

Dog Heroes

Write a Poem or Limerick.



On Day 13, we posted the Story of Stickeen, written (and often retold by the fireside to eager children) by John Muir.

Here is a poem we put together about Stickeen, imagined from John Muir's stance:-

'The dog, Stickeen, was a funny wee thing;

when we went out, he'd go in-

Awkward.

...

He followed me where no man would tread;

it filled his wee doggy heart with dread-

The Ice Bridge.

...

But Stickeen dug deep and braved the crossing;

And from that time forwards, I knew he was a blessing!

...

Here's another Dog Hero!:-



'Seamus has been a lifeline at this time. He not only gives us physical activity by allowing us to walk him but we also get the much needed socially distanced human contact!

Seamus is a 10 year old lurcher, a collie cross greyhound cross saluki. He was signed up for the Therapet service at the beginning of last year. He had two visits to Queen Margaret University (once at the start of the term and again during exam time) and basically he was acting as a 'dog counsellor'. Students would approach him and ask me questions about him. It allowed them a bit of space to escape from their anxiety of being in new surroundings and perhaps forget temporarily any problems they may be having. Seamus didn't waste time in getting stuck in! He came home from his first visit exhausted.

I think during these strange times, dogs and other pets have been important. They can give someone living on their own companionship. They can give a child who is missing his/her friends an ability to stay connected.

Seamus can't wait to resume his duties in September (hopefully).'

Doesn't Seamus look and sound like a very special friend indeed?!

Do you know a Dog or another type of Pet that you'd consider to be a Hero/Heroine?

Why not see if you are able to capture something about that pet in writing-it doesn't have to rhyme!

Please send us your words and a photograph (please check that you have permission first).

Happy writing!

