

Charity Clay Shoot Hits All Targets to Raise Record Breaking £20,500 for Support Dogs

The Azerley Estate Charity Clay Shoot saw its ninth annual event take place on Sunday 17 April. One Hundred 4-man teams set their sights not only on the clays but also on raising a staggering and record breaking £20,500 of much needed funds for the Yorkshire based charity; [Support Dogs](#).

Speaking after the event, organiser Kevin Birch who is the Head Keeper on the Azerley Estate commented; “We started this event back in 2008 with the hope of raising a bit of money for the neo-natal unit at St James Hospital in Leeds. We never dreamt we would be here 9 years later with a day that has proved so successful and enjoyable for everyone involved which raises a staggering and record breaking £20,500.

“As with the last two years, we are donating the money to [Support Dogs](#). Our previous donations have made such an incredible difference with one of their dogs turning a family’s life around – and we hope that this year’s donation will, once again, significantly increase the quality of life of someone in need.

“Congratulations go to all of the teams who entered and took on the course but special mention is for our winning team – the Warter Priory Shooting Team. The day, however, would not happen without a small but truly dedicated army of volunteers & sponsors especially [HACS](#) who were our main sponsor and helped us pull the day together in very wet conditions. Without them we wouldn’t have been able to give what we have to Support Dogs. On behalf of the organising committee, I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped at and participated in the day.

“Particular thanks also goes to Mr and Mrs Dalton who have allowed us over the last 9 years to run the event on their estate; without their continued support we would not now be in a position to give so much to our much needed local charities whose particular focus is on supporting families in need, in one way or another.”

Danny Anderson from Support Dogs added; “The Azerley Charity Clay Shoot was an amazing event and we were honoured to have, once again, been named as the Clay Shoot’s chosen charity. The organisation of the day, the camaraderie of the teams and the enthusiasm and commitment of the volunteers were second to none and it really was a fantastic event to be a part of.

“Previous donations from this event made a hero for a family; Azerley the Autism Dog is best friends with a little boy; Cohen, who has autism and whose life was incredibly different to what it is now. Azerley teaches, supports and guides him through everyday tasks and has given Cohen the confidence he needed. We will be using this year’s donation, and every other donation we receive, to keep making heroes and improving people’s lives. Thank you to everyone who took part.”

To view photos of the dog scurry which was also held at the event, please visit <http://adogslifephotography.co.uk/azerley/>