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## Dear Dandie Friends

What a wonderful year we have been having! Our Dandies have been out and about making quite a name for themselves. You may remember the excellent showing in Sydney events where a group of our Dandies won third prize in two consecutive gatherings. They were dressed in Scottish costumes with handlers dressed accordingly. We then participated in the Scottish Breeds Dog Club event at the Scottish Heritage Day at Dandenong and won the Breed prize for the day. In addition our Show dogs have been excelling themselves in the show ring so altogether we are very successfully bringing our breed to the attention of the Australian public.

Our highlight so far was the annual Fun Day held on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the State Dog Centre in Victoria. Over70 people (aged from 4 to over 80 years) and more than 35 dogs were present. The theme for this year was Halloween. We hope to get photos on the web site for this event shortly.

Waggiest tails, fastest eaters, egg and eyeball racers all competed. The mummified Dandie event was spectacular – your Dandie being wrapped in toilet paper to resemble a Mummy! Copious amounts of sausages were consumed and the 'bring a plate' table groaned under the weight of Halloween decorated food! The Fancy Dress Parade was a startling event. The amazing ingenuity and creativity of our owners has to be seen to be believed. Dandies tolerating face-covering masks, incredible clothing attached to them, but the highlight had to be Eileen who was dyed green (normally pepper) and her owner, when asked if the colour could be washed out, replied I don't know! We may have a Halloween Dandie for a long time!

Our theme for next year will be **HOLLYWOOD.** Just what will be the result we do not know but your imaginations can run wild with this theme!

The next engagement for Dandies in Oz promotions is the annual **BIG DAY OUT** held at the State Dog Centre in Melbourne on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> commencing at 10.30am This is a day for everyone to come along with their dog, see other breeds, participate in fun competitions and generally enjoy a casual day in the (we hope) sunshine. We will have our usual stand so if you come along please come over and say hullo to us. A brochure detailing this event is enclosed with your newsletter.

We have been advised that some folk have not been receiving their emailed newsletter. If you have received this letter by email please could you send a very brief reply (I got it) to Jan so she can check our contacts. With the increasing cost of postage we are trying to use as many emails as possible to make our funds last!

We can also supply Calendars again – email Jan if you want one - \$10 (+p&h)

Finally, we wish you and your family and friends a very joyous Christmas and trust that 2015 is as good a year if not better than 2014.

Kind Regards

Heather, Rhonda and Jan