

BULLETIN 62 – April 2008

Dear Members and Friends

The 27th April 2008 is the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of Canine Concern Scotland Trust and throughout the period **Marjorie** has been at the helm and has done wonderful work. Alas her continuing poor health has meant that she has been unable to attend the various functions over the last year and has also been unable to attend the meetings of the Trustees. Very reluctantly, and sadly, Marjorie has decided to retire from her position as Chair of the Trustees and also to retire as a Trustee. She submitted a letter to this effect to the Trustees when they met on 13 April 2008.

I am pleased to tell you that the Trustees unanimously agreed to appoint **George Leslie** as Chairman in place of Marjorie. George has been a Trustee since 1990, he is very committed to the work of the Trust and will be a very worthy replacement for Marjorie.

At their meeting on 13 April the Trustees decided that Marjorie should be appointed the first Honorary Life President of the Trust and the legal documentation to give effect to this is in course of preparation.

Marjorie's retirement also left a vacancy on the Board of Trustees and the Trustees have invited **Douglas Ruthven**, our Area Representative for Edinburgh and the Lothians, to join them as a Trustee and I am delighted to say that Douglas has accepted their invitation. The necessary Deed of Assumption is being prepared.

Marjorie promises to keep in touch the best she can and she will continue to edit the regular bulletins that are sent to you.

One of the main purposes of this brief Bulletin is to enclose a copy of the **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** for the year ended 31 December 2007. I hope that you find this satisfactory reading.

PRIZE DRAW TICKETS are also 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.

Our **COMPANION DOG SHOW** will take place in Queens Park, Glasgow (Victoria Road gate) on Sunday 1st June. You will recall that, unfortunately, last year's show had to be cancelled at the last minute because of atrocious weather. We are hoping for better conditions this year and the Show Management tell me that this year's show will proceed come what may!

Entries are taken on the day from 10.30am. Pedigree classes will be judged by **Karen Dalish** 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 be giving demonstrations of Agility Work and the very exciting Flyball during the day.

And, of course, we shall 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 very 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.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

In the **BORDERS** I am pleased to say that **CAROLINE FOX** has agreed to become an Area Representative to work alongside **CAROLINE MCDERMOTT**. Their respective telephone numbers are 01721 752758 and 01896 752069. And in **AYRSHIRE**, **LINDA WHITBY**, who has been carrying out assessments of potential Therapets for a number of years, has agreed to become our Area Representative. Linda's telephone number is 01294 276838

MEMBERSHIPS became due on 1st 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 THERAPET SCHEME As this is just a brief Bulletin it will be the August bulletin which will contain all the news and stories that we have received from you in recent months.

All good wishes to two and four-legged friends meantime and enjoy the Summer!

Yours sincerely

Nick Henley Price
Administrator, Secretary & Treasurer