



Press Information

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Muppet wins Pets As Therapy 'HiLife P.A.T. Dog of the Year 2010/11'

Muppet, the cocker spaniel who brings peace and calm to sick children at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, has been chosen as the Pets As Therapy charity's 'HiLife P.A.T. Dog of the Year 2010/11'. Owned by Leisl De Lafontaine, from Chippenham in Wiltshire, Muppet has been a P.A.T. dog for five years and has brought comfort and a smile to many children during this time.

Nominations for Muppet were mainly received from children and staff on the children's ward, all of whom had heart-warming praise for the dog. One child said: "Muppet made me smile again", another added, "Muppet cheered me up". The staff on the children's ward at the Royal United Hospital in Bath say that Muppet brings a whole new dimension to the morale on the ward when she arrives. "People smile. It's amazing how one little dog can have such a positive effect on the children and staff. We would like her to visit every day."

Muppet was voted 'HiLife P.A.T. Dog of the Year 2010/11' by a celebrity panel that included Pam St. Clement (EastEnders), Actor Roy Barraclough, Celebrity Chef James Martin, Actress Lisa Riley, Actress Pauline Fleming, Editor of Yours magazine Valery McConnel, together with readers of Yours magazine.

Read the finalists stories on the Pets As Therapy website (www.petsastherapy.org/).

