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## Life after a transplant—and a dog

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Alex Hannard said that one of the best things about undergoing a bone marrow transplantation for chronic granulomatous

disorder was being able to go to playgrounds, especially those covered with bark chips. “They’re the best playgrounds. They have those really big swings and climbing frames that I love,” he said.

Alex had his transplant when he was 9 years old. Now 12, he has ambitions of becoming a world leading geneticist to find a cure for conditions similar to his.

This photograph of Alex with his dog Maximus by the photographer Stephen Pennells is included in a booklet about the experiences of people who have received a transplant. Maximus was a birthday gift after his operation.

The booklet is produced by the UK charity Anthony Nolan ([www.anthonynolan.org](http://www.anthonynolan.org)), which was set up in 1974 to match donors with patients who need a stem cell or bone marrow transplant.

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