

## NATIONAL CUB CHALLENGE 2009

To: APC's Cub Programme (for action)  
Pack Scouters (for action)  
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National Commissioner Scout Programme (for info)  
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### “SHARING IS CARING”

Lord Baden-Powell, our founder, said: “I often think that when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven. Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is some thing to be good, but it is far better to do good”.

Let's bear in mind Baden-Powell's words when we take part in this year's National Challenge. As usual, there are three sections to the Challenge:

#### *"SHARING"*

There are so many people in our communities – doctors, nurses, police personnel, fire fighters, care givers, religious leaders, the list is endless – who do so much behind the scenes to take care of our well being. How much do we know about what their work entails? Well, why not invite them to your pack meeting to *"share"* what they do on a daily basis. Get to know more about them and see where you, as part of the community, can assist in any way.

#### *"CARE BEARS"*

Take part in the special pack meeting. Remember, this programme is not cast in stone and can be adapted to suit your Pack.

#### *"CARING"*

Everyone is going through difficult times at the moment, some more than others. There are a lot of projects going on in our communities, which could use our help. For example, there are organizations seeking to promote literacy in all communities and they are looking for second-hand books; there are “care pack” projects happening throughout the country for victims of crime; some organizations look for good second-hand clothes/furniture for their charity shops; helping a neighbour set up a food garden. We all have something to give, even if it's only a plate of cookies to the casualty doctors/nurses at your local hospital, so let's get out there and show our communities how much we care.

#### **IMPORTANT POINTS FOR PACK SCOUTERS TO NOTE**

To qualify for the certificate and badge you need to take part in all three sections. The Challenge closes on 30 September 2009 and all entries must be submitted to your Assistant Provincial Commissioner Cub Programme before 23 October 2009. Don't forget to send in any media articles and photographs.

#### **Cubs Care!**

Yours in Cubbing

Jeanette Angus  
National Commissioner - Cub Programme



## **N S E W**

Equipment: Compass points written on card (optional)

Tell the Cubs that the four sides of the playing area represent North, South, East and West (be as accurate as possible). On the call of say 'North', all the Cubs must run to the North. Those that go in the wrong direction loose a life. The calls should be in quick succession. To make the game more exciting, why not add the next eight points?

## **SMILE**

(Tune: Old Lang Syne)

A smile is such a funny thing  
It wrinkles up your face  
And when it's gone  
No one can find its secret hiding place  
But far more wonderful to see  
Is what a smile can do  
I smile at you, you smile at me  
And so one smile makes two

## **BUS TRIP**

Equipment: one chair or mat per Cub; list of street names from your Area

The pack is divided into two sides on two rows of chairs like a bus. The leader is the Conductor and calls the names of stopping places. One Cub is a straphanger waiting for a seat. At any name which includes 'street' everybody runs down the bus, round their own row of chairs and back to their places. If 'road' is called, passengers change places. If 'avenue' or 'crescent' is called, all sit tight. The Cub waiting for a seat tries to get a seat at each move, eg. 'Arcadia Street' all run round, at 'Fountain Road', change over, at "Terminus", sit still. Anyone who moves then will have to give up his/her seat. As time goes on the Conductor may remove a chair.

## **JASMINE'S STORY**

In 2003, police in Warwickshire, England, opened a garden shed and found a whimpering, cowering dog. It had been locked in the shed and abandoned. It was dirty and malnourished, and had clearly been abused.

In an act of kindness, the police took the dog, which was a greyhound female, to the nearby Nuneaton and Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, run by a man named Geoff Grewcock and known as a willing haven for animals abandoned, orphaned or otherwise in need.

Geoff Grewcock and the other sanctuary staff went to work with two aims: to restore the dog to full health, and to win her trust. It took several weeks, but eventually both goals were achieved. They named her Jasmine, and they started to think about finding her an adoptive home.

The dog had other ideas. No-one remembers now how it began, but Jasmine started welcoming all animal arrivals at the sanctuary. It wouldn't matter if it was a puppy, a fox cub, a rabbit or, probably, a rhinoceros, Jasmine would peer into the box or cage and, where possible, deliver a welcoming lick.

Geoff Grewcock relates one of the early incidents. "We had two puppies that had been abandoned by a nearby railway line. One was a Lakeland terrier cross and another was a Jack Russell Doberman cross. They were tiny when they arrived at the centre and Jasmine approached them and grabbed one by the scruff of the neck in her mouth and put him on the settee. Then she fetched the other one and sat down with them, cuddling them."

"But she is like that with all of our animals, even the rabbits. She takes all the stress out of them and it helps them to not only feel close to her but to settle into their new surroundings.

"She has done the same with the fox and badger cubs, she licks the rabbits and guinea pigs and even lets the birds perch on the bridge of her nose."

Jasmine, the timid, abused, deserted waif, became the animal sanctuary's resident surrogate mother, a role for which she might have been born. The list of orphaned and abandoned youngsters she has cared for comprises five fox cubs, four badger cubs, 15 chicks, eight guinea pigs, two stray puppies and 15 rabbits.

And one roe deer fawn. Tiny Bramble, 11 weeks old, was found semi-conscious in a field. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, Jasmine cuddled up to her to keep her warm, and then went into the full foster mum role. Jasmine the greyhound showers Bramble the roe deer with affection and makes sure nothing is matted in her fur.

"They are inseparable," says Geoff Grewcock. "Bramble walks between her legs and

they keep kissing each other. They walk together round the sanctuary. It's a real treat to see them."

Jasmine will continue to care for Bramble until she is old enough to be returned to woodland life. When that happens, Jasmine will not be lonely. She will be too busy showering love and affection on the next orphan or victim of abuse.

From left, Toby, a stray Lakeland dog; Bramble, an orphaned roe deer; Buster, a stray Jack Russell; a dumped rabbit; Sky, an injured barn owl; and Jasmine *Doing what she does best, being a mother.*



### EMERGENCY KITS

Equipment: contents of an emergency kit; pencils; paper

Lay out the contents of an emergency kit, explaining the need or importance of each article. The Cubs are given a minute to look at all the articles; they are then covered and, as a six or individually, the Cubs must write down or draw what they remember. The six (or individual) remembering the most articles is the winner.

### CARE BEAR CARDS

Equipment: card or paper; crayons, etc

Each Cub is to make a 'care bear' card, which can be given to a Care Bear in the community.

### BEING UNDERSTOOD

Equipment: cards on which are written various words – eg: no, yes, please, come here, I'm frightened, etc.

One Cub from the circle picks up a card and tries to illustrate, without speaking, the action written on the card. The Cub who guesses correctly takes the next card from the pile, and so on.



Care Bear template (if you would like to use it).

### GETTING DRESSED

Equipment: a bag of clothing – one piece per Cub

The Cubs stand in a circle. The bag of clothing is passed around. On a given signal, the Cubs stop passing the bag around; the Cub holding the bag must take out an article of clothing and put it on. The bag then continues on around the circle until everyone has put something on.