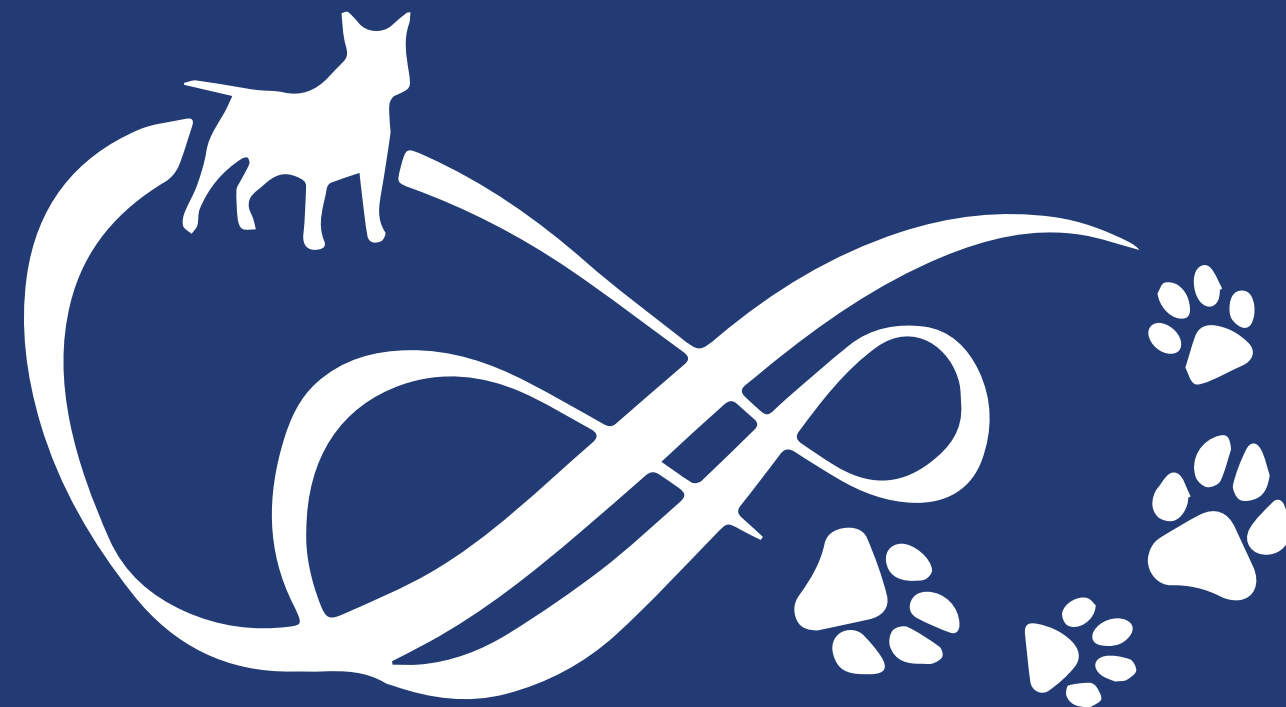


# SMUT'S GRAVE AT BOSWORTH HALL



A keen traveller and writer, Florence published her first novel in 1877 at the age of 22 'Abel Avenged: A Dramatic Tragedy.' A year later, she travelled to Patagonia accompanied by her husband (Alexander Beaumont Churchill Dixie) and twin brother.

On her return she published her journal recounting her expedition which she dedicated to the Prince of Wales. The account was entitled '**Across Patagonia**' in which she writes about her numerous adventures, her observations of the flora and fauna to be found on the plains and her encounters with the inhabitants of Patagonia.

At the end of the account she describes how she had befriended a dog which followed her on-board the ship that was to bring her home. She felt that she couldn't abandon it so brought the dog home with her. It is believed that this monument, dedicated to the memory of a dog named **Smut**, is the same dog that Lady Florence referred to in her journal.

