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Cootes Veterinary Clinic donates £500 to both St Peter & St James Hospice and Arundawn Dog Rescue

A Burgess Hill veterinary practice has donated a total of £1000 between two charities, St Peter & St James Hospice and Arundawn Dog Rescue.

The whole team at Cootes Vets got together to apply for a community grant, made available from the practice's parent company, IVC Evidensia. The team at the clinic wanted to support both charities, and were keen to do what they could to help.

St Peter & St James Hospice provides expert care to adults living with a life-limiting illness in our community and those close to them.

Arundawn Dog Rescue provides rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming for council pound strays who have served their obligatory 7 days and are facing euthanasia, through no fault of their own.

Emma Beckford, Practice Manager from Cootes Vets added: "Our team here, by the very nature of caring for animals, already play a really valuable and positive role in the community. We are thrilled that we've been able to win a community grant for both St Peter & St James Hospice and Arundawn Dog Rescue, as being able to donate to this cause and help them to continue their amazing work is important to our team here at Cootes Vets."

Wendy Agate, Relationship Fundraiser from St Peter & St James Hospice added: "We're so grateful to the team at Cootes Veterinary Clinic for selecting us for their community grant. The donation will make a big difference in helping us to help more local people and their families living with life limiting illness."

As part of their fundraising effort, Cootes Vets will be hosting a Charity Dog Show on Saturday 23rd September in partnership with The Woolpack Pub. The bar will open at 12pm and the show starts at 1:30pm. All funds raised will be shared between St Peter & St James Hospice and Arundawn Dog Rescue. Find all the details here:

<https://www.cootesvets.co.uk/news/july-2023/charity-dog-show>

Cootes Vets is part of one of the world's leading veterinary care providers, IVC Evidensia, which launched its Community Grants Fund in early 2022. The grants are aimed at helping local veterinary practices to be able to play an active role in the local communities in which they operate.

IVC Evidensia is committed to supporting employee-nominated charities across its global group. It is pledging up to £300,000 every year in the form of £1,000 grants which its veterinary practices can donate to local causes. The company has committed to donating 300 community grants in 2022 and aims to make 1000 grants by 2025.

Team members working in any IVC Evidensia practice across its global network can put forward any local charity to win a community grant. As a team the veterinary practice can submit a short application form and 75 successful applicants are drawn from this pool each quarter.

The IVC Evidensia Community Grants form part of the group's Positive Pawprint Strategy. For more information, please visit <https://ivcevidensia.com/how-we-work/sustainability/>

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Note to editors

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