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Donation given in memory of Ian



Sellafield Ltd has handed over a cheque for £2,000 to the RNLI – in memory of a worker who sadly died recently.

The donation was to mark the recent safety success by teams within the Effluent and Encapsulation Plants (E&EP) who have worked a total of 20 years without a lost time accident.

Head of E&EP, John Butler, said: "In recognition of the safe operations in the Waste Encapsulation (WEP) and Miscellaneous Beta Gamma Waste (MBGWS) Plants, the teams decided to make a donation to a charity.

"The donation made to the RNLI Station at St Bees was also to remember the life of Ian Robinson – an operator in the Segregated Effluent Treatment Plant who died recently. Ian's family have and continue to be great supporters of the RNLI at St Bees."

Speaking on behalf of the family, his brother Andrew, also an operator in the Segregated Effluent Treatment Plant said: "Ian's sudden death has hit the family extremely hard so it was very comforting to know that his friends and colleagues within E&EP thought highly enough of him to donate this generous amount of money in his memory.

"The family would like to thank all those involved."

Bryan hoping to prove that pets win prizes

A possible top dog award at Crufts is on the cards for Bracken, a whippet owned by Sellafield Ltd employee, Bryan Porter.

Bryan, a shift welder working for site maintenance, read an article about Pets As Therapy (PAT) and thought his dog had all the qualities to take on this role.

Following successful assessment is now registered with the organisation. She visits five care homes in West Cumbria during Bryan's days off, which works out at around ten visits every three weeks.

Bracken, aged four, was nominated along with hundreds of other dogs to the HiLife PAT Dog of the Year 2009 awards and has made it to the final six.

Bracken was nominated by the Parkside Residential Care Home in Maryport which provides care to 31 elderly people. In the nomination it states that everyone's faces light up when she enters the room and her visits trigger memories of pets owned in the past and happy times they spent together.

Bryan, pictured below with Bracken, said: "She is a lovely dog; she is really friendly, well behaved and brings pleasure to everyone that meets her.

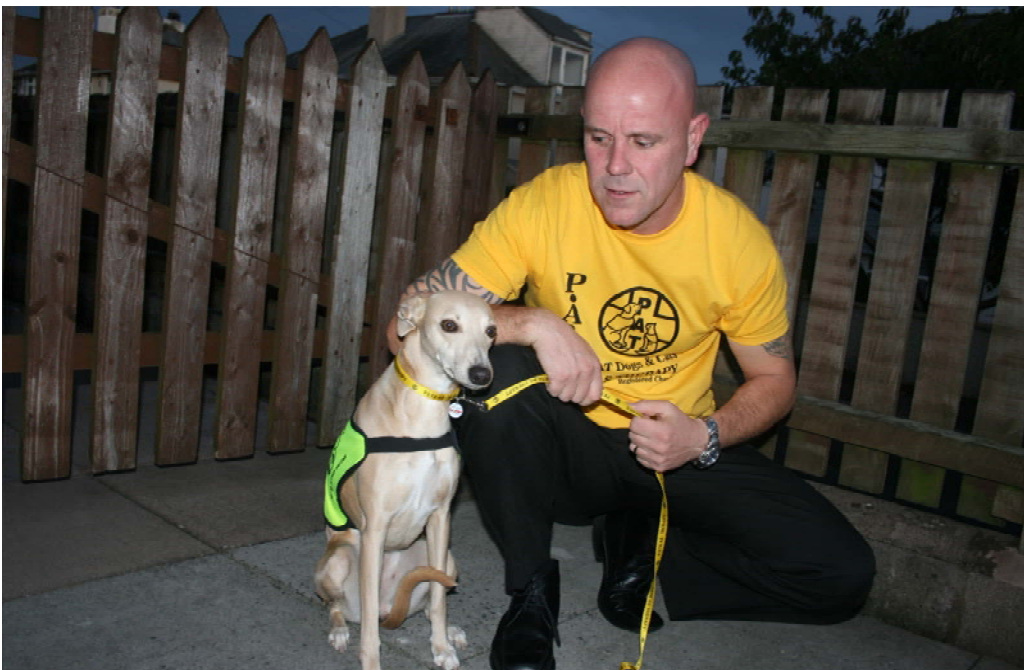
"PAT has coordinators based all over Cumbria who can ring me asking me to visit any particular care home in the county."

The winner of the competition will be announced in March 2010 at Crufts, Birmingham NEC.

PAT provides therapeutic visits to hospitals, hospices, residential homes, nursing homes, day care centres and special needs schools. Fifty-two whippets are registered as PAT dogs and there are 25 registered PAT dogs in Cumbria.

To win Bracken needs your votes! To vote go online at www.yours.co.uk or pick up a copy of 'Yours' and fill the enclosed application form. Closing date is Monday 30 November 2009.

Everyone who votes will be entered into a draw to win £100 worth of HiLife cat or dog food.



Incident Report

The building safety case in the Mechanical Testing Facility designates the area for skips to be set down, thus mitigating the potential risk from vehicles moving around the area. Recently the lay down area has been moved and some vehicle access has occurred.

Whilst there have been no consequences of the use of vehicles in the area this is not in accordance with the safety case and therefore is raised as a concern.

The incident is classed as 'Below Scale' on the International Nuclear Event Scale.

VIP Visits to Sellafield

16.10.09: DNSR visit

16.10.09: ICEM Conference Tour

19.10.09-20.10.09: British Energy

19.10.09: Cumbria Fire Service Familiarisation

19.10.09: JFSS/PNTL Familiarisation

20.10.09: Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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