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Fire dog honoured for rescue work

A Lincolnshire rescue dog will receive a bravery award for her role in saving earthquake victims in Kashmir.



The awards recognise working dogs and their owners

Holly, a three-year-old black Labrador, is being honoured on 14 May for her work in the aftermath of the earthquake last October.

She and her owner, firefighter Neil Woodmansey, work for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Holly's sense of smell was invaluable and resulted in several people being hauled alive from collapsed buildings.

'Hostile conditions'

Just 20 of the 3,500 working dogs in the UK will receive a National Service Dog Bravery and Achievement Award.

Holly worked for 20 hours a day for the first two days and, after finding a trace of someone in the rubble, would then move on to find others while rescuers dug out any survivors.

As a qualified search-and-rescue dog, Holly is on standby with Mr Woodmansey all-year-round so they can fly to disasters anywhere in the world.

Holly's citation said she and Neil worked in "extreme and sometimes hostile conditions, during their deployment to the Pakistan earthquake".

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