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**BULLETIN 89 – May 2017**

Dear Members and Friends,

I am sorry that the April Bulletin has become May this year. This is mainly because the Spring half-yearly meeting of Trustees was later than usual. At the meeting the Annual Report and Accounts for 2016 were approved and the document is now available on our website. You can see it by going to [www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk](http://www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk) and clicking on the News/Events tab - Bulletins & Accounts and then scrolling down to Report & Accounts 2016. If you do not have access to the website but would like to receive a copy of the Report and Accounts please let Lesley and Norma in the office know and they will post a copy to you.

The Trust remains very sound and I am pleased to report that in 2016 there was a small surplus on the income and expenditure account. This was due to a significant legacy received from the estate of Mr John Duncan of Dufftown, Bannffshire. 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.

Whilst on the subject of money **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 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.

At the meeting of Trustees **George Leslie**, who took on the Chairmanship when Marjorie Henley Price retired from the post some nine years ago, announced that he would like to relinquish the role but, very fortunately for us, he indicated his wish to remain a Trustee. The Trustees appointed **Allan Sim** to take the Chair. Allan, who was appointed a Trustee in 2004, is a Chartered Accountant and was Secretary General of the Scottish Kennel Club from 1977 to 2003. He has wide experience in both finance, particularly the charity sector, and dogs, which is a great combination for us!

**John Stead**, who became a member of the Management Committee when the Trust commenced in 1988 and who was appointed a Trustee in 2001, has indicated his retirement from the Board of Trustees. John has made a tremendous contribution to the Trust over the years especially in his management of the highly successful companion dog shows that used to be held in Queens Park in Glasgow. We thank him for this and also for his very constructive work as a Trustee.

**Vivien Moen** has retired from her post as Area Representative after many years of hard and very successful work. We thank her for all that she has done and it is great to know that she will be on hand to give advice to **Margaret Ewing** who has taken over from her. We welcome **Christine Fairgrieve** who has joined **James Macdonald's** team in Greater Glasgow and Strathclyde by becoming Area Representative for Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and North Lanarkshire.

**Trustees:**

I Allan Sim BSc CA,(Chairman), George Leslie BVMS MRCVS, James Macdonald,  
Dr Valerie J Marrian MBChB FRCP FRCPE DCH, Norma Murray, A Douglas Ruthven BEM FRSC,  
Lynsey G Thomson BSc(Hons) OT, Simon W Young BA(Hons) MBA  
**CEO/Secretary/Treasurer: Nicholas P Henley Price**

As I mentioned in the January Bulletin **Pam Courcha** has found it necessary to cease being our Area Representative for Inverness. As yet we have not been able to replace her and therefore, in the meantime, I would ask members in the Inverness area to contact Lesley and Norma in the office when they need help and advice.

The **THERAPET SERVICE** continues to thrive with ever increasing demands on our volunteers and their Therapets especially as our **Paws against Stress** and **Reading with Dogs** programmes are becoming well known. More information on what has been happening will be included in the August Bulletin. I would be grateful if you would send me reports of your Therapet visiting and the exploits of your Therapets by the end of July, preferably in emails or as Word documents.

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

**“CHARLIE” Lesley Robertson’s Border Collie**  
**“DAZ” Angela Smith’s Collie Cross**  
**“HUGO” Yukiko Akazawa’s Labrador**  
**“SAPPHIRE” Margaret Souter’s French Bulldog**  
**“STAR” Gillian Henderson’s Labrador/Retriever Cross**  
**“ZARA” Louise McMillan’s Labrador**  
**“JUDE” Alan McNeish’s Labrador**

Very unfortunately, in the January Bulletin, Alan McNeish’s other dog “Mara” was incorrectly shown as having died. My sincere apologies to Alan for the distress this error caused.

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 me know.

This year our **AWARDS LUNCH** will be held on Sunday 19<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 and on line from the website to download nearer the time.

We will be attending the following events:-

Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show - 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May

Dogs’ Day Out at Glamis - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show - 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August

Please call in to see us and keep an eye on our website for updates.

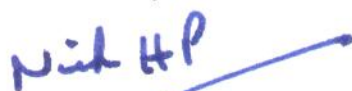
On her membership renewal slip long standing member **Kathleen Brownlie** of Earlston wrote:

**“Thanks to Trustees, Office Staff, Therapet Owners and Organisers for the fantastic work you all do!”**

...and so say I!

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



**Nick Henley Price**