Building up from the Foundations

Our campaign to build a new small animal hospital in Glasgow has now reached £7.2 million of our £10 million target, in part thanks to generous support from several notable Scottish trusts and foundations.

We were delighted to receive a donation of £250,000 towards our Intensive Care and High Dependency Unit from the Stirling-based Stafford Trust. The Trust was established in 1991 by the late Mrs Gay Stafford, who was a great supporter of animal welfare charities.

The intensive care unit is a key area within the hospital, offering dedicated round-the-clock care to patients by highly skilled staff.

'We are very glad to have the opportunity to commemorate the memory of such a remarkable and generous animal lover as Mrs Stafford in a fitting and lasting way,' said Professor Stuart Reid, Dean of the Faculty.

The Hugh Fraser Foundation has also donated £50,000 to support an area of the hospital which is yet to be determined. Founded by the late Sir Hugh Fraser in 1960, the Trust has also been a generous previous donor to the Weipers Centre for Equine Welfare.

The long-established Glasgow-based Bellahouston Bequest Fund pledged £25,000 towards our Learning and Resource Centre on the second floor of the hospital, which will be a well-utilised, fully-computerised area supporting the needs of teaching, consulting and research staff, as well as fourth and fifth year undergraduates, postgraduates and nursing students.

Finally, the Glasgow-based Alphaone Trust, which supports animal welfare charities, also very kindly donated £10,000 towards the campaign.

'We are thrilled at the support offered from such prestigious Trusts and thank all the Trustees for helping us towards our ambition of providing the best possible facilities for our patients, our staff and our students,' Professor Reid concluded.

More doggy paddle than Doggy Dawdle!

There was a fetching line in raincoats at this year’s Doggie Dawdle – and that was just for the dogs! They were certainly needed as, for the second year running, it poured with torrential rain! The 181 walkers and 110 dogs were undaunted though, trudging through mud and puddles in good spirits!

Starting off the walk was TV personality Carol Smillie with her father’s dog, Susie. Also walking around the course was visually-impaired Binnie Taylor from Lawrencekirk in Aberdeenshire, who was participating in memory of her adored guide dog, Pepsi who died of a rare liver condition at the hospital several years ago. Binnie brought along her current dog, Nina.

Many thanks to all participants both human and canine. The total raised will be announced in our next newsletter.

Carol with Susie and Binnie with Nina
Every fortnight when visiting the Faculty’s campus at Garscube, I pass the site of our new hospital and am amazed by the rapid progress on construction of the building. The base layer of the roof, which will eventually be covered in grass, has been laid and the internal blockwork is almost complete. The reception area and entrance are taking shape and the steelwork for one of the main features—the glass cupola, which will flood the interior of the building with natural light—is now in place. Photos of the work in progress can be seen at: www.glasgow.ac.uk/sah

We are receiving many questions as to what the finished interior will look like, so I hope you will be interested in seeing a simplified version of the ground floor plan in this issue of the newsletter, which highlights key areas of the building.

Of course, we hope as many of you as possible will be able to visit this world-class facility and see it for yourselves when we open for business early next summer. It is only due to the tremendous efforts of our donors that this building has been able to be created and I thank each and every one of you. Most recent donors are featured on the back page of this newsletter and all donors to the campaign, who have given permission, can be found on the University’s new virtual Donor Wall at http://universityofglasgowbenefactorwall.com

However, we still have to raise the final £2.8 million to complete this project, so I would ask you to spread the word amongst your friends, colleagues and family and seek their help to bring this campaign to a resounding conclusion!

Forbes Macpherson
Chairman of the Vet Fund Campaign

Our campaign mascot, Dougie the dog is racing up our fund-raising thermometer, but he has currently stopped at £7.2 million. Please help us push him further towards the top and our £10 million total. You can give online at www.glasgow.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow/givemoney or by contacting Ailsa Macmillan at the contact details below.

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Alumni mark golden reunion with Major Gift

The 1962 Group of veterinary graduates last year made a generous pledge of nearly £30,000 to the campaign, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of starting their course in 1957.

Returning to Glasgow for their reunion in the autumn, were 29 of the 40 original classmates, some making the journey from as far away as the USA, Canada and Belgium.

‘I am delighted we are able to make a permanent contribution to the continuing future success of the Faculty,’ said one of the organisers, Professor Os Jarrett.

The Faculty holds a dinner for all alumni groups celebrating a milestone anniversary every November and is always delighted to welcome back over 200 graduates from across the years and around the world.
On the run!

A mother and daughter from Kilmarnock went on the run dressed as a cat and a dog to raise money for our campaign. Cathy McClusky and her daughter Liz took part in the Resolution Asset Management Women’s 10k road race in Glasgow on May 18th, to thank the hospital for saving the life of an abandoned kitten, Millie, which they have now adopted.

‘Millie was abandoned in a box around Christmas time in Cardonald. She had been out in all the bad stormy weather around that time and had a severe chest infection - she really was a poor wee soul,’ Liz explained. ‘I eventually got her home mid-January and she is full of life now. She is the sweetest wee thing and into everything! I spoil her rotten but after a miserable start I think she deserves it! ’

‘Although it was far too hot on the day to run in full costume, we did wear the ears and tails,’ said Liz. ‘They kept us cheery and helped us keep going!’ she explained.

The ladies raised over £300 to be split between the small animal hospital and the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.

Thanks are also due to Strathaven-based Susan MacDougall, who participated for the fifth year running, this time raising £327 for our campaign and achieving a personal best time of one hour, 29 minutes and 56 seconds!

‘Animals have been a large part of my life as my father, now retired, was a veterinary surgeon and I am always happy to help them in anyway I can,’ she said.

Any supporter wishing to take part in a similar event can contact Ailsa Macmillan at a.macmillan@admin.gla.ac.uk, or by phone on 0141 330 2808 and she will be happy to supply sponsorship forms and t-shirts.

Primary School’s bone-shaped cheques support our campaign

Pupils from Cumbernauld Primary School, raised the magnificent sum of over £600 in an intensive six week effort at the end of last year.

Primary 7 Pupils Rachel Glennie (11) and Lauren Bradburn (11), organised several fund-raising events, having been inspired by a member of staff, Christine Munro, whose collie-cross dog, Holly, had been treated at the hospital.

The girls started with the idea of creating a Pet Wall. “We asked people to bring in photos of their pet and we stuck them on paper and used them as bricks in the wall,” Rachel explained. “As well as cats and dogs, there are also goldfish, budgies, hamsters and even a lizard called Gizmo! Everyone paid 20p to feature their pet.”

The girls also organised a “black and white” day. “We asked everyone to wear black and white, like a dalmatian,” Lauren said. “Also, one of the classes had an enterprise project and they donated the money they sold from making bunny-shaped boxes with treats inside.”

Accepting the bone-shaped cheques, Ailsa Macmillan from the Faculty thanked Rachel, Lauren and all their fellow pupils. “You have all made tremendous efforts on behalf of the 200 sick and injured animals we treat at the hospital every week,” she said. “This money will name a kennel for sick dogs in the new hospital.”

Regular visitors to the hospital say ‘thank you’

Some of our patients visit the hospital so frequently, they become known to all the staff and this is certainly the case with 13-year-old bearded collie, Eddie Hughes (pictured), who has been a regular visitor over the last six years and cat Bruce Gibb, who has been a patient since he was a kitten in 2002.

Originally diagnosed with hyperthyroidism and Cushings Disease – a condition which is caused by a hyperactive adrenal gland and which pumps too many steroids and other hormones into the blood stream – Wishaw-based Eddie has also been visiting our pain clinic weekly over the last two years.

‘I couldn’t believe the difference it made and it has improved his quality of life dramatically’ said owner Cathie Hughes. ‘So much so that we took part in the Doggie Dawdle this year!’

Cathie raised £446 for the campaign through a raffle and over £350 through sponsorship of the Doggie Dawdle. In addition, her niece Ashley and a friend raised £235 by a sponsored cycle around Millport.

Bruce Gibb was the inspiration behind a fundraising day held by staff at Glasgow legal firm, HBM Sayers, raising £512 for the campaign. Owner Sandra Gibb said: ‘I remember when Bruce was a tiny kitten, spending the early hours of Christmas morning with him in the hospital. He visits every few months and I just wanted to say ‘thank you’ for everything that has been done for him.’
A visual tour
of our new small animal hospital

You can also take a virtual tour of the building through our website at
www.glasgow.ac.uk/smallanimalhospital/newhospital

Our vision
Our vision is to build a 21st century, world-class centre for veterinary medicine, challenging current concepts of clinical practice, teaching and research and pioneering future standards in animal welfare. This building and the work carried out within it, will contribute to our continuing success as an internationally-renowned Veterinary School.

1 The entrance and reception area
The main public spaces have been designed to be light, airy and welcoming. The central atrium allows in plenty of natural light, particularly to the run of consulting rooms along the right-hand wall, all of which also have windows to the outside. The permanent Donor Wall will be positioned in this area. There is a separate, enclosed waiting area for cats to minimize the stress for them whilst waiting to be seen. On the second floor, there is also a café area where families can relax in comfort as their animals are treated.

2 The Petplan Pain & Rehabilitation Centre
The primary aim of this innovative unit is to support sick, injured and ageing animals and improve their quality of life. We shall provide physiotherapy, complementary therapies and a hydrotherapy pool with a treadmill. Hydrotherapy can benefit animals with fractures, cruciate ligament disorders, arthritis and spinal conditions, as animals can make coordinated movements with their limbs long before they can bear weight on land, so preventing excessive muscle wastage, soft tissue injuries and obesity.

3 Wards
Our purpose-built wards have been designed after extensive research, both in the UK and the USA, to allow the best nursing care to be delivered in the most supportive environment for our patients. They will be divided into several specialized areas: intensive care, Iodine 131 (to treat a thyroid condition in cats,) high intensity, surgical, medical and general. There will also be a barrier nursing ward, an isolation unit, a ward for exotics/ reptiles and a bird room.

Each patient is hospitalised in a separate kennel for as short a time as possible and, where appropriate, patients can have supervised individual access to an outdoor run.

We aim to use new technology, installing cameras in the wards for teaching purposes. Eventually, we aim to use infra-red camera technology, so animals can be observed remotely at night, to avoid disturbing them with regular ward rounds, as sleep is such an important part of the recovery process.

4 The Diagnostic Imaging Facility
The Diagnostic Imaging facility is a core function within the hospital. Improved techniques allow for greater understanding of diseases and provides earlier, objective, accurate diagnoses, and more appropriate treatments.

The Facility incorporates four main services: radiography (X-ray, and CT), endoscopy, ultrasound and MRI. We also offer techniques such as scintigraphy, (where radioactive isotopes are injected into the body,) arthroscopy, (used to assess problems in joints) and laparoscopy (assessments of the abdomen and chest) to assist with diagnoses.

We currently have two x-ray suites, one with state of the art built-in fluoroscopy, allowing real-time images, such as barium swallows and angiography to be produced on a TV monitor. We also offer computed tomography or CT, which allows us to obtain cross-sectional images, giving more detailed information than normal x-rays- particularly useful in studies of the brain, spine, thorax and joints.

Finally, ultrasound is becoming increasingly vital in the investigation of many animal diseases. Video-endoscopy equipment is also available which allows us to offer an extensive gastro-enterology service.

5 The Operating Suite
The Operating Suite is another key area in the hospital, servicing the bulk of cases to high standards and enabling the development of cutting-edge techniques in an environment of teaching and learning.
Our new Operating Suite will comprise four operating theatres and supporting facilities. Our aim is to have the theatres dedicated to specific areas: orthopaedic, eye, cardiac and soft tissue. This will allow for dedicated specialist equipment to be housed in the theatres on a permanent basis.

Minimally-invasive surgery is a key objective for the future in both animal and human surgery. Our new theatres will lead this concept.

Cancer care is one of the fastest growing areas of veterinary medicine; cancer is a leading cause of death in companion animals aged 10 and over. Over the last decade, great progress has been made and chemotherapy, improvements in surgical techniques and radiation therapies are successfully treating many animals. However, our principal aim is always to ensure the best possible quality of life for our patients.

This is the first time a specialised oncology centre will be provided for animals in Scotland: currently, animals and their owners have to travel to England for radiotherapy treatment with a linear accelerator. Providing this vital equipment will be critical in our ambition to become a state-of-the-art unit, challenging the current limitations in the management of cancer. The hospital will become a UK centre of excellence for cancer care in animals and in the longer term, working in partnership with the adjacent Beatson Institute for Cancer Research, an international centre in comparative medicine.

Our new intensive care unit will be able to accommodate many more patients, who would not have a chance of survival without this specialist care.

Several of the key areas highlighted above are still available to be named. For further information on how to make a major gift to the campaign, please contact Ailsa Macmillan on +44 (0)141 330 2808, email a.macmillan@admin.gla.ac.uk.
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