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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this we are just a few days away from the 30th anniversary of the creation of Canine Concern Scotland. Recently I received a lovely congratulations card and letter from Tom and Dorothy Wilkins, who are now resident in South Africa. The letter reads:

“Dear Nick

Congratulations to Canine Concern on 30 years of wonderful work. Who could have imagined when yourself and Marjorie started Canine Concern what an organisation it would turn out to be!

What a privilege it was when Spencer was registered as the first Therapet in 1988 and the enjoyment and great pleasure that he and all other Therapets were able to bring to people who maybe never had a pet or had to give up theirs through difficult or unforeseen circumstances.

When Spencer passed on we decided to donate an award in his memory and Marjorie suggested “Therapet of the Year” for all those wonderful dogs who give so much joy and comfort to us all.

We would like to send our good wishes to all the marvellous people at Canine Concern and may they continue the good work...and to you Nick and your Trustees for your much appreciated time over the years.

With much affection and wonderful memories.

**Tom and Dorothy Wilkins and our Cavalier Giorgi
Port Elizabeth, South Africa.”**

Therapet of the Year 2018 will be crowned at our annual **AWARDS LUNCH** which this year will be held on Sunday 25th November in the new venue of The Edinburgh Marriott Hotel, which is on the A8 on the western extremity of Edinburgh and close to the M8, M9, the Edinburgh bypass and even closer to the new Edinburgh Gateway rail station. We hope to make the occasion a celebration of the 30th anniversary. Please put the date in your diaries, and more information about it and the nomination procedure for **Therapet of the Year** will be included in the August Bulletin and on line from the website nearer the time.

At the meeting Trustees on 15th April the Annual Report and Accounts for 2017 were approved and the document is now available on our website at www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk. Clicking on the News/Events tab - Bulletins & Accounts and then scroll down to Report & Accounts 2017. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the document please let the office know and a copy will be posted to you.

The Trust remains in good financial shape and I am pleased to report that in 2017 there was a surplus on the income and expenditure account. During the second half of the year we embarked upon a programme of funding applications to charitable trusts and foundations. This was, and is, continuing to be successful as the accounts demonstrate. As our charity has expanded our core operating costs have increased significantly and a more proactive approach to fundraising has become necessary to supplement the many fundraising activities, generous donations from members and friends and, of course, your membership fees.

Over the years the Trust has been very fortunate in being a beneficiary under the Wills of members and friends and these have helped the Trust build some reserves, which we are able to utilise in years when expenditure exceeds income. Donations and legacies in favour of charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax. If your circumstances permit, please remember the Trust in your Will.

Trustees:

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CEO/Secretary/Treasurer: Nicholas P Henley Price

Whilst on the subject of money **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 accompanied 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 we have put in a reminder slip in error, please accept my apologies! For Therapet Volunteers it is vital that memberships are up to date, not least from the insurance angle.

The **THERAPET SERVICE** continues to thrive with ever increasing demands on our volunteers and their Therapets and, perhaps especially, on our Area Representatives who spend a tremendous amount of their time all of which is given on a voluntary basis. More information on what has been happening will be included in the August Bulletin. I would be grateful if you would send in reports of your Therapet visiting and the exploits of your Therapets by the end of July, preferably in emails or as Word documents.

With regard to our Area Representatives, recently we were very sad to lose **Harry Greig** who has done great work in Perthshire since January 2012. We thank him for his dedication and the many successes he has achieved. We are delighted that, whilst Harry has relinquished his duties as Area Representation, he will be continuing with his personal Therapet visiting. As yet, we have not managed to replace Harry but we are hopeful that one, or possibly more, of our volunteers in Perthshire will be prepared to assist.

Since the January Bulletin we have been informed that the following Therapets have died:-

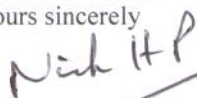
BRODIE – Helen Wilson’s Retriever
CHINA – Irene Taylor’s Golden Retriever
DELILAH – Cat Wilson’s Working Cocker Spaniel
FEBO – Fiona Bradley’s Greyhound
JACK – Catherine Reid’s Airdale Terrier.
JACKSON – Sharon McGregor’s Leonberger
MAX – John Bowman’s Labrador
PEGGY – Glynis Sawyers’ Bernese Mountain Dog
PENNY – Caroline Silver’s Labradoodle
PIXIE – Fionna Ferguson’s Tibetan Spaniel
THAI – David Neill’s Tibetan Terrier
TISH – Joy Kendall’s Labrador
TRUDY – Jean Coke’s Labrador

Our condolences go out to all of you who have lost never to be forgotten pets. Thank you for participating with them in the Therapet Service and for sharing them with so many people. I hope that I have not missed any Therapets but if I have please let the office know.

The **European General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”)** comes into force on 25th May 2018 and for your information and safekeeping a copy of our **Privacy Notice** is enclosed with this bulletin. It is also displayed on our website.

In the January 2018 edition of the Bulletin I mentioned the potential risks involved with Therapets fed on raw meat based diets (“RMBD”). The Trustees have considered the published research on this issue and have taken veterinary advice. The Trustees have also taken into account that the majority of Therapet visits are to vulnerable groups such as the young and the elderly. Additionally the Trust has a number of agreements with NHS Trusts in Scotland and we are aware that RMBD could become an infection control issue with them and with care and nursing homes, hospices and places of education. Accordingly, at their meeting on 15 April 2018, the Trustees decided that, in the interests of safety and trust in the Therapet Service, our policy is to be that Therapets should not be fed on raw meat. The Trustees are very aware that some Therapets are presently fed RMBDs and that switching to alternative diets should be a gradual process. However, it is the Trustees’ intention that by 1 January 2019 all Therapets will be fed on non-RMBDs.

With best wishes.
Yours sincerely



Nick Henley Price

We will be attending the following events:-

Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show – 18th, 19th, & 20th May

Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show – 25th & 26th August

The Dog Lover Show at the Scottish Event Campus, SEC Hall 3, Glasgow - 8th & 9th September