

## BULLETIN 68 – April 2010

Dear Members and Friends

As usual at this time of year we send you a brief Bulletin along with a copy of the **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** for the year ended 31 December 2009. You will be pleased to read that the Trust continues to be on a very sound financial footing. 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 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June. We have very recently been advised by the Glasgow City Council Land and Environmental Services Department that unfortunately the Council has just received a geological survey report on the Queen's Park and as a result the Department has been informed that the park is no longer to be used for holding events. This is very sad as we have held the show in Queen's Park since 1989. However we will not moving far! The show will take place just round the corner on the **Queen's Park Recreation Ground** which is just off Queen's Drive. It will involve our hard working Committee some even harder work setting up the show and Show Manager, and Trustee, John Stead is looking for as much help as possible from about 8.00am. If you are able to help, or know of someone who will be willing, please contact John on 01436 675381. Every cloud has a silver lining and on this occasion the silver lining is **plenty of free car parking space inside the park next to the show ring!!!**

Pedigree classes will be judged by **Anne Macdonald** who, until recently, was the Convenor of the Scottish Kennel Club. Anne is a championship show judge and has had great success in exhibiting her Salukis.

Entries for the show will be taken on the day from 10.30am and judging of Pedigree and Road Safety Obedience classes starts at 11.30am.

Our two wonderful Patrons, **LESLEY FITZ-SIMONS** and **ROSEMARY LONG**, will be with us and as always we will be inviting Glasgow's Lord Provost, whom failing a senior Bailie, to present the trophies.

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 as possible 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.

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.

As is customary, we are again organising a **PRIZE DRAW** this year and a book of tickets is 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 6<sup>th</sup> June so please return the ticket stubs well before then. If, heaven forbid, the show is cancelled the draw will be made at the meeting of Trustees and Area Representatives in Perth on 17<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 accept my apologies! 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.

I am afraid that, as normal, we record that a number of Therapets have died:-

**Susan Benbow's Border Collie "ISLAY"**  
**Winniefred Cowie's Japanese Chin "JASMINE"**  
**Mr & Mrs Fitzsimmons' Collie/Cross "ROY"**  
**Rosemary Gray's Greyhound "BORIS"**  
**Linda Macdonald's Golden Retriever "FERGUS"**  
**Hamish Munro's Newfoundland "SHADOW"**  
**Elinor Shiel's Labrador "MAX"**  
**Mrs J Scobie's Westie "CORRIE"**

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 the Therapet Service.

**2009 Therapet of the Year, Golden Retriever KYLE**, received some great publicity with a report in "Connections" which is the newspaper for NHS Lothian staff. Owner Elizabeth Hughes had an excellent article about Kyle and the Therapet Service published in the catalogue for the Golden Retriever Club of Scotland's championship show. Runners up, Barbara Whittings Border Collie **KIZZI** and Isobel Cameron's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel **MHAIRI**, also received some super newspaper publicity.

We are close to reaching formal agreements with **NHS Borders** and **NHS Forth Valley** for the supply of Therapet visitors to their hospitals and care homes. We will be looking for even more volunteers to come forward in these areas.

Finally if you are attending **SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB's** Championship Shows in May and August 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