



# Ability Dogs 4 Young People



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Dear Caroline

I write to say thank you and everyone involved with Sporting Bears Motor Club for supporting Ability Dogs 4 Young People IoW by donating £500. It is such a shame that all the events have had to be cancelled but your donation is particularly welcome at this time.

I have enclosed a copy of our latest newsletter and this year's recycling update (written in happier times) which I hope you enjoy reading. Please do pass them around and let me know if you would like any more copies – I can send a copy by email if you would like to send it to your members.

Your generosity is much appreciated at this very difficult time as the COVID-19 crisis is hitting the charity very hard. With all fundraising events cancelled and the charity shops shut, we have virtually no income. I have had to lay off all the fundraising staff for the time being and the trainers are working part-time, mainly from home.

I have put in place an emergency strategy to support our recipients who are extremely vulnerable at the moment. Their lives have been sent into complete turmoil by this crisis. Anxiety levels have soared as they are not able to rationalise the situation. Now more than ever, they need their Ability Dogs and they need to know we are supporting them. They worry about themselves and their families and are extremely anxious about the well-being of their Ability Dogs. We need to help them on a practical level and with positive reassurance. Our Ability Dogs are helping our recipients maintain their mental and physical health and are therefore relieving pressure on the NHS at this critical time.

I hope you are keeping safe. Thank you again for your support.

With kind regards,

Carol Court  
Founder & CEO

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**Training assistance dogs for disabled young people on the Isle of Wight**