TV's HIT DOG TRAINER RETURNS FOR SECOND SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL PODCAST – TALKING DOGS WITH GRAEME HALL

Following the success of the first podcast series, plus a successful third hit series of *Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly* on Channel 5 and a bestselling book, *All Dogs Great and Small*, **Graeme Hall**, AKA The Dogfather and the *'UK's best dog trainer'* (Daily Telegraph), will be unleashing his mic once again for series 2 of *Talking Dogs With Graeme Hall*, produced by Avalon.

The new series will lead with a number of special episodes where Graeme will be inviting some well-known dog loving guests onto the podcast, offering both them and his regular listeners his no nonsense and practical help and advice with the everyday issues they are all experiencing with their precious pooches. These include TV vet **Julian Norton** (*The Yorkshire Vet*), film and TV star **Joanna Scanlan** (*Girl With A Pearl Earring*, *The Thick of It*, *No Offence* and narrator of *Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly)*, and winning baker **Candice Brown** (*The Great British Bake Off*).

In the first episode, Graeme meets Joanna Scanlan and hears about the problems she's having with her rescue staffie Millie. Millie likes to chew both hands and chair legs. A listener also has a similar problem with her Czech wolf dog destroying any furniture he can get his teeth around. In the next instalment, Graeme invites his vet mate Julian Norton onto the podcast to answer some of his listeners questions that need a medical answer. Alongside The Yorkshire Vet, Graeme explores what to do when your older dog gets dementia, great alternatives to the dreaded cone, and how the colours in your vet's waiting room could affect your dog's experience. For his next serving, Great British Bake Off winner Candice Brown might feel in control in the kitchen, but when she's out and about walking her dogs it's a very different story. She asks for Graeme's advice about how to cope with rescue pug Albus' habit of lunging and barking at everything that moves - from birds, to artic lorries. Graeme wonders if Albus' history of potential abuse plays a part, but perhaps Candice mollycoddles him a little too much too. A listener has a similar problem as she walks a dog who isn't a fan of cyclists and joggers. A further two specials (guests to be announced) plus 15 regular episodes complete the series.

Graeme said, *""I'm so happy to be back for another series talking all things dogs to our nation of dog lovers. Since dog ownership has increased so much in the last year, I'm going to have my hands full fixing problem dogs – and a few problem owners – the length and breadth of the country. Luckily, I like a challenge!"*

***Series 2 of Talking Dogs with Graeme Hall* is available** on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Acast and all major podcast platforms now.

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Notes to Editors:

About Graeme Hall, The Dogfather

Graeme Hall is one of the UK's top dog trainers and behaviourists. Based in the Cotswolds, he will travel anywhere in Britain where there is a dog behaviour problem to fix or expert puppy advice needed. He is a Master Dog Trainer with the Guild of Dog Trainers. Graeme is also an accomplished public speaker, having recorded a TEDx talk entitled "Why using dog training techniques to train PEOPLE makes sense". When he's not training dogs and dog owners, he spends his time with a rucksack on his back, walking the hills and dales where he lives.

About Avalon

Avalon is a multi-award-winning talent management, television production and live promotion group with offices in London, Los Angeles and New York.

Avalon, Artist Rights Group (ARG) and The Agency represent a prolific roster of artists including comedians, actors, presenters, writers and directors. Avalon's numerous ground-breaking returning television shows currently in production include: Not Going Out (BBC), the UK's longest running sitcom on air; Taskmaster (Channel 4), the BAFTA-winning hit entertainment format showing in 100 countries; multi Emmy-winner, Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (HBO); The Russell Howard Hour (Sky), the network's most successful entertainment show launch since 2010; Starstruck, a new sitcom from the 2018 Edinburgh Comedy Award winner Rose Matafeo (HBO Max/BBC); Everything's Gonna Be Okay, from creator Josh Thomas (Freeform); Breeders, a sitcom starring Martin Freeman

and Daisy Haggard (FX/Sky); a new series of the iconic British satirical puppet show, Spitting Image (BritBox UK); and multiple comedy specials for Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max and Netflix.

Other landmark Avalon shows include BAFTA winning and multi Emmy nominated Catastrophe (Amazon Prime Video/Channel 4), Fantasy Football League (BBC/ITV), multi BAFTA-winning TV Burp (ITV), and Workaholics (Comedy Central USA). Avalon also distributes its catalogue of programmes to over 150 countries worldwide. Avalon has produced many globally successful podcasts and is at the top of the UK iTunes chart with the multi-award-winning Shagged. Married. Annoyed by Chris and Rosie Ramsey.

As a leading promoter of live comedy, Avalon produced Newman and Baddiel: Live at Wembley, the UK's first arena comedy show; Jerry Springer: The Opera, the first West End show to win all four UK 'Best New Musical' awards; and has continued to produce and promote live shows globally, as well as promoting more winners and nominees of the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Award than any other company.

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