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Dear Friends

Once again, we can report a fantastic response from the recent Pet Expo held for the first time at the revamped Melbourne Show Grounds. All the displays and events were located in close proximity which meant people visiting had the opportunity to experience the entire event.

Our Dandies were on their normal best behaviour. Hinnie, Mollie, Izzi and Posie were their usual cuddly selves and the boys -- Harry, Harvey and Flint – stunned everyone there with their magnificent eyes and heads. The two puppies were a great hit as well. Our helpers were once again excellent and the general comment was that it was great to see people who so obviously loved and enjoyed their animals. What is there not to enjoy about a Dandie?

Many of you are approaching the time where your Dandie is getting old. This can be a hard time, especially when they pass away, but rest assured you are not facing this alone. We do know how hard this time can be and are around if you need to ask any questions. We know how precious your Dandie is!

This brings us to a very interesting and important fact. In the last year there were less than 400 Dandie puppies born worldwide. We would average about 10 a year with only one breeder in this country. This will emphasize how important it is that we take care of our animals, particularly the ones who are used for breeding. Those of you who are caring for stud dogs and breeding bitches are contributing vitally to the ongoing survival of our breed as it is really teetering on the edge of viability. Keep up the good work and thank you.

Now to upcoming events. The Scottish Gathering at Geelong has just occurred with a fun time had by those who attended.

The next local event is the Knox Expo, April 7th at the Knox Park, Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield. Come along with your Dandie and be part of our promotion.

For NSW people, we will have a stand at the Dogs on Show Open Day at Erskine Park Dog Centre on June 15th. We really enjoy it when someone pops in unexpectedly.

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Happy pet pandering

Heather, Rhonda and Jan