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**44th Soham Pumpkin Fair**  
**Saturday 29th September 2018**  
**Soham Recreation Ground 1.30 – 5.00pm**  
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## Committee's Message

Our theme for 2018 is '**Garden of Gold**' – *where flowers bloom, hope grows*. A national campaign to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer during the month of September. We are supporting our local childhood cancer charity: **The Liam Fairhurst Foundation** and members of the Fairhurst family will be opening the fair.

Our other main beneficiaries are the three primary schools in Soham: The Weatheralls, St. Andrews and The Shade, who have all requested funding for outdoor equipment.

As usual, there will be lots of competitions and displays linked with our theme, including arena events performed by local groups and schools. Also on show: vintage vehicles; charity and food stalls; craft and story-telling tents; a fun fair and of course a wide range of produce.

Reg Brown, who had supported the fair for many years with a display of Bygones, passed away in February and will be sadly missed. However, we are very pleased to say that Anita, his wife, with the support of others will still attend with vintage displays.

A big thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers and organisations in and around Soham who help us in so many ways.

We hope you enjoy the day.  
**Soham Pumpkin Fair Committee**

### Entrance Fees:

Adults	£2.00
Concessions	£1.00
12–17s	£1.00
Under 12s	Free

### Car Boot Fees:

**Car — £7.50 Van — £10.00**

### Parking:

Enter site from Gardeners Lane.  
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**STUDIOSPARES**



# Our chosen beneficiaries for this year

## About Liam

Liam's story is one of immense courage and fortitude. He went to school in Soham and while he was a pupil at The Weatheralls he was diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma (a rare soft tissue cancer) in his left leg. As he received treatment, he made friends with other patients in a similar situation. Sadly, one of the first friends he made passed away - this inspired Liam to start

fundraising to help others, who were affected by cancer. Liam chose to do a sponsored one mile swim, this was despite the fact that he had lost over three quarters of the thigh muscle in his left



*Pride of Britain - Child of Courage Award 2008*



The fundraising continued and during this time, Liam underwent numerous courses of chemotherapy, radiotherapy and operations in an attempt to halt the illness. However, he sadly lost his battle with cancer on the 30th June 2009, aged just 14. At the time of Liam's passing he was responsible for raising £340,000, and a further £7million by heading a campaign for charity. Liam lived by one quote :

***"Life Is Measured In Achievement, Not In Years Alone"***

The foundation is Liam's legacy

## About The Charity

The Liam Fairhurst Foundation has one overall main aim - to help young people and families affected by cancer, disabilities and life limiting illness. The charity was founded by Liam's brother, Callum, who has continued the fundraising by completing numerous challenges including: Rowing the equivalent of the English Channel, Cycling around the World and travelling through the 28 EU countries by tuk tuk.

The Charity helps children and families across the UK by :

- Providing grants for holidays, days out OR just to assist with financial burdens families face during a Child's treatment/illness/disability.
- Providing funds and assistance to other charities and organisations who help those within their remit. For example 'Sunflowers Care' which provides respite care for young people aged 0-18. Our grants funded a fully functional sensory room and parts of their sensory garden.
- By running a series of different projects: Including go karting race days for teenagers currently going through treatment at Addenbrookes, The Disney project aiming at taking families of children with life limiting illnesses and disabilities to Euro Disney where they can enjoy an all expenses paid break and have fun!

The Foundation lives by the quote:

***" Sometimes tomorrow is too far away, so let's help children be children and live for today"***

# Our chosen beneficiaries for this year



The Weatheralls Home and School Association, are currently raising money for our “10 for 20 project.” This project began in January 2018, and our aim is to raise £10,000 to improve the school playgrounds, by the end of 2020.

The school has 4 playgrounds that are used during lessons, lunch and playtimes, by the 625 children who attend the school. Although they have plenty of space, they often have been lacking in things to do.

The HSA plan to use the money raised, along with another £5,000 that we had already saved, to change this. We have already made a start by purchasing playground equipment such as skipping ropes, chinks, bats and balls, hockey sets, shading and new rubbish bins. During the next school year, we plan to start purchasing benches and bigger play equipment. All of the equipment will be chosen by the staff and more importantly, the children who use it!

All of the money made will be used to improve the provision across all the playgrounds making them more enjoyable, exciting, engaging and enriching for all of the children at the school.

The pictures show some of the equipment we are hoping to purchase in the next school year.

Thank you for your support.

Jenna Myhill – chair of the Weatheralls HSA.



# Our chosen beneficiaries for this year

We are hoping to raise money for much needed playground equipment. The current play area is not adequate for the numbers of children in the school or for the large age range. We are working together with the school to help completely renovate the school playground. Ideally, the tarmac in the play area needs to be re-done, as it frequently floods stopping outside play. New playground equipment will also be required to enhance the area.



We are hoping to raise a total of between 10 and 15 thousand pounds, so a donation from the Pumpkin Fair would be a huge help...however large or small.

## *St Andrews School PTA*

The Shade Primary School PTFA is a group of parents who are working hard to raise funds to improve the resources available to our children. In September 2017, we were proud to open the second phase of our school building. This has enabled teaching to continue into Key stage 2 and provide much needed school places for our ever-growing community. We have been able to provide our school with very much needed musical and sports equipment, as well as outdoor play equipment for lunchtime and after school club.



We are passionate about providing our pupils with the most enjoyable and engaging experience at our school and have therefore, never lost sight of our long-term goal to erect an outdoor classroom.

The progress we have made as a new school with our fundraising for this facility is incredible and is all down to the ongoing support we have from our local community. However, to make this dream a reality for our pupils, we still have a little way to go.

Our pupils and teachers have come up with such inspired and exciting ideas for this outdoor learning space. We aim to make use of the classroom all year round, keeping our pupils in touch with nature and engaged throughout their learning journey.

Any funds raised at the Pumpkin Fair would hopefully enable us to begin construction work on our outdoor classroom and start making some amazing memories for our pupils. We are very proud of what we have achieved as a small, but growing PTFA, and hope with your support, we can continue to help The Shade Primary School and Pre-School grow and remain an important resource for our community.

# Cheque Presentation Evening 2017

**Last November, we were delighted to be able to award  
Soham Community First Responders £1750  
&  
Soham Creative Minds £250**

Any organisation wishing to be considered as a beneficiary for the 2019 fair should apply in writing to the committee, stating the aims of the organisation and what they would like to put the money towards. Send your application to - [office@sohampumpkinfair.co.uk](mailto:office@sohampumpkinfair.co.uk)

Anyone wishing to join the committee should email us on the same address.



Creative Minds

Soham Community  
First Responders

# What's On

## Children's Fancy Dress

Open to children 11 and under. Dress up on the theme of 'Garden of Gold' Handmade costumes only. Meet at the arena on the Recreation Ground at 1.15pm



## Pet's Fancy Dress

Open to any pet, dressed up on the theme of 'Garden of Gold' Handmade costumes only. Follows the Children's Fancy Dress

## Garden Of Gold Theme:

Chris's Animal Encounters

Sunflowers Care - Spreading a little glitter

Milbrook Garden Gnomes

*Craft Tent*

*Story-Telling Tent*

*Photo Boards*

## Also:

Kuk Sool Won (Korean Martial Arts)

*Ferret Racing*

*Zorbs & Hoverball Gallery*

*Funfair*

*Bygones*

*Classic Vehicles*

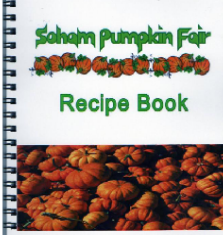
*Displays by local schools*

*And Mr Pumpkin, of course!*



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## *Soham Classic Vehicle Club*

There will be a static display of classic vehicles including cars, tractors, motorbikes, commercial and military vehicles. (Courtesy of Mr P. Cox)

You are most welcome to come along on the day and join in with the fun.

For further information email the organisers using the address below:

[office@sohampumpkinfair.co.uk](mailto:office@sohampumpkinfair.co.uk)



# BYGONES

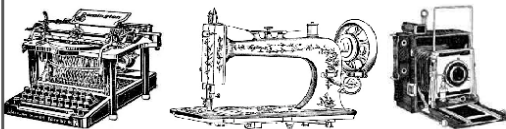
*A collection of bygones*

*(mainly from the Soham area)*

*can be found in the*

*Scout and Guide Community  
Centre.*

*Courtesy of Reg Brown and family.*



# Beneficiaries 1975-2001

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>
1975	£176	Soham St. Andrews Church Tower Fund
1976	£880	Soham Clinic Mini-Bus Appeal
1977	£596	S.B.A towards Jubilee Coins for Soham Children
1978	£1000	Various Soham Associations
1979	£962	Newmarket General Hospital for Orthopaedic Beds and Wheelchairs
1980	£500	MAGPAS (Helped equip 2 Soham Doctors)
1981	£1000	St John's Ambulance Appeal
1982	£900	Soham Parish Council (tables and chairs)
1983	£1062	Various Soham Organisations
1984	£1045	Various Soham Organisations
1985	£765	Various Soham Organisations
1986	£700	Various Soham Organisations
1987	£800	Graham Rowley Leukaemia Fund
1988	£800	Milton Hospice
1989	£750	Papworth Hospital, S.N.A.P. Sue Ryder
1990	£1000	Fen Probe Talking News Service for the Blind
1991	£800	Assisted Ventilation Unit, Newmarket General Hospital
	£100	Keith Leonard House
1992	£700	Professor Sir Roy Calne's Research Fund
1993	£700	Multiple Sclerosis
1994	£900	The Weatheralls and St Andrews Schools
1995	£650	The Princess of Wales Hospital
1996	£650	The Windmill Playgroup Soham
1997	£500	The Children's Wards: Addenbrookes Hospital
1998	£500	The Soham, Isleham and Fordham Nurses Fund
1999	£1200	MAGPAS
2000	£1500	The Weatheralls and St Andrews Schools
2001	£1400	St Andrews Church

# Beneficiaries 2002-2017

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Beneficiary</u>
2002	£1400	Dance for Fun, Soham Town Colts Girls (Under 12s), Time For Me, St John's Ambulance
2003	£1200	Soham Sight, Ely Hockey Club (Under 12s)
2004	£800	Viva Youth Theatre
2005	£1050	Noah's Ark, MAGPAS, St John's Cadets
2006	£1200	Soham Town Colts, Soham Fenlander Majorettes
2007	£2400	Soham Dive Club, Soham Twinning Association, Ely Roller Hockey
2008	£1000	Equipment for the Soham Guide and Scout New Building
2009	£2750	Hearing Dogs For Deaf People
2010	£1800 £705.40	The Weatheralls & St Andrews Primary Schools Help for Heroes
2011	£2500 £300	Soham Guide and Scout Hut Fund, Soham Over Sixties
2012	£2100	Molyn Care, Ely Youth Choir, Soham Ladybugs Playgroup
2013	£2400	Soham Friends, Soham Holiday Playscheme, Soham Guiding Group
2014	£1300	Soham Museum, Soham Playgroup, Soham Action 4 Youth
2015	£2000	Little Miracles, Soham Young Farmers, Soham Heritage & Tourism & Weatheralls Allotment Project
2016	£1700	Shade Primary School P.T.F.A., Soham United Football Club Youth Teams, Pos+Ability and Soham Community Archive
2017	£2000	Creative Minds & Soham Community First Responders
2018	?	Liam Fairhurst Foundation & Soham's Primary Schools



## Pumpkin Competitions

Group	Class	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Soham 16+ Male	Reg Rogerson Memorial Cup + £5	£3	£2
2	Soham 16+ Female	Bavester Cup + £5	£3	£2
3	Soham Village College Students	Bert Peacock Memorial Shield + £3	£2	£1
4	The Weatheralls Pupils (Foundation & KS1)	£3	£2	£1
5	The Weatheralls Pupils (KS2)	£3	£2	£1
<b>Overall winner from groups 4 &amp; 5 will be awarded the Ryder Trophy</b>				
6	St Andrews Pupils (Foundation & KS1)	£3	£2	£1
7	St Andrews Pupils (KS2)	£3	£2	£1
<b>Overall winner from groups 6 &amp; 7 will be awarded the Ron Manning Memorial Cup</b>				
8a	The Shade Pupils (Foundation & KS1)	£3	£2	£1
8b	The Shade Pupils (KS2)	£3	£2	£1
<b>Overall Winner from groups 8a &amp; 8b will be awarded the Border Farm Timber Trophy</b>				
9a	Soham Children Under 16's attending schools outside Soham	£3	£2	£1
9b	Soham Pre-School Children	£3	£2	£1
10	<b>Heaviest Pumpkin grown by 2nd Soham Scout Group</b>	Scout Pumpkin Shield		
<b>Heaviest Pumpkin grown by Soham Child (Grps 3–10) wins the Murfitt Cup</b>				
<b>Heaviest Pumpkin from Soham Groups (Grps 1–10) wins £50</b> <i>(Sponsored by Pooley, Bendall &amp; Watson)</i>				
11a	Heaviest Pumpkin grown by Non-Soham Resident (Child: under 16)	Shropshire Cup + £10	£5	£2
11b	Heaviest Pumpkin grown by Non-Soham Resident (Adult)	Boyce Cup + £10	£5	£2
12	Heaviest Pumpkin grown in East Anglia	Williams East Anglian Cup + £20	£3	£1

## Sunflower Competitions

Group	Class	1st	2nd	3rd
13	Biggest sunflower head grown by under 8s	£3	£2	£1
14	Biggest sunflower head grown by ages 8–16	£3	£2	£1
15	Biggest sunflower head grown by an adult	£3	£2	£1
<p><b><i>Biggest from groups 13 and 14 will win The Manning Cup</i></b>  <b><i>Biggest from groups 13, 14 and 15 will win The TSB Cup</i></b></p>				
16	Tallest sunflower grown by under 8s	£3	£2	£1
17	Tallest sunflower grown by ages 8–16	£3	£2	£1
18	Tallest sunflower grown by an adult	£3	£2	£1
19	Tallest sunflower grown by 2nd Soham Scout Group	Scout Sunflower Shield		
<p><b><i>Tallest from groups 16 and 17 will win The Knott Trophy</i></b>  <b><i>Tallest from groups 16, 17 and 18 will win The Digital Trophy</i></b></p>				

*(Children's sunflower groups sponsored by Pooley, Bendall & Watson)*

***All children entering any of the pumpkin groups will be entered into a raffle to win £10 courtesy of Maudie Manning (in memory of Reg Rogerson)***

## Winners from 2017

Heaviest pumpkin grown in Soham by Jenny Fletcher - 197.0kg

Heaviest sugar beet in show grown by Archie Leonard - 6.7kg

Biggest sunflower head in show grown by Amber Chivers - 44cm

Tallest sunflower in show grown by Jenny Fletcher - 4.66m

# Other Produce Competitions

Group	Class	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
20	A presentation of five different items of fresh home grown produce	<b>Alfie Wells Cup + £3</b>	£2	£1
21	Heaviest Marrow grown by a child	<b>S.B.A. Cup + £3</b>	£2	£1
22	Heaviest Marrow grown by an adult	£3	£2	£1
23	Longest Carrot (Excluding Green Top) grown by anyone	£3	£2	£1
24	Heaviest Tomato grown by anyone	£3	£2	£1
25	Longest Runner Bean grown by a child	£3	£2	£1
26	Longest Runner Bean grown by an adult	£3	£2	£1
27	Heaviest Onion grown by anyone	<b>Eric See Cup + £3</b>	£2	£1
28	Heaviest Sugar Beet grown by anyone (sponsored by Peter Cox)	<b>Albert Cox Cup + £10</b>	£2	£1
29	Pre-carved Pumpkin Carved on the theme 'Garden Of Gold'	£3	£2	£1

## Winners from 2017

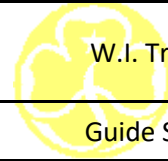
A Presentation of Five Fresh Vegetables grown by Colin Darlow  
 Longest Carrot in show grown by Chloe Phillips - 25.5cm  
 Heaviest Tomato grown by Colin Darlow - 907g  
 Longest Runner Bean in show grown by Archie Leonard - 60cm  
 Heaviest Onion grown by Jack Constable - 831g

# Competition Rules

1. **The decision of the judges and committee must be accepted as final.**
2. The committee cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage to exhibitors, spectators or their entries howsoever caused.
3. **ALL ENTRIES** must be brought to the Recreation Ground between 9.30am and 11.30am on the morning of the fair.
4. **ALL ENTRIES** must be accompanied by a completed entry form, to be handed in at registration.
5. **ALL ENTRIES** must be labelled with the owner's name and group number.
6. Failure of entry form/label will mean the subject not being entered.
7. **ALL ENTRIES** to be removed by their owners between 5.00pm and 5.30pm.
8. Cups and trophies to be held for one year only. These need to be returned by September 1st the following year.
9. The **Williams East Anglian Cup** competition is open to the following counties - Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Rutland and Suffolk.
10. The sunflowers are measured as follows:  
Biggest head - across the seeds' widest point.  
Tallest - cut off at ground level to top of flower head.
11. Runner beans **will** be measured along the length (around the curve if curved not tip to tip)
12. Carrots **will** be measured from the stem to the bottom of the storage root.
13. **All entries that need to be weighed must be labelled with relevant group numbers before they go on the scales!**



# Indoor Competitions

Group	Class	1st Prize		
A	Scouts	 Scout Cup		
B	Cubs	 Cub Shield		
C	Beavers	Beaver Shield		
D	Soham Brigade–Junior & Senior	Boys Brigade Cups		
E	Women's Institute	 W.I. Trophy		
F	Guides	Guide Shield		
G	Brownies	Brownie Shield		
H	Rainbows	Rainbow Cup		
I <b>NEW!</b>	School's Breakfast Clubs - Window Box of Paper Flowers or Shoebox Garden Diorama	Breakfast Club Shield		
Group	Class	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
J	Decorated Victoria Sponge Cake (11 & Under)	£3	£2	£1
K	Decorated Victoria Sponge Cake (Age 12—Adult)	£3	£2	£1
L	Construction of Garden to be built with meccano, Lego, Knex or similar. Must be Homemade ( <b>No Commercial Kits</b> ) to fit within a 40cm square. (Sponsored By Standens Engineering Ltd)	£25 + Tony Brown Memorial Trophy	£2	£1
M <b>NEW!</b>	Photographic Competition - Open to Adults & Children. Submit a photo (10cm x 15cm) on the theme, it can be of a garden, pot or window box etc.	£3	£2	£1
N	<b>Colour A Picture</b> (Foundation and KS1) (Sponsored by Soham Books) <a href="http://www.sohampumpkinfair.co.uk/documents/colouring_competition_2018.pdf">www.sohampumpkinfair.co.uk/documents/colouring_competition_2018.pdf</a>	£15 Book Token	£10 Book Token	£5 Book Token



# Indoor Competitions continued

Group	Class	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
O	A <b>HANDWRITTEN</b> poem Poetry (KS2) (Sponsored by Heffers)	£15 Book Token	£10 Book Token	£5 Book Token
P	A <b>HANDWRITTEN</b> poem Poetry (Adults) (Sponsored by Soham Books)	£15 Book Token	£10 Book Token	£5 Book Token
<b>Groups I to P must be presented on the theme of 'Garden Of Gold'</b>				
Q	Largest Bloom of any type & colour (excl. Sunflower)	£3	£2	£1
R	Cut Flowers: 5 stems of any of your home grown blooms in shades of gold	£3	£2	£1
S	Floral Arrangement: A table arrangement on the required theme	£3	£2	£1
T*	Farm and Garden Produce Sculpture: <i>For Children only</i>	£3 + Graham Rowley Cup	£2	£1
U	Funniest Shaped Vegetable <b>No painting, alteration or accessories are permitted</b>	£3	£2	£1
<b>*Decorate with fruit and/or veg. Minimal props and accessories accepted.</b>				
V	Pumpkin Bread of your choice (Written recipe to be included)	£3	£2	£1
W	A jam of your choice (Written recipe to be included)	£3	£2	£1
X	A chutney of your choice (Written recipe to be included)	£3	£2	£1
Y	Needlecraft, Sewing, Knitting or Crochet of your choice, but on the required theme.	£3	£2	£1
Z	Under 16: <b>Hand Drawn</b> Design for the Front Cover of Next Year's Brochure.	The Alpha Trophy		
<b>Groups R, S, T &amp; Y must be presented on the theme of 'Garden Of Gold'</b>				

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## Label

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Group Entered \_\_\_\_\_



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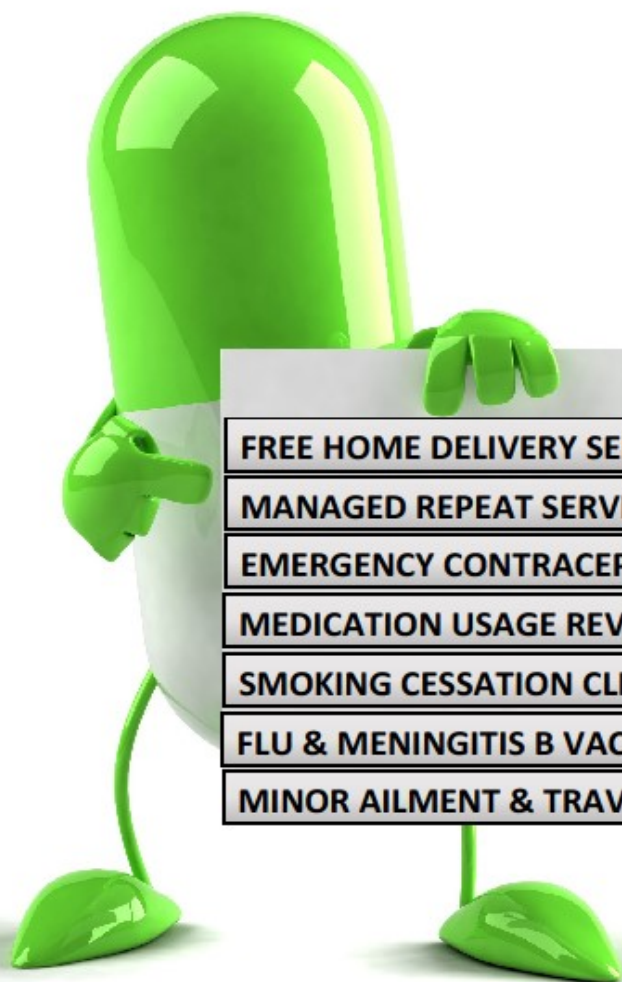


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# Soham Carnival Float 2018

This year the Pumpkin Fair entered a float in this years Soham Carnival.  
The pictures below are some taken on the day.





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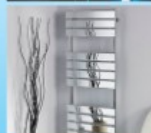
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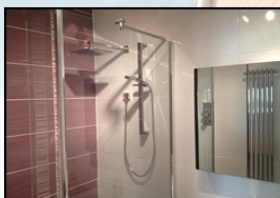
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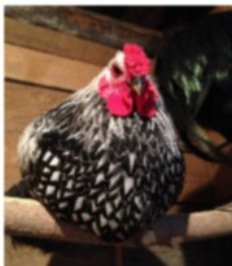
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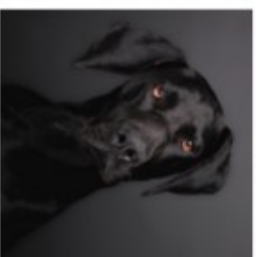
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