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Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club

Appeal for Ukraine

Dear Members

I write to thank you for your most generous donation in support of the combined **Kennel Club Charitable Trust and Kennel Club Appeal for Ukraine**. The gift the Club made thanks to its membership really was remarkable. Since its launch at Crufts 2022 with a double gift of £25,000 each donated by the Kennel Club and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, together the canine community have raised a staggering £250,000– THANK YOU! If you would like us to send you a couple of our lovely ‘Making a Difference for Dogs’ pin badges, please do let us have your postal address by contacting fundraising@kennelclubcharitabletrust.org

To date, much of the money we transferred to the FCI account “Solidarity with Ukraine” has been re-distributed directly to the Ukrainian Kennel Union (UKU). Other transfers were made to Atibordeaux (World Association for Dogue de Bordeaux) and another club in Germany who are regularly sending trucks with supplies to Ukraine. Food and medicines have been delivered as close as possible to the invaded regions. Notwithstanding the great difficulties and risk involved in Ukraine, the Ukraine Kennel Union (UKU) have reported that approximately 55 local clubs, representing hundreds of breeders in desperate need are using the funds mostly to buy food for the dogs. Atibordeaux, for example, can be followed on Facebook where they regularly post updates.

Some breeders who have been rehomed with their dogs in Slovenia and the Netherlands have also received FCI funds and, further requests for help for rehomed breeders in Poland, France, Spain, Italy and San Marino are being considered. For the sake of transparency, the FCI stipulate that every request be carefully considered and must be validated by the National Canine Organisation of the rehoming country.

As further news updates come in, we will post them on the KCCT website (www.kennelclubcharitabletrust.org), the KCCT Facebook page and Our Dogs newspaper along with images of those being helped.

Such is the support we have received, and with dog lovers around the UK continuing to get behind the Appeal, we will be keeping the Appeal open for the remainder of the year. Dogs

and their owners in Ukraine will need our support for some time to come and with your support, we intend to be there for them as much as we can.

We join with Yves De Clercq, (Executive Director of the FCI) who writes to all who have donated to the Ukraine Appeal in the United Kingdom, "From the bottom of our hearts, MANY THANKS!"

Together, we are making a difference for dogs.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill King', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Reverend Bill King
Chairman of Trustees, The Kennel Club Charitable Trust