



# Team Fido

## THE MONGOL RALLY 2007

### WHAT IS THE MONGOL RALLY?

In a nutshell, the Mongol Rally involves travelling a third of the way around the earth, from London to Mongolia in car with an engine no greater than 1 litre.

Starting from London on 21 July 2007, the rally finishes in the Mongolian capital, Ulaanbaatar, around three weeks and approximately 10,000 miles later.

[www.mongolrally.com](http://www.mongolrally.com)



### WHY PARTICIPATE?

"The world is just a little bit too safe. Gone are the days where the edge of the map called you forth to discover what lay beyond - satellite maps and GPS have it laid out before you leave the armchair.

Imagine yourself in the middle of the gargantuan Kazakh desert, your car slowly being shredded by the dirt track your map says is a motorway, completely lost hundreds of miles from civilisation with no back up crew to rescue you. Just you, your wits, your increasingly brown pants, a car that the laws of physics say shouldn't have got you past Peckham Rye and a slightly angry looking man with a gun.

We can't guarantee your arrival at the finish line, or your safety."

### WHO ARE WE?

**Team Fido** comprises Toby Fry and Dan Marsh, two West Country lads who met 2 years ago at Southampton University where they are currently studying.



**Toby, 24** I am currently studying for a degree in mechanical engineering, having already completed an engineering apprenticeship at AugustaWestland in Yeovil.

I grew up in Somerset and rarely ventured any further than France for holidays. The rally offered an ideal opportunity to travel 1/3 way around the world and experience life from a different perspective whilst raising money for charity.

As a regular competitor in off-road driving competitions I am used to reading terrain as well as repairing vehicles with limited tools and spares. Should my engineering skills fail us, I'm hoping that we will be able to repair anything on the car with cable ties, Gaffer tape, bits of string or anything that we can find lying in the road!

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The Mongol Rally isn't just about adventure, it's also about raising huge sacks of cash for some great charities. Each team embarking on the Rally commits to raising a minimum of £1000 for the Rally charities.

To find out more, read over.....



**Dan, 20** Dorchester born and bred, I am in my third year of a Master of Geophysics degree. A keen skier, hockey player and climber I am always keen to try something new and adventurous.

Having never done the traveling thing that so many young people do in their gap year, I thought I could combine my own bit of adventuring with raising loads of cash for deserving charities. I have little mechanical knowledge, but I can drive, read a map and during my time as a student have developed excellent blagging skills to extricate myself from sticky situations.

I am incredibly excited about the prospect of this challenge, whilst maintaining a healthy respect for just how extreme it actually is.

## THE CHARITIES - OUR COMMITMENT

As a participating Team, we have committed to raising a minimum of £1000 for The Mongol Rally Charities. The money raised will be split between Mercy Corps Mongolia (Mongol Rally principle charity) and Send a Cow (our chosen Charity).



Mercy Corps Mongolia supports rural communities to meet their economic and social needs, helping individuals, families and communities to become more self-sufficient, diversified in their production, and better linked to local, regional and national markets. Over the past five years Mercy Corps Mongolia has established a strong reputation across the vast Gobi region, and continues to work with business associations and local organizations to ensure a robust economy that preserves ancient traditions.

[www.mercycorps.org.mn](http://www.mercycorps.org.mn)



Send a Cow provides families with a high milk yield cow. Livestock provide a lasting solution for desperately poor farmers in Africa, enabling them to combat malnutrition with protein-rich milk and earn an income from the sale of the surplus milk. Most families use this to keep their children in school. Very poor people, with little land and few resources receive smaller stock, such as goats, pigs or poultry. Training is provided in animal rearing and sustainable organic farming, and low-cost veterinary services are provided afterwards.

[www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The most immediate way of helping is by financial sponsorship or donation. Any amount, no matter how small, will make a difference - every penny that we raise will help many people far worse off than us.

Cash or cheques, made payable to "Mercy Corps" or "Send a Cow", may be given to either of us or sent to the address below - please remember to complete and enclose the tear off slip. Alternatively, payment may be made via the websites: [www.justgiving.com/teamfido](http://www.justgiving.com/teamfido) (Mercy Corps) or [www.justgiving.com/teamfido1](http://www.justgiving.com/teamfido1) (Send a Cow). Simply log on and follow the on-screen instructions. .

### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Unlike many other participating teams, all money received will go directly to the charities. All expenses incurred will be financed by ourselves. This includes purchase of car, visas, flights home, accommodation, food, fuel etc.

We will be grateful for any support - be it financial or 'in kind' - no matter how small.

In return, you will have the privilege of having your company name displayed prominently on the car to be seen all the way from Hyde Park to Ulaanbaatar! You will also be mentioned in the newsletters produced monthly between now and the start of the rally and weekly during Rally keeping you updated on Team progress. The newsletters will be circulated far and wide!

### CONTACT US ON

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Name	Full <b>Home</b> Address incl postcode <small>(home address necessary for gift aid)</small>	Date Given	Amount £	Gift Aid ✓
Please indicate which charity you wish to support		Send a Cow <input type="checkbox"/>		
		Mercy Corps <input type="checkbox"/>		
<small>We who have given our names and addresses above, and who have ticked the box entitled 'gift aid' want the above charities to reclaim tax on the donation detailed above given on the date shown. We understand that we must be paying an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax deducted on this donation.</small>				