

## New Members Co-ordinator's Report AGM 2021

Despite COVID-19, it was still a very busy year with 373 applications resulting in 222 new members and 45 applicants still being processed for that period. Note that of the many applications that are received, 151 (last year 163) are not progressed because they are withdrawn, or the dog and/or owner does not pass our assessment, or the dog is simply too young.

- There were 222 (compared to last year's 275) new members throughout New Zealand, with the largest number in Auckland with a total of 49 (compared to last year's 39) new members, followed by Waikato with 39 new members (compared to 23 the previous year).
- Last year, we forecast 99 new members by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 (due to the impact of COVID-19). The actual number was 222. Our prediction for 2021-22 is 308.

The following table shows the distribution of applicants and workload. Please note that applicants still being assessed or that we are awaiting payment from are not included.

The position of New Members Co-Ordinator is very challenging and rewarding - We have grown as an organisation so much since I became a member way back in 2005 with Megs my lovely Spoodle.

I have never been as proud of Canine Friends as I was last year when we were all challenged by Covid 19 - an experience none of us had ever anticipated. The number of new applications during this past year was a true example of why the service we offer is so necessary.

My huge thank you to all our Liaison Officers and Assessors who never gave up but quietly kept Canine Friends Pet Therapy to the fore during this difficult time.

Period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Region	New members 2020/21	New members 2019/20	New members 2018/19	New members 2017/18	New members 2016/17
Auckland	49	39	58	64	48
Waikato	30	23	22	17	16
Christchurch	17	40	54	32	13
Wellington	13	16	11	18	14
Tauranga	13	25	29	22	18
Nelson	10	7	15	8	3
Hastings	9	19	11	11	0
Manawatu	8	16	10	10	17
Lower Hutt	8	9	11	15	11
Napier	8	4	3	6	3
Blenheim	6	12	1	1	0
Queenstown	6	5	5	2	3
Whitby to Johnsonville	6	4	17	10	13

Taupo	6	3	6	5	3
Kapiti	5	7	11	6	8
Rotorua	5	5	9	5	9
Taranaki	4	8	5	12	2
Northland	4	5	3	5	2
Foxton/Levin	4	3	8	8	3
Upper Hutt	3	4	2	5	2
Invercargill	3	2	5	5	1
Wairarapa	2	2	2	2	1
Dunedin	1	5	0	5	2
Whanganui	1	8	6	4	0
Whakatane	1	0	5	-	-
Timaru	0	2	0	0	0
Westport	0	1	0	1	0
Far North	0	1	0	0	0
Oamaru	0	0	1	5	2
Woodville	0	0	0	1	0
Wanaka	0	0	0	1	0
Gisborne	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	222	275	311	287	195

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