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Summer 2020

Welcome to all Members, Friends and New Members

President's Report Summer 2020

Needless to say 2020 has been interesting, challenging and different for us all. Through these past months we have faced many situations in the face of Covid-19, some difficult and strange to us, but we have also seen many acts of kindness.

What 2020 has highlighted to me is the awareness and appreciation of our organisation and I have no doubt whatsoever that sharing our dogs has helped hundreds of people, young and old and from all walks of life.

Resulting from our articles in the Super Seniors Newsletter, AgedPlus magazine and on the Eldernet website we have received a flurry of new applications from most regions, another indication of how people want to help others and how much our work is valued.

Thank you for being part of Canine Friends, sharing your dogs and spreading happiness to those in need.

On behalf of the committee I wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Vicky Graham



Taupo Nui A Tia College

Photo sent in by our member Noel Hirovanaa - this is Lola his British Bulldog who was an absolute crowd pleaser with the students.

Kind Regards,
Vicky



Pet Expo in Tauranga on 3 & 4 October, 2020

Anna Briffa LO for Tauranga organized a small group of our members to participate on the Ziwi Stand. More photos to come..

This is Gillian Blanchard and Teddy who attended.



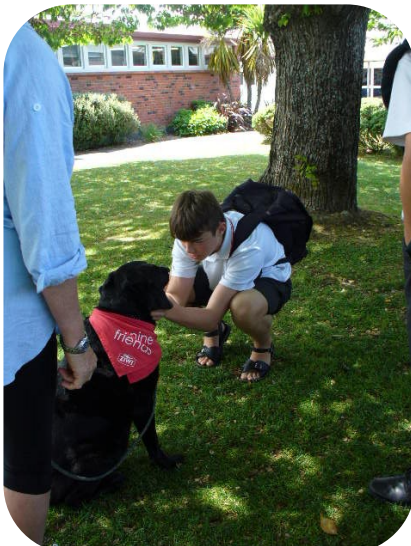
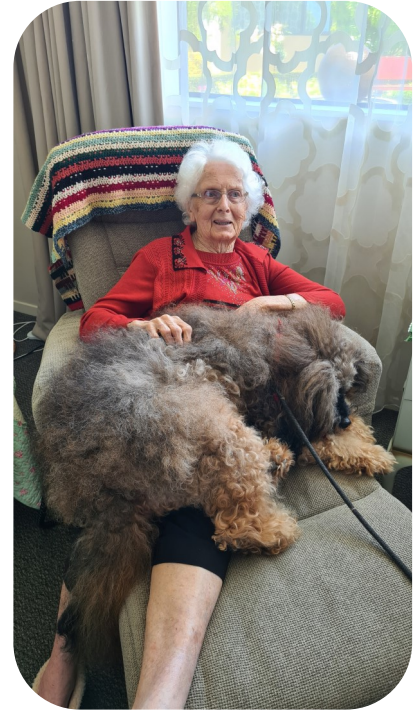
This lady loves her cuddles with Toby. She is Catherine Hamilton and here she is having her weekly snuggle. She always encourages Toby to come as close as possible and once on her knee, she never wants to let him leave.

Regards Yvette Shore



Bupa St Andrews with Toby visiting

Toby is a big cuddly dog



Taupo Nui A Tia College Group Visit

A selection of photos from our group visit yesterday - I was so proud of our dogs and members.

Something really nice came out of it - one of the teachers commented how lovely it was to see some students who normally prefer to spend the lunch break alone joined their fellow students because of the dogs being there.

Kind Regards

Vicky



Canine Friends Pet Therapy Committee as elected on 10 June, 2020



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Committee Snippets

1. Please remember to view and use the Canine Friends Pet Therapy website if you have a question or require information—
www.caninefriends.org.nz
2. Please view our **You Tube channel** to see more about our dogs.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnZJ4Apt2bLpdssY2rA>
3. Up to date photos and outings on our **Face book page**.
4. **Our Liaison Officers' Appreciation Day has been re-scheduled for 6 March, 2021.** We appreciate our thirty two Liaison Officers so much that we have invited them to their own Special Day in Wellington. The Day had to be cancelled in 2020 due to COVID restrictions. All of our members are special people but the members who have undertaken this job are extra special. Dogs NZ have supported this day for the past five years and we are very thankful. It will be a training and social day for all.
5. Please be mindful that Canine Friends has over 800 members, visiting and non visiting, nearly 400 resthomes, including hospices and hospitals and we are celebrating our 30 year anniversary for 2020/2021. What a wonderful achievement!

In Memorium

Lovely Sophie

"My lovely Chocolate Labrador, Sophie, is no longer visiting Oamaru's Iona Home. Unfortunately she was euthanized last April at ten and a half years old. Sophie had cancer. A wonderful, loyal, friendly, sweet natured girl who took her visiting duties seriously and has been a huge part of my life. Sophie is sadly missed, not just by me and her doggy friends, but also the residents of Iona Home. R.I.P. my beautiful girl." Kind Regards, Anthea Brown
(Regrettably, there is no photo as there was a glitch in Anthea's computer)

My friend Emma

My greyhound, Emma, died at the beginning of September so I no longer visit the Resthomes. She had cancer, as did my previous greyhound Millie, also a Canine Pet Therapy dog. Therefore, my association with CFPT is now at an end after 13 years. We all enjoyed our visiting over that time and both my dogs knew when it was time to visit and both hurried me along as they might be late! Kind regards Claire Dawe
(Regrettably, there is no photo, but thank you Claire for such an incredible commitment of over 13 years helping people in need).

Beautiful Terri



Sadly, I said goodbye to my Canine Friend, 'Terri', today after 17 years. I am sure I don't need to tell you how hard that is.

She managed over two years with Canine Friends before her health took a turn for the worse. She will be missed. When our visiting duties begin again she will be succeeded by younger housemate Bo. (9 yrs old)

He was assessed at the same time as Terri and has proved to be popular with residents at Woodcote Retirement Village prior to the level two restrictions. This is a pic taken on this morning's visit. Bo already has quite a few fans.

Sincerely,

Paul Jones - Christchurch



Bo



Beautiful Terri





Visiting after Lockdown resumes at Somervale in Mt. Maunganui

Photos of Barnaby when we finally got to visit last Tuesday. He was so good even remembered which rooms we pop into. The lady in the wheel chair just adores him and so missed his visits

We all enjoy our trips to Somervale at Mt Maunganui. Sadly, we had lost three of our dear folks over lock down but new faces are there now to pop into visit.

Kind Regards

Colleen and Kevin Low and Barnaby



Visiting at Rahini Resthome in Dannevirke

Benson's third visit to Rahiri Resthome, Dannevirke.

He is already a great favourite with residents and staff alike. Very keen to get to "work" but once he is in the door he settles. Has not taken him long to work out that lying on your back for a tummy rub doesn't work here, as no one can reach! So sitting by their side or standing with your head in a lap works best to get the most cuddles and being true to his breed there is always the odd crumb to be had!

Chris Partridge—LO Hastings



Visiting Pukekohe Hospital

This photo is of Mr Doug Harris-Scobel during his period of rehabilitation at Pukekohe Hospital. He was visited by Goldie and enjoyed having pats & time to talk. Doug's family also brought in his own dog to visit, so inpatients & visitors alike would enjoy a visit from Goldie. This photo was taken prior to lockdown.

Helen Walters, Pet Therapy at Pukekohe Hospital AT&R ward.



First visit to Woburn Rest Home in Waipukurau

Kieran and his dog, Henry, started at Woburn Rest Home on 20th October. They were an instant hit with both staff and residents. Henry is shown here with his Dad (Kieran), Deborah (Dementia Unit staff) and in the background, Eleanor, their wonderful DT.

He was a little nervous on his first day but by the end, although tired, he was getting into the swing of it.

Henry and his Dad will be visiting Woburn weekly, to the delight of all.

Cheers, Chris Partridge





Jensen going back to Methven House—Ashburton

We are going back to visit the residents at Methven House next Thursday 18th June. It will be sad as one of the residents passed away during lockdown. Jensen especially liked visiting Doug. They had a special bond and Jensen would rest his head on his lap and listen to him very carefully every time we went. Doug would tell him that he was too soft and not a true farm dog! Jensen has been attending the school where I teach since we went back in Level 2 and has thoroughly enjoyed getting back to the routine. He went in our school newsletter last week and from that he had two visits from the local newspapers who both ran an article on his work. Quite the celebrity, I hope it doesn't hold to his head!

When we were in lockdown he worked from home and studied like the class doing many Google Meetings! Sending our best wishes to all our Canine Friends (humans and dogs!) Kristina Sheppard and Jensen



Jensen Sheppard has come a long way in a few short years. About eight years ago the border collie staffy cross was looking at a pretty grim future. The Canterbury earthquakes saw him lost, lonely and desperate to find someone who would love him and provide him with a warm home. Kristina was looking for a new canine friend and spotted Jensen in the dog shelter. Thankfully, they found each other and have gone from strength to strength. Jensen has become an invaluable companion to the Year 7 students at Ashburton Intermediate School as well as visiting elderly residents in the Methven House. Jensen is a calming influence and always seems to know when someone needs a few moments of dog love.. A wonderful trait especially as he was quite traumatized when meeting up with Kristina originally.

The Ashburton Guardian newspaper wrote a great story about him in June 2020 singing his praises. We are so thrilled to have Jensen sharing his love on behalf of Canine Friends Pet Therapy. Editor



Winter Get-Together in Nelson/Tasman Areas

Although we have so many new folks in the midst of joining us, it is hard to get people and dogs together.

Today we had a get together at "Grape Escape" near Richmond. We shared a lovely afternoon tea and our dogs enjoyed the company too.

Regards from Margaret Scaiffe



First visit to Mt. Herbert Rest Home in Waipukurau

Brian Petersen and Prince started their CF journey with their first visit to Mt Herbert Rest home in Waipukurau on 2nd July.

Prince took to it like a true professional. He had cuddles for everyone.

Prince is a Shih-tsu Cavalier King Charles Spaniel mix. He is shown here giving Ngaira a love.

Regards Chris Partridge





BooBoo visits Queenstown Resort College

Once a term (four times a year) when the assessment workload is increasing for students, BooBoo with her owner, Sue Bartlett, visits student groups that are on campus giving and receiving much love. Many students come from families with dogs and as students are studying away from home for 2 years while they complete their Management Diplomas, having a canine friend come in makes them very happy.

Sue Bartlett—Cardrona



Chris Mathias



Emma Dunne



Sarah Lewis



Annabelle Evans

Sharing the love at Summerset Rest Home Auckland

Big smiles from Betty & Milly as Milly receives lots of pats. She loves visiting.

Thank you and have a good day.

Kind regards,

TANIA MACBETH



Beautiful Milly



Betty with Milly

Pet Expo in Levin—November, 2020

Sue Clark asked the members of the Horowhenua area to be part of the Expo with Dogs NZ. They had a very busy day and spoke with a lot of people. Thank you all for attending. Regards Sue Clark





Chummy visiting his pals in Nelson

Michael and John love his visits.
As you can see Chummy likes to
“hang” out with John and has
done so for the past 3 years.

Regards Margaret Scaiffe



Michael with Chummy



John with Chummy

Manawatu Group are always spreading goodwill and cheer and this time it was an Invitation to visit Liblab

On Thursday 22 October a small group were lucky enough to be invited to participate in Liblab, an after school children's programme at the Palmerston North Library. The session was a doggie session. Four of us attended with a range of breeds. Arlo, the Dalmation, Mishka the Miniature Schnauzer, Lillie the King Charles Cavalier and Sophie and Thumpa the Golden Retrievers. The children all gathered around our two lab workers (library personal) in their white coats, unfortunately there had been an explosion in the lab so Rhonda had a tattered coat on.

We had a welcome, dog jokes then we talked about the visiting dogs and any stories relating to them – 101 dalmations. Thumper the rabbit but now a large dog, their ages and what they do, how they like to do fun things when not visiting. We answered some questions as well. The children then made red cardboard kennels with the help of some parents plus made a dog with a ribbon on its tail all coloured in like one of the dogs attending. The Dalmation had 10 spots on his nose for example. There were also tablets to watch to find out about dogs. All the children were very industrious in cutting out and putting together their kennels and dogs as the dogs walked around them. They all got lots of pats and when some had finished their craft time they had one on one with each dog learning more about them. There was to be story time but there was not enough time so we were thanked by one of the children and it was all over. The session lasted for an hour. Usually we visit the library children's section during the holidays as part of their holiday programme so this was a little different and worked really well.



After our visit we received a thank you email from Rhonda, the children's programme coordinator, to say “the children had absolutely enjoyed our visit and to pass on our thanks for such lovely dogs that attended. As this was the first time we had included something like this in one of our sessions we thought it worked above expectations so thank you for sharing your lovely furry ones with us.”

Regards Ann Evans LO



Manawatu Group were very excited to accept an Invitation to once again visit IPU (International Pacific Unit in Palmerston North.

Eleven dogs made the students laugh and smile throughout our visit.

Photos which could not be included in the Spring Newsletter are here and on page 10.



Ann with Thumpa, Oakie & friends



Kazan



St Peters Anglican Church in Palmerston North once again held their annual Pet Blessing Service on Sunday 4 October at 10am

to which Canine Friends pet Therapy members were invited. The church was filled with animals but mainly dogs with maybe three cats. We, as a group, sat in the back pews as some members felt this being a very new event for some were not so sure how their dogs would react to being in a Church and to be able to sit still for a service.

They all did wonderfully well, really have to be proud of every one of them. Some sat or layed in the aisle, some on the pews where the cushions had been removed and some at the feet of their owners. Animal hymns were sung as were prayers said, a brief speech about what Canine Friends is all about by yours truly with the help of Thumpa magestically sitting beside me at the front of the church and then one by one every animal present approached the altar and were individually blessed – quite a queue- and given a homemade doggie biscuit treat parcel.

A candle was then lit for each of those departed which included our very own Panda. We were then invited to join everyone out the back for a cuppa and where the dogs could have a run around. We then bypassed our run out in the dog friendly Linklater Park and went for lunch at one of our favourite doggie cafes Cafe 116 for lunch for those who wished to go. Regards Ann Evans



What a beautiful tribute to our Panda

It is a celebration of St Francis of Assisi the patron saint of animals and the environment. If you wanted to read my speech it is on St Peters Church website

Ann



Duke visiting Woburn Masonic Care in Lower Hutt

Please find attached some photos of our Duke (canine) with one of his Friends Cyril at Woburn Masonic Care in Lower Hutt.

Duke and Joanne have been coming to Woburn for nearly 2 years now. Duke has made some fantastic friendships here. It was wonderful to see how relaxed Duke was on this visit and brought real joy to Cyril.

Kind Regards

Larissa Dunnett

Larissa Dunnett,
Registered Diversional Therapist
Woburn Masonic Care

Thank you Larissa for thinking of us and sending the lovely photos. Editor



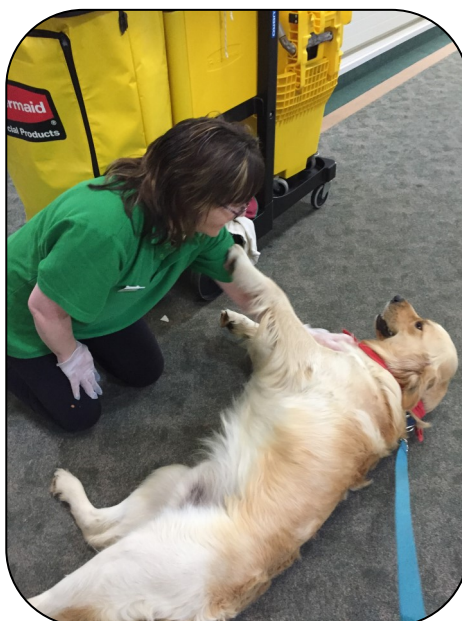
First visit to Kauri Lodge Resthome, Riccarton, Christchurch.

Gem and I were very excited yesterday about our first visit to Kauri Lodge



Mylo visiting Rahiri Rest Home Dannevirke

Mylo with his friend, Robyn, a staff member, having a cuddle every time he visits. They both love it. Regards Chris



Hillcrest High School Inclusive Education Visit in the Waikato—Christine Johnson has sent some great photos which will be featured in the Autumn Newsletter.

Manawatu Group visited the UCOL in Palmerston North—still holding so many lovely photos-next time.

Look forward to all the beautiful Christmas photos.

Please send your stories/photos, including wearing a Scarf to: Beverley Jocelyn at editor@caninefriends.org.nz
Please use the Website to keep up to date with current events and information. It would also be appreciated if you would include your dog's name, owner's name and the place you are visiting.





Izzy, Izzie & Kazan



Murphy



Thumpa & Peri with a room of students and dogs from our Group



Lillie & Murphy



Ched



Gary & Con

Photos of Manawatu Group on their visit to IPU





New Members: 1 September to 15 November 2020

Auckland

Janina Aricheta & Romeo, Greyhound
Penelope Bundy & Raisin, Jack Russell X
Sarah Doney & Jackson, Dalmatian
Elana Du Preez & Shadow, Mini poodle
Sandra Eriksen & Tilly, Border Collie
Nicola Kapeli and Andy Craig & Pippa, Labraspoodle
Philippa Kisey & Boston, Labrador
Debra Moore & Lulu, Shih Tzu
Sharon Squires & Mungo, Rough Collie
Gideon and India Wyck & Rufus, Black Russian Terrier

Blenheim

Katie and Ian McNabb & Freddie, Whippet
Melanie and Andrew Spence & Bella, Black Labrador and
Dascha, Dachshund

Christchurch

Kimberley Baker & Alice, Cavoodle
Michele Birse & Snuggly, Pembroke Corgi
Judith Moore & Angus, Miniature Poodle
Sue Thomas & Monty, Black Labrador
Sue Townsend & Penny, Chihuahua

Foxton/Levin

Peter Kitching & Maggie, English Setter x English Spaniel/
Border Collie
Judith Leppard & Syd, Toy Schnauzer

Hastings

Georgina Carson-Waihi and Reuben Waihi with Sione Blue
Waihi, Shih Tzu Chihuahua and Sasa, Shih Tzu Chihuahua
Papillon
Gavin Duffy & Preston, Miniature Schnauzer,
Robyn Hewetson & Buddy, Chocolate Labrador
Nadine Hook & Betsy Bell Bear, French Bulldog
Rin Lundall & Xena, Fox Terrier Cross

Invercargill & Southland

Susan Drylie & Maggie, Cavoodle
Jessica Matheson & Huan, Borzoi

Kapiti Coast

Renee McNeil & Mango, Labradoodle
Jenny and Stephen Oatley & Tiki, Kerry Blue Terrier
Elizabeth Piercy & Shannon, Maltese Terrier

Whitby to Johnsonville

John De Roo & Suki, Japanese Spitz
Sandra Reid & Toby, Wire haired Jack Russell
Melissa Small & Beaudy, Golden Retriever

Lower Hutt

Evan & Ester Hawksworth & Theo, Border Collie

Manawatu

Georgina Bodenham & Abbie, Golden Retriever
Abby Hughes & Lionel, Pug

Napier

Max Patmoy & Klaus, Miniature Schnauzer

Nelson-Tasman

Sara Booth & Lotti, Miniature Schnauzer
Andrew Bunker & Kasper, White German Shepherd
Milena Robinson & Monty, Yorkshire Terrier
Charlene Storrar & Ben, German Shepherd
Craig & Jill Webby & Lumen, Samoyed

Northland

Richard Catterall & Toby, Mixed breed - Mastiff/Lab

Taranaki

Tess Annabell & Boots, Bichon Frise x Poodle x Jack Russell
Jeanine Hull & Alfie, Border Collie

Taupo

David Bayfield & Molly, Collie X
Christina MacIntyre & Jasper, Wire Fox Terrier

Tauranga

Bridget Gardner & Sophie, Poochon
Justine Thompson & Fred, Cavoodle

Tauranga Hospital

Delphine Bertelsen & Lulu, Spoodle
Aafke Drake & Bengie, Cavadoodle

Upper Hutt

Anna Kaczorowski & Douglas, Beardie

Waikato

Jayne Ashburner & Marley, Australian Kelpie Cross
Beverley Belcher & Sherpa, Tibetan Spaniel
Fiona Ferrar & Cuda, Border Collie
Anne Horsfall & Bru, Golden Retriever
Ngairé Kiernan & Cara, Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Nikki Leigh & Ozzie, Soft coated Wheaten Terrier X Poodle
Bernice Levis & Monty, Maltese x Shih Tzu
Megan Potter & Annie, Golden Retriever
Teresa Richardson & Abbey, English Springer Spaniel

Wellington

Amy and Peter De Boer & Isla, Golden Retriever
Kesh Gilmour & Lulu, Spoodle
Joanne and Ximing Lowe & Maddy, Shih Tzu, Pomeranian Terrier

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



Manawatu Group are always on the go and Massey Students love seeing our Canine Friends

On Wednesday we had an invite from the Massey Students Association in Palmerston North to once again bring our dogs onto campus. Ten dogs attended and as per usual were very well received and had a great time with the students. It was a lovely day so we all managed to sit around outside on the concourse with plenty of room for the students to easily interact with each dog.

Afterwards we had lunch at one of our favourite dog friendly cafes, Cafe 116, with our dogs who were as per usual tired but were able to sit with us in the courtyard. We had a lovely visit. Regards Ann.



Con



Mishka



Some of our members



Brody



Thumpa & Bingo



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