



What an *adventure!*

An Ecclestone family dog who is recovering from a life-threatening illness has been immortalised in a children's book.

Nell, a springer spaniel, went from being a healthy dog to being just hours from death within just two days. Now on the mend, her owners Pauline and daughter Laura Davies have put pen to paper in *The Adventures of Little Nell*.

Pauline said: "We first had the idea a couple of years ago while watching Nell playing and after talking about it for a few months decided to go ahead. In the story, Nell goes on magical adventures but during the process of trying to get the book printed the real Nell went from being a perfectly healthy dog to taking ill with a life threatening disease. She was rushed to a pet hospital in Manchester where we were told to prepare for the worst. She had three blood transfusions and things were not looking good, but thanks to the amazing team at the hospital she gradually started to pull through.

"At one point we thought we would have to abandon the idea of the book because we couldn't face going through with the project if Nell was no

longer here. It was a really hard and upsetting time. She is now home and although still on medication which we are gradually reducing, she is doing well.

There is still a

danger once the medication is stopped that she could relapse but we are hoping that everything will be OK. Now that she is on the mend we have decided to go ahead with the book and we are planning to launch it in time for Christmas. After everything that has happened we have decided to dedicate the book to the hospital team who saved her life."

The book is £5.99 and will be on sale at Inglenook Farm, Rainford Bypass, on the weekend of December 9 and 10. People can also email if they would like more information or to place an order - pauline@littlenellonline.co.uk or laura@littlenellonline.co.uk

