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Dear Jenny and the Flatcoated Retriever Society,

On behalf of Hounds for Heroes, I would like to express our most sincere gratitude for the very impacting donation of £934.50, raised through your calendar sales, which has safely arrived at our Hounds for Heroes HQ today. Every single penny that the charity receives has such a massive impact on our ability to create life enhancing partnerships. This donation received from you all will assist us in our aim and mission of placing highly trained assistance dogs with so many of our injured veterans and emergency service personnel. The original ethos of Hounds for Heroes was about those serving and the ex-service community supporting their own injured and disabled colleagues. Your choosing to stand shoulder to shoulder with us on our mission takes on such huge poignancy.

Your support sends such a positive and clear message to those that have loyally served their Queen and Country that people really do care about them and that they are not forgotten. With over 900,00 injured and disabled service personnel in the country today (*my poster enclosed*) the task ahead of us is daunting, with your support achievable. More so during the incredibly challenging period of this Covid-19 pandemic.

As a service-orientated organisation, we are so very privileged to have the staunch support of both serving, ex-service personnel and caring services organisations. However, we do recognise that without the phenomenal level of support that we also receive from the public, corporates, clubs and caring societies such as yourselves we would not be in the position to place our life-enhancing dogs with our injured and disabled members of both the armed forces and emergency services as successfully as we do. As a charity we currently only spend twenty-five pence in the pound on our administration, something as founder and vice chairman I am so extremely proud of.

Since the charity started partnering dogs in 2013 we have now placed eighteen dogs, have twelve working partnerships around the country and we currently have 22 dogs/puppies at various stages in their training. We refer to each intake of puppies as a squadron. Both Squadrons eight and nine are approaching the end of their advanced training ready for partnership. Squadron 10 is due to begin advanced training in the Spring of 2021. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions all of the recruits are safely progressing well in their basic training. The arrival of young Cadets (puppies) and the eventual sight of our dogs passing from basic to advanced training just reinforces our aim to improve and enhance the quality of our partners' lives.

Thank you once again for standing shoulder to shoulder with us on our mission.

Warmest Regards and Salutations.

Allen G Parton Founder and Vice Chairman



**“When the guns fall quiet on the battle field, the battle with disability, trauma and bereavement just begin for so many!”**

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