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### Money pledge makes the tales wag at dog sanctuary



Mrs Clowes, left, receives the cheque from Jane Pickup with, from left, Stephanie Davies and Sharon Groves and front, Jackie Blake and Sam Clowes. ("Chronicle" photo. 2502/08).

Stiles Meadow dog sanctuary went barking mad with joy last week when it received a pledge of £1,200 from a Congleton company.

The donation of £100 every month, for the next year, will go towards the yearly £10,000 veterinary costs to ensure that the animals are spayed or neutered, micro chipped and vaccinated.

Based in Bosley, Stiles Meadow is a charity dedicated to re-homing abandoned dogs.

June Clowes, who runs the sanctuary with husband Sam and friend Jackie Blake, is the main fund-raiser for the charity.

"Most of the money we raise covers veterinary bills and as it costs around £100 per dog for veterinary treatment, it all mounts up," she said.

#### Delighted

"We brought in 103 dogs last year, so I was delighted when Style Counsel Interiors offered to donate money towards our charity and completely astonished when they told me they were going to pledge such a huge amount.

Style Counsel Interiors managing director and Congleton borough business person of the year Jane Pickup decided to donate money to the sanctuary to give something back to the community.

She said: "I've always been a dog lover, as are many of my staff and colleagues, and I have heard of Stiles Meadow through friends who have rehomed dogs.

"They do an amazing job and I know that they all work really hard fund-raising money to care for the dogs, so I would encourage other local businesses to consider a donation to such a worthy cause."