



Connaught Vets 100km Charity Cycle

A few brave, adventurous staff took the plunge on a 100km cycle for charity on the 13th October. With Storm Callum raging on, they still managed to not only complete the challenge but go 8km extra all in aid of Hounds for Heroes, a charity that provides assistance dogs to those injured during service in the armed forces and emergency services.

The idea came when receptionist attended the BVRA congress where the Founder & Vice Chairman of Hounds for Heroes, Allen Parton, was key note speaker. Allen told us the incredibly moving story of how he suffered from a severe head injury on operations whilst serving in the Royal Navy in the Gulf, which left him physically and emotionally traumatised - almost beyond repair. Allen was unable to walk, speak or write and his memories had been wiped out (he was even unable to remember getting married, or the birth of his children). Allen was partnered with an assistance dog, Endal. Endal helped Allen rebuild his life; he brought back some independence and helped to save Allen's

marriage and repair his relationship with his children. Allen's story, and his relationship with Endal really brought home to us how we should do everything we can to support those that have given up their lives to save others. What better way to do that than through animals?

Partner Andrew Mills and his father Brian, equine vet Gayle Capps and her husband Steve, Isla Trewin, Sam Rudge and her dad Paul (affectionately known as Daddy Rudge), Kate Glaze and Keith Wylie (Julie's husband) all braved the weather and completed the 108km in 5 hours and 46 minutes and have so far raised over £1100 for Hound for Heroes but are hoping to reach £1500 so have left the Just Giving page open and still accepting donations at the following link:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Connaught-house-veterinary-group

Thank you so much to those that have already helped us to raise such a lot of money, and awareness, for a relatively small charity. All the donations will be put to good use training up the wonderful dogs the charity use. For more info please have a look at www.houndsforheroes.com



*Let to right:
Steve Capps
Gayle Capps
Kate Glaze
Keith Wylie
Brian Mills
Andrew
Mills
Isla Trewin
Sam Rudge
Paul Rudge*

Dogs and Fireworks

Fireworks can be a hugely stressful event for you dog, don't get caught out and underestimate the effect they can have on them—especially as you do not always get notified of private firework displays.



See the following tips for helping your dogs around Bonfire Night and New Year:

- ◆ Always keep your dog inside during displays, and make sure you do your dog walking earlier in the day.
- ◆ Close all windows and doors, keeping curtains shut to help to keep the noise to a minimum. You can even put the TV, or radio on (but not too loudly!) to dampen the noise of the fireworks slightly.
- ◆ Ensure your dog is microchipped and has some form of ID (such as collar and tag) just in case of escape!
- ◆ Let your dog pace, whine, bark or hide whilst the display is on. You can even try and prepare a 'den' for your dog, under a bed or table and do not try and coax them out when they have gone to 'safety'.
- ◆ Stay calm yourself, act normally and give lots of praise for calm behaviour. It's great to cuddle and stroke your dog if it helps them, but be aware they may just want to go and hide!
- ◆ Avoid leaving the house if you can, but if this is unavoidable and your dog is destructive or has toileted then do not reprimand—shouting at a frightened pet will only make them more stressed.
- ◆ Know what your dog loves and select a treat to reward for calm behaviour when the firework display is over.

If you need more help, please do not hesitate to request a call back from one of our Veterinary Nurses or Vets for more advice or if you feel like

Introducing our new Equine Muscle Builder supplement...

Does your horse need a little extra help building muscle?

Why not try our NEW Veterinary Muscle Build Supplement available from Connaught House. Sue has been trying this out on one of her own horses, and says there is a difference already.

Muscle build contains a high concentration of amino acids, as well as the important antioxidant Vitamin E. Amino Acids are essential for the formation of muscle through protein synthesis, supplementary feeding is especially important after illness/injury, for underdeveloped horses and in periods of intensive exercise/competition.

The supplement comes in a 3kg pot as is fed at a maintenance rate of 50g daily. For further info please contact the hospital on 01902 424725.



History of Connaught

Did you know Connaught Veterinary Hospital was one of the first practices in the country to be granted hospital by the RCVS, and we have held that accreditation since 1977?



Mr Taylor, current partner Sue's Dad, founded the practice in Piper's Row Wolverhampton in 1953 and then moved the practice to the current location in Tettenhall Road in 1977.

Connaught House Veterinary Group remains proudly independent, and very proud of their history. Sue Taylor remains partner, with Andrew Mills joining her when Mr Bolton retired in 2016. We found this photo in long-standing nurse Maureen's collection, Sue has estimated it was taken in the early 1980s. You can see Sue in the middle, with her father and her trail hound Gibson in front.