CLAN CAIRN TERRIER SCOTLAND NEWSLETTER

### Clan Cairn Dogs' Day Out 2019

CTRF Clan Cairn Dogs' Day out 2019 (Saturday 1st June) is just around the corner!!

Please remember that this year sees a change in venue to Thornton Memorial Park, Thornton, Fife.

It's going to be another brilliant day!

We'll start off with a sponsored walk for CTRF – please do fill out a sponsor form and try to raise as much as you can for this hugely worthy cause. This year CTRF celebrates its 50th anniversary – 50 years of helping cairns in need!

A full program for the day will be available shortly.

Meantime, and just to get you and your small furry friend(s) in the mood, here's a little sneak preview of what you can expect:-

- The famous "sausage catch"
- The even more famous "sausage dash"
- Rally & Obedience
- A variety of dog classes to enter
- Competitions
- Stalls
- Photo opportunities
- Novelty classes

Food and drink will be available and we are very grateful to Burns (Mark will be there!) for sponsoring this event.

You can also look forward to raffles, whisky bowling, a tombola and pin up competition.

So come along and help raise money for CTRF. Join us in this very special 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniverasry celebration.

And - most importantly - catch up with old friends and make lots of new ones!

Corra Irwin





#### Stamps for CTRF

Please remember to bring any used stamps to Cairn Day – all to raise more money for CTRF.

#### **Coppers for Cairns**

Please remember to bring any spare coppers you have to Cairn Day. All money raised will go to CTRF.



#### Venue Change!

Remember that we've changed the venue this year. We won't be at Alva – instead we'll be at Thornton Memorial Park, Thornton, Fife. A map – showing our new location – can be found towards the end of this newsletter.

Seating will be limited, so please bring your own folding chairs!



## Meet Our Cairn Day Judge – CHRIS ROBERTS!

We're really pleased to have Chris judging at this year's Cairn Day, here's a few words from Chris:

I bought my first Cairn Terrier when I was 22 years old, and have never been without one since. I did everything that was wrong, I saw an advertisement in the local newspaper, and I purchased "Kerry" from a farmer!! She lived for 18 years and was the best mouse and rat catcher that we ever had. Both my aunty and my brother were involved with the dog show scene, so together with my husband Phil this is the way we decided to go. Kerry however was no show dog, so we went to Mrs Elsie Banton (Castlecairn), and bought our first 'show' Cairn and named her 'Honey'.

We had only been on the show scene for a couple of years, when I was asked if I would like to become a member of the Cairn Terrier Relief Fund team, and 40 years later here I am!!

Harry Price was the Secretary at the time and Charlie Dixon was the Chairperson. Three years later Harry retired and I was asked if I would be the Secretary/Treasurer, the rest is history.

#### Chris Roberts



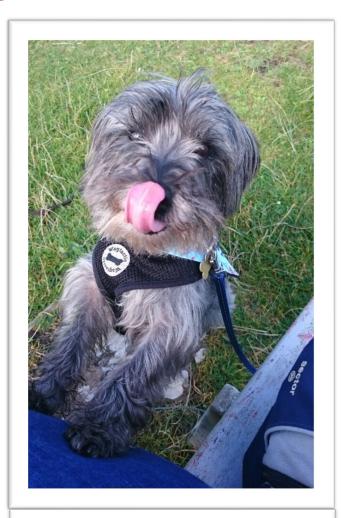
# Meet BUTTONS! Cover-boy of the 2019 CTRF calendar

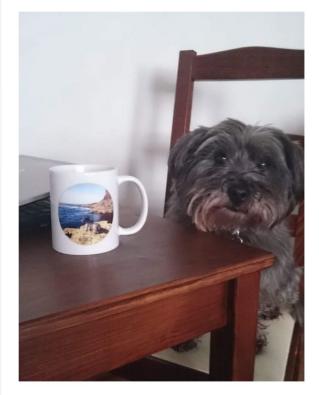
"Hello, Buttons here! CTRF rehomed me nearly two years ago and I made the trip up from Edinburgh to my forever home in the Scottish Highlands with my new owner Emma. Since then I've settled into my new life extremely well. I've had adventures all the way from the East Coast to the West Coast, and even had my first trip on a boat to Mull and Staffa, which is where my calendar picture was taken! I wasn't too sure about the boat at first but trying to steal Emma's sandwich when she wasn't looking made up for it! I've made loads of new Cairn Terrier friends and I love going to meet them all for walks. All that excitement means I don't mind having a little snooze and there's nothing I like more than being sat on the sofa next to Emma, particularly if Countryfile is on it's my favourite...how do they get those animals inside that magic box?! Anyway it's nap time so I'll let Emma tell the rest of my story...zzzzzzz"

It was quite a long process to get Buttons but it couldn't have worked out any better! I lost my first Cairn a few months before and knew that I wanted a rescue. I applied to CTRF, was put in touch with Helen Miller (the representative for Scotland), and went on the waiting list. I was a little apprehensive as working full time would mean that the dog would be on its own for much of the day. I had looked at other rehoming charities and found that my circumstances meant that they wouldn't even consider me.

I was relieved when Helen assured me that it was a case of finding the right dog for me. A year went by with me following the CTRF page keeping an eye out for dogs to be rehomed, and each time Helen would kindly suggest that those dogs wouldn't be right. I had almost given up and to console myself booked plenty of holidays when an email popped up and Helen had the news I had been waiting for! Some of those holidays had to be cancelled pretty quickly...

It seems that Buttons had been living with many other dogs who were all going to be rehomed. It sounds like he wasn't mistreated but with so many other dogs he was left in the background but seemed quite content with his own company, perfect if I would be at work all day. Helen told me that when she went to visit he would not stop wagging his tail and she knew that this would be the Cairn for me! Everyone who meets him comments on his waggy tail! I went to Dunkeld to meet Helen and Buttons for a preadoption walk. As soon as Buttons got out of the car he ran over, weed on one of my wellies, ran round and weed on the other one – guess that means he's mine now?!

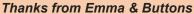


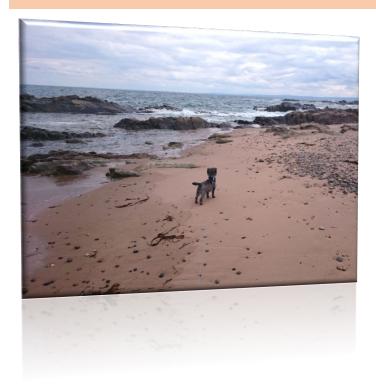


A few weeks later I made the journey to Edinburgh to take him home, excited and nervous hoping everything would go well. I had taken some time off work to try to settle Buttons into his new home but was worried that he didn't seem happy here, whining and scratching at the door when I left. Thankfully Helen was on hand for advice, and CTRF even arranged for a behaviourist to come to see him. It was great to know that CTRF would provide support even after he had been rehomed and that they want the best for the dogs in their new homes. The behaviourist reassured me that he would settle soon and even showed me a few training tricks for him. Sure enough just a few weeks later and it felt like he had always been here and barely noticing I'd gone to work. Of course a treat filled Kong to play with does also help!

As well as his trips across Scotland we've now made friends with some local Cairn owners and it's been lovely getting to know them and their packs! Buttons enjoys scampering about the beach with them, barking at the waves, and I enjoy the bacon rolls and coffee with everyone at the end. A year ago I made my own move to my forever home just a few miles down the road with Buttons at my side. It was a stressful move but he wasn't fazed, and once he had got his head around the new stairs he made himself quite at home. He's also making himself very popular with the other dogs in the village and always gets a hello when out and about! A lot has happened to me and Buttons in the two years but I can't imagine a time when he wasn't here. I'm very grateful to CTRF and Helen for helping me adopt him, and for all the support afterwards.

Any last words for the newsletter Buttons? "Errr...Biscuits?!"







### Pin Up Cairn 2019

Maizi and Rosie will be giving up their pin up crowns at Cairn Day! It's been a busy 2019 for them, so time to put these paws up! Our new pin up cairn(s) will be announced on the day. Good luck to all our entrants!



It will be great to have Steven back with PhotoBooth Triangle this year - with his daughter Sophie.

**PhotoBoothTriangle** for Parties of all ages. Contact Steven Dalgleish. PhotoBooth Triangle <u>FB Page</u>

Mobile: 07826 542995

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#### SOME YOU REMEMBER

I became a CTRF Trustee in 1987 and the very first rescue I had is one which has stuck in my memory ever since. I had a call to say a bitch needed rehomed and the owners would meet us at a layby up on the A9 near Pitlochry. Back in the day things were pretty informal and no paperwork was required; not a good idea as it could lead to problems if an owner changed their mind or the 'adoption' didn't work out.

Anyway, I had a home waiting in Aberfeldy, not a million miles from Pitlochry, so set off to meet these people. In the circumstances I wasn't expecting much and wasn't disappointed. Two scruffy individuals with an unlikely story about why the wee bitch, aged about 3-4, was to be rehomed. I didn't believe it – and subsequently learned to take a lot of things with a pinch of salt. My main concern, however, was the little bitch, Mitzy. She was a poor-looking wee soul, very sparse harsh red coat, no undercoat, not underweight but very quiet – much too quiet. She had obviously had at least one litter.

Off to Aberfeldy where her new owners were waiting to welcome her. I carried her in and set her down as requested on a stool. She just sat there. We then put her on the floor – she just sat there. Transpired that wherever she was put, she just sat there. Outside she was a different dog and was happy to run about and go for walks or rides in the car, but indoors she just sat there. Why was this we wondered. Had she been confined, had she never been in a house? We will never know.

She slept on her new owners' bed but had to be carried there at night and back to the kitchen in the morning. Then one day, about a month later, I had an excited call from an emotional owner – "Mitzy just walked from the bedroom to the kitchen." From then on she never looked back, her coat grew in properly and she started to behave like a normal Cairn. She lived out her life in Aberfeldy for the next 10 years giving much pleasure to the older couple who had given her her new home and new life.

Another memorable rescue was from Edinburgh. When I arrived to collect the two 7-year-old litter sisters I was shown into a shag-pile carpeted room in which carpet freshener was fighting a losing battle with a strong smell of pee! As the owner was getting on in years and with obvious mobility problems, I just assumed, if I thought about it at all really, that she hadn't been able to exercise them or let them out and their house training had suffered. Her poor health was given as the reason for rehoming.

I had the ideal home waiting in Montrose so headed home with the dark grey girls. Popped them into the garden while I had a quick lunch then off to Montrose where I left them with delighted new owners. The delight didn't last – they were back next morning. "You didn't tell us these two damned dogs piddle all the time all over the house." Well no, sorry, I didn't know. I put them in a puppy run in my dog room and sure enough, they piddled all the time. Outside, inside and just wherever they were. They also drank obsessively – no matter if there was a cupful or a litre in their water bowl, they drank it empty without stopping for breath - which of course resulted in a lot of pee!

Down to the vet next day. Multiple tests – for kidney problems, Polydipsia, Cushings, Diabetes, etc. nothing abnormal at all, both were neutered, and of course at that time ultra-sound scans weren't available at the vets which might have helped with a diagnosis.

It just seemed to be a habit, especially as they were both the same, so I separated them and carefully regulated their water intake. This did the trick up to a point, but they were still unreliable and it was difficult to find a suitable home. I had them for about 3 months – we referred to them as "the piddling sisters" - then Chris Roberts found someone who would take them, who said they could stay in the kitchen, her door was open all day and they'd be fine, so off they went. I have to say I wasn't sorry to see them go, dear wee souls though they were!

Finally, a little elderly lad called Misty who, with a mouthful of bad teeth, went to stay with an older, not at all well-off couple in Alyth. CTRF paid for his dental treatment and for the next few years till he died, every Christmas a card came with £5 for CTRF and the note "From Misty - for all the little dogs who are not as lucky as me." I still fill up when I think of him and his Christmas card.

Rescue work can be heart-breaking at times but oh so rewarding.

#### Sybil Berrecloth

### Katie and the 'Park Neuk Pack'!







My first dog came from Battersea dogs home in the 1980's. Her name was Lucy and she was a 4 year old cairn terrier. We had a wonderful life together and she lived till she was 18 years old. I was so devastated when she passed on that I decided to adopt more than one dog. I now support as many animal charities as I can afford each month but the charity most dear to my heart is Cairn Terrier Rescue UK.

In the last four and a half years, the CTRF have kindly chosen me to adopt 6 super cairns. I like to apply for the older, poorly or special needs dogs as I am at home all the time and can give them as much time as they need. Over the years, these more challenging cairns have taught me so much and I am still learning every day.

Moo and Mish came to me four and a half years ago, both aged ten years. It immediately became apparent that Mish couldn't see very well as he kept crashing into anything in his way. He very quickly lost his sight completely and so we started learning to help him enjoy life without sight. He has never let his disability spoil his zest for food and getting out into the world and as his below picture (resplendent with Rosette!) shows, he has enjoyed a couple of trips to the Cairn fun day at Alva.

Moo was a totally different nature to Mish. Nervous,shy,retiring and paranoid of bells,whistles,beeps and visitors. It has taken a long time to get her to relax and enjoy the company of other people/ dogs but she has reminded us of how stressful being rehomed can be for pets and that they need time and patience to adjust to their environment.

Little Ted popped up on the CTRF's "urgent" list when he was handed into a vet on the South English coast to be put to sleep. He was so badly neglected at age nine years, he had virtually chewed his own tail off. The vet decided that by amputating his tail and dealing with his skin/eye issues, he could go on to have a reasonable quality of life. We instantly fell in love with the wee fellow and a plan was hatched to drive him up from Sussex to Morayshire. At this point our thanks go to CTRF trustees Wendy Laker and Chris Roberts for all their help in this epic journey. After almost two years with us, Little Ted is off all skin and eye meds and doesn't miss his tail at all. I can even groom him without danger of losing a hand , which was nigh on impossible when he first arrived. Adoptees can take time to trust humans again after bad experiences but we haven't met a cairn yet who couldn't be won over.

Tufty age seventeen, then appeared on the CTRF fb feed urgently needing a foster carer due to his owners no longer being able to look after him. His skin and eye problems coupled with crippling arthritis meant he would need constant care and attention. We just knew that he was for us and after attracting no offers of rehoming we dashed down to scoop him up and start him on a life of luxury for his last wee while. We adored this gentle soul from the minute we met him and officially adopted him as soon as the lovely trustee Helen Miller could sort the paperwork. He responded exceptionally well to all the holistic and veterinary treatments we could find for him and although we only had his company for eight and a half months before a seizure took him from us, we were as upset as we would have been if he'd been with us nearly eighteen years. I won't lie, losing an adoptee never gets easier. Thank goodness I have several little pack members to cheer me up when one goes over the rainbow.

Literally, while I was recovering from losing dear old Tufty, up popped Marty's face on the last chance before being PTS list with CTRF. He had already been in two failed homes and although only four and half years old, was so freaked by the world around him that he was only able to reside in a cage for his own safety. It's amazing what a simple change of environment can do for a pet with behavioral issues. We knew that bicycles, cars and some bird calls would result in screaming panic attacks and so our relatively quiet country cottage surrounded by forest and beach walks would be easier for him to tolerate. Having a pack of quiet older dogs to show him how to calm down has been a blessing. He settled in with us very quickly and I adopted him before the trial period was up because he had bonded with us exceptionally well. Marty is a much happier dog now but his training is ongoing and we are watching the TV program "Dogs behaving badly "for hints and tips to aid us. I have to say that I think the program should be renamed "People behaving badly " because most of the owners are more at fault than the dogs!

I would like to thank the CTRF very much for introducing such amazing cairns into my life and wish everyone involved a Happy 50th Birthday. Long may you continue to help cairns in need and bring such joy into people's lives who take on the experience of adopting these wonderful companions. I have enjoyed the education and friendship that these dogs provide and can't recommend it enough to anyone thinking of adopting.

Katie Fyfe



Oran the Cairn, Chris, and Kirsty, will be at Cairn Day. Please go along and vist their stall. We'll be selling a selection of yellow items to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis.







A huge well done to **Jamie**, **George Gray**, and **Dawn Inett** of Carradine Cairns, for raising funds for CTRF from the sale of Jamie's calendar. Come along and meet Jaime at Cairn day and see how much they raised!



### Double, Double Trouble!

I didn't know what I was letting myself in for when I agreed to foster 4 cairns, in October 2018, all from the same family. Fran had discovered them being advertised on Facebook, looking for new homes, and managed to convince the owner to let Cairn Terrier Rescue rehome them. A cacophony heralded their arrival and poor Fran seemed frazzled with the noise, having driven them over. They were anxious about the new surroundings and proceeded to implement the 3P protocol (poo, pee, puke) clearly beloved of new fosters. A pack of 2 kitchen rolls were used up in one evening so a call went out to anyone who could bulk buy kitchen roll; looks like I was going to go through quite a lot. Fortunately, as with Rosie previously, this abated quite substantially after 2 days. Much to my relief.

So, we have mum and dad and 2 pups. Mum (Tia) and dad (Haggis) were 4yrs old and the pups (from different litters) Yogi was 2.5yrs and Millie 2yrs old. Millie is like a cairn in miniature, she is only 4.8kg! Might have been the runt of the litter but she is all diva!

Despite feeling a bit anxious they settled really quickly. I was surprised at how well they bonded with me and Mika. Poor Mika thought she was going to get peace in her old age. They were all adorable and got on really well. They loved to snuggle in and with me and 5 dogs on the sofa that was no mean feat. There was no feeling of jealousy or any aggressiveness. If they wanted the same space they just lay on top of each other. Haggis would let Yogi know if he needed to calm down, just from his body language. However, if Haggis tried to give Millie a row then Tia would be up in his face ha ha...no wonder Millie is a little diva.

It was quickly ascertained that spiders were persona non grata. It so happened that the Lord of the Rings spider scene and the spiders in an episode of Dr Who came on the tv that weekend resulting in 4 wee cairns making a rush for the tv. The penguin in the British Gas advert also elicited the same response.

They were lovely together but ..oh...the barking when the leads came out. Trying to put harnesses and leads on 4 wriggling, barking dogs is exhausting, then trying to get them all out of the car again when we reached our destination, without losing one, was a major feat. Lead training and recall were absent but we persevered with the walks and quiet reigned on the drive home. They were to be rehomed either all together or as pairs. Fortunately a lovely couple from Darlington took to Haggis and Tia and they went off to their new home in November. It was quiet without them and we missed them. There was some interest in Yogi and Millie however they were a bit too 'spirited' with the resident cats and chickens....and as some may have guessed they are still here as I adopted them. Another failed foster for me! Walks are a little less fraught, though still challenging as both Yogi and Millie have wriggled out of their collars or harnesses and done a runner. Millie generally goes off for a few minutes whereas Yogi can be off on adventures for up to an hour. So a work in progress and plenty more stories of their escapades to come.

The door is always open, should a little Cairn wish to walk in, to ask advice, or ask the way to their new forever home, or they might just need to talk to someone who understands.

Maureen Ellis











### In the Spotlight: Helen Miller

(Helen shows and breeds Cairns and is the Scottish

**CTRF Trustee**)

#### Why Cairns?

I was virtually brought up with Cairns as my father's sister and her husband bred them and for almost as far back as I can remember I loved them and the more contact I had with them the more I became addicted! At first when I was very small it was because they were 'dogs' but as I grew older it was the character of the breed which appealed to me and this awareness has grown over the years!

#### Who was your first cairn?

First Cairn was Torrie who was bred by my Aunt and Uncle and a present for my 16th birthday! I loved him dearly and was really sad that he didn't like being shown and just refused to put his tail up!

#### Who is your most memorable cairn?

My most memorable Cairn was Simba whom I bought from Sybil and John Berrecloth and who is the foundation bitch for my present line. She was undoubtedly the naughtiest dog I ever had but the most delightful nature anybody could ask for! She loved everybody - man and beast - led me a merry dance on many occasions and produced four litters of beautiful puppies. I miss her still but recognise many of her traits still in succeeding generations.

#### Who was your naughtiest cairn?

My naughtiest Cairn was Simba but her great granddaughter Brora runs her pretty close! She eventually became more biddable but as a youngster was incredibly naughty and disobedient but had the same spirit and loveable nature.

#### Tell us a little about being a CTRF Trustee....

I have been a Trustee for CTRF for over 20 years now so lots of cairns have been rehomed in that time. I remember Heather the very first one I homed. She had been in kennels in west of Scotland for some time where she had only seen concrete pens. When I took her to her new home the first thing I did was let her into the garden and I'll never forget the sheer joy on her face as she walked on grass again. I remember Chico who came from Travellers, Alfie who eventually found a 'forever' home despite being on 'death row' for months, Charlie whom I had to fly to Orkney ( and enjoyed a lovely day trip in the process ), Buttons who features on the CTRF golden jubilee mug .... and I could go on - these are some of the many!

#### Why do you enjoy showing?

Showing cairns is one of my passions. I love the challenges and competition but even more the joy of seeing a young puppy mature and continue to enjoy the experience into adulthood and beyond. I love meeting other like minded people and the privilege of seeing so many beautiful cairns in the ring.

#### What do you and your pack enjoy doing most?

The best Cairn experience for me is being able to take my dogs on holiday with me, to see them running free on a beach or woodland and the sheer joy on their faces as they experience freedom and the enjoyment of living.







### Give Showing a try!

I've only recently stated showing. It was a little daunting but I've had great support and advice to help me along. I've only been to a couple of shows but I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and am looking forward to getting more involved.

Showing isn't for everyone but I think – unless you give it a go – you'll never know if it's for you. I'd encourage anyone interested to give it a shot!

In my view showing plays a really important part in securing the future of healthy, happy, well-adjusted cairns

I believe there's a strong interplay between showing, breeding and rescue. We rely on good breeders to ensure future generations of cairns – with minimal health and behavioural issues. Good breeders often show – which means that, generally, some of the best stock is used by them to breed.

Getting your cairn from a reputable breeder therefore means there is much less chance of health or behavioural issues with your pup / dog. The more good breeders there are, the less the demand for puppy farms and back street suppliers. The fewer pups there are with health and behavioural issues, the less cairns there will be in rescue.

There will always be a need for rescue – and so often there are very genuine (and often heartbreaking) reasons for rehoming. Minimising the number of cairns that need to be rehomed – through good breeding and buing from a reputable breeder is essential.

In Scotland, anyway, there are now very few people that either show or breed – and I would suggest that getting involved in both is really important to secure the future of of out best little pals.

Please come along to the Cairn Terrier Club open show on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October at Thornhill Community Hall, Falkirk, and give showing a try – you'll be made very welcome!

#### Corra Irwin

### Cairn Group NE

Our NE Cairn Group has had several lovely walks since our last newsletter. We've also welcomed quite a few new members. It's fantastic to have the opportunity to get together to lead a full Cairn charge along Nairn Beach! It's a great way to make new friends too and to share Cairn gueries and experiences. Whether it's chatting (over a post-walk fully cooked breakfast!) about dog food choices, grooming, showing or training we all find we learn from each other's experiences. Good luck to the Edinburgh Group that's recently started up - it's a lovely way to socialise and meet new cairns/people! Corra Irwin







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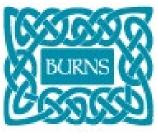
Burns Pet Nutrition has announced a £1 million charity donation to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year of trading. The leading pet food producer will be donating a quarter of its annual profits to a number of charitable organisations of part of its continued efforts to support community projects and animal charities.

Burns Pet Nutrition, a family-run business, has been producing natural pet food for dogs, cats and rabbits since 1993. The Carmarthenshire-based company is led by Veterinary Surgeon, John Burns, who pioneered chemical free pet food in 1997 when he used Vitamin E as a preservative over industry-norm chemicals.

Today, the multi-award-winning firm operates on a global scale with trade deals in place across Hong Kong and Europe. The company's record charity donation will help a number of charitable animal welfare organisations including their charity partners Dogs for the Disabled and Forever Hounds Trust.

The announcement follows the recent news that Amazon UK has increased profits but paid reduced Corporation Tax and a report by the Charities Aid Foundation found that FTSE 100 companies donate less than 1% on average to charities. That's despite the fact that almost half of the British public would be more likely to buy from a company that donates money to charity\*. A significant portion of the donation (£800,000) will be invested into The Burns Pet Nutrition Foundation, a charity established in 2007 by John Burns to improve the lives of people and pets across the UK with an emphasis on tackling the effects of social isolation in rural west Wales. Six full-time staff members currently work for the third sector arm of the organisation on a variety of projects supporting disadvantaged groups in the community. The money will go towards developing and expanding the charity's projects and activities.





One such project is The Burns Better Tomorrow Programme which last year helped 130 young people gain employability and life skills via Burns' volunteer-led programme which provided them with work experience at the company's factory, head office, market gardens, shops and warehouse. One participant on the Burns Better Tomorrow Programme hadn't been able to leave his home for six months due to health problems but managed to successfully work within the business for three months and is now studying for his degree at Cardiff University.

Burns founder and Veterinary Surgeon, John Burns, is calling on companies of all sizes to support and engage with their local communities and charitable organisations as much as possible and says it's integral to maintaining and securing customer trust:

"As the sole shareholder of Burns Pet Nutrition I am not beholden to investors seeking returns on their investments. I have decided that the company should be a force for good channelled through the work of our Community Team and The Burns Pet Nutrition Foundation. The charitable activities are not intended to be a one-off but are designed to grow and develop in the years to come. Our local community and the people within it are as equally important to me as the staff and customers we work with. I want Burns to not only be known for our natural pet food but also for establishing and maintaining a legacy of good causes in the community."

For more information on Burns Pet
Nutrition and to read more about the history of the family-run business, visit www.burnspet.co.uk.

https://www.thirdsect or.co.uk/consumersfavour-companiessupport-charitiessaysstudy/fundraising/arti cle/1183955

#### Cairn Terrier Conference on 2 / 3 November 2019

Want to learn how to handstrip, and groom, your cairn? Want to learn more about cairn well-being? Looking for some guidance on showing and ringcraft? Looking for advice on cairn behaviour?

I'm delighted to announce that the Cairn Terrier Club are supporting a breed specific cairn terrier conference over the weekend of 2 / 3 November 2019. The Venue will be Balerno Scout Hut - just outside Edinburgh. Presenting will be Dawn Innet of Carradine Cairns. Dawn owns the Dog House in Worcester and, as many of you will know, has had huge success in the show ring. Not only that - Dawn is an authority on handstripping so we'll be learning from the best!

The conference will run for a full day on Saturday and until lunchtime on Sunday. There will be 2 grooming sessions (they will be restricted in number to ensure Dawn can give personal individualised advice). In addition there will be three individual sessions on (a) handling and ring craft b) cairn wellbeing and c) cairn behaviour (to include training and dealing with behavioural issues).

Costs are as follows:-

- 1 session £30
- 2 sessions £50
- 3 sessions £80
- 4 sessions £100
- 5 sessions £110

More details will follow re booking etc.

This is a brilliant (and rare!) opportunity to learn about your cairn. I attended a handstrippping course Dawn presented in January. Not only did I learn lean lots but the whole day was just great fun. Dawn presents in such a clear - yet laid back and humerous - way!

Bookings will be taken directly from Dawn in mid July. Dawn's website address is:

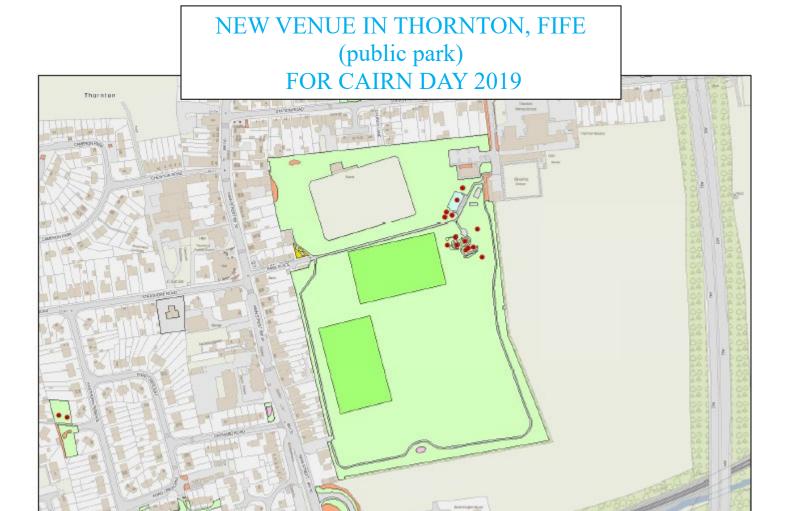
#### www.thedoghouseworcester.co.uk

You'll find more detailed information on course content, on Dawn's website, in early July.

I'll be at Cairn Day, so if anybody wants more information, please just speak to me there.

Thanks, Corra





We hope you have enjoyed reading our Spring edition of Clan Cairn News.

We will look forward to seeing you at our next Clan Cairn day in June 2019.

Thank you for supporting our Clan Cairn Day, we wish you well with "The Best Little Pal in the World!"

#### Date for the Diary:

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Thornton Memorial Public Park, Thornton, Fife, KY1 4AN – Clan Cairn Day 2019

