

# “In valour she also served”

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I awoke early this morning to learn via the radio, of the recent death of **Sasha the Labrador** who was killed in action in Afghanistan. Her commanding officer said that she had saved many civilian lives. She was awarded the **Dickin Medal**, which is to be kept by her dog handler and owner, and who sadly misses her. Inscribed on the back of the medal is written “In Valour We Also Serve”.

I am so pleased that Mary Dickin founder of the PDSA in 1927 and of the Dickin Medal had at last been given a good mention in the news. The radio news presenter had never heard of the Dickin Medal and it was explained to her whilst on air, that it was the animals version of the Victoria Cross.

I wish to thank Walthamstow Memories who willingly published details of our lovely war heroes from the animal kingdom, and in closing we give our love and blessings to Sasha who now lives in the realms above us.

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