

By **JEFF HOLMES**

## AN animal lover is hoping Buddies will warm to an unusual fundraising event that aims to coin in enough cash to buy coats for 100 rescued dogs.

Jackie Jones-Hunt, who works as a lecturer at Paisley's university, has organised a psychic day which she predicts will be a real money-spinner.

Funds from the event, which takes place tomorrow, will be used to pay for coats to keep needy animals at the likes of Cardonald Cat and Dog Home warm once the cold weather returns.

Jackie has two rescued dogs of her own – including one which was discovered wandering the streets of Paisley – and has undertaken charity work in the past to care for emaciated and maltreated animals.

She said: "You wouldn't believe the way some people treat their pets.

"Dogs and cats are constantly taken to the likes of Cardonald Cat and Dog Home suffering from all types of injuries and malnutrition.

"It can get pretty cold for the dogs and I thought it was a good idea to try to raise enough money to buy them warm and protective coats."

Jackie has organised an impressive line-up for tomorrow's fundraising event, bringing together some of Scotland's top psychics and mediums.

There will be 30 mediums in attendance, as well as more than 10 experts offering a whole range of complimentary therapies.

Jackie, who also enjoys a career as an author, is hoping to coin in enough cash to buy dozens of coats for dogs of all sizes.

People who go along to tomorrow's event will be asked to pay £12 for a one-to-one psychic reading.

Jackie, who is a lecturer in Psychical Research – which deals with the likes of near-death and out-of-body experiences – at the University of the West of Scotland, said: "The ideal day for those attending the fundraising event would be to have a reading before indulging in some Reiki or spiritual healing.



**ANIMAL MAGIC:** Jackie Jones-Hunt relaxes at home with pet dogs Sioux and Edward, who was rescued from the streets of Paisley

"The prices have been capped and are almost a third of the price of a reading at one of the many fairs on the go.

"In the evening, four top Scottish mediums will give a psychic demonstration, which costs just £5, before a representative from the SSPCA gives a short talk about the charity's work."

Jackie is currently working on a new book about animals and

their psychic abilities.

She said: "The book focuses on a woman from Paisley who insists she is sleeping with a ghostly cat.

"Each night when she goes to bed, she feels four legs gently walking up the duvet and settling down next to her. She hasn't yet plucked up the courage to look."

Jackie insists that animals have incredible psychic feelings and can read energies.

She added: "They are extremely sensitive but some of the stories of cruelty I've heard have reduced me to tears.

"It's important that we do all we can to help, so I would urge Buddies to support this fundraising event."

The psychic day takes place in the Spittal Halls in Rutherglen between 10am and 10pm.

For further details, call Jackie on 0779 158 8005.

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