



# £12,937



The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund have gone barking mad! That's right! They have made a grant of £12,937 to the Dogs for Good charity to fund the 2 year training plan for a puppy to become a fully-fledged assistance dog for a child with physical disabilities. In 2004 the charity became the first in the UK to train assistance dogs for this purpose.

Assistance dogs can help build a level of independence and confidence in children by helping with practical tasks, such as:

- Retrieving dropped items
- Opening and closing doors
- Helping with dressing and undressing
- Helping with physiotherapy routines

The dog also offers unconditional love, becoming a friend who is always there for them, and a positive focus for the whole family.

A registered assistance dog provides an extension of the person's abilities, and is allowed by law to accompany their partner into public places such as shops, restaurants and also to travel on public transport.

The next intake of puppies is in March and we will keep you up to date with the progress of the MBF puppy at every opportunity.

Watch this video to find out more about the work of Dogs for Good

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbMeHdfdFxs>

Website <https://www.dogsforgood.org/#dogsaregood>