

A Round of Appaws for Man's Best Friend

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Each year UK pet food company, Burns Pet Nutrition offers two animal welfare charities an incredible support package to help them achieve their goals.

Burns are delighted to announce that autism assistance dog service, Appaws for Autism has been chosen as their Scottish Charity of the Year 2017. Appaws for Autism is the only facility in Scotland to provide assistance dogs to children with an autism disorder.

An autism assistance dog can increase social interaction, confidence and safety. These specially trained dogs can provide comfort and protect in times of great anxiety or stress. Most of all, the child will experience and gain unconditional love and a best friend for life.

Burns will work closely with Appaws for Autism over the next 12 months, providing partial funding for the training of 4 autism assistance dogs and full funding to 1 autism assistance dog, plus all pet food. Burns and Appaws for Autism will also collaborate on joint fundraising and promotional opportunities throughout the year.

Commenting on the news, Appaws Director, Carol Chisholm said: "We were all astounded and delighted to be chosen to be Burns Charity of the Year in Scotland. We are extremely proud to be working with all the team at Burns and we are looking forward to the next year immensely. This award is very special to us all as it means we are doing what we set out to do for autism, our families and our dogs."

Veterinary Surgeon, John Burns launched Burns Pet Nutrition in 1993 after seeing the same pet health ailments occur repeatedly at his practice. Research indicated that a poor quality diet was to blame so John created nutritious products which enable the body to function naturally.

23 years on, Burns is a thriving business that offers an array of award-winning natural products for cats, dogs and rabbits. The Charity of the Year project is part of the on-going Burns Foundation – an altruistic programme which aims to serve the local and wider community.

Commenting on the decision to choose Appaws for Autism as Charity of the Year, John said: "Appaws for Autism stood out to us for the incredible assistance dog training that they provide. The benefits that these specially trained animals can have on humans is remarkable and the organisations involved should be applauded."

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About Appaws for Autism

Appaws for Autism is the only facility in Scotland to provide assistance dog services to people with an autism spectrum disorder. The charity works with partner organisations to re-home animals who may become therapeutic pets and provides autism specific training to dogs. For more information, including how you

could make a donation to support Appaws for Autism, please visit www.appawsforautism.org.

About Burns Pet Nutrition

Since 1993, Burns has built up a strong reputation as the go-to brand for those seeking a natural and holistic approach to pet health and nutrition.

Pioneers of natural pet food, Burns products are modelled on home-cooked food and hearty ingredients with pet health and wellbeing at the core of their values. Visit www.burnspet.co.uk.