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Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Dear Mrs French

ASTBURY ANIMAL ASSEMBLY 2007

Seven days on and I am only just getting round to writing these letters – my apologies but we're all volunteers and a very full week just seems to have flown!

Thank you very much for coming to the assembly, especially under the circumstances regarding the weather. We were very glad you could make it and whilst I know from your husband that fortunes were certainly not made on the day. Your generous post-event donation of £30 was therefore especially welcome. Thank you for that.

Our post-event research has confirmed the obvious, that after a week of greyness and rain, the day's forecast of heavy showers caused many to stay away. There were people there, of course, and 332 class entries were made for the fun dog show but if the weather had been kinder, we reckon that two-thirds more would have been there! There was simply nothing we could do about the weather.

Those that did turn up (over 200 for the blessing service) were clearly fun dog show stalwarts and some locals who did not see rain as a total dampener and came prepared mentally and physically for the day as it was. Interestingly, dog show registration slips showed people coming from Preston, Liverpool, Bacup, Telford, Glossop and Chester amongst nearer Cheshire and North Staffordshire addresses. Six stalls including three feline charities failed to appear which must prove that "cats don't like water!"

I hope that despite the weather your business got some benefit from the day, not least seeing the beautiful location, which in the right conditions, makes for a great animal charity fundraising venue. I hope that you will be able to join us again in 2008.

Thank you again for being there.

Yours sincerely

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