

## Partnership agreement St Thomas' Hospital with Dogs On The Streets to support the In patient detoxification for people who sleep rough

We are proudly in partnership with St Thomas' Hospital to assist those needing detoxification and care at the new Addiction Clinical Care Suite (ACCS). We will the bridge the current gap, by ensuring anyone who has a canine companion who would like to utilise this service can do so, without the worry of 'what do I do with my dog?'.

Dogs on the Streets, also known as <u>DOTS</u>, is a UK charity and RCVS vet practice supporting rough sleepers, homeless and vulnerable people with pet dogs. We have a 4-acre private sanctuary where dogs of owners can be safely fostered with us until reunited after their rehabilitation. We know all to well how dogs are considered as a cherished family member within society and certainly amongst the rough sleeping or vulnerable community. We want to ensure that those who need the assistance get access to what they need without the added worry of their dog being left behind during this transitional and lifesaving service period.

Our role within the partnership is to provide reassurance and support to the ACCS and their patients who have canine companions. Our service is to gather information on the dog and their owner, to arrange a collection of the dog and manage the transportation to the sanctuary. We will then house the dog(s) and provide them with the individual care they need. We are an ever-growing service in constant demand, DOTS strives to be a five-star service to the animals, their humans and the services who rely on such programmes.

## What the partnership includes:

- Referral assistance and support
- Transportation
- Intake consultation to secure space
- All veterinary and health care during stay
- Client communication
- Ongoing support post rehabilitation for vet care and essentials

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