

K9 CHESS

THE CHARTERHOUSE, LONDON

11 JUNE 2015



The Charterhouse

The Charterhouse is a former Carthusian monastery in London, to the north of what is now Charterhouse Square. Since the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16th century the house has served as private mansion, a boys' school and an almshouse, which it remains to this day.

The Charterhouse will form a truly magnificent backdrop for the chess on the evening of 11 June 2015 with over 200 invited guests helping to raise £120,000 for the Charity through this unique event.

This amount will enable Canine Partners to provide specially trained dogs to more disabled people, transforming their lives by restoring confidence and independence.

Tickets cost £75 per person, which includes a drinks reception, canapés and light supper.

To book tickets or to receive further information on the event, please contact Lucy McGinlay at:



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K9 Chess

K9 Chess follows on from the spectacular event 'Dogs, Rocks and Frocks', organised by Lady Pearson of Rannoch in 2010, which raised in excess of £120,000 for Canine Partners. Lady Pearson is again the mastermind, organiser and part-sponsor of K9 Chess, which she is hosting as part of the Charity's 25th anniversary celebrations, recognising 25 years of providing specially trained assistance dogs to disabled people in the UK. HRH The Duke of Gloucester is the Charity's Patron and we are proud to have given demonstrations to HM The Queen and HRH Prince Harry.

Live chess

The evening will consist of a fun Challenge Game between The Grand Master Ray Keene OBE and International Master Malcolm Pein, which will be orchestrated by using our dog partners as their chess pieces.



Live music

Musical theatre performer and singer, Elaine Paige OBE, will be performing exclusively on the evening.

Sponsorship details

Headline sponsor - £15,000

This includes sponsorship of the venue and catering. As sole sponsor you will receive 10 complimentary tickets, two free pages of advertising in the programme, name on the invitation and thanks on the sponsors page. You will be the first company to be thanked by the auctioneer at the event. All marketing material and press releases relating to the event will include details of our main sponsor.

Joint sponsor - £7,500 per sponsor

Joint sponsors will each receive five complimentary tickets, one free page of advertising in the programme, branding on the invitation and thanks on the sponsors page. You will be thanked by the auctioneers. All marketing material and press releases relating to the event will include details of our joint sponsors.

Additional sponsorship opportunities include:

Drinks reception:	£3,000
Flowers and decorations:	£2,000
Programme and printing:	£1,500

Advertising in the programme

An A5 full colour programme will be produced in support of the evening and given to every guest on arrival. All advertisements within the programme will be run in colour.

Premium position:	£1,500 (inside front or back cover)
Standard single page:	£500
1/2 Page:	£250

If you would like to discuss any of the above sponsorship opportunities or place an advert in the programme, please contact Lucy McGinlay at lucym@caninepartners.org.uk or on **07770 795411**

What is a canine partner?

Our amazing dogs bring greater independence and a better quality of life to people with disabilities by performing tasks that are difficult, painful or even impossible for their partners. They are trained to help with everyday practical tasks including opening and shutting doors, unloading the washing machine, picking up dropped items, pressing buttons and switches, and fetching help in an emergency. They also provide psychological and social benefits such as increased confidence, motivation and self-esteem.

Each partnership costs £20,000 to create, train and support until the end of the dog's working life, and there are currently more than 300 partnerships across the UK. We

provide dogs to people with even the most complex disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, MS, brittle bones, polio, arthritis, spina bifida, spinal injuries and amputees. We also provide dogs to injured personnel from the armed forces community.

For further information on our work, please visit caninepartners.org.uk



Canine Partners – the journey

The beginning

Up until now, I've been doing what every young puppy does – running around and getting into mischief. But apparently there's something special about me, so I've been chosen to join the Canine Partners team.

6-8 weeks



Meeting my puppy parent

At eight weeks old I move in with my puppy parent, Maggie. She's a volunteer who's looked after lots of puppies like me. Maggie will take me to basic training classes every week for the next year. She gives me lots of encouragement... and great cuddles too!



14 months



Meeting my partner

I'm now a fully fledged assistance dog. I've got my smart, new, purple jacket on and I can't wait to help my partner.

I'm so excited to start helping around the house, going to the shops and playing at the park – I'm sure we'll make lots of new friends wherever we go.

But best of all, I know we're going to make the perfect team and become best buddies.

20 months

Advanced training

Now I get to learn all of the clever stuff, like opening doors and emptying the washing machine. The next six months with the Canine Partners team are going to be busy, but I can't wait to meet my new partner.



Amazing dogs. Transforming lives.

Canine Partners provides dogs to disabled people all over the UK, from all walks of life. Jo is just one of those people. This is her story...

Jo Hill - Derby & Me

Being asked to write about my relationship with Derby has thrown me into a bit of a quandary! How on earth am I supposed to encapsulate what Derby means to me in a few paragraphs?!

I'll do my best to tell you just how quickly Derby has bonded with myself and my family, although our cats have taken a little longer to adjust! I am a wheelchair user as a result of a road traffic accident in January 2006 and due to severe nerve damage I am in constant pain and discomfort.

Previously I'd been an active individual, training for triathlons and running around after my children. Whilst the pain is one element of my disability, for a long time I also struggled to come to terms with my lack of independence and physical ability.

When I discovered Canine Partners I knew it was perfect for me. I fell in love with the idea of having the help I needed, and a close companion, without losing my privacy.



“It soon became clear that Derby was going to listen to my every word and tend to my every need, filling me with confidence both in him and myself once more.”



I'll never forget the first time Derby walked attentively by the side of my wheelchair. It was all I could do to hold back the tears realising that he was going to be one of the most important parts of my life due to his amazing skills and unconditional love.

That alone was enough to bring me back from a very dark place emotionally. Instead of dwelling on the negatives I now focus on the best things in life... one of them being my incredible bond with Derby.

Your generous sponsorship and support will enable more people like Jo to benefit from specially trained dogs like Derby. Thank you for your help in making our K9 Chess event a great success.

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Patron of Canine Partners: HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO.

VIP supporters of Canine Partners include: Lady Pearson of Rannoch, Lord Tebbit, General Lord Dannatt, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, Sir Kenneth Branagh, actors Geoffrey Palmer OBE and David Robb and entertainer Pam Ayres.

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