

Hotel pleased with pet award

HATFIELD Heath's Down Hall Country House Hotel was presented with the AA Pet Friendly Hotel Award for 2006/7 on Monday March 12.

The hotel beat over 700 others from across the UK to take the honour which recognised that Down Hall is particularly welcoming to pet dogs and their owners.

The AA's Sandie De-Rougemont presented the award to Simon Scarborough, group operations director and

Sean Quinney, the hotel's general manager.

Secret AA inspectors road tested hotel facilities for guests with dogs before deciding on a winner.

Down Hall, set in 100 acres of private gardens, was one of the first hotels in Herts to offer dog owners the chance to take their pooches with them on holiday.

Guests who arrive at the Matching Road hotel with their canine friends receive a doggy pack containing

their own bowl and a variety of treats, together with a list of canine dos and don'ts, on arrival. They dogs are also able to sleep in the same room as their owners.

Mr Scarborough said: "To beat 700 other hotels to win this award is amazing. We have put in a lot of effort into creating a quality experience for all our guests, including those with dogs."

For more information on Down Hall and rates visit www.downhall.co.uk



The AA's Sandie De-Rougemont (second left) presents the award to hotel general manager Sean Quinney, his assistant Hazel Howson and group operations director Simon Scarborough

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