



Annual General Meeting was held on 10 June, 2017

Please read our outgoing President's Report, from Annette Dougherty, as it was presented to the meeting.

Hi everyone

We are now into our 27th year of Canine Friends Pet Therapy and, structurally and financially, I feel we are in an excellent position going forward.

One of our aims from last year's AGM was to upgrade our Member Management System and Communications technology which is progressing well under the competent guidance of Leanne Gibson. We are working towards upgrading our website as soon as possible (funds permitting). We also enjoyed a wonderful very full day last August when we ran a Liaison Officers Day in Wellington. We had a tremendous turnout and from all the feedback I have had they can't wait for the next one! It makes such a difference when you are able to discuss your problems, etc with other likeminded people and realise we all have the same problems. "It was a really fun day".

Carolyn Williams has been working steadily on updating all our communications material, and a complete new pack has been sent out to all Liaison Officers. To ensure all our communications material nationwide is consistent, we ask you all to familiarise yourselves with this pack, and to only use the official material you have received from now on.

We are also working on improving our communications and support in the South Island and helping our members to establish new groups wherever possible. Several of our committee members will be visiting current Liaison officers and members wherever possible later on this year and Sarah Cull is organising this venture with the generous assistance of the NZ Kennel Club.

I would also like to reiterate our previous Liaison Officer's reports on how important it is that we have a competent Field Officer for the South Island. It doesn't necessarily need to be a current Liaison Officer but could be someone who understands our principles and is willing to communicate regularly with our South Island Liaison Officers and send in monthly activity reports to the committee. We also require several new Liaison Officers for the North Island and we would be happy to hear from any interested dog loving people who are happy to commit some of their valuable time to our organisation.

The committee and I would like to thank all our Liaison Officers/Assessors and Field Officers as without their commitment and dedication our organisation would not exist. Many of you have worked tirelessly to include your members in all sorts of fun activities together. Our volunteers work extremely hard to cover numerous requests from different organisations that just need a gentle dog to visit, no questions asked. With the numerous articles being written by our very competent Publicity Officer the public awareness of our organisation has increased immensely which in turn involves more time and commitment from our dedicated members.



President's Report continued

Some of you have hooked into our new Wild Apricot System and I do hope you will all eventually avail yourselves of this exciting new tool. I guess if I can get my head around it anybody can! There are also numerous forms and documents on the site for you to print one-off copies when you run out of supplies if necessary. A big thank-you to Leanne Gibson for getting us up and running on Wild Apricot. Leanne has done a fantastic job and is always more than happy to offer any help and training you may need.

As most of you will be aware I am stepping down this year as President and am extremely confident the position will be ably filled by our new President. I want to acknowledge all of my committee who have assisted and supported me during my term as President especially Nina Hawke our outgoing Secretary who was always "just a phone call away" when needed. To Anne Abbott our outgoing Treasurer of 10 years, Barbara Laing who has resigned as a long serving committee member and Wairarapa Liaison Officer and Loryn Blaikie, who has resigned due to a more important commitment (all the best Loryn) - a very big thank you to you all for your commitment and service.

We have a very strong and competent committee and it has been a pleasure to work with you all. With the technology available today it is possible to extend the National Executive to include interested members from all over New Zealand with their own expertise and we are working to that end.

I wish the new President all the success in this position and am only a phone call away if you need a sounding board at any time. Annette

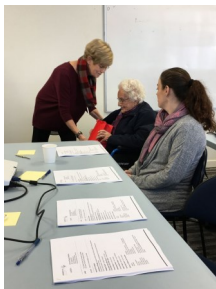


Photo on the left, is Eileen, our Founder, receiving a thank you token from Annette.



Left is Communications Manager, Carolyn

Right is our new Secretary and Database Manager, Leanne Gibson



20 Year Service Award—Honorary Membership presented to Sondra Levitt (Upper Hutt)

I spoke to Sondra the other day and one of her comments was that Canine Friends was never about her but about her beloved dog 'Kodi' and our 25th anniversary book describes Kodi as a prince among pet therapy dogs. Even Eileen described him as an exceptional golden retriever, his perception of human needs was almost uncanny. Sondra shared with me her first meeting with Kodi when her neighbours moved in next door and she found Kodi sitting on her doorstep not long after. A friendship began between the neighbours and Sondra offered to walk this rather rotund animal on a daily basis. Sondra soon saw his potential (a perception probably gained from her late father who was strongly involved in the dog world) and after both being assessed by a lady sitting in Wainuiomata their involvement with Canine Friends began, Kodi and his owner became one of our pioneering couples. When her neighbours moved to Pautahanui several years later Sondra drove out once a week to pick up Kodi to bring him back for his weekly visits at the Norman Kirk Centre where he was loved and cuddled by the residents until he passed away at the age of 14. At 11 years of age when circumstance changed again Kodi finally came home to live with Sondra where they carried on visiting for many years.

Sondra went on to become a popular and respected Liaison Officer for the Upper Hutt region for many years.

Sondra said it was all about the dog, never her but I disagree! A lot of very grateful residents and friends would never have had the opportunity to meet this "prince among pet therapy dogs" if it wasn't for the love, insight and commitment of his friend and eventual owner Sondra Levitt. We need the dedication of all our owners as I really don't think our dogs can visit on their own, unless you perhaps go by the name of "Kodi".

Annette Dougherty



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Announcement of new Patron

Annette was pleased to confirm that the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy has agreed to be our patron. This patronage will be for the duration of her term in office. CFPT are honoured and excited to receive the vice regal patronage and will be looking at opportunities to connect with the Governor General in the future.

Our new President is Ann Evans and Vice-President is Vicky Graham from Taupo. Please read the next paragraph which is an excerpt from Ann's personal Biography which was presented to the AGM and can be read on the website in its entirety.

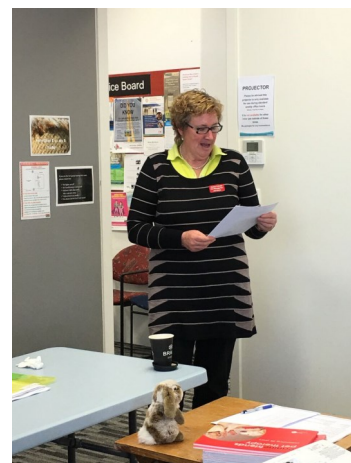
"At present I am a regular CFPT visitor (since 2008) to 4 rest homes, Liaison Officer and Assessor for Manawatu Rural (2011) including of late Levin, North Island Field Officer and Committee member (2014). I am also the Administrator for our Facebook page, initially instigated the inclusion in the NZ Kennel Club monthly Dogworld Magazine articles about Canine Friends which are now written monthly by Carolyn and I organised a twice yearly clothing order of shirts and vests with our logo on for members to purchase."

Ann is a person with passion and integrity and Canine Friends is fortunate to have her as our next President.

Vice-President, Vicky Graham—following is an excerpt from Vicky's Biography which you can read on the website in full.

"My involvement with Canine Friends Pet Therapy began in the early 1990's as a volunteer and committee member. With much pride I have witnessed the growth of our organisation from its small beginnings in Wellington to recognised and respected nationwide charity. In 2015 I was privileged to be recognised as an Honorary Life Member".

Vicky has also had many years of experience with dogs and the SPCA. She is also passionate about Canine Friends and we are lucky to have her expertise and experience. (My apologies for the photo but the best I had to use).



New Member

Daisy visiting Mash Living Plus Levin

Hi my name is Daisy,

I'm 23 months old and I am a Bull Mastiff. I accompany my mum to work three sessions a week at Mash Living Plus Levin. Living Plus is a Day Base which provides vocational services for adults with intellectual disabilities.

I'm very calm and friendly and I love all the attention and affection that I get, I have made some special friends that look forward to my regular visits. Some people just enjoy watching me, others like to give me pets, cuddles and treats or watch me show off some obedience tricks, sometimes we even go for a group walk around the neighbourhood.

I feel very proud to be wearing the canine friends pet therapy scarf (can't you tell in the photo) but mum says I still have to continue my education in obedience.

Some of my favourite things are cuddles, mum's bed, meeting nice people and dogs, more cuddles, playing with my dog friends, walks at the beach and my soft toy piglet.

Regards Valerie von Mulert

Daisy is the most wonderful Bull Mastiff I have ever met, so gentle and calm and is doing fantastic things for the Living Plus in Levin. Thanks from Ann Evans



New Member

Rusty visiting Nelson Residential Care Centre—Feilding

My name is Rusty and I am a 7 year old Griffon X Toy Poodle.

I live in Feilding with my family and I will be visiting Nelson Residential Care Centre with my Mum Alison. It has just been opened so very new.

I love cuddles and pats, in fact any form of attention will do, so visiting the Resthome will definitely give me my weekly fix. Since I don't drink Coffee, pats and cuddles are my "fix" therefore, this is just the perfect job for me.

Congratulations to Tuppence for her mention as a Canine Hero in this month's NZ Dog World!



Tuppence, you are always beautiful and I know the residents at Cashmere Heights LOVE you so much.

This recognition is very well deserved.

Regards, Jean Barr

Several of our Canine Friends Pet Therapy dogs have gained this award and we will feature a story with photos in the Spring Newsletter.



New Member

Elmswood Retirement Village in Christchurch

I just thought I would let you know that following our successful assessment with Lois, my Huntaway Nero and I will start volunteering at Elmswood Retirement Village in Christchurch.

We had our first visit today and it went really, really well. Nero is a natural - he understands instinctively to be extra gentle. He laid his head on many knees, sat at many feet, received many pats and made many new friends! The faces of the residents just lit up when they saw him, and they seem very happy that we'll be visiting every week. I'm very proud of Nero, he really was wonderful considering it was his first visit and I think he's going to enjoy it a lot.

We adopted him from Second Chance Dog Rescue when he was 12 weeks old. The litter had been dumped, so we got him when he was young and free from abuse issues. Now he is helping others through his volunteering—he has just got the most perfect nature for it and oozes love and sympathy. I wonder if it's because he had a rough start!



Handsome Nero

Cheers from Kirsty Quested



Gorgeous Pip

New Member

Amy McNicol with her lovely Pip a gorgeous very dark Pug. A new member in the Mt Albert area. All set to go but not allocated a Resthome as yet.



Visiting Member—this is Bob with Jack a 5yr old Poodle at **Summerset Care Facility at Paraparaumu**. Bob just loves seeing Jack and receives lots of kisses.

Edda visiting Karina Lifecare Resthome in Palmerston North



Young 'Edda' visiting **Karina Lifecare Rest Home** in Palmerston North today. Best wishes, Daniela Rosenstreich



South Island New Members to 10th June, 2017

CHRISTCHURCH

Ana Lakakis, Pepe, Chihuahua
Annette Sheridan, Max, Cavoodle
Joanna Clunies-Ross, Daisy, Labrador
Becky Waugh, Eric, Dalmatian
Petra Sims, Spike & Hugo, Rhodesian Ridgebacks
Annie Bradshaw, Luna, Lagotto Romagnollo
Petra Mossop, Pickle, Cavoodle
Laura Hayward, Pumbaa, Golden retriever
Kirsten Leitch, Brecon, Labrador
Kate Pearson, Ellie, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Fleur Walls, Kushka, Afghan Hound X Golden Retriever

OTAGO

Sophie Leishman, Kevin Wilkie, Yorkshire Terrier
Sheree Young, Kevin, Labrador

INVERCARGILL

Sandra Knight, Teddybear, Bichon Frise X Shih Tzu

NELSON/TASMAN

Jane Goodman, Maisie, Bernese Mountain dog

Day down South in Invercargill with Marie Lockie

Having found myself in Invercargill, free to do whatever for the day while my husband was at Perendale Sheep Conference meeting what better way to spend the day than with our Liaison Officer Marie Lockie.

Marie is 92 years young, extremely fit for her age and has been Liaison Officer in Invercargill for over 14 years. As part of the day we visited **Rose Lodge** with her Canine Friend Toby which was a bonus for me. They were so happy to see Toby walk through the door and made a great fuss of him and even agreed for me to photograph Toby in action

Toby is a border collie about 11 years old, didn't like sheep so was about to be shot until Marie found him. He is so perfect for pet therapy visiting and has been doing it for at least 3 years.

Marie and Toby visit 3 Resthomes in Invercargill with **Takitimu Anglican Home** every Monday, **Bainfield Lodge** on the third Wednesday of the month and also **Rose Lodge** on the third Thursday of each month so Toby sometimes gets to enjoy 3 outings in the week. Marie says it gives her and Toby a real buzz to do this and love every moment.

We then went out to Donovan Park and gave Toby and his best mate Cooper a lovely big walk in the fresh air.

Thank you to Marie for sharing your day with me plus your company for a coffee or two.

Ann Evans



Marie and Jean Barnett (98 yrs old) with Toby



Marie and Toby at Rose Lodge and left having playtime with Toby



Daphne Darragh & Toby



Jean Barnett & Toby



Valmay Pearton & Toby

On Guard

This is a notice which is very disturbing to read but as Jean has pointed out it is something that can happen whether in her neighbour or others.

I have been informed, by sources I can trust, that there is a spate of dog theft going on at present to fuel dog fighting.

A couple of weeks ago a group of school children came across the remains of several dogs by the Paremata Bridge. Although I have not seen evidence of the find I was informed that an ear was still intact. Today another canine carcass was found in a similar location.

From what I have been told the thieves roam around the streets, identifying houses with dogs to use for bait or fighting. They then mark these properties with a chalk mark and later someone collects the canines. The victims being found by the bridge are the result.

This is an horrific thing to happen to any dog and I was physically sick when told of today's find.

Please make sure that your canine is safe and secure and spread the word to friends and family. These morons need to be stopped!

I believe the Police and Council are investigating however please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the council.

Like me please give your canine an extra cuddle tonight.

Jean Barr - Liaison Officer Whitby to Johnsonville

Ten Aspirations of a Dog

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separations from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you adopt me.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me
3. Place your trust in me — it's crucial for my well-being
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as a punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I only have you
5. Talk to me sometimes. Even though I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it is speaking to me
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will not forget
7. Remember before you hit me that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones of your hand but that I choose not to bite you
8. Before you scold me for being "uncooperative" or "obstinate" or "lazy", ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I am not getting the right food or I've been out in the sun for too long or my heart is getting old and weak
9. Take care of me when I get old; you too will grow old
10. Go with me on difficult journeys, especially the last one. Never say "I can't bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for me if you are there.

Unknown Author (Annette passed these amazing Aspirations onto me—Editor)

Variety is the spice of life

Belonging to Canine Friends is fun and there can be plenty of variety. Kula, Shadow and Sherry take turns in visiting Woburn Home in Lower Hutt. The dogs visit day guests and residents in the lounges & sometimes score a bit of muffin after morning tea. People love to stroke and talk to the dogs. We also visit some residents in their rooms.



Betty with Sherry

Betty was having a visit from Poppy (4 yrs old) and her Mum, Catherine, when we popped in and Shadow got some extra pats.



Poppy with Shadow (Betty in the background)



Kula with Jean and Rhona

Then for something a bit more unusual, on 22 April we took the dogs to The Big Dog Walk with Lots of Dogs in Wellington. It was a stunning day weather wise. While we were milling around at the start, more and more people and dogs turned up. Our 4 Golden Retrievers, Kula, Shadow, Sherry and Autumn were very popular and were soon surrounded by people wanting to stroke them and take photos. Sherry and Autumn had their Canine Friends scarves on. There were plenty of treats on offer too, so that was a bonus for the dogs.



Caesar belongs to Erin Cassidy



Walkers mingling with dogs



Then we were off on the walk around Oriental Bay and on to Evans Bay. We didn't get all the way there as it was very hot and Kula is nearly 14, but we went far enough, swam in a couple of bays and then came back to the start again for the ride back home. A truly great day where we were able to promote Canine Friends and have fun as well. We are very much looking forward to the event again next year.

Thanks from Carole McNie

Variety is the spice of life



Oriental Bay, Wellington .. Lovely photo

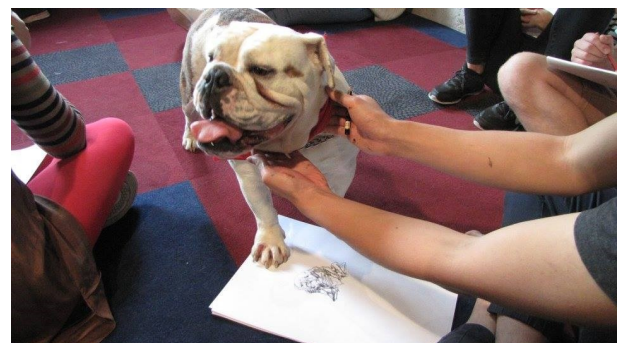
Drawing Day. Our dogs were invited to the Wellington Museum and Victoria organised for our dogs to participate and she was the photographer for the photos below which are self explanatory.

This day would have to be the most unusual event our dogs have participated in and all the feedback says it was a really great event.. There were people of all ages attending with their sketchpads. Comments included "great day, I hope this is done again, such good doggies, great session, loads of fun, got me back into drawing".

If you haven't already seen it, a link to the Flux post has been posted on our Facebook page and there's some cool pictures of the dogs and also some of the artists with their drawings there.

We had some awesome feedback from the artists who loved the calm and friendly natures of our dogs and how well behaved they were sitting on the stage and posing for fairly long periods of time. The museum also got some feedback about how great the event was and even had many requests from the public to hold the event again.

Pencil drawings are from Jasmine Greenwood (jasmineolivia@gmail.com) and the coloured electronic sketches are from Nani Mahal (nani.mahal@gmail.com)



Please deliver to:



Welcome to all new Members with their canine friends from 21st March, 2017 to 10th June, 2017
Below are the North Island new members and please see page 5 for the South Island new members.

NORTHLAND

Brenda Sigalove, Kai, Border Collie Sophie Ogden,
Molly, Boxer X Labrador

AUCKLAND

Florence Purves, Lola, Cockerpoo
Amy McNicol, Pip, Pug
Alyssa Stanley & Lana Cain, Blossom, Pomeranian
Mandy Fraser & Mark Aston, Rocco, Golden Retriever
Vicki Patten, Milo, Shih Tzu
Michaela Smith, Milo, Shih Tzu
Emma Nelson, Jango, Miniature Poodle X Terrier
Sue Forester & Warren McCormick, Latisha (Teisha),
Shih Tzu X Maltese X Poodle X Chihuahua
Caroline Scholer, Bax, English Crocker Spaniel
Leda & Janice Taylor, Zephyr, Border Collie & Cassie,
Rough Coat Collie
Suz Heslop, Minnie, Shih Tzu
Raewyn Smythe & Chris Hechter, Zulu & Thandi,
Mastiffs
Sam Kean, Whittaker, Labrador X Collie
Sophia-Nicole Alexeeva-Lum, Tessie, Shih Tzu
Jo Allen, Lottie, Terrier X
Douglas Carrie & Paul Neveldsen
Ruth Deacon, Dusky & Breeze, Golden Retrievers
Helen Chamberlain, Molly, Border Collie
Christian Fischer & Chelsea Johnson, Jesse, Grey-
hound
Debra Langton, Isla, Labrador
Lisa Peel, Sydney, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

WAIKATO

Bev Maciver, Tiree, Border Collie
Michelle Peat, Annie, Rottweiler
Cass Battley, Izzy, Labrador X Australia Kelpie
Michael & Jacqui Haultain, Barrett, Leonberger

TAURANGA

Joziane Steindorff, Laximi, Afghan Hound
Christine Potts, Izzie, Spaniel X Poodle

HAWKES BAY

Kirsty Panapa, Marley, Shih Tzu
Andrew & Kristy Biggs, Fliss, Greyhound
Tonia Duff, Reggie, Greyhound
Melissa Holm, Ebony, Greyhound
Sandra Howlett, Charlie, Shih Tzu X Schnauzer
Maree Patton, Chester, Greyhound
Katja Williams, Jessie, Terrier X

ROTORUA

Karen Rumble, Dice, Australian Shepherd

TAUPO

Libby O'Brien, Kota, Labrador X Husky
Yael Schneider, Jack, Labrador

TARANAKI NORTH

Kim Jury, Boss, English Staffordshire Terrier

TARANAKI SOUTH

Elizabeth Roguski, Thor & Pippi, Labrador X Ger-
man Shepherds
Anna Goulter, Minnie, Miniature Poodle X Miniature
Schnauzer

PALMERSTON NORTH

Derek & Sheryl Marriott, Kazan, Black Russian Terrier
Candice Forster-Heke, Felix, Maltese Terrier X Shih Tzu
Sally-Anne Bennett & Mark Horan, Pepe, Miniature
Schnauzer X Bichon Frise
Abi Swann, Lily, Boxer & Edda, Border Terrier

LEVIN

Tania Bate, Spur, Heading dog

KAPITI COAST

Joe Simmonds, Molly, Dandie Dinmont Terrier

LOWER HUTT

Laura Earp, Chips, Cavoodle
Tania Penafiel, Zena, Kelpie
Demi Richards, Alfie, Dachshund

WHITBY TO JOHNSONVILLE

Gwenda & Neville Laphorne, Lucy, Cavoodle
Melissa Old, Zoe, Labradoodle

WELLINGTON

Hannah Laity, Monty, Miniature Schnauzer
Dan Totty & Shimmie Yee, Noodle, Long Haired Dachs-
hund
Stephanie Withers, Ernie, Springer Spaniel
Bridget Young, Jelly, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel