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Dear Mary Hofma,

We would like to say a big "thank you" to you and your colleagues. Our dogs, Lady (German shepherd), who is now 6 years old, and Rosie (Old English Mastiff), who is also 6 years old, are the very best of friends. It's fantastic to watch them play together, sleep together, actually they do almost everything together, which is something we thought was impossible.

When they were one year old, fireworks began. They couldn't tolerate the sights of each other. This went on for a few days. We couldn't understand what had changed. They'd been together since they were 2 months old.

We sought advice from dog psychologists, from our vet, all sorts of people we could think of. They all gave us the same advice: "Two bitches fighting is worse than two dogs fighting, they need to be destroyed!"

We could not accept this, no way! Mary Hofma was our life saver. She was our last hope. She explained she thought Lady was having a phantom pregnancy and Rosie, being top dog, was trying to maintain her authority, while Lady was protecting her unborn puppy.

Mary's advice was to keep them apart for two weeks until Lady's phantom pregnancy was over. Then with Mary's assistance she would help us reintroduce them. We were nervous, the dogs were very nervous. Mary had the situation under control. The dogs were apprehensive, but within a few moments we had our puppies back, five years on they are still the best of friends.

So once again, we owe Mary a big "thank you".

Best regards,

Tony & Helen Eaves

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