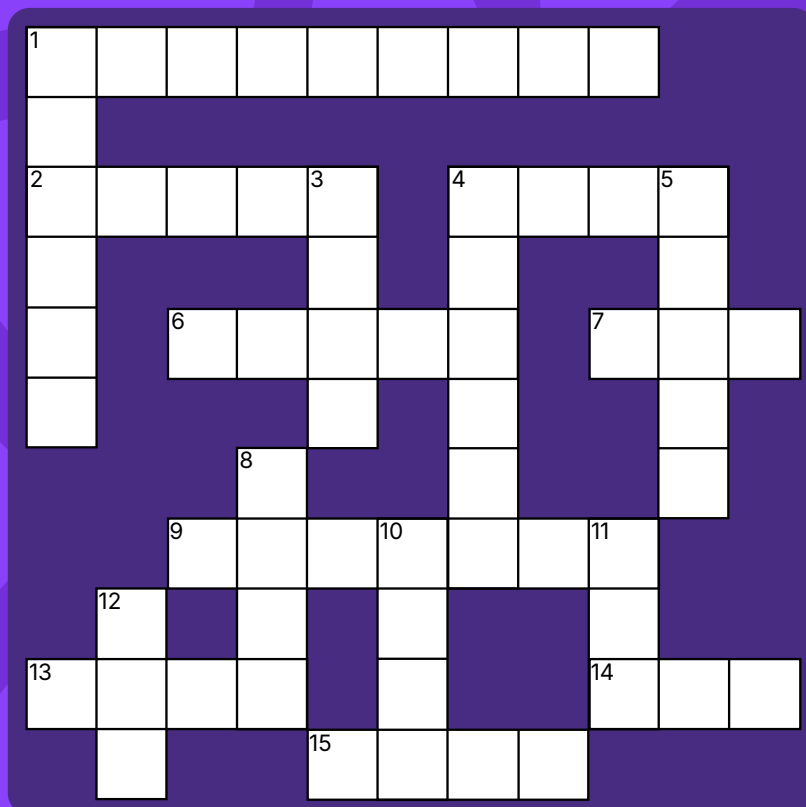
TAIL or TALE? Debunking nine common myths around assistance dogs

Paws at the ready; we've pulled together some of the most hotly contested statements connected to assistance dogs and the vital support they provide.

Let's see if you can answer if the following are TAIL (TRUE!) or TALE (LIE!)

- All Assistance dogs are Labradors
- Assistance dogs are only working when wearing a branded jacket
- You should always approach the owner before stroking an assistance dog
- Only Guide Dogs are allowed in shops and restaurants
- Assistance dogs are never allowed off lead and don't get to play or be a 'dog'
- Assistance dogs are trained using positive reinforcement methods and rewarded with treats and fusses
- Emotional support dogs and assistance dogs are the same thing
- UK law currently doesn't have an official registration or certification for assistance dogs
- Assistance dogs can be trained to support disabilities far beyond sight and hearing loss

Time to put your dog knowledge to the test! Grab a pen, follow the clues and see how many of these canine-themed clues you can solve!



ACROSS:

1. A dog's role as a friend and helper
2. A key characteristic of a faithful dog
4. A dog's fur, keeping them warm
6. To teach a dog commands and good manners
7. The animal doctor who cares for dogs
9. Alternative to a collar for walking a dog
13. An essential daily activity for most dogs
14. An item for a dog to play with
15. Command for a dog to walk closely beside you

DOWN:

1. Worn around a dog's neck, often with ID
3. A strap for guiding a dog on a walk
4. Relating to dogs, or a dog itself
5. A reward for good dog behaviour
8. A sound a dog makes to get attention
10. A dog's keenest sense for sniffing out things
11. A basic command for a well-behaved dog
12. A dog's foot, often offered for a shake

Ready to see if you're barking up the wrong tree?
Sniff out the answers at cpartners.uk/puzzles



Dear Canine Partners...

Send yours in to feature in our next issue!

On behalf of Miss Laila and Andy Newton:

To My Canine Partner

You walk beside me, paws in step with heart,
A steady shadow, never far apart.
Your tail a compass pointing toward delight,
Eyes bright as stars that guide me through the night.

You know my moods before I speak a word,
No heavy thought too great to be heard.
A warm nudge when the world feels cold and steep,
A quiet guardian while the hours sleep.

Through sunlit fields and rain that beats the ground,
Wherever I go, your joy is found.
No grander crown than fur against my hand,
No truer bond in all the land.

You ask for little - food, a walk, a pat,
Yet give the whole wide world in exchange for that.
Loyalty wrapped in fur and wagging tail,
My closest friend, my partner, without fail.

And when the days grow short and steps slow down,
Still you stand by, my most precious crown.
For through all seasons, come what may, you stay-
My Canine Partner, my heart, always.

Hi, this was for Teddy and I think it will resonate with all Canine Partners after losing their best friend.

IMAGINE

Imagine you are here, and you are mine.

Imagine a time passing by so slowly that only the shadows of the hours are heard.

Imagine a time with no more pain and I will meet you there.

Imagine.

Best wishes,
Wendy, Peter and Carmen



TEDDY



CHERRY



From Adelyn, age 4

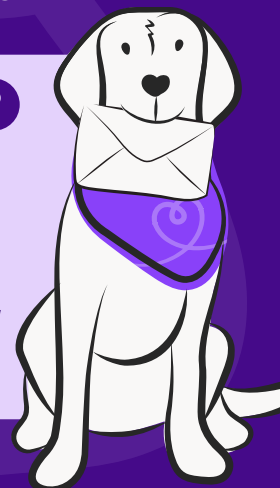
CHERRY

Her fur was as black
as midnight and
as smooth as silk,
And shone in the
sun. Her eyes
were a soft chocolate
brown color
with a twinkle of
mischief shining
in each one.
I love cherry

From Lucy, age 10

Want to feature in Let's Go?!

Send your contributions, along with your name and contact details to letters@caninepartners.org.uk or post them to **Let's Go!, Canine Partners, National Training Centre, Ashby Rd, Osgathorpe, Loughborough, LE12 9SR.**



Puppy cuddles with a purpose

Give a puppy the best start in life and help create a future life-changing partnership by becoming a Volunteer.

We're looking forward to welcoming a new generation of puppies into the Canine Partners family. Before they can begin their journey towards becoming life-changing assistance dogs, they need caring Puppy Training Volunteers to give them the very best start in life.

We are recruiting Puppy Training Volunteers in selected locations across the UK, **including some new areas where we haven't previously had volunteers.**

If you love dogs, spend most of your day at home, and can offer a puppy the time, care and commitment they need, we'd love to hear from you. By registering your interest you'll be among the first to know when our next puppy recruits are ready for volunteer homes in 2027.

Our Puppy Training Volunteers help little life-changers grow into future assistance dogs. Along the way, many gain something special themselves.

"I can honestly say that becoming a Puppy Training Volunteer is one of the best things I have ever done in my life."

Julia, Puppy Training Volunteer

To see whether opportunities are available near you, learn more about becoming a Puppy Training Volunteer, and register your interest, **scan the QR code** or visit cpartners.uk/puppy-training-volunteer.



Sponsor a Puppy



Help shape a life-changing future from just £1 a week.

Right now, Star and Angel are getting ready for their first Christmas in training. They're learning about the world around them and taking their first steps towards becoming life-changing assistance dogs.

One day, they could help a disabled person enjoy greater independence, confidence and freedom, at Christmas and beyond. From opening doors and picking up dropped items to providing companionship and reassurance, they'll help their partner live life their own way. **But they can't do it without you.**

The pawfect Christmas gift!

Not all heroes wear capes... some wear purple jackets.

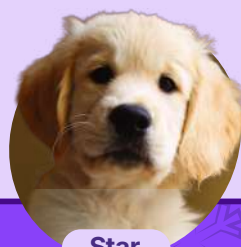
Sponsor Star or Angel from just **£5 a month** or a one-off payment of **£120**, and follow every step of their two-year journey, from playful puppy to life-changing partnership.

As a sponsor, you'll receive:

- 🐾 A welcome pack with a cuddly toy version of Star or Angel
- 🐾 A personalised certificate and puppy milestone tracker
- 🐾 Regular 'pupdates' on your puppy's progress with stickers

Start your journey today

Scan the QR code, visit cpartners.uk/sponsor-a-puppy or call 03456 580 480 to sponsor Star or Angel.



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Angel

Celebrating PAW-some corporate impact!

Our incredible corporate supporters continue to go above and beyond, raising vital funds, sharing our story, and helping us create more life-changing partnerships across the UK.

From fundraising events to hands-on volunteering, their support makes a real difference. Here's a look at some of the latest ways they've been helping Canine Partners.



CPR Cup

This summer's FIFA World Cup may have grabbed the headlines, but the real action took place at this year's CPR Cup, London's flagship charity five-a-side football tournament, led by Collins Property Recruitment and sponsored by CC Land and Forsters LLP.

The event raised an amazing £25,000 to support Canine Partners' work creating life-changing partnerships between disabled people and assistance dogs.

“The CPR Cup is an incredible event that not only raises vital funds and awareness for Canine Partners, but also brings together a community of like-minded professionals who want to connect and make a difference.

These events would not be possible Collins Property Recruitment and the sponsors – thank you for the difference you make.

- Canine Partners' CEO, Lucy Eldred”

CPC Civils lend a helping hand

Many thanks to CPC Civils, who recently joined us for a corporate volunteering day at our National Training Centre.

A team of eight volunteers spent the day getting stuck into a range of practical tasks, including tidying outdoor spaces, jet washing the patio, replanting raised beds, and giving our garden furniture a fresh coat of paint.

Their hard work has helped keep our centre looking its best for partners, volunteers, staff, and visitors.



Could your team get involved?

Whether it's volunteering at our National Training Centre, a fundraising challenge, or choosing us as your charity of the year, there are plenty of ways your organisation can support Canine Partners and help create life-changing partnerships.

To find out more, **scan the QR code**, visit cpartners.uk/corporate or contact our Corporate Team at corporate@caninepartners.org.uk



New fundraising challenge, coming soon...

Give up something you love and get sponsored, or donate what you would have spent. Every penny raised helps create more life-changing partnerships. Keep an eye out in our emails and on social media for more info!

Carol Services 2026

Our festive Carol Services are back for 2026, bringing together some familiar favourites and a few exciting new venues too.

Loughborough

-  Sunday 6 December
-  3pm (doors open 2:30pm)
-  All Saints Church, Loughborough, LE11 1UX



Arundel

-  Wednesday 16 December
-  6:30pm (doors open 5:45pm)
-  Arundel Cathedral, Arundel, BN18 9AY



London

NEW LOCATION!

-  Thursday 10 December
-  7:30pm (doors open 7pm)
-  St Cuthbert's Church, London, SW5 9EB



Falkirk

NEW LOCATION!

-  Saturday 12 December
-  6:30pm (doors open 5:45pm)
-  The Sanctuary, Falkirk Trinity Church, FK1 1JN



To find out more and reserve your tickets, scan the QR codes or email fundraising@caninepartners.org.uk.

Snap a photo with Santa Paws

Father Christmas will be making a special visit to our National Training Centre in December to meet your family and four-legged friends.

Saturday 12 December

Tickets are £10 each. Printed photos are an additional £5 and can be purchased when you buy your ticket or on the day.

Browse our seasonal market with stalls and games, or indulge in a festive treat served at our Christmas Café, including hot rolls, mince pies and mulled wine.

Don't miss Santa Paws!

To book your place, scan the QR code or visit cpartners.uk/santa-paws-2026.



Christmas traditions: big, small and uniquely yours

The moments that make the season feel special

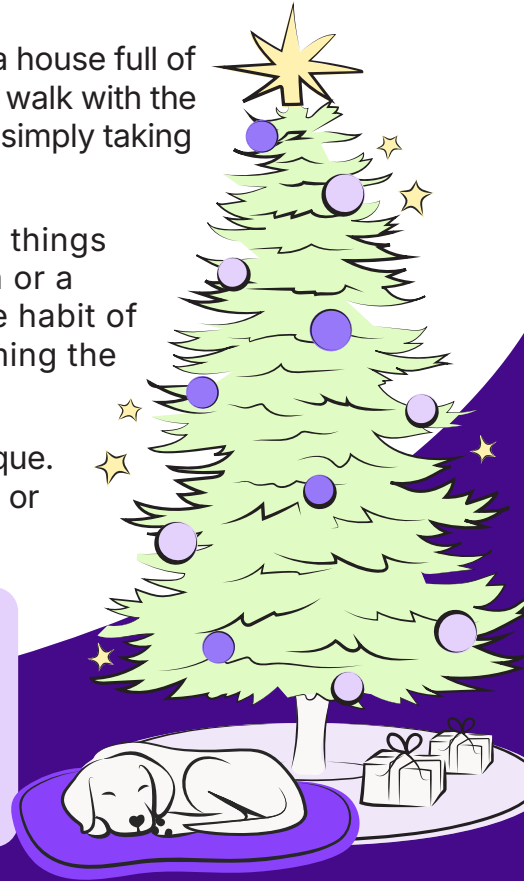
Christmas means different things to different people. For some, it's a house full of family, favourite foods, and familiar traditions. For others, it's a quiet walk with the dog, a favourite film on the sofa, remembering someone special, or simply taking time to slow down and recharge.

Whatever this time of year looks like for you, it's often the little things that matter most. The traditions that bring comfort, connection or a smile. Perhaps your Canine Partner, or family pet, has a festive habit of their own, from snoozing through the Christmas carols to claiming the best spot under the tree.

We'd love to hear about the traditions that make your Christmas unique. Whether they're big or small, silly or sentimental, shared with others or quietly on your own, tell us what makes this season special for you.

Which Christmas tradition gets your tail wagging?

Send us your traditions (and photos!) to letters@caninepartners.org.uk and follow our Facebook page using the QR code to see if yours makes our top ten traditions list in December!



Our 2026 festive cards are here!

Get ahead of the pack and explore our 2026 festive card collection. Find a design you love and support Canine Partners with every card you send.



Our online card shop features even more designs to choose from. To order your cards, scan the QR code, visit cpartners.uk/card-shop or call 01227 811 673. Every pack you buy helps us train more life-changing assistance dogs. Last orders for guaranteed Christmas delivery is Friday 11 December 2026.



Lines open Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 5pm (4pm Fridays). Orders are processed by our fulfilment partner and cannot be placed at our National Training Centre.

1 to 8 December 2026

One week only: your donation matched for free, doubling the difference you can make.

Christmas
Challenge

BigGive



This December, every donation made to Canine Partners through the Big Give website will be match-funded, helping us create more perfect matches.

Because the perfect match changes everything.

James found his perfect assistance dog match in Dawn. Jess found hers in Honey. And then – thanks to Canine Partners – James and Jess found another perfect match: each other.

Scan the QR code below to watch their story.

Right now, more disabled people than ever are waiting for their perfect match. By donating during Big Give week, you'll help bring those partnerships one step closer.

Because when the right person meets the right dog, everything changes.

“Dawn and Honey already knew and loved each other, and they clearly taught James and I to do the same. We ended up matched as well.”

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Finding the right match doesn't happen by chance.

It costs £50,000 to breed, train, match and support life-changing matches like James and Dawn, and Jess and Honey. We rely entirely on donations to fund these partnerships.

Save the date

Scan the QR code or visit cpartners.uk/big-give-2026 to find out more about the Big Give's match-funding and add the date to your diary.



Have questions or need help? Email supportservices@caninepartners.org.uk or call our friendly Fundraising team on 03456 580480.