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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Hospital staff's help for rescue dogs**

Caring ward staff at Russells Hall Hospital are making sure pooches as well as people will be well looked after this Christmas.

Staff at the Dudley hospital have handed over hampers of treats for dogs at Rainbow Dog Trust in Wombourne .

Storm, a Maltese terrier, and Chihuahua Katy popped in to ward C6 with Debbie Cole, from Rainbow Dog Rescue, to collect the goodies which will bring Christmas cheer to the dogs at the rescue centre.

Inspiration for the hampers came from ward clerk Tracie Cash.

Tracie said: "I lost my dog to cancer last September after 14 years. While I'm not ready to have another dog yet I thought that this Christmas I would do something for a local charity.

"All the staff got involved, along with friends from other wards in the hospital. We have also been running Christmas raffles for our ward but wanted to help animals as well as our human patients!"

Debbie Cole said: "This donation is wonderful. It brings tears to my eyes. It will be fantastic for the dogs who are with us for Christmas."

Tracie (left) and Sister Vicky Chell are pictured with Debbie Cole, Katy and Storm.

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