



ACTIVITY PACK

Celebrating Our Pets

with

The Snowman™
AND THE SNOWDOG

supportdogs 
For Autism, For Epilepsy, For Disability



Suitable for
**KS1
&
KS2**



SUITABLE FOR:

KS1 & KS2

AIM:

To learn how pets can improve people's lives

SUBJECTS COVERED:

Art and design | Literacy | PSHE | Creative thinking

THEMES:

Friendship | Empathy | Charity | Disability | Autism | Epilepsy

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY PACK:

This pack has been created to celebrate 10 years of friendship and fun with The Snowman™ and The Snowdog, the magical sequel to Raymond Briggs' The Snowman™. Pets can play an important role in our lives. We can have lots of fun playing with them, and they can be a comfort to us when we feel sad. To explore this further, The World of The Snowman™ has partnered with Support Dogs to teach children about the important work they do and the different, wonderful ways pets can help people. We've also included a fundraising pack at end of this resource, with some wintry ideas to raise money for Support Dogs.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

To find out more about Support Dogs, visit www.supportdogs.org.uk

Or follow the below links to find out more about the individual stories covered in this activity pack:

- Louis and Iggy
<https://www.supportdogs.org.uk/Blog/lovable-labrador-iggy-turns-louis-life-around>
- Elizabeth and Oyster
<https://www.supportdogs.org.uk/Blog/the-worlds-an-oyster-for-elizabeth>
- Molly and Chess
<https://www.supportdogs.org.uk/Blog/chess-making-all-the-right-moves-for-young-molly>
- YouTube video of support dogs in action
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q00mNEs4X5k>





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The World of

The Snowman™ ACTIVITIES



DRAW YOUR OWN SNOWDOG

One snowy day, Billy goes outside and builds a Snowman and a Snowdog.

Billy uses a tangerine for The Snowman's nose, and two socks for The Snowdog's ears.
What things would you use to help build your Snowdog?

Draw a picture of your Snowdog in the space below:

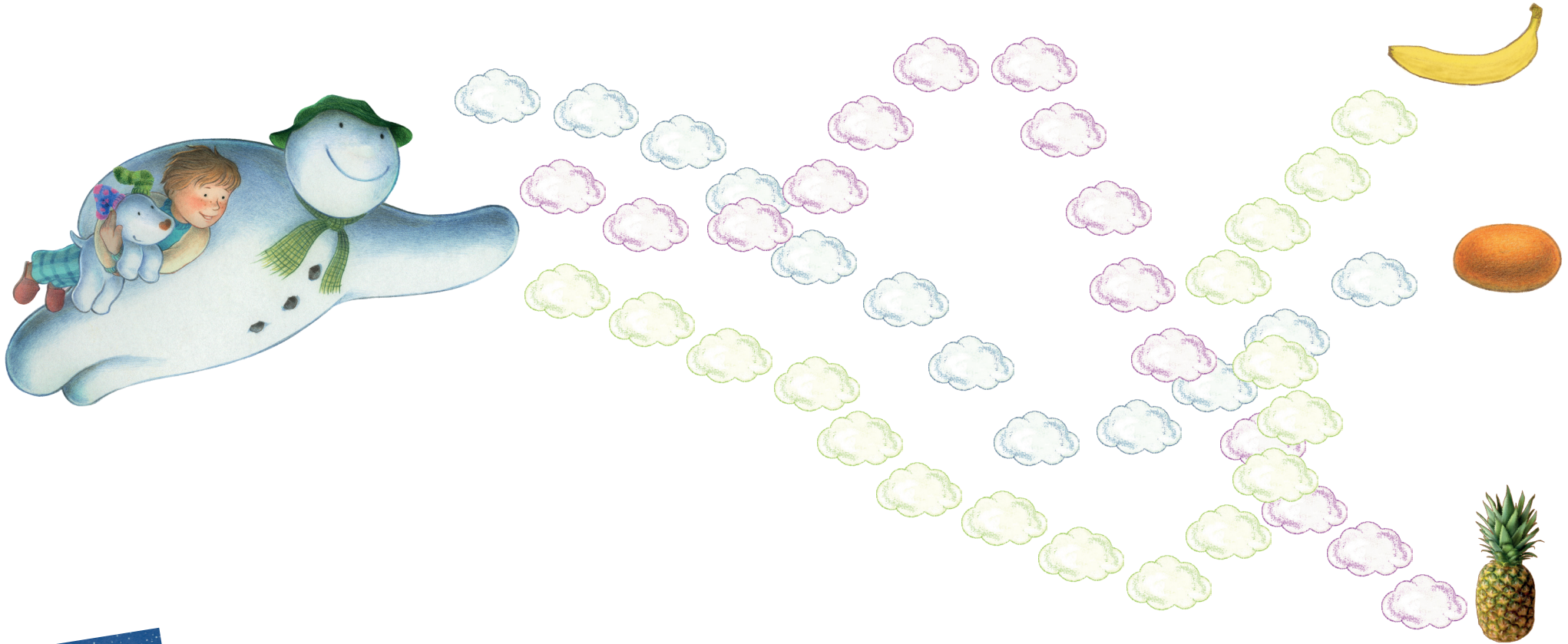


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FIND THE SNOWMAN'S NOSE!

The Snowman has lost his tangerine nose! Can you help lead him to it?



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BILLY AND THE SNOWDOG

Billy has lots of fun with his friend The Snowdog. Why do you think Billy wants a dog? Write your answer in the space below:



What games would you play with The Snowdog? :

Pets also need lots of looking after. Can you think of three things you would need to do every day for a pet dog?

1.

2.

3.



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SKI RACE WITH BILLY AND THE SNOWDOG

Billy and The Snowdog are competing in the The Snowman's Annual Downhill Race! Can you help them get to the finish line before the penguin?

Draw the best route down, making sure to avoid any obstacles.



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THE SNOWDOG'S WINTER WORDSEARCH

Can you find these words in the wordsearch?

AEROPLANE
BILLY
FLYING

FRIENDSHIP
FUN
SNOWDOG

SNOWMAN
SOCKS
TANGERINE



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LEARNING ABOUT supportdogs

For Autism, For Epilepsy, For Disability

WHO ARE SUPPORT DOGS?

Support Dogs is a charity that helps people living with different health needs to have a safer, happier life.

WHAT DO SUPPORT DOGS DO?

Support Dogs train special dogs to help people with different needs. They train dogs to pick things up, to help people wash and get dressed, to fetch medicine, to keep people safe and to even tell them when they are going to be unwell. These special support dogs can help with important everyday activities that their owners might find difficult.

Here are some examples of how support dogs help their owners. What are the support dogs doing in each of these pictures?

Connect the action to the correct image.

Getting help in an emergency



Loading and unloading the washing machine



Bringing things to their owner



Helping their owner cross the street safely





Support Dogs helps people in 3 main ways:

1. HELPING AUTISTIC CHILDREN

An autistic child may see and hear the world around them differently. Sometimes it can make the world seem extra loud and scary. Sometimes it can make them feel sad. Sometimes it can make it hard to talk. Sometimes it can make it difficult to do everyday activities.

A support dog helps a child stay safe. It can help them cross the road safely. It can help them get dressed. It can help when they are sad or scared.

LOUIS AND IGGY

Louis is autistic. He used to find it difficult to go out and visit people and places.

Iggy was trained by Support Dogs. When Iggy met Louis they became best friends. Iggy helps to calm Louis when he gets upset, and he keeps Louis safe. Louis used to find going outside hard, but now Iggy reassures Louis when they go out. This means Louis finds it easier to go to school or on trips with his family. Louis used to find playing hard, but with Iggy it is easier.



Think about a time when you have felt sad or scared.
Do you think having a pet might have helped you feel better?

ELIZABETH AND OYSTER

Elizabeth is autistic. She did not want to leave her house and she often felt upset. That was before Oyster arrived. Oyster is Elizabeth's support dog. Now she and Oyster enjoy lots of cuddles and have fun together. Elizabeth talks more because Oyster has made her happy. Elizabeth's mum is very pleased because the family can go out for walks. Elizabeth holds on to Oyster's harness and he makes sure she stops at the kerb and crosses the road safely.



How does Oyster help keep Elizabeth safe?



2. PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY

When a person has epilepsy the electrical messages in their brain can get mixed up. This means they might suddenly forget where they are, become ill and fall over or just suddenly stop what they are doing. This is called a seizure. Without warning this can be dangerous, for example if they bang their head, land on something hard or drop something on themselves.

A support dog is trained to know the exact minute when someone will have a seizure, and will warn their owner almost an hour before. This means their owner can make sure they are somewhere safe when they have a seizure.

What do you think a person with epilepsy might do if they know they are going to have a seizure?

What could happen if they didn't have a support dog to warn them?



3. PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

A disability or long-term condition can affect people in different ways. Sometimes it affects how someone is able to move their arms, legs and body. Sometimes people need extra help like wheelchairs or crutches. Sometimes they need to take medicine to stop their body hurting. Living with a disability can be very tiring.

A support dog can help with lots different jobs to make their lives easier and safe. A support dog can pick up things they have dropped and pass it to them. They can go and fetch help when they are unwell. They can fetch the phone or medicine when they need it. They can help them undress and can even empty the washing machine.

MOLLY AND CHESS

Molly has cerebral palsy. This makes walking difficult and hard for her to pick up things or control her arms and hands. Chess is Molly's support dog. Chess helps make life easier for Molly. He opens and closes doors and draws. He fetches her things she needs like socks, her phone or even her foot splints.



Imagine Molly is getting ready for school. How do you think Chess can help her?

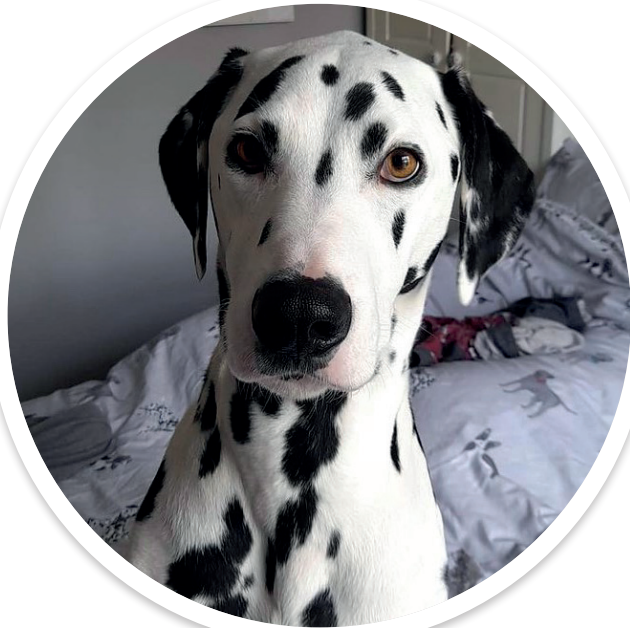


WHAT TYPE OF DOG IS A SUPPORT DOG?

Support dogs can come in different shapes and sizes. When people think of dogs that help people they think of Labradors. Labradors are big, very friendly, clever dogs that love food.

But there are also support dogs that are Dalmatians, with their beautiful spots and some that are much smaller dogs, like a breed of dog called a Lhaso Apso.

Here are some of the different types of dogs trained by Support Dogs:



DIGBY



ALFIE



RALF



BASIL



FUNDRAISING PACK

WHY DO SUPPORT DOGS NEED MONEY FROM FUNDRAISING?

Support Dogs provide their services entirely free to anyone who needs their help. They look after their dogs through all the years they work and then make sure they have a happy retirement when they get old.

Support Dogs relies entirely on voluntary donations and fundraising to provides its services. The charity is always looking for people to help with this.

The money raised through fundraising makes a big difference . . .

WHAT WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT ON?

£10 is the cost per day of one working assistance dog

£35 will pay for the equipment needed to help a support dog keep an autistic child safe while on a busy street or crossing a busy road

£75 will pay for a month of health and welfare costs for a rescue dog training to become a support dog

£100 will pay for a training session for a disability assistance dog to learn to fetch help in a emergency

£500 will pay for a two day home matching session enabling an autistic child to meet their future support dog at their home for the first time

You can learn more about the work of Support Dogs at
www.supportdogs.org.uk





WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

There are lots of fun ways you can raise money this winter. Here are some ideas to get you started . . .

HOST A BAKE SALE

Make some delicious cakes and biscuits and sell them at a school bake sale. Check out our recipe for The Snowman coconut biscuits to get you started:

<https://www.thesnowman.com/activities/the-snowman-coconut-biscuits/>



DRESS UP AS THE SNOWDOG

Have a fancy dress day at school, and bring in a pound or two.

SPONSOR A PUPPY AS A SCHOOL

You'll get photos and updates on their training – find out more here: www.supportdogs.org.uk/sponsoradog



SET UP A HOT CHOCOLATE STATION AFTER SCHOOL

Don't forget the marshmallows, whipped cream and dairy-free options!



HOLD A KNIT-A-THON

Enlist the help of a knitting pro, pay an entrance fee and learn to knit a cosy scarf or pair of woolly socks



TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE

It could be a sponsored silence, sponsored swim or sponsored dog walk . . . challenge yourself and use the form in this pack to help you collect sponsors.

Once you've collected your donations, visit <https://www.supportdogs.org.uk/donate> to find out how you can send your money to Support Dogs.



SPONSOR SHEET

Name	Home Address	Post Code	Amount £	Received Y/N



To send in your donations please contact Support Dogs on 0114 261 7800 or visit www.supportdogs.org.uk

All the money you donate will go to Support Dogs (reg. charity no. 10882811).

Thank you for your support!



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