

## BULLETIN 65 – April 2009

Dear Members and Friends

This is the usual brief April Bulletin one of the main purposes of which is to enclose a copy of the **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** for the year ended 31 December 2008. Please let me know if you have any questions about this document or any aspect of the Trust's work. .

Our **COMPANION DOG SHOW** will take place in Queens Park, Glasgow (Victoria Road gate) on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. You will recall that, unfortunately, the last two shows have had to be cancelled. In 2007 it was because of atrocious weather and last year there was that shocking murder in Queens Park that caused the park to be closed for two weeks whilst police investigations were carried out. We are hoping for better luck this year and we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Entries are taken on the day from 10.30am. Pedigree classes will be judged by **Karen Dalglish** who, I am sure, will draw a super entry. Judging of Pedigree and Obedience classes starts at 11.30am. Show Manager and Trustee, **JOHN STEAD** will be delighted to hear from anyone able to help with the setting up of the show first thing in the morning. John's telephone number is 01436 675381.

We hope to have our two Patrons with us, **LESLEY FITZ-SIMONS** and **ROSEMARY LONG**, and as always we will be inviting Glasgow's Lord Provost, or a senior Bailie, to present the trophies.

Our very good friends from **KIRKINTILLOCH & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING CLUB** will again be giving demonstrations of Agility Work and the very exciting Flyball during the day.

In the middle of the afternoon we will have our usual **THERAPET PARADE**. This is an ideal opportunity to publicise the **THERAPET SERVICE** and at the same time pay a public tribute to so many of you and your dogs who bring much happiness to very many people in all parts of Scotland. It is hoped to have the parade around 3.00 pm, but this always depends on how the timings of the other events work out, it could be a little earlier or a little later so we ask for your forbearance if it is not exactly on time. We hope that as many of our Volunteers will come along with their Therapets to participate in the Parade. A form is enclosed and I would be grateful if you would make sure it reaches me here at least **A WEEK BEFORE THE SHOW** so I can make out the running order and commentary beforehand.

As is customary, we are again organising a **PRIZE DRAW** this year and some tickets are enclosed, with no obligation whatsoever, although we hope as many as possible will be sold as the Draw is an important part of our annual fund raising effort. We are grateful to all donors of prizes, and sellers and buyers of tickets! Many more books of tickets are here if required – please let me know. The draw will be made at the Companion Dog Show on 7<sup>th</sup> June so please return the ticket stubs well before then. For the last two years the draws have had to be postponed because the show has been cancelled. The draws were subsequently made at the annual meeting of Trustees and Area Representatives in Perth. Should the unthinkable happen and the show is cancelled the draw will be made at the Perth meeting which this year will be on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**MEMBERSHIPS** became due on 1<sup>st</sup> January and a great many of you have already renewed and we are extremely grateful for the large number of donations that accompany the membership fees. For those of you who have perhaps forgotten to renew this year so far, a pink reminder slip is enclosed. If you have recently paid, or if I have put in a reminder slip in error, please ignore this plea to renew! For Therapet Volunteers it is important that memberships are up to date, not least from the insurance angle.

The August Bulletin will include news and stories about the **THERAPET SERVICE** and the **Therapets** themselves. Please send me news of your Therapet visiting and the exploits of your Therapets.

Sadly, however, a number of Therapets have died since the last bulletin:-

“**DENZEL**”, Pauline Fraser’s Labrador  
“**HERON**”, Inez Wood’s Shetland Sheepdog  
“**LOCH**”, Heather Olsen’s Cross Breed  
“**MONTY**”, Maureen Hill’s Flat Coated Retriever.  
“**NINA**”, Moira Steel’s Labrador  
“**SAM**”, Margaret Campbell’s Spaniel/Retriever Cross  
“**SCAMP**”, Bruce McKenzie’s Labrador/Collie Cross  
“**TESSA**”, Vivien Moen’s Golden Retriever/Irish Setter Cross

We send our sympathies to all of you who have lost your much loved pets and we also send our thanks for your participation with them in such a worthwhile service.

If you are attending **SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB’s** Championship Show in May at Ingliston please call in to the CCST Tent where Trustee **JAMES MACDONALD** and his helpers will be pleased to see you.

With best wishes  
Yours sincerely

**Nick Henley Price**  
Administrator, Secretary & Treasurer