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**Statement by Pet Owners of Bournville & Sam – 2 of the 4 pets found dumped in Lower Hartshay in August 2009**

It has been 18 months since the bodies of our beloved pets were found by a conscientious passer by after they were callously dumped and left to rot in a field by the owner of Peak Pet Cremations, Emma Bent.

We still cannot fully understand why someone would do such a cold hearted and evil thing to what were much loved members of our families.

We have all struggled to come to terms with what happened to our pets after we entrusted them with Ambivet (our veterinary practice) and have been left incredibly angry and upset at the fact that had our vet carried out some simple checks (to ensure they were using a properly licensed and accredited pet crematorium) we would not have been put through this horrific experience.

We feel that Ambivet now need to apologise and give a full explanation to the thousands of pet owners whose pets they sent to Emma Bent over the course of a three year period.

We have learnt a lot from this experience and would encourage the veterinary profession to reflect on trying to be more honest and open with pet owners in the future.

We would not have gotten through this without the support of our families and friends and would like to thank the many well wishers and fellow pet owners that have contacted us.

We would also like to thank John and Rita from Nottingham Individual Pet Crematorium for their kindness in giving Sam and Bournville the send offs they deserved.

Finally we would like to thank the authorities for successfully prosecuting Emma Bent for this vile crime. Our special thanks go to Simon Kirk from Derbyshire Trading Standards as we feel this case would not have come to a successful conclusion without his help.

**Bournville Allen was a Collie Cross**

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**Sam Moore was a Labrador**

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