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Dear Dandie Friends

Once again we have amazing news about our promotional activities. The Pet Expo in Sydney in February was a remarkable success. The new puppy owners were wonderful in sharing their delight at their little Dandies, the old hands were as usual very supportive and altogether we had a wonderful time. We were placed third in the Pageant of Breeds competition. Check out the website for photos! A huge thank you to all who helped out – those who came up from Melbourne really enjoyed getting to know the Sydney supporters.

The Knox Pet and Animal Expo was held on Sunday 6th April, at the Baseball park in Knoxfield. This was a new venue as the grounds normally used were under reconstruction. The Council outsourced the running of the Expo to a private company and because of changes in the conditions (including public liability insurance requirements) we were unable to procure a stall space. We decided that we would nevertheless ensure a Dandie presence on the day. Special thanks go to Annette and her family and Ronnie (who had been especially brushed up to participate in the promotion), Chris with Tinkerbelle, Karen with Kobus and Jan with Izzi. They walked around, handed out pamphlets and brilliantly presented the breed to the public. It is this willingness of our pet owners to share their enjoyment of our breed that keeps us going with the promotional activities. They all went home, almost immediately to bed, exhausted.

Puppies have gone to their homes, including Zanthi all the way to Albany in New York where she has settled very quickly and already won many hearts. Several more puppies are going to new homes in the coming weeks and we know that you will enjoy them immensely. We do acknowledge the work that those of you with breeding bitches put in, including the family separation for the duration of the whelping period.

NSW Royal Show is happening as we write this, so we wish all participants the best of luck and joy on their breed day. The next event in Victoria will be the Sporting Terrier Club weekend shows over the long weekend, June, when there may be some Dandie entries. Come along if you are interested in watching how to handle your dog for the showring. In NSW the following weekend the Dandies will be represented at the Saturday event at Erskine Park. We will have an information stall as well as several entrants in the Championship show, the Pageant of Breeds and anything else the organizers ask us to participate in.

A reminder to all of you – the web site is looking for more snaps of your Dandie doing what it does best - this is a very broad category. It enables people enquiring to see how versatile our little dogs are. We love to hear from you about your puppies' antics as those of us writing this letter have often had much to do with them growing up.

Remember the Fun Day – Halloween theme – on Sunday October 19th at the usual venue (the Dog Park). We look forward to a not too scary day!

Heather, Rhonda and Jan

PS Dandenong Heritage Day Sunday 25/5/14 An open show for Scottish Breeds. Bring your dog!