

BULLETIN No. 50 – April 2004

Dear Members and Friends:

“The Spring has sprung, the grass is riz” etc. etc. and herewith the short bulletin to enclose the Annual Report & Accounts, from which you will find that we have had yet another successful year on all fronts! For which we are indebted to all our good friends, helpers and donors, we couldn’t do it without you!

PRIZE DRAW - And also to enclose the dreaded draw books!! No obligation whatsoever but should you find you can use more you need only ring, e-mail or write and these will be forwarded at the drop of a hat. If you are unable to find good homes for those enclosed, simply destroy them. The Prize Draw makes such a difference to the total proceeds from the Show for which expenses rise every year.

OUR COMPANION DOG SHOW will take place as always on the first Sunday in June, i.e. 6th June, in Queens Park, Glasgow, and we shall look forward to the pleasure of your company for what we know will be a great day out for the whole family! Pedigree and Road Safety Obedience entries will be taken from 10.30 am on the day with judging of both starting at 11.30. Pedigree Judge this year is **MRS AGNES WILSON**.

FLYBALL – always so popular – will again feature and there will be a **DAFT DEMO** (Display & Fun Training) by a team from Fife, sounds fun!

Of course we shall include a **THERAPET PARADE** and we hope as many as possible of you from all over Scotland will try to come along to join us. It provides a good opportunity to give a well-deserved round of applause, rosette and doggy-bag to each of these wonderful dogs. A form is enclosed for you to return to the office here so that we can make up the running – or walking! order and commentary.

Celebrity Guests – not finalised yet but Patron **ROSEMARY LONG** is definitely coming and hopefully **LESLEY FITZ-SIMONS** too. Well-known Scottish cartoonist, **MALKY McCORMICK** may also join us along with his lovely new Golden Retriever, it would be great to see him again! The Lord Provost of Glasgow also hopes to attend, but if unable, will arrange for a Bailie to come along and present the trophies on her behalf after the Pedigree Classes around 3 pm.

DONATIONS towards rosettes, the Show generally, or prizes for the tombola would as always be most gratefully received. Plans are proceeding well and all we need now is a fine day (well, you never know!) and you and your dogs!

FATHER JIM PEAT MEMORIAL MEDALS. We have received many thanks from those who have so far applied for one of these (for any dog who has served as a Therapist for five years or more). They really are lovely, we were very pleased with them. Well worth having and I know our very dear Father Jim would be pleased too.

EDINBURGH TRIATHLON: We were absolutely thrilled to learn from member **STUART DEED** of his successful participation in this run which took place on New Year's Day and which he ran for three Charities, one of them being ours, raising the incredible sum of £535 for each. Thank you so very much Stuart, we are so grateful for this terrific result and all your efforts!

AREA REPRESENTATIVES. We were very sad to lose the services of **VERITY POOLE** in Orkney and **IRENE HADLEY** in mid-Argyll, for personal reasons, and would like to thank them for all their hard work on our behalf in the past. This means, of course, that we should be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to take over in these areas. We are also looking for extra help in Tayside where **NORMA MURRAY** feels the need for someone to operate solely in Perth which is a large area. Help is also required in the East Borders as **CAROLINE McDERMOTT** finds she is unable to give as much as is needed – she is willing to remain as a contact until a new rep emerges. So Nick is sitting here waiting for all your calls!

MY BOOK!! Many of you have been in touch as, seemingly, you are interested to know when it is available. It is actually due any day now and I must say I am dying to see it, if a bit scared! For those of you who don't know what it is about, it tells of my very first dog, Boxer "Holly", who started everything for me. I had never had a dog before in my life, in fact was even a bit scared of them. It was, of course, marriage to Nick which changed all that! Holly was the reason behind everything we've tried to do for dogs and the book includes some contributions from Holly herself, not to mention slices from Leo's Log, Matty's Mishaps etc. It is sad and funny by turns and all I can say is if it had not been for Holly you would not be reading this bulletin! The cost - £7 plus £1 postage and packing, form enclosed. It is called "Sprigs of Holly", has lots of photographs, and net proceeds will go to the Trust.

S.K.C. SHOWS: I am now able to confirm that this year's Shows will proceed as usual, except that the May show will take place over three days instead of two, dates being Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May. The August show remains at two days, Saturday 28th/Sunday 29th. As you know, JAMES MACDONALD, bless him, very kindly takes on the organisation and manning of the Trust's stand but is always more than grateful for any help anyone can give, even if just a few hours. Do get in touch with him at 0141-632-4893 if you are able to lend a hand. Nick and I hope to be there for the final day at each Show

As ever, a membership reminder slip is enclosed if you have not already renewed – do hope you will!

All the very best meantime, and have a wonderful summer!

Yours sincerely

Marjorie Henley Price