

New Members Co-ordinator's Report AGM 2022

Despite COVID-19, it was still a very busy year with 290 (last year=373) applications resulting in 166 (last year=222) new members and 58 (last year=45) applicants still being processed for that period. Note that of the many applications that are received, 124 (last year 151) are not progressed because they are withdrawn, or the dog and/or owner does not pass our assessment, or the dog is simply too young.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 166 (compared to last year's 222) new members throughout New Zealand, with the largest number in Auckland with a total of 34 (compared to last year's 49) new members, followed by Christchurch with 28 new members (compared to 17 the previous year).
- Last year, we forecast 308 new members by March 31st, 2021 (thinking COVID-19 would be under control). The actual number was 166. Our prediction for 2022-23 is 150 (because of the ongoing Omicron wave).

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.

Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Region	New members 2021/22	New members 2020/21	New members 2019/20	New members 2018/19	New members 2017/18	New members 2016/17
Auckland	34	49	39	58	64	48
Waikato	20	30	23	22	17	16
Christchurch	28	17	40	54	32	13
Wellington	9	13	16	11	18	14
Tauranga	9	13	25	29	22	18
Nelson	2	10	7	15	8	3
Hastings	4	9	19	11	11	0
Manawatu	9	8	16	10	10	17
Lower Hutt	6	8	9	11	15	11
Napier	8	8	4	3	6	3
Blenheim	2	6	12	1	1	0
Queenstown	1	6	5	5	2	3
Whitby to Johnsonville	2	6	4	17	10	13
Taupo	4	6	3	6	5	3
Kapiti	2	5	7	11	6	8
Rotorua	4	5	5	9	5	9
Taranaki	7	4	8	5	12	2
Northland	4	4	5	3	5	2
Foxton/Levin	1	4	3	8	8	3
Upper Hutt	1	3	4	2	5	2
Invercargill	0	3	2	5	5	1

Wairarapa	2	2	2	2	2	1
Dunedin	0	1	5	0	5	2
Whanganui	4	1	8	6	4	0
Whakatane	0	1	0	5	-	-
Timaru	0	0	2	0	0	0
Westport	1	0	1	0	1	0
Far North	0	0	1	0	0	0
Oamaru	2	0	0	1	5	2
Woodville	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wanaka	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gisborne	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	166	222	275	311	287	195

I have really enjoyed being involved on the National Committee and fully recommend new members participating in the rewards and challenges that keep on appearing. The position of New Members Co-ordinator which I have held for the past 3 years is extremely rewarding and challenging and an excellent opportunity to fully understand our organisation and how it works.

As a retiring member from our National Committee, I wish the organisation all the very best and hopefully a Covid free future. Our Founder Eileen Curry will be sorely missed by all of us, and our job is to carry on her vision for Canine Friends which she started all those years ago.

A very big thank you to all those Liaison Officers and Assessors who have faithfully kept our organisation afloat in difficult circumstances over the past two years and a huge thank you also to all the members of the National Committee who I have enjoyed working with over the past 17 years. I feel I have made some lifelong friends.

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