

FLASH: MASTIFFS

Good news for the dog world. Four mastiff puppies have survived of a litter of eight born in Kent. Sally, the proud mother, is to be congratulated on doing her part to ^{save} ~~prevent~~ the noble breed from threatened extinction.

The arrival of these pups, three male, one female, raises the hope that the breed won't die out. But it's tough and ~~go. Only Sally and her sister~~

go. Sally and her sister are the only lady mastiffs in the country young enough to ^{or puppies} ~~breed~~. Let's hope ~~that~~ ^{7 fine} ~~breed,~~ ~~Mastiffs~~, known in Britain since Roman times, will weather the crisis.