

What they say about us:

I would do this every day if I could.. If I won loads of money I would set up my own k9 project and you could work for me all the time!! *Tom schoolboy on autistic spectrum aged 12*

Thank you so much for the summer scheme- Kristian enjoyed it so much and learnt such a lot. He was not bored at all and for Kristian- that is an achievement! He enjoyed all the 3 days and you took such good care of him. *Sharon mum of 14 year old boy with ADHD*

Brilliant pace of lessons- thank you so much – the boys have really engaged. *Shelly TA to a group of 13 year old boys from an EBD school after first session with us .*

Thanks so much for the session it was the most focussed we have ever had- we need more of it! *Kate Young Carers Service Organiser*

I can't believe that this perfect dog Cassie likes me and does what I ask. She is happy to be with me, and she loves me. I just really, can't believe that and i look at her picture at home and it just makes me feel so good. *Chris – 15 year old boy, recently lost his mum and both dogs, ex care - in unhappy home situation with ADHD, mood disorder and OCD*

If it hadn't been for the K9 Confidence project I would never had been brave enough to go for a job- I always thought bad things were going to happen and this project taught me that is not so *Danny 15 Asbergers Syndrome*

You two are the only people I have met who have helped me with my dog and talked common sense- all my mates just want them to look like fighting dogs and that's not what I want. *Dom 17 year old young offender on alternative to custody order, owner of a staffy dog.*

My experience of K9 is a very positive one. I am working with a family with issues of neglect and the household dog was completely out of control. This had a strong impact on the parents' parenting. Chris of K9 sees the family regularly, is teaching them to understand their dog, to deal with him in a positive and respectful way, being consistent with him. Chris is also spending time with the young person (11 yrs old) to teach him how to handle and understand his dog. The results are remarkable, the dog is much calmer and happier and the parents are learning that by being consistent things happen. They are learning to generalise to their dealings with their son. I am very impressed and very pleased that this service exists. I am hoping to recommend it to colleagues who are



working with families with similar issues." *Isabel Crovato Multi Systemic Therapist*

This project has help me gain new skills by learning body language from people and dogs. The dogs have helped me build my confidence, by meeting new people through doing market and cake stalls and just doing the project, with new friend human and doggy. The successes of the project have been the CD that we recorded with Maria and Paul and we sold many CD's to raise money for charities (such as Nowzad dogs and Canine Partners). I really enjoyed doing this even though I didn't want to do it at the start off with, so it was a challenge for me. Our trip at the beginning of the year was to Crufts 2011 which we all enjoyed, with dogs all shapes and sizes. We are also planning to go to 'No voice No choice' later this year to show off what we have learnt. *Sarah, 15, student*

It has helped build my confidence and understanding with dogs and people. During the project I have learned how to train and reward dogs, and how dogs help people with disabilities. It has also shown me how much good, dogs do for people and as I don't have one of my own it has brought me closer to dogs. The trips have been really fun and I would defiantly go on them again. I have liked everything about the project that we have done as it has been great fun.

The project was great fun as we learned new skills including writing the song and designing the cover. We wanted to do this project as we were raising money and loved being with dogs and meeting new ones. We feel more confident about singing now and know a lot more about the pain and suffering dogs went through during the war and other harsh treatments. *Hannah 13 student*

I blame you all really, before I came to this project I didn't do anything, i didn't speak to anyone, go anywhere, get involved in anything. now I am writing songs, taking photos, doing stand up comedy in front of the class, other people are asking me to write songs. Defiantly your fault!! *JC 16*

Thanks again Chris, for everything you've done with Jamie he is a different lad, *Annette (JC's mum)*

I wish something like this had been around for my adopted little brother, as it might have helped him and our family. *Kelly Jo volunteer !!!!! ☺*