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Dear Dandie Friends,

We rejoice with our friends who have literally just received their new puppy. We do hope you enjoy it as much as those of us involved in their upbringing have enjoyed the delights of ripped newspaper, trashed toys, the first mewlings, the day their eyes opened and the first squawky little bark. It is certainly our hope that they will become good doggy citizens and continue to demonstrate how wonderful this breed is.

The good news is that there will probably be more litters during the year so if you are contemplating having a Dandie (or another one) now is the time to get your name on the list!

There is an item of interest that we wish to share with all of you. Two years ago one of our pet owners, Sharene Ervin, passed away. Her Dandie, Tilly, was graciously adopted by her neighbour and friend. Sharene made provision in her will for the future care of Tilly and also left a generous donation for the ongoing support and promotion of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier in Australia. To recognize her graciousness we have decided to dedicate an amount to the continuance of the website, and to acknowledge Sharene as the sponsor of Dandiesinoz.com. We are confident now that we will be able to continue to promote our favourite breed for many years to come and therefore perpetuate Sharene's love of Tilly, a love we all share for our Dandies.

What's on this year?

The Geelong Highland Gathering is the next big event. Details will be on the website as soon as they become available. It is scheduled for Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Deakin University Waurn Ponds Campus.

After that the Knox Expo will be held in April. The venue is changed this year due to reconstruction work on the adjacent ovals at the Knox Dog Park. Again, details will be found on the website once they are available.

As you read, we will be attending the Pet and Animal Expo at the Rose Hill Racecourse in Sydney. If you are in the vicinity and would like to spend a day looking at animals in air conditioned comfort (so we believe) please come by and introduce yourselves. The Dandies will be located at Stand 17.

We are also expecting to have several Dandies entered in the Sydney Royal Show in April.

Obedience is the name of the game for several of our newest puppies so watch out at the Fun Day – Halloween theme – for some challenges!

Enjoy living with your Dandie.

Heather, Rhonda and Jan