

Press Release

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DOGGED DETERMINATION GETS HARE LIP TO CHANNEL ISLANDS

When Hare Lip, a friendly mongrel rescued by Manchester Dogs' Home, found a new owner, CrossCountry was delighted to help him on his way to his new home in the Channel Islands.

Named because of his unfortunate appearance, he had been consequently overlooked by many prospective owners visiting the Dogs' Home despite his friendly and loving nature.

But during the filming of 'Dog Rescue' for ITV1, the producers discovered that Hare Lip had at last been offered a good home by a lady living on Alderney in the Channel Islands who already owns two rescue dogs. But he needed help with his epic journey from Manchester to Southampton for his flight.

CrossCountry was delighted to provide free train travel for Hare Lip, now renamed Elvis, and accompanying Manchester Dogs' Home Kennel Manager Colin Ballance to help ensure a happy ending to this shaggy dog story!

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**Please find notes to Editors, CrossCountry facts and figures on the following page.
For more information feel free to contact us on 0121 6547010.**

Notes to editors

CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

CrossCountry facts and figures

STATIONS SERVED: 133

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 288

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,800

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: Penzance to Dundee (701 miles)

CrossCountry is part of the Arriva group which operates transport services in ten European countries, employs more than 37,000 people and provides more than one billion passenger journeys every year. For more information about the Arriva group visit www.arriva.co.uk

CrossCountry summer Saturday HST services are as follows:

09:41 Newcastle – Newquay
09:40 Newquay – Newcastle
24 May to 6 September (inclusive)

07:24 Manchester – Newquay
15:22 Newquay – Manchester
24/31 May and from 5 July to 30 August (inclusive)
On other summer Saturdays, these trains will be formed of Voyagers.

07:35 Bristol Temple Meads – Paignton
10:32 Paignton – Newcastle
24/31 May and from 5 July to 22 August (inclusive)
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