A Message from John Leeson

Picture the scene, Tom Baker is invited to dinner at our house, by which time in the evening our seven-year-old son Guy was already in bed, though wide awake. Tom insisted on going up to see him in order to read him a bedtime story, so my wife Judy took Tom upstairs to his room and I dare say Guy heard the best bedtime story he'd ever had in his life! The following day after school Judy asked him if he'd told his school friends about 'Doctor Who' coming over for dinner? 'No', he said. 'They think I'm silly and that I think my daddy is K9, and that Doctor Who comes to dinner".

I find it quite extraordinary that I have played K9 on and off since the last century… 1977 to be exact – in other words from when David Tennant was only six… and Matt Smith hadn't yet been born! Let's face it, the character had been written in for a single storyline only – The Invisible Enemy – and here I am today, still voicing K9 for Big Finish and other companies' audio CDs, or making personal appearances all over the place – even worldwide. The air miles – the expense… the thought of it!

So we've just had 50 years of Doctor Who which from its relatively flickering beginnings in black and white back in 1964 is now – arguably the biggest drama 'property' the BBC has got. I am told that the anniversary episode shown before Christmas 2013 went out to no fewer than 96 countries worldwide, with an audience overall of 77 million, and it is not hard to point to the factors that have led to the series' phenomenal success: The premise that its central character the Doctor can regenerate, plus a host of imaginative and inventive scripts that have been wonderful trampolines for the series' many actors to bounce on… and, don't forget, everything you hear onscreen starts with the hugely important basis of a scripted storyline.

The enforced gap of Doctor Who being off the air for fifteen years or so has been revelatory too – giving the series a new and vibrant impetus for the 21st century. Gone today, of course, are the homespun woolly-knitted monsters whose onscreen physicality used to keep us all 'behind the sofa' – anyone remember Planet of the Spiders? Would you believe that only last week I was recording the voice of the evil prawn-like monster The Virus of the Swarm – a part I played in 1977 in The Invisible Enemy alongside my very first outing as K9 – in a specially written script for a new audio CD.

Today, of course, digital technology and computer graphics are a commonplace in film and television and, I am sure, will keep us visually amazed well into the future…

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RADIO CONTROLLED
K9 MkII

K9 is a mobile computer in the shape of a dog constructed by Professor Marius of a medical foundation to be a companion for him whilst in deep space. K9 is both a huge database and has defensive capabilities being equipped with a retractable laser in his nose which can be set to stun or kill. He can integrate with virtually any computer system including the TARDIS and has been responsible for getting the Doctor out of many a tricky and dangerous situation.

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1 X RC CONTROLLER

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OVERVIEW OF THE CONTROLLER
THE K9 CONTROL UNIT HAS MOVEMENT CONTROL STICKS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT, PLUS FIVE SMALL BUTTONS TO ACTIVATE ITS VOICE AND SFX.

OPERATING K9
TURN K9 ON VIA THE SWITCH ON HIS DETAIL PANEL AND DO THE SAME FOR THE CONTROLLER VIA THE SWITCH ON ITS BASE. YOUR K9 IS SIMPLE TO OPERATE. THE MOVEMENT IS CONTROLLED BY THE TWO CONTROL STICKS ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT. (SEE FIG 3.)

TO MAKE K9 MOVE STRAIGHT AHEAD, PUSH FORWARD ON BOTH STICKS. TO MOVE STRAIGHT BACKWARDS, PULL BOTH STICKS BACK. TO MOVE K9 LEFT, SIMPLY PUSH ONLY ON THE RIGHT-HAND STICK AND, SIMILARLY, ON THE LEFT STICK TO TURN RIGHT. BY USING A COMBINATION OF THE LEFT- AND RIGHT-HAND STICKS, YOU WILL VERY QUICKLY BE ABLE TO MOVE K9 AROUND IN ANY DIRECTION. THE MOVEMENT IS VERY AUTHENTIC AND VERSATILE ALLOWING FOR 360 DEGREE TURNING WHILE VIRTUALLY STANDING STILL OR WIDER MOVEMENT PATTERNS.

INSTALLING BATTERIES
YOUR K9 REQUIRES 4 x AA-TYPE BATTERIES TO OPERATE, AND THE CONTROL UNIT REQUIRES 1 x 9V BATTERY. (THE 4 x AA BATTERIES THAT COME WITH K9 ARE FOR "TRY ME"/DEMO PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY SOON NEED REPLACING.) WHEN FIRST OPERATING K9, MAKE SURE TO INSTALL FRESH, NEW BATTERIES RIGHT FROM THE START AS THIS WILL GIVE YOU THE BEST PERFORMANCE. INSTALL THE BATTERIES INTO THE BASE OF K9 AND REAR OF THE CONTROLLER AS SHOWN (FIG. 1) ENSURING THE CORRECT POLARITY. SHOULD K9 FAIL TO OPERATE CHECK THAT THE BATTERIES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED CORRECTLY.

AUTOMATED K9 FEATURES
K9 HAS THREE AUTOMATED FEATURES BUILT-IN:
• "TRY ME" MODE – K9 SHIPS WITH A BUILT IN FEATURE TO DEMONSTRATE IT'S SOUND AND LIGHTS WHILST IN PACK AND IS ACTIVATED BY PRESSING A SWITCH IN THE DETAIL PANEL. TO SET K9 TO NORMAL PLAY MODE, SLIDE THE SWITCH TO THE 'ON' POSITION.

• ILLUMINATED EYE, BACK AND DETAIL PANEL LIGHTS – WHEN SWITCHED ON, K9'S EYE WILL AUTOMATICALLY LIGHT UP AND STAY LIT UNTIL SWITCHED OFF. THIS IS A GOOD INDICATOR AS TO WHETHER THE BATTERIES ARE CORRECTLY INSTALLED AND WHETHER THE POWER IS ON. IF K9 MOVES NORMALLY, BUT THE EYE IS NOT ILLUMINATED, OR IS WEAK CHECK THE BATTERIES (SEE TROUBLESHOOTING ON BACK PAGE.)

• AUTO EAR ROTATION – K9'S EARS AUTOMATICALLY MOVE AS HE MOVES ABOUT. DO NOT TRY TO FORCE K9'S EARS TO TURN MANUALLY, AS IT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO K9.

OVERVIEW OF K9
K9 IS A RADIO-CONTROL DEVICE WITH 360 DEGREE MOVEMENT, BACK LIGHTS AND BUTTON-ACTIVATED SPEECH. IT HAS LIGHT UP EYE, BACK AND DETAIL PANEL LIGHTS AND A REMOVABLE 'SERVICE' PANEL.

THE 'SERVICE' PANEL
K9 HAS A REMOVABLE/REPLACEABLE 'SERVICE' PANEL. THIS ALLOWS THE DOCTOR ACCESS TO WORK ON HIS INNER MECHANISM IN THE TV SHOW. HOWEVER ON YOUR R/C K9 IT IS JUST A 'DETAIL' MODEL PANEL WITH LIGHTS. IT DOES HOWEVER GIVE ACCESS TO THE 'TRY ME' AND ON/OFF SWITCHES. (SEE FIG. 4).

TO REPLACE THE 'SERVICE PANEL' SIMPLY PLACE THE TWO LUGS ON THE BASE OF THE SERVICE PANEL INTO THE TWO SLOTS AT THE BASE OF THE 'DETAIL' PANEL. THEN PUSH THE TOP OF THE 'SERVICE' PANEL INWARDS UNTIL IT CATCHES. PUSH ON THE CATCH AREA AND THE CATCH 'GRIPS' THE TOP OF THE PANEL AND CLOSES IT FLUSH.

TO REMOVE THE PANEL SIMPLY PRESS ON THE TOP CENTRE OF THE 'SERVICE' PANEL TO RELEASE THE CATCH AND REMOVE THE 'SERVICE' PANEL.

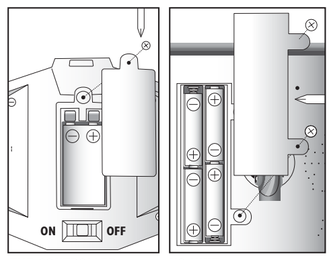
K9 VOICE CONTROL
THERE ARE A SERIES OF 4 VOICE CONTROL BUTTONS RUNNING TOP TO BOTTOM ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE CONTROLLER. BELOW THIS IS THE BLASTER EXTEND AND RETRACT CONTROL AND SFX BUTTON (SEE FIG. 2).

• A ROUGH GUIDE TO K9 PHRASES AVAILABLE TO PLAY ARE SHOWN ON THE LABEL NEXT TO EACH OF THE BUTTONS. TO ACTIVATE K9'S VOICE AT ANY POINT, SIMPLY PRESS THE DESIRED BUTTON TO HEAR THE SPEECH. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ONLY FOUR BUTTONS, THERE ARE 8 BUILT-IN PHRASES AS ALL FOUR SPEECH BUTTONS HAVE ROTATING SPEECH. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WILL GET AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PHRASE WHEN YOU PRESS THESE SAME BUTTONS SEVERAL TIMES.

NOTE: THE BLASTER EXTEND/RETRACT BUTTON WILL ONLY WORK WHEN THE K9 IS STATIONERY.

• BLASTER EXTEND RETRACT. TO OPERATE THE BLASTER EXTEND AND RETRACT FUNCTION K9 MUST BE STATIONERY. MOVE K9 TO WHERE YOU WANT HIM. PRESS THE BLASTER EXTEND/RETRACT/SFX BUTTON ONCE TO EXTEND THE BLASTER. PRESS ONCE MORE TO HEAR K9'S LASER GUN/BLASTER EFFECT. THEN ONCE MORE TO RETRACT THE BLASTER. K9 CAN NOW MOVE.

NOTE: K9 WILL NOT MOVE WHEN THE BLASTER IS EXTENDED. RETRACT THE BLASTER TO MOVE HIM NORMALLY.



THE CONTROLLER K9 UNIT

FIG. 1. BATTERY REPLACEMENT

LOOKING AFTER YOUR K9
THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR RADIO CONTROL K9:

• TRY NOT TO SUBJECT K9 TO SHARP KNOCKS.
• DO NOT CARRY K9 BY ITS TAIL, GUN OR HEAD ONLY. THEY MAY BE DAMAGED.
• CLEAN THE EXTERIOR OF K9 WITH A DAMP CLOTH ONLY.
• CARRY BY HOLDING AND SUPPORTING K9'S BASE.
• SWITCH OFF CONTROLLER AND K9 AFTER USE TO CONSERVE BATTERY LIFE.
• CHANGE BATTERIES WHEN THEY GET WEAK.
• REMOVE BATTERIES FROM BOTH THE CONTROLLER AND K9 BEFORE LONG PERIODS OF STORAGE.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT DROP THIS PRODUCT AS IT MAY GET DAMAGED. HANDLE WITH CARE!

REMOVE 'SERVICE' PANEL TO REVEAL THE TRY ME/ON/OFF SWITCH ON THE LOWER LEFT HAND SIDE. (FIG. 4.)

NOTE: AN EARLIER EDITION OF THE REMOTE CONTROL K9 HAD AN ANTENNA ON THE CONTROL UNIT. THIS VERSION OF K9 DOES NOT REQUIRE AN ANTENNA.

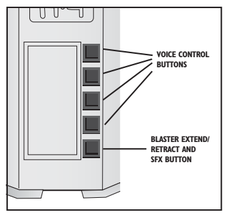


FIG. 2. BUTTON FUNCTIONS

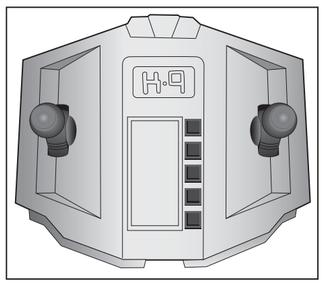


FIG. 3. OPERATING THE CONTROLLER

TO MAKE K9 MOVE:
STRAIGHT AHEAD – PUSH FORWARD ON BOTH STICKS.
BACKWARDS – PULL BOTH STICKS BACK.
LEFT – PUSH RIGHT STICK FORWARD.
RIGHT – PUSH LEFT STICK FORWARD.
SPIN CLOCKWISE – PUSH LEFT STICK, PULL RIGHT STICK.
SPIN COUNTER-CLOCKWISE – PUSH RIGHT STICK, PULL LEFT STICK.

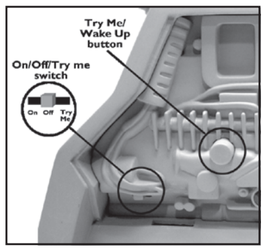


FIG. 4. TRY ME BUTTON AND ON/OFF SWITCH.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
K9 EAR/EARS NOT MOVING.	CHECK BATTERIES. ENSURE LASER IS RETRACTED INTO HEAD (K9 WILL NOT MOVE UNTIL LASER IS RETRACTED)
K9 EAR/S NOT MOVING BUT TOY IS MOVING.	ENSURE EAR IS CORRECTLY LOCATED IN EAR SOCKET IF NOT GENTLY PUSH BACK INTO PLACE. CHECK FUNCTION BY USING CONTROLLER.
K9 EAR/S BECOME DETATCHED.	CORRECTLY LOCATE EAR INTO SOCKET GENTLY AND PUSH BACK INTO PLACE. CHECK FUNCTION BY USING CONTROLLER.
K9 MOVES JERKILY OR INTERMITTENTLY.	BATTERIES WEAK IN CONTROLLER. REPLACE.
K9 MOVES VERY SLUGGISHLY AND EYE IS DIM.	BATTERIES WEAK IN K9. REPLACE. K9 IS TOO FAR FROM CONTROLLER (20 METRES).
K9 SOUND IS QUIET OR CRACKLY.	BATTERIES WEAK. REPLACE.

TIPS & TRICKS
SLEEP MODE
IF NO KEYS ARE PRESSED ON THE CONTROL UNIT FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES, THE K-9 WILL POWER DOWN.

TO WAKE K9, SWITCH HIM OFF AND ON AGAIN OR PRESS THE "TRY ME" BUTTON ONCE. THE SLEEP MODE ONLY AFFECTS K9. THE CONTROL UNIT MUST BE SWITCHED OFF BY THE USER.

STRAIGHTENING K9'S TAIL.
IF YOU STORE K9 IN A CRAMPED SPACE OR LEANING UP AGAINST SOMETHING HE MAY END UP WITH A BENT TAIL. STRAIGHTENING HIS TAIL IS EASY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET AN ADULT TO DO THIS FOR YOU. GET A TALL MUG OR CUP AND FILL IT WITH VERY HOT (BUT NOT BOILING) WATER. DIP K9'S TAIL INTO THE WATER TO A DEPTH THAT GOES PAST THE BENT PART. THE TAIL WILL SOFTEN UP AND CAN BE STRAIGHTENED UP EASILY. ONCE STRAIGHT ALLOW TO COOL OR RUN UNDER A COLD TAP. DRY THE TAIL THOROUGHLY. K9'S TAIL IS NOW OK.

NOTE: ENSURE ONLY THE TAIL GETS HEATED AND WET OTHERWISE DAMAGE MAY OCCUR TO K9.

TROUBLESHOOTING & SAFETY
NOTE: OPERATION PERFORMANCE MAY BE AFFECTED BY SURROUNDING STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT. THE USER SHOULD NOT CHANGE OR MODIFY THE EQUIPMENT, AS TAMPERING - WILL VOID THE USER'S AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT.

THE PRODUCT PERFORMANCE WILL BE DEGRADED UNDER A STRONG RF FIELD. APPROXIMATE OPERATING RANGE IS 10 METRES INDOORS AND 20 METRES OUTDOORS.

IMPORTANT NOTE: TWO TOYS HAVING THE SAME FREQUENCY WILL INTERFERE WITH EACH OTHER IF RUN TOGETHER.

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
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