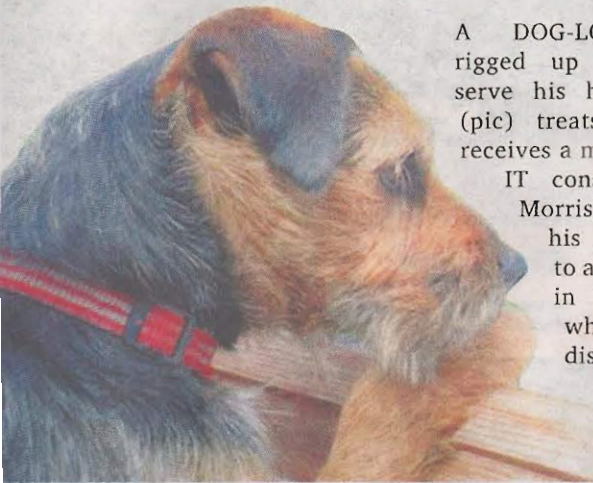


@FeedToby: Twitter hook-up brings dog biscuit treats for Toby the terrier



A DOG-LOVER has rigged up Twitter to serve his hound Toby (pic) treats when he receives a message.

IT consultant Nat Morris, 30, hooked his account up to a contraption in his kitchen which will dispense dog biscuits when

someone tweets "feed" to the account @FeedToby.

Like a 21st century version of a *Wallace and Gromit* or *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* invention, when a message is received a computer automatically starts a motor connected to the feeder.

A trap door opens to release a dog biscuit into Toby's bowl.

And the dinner bell is also sounded for the

border terrier as a buzzer goes off whenever he gets a treat.

Toby's fans can see him enjoying his snack as the system is also linked to a camera which tweets a picture with an @message to the person who 'fed' Toby.

But even if "feed" starts trending worldwide on the social network Toby should not end up overfed.

Morris, from Milford

Haven in Wales, UK, has put an automatic limiter on his pet's treats.

The system ensures a biscuit is not dispensed less than 15 minutes after the last one.

The automatic feeder is also switched off overnight to allow the dog and his owner some rest.

If a feed message appears outside that time, Twitter fans receive an automatic reply saying:

"Sorry Toby can only be fed between 09:00 and 21:00 GMT, he's probably still asleep now."

Morris said: "People have been sending him food at all hours of the day, so I had to limit it to during waking hours.

"Toby absolutely loves it. At first he didn't know what was going on. Now he sits underneath, wagging his tail and waiting for the treats to drop."

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