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[Pictured: Alison Hammond meets the Battersea Team (l-r) Nat Ingham Canine Behaviour Manager, Alison Hammond, Ali Taylor Battersea Head of Animal Behaviour and Becky Verne Rehoming Welfare Manager with Battersea Rescue Dogs Pip and Olive]

Alison Hammond is preparing to dish out the dog treats and set tails wagging as she is announced as the new presenter of the award-winning ITV series, **For The Love of Dogs**.

Alison will be heading to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home to help the animals in their care look for a new place to live, following the sad passing of much-loved

presenter Paul O'Grady last spring.

With more abandoned and stray dogs in need of care than ever, the six-part series will tell the stories of some of the latest arrivals at Battersea, as Alison rolls up her sleeves and helps Battersea's expert staff and volunteers to take care of the animals and get them ready for their potential new owners.

Alison said:

"I am very aware that I can never replace the iconic Paul in this wonderful series, but if I can continue to shine a light on the brilliant work done at Battersea and help to tell the stories of these beautiful dogs, then it will be an absolute privilege to give it my all. I can't wait to share the joy of their searches for new loving forever homes and hopefully make lots of furry friends of my own along the way!"

Satmohan Panesar, Commissioning Editor for ITV said:

"We are thrilled to be able to confirm that the series will return in the spring and that the dogs have a brand-new champion in Alison Hammond. As Paul O'Grady always said himself, the stars of the show were the dogs themselves, but the impact that he had and the legacy he leaves will never be forgotten by any of us. We can't wait to welcome back the series with Alison; there will be all the fun and warmth that our viewers have come to expect whilst continuing to showcase the wonderful and important work done by the incredible team at Battersea."

Peter Laurie, Battersea Chief Executive:

"Everyone at Battersea is excited to embark upon a brand-new series of For the Love of Dogs with Alison Hammond. Over the last twelve years, For the Love of Dogs has shared with viewers the love and expert care Battersea dedicates to all the animals that need our help. Alongside our beloved Ambassador, the late, great Paul O'Grady, we've enjoyed showing how much joy rescue animals can give, and we're pleased we can continue to shine a light on the work our charity undertakes every day to improve the lives of dogs and cats. We're looking forward to welcoming Alison to Battersea and introducing her to the incredible animals in our care as we help them on their journey to finding loving, new homes."

'For The Love of Dogs with Alison Hammond' is commissioned for ITV1 and ITVM by Satmohan Panesar, Commissioning Editor and Sue Murphy, Head of Factual

Entertainment ITV. For MultiStory Media, the Executive Producers are Ceri Aston and Elen Moore.

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