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Child rapist jailed for ten years

IPSWICH: Vile Carl Bagley is today beginning a ten year prison term after he was convicted of raping a young girl.

The 42-year-old, of Reynolds Road, Ipswich, had denied the sickening attack but was found guilty by a jury at Ipswich Crown Court.

Police today praised Bagley's victim for her bravery in coming forward.

Detective inspector Tonya

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Antonis, of Ipswich Victim Care Centre, said: "The victim has been through a terribly traumatic time, and it took great courage and bravery to bring this man to justice."

"We can only hope that this sentence brings some comfort and closure to her."

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Murphy the first employee of dog training business

BY ANDY PEARL

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SUFFOLK: You might think eight weeks old is a touch young to be embarking on a new job.

But loveable pup Murphy is today enjoying putting his paw on the career ladder after becoming the first employee of a new doggy training business.

The cute German shepherd has become the leader of the pack for owners Alex Fairfull and Suzanne Watkins, who will train him in order for other dogs to follow his lead.

The couple have launched their business – www.happydogdays.co.uk – from their home in Polstead Road, Stowmarket.

Alex said: "He's a good family dog for now – but he will have to be a working dog soon."

The clever pup has already mastered the art of sitting and laying down, although according to Alex – a photographer at The Evening Star – he is still fond of the odd bit of mischief.

Fortunately for the pretty pooch, he is still too cute for his new owners to stay mad at.

Murphy made the three-and-a-half hour trip to Suffolk from Shropshire, where he was born, and is quickly settling in to his new family home.

The dog training business will offer puppy training, dog walking and taxiing services... with Murphy hotly tipped to be the next employee of the month!

■ Have you got a cute pet? Write to Your Letters, Evening Star, 30 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, IP4 1AN or e-mail eveningstarletters@eveningstar.co.uk



LOVEABLE PUP: German shepherd puppy Murphy who belongs to Star photographer Alex Fairfull and Suzanne Watkins, below.

Pictures: ALEX FAIRFULL



In brief

Age Concern's Bernard says his farewells

IPSWICH: Age Concern Suffolk Information Service has said goodbye to one of its most valued volunteers.

Bernard Goodwin has been involved with Age Concern Suffolk, Ipswich, as a help desk volunteer for the organisation since January 2004.

Along with his wife Mary, the couple are leaving Suffolk to move closer to their family in Bedfordshire.

Out-of-control bonfire tackled by firefighters

SUFFOLK: Fire crews were called to tackle a bonfire which got "out of control".

Firefighters were called to Stone Cottages in London Road, Thorington, at 7.52pm yesterday. A spokeswoman from Suffolk Fire and Rescue said that on arrival, crews found an out-of-control bonfire.

The blaze was tackled using hose reel jets and one person was given oxygen at the scene.

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Firefighters battle undergrowth blaze

IPSWICH: Fire crews tackled an undergrowth blaze which engulfed a park area.

Firefighters from Colchester Road Fire Station were called to Sherrington Road Park at 5.30pm yesterday, having received reports of an undergrowth blaze.

On arrival, the crew found ten square metres ablaze. The flames were brought under control within 30 minutes using a hose reel jet.