



Helping pets suffering from MRSA

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CLAIRE RAYNER AND THE BELLA MOSS FOUNDATION TACKLE MRSA IN PETS

PHOTO CALL AND STORY OPPORTUNITY

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Approximately every other day in the UK pets become infected with MRSA. On 21st August pet owners whose dogs have recovered from MRSA will unite with MRSA campaigner Claire Rayner in a ceremony to mark the first anniversary of the death of Bella, the ten-year-old Samoyed dog who became the first recorded pet to die of a human strain of MRSA.

Since Bella's tragic death last August her owner, Jill Moss, has made the issue so prominent in veterinary and government circles that the British Veterinary Association has issued new advice to all UK vets and DEFRA has set up a task force to deal with MRSA in companion animals. (see www.pets-mrsa.com website)

By highlighting issues through the Bella Moss Foundation charity, whose patron is Claire Rayner, hundreds of other dogs and even horses have been helped worldwide. The charity is also working to bring information to vets and veterinary nurses who frequently visit the website forum to dialogue with owners.

Jill receives over 100 calls a month from concerned owners worldwide.

On the same day that the UK ceremony for Bella takes place hundreds of pet owners all over the world will light candles and plant trees in the memory of this very special creature who has become a legend and a wake up call for the veterinary profession.

Photographers and journalists are invited to attend the ceremony and interview owners about their experiences, and to find out more about the warning signs of MRSA in pets. To see pets who have suffered now run around well.

Although the event marks a very sombre day, the pets visiting Bella's garden are now well and lively after suffering from MRSA and they will be full of life, as was Bella and she would not want it any other way.

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