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Special rapport with dogs



Over the last few months there have been a few articles in the Mercury about Steven Havers, the dog trainer from Markfield, and some of the work he has been doing to help dogs have a better chance of a future.

I would like to tell you what he did for us last week.

I help to run a club called Trailblazers, at Eyres Monsell Baptist Free Church.

It is for children aged four to eight and last week he brought two of his German shepherds to meet the children.

One of them, called Theo, was more like a small donkey he was so big!

At first the children were all a bit apprehensive and one lad was just plain scared – shaking and very tense – but Steve promised the children that the dogs would not hurt them and they were quite safe.

The children, nine of them, had a wonderful time with these big gentle dogs.

At the end of the evening, the lad that had been frightened was very relaxed around these dogs and was happy to have his photograph taken with the other children and the dogs.

This was a great exercise for little children to be playing with big dogs in a relaxed way.

Big dogs only usually make the news when they have bitten somebody, but what a delight it was to be with such well behaved, well trained animals.

I would like to thank Steve on behalf of the children and the staff for coming and spending time with us and not charging us for the privilege!

I know Steve through his training classes at Markfield and would like to say that if you have a problem with your dog and feel that you need help then give him a call and I'm sure he would be pleased to help you.

He is a very special person where dogs are concerned.

Mrs Gill Ellis, South Wigston.

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