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Mosaic could help in bid to find Nemo

A Folkestone artist is designing a mosaic of a couple's lost dog in the hope it will help trigger people's memories and find their pet.

Kate Curl and Rudolf Kremers, who work at Retrotech in The Old High Street, lost their beloved Podenco crossbreed Nemo while he was being walked by dog-trainers in Mersham six weeks ago.

Since then there have been a couple of sightings but, despite putting up posters and registering him missing with the council dog warden, there has been little trace of the four-year-old.

However, they have now asked Jo Letchford, who runs her own mosaics shop across the road, to try her talents at creating something memorable which people would recognise.



Jo said: "Kate and Rudolf gave me some photos to use, including from Nemo's pet passport.

"There was even a sighting of him on the day I drew the outline.

"It's a Roman mosaic and I've the job of trying to put the dog in a traditional pose. There are specific colours to be put in place, based on the pictures I have.

"It's still being worked on and the whole process takes about six to eight weeks. I have a cat, so I can understand how devastating losing a pet can be."

Rudolf and Kate rescued Nemo from a shelter in Spain and spent a year getting the paperwork together before he could join them in Folkestone.

After another year he was finally learning to trust humans again before he went missing at the end of June, sparking a frantic search.

Rudolf said his disappearance was like losing a member of the family.

He said: "We spent a year getting his confidence up so he would trust us. There's a lot of emotional intensity involved, it takes over your life.

"Another time when we went away we left Nemo in a dog home. When we came back he didn't recognise us until he was close enough to smell us."

Rudolf has since fitted an innovative GPS-tracker to one of his other dogs and will shortly start delivering some 2,500 leaflets with Nemo's likeness and contact details.

The mosaic is on display at Jo Letchford Mosaics in The Old High Street.

• Anyone who has seen Nemo, who has a brown coat with white paws, can call either Rudolf on 07904 698347 or Kate on 07816 831717.

There is a reward for his discovery, strictly guaranteed by insurance.

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