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KENNEL CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST GIVES MONEY TO HELP DOG SAVE YOUNG BOY'S LIFE

A dog has been trained to save a five-year-old boy's life, thanks to a £5,000 grant from the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

Bianca, the Labrador x Golden Retriever, is a bio-detection dog that has been trained to give early warning when Noah, who suffers from type one diabetes, is about to suffer from a life-threatening hypoglycaemic episode.

The Kennel Club Charitable Trust gave money to the charity, Cancer and Bio-detection Dogs, to fund Bianca through her initial training – which costs around £5,000 per dog. The grant is one of many that have been given to needy dog causes by the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

Bianca is already proving to be a lifeline to the family who, despite giving Noah blood tests every half an hour throughout the day and night, know that his blood sugar levels could drop so low at any time as to cause a life-threatening episode.



Mother of Noah, Sam Beelby-Brown, said: "When you are a parent of a diabetic child, especially a child with such unpredictable diabetes, you don't have a day and night, you are on duty all the time and are desperate for something to help your child. Noah has sudden drops in blood sugar and within four minutes he can be having a brain seizure. Cancer and Bio-detection Dogs have matched a dog with Noah and they have bonded really well. As parents, having Bianca is fantastic - it gives us freedom and it gives us hope."

Bianca is one of nine bio-detection dogs that are currently being trained by the Cancer and Bio-detection Dogs - seven to detect cancer and two to detect diabetes - and there are already another five people on the waiting list, for dogs that will help to transform their lives.

Claire Guest, Chief Executive of Cancer and Bio-detection Dogs, said: "The money that the Kennel Club Charitable Trust has given us is absolutely vital – it has helped us to train Bianca, who is already helping to change the life of Noah and his family. As a small charity, money like this is a lifeline, if we are to be able to continue doing our good work."

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club spokesperson, said: "We are so pleased to hear about the progress that Bianca is making and to see the difference the money that our Charitable Trust has made.

"Dogs are faithful and loving companions who make a great difference to their owners' lives every day but the work that charities like this do remind us that they are also highly skilled animals with the instincts that can literally save lives."

The Kennel Club puts the money it makes back into the protection and promotion of the health and welfare of dogs. The Kennel Club Charitable Trust has given more than £3 million over the past 21 years, to dog welfare charities, assistance dog charities and towards research that will help to prevent dog diseases.

To find out more about the difference that the Kennel Club Charitable Trust has made visit www.kccharitabletrust.org.uk

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