

REPORT: CHICO TAKES GREENWICH PARK - IN AID OF THE PERSONAL SUPPORT UNIT

Dear all,

Thank you very much for sponsoring Chico for his 5 km walk around Greenwich Park last Saturday.

Over £400 was raised for the Personal Support Unit, which will make a real difference helping litigants in person navigate the court system and get a fair hearing.

Chico started off the walk at the Greenwich Park pavilion where he rendezvoused with a diverse crowd of canine breeds, including some mongrels.

During the first hour or so of the walk, Chico had a great deal of energy and took on various mild inclines enthusiastically, at times with a fluffy squeaky toy in his mouth (donated by *Oomaloo*). After a while he

grew bored and honed in on a tennis ball I had brought with me. Chico demonstrated excellent anaerobic capacity and snout-eye coordination whilst fetching the ball. Frustratingly for Chico, a Labrador (Molly) who was also on the walk took a fancy to his possession and, on multiple occasions, intercepted it. This all culminated in a showdown in Greenwich Park pond when Molly took the tennis ball into the water, putting a lot of wet between Chico and his prize. Chico circled



the pond perimeter for about 3 minutes, offering Molly several verbal warnings to relinquish possession of his ball. Molly did not comply and so Chico made the difficult decision to head for the water. Chico followed Molly for several minutes, but sadly Molly's height advantage meant, unlike Chico, she didn't actually need to swim.

After a while, it became clear Chico did not have the height nor breed-traits to beat Molly in the water. A brave staff member from the Legal Support Trust took off his brogues and entered the pond to rescue Chico. I then spent some time calming Chico down as he had a tad too much adrenaline in his system. We then finished the walk at The Kings Arms pub, where Molly's owner, a district judge, presented Chico with his tennis ball, a fair remedy which satisfied both parties. The next day, Chico had a long lie-in.



Thank you for all your support!

Kind regards,

Charlie and Chico

Video of Chico's antics: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kXa4tKnFFbmnBbxU9>

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