

# CANINE CONCERN SCOTLAND TRUST

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**BULLETIN 80 – April 2014**

Dear Members and Friends,

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Trustees' **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** for the year ended 31 December 2013. 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.

**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 we 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.

Administrator **LESLEY BIRD** has settled in extremely well and is doing a great job. However the work load has proved so much, thanks to the growth in the Therapet Service, that it has proved to be necessary to recruit a second part time Administrator. On 31<sup>st</sup> March we welcomed **NORMA LAWSON HILL** and she is now learning the ropes. Norma writes:-



I'm a mother of two grown up boys and live with my husband and two Tonkinese cats (sisters), Blue Eyes and Green Eyes, in rural East Lothian. What's brought me to Canine Concern Scotland Trust and the Therapet Service? After 13 enjoyable years working in a GP practice, my life-long love of animals of all kinds has drawn me here. As a sponsor of Guide Dogs for The Blind and various other charities I couldn't really think of a better way to spend my working days. Animals have always given me pleasure and support so I know how valuable Therapets' work is for others.

Usually Lesley is in the office in the morning whilst Norma is there in the afternoons. The best time to contact the office is from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. If there is an urgent matter to discuss outside these hours please contact me on 0131 312 8998.

After a few months of frustration our **WEBSITE** [www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk](http://www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk) has been completely revamped and modernised with the very kind assistance of Lisa Pearson who volunteered her help when our previous designer had to withdraw his help because of ill-health. Day-to-day control of the website is now in the hands of the multi-talented **James Macdonald**. Please send suitable material, particularly pictures, to James at [james@bramlynn.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:james@bramlynn.freeseve.co.uk).

## Trustees:

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We now have a stock of **THERAPET BANDANAS** (beautifully modelled on the website by Lesley's Jess!) at a cost of £3.50 each. They come in standard and small sizes. If you would like one for your Therapet please contact Lesley or Norma in the office.

This year our **AWARDS LUNCH** will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the Kaim Park Hotel, Bathgate. 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.

Again this year we will be organising a **PRIZE DRAW** which will be drawn at the Awards Lunch and tickets will be sent out with the August Bulletin. Please support this fund-raising effort. Donations of prizes will be much appreciated. If you are associated with a commercial organisation that may be willing to sponsor a prize please let me know.

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

It is always sad to have to record the death of Therapets, and since the January Bulletin we have been informed that the following have died:-

"**BEN**" David Niven's Border Collie  
"**CULLIN**" Anna Murray's Border Collie  
"**GUINNESS**" Ann & John Mitchell's Labrador  
"**ISLAY**" Ann & John Mitchell's Labrador  
"**KARA**" Jennifer Macanna's Border Collie  
"**KIRSTY**" Andrene Kerr's Chihuahua  
"**LUCCA**" Shirley Duckett's Boxer  
"**LUCY**" Bill & Lyn Surtherland's Labrador  
"**MCGINTY**" Miriam Bunyan's Golden Retriever  
"**MILO**" Alison Lachowshi's Labrador  
"**MILLY**" Jim Buchan's Black Russian Terrier  
"**MISSY**" Dagmar Kerr's Boxer  
"**POPPY**" Julia Shaw's Irish Setter  
"**RAJAH**" Irene England's Saluki/German Shepherd Dog  
"**RUDY**" June Symmon's Whippet

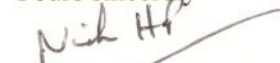
Our sympathies go out to all of you who have lost never to be forgotten pets. I hope that I have not missed any Therapets but if I have please let me know.

As everyone who has joined as Therapet volunteers since 28 February 2011 know we have enrolled them on the **Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme** (the "**PVG SCHEME**"). We are now embarking on the process of asking all active Therapet Volunteers who started before the PVG Scheme commenced to complete application forms. Over the coming months we will be writing to everyone concerned. As I am sure you will appreciate this is a mammoth task and will take some time to complete especially as the number of applications we are allowed to process each month is restricted.

Finally if you are attending **SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB's** Championship Shows in May and August at Ingliston please call into the CCST Tent where Trustees **JAMES MACDONALD** and **DOUGLAS RUTHVEN** and their helpers will be pleased to see you. Please see the website for more details along with information about other events which the Trust will be attending during the year.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



**Nick Henley Price**