

UK BRANCH OF THE 'WHEELS TO HELP ME'



CELEBRATES ONE YEAR !



The UK branch of the 'Wheels to Help Me' programme has been up and running for a year now. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people from all over the UK and further afield, in donating carts, mobility aids and other items to help our dogs with DM through the UK or Europe and would like to thank you all so very, very much

Just a few examples of the kindness shown:



One person donated their late dogs cart and also a part of a cart that had hardly been used along with a substantial cheque donation. We contacted the UK manufacturer of this cart, **Dogswheels.com** to ask the cost to make this into a complete new cart. After sending it to them, they build up a new cart, shipped it back to us at absolutely no cost at all ! The donated money will now go towards some Information leaflets for the UK market to help spread awareness about Degenerative Myelopathy promote the Cure4dm foundation and the UK Wheels Service.



To help set us up in the UK, one cart and other helpful items were donated all the way from Singapore and another cart travelled across Europe from Hungary, via Holland.



Other people have taken time to drive and meet up with us at Motorway Service Stations, to hand over these precious items.

We are so very grateful to each and every one of you !

We thought this would also be a good time to update you on what we have been doing in the UK in the past year.....

To promote the UK 'Wheels to Help Me' loan service we have managed to have articles published in national magazines such as Dog's Monthly and also some local newspapers.



Charity arrives in the UK to help dogs with Degenerative Myelopathy

A new service has opened its doors to dogs with Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) in the UK. The 'Finding a Cure for DM' foundation, a registered charity based in the.....

The UK branch can now produce some A5 size (210mm x 148.5mm) laminated posters that anyone in the UK can ask their local vets or pet shops to display. If you are interested in helping us get these posters displayed, please contact either the cure4dm.org at: cure4dm@yahoo.com or the UK branch on: cure4dm.uk@gmail.com (up to max of 5 posters in the first instance)



As seen in **Dogs Monthly** Pet Care Advice 17th October 2016 by Megan Christie

Charity arrives in the UK to help dogs with Degenerative Myelopathy

The 'Finding the Cure for DM' foundation, a registered charity based in the US has opened a UK branch in Surrey of its **"Wheels to Help Me"** programme to serve the UK and Europe.



Degenerative Myelopathy is an incurable disease which affects the dog's spinal cord and mimics symptoms similar to ALS and MS in humans. Typical onset is eight years and is seen most frequently in German Shepherd Dogs, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Boxers & Bernese Mountain Dogs. Symptoms usually begin with weakness and lack of coordination in the back legs. Disease progression can be slow, varying from a few months to several years, but will progress to cause paralysis in the back legs, incontinence, eventually front leg paralysis, & finally system failure. The saving grace with DM, is there is no pain and although the condition is eventually terminal, the dog can continue to have a good quality of life for a long while with the right support.

As well as being incredibly stressful for both dog and owner, the disease can also be expensive to manage. Specialist equipment such as harnesses and wheelchairs can make a vast difference to the dog's quality of life but can be costly.

The 'Wheels to Help Me' programme run by the Foundation, loans specialist equipment such as 'Dog Wheelchairs' or Harnesses, Boots etc. to owners of affected dogs who have applied. All the equipment is donated and all the charity asks in return is a minimum donation to help cover the cost of shipping and to return the equipment when it is no longer needed.

If you are in need of a Wheelchair or mobility aids for your DM dog please apply to www.cure4dm.org "Wheels to Help Me" programme.

To donate any equipment or for any other information please contact: cure4dm.uk@gmail.com

In the UK, we will continue to help raise funds to promote the aims of the Cure4dm foundation, support the UK 'Wheels to Help Me' loan programme and help spread Awareness of Degenerative Myelopathy throughout the UK and Europe.