

Steven: A dog's best friend

FOLLOWING your feature on Steven Havers, the Markfield "dog whisperer" (Mercury, August 6), I would like to tell you a bit more about him.

We found his phone number in your pets column about three months ago while having some problems with our then nine-month-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel. He spoke to me at length and suggested we come to a training session which takes place on a football field at Markfield. All the dogs have a different behavioural problem and with their owners work side by side on the field.

Steve has an amazing rapport with all of the dogs and points out that the problem is with the owners and not the dogs, but he does not put you down; he explains and then encourages you to work with your dog.

As I am disabled, I sit and watch while my son trains with our dog. In the last three months I have seen improvement in all the dogs I have seen regularly. Our own dog made a leap forward after only one lesson.

Steven is a remarkable man and very caring and pleasant.

We had a specific problem which caused me a lot of distress and he spent an hour at our house sorting it out and refused payment!

I wonder if your readers know that



REMARKABLE TALENT: Steven Havers, the Markfield dog whisperer

he has refused payment from the RSPCA where he is working with them for two hours a week. This is a guy who loves dogs and is willing to put himself out to help them.

If you have a dog which you are concerned about give him a ring.

He will do all that he can to work with you to solve the problem.

I am so very grateful to him for what he has done and is still doing for our dog.

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