

Hugh's magnificent marathons



Multiple marathon man Hugh Williams-Preece arrived in Trafalgar Square, London after completing the final leg of his 50 in 50 challenge. He was cheered home by friends and family, and Marie Curie staff and volunteers.

Hugh, who hopes to raise £50,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care, had already completed 49 marathons on consecutive days. He started his run in Lisbon, Portugal, on March 3, and crossed Northern Spain, through Bordeaux, around Paris, and then ran up from Brighton to London.

Running with him on the final leg was Marathon Dog, AKA Jack Russell Stripper. They were joined by students from Dragon School for the final two miles in Hyde Park.

Hugh said: "As business started to dry up due to the

recession I decided to do something for a good cause and pondered 'running home' from my in-laws in Portugal. It's been tough: I've been bitten by a dog, chased by a lady with a rake and twice set off in the wrong direction. But it was all worth it. I'm hoping I'll raise £50,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care."

"Ninety per cent of the challenge was mental and I think the fact that I genuinely enjoyed it, apart from a handful of days, I think that sort of positive approach meant that it was never really a chore or a trial to actually get through each day."

Hugh covered a total of 1,310 miles and has so far raised £33,000.

Right: Hugh Williams-Preece and marathon dog Stripper reach the end of their epic run