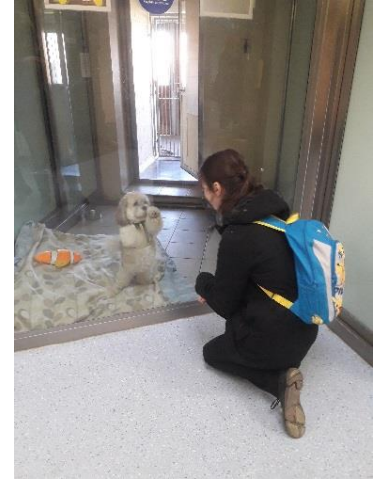


## Dogs Trust Visit

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January four pupils from Ambergate visited the Dogs Trust in Wymeswold, Loughborough. These pupils have all expressed an interest in working with small animals so we were visiting with the aim to find out all about the different career options available at the Dogs Trust, and to learn about the work they do.



First we had a really informative talk from Sarah Saunders the Education & Community Officer. All the pupils were fully engaged and asked lots of valuable and interesting questions. We learnt all about what the Dogs Trust do in terms of looking after the dogs that arrive at the centre, many of whom have been neglected or ill-treated, how they are trained and eventually rehomed. It was interesting to learn about how to behave around dogs, and learning the signs to look out for when dogs are stressed, anxious, sad, angry or happy, which can help us keep safe around them.

Following this we went on a tour around the centre, the highlight for the pupils was obviously seeing some of the dogs who are there at the moment. We learnt all about the adoption and fostering programmes and saw dogs waiting to be rehomed. It was really interesting to see all the organisation that goes into the day to day running of the centre.

Sarah talked about the importance of volunteering, which was a really interesting insight in to how you can become employed by Dogs Trust. People who volunteer at the Dogs Trust are much more likely to be employed when a vacancy arises as they have already shown commitment and passion for the job.

Thank you to Sarah and all at the Dogs Trust who made our visit so exciting and interesting.

