



Autumn 2019

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED THE CANINE FRIENDS WAY

We have some lovely stories and photos of our Members and Canine Friends sharing their Christmas Cheer in Resthomes, Hospitals and Teams socialising and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

One such place was Te Hopai Resthome in Wellington:

As you know Her Excellency the Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy is our Patron and she asked to visit a Resthome with Canine Friends Members. Our Wellington Liaison Officer, Margaret Ranum, did a superb job in organising a visit to Te Hopai. I was fortunate to be a companion for our Founder, Eileen Curry, on the day and with 6 teams we all met Dame Patsy and some of the residents in the Home. We formed a small guard of Honour at the front door, had our photos taken and then proceeded into the main loungeroom. The Management team of the home were so gracious and welcomed all of us. Dame Patsy proceeded around the circle and spoke to all the residents while Eileen proceeded in the opposite direction. Morning Tea was beautifully presented for us all. We did have some wonderful entertainment when Jack performed his skate board trick. On command from Sue he popped onto the board and zoomed down the middle of the room much to the delight of everyone who were laughing and clapping. This was repeated several times, of course!



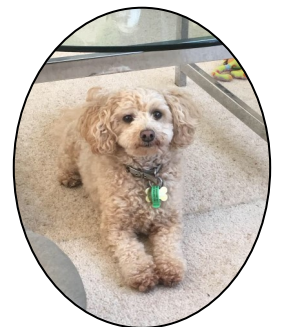
Margaret Ranum with Suzanne McRae & Dame Patsy

On leaving, Eileen was thanked by the Management Staff for having the foresight to start such a group and to bring joy to so many people in need. Eileen replied "thank you and today truly captured the essence of Canine Friends and this is what Canine Friends is all about". It was such a beautiful morning. Thank you to Marjory Embleton, Sue White, Sheryn Shackleton, Sue Bingham, Carol Colgate & Margaret Ranum for attending and making the morning memorable.

Here is the link to the Governor General's blog: <https://gg.govt.nz/governor-general/blog/2018/12/canine-friends-pet-therapy> Once you have read the article please click onto "Other Images" and you will see the profiles of the members who visited. Some lovely photos. Editor.

Carol Colgate from Miramar, Wellington kindly visited Te Hopai

Charlie is a three year old Poochon (poodle/bichon). He is a very gentle and good natured wee dog who loves people and I find that people seem to gravitate to him also. He is wonderful company as I live alone. As well as visiting Te Hopai every other week I then take Charlie to Mary Potter Hospice to visit. The residents at Te Hopai enjoyed the visit this morning with Dame Patsy and five other dogs and Charlie enjoyed all the attention as well! Thank you. Carol.



Sheryn Shackleton from Wellington kindly visited Te Hopai

Striker is one of our much-loved volunteers and he loves to visit the patients both in the Resthome and the Hospice.

"The first time I came into the Hospice he was very excited because he hadn't been here before," says his human friend Sheryn. There was a man sitting here whose mother had just died. Striker went from being excited to very, very calm and he let the man just hug him and hold him. "That's how I knew he was perfect for this role." Thank you Sheryn



Presidents report for March 2019

It's hard to believe, as I write this, we have turned our calendars into the month of March and it's still hot, dry and dusty up here with me. My dogs are still enjoying the shady trees and the paddling pool although not used lately they were all very welcome when we had a stretch of 35 plus degrees.

We are well into our new year of Canine Friends Pet Therapy and it is only looking brighter than ever as over the last few months we have had new Liaison Officers, Assessors and Placements Officers all join our organisation which makes the busy wheels of Canine Friends go round smoothly. Being a Liaison Officer and assessing are very rewarding roles as not only do you meet fellow keen dog people and their wonderful canines but also have the opportunity to extoll the wonderful things we can do with our dog teams in helping people. Have you ever thought of giving it a go? You won't regret it and it really isn't that hard and we are always there to help you on your way. We need more helpers especially in the South Island with its wide distances between towns, Assessors in Tauranga, Liaison Officers in Waikato and Northland, your help will be very appreciated.

It is always wonderful to hear how many Canine Friends went the extra mile to bring extra joy and happiness to those who needed it over the busy festive time. There have been some fun get togethers, a University visit, some upcoming fun times with Dogs in Togs events so there is a lot out there to be a part of. Naturally our core visits still remain the same in the visiting of Rest Homes, Hospitals and Hospices but we are getting increased enquiries in other areas. Of course, having had our applications closed through December and January, applications from new applicants have absolutely flown in, which although looks great, does put pressure on our very valued Liaison Officers to cope with, not to mention Annette in her role, of sorting all the applications and sending them onwards. During the year we usually count on at least one a day but at the moment we are getting 4-5 plus every day. As you can see our area teams do need extra help especially at these busy times.

Have you visited the new website launched a couple of months ago? Leanne has spent many many hours putting it together and now shows your organisation as modern, smart and progressive but keeping it in simple understandable lines for everyone. There are, of course, many items we can still add to this as we go along but it is such a fabulous improvement for those just having a look at us and what we can provide.

Our AGM is in May so anyone local we would appreciate your support then and even if unable to attend your thoughts and ideas are always very welcomed by committee at anytime. We are a great volunteer organisation from the top to the bottom which makes us unique in that sense of everyone giving their time and the fact that we can share our lovable dog with others is a great thing to be able to do. Every visit that you make, even if you think it is only a visit, you will have touched at least one person most likely many more and made their day. You really don't realise the difference you make by visiting as a Canine Friend Pet Therapy Team and many members have said to me we visited but it is much more than that as you have made a huge difference by spending maybe a couple of minutes with someone or maybe 15 minutes but by doing so you are a star and the impression you have made by doing this has made the sun shine or the stars twinkle for those particular people so please keep up that fabulous visiting that we all do and enjoy every moment.

Ann Evans
President.

Christmas visiting to Wimbledon Secure Dementia Unit & Nelson Street Residential Care, Feilding

Manawatu group were busy bringing Christmas cheer just before the big day. The day was Friday 21 December with our first port of call to Wimbledon Secure Dementia Unit.

We then had a lovely shared lunch at the Feilding Dog Training Club rooms then off around the road to Nelson Street Residential Care. Not everyone did both visits so had a couple of new faces join us in the afternoon that hadn't managed the morning. Even met a new recruit. A busy day but well worth the effort as such enjoyment seen by everyone we met.

Regards Ann Evans



Kerrie with Chief & Malcolm



The dogs who visited Nelson Street in the afternoon were Butch the Greyhound, Albie the Terrier, Thumpa and Sophie the Golden Retrievers, Mylo very tired and asleep and the Corgis are Bella and Dodge.



The photo is outside Wimbledon with Murphy, Brandy, Sophie, Thumpa, Mylo and the two greyhounds, Smash(grey) & Ed.



Photo left is Laura with Sophie & above is Brandy

In Memorium

Bob The Duke of Appleby—21st June 2014 - 23rd November 2018

Bob became a Canine Friend when he was only two years old. Our regular twice monthly visits were to Wakefield Rest Home, Wakefield which is a small country township outside of Richmond/Nelson. The majority of the residents there have had dogs themselves and many come from local farms. They used to enjoy relating their own dog stories, telling us of the mischief they got up to and the fun they had with them. It was a golden opportunity for the residents to tell of their own stories whilst everyone else listened, united by a love of dogs. When the red Canine Friend scarf went around his neck he became a calm, gentle and loving dog (those who know him as an agility dog would be amazed by his transformation!).

Bob also received invitations from hospitals, other care homes and to perform at dog displays. He was a highly talented dog who touched many hearts in his short life time, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

May his beautiful soul now Rest in Peace. Regards Jess Ross

Thank you for sharing with us. Editor



Dot with Bob



Helen with Bob



Edna with Bob

A beautiful photo (right) of three generations of Jess's family with their best friend Bob



Busy in Levin from Sue Clarke LO

It has been quite hectic in the Foxton/Levin Group since just before Christmas. We had lots of new members join us in November/December and although we didn't have a combined get together I know several managed to fit in visits with their dogs dressed appropriately right up to Christmas Eve.

Our big push for the area was to have a share in the display by the Horowhenua Obedience Dog Training Club at the Horowhenua A,P& I show on January 19th and 20th. I was already organising it to publicise the year's activity for the Training classes plus Canine Good Citizen as I did in 2018- but this year we included the Canine Friends folks as well as so many of the club are becoming more involved with Canine Friends as well.

With the help of DogsNZ who lent us some banners and CGC materials as well as a "guess what the dog is saying competition" and some tasty treat giveaways left over from the National Dog Show we attracted a lot of attention and actually won 2nd place in the outdoor trade and display competition!

Three of us with Canine Friend visitor dogs which are also Canine Good Citizens qualified at various levels put on a combined display incorporating Llamas and Highland Cattle as well as the dogs! We also had other club members and their dogs both CGC and/or Canine Friends, helping out over the 2 days of the show. The dogs were all excellent ambassadors for the programme. Hopefully we have enticed a few more Canine Friend members as there still seems to be vacancies in this area.



Congratulations on your Nomination

Your contribution to your community has been recognised with a nomination in the 2019 New Zealander of the Year Awards the winners of which were announced at our gala celebrations on 13 February 2019.

As the New Zealander of the Year Awards honours those who use their passion to make our communities and country a better place, we wanted to acknowledge your nomination by providing you with a special Certificate of Achievement signed by the Awards Patron, the Rt. Hon James Bolger ONZ.

We thank you for your commitment and contribution to the social wellbeing of New Zealand.

National Awards Administrator – Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards

Out and About

Marton Park Market Day

November 24 saw Canine Friends Pet Therapy dogs mix with the Christmas gift hunters at Marton Park for their Annual Market Day.

Lots of entertainment, activities and stalls for everyone. A lot of people loved our presence and what we do.

Photo shows a few who attended Murphy, Thumpa, Brodie and Clyde and young friend during the day.

Ann Evans - Manawatu and Rural



Virginia Lodge in Whanganui

All these lovely photos were taken at Virginia Lodge in December and the Lodge is always beautifully decorated for Christmas. The Residents love the dogs and love having their photos taken with them. Ann Evans has sent many photos but I have chosen the photos shown. Editor.



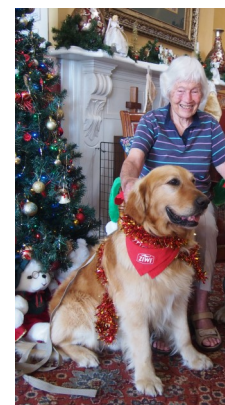
Noni with Oakie & Thumpa



Dianne (staff) & Thumpa



Sharon (staff) & Oakie & Thumpa.



Anne with Oakie



Loma & Thumpa



Carol & Oakie



Nola & Thumpa



Betty with Oakie



Nancy, Ann & her lovely boys



Kathleen with her friends



Von with Thumpa



Jean with her friends

New Members

Sally & wee Mischka are visiting the Woodlands Resthome in Feilding and after only a couple of visits are a huge hit with the residents. Regards Ann Evans LO Manawatu Rural

Mishka is our two year old Miniature Schnauzer, she is a very smart wee dog.

Mishka has done Rally O, Agility, and Canine Good Citizen training, and usually responded quickly to training. We have been given the Woodlands Resthome as our destination for Canine Pet Therapy visits. Mishka announces our arrival at the home with an excited bark, then settles in to visiting the residents, she loves the cuddles and attention and seems to be a hit with the home.

Cheers Sally Turner



Gabe visiting Possom Bourne

Gabe my second greyhound had his first visit to Possom Bourne and he absolutely loved it. We did just under 2 hrs on 2 different levels of the Retirement Home, a resident lead him thru the Hospital side with a wee trot (she must have been in her 80's) and was absolutely beaming.

Regards Andrea Dennis-Lowther



Zoe visiting Princess Margaret Hospital

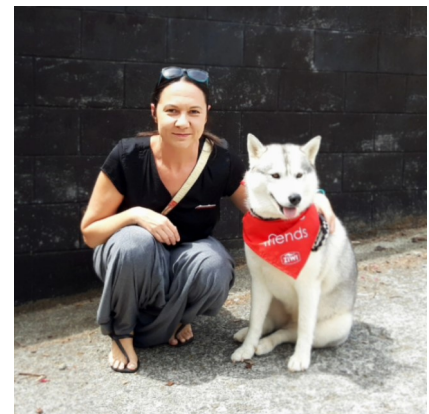
Lovely photo of Bev Kennedy and her dog Zoe on a recent visit to Princess Margaret Hospital..

Regards
Annette Sheridan LO
Christchurch

Baxter visiting Merivale Retirement Village

The superb Baxter and Vicky McKay had a wonderful first visit to the Merivale Retirement Village. Baxter was a star and everyone adores him. Vicky was completely in her element and is a lovely visitor bringing her personal qualities and experience as a nurse to the role. Baxter showed remarkable patience and curbing of his puppy enthusiasms and was just so impressive. A great morning and Vicky has prepared a flier letting the Village know she intends to visit on Friday mornings.

Thank you Vicky for volunteering your lovely boy and giving your time. It is wonderful to have you on board for Canine Friends. Regards Lois Lang from Christchurch



Luna visiting Cashmere Heights Home in Johnsonville

Attached is a picture of Fran Albertario and her Husky, Luna, who have just started their visits at Cashmere Heights Home. They love Luna.

Regards Amy Wilson
Whitby to Johnsonville Liaison Officer

Floki visiting Mary Doyle Lifecare in Havelock North

Evelyn Jirkowsky and Floki (2 year old bearded Collie) began today at Mary Doyle Lifecare in Havelock North. Happy visiting and he is a cuddly boy.

Cheers
Chris Partridge LO Hawkes Bay



The Special Children's Christmas Party held on the 1st of December 2018 at Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua.

Lovely photos taken on the day showing lots of smiles and cuddles. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and their canine friends who attended the Party. Thank you to Jean Barr for organizing our members to attend as Canine Friends has been part of this Day for many years. Editor



Fabulous happy & Christmassy photo of our member attending the Party

Ted's Retirement Story

My dog, Ted, has retired from his visiting days. When he became lame last year and no longer able to jump into and out of my car, Pete made a ramp for him. This worked well and was quite a feature for his friends, at the two 'Aspire' Residential Care Homes. The residents could see that he also had physical difficulties, some of them know how it feels. I made the sad but obvious decision to retire Ted and did this before Christmas. With the heat of Summer coming the time was right. Over the years I have never visited with my dogs during the heat in consideration of their comfort.

For the 'Aspire' staff and residents, plenty of extra 'happenings' at this happy, busy time of the year would fill their days well and they would not miss our visits so much.....these thoughts filled my head.

Taya, who supervised my visits with 'Aspire' was so generous in her understanding and very kindly made it easier for us all with both 'Good-bye' visits on the same day. She was with me and Ted, as we said our farewells. Plenty of hugs and kisses were given as well as a bright posy for me and some lovely hand-crafted cards and delicious doggy-treats for Ted. The lump in my throat was there all the time, as I held it together, knowing I would miss these times so much. Ted, unaware gave his best, standing lamely for photos but enjoying all the extra affection.

As this little story is typed for our magazine, I am thinking back to this time 3 years ago. We were missing Rosie our previous C.F.P.T. dog and much loved pet. Rosie died peacefully but suddenly on 31st December 2015. Our family had not yet met Ted. He was in the dog-pound at Waitomo, having been 'picked-up wandering in cattle country by the dog ranger'as we were told when a volunteer kindly bought him to us on February 22nd 2016.

Missing a dog by my side, I had been looking on-line and had seen Ted's smiley face and read his story on 'Pets on the Net' and phoned to make further enquiries. The rest is history. Ted is to this day a lovely pet for us and once approved by C.F.P.T proved to be very good with his visiting. He was a little anxious at first and as with his lameness later, residents identified with it and loved him all the more. One lady said 'I know how it feels to be anxious Ted'.

Recently Ted's vet recommended X-rays under sedation. These show Lumbosacral Degenerative Stenosis.... A 'spur' on his lower spine. He was given a steroid epidural while still sedated. His hips are perfect but arthritis is present in other joints. These conditions are very typical for an older working dog of Ted's type, German Shepherd X Huntaway. He has pain-relief (Nupentin) so his days are less sore. Ted enjoys a ride in the car every day, a long sleep in our air-conditioned home in the after-noon and a wander in the garden at dusk. He is still keen to be active and the 'smile' never leaves his lovely face. 'Good boy Ted'.

Happy retirement. Christine Johnson..... who will always be a member of C.F.P.T. Trust

Thank you, Christine, for your wise words. It has been a real pleasure and joy to know you for so many years through this Newsletter with your contributions of wonderful stories and photos of both Rosie & Ted. I now look forward to the future and your further involvement with Canine Friends in which ever path it takes. Thank you for being the "volunteer" who is always ready to go that extra step and do whatever is needed. I received so many beautiful photos of your Retirement Day but couldn't fit them all on the page.. Editor



Taya Cross (green cardigan) is the Outcomes Manager for the Aspire Homes & gave Christine a lot of support. Left Taya, Colleen, & Ted.

Committee Snippets

The Canine Friends Pet Therapy Group will hold its Annual General Meeting In May, 2019 in Wellington. The Secretary will send all the appropriate information to you prior to that date.

Canine Therapy – It Works Both Ways!

I have been doing canine pet therapy with my dog, Nina, a 3-year Black Russian Terrier, for over a year now at the Hutt Hospital and this has - and continues to be - a very rewarding and humbling experience for me.

Nina is a beautiful, big, calm and very impressive dog who has become very well-known and is a huge hit with the staff, the visitors and the patients and I do not think a week goes by when someone does not say to me – “Thank you, you have made my day”. However, during the year, the experience was very rewarding in a different way for me.

I was getting ready to take Nina to the hospital when I got a sudden pain in the middle of my back, which I dismissed as muscular strain and took a couple of Panadol and thought no more of it. However, as I was going around the hospital the pain returned and I started to get some pain/sensation down my left arm and into my left jaw, which was not that uncomfortable but made me think I needed to get it checked out as, being a former nurse, I knew this type of symptom was significant but still did not think the matter was urgent as I felt fine.

I was on my way to the Coronary Care Unit and thought I would just see who was there that I could have a chat with – having got to know a lot of the staff over the year but also thinking perhaps I would go home and make an appointment with my doctor to get this checked out.

I only got to the Hutt CCU reception area when the staff who know and love her came out to pat and greet Nina and make a fuss over her – as is usual - when Debbie, one of the reception staff turned to me and said “and how are you today”. I replied (semi-joking) ‘Well, actually, I wonder if I am having a coronary. I only have a bit of pain in my back and I am sure it is only muscular but I also have this pain down my left arm and jaw”.

The people around me and Nina became quite concerned and told me to go to A&E to which I replied that I had Nina and perhaps I could just go home and then ring my doctor (still thinking that it really was not serious) when one of the people said “I am a cardiologist and you need to go to A&E now”. I didn’t really have anyone I thought I could call at a moment’s notice to come and get Nina, so Debbie, kindly offered to look after her and I took myself down to A&E thinking I would only be a short time down there.

Well – 40 minutes later, after receiving a very swift and professional diagnosis, I was in the Catheter Lab in Wellington Hospital having an angiogram and two blockages in my coronary arteries stented and by about 2pm was in the CCU at Wellington Hospital, all fixed. My two daughters, Jane and Kate and Paddy, a good friend, were there waiting for me – looking very concerned – and I was sitting up feeling marvellous. Kate had already been out to get Nina and had passed the speeding flashing ambulance on the way and got very worried– when I was sitting in the ambulance thinking it was all quite exciting being transported in a red-light ambulance! 3 days later I was home, feeling very well and thankful.

I had been having an acute coronary but did not have the usual classic symptoms of chest pain or breathless, feeling unwell, etc and if it had not been for the pain/sensation in my left arm and jaw, would not have thought anything at all about the symptoms that day and would have ignored the pain in my back for as long I could. Also, as I live alone, and if I had been doing my usual activities (had actually planned to move some furniture that afternoon!) the result could have been a lot different. Because I was treated so quickly and efficiently, I have only mild damage around the blockages which is great.

I thank my beautiful Nina and Canine Friends Pet Therapy for possibly saving my life or at least reducing some of the damage that could have ensued had I not been in the hospital that day and treated so promptly. Someone was sure looking out for me that day!

I am also very thankful and grateful for the superb and professional treatment I received from all of the marvellous medical and hospital staff and to be living in a time and a country where this is readily available to us and I count my blessings.

Brenda Kenworthy

Thank you Brenda for this enlightening story and experience and so glad you have recovered well. Editor



Lovely photo of Nina with her half sister Zoe at her feet (couldn't get a good photo without Zoe pushing in - no show without Punch!)

In Memorium

Cody

On Wednesday, 21st November my great friend and Canine Friend, Cody the huntaway, died. Whilst Cody had had a long 14yrs of life, her death was unexpected - having a tumour which burst in her abdomen rendering her unable to walk. I was able to have her home overnight and then our vet visited to end her life the following day.

Cody became a Canine Friend dog about 18 months ago when her sister from the same litter (Missy) became ill and died. Cody has done amazingly as an older dog visiting Te Omanga Hospice and adapting to their new premises. Wow, what a precious friend - a great blessing.

There is a massive gap in our home. Regards Georgina Cox

Thank you for sharing your loving thoughts. Editor



Out and About with Sue Clarke in Levin—it has been a busy time in Foxton/Levin

Today, I introduced Katie Wilson and Lewie to the Gardenview Rest home in Levin.

He was a real hit and I'm sure Katie will find several people who will just love their visits from Lewie in the future!

Also welcome to Lisa Berthold and Hudson who are a hit at Levin Masonic Rest Home.

We also had a get together of as many Levin/Foxton members as could attend for a coffee and chat in November..

We had 9 dogs and they were all very well received and accommodated with water bowls, by the Salt and Pepper Cafe in Levin. Regards Sue Clarke



WOW ... I love this photo of members with their Canine Friends socialising and enjoying themselves. What a great Café to accommodate you all.

Top right is Katie & Lewie

Bottom right is Lisa and Hudson. Editor

Out & About at Foxton Beach with the Horowhenua/Manawatu members

Saturday 23 Feb saw members from Horowhenua and Manawatu join together for an enjoyable lunch at the dog friendly Ocean Beach Eatery in Foxton Beach and then we all wandered down to the Beach for an enjoyable play in the surf and on the sand. 20 dogs and their owners came together for the afternoon but a couple did forgo the beach frolic. The weather was very kind as at first thought it would be too hot for the dogs running on the sand but a mild 22 saw them and some owners jumping through the waves, throwing sticks and having a great time.

Thank you to all those who came and it is always so fabulous to see our canine friends dogs playing so well together as if they had known each other for ages. It is always a pleasure to organise these as not only do the members chat and meet one another but our dogs also enjoy it.



Regards Ann Evans LO

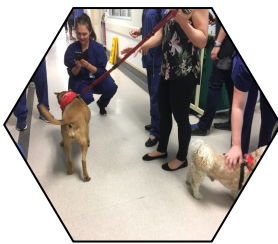


Our dogs visiting

MIDDLEMORE HOSPITAL ORIENTATION DAY

I am pleased to say that the Middlemore Hospital Orientation Day went very well today. It will be all go in the New Year once Police Checks and Christmas / New Year holidays are over. Our two volunteers, Helen Lamb with Beau (Shih Tzu / Poodle mix) and Jennifer Spencer with Truffle (Chow / Mastiff mix) were absolute stars, winning over staff and taking in the environment with a relaxed calmness and gentle interaction like the pro's they were. Both volunteers have health care backgrounds as well so were very familiar with the hospital environment. There were a couple of patient encounters which was enough to prove the worth of therapy dogs in Hospitals (not that it needed to be proved - we were amongst the converted and smiles were everywhere!!).

Regards Rachel Butler—Liaison Officer Auckland



Welcome &
Happy Visiting
Everyone

New Member—Waikato

Visiting Resthaven in Cambridge

"Kora" the Bearded Collie owned by Gerlinde Weinzetti who visit Resthaven in Cambridge. Beautiful. Regards Vicky Graham



Denva visiting Moana House, Whangamata

I visited Moana House this morning, met Belinda who showed Denva and I through the facility. We met residents in the day room and Bleinda took Denva and I into the Hospital area.

Denva was great, she was a little unsure of her surroundings (only natural as she has never been there) but was relaxed and happy to interact with all residents. She was well received and we look forward to our next visit. I am very proud of her as she just took it in her stride. Cheers Kaye Kale



New Member

Visiting Whitianga Continuing Care

This is Moxie, owned by Tracy Gillett. She has recently started visiting Whitianga Continuing Care. Lovely photo.

Regards Vicky Graham

New Member— Visiting Terrence Kennedy House in Glen Eden

Hey guys! I've been waiting for the day I can post this. Tyne has qualified as a Therapy Dog and her first assignment is tomorrow at the Retirement Village just down the road. I'm so proud of her. She was just hours away from being PTS when she found a foster home then on to us. She has always been the most sweet natured dog and I am so proud of her. I'm hoping she can bring a bit of joy to other people as well as me and #hothusband. Thanks to @cowboycatahoula for the suggestion! Basically her role is to visit the residents and cheer them up and try to persuade them to give her treats in exchange for cuddles. So pretty much the same as she does at home really. Wish us an awesome first day tomorrow. Regards Sandra Moorehead



Gorgeous
rescue
dog
Tyne

From the canine perspective!

I've been sporting the "Red Scarf" now for two years so I thought I'd qualify to pass on a few tips to my fellow Canine Friends and to anyone who's thinking of signing up. When the red scarf comes out I just know I'm going to have heaps of fun. We go through this routine a couple of times a month so I'm a bit of As soon as I enter the building I put on my best bright eyed and bushy tail look, the staff love to see this expression, come straight over and ruffle my beautifully brushed and gleaming hair, juggle my ears and coo over me, I always look up at them and stare adoringly into their eyes at this point, this look will reap dividends later!

The real purpose of my visit starts when I approach each resident individually and offer my paw in return for a small treat which Mum gives to the human to reward me, this is a great game, it's very easy and always results positively. After I've said my hellos Mum and I take to the floor and I perform an array of tricks from roll over to walking on my Mum's feet, jumping over obstacles, finding a hidden ball, identifying my Mum's scent from an assortment of cloths...we do all manner of things and I really enjoy being centre stage even though there are no treats available for this work. If at any time during this performance my Mum gets side tracked and starts talking to the residents I quietly sit myself next to her and sit up and beg. This is a really good way to win back your audience and even more important when in this position I pull my tummy right in so I look really thin and in desperate need of food. During this performance a staff member slowly goes around the room with a trolley and what's on this trolley is very important so listen up! Mostly there are cups of liquid and a treat called "cake" you can tell if it's cake as the humans make a soft "mmmmm" noise, like humming.

Once everyone is making this "mmmmm" noise and the room is quiet you must bring attention back to your very thin self, to do this you offer a cute behaviour like sit up and beg or sometimes I lie down and put my front paws over my eyes as if I can't bare to watch. So, you do your cute behaviour and just wait, trust me it won't take long until someone notices you and abracadabra you are offered some cake too, cake is really special and yummy, I don't think Mum likes me eating it but she lets me have a small piece. The other delicious thing that occasionally comes on the trolley is not in cups but this time in glasses and it's bubbling, the humans make a different noise for this, it's more of an "oooooooo" this comes with "chips" you can tell it's not cake as this arrives in small dishes and each person gets their own little bowl. For the best result, you must wait patiently until everyone has been served, then start with the person with the kindest eyes and just sit next to them, look cute, and once they look at you, give them a big wide eyed look, hold in your tummy and gently offer a paw - I guarantee you will be given a chip. Chips are totally different from any other treat as they make a loud crunching noise in your mouth and they almost dissolve on your tongue leaving a slightly salty taste, they are absolutely delicious. Now, you need to be quite quick at this stage and as soon as you've eaten your chip move on to the next person and apply the same process.

So, to make the most of your Canine Friends Pet Therapy visit you just need to stick to a few simple rules

1. Act quietly at all times.
2. Make eye contact with all humans.
3. Remain attentive to your owner, maintain the bright eyes, waggy tail look
4. Learn as many cute tricks as you can and should attention move away from you, put on your best show.

Stick to the above and you will return home with a full tummy, content in the knowledge your visit was a success.

These beautiful inspiring words and advice were written by Jess Ross on behalf of her late Bob. Thank you. Editor

Out & About in Whakatane with Joy Sunich our Liaison Officer. Another wonderful get together with their members

Thank you so much for joining me at my little home with your beautiful dogs – sorry about the weather!! We are gathering together a great little team to spread smiles through our district.

I have attached the photo that Sharon took of us all with our dogs. Our team is growing and we are slowly getting around the rest homes in the area. It is exciting!! Thank you for your support.

Regards Joy Sunich



Our New Members who joined from 19th November, 2018 to 12th March 2019 .
We wish you all a very long and happy association with
Canine Friends Pet Therapy

Auckland

Dee McQuillan & Maggie, Labrador
Virginia Steed & Mac, Huntaway
Eleonora Carraro & Ruby, Staffy-cross
Trish Alderson & Piper, Golden Retriever
Christopher Sarson and Judy Allison & Moska, Border Collie mix
Dorothy Cochrane & Toto, Toy Poodle
Erin Senior & George, Bernese Mountain Dog
Kelsey Steis (as the Auckland New Member Support Co-ordinator)
Sarah Walker & Charley, Labrador Weimaraner-cross

Christchurch

Belinda Thompson & Cooper, Golden Retriever
Scott Mansfield & Castiel, Japanese Spitz
Susan Shepherd & Jessie, Cocker Spaniel
Sarah Chisnall & Blake, Leonberger
Joy Mannix & Jari, Border Collie
Melaine McMurdo & Bentley, Chihuahua x Maltese
Melanie Betts & Layla, Black Lab/Staffy-cross
Amy Bradley & Murph, Miniature Schnauzer
Maria Arts & Bailey, Cavoodle
Ann Newsom & Poppy, Miniature Schnauzer

Foxton/Levin

Julia Richardson & Arlo, Dalmatian
Colette Lang & Lexy, Miniature Poodle

Hastings

Evelyn Jirkowsky & Floki, Bearded Collie
Deanna Tahau & Jack Black, Lab/Poodle
Karen Valu & Odie, Staffie-cross
Rebecca McNeur & Charleston (Charlie), Chihuahua - smooth coat
Judi McNeur & Bear, Toy Poodle
Jenn Phillips & Queen, Huntaway
Murray Sturm & Chalee, German Shepherd

Invercargill & Southland

Pam Hansard & Sandy, Pomeranian/Maltese

Kapiti Coast

Cathy Pentecost & Rosy, Spoodle
Wayne Mackley & Odin, Poodle/Lowchen-cross
Ngaire McSkimming & Rogue, French Bulldog

Lower Hutt

Natalie Conroy & Arlo, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chris Andrews and Angela Browne & Zak (Shepherd) and Ami (Huntaway)
Rosalind and Bill Larsen & Breeze, Yellow Labrador

Manawatu & Rural Districts

Sally Turner & Mishka, Miniature Schnauzer

Napier

Annie Reynolds & Tiri, Greyhound

Nelson-Tasman

Nina Roberts & Tank, Mixed Lab-cross
Jane and Alan Wulff & Penny, Cocker Spaniel

Northland

Maureen Skinner & Digger, Border Collie-cross

Queenstown

Diane Hill & Stella, Labrador

Rotorua

Katrine Gellatly & Bear, Hungarian Vizsla

Taupo

Kate Howie & Lace, Black Lab
Elisabeth Cato & Bracken, Lab/Collie/Greyhound-cross
Tilly Stevens & Chico, Bichon/Maltese/Shitzu/Poodle

Tauranga

McMahon Elliott & Jess, English Pointer Cross
Danica Walsh & Franklin, Spoodle
Sara Chapman & Hoki, Lab-x Beagle
Sarah Cook & Suki and Kyo, Japanese Spitz
Joanne Matthews & Sophia, English Staffordshire Terrier
Kelly Rutherford with Loulou (Bordie Collie), Red (Springer Spaniel), Teaga (Border Spaniel) and Evie (Springer Spaniel)
Damien Banks & Chase, Blue Merle Border Collie
Sheryl Orchard & Frankie, Lab-cross
Madeline Parker & Archer, Black Russian Terrier

Waikato

Maurice Shirley & Darcy, Purebred Miniature Poodle
Danita Louw & Charlie, Maltese Lhasa Apso-cross

Wanaka

Claire Wardlaw & Jetta, Labrador

Whakatane

Karin Visser & Zed, Greyhound-cross
Anne Kennedy & Lily, Maltese
Alix Stiles & Oli, Cockerpoo
Sharon Hunt & Emma, Chihuahua

Whanganui

Susan Ericksen & Gypsy Rose (Beardie-cross) and Nessie (Border Collie/Beardie cross)
Michelle Gillman & Spotty, Shih-Tzu

Whitby to Johnsonville

Fiona Robinson & Rosie, Border Terrier
Fran Albertario & Luna, Siberian Husky
K-J & Matt Dillon & Luna, Cavoodle



Shiloh who visited the Levin A & P Show. Gorgeous photo.

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