



Winter 2018

A TEA PARTY AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH ZIWI

WE ARE VERY EXCITED

and so are our Canine Friends, as you can see, in the photo opposite. They could hardly wait to eat their Ziwi treats. Please see below an extract from the Publicity Notice given by the Management of Ziwi to the media celebrating their announcement.

“Mt. Maunganui based premium Pet food manufacturer, Ziwi, opened a new facility in Christchurch and to celebrate invited some local “dog friends” for a Dog’s Morning Tea. Everyone from Great Danes to Chihuahuas sampled some of the first products off the line.

The expansion into the South Island has come off the back of outstanding growth in export markets, as the world’s pet owners seek out more natural diets for their pets. The event also celebrated Ziwi’s new partnership with Canine Friends, a national Pet Therapy organisation of around 600 volunteers who share their dogs with people in Hospitals, Rest Homes and Hospices to bring joy and relief from loneliness.”

Michael Dance, General Manager –Marketing, said Ziwi was delighted to be supporting Canine Friends to expand their services to those in need. “As more and more people and organisations realise the value of a dog-friend to ease stress or isolation, Canine Friends’ services are in high demand and we are privileged to be able to help them expand their hugely worthwhile services across New Zealand. Being able to stroke and cuddle dogs brings so much happiness to people who may not be able to enjoy their own canine companion and there is a growing number of studies that highlight the benefits of pets on our mental and physical health”.

Of course, we couldn’t agree more and our Organisation is looking forward to the Partnership and our members purchasing the premium food that is available.



This is delicious!



Mmm..... Can I start!



Please hurry!



Where is mine?



All dressed to go to the Ziwi Tea Party (some of the photos taken by Annette Sheridan)



Dennis—waiting



Ellie — patiently waiting



Chester — smells good



Frosty looking festive



Bella in her finery



Thank you to our lovely group of volunteers & their canine friends



Adamus waiting for the Party to start

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Committee Snippets

Our Annual General Meeting with a difference is to be held on 16th June, 2018 at the Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club, Ngatitoa Domain, Paremata. Morning Tea will be available from 10 am onwards with a 10.30 am meeting start. All your Canine Friends (dogs) are welcome to come along with you and have a social play time after the meeting in a fenced /enclosed park. Finish by 1.30 pm or earlier if you please. The Committee is looking forward to meeting and greeting our Members.

Appointment of a Wellington Events Co-ordinator who is David Verrinder. We wish the Wellington area, which includes areas up to Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt and Whitby/Johnsonville/Kapiti, to be able to enjoy more social events with their dogs and other members. David's first assignment was to organise the venue for the AGM which he has done. Photos of this day will be in the Spring Newsletter.

Auckland Appointment. Rachel, Liaison Officer for Auckland, has reported that she has recruited another Auckland Admin Assistant, **Nicole Wallace** who has a lovely Labrador called Daisy. Nicole will be organising all future Group Visits for Auckland. Including the role of University Campus Organiser in the Auckland area and will be the Canine Friends representative on site to ensure that all goes smoothly. A huge welcome to you, Nicole. She has already had her first job organising a pending visit happening at Xero, Parnell, on 9th April, 2018. This is our first Corporate visit and we have 6 volunteers going, including myself. Will keep you advised on how it goes. We have another request from Massey University, Albany, but that is not until 7 June.

Auckland is very busy—Auckland ICU, Cardiovascular Ward: Visiting this Ward should be in operation within the next month. If this is a success on this Ward, the Hospital will be looking to have more dogs visiting in other Wards. Arranging these special visits to these special Wards is a huge accomplishment by Rachel. The Hospital loves our dogs and they are asking for a regular "group" visit for their Staff as well. Thank you Rachel and Kim.

From the president

The leaves have changed into their autumn colours and now dropped off as winter fast approaches bringing changes to our countryside. In Canine Friends Pet Therapy there have been some exciting changes coming forth as well. We are very fortunate to now welcome aboard Ziwi Petfood as one of our sponsors who are uniquely kiwi just like us. Over the coming months you will notice changes to our scarves and communication material and we are very grateful to have their support.

All sponsors are very important to us as is the Dogs NZ sponsorship for training purposes specifically directed at our Liaison Officers and the Lotteries Commission to help with administration costs. Plus from time to time we also receive donations from the general public whom we have touched in some way. It is thanks to these organisations and people that we are able to keep our fees low and continue in the way that we have been so successful thus far. In our strategy meeting it was unanimously decided that our 3 core focus objectives were the Resthomes, Hospices and Hospitals and our focus hasn't changed over the last 28 years. Membership has certainly grown as our role in communities continues to grow.

As the months are getting colder and winter is coming fast, our dogs will love playing in that cold stuff and maybe even swimming in that puddle or dam but not so for our elderly who feel the cold considerably and when we visit our Resthomes, Hospices and Hospitals the heating will be turned way up so please keep this in mind with your furry mate as it is becomes hot and humid. Watch the signs of needing that refreshing drink of water and fresh air. Ann

New Member— Waipukurau

Today Crow had her first official visit since becoming a Canine Friend at the end of last year. After having a litter of seven pups in March it was best that Crow waited till the pups were older and more independent before having her first visit at Woburn Care, Waipukurau. An afternoon spent with other 'adults' away from the 'kids' was exactly what she needed. She was fussed over and enjoyed the attention, only lying down on job twice.

Regards Lucy Smith



Crow loves visiting and receiving lots of pats



Right—Lexie spreading
Easter joy in Queenstown.

Just beautiful



Gorgeous Crow and Pups



New Member—Levin - War Veterans Resthome

We joined Canine Friends Pet Therapy in December 2017 and had our initial visits were to Rest Homes in Foxton and Levin as part of their Christmas festivities. Peri is a three year old Labrador Retriever from American imported parents. Her colour is officially known as Champagne, a dilute version of yellow. One of her particular features are her lovely yellow eyes.

Together we belong to the Horowhenua Dog Obedience Training Club and have participated to Special Beginners level so far, completed Canine Good Citizen to Gold qualifier level but have also learnt some tricks to compete in Paws'n Music dance competition, dabbled with Flyagility and more recently achieved her Rally-O novice qualification R.N. For leisure activities Peri enjoys playing ball retrieve, snuffling for rabbits on our farm, picking her own blackberries in season and sleeping.

Having been assigned to do regular visits to Levin War Veterans Home I look forward to sharing her calm and gentle nature with the residents in the future.

We have had our second visit to War Vets Resthome now and all went really well. Peri touched noses with the cat and one of the small resident dogs so all good.

They brought a group of Dementia patients out to the sitting room which was good and Peri was able to demonstrate a few of her party tricks which they loved. Deb the DT thought Peri was working well and felt she was much more happy to just sit close to the residents and be patted. Regards Sue Clarke



New Member—Foxton — Lonsdale Resthome

"Hi my name is Willy and last year my lovely previous owner was worrying about going into a nursing home and leaving me so her daughter contacted Community ReHome and they placed an ad on Facebook. The ad said that I am approximately 10 years old, and I started my life on a farm in the Hokitika, where I tried to be a farm dog but was not good at it. The farmer dumped me on the side of the road and I ended up at the SPCA where my owner discovered me and I was with her for 7 years. Now I am with my current and last owner and her dog. When Mary saw the Facebook post her very clever Jack Russell, Rascal, wrote a reply to me which said "Oh Willy, I think you are my next best friend. My name is Rascal and I am nearly 12. I would love to meet you and we could run along Foxton Beach together and look out for our Mum, but remember she loved me first, so you have to wait in line for pats etc".

Needless to say as soon as Mary saw me she was smitten and I have settled in very happily and love joining other dogs at the beach and in the forest. I am very gentle, and I never bark and I am very well behaved. I am shy when I meet new people especially men, but if you shake my paw I will know I am safe with you and you are with me. Oh I forgot to tell you that I am a Huntaway/Collie cross and I weigh 22 kgs. Mary calls me Willikins or William or Darling, and I always come to her when she whistles and I stay close at all times as I love my new family.

I am looking forward to meeting other Canine Friends and their owners and of course the residents of Lonsdale Resthome. I may need to have a few lie downs as I do get tired at my age".

Mary, Rascal and Willikins



Lovely Willy and Mary



Willy loves pats

New Member—Levin

Summerset by the Ranges

Shiloh is a 7 year old German Shepherd who has lived with Judy and her extended animal family for the last 4 years. She enjoys helping with the llamas and adores the new babies. Her dog companion is getting very old so she enjoys getting out to new places and meeting new people and their dogs. She is currently training for her grade 3 Obedience and Foundation Canine Good Citizen. As she is an outside dog she really enjoyed her first visit indoors at Summerset by the Ranges in Levin but she did find it a bit hot. She is looking forward to lots more visits to her new friends there

Shiloh and Judy will visit Summerset by the Ranges on a fortnightly roster with Steve and Gizmo



Shiloh & Judy ready to work

Celebration & Memorium of a wonderful Canine Friend, Patch, by Julie McRae.

Sadly, since sending this beautiful story, Patch passed away last week (May, 2018). Our sincere thoughts are with Ali and family.

"I first met Ali and Patch in 2017 at Fergusson Rest home in Upper Hutt..

Ali was making the morning tea for the residents (or inmates as she calls them) and Patch was watching all the residents watch him. Ali and her husband have the most amazing garden I have ever seen, with stunning Begonias, the biggest selection of flowers and vegetables that would put the green grocer to shame. Ali regularly took food in for the residents and on the odd occasion they would pile into the rest home van and come for afternoon tea at Ali's place and dined on sandwiches, strawberries, juice, coffee, beer or even wine. Ali would visit the second hand shops to purchase stuffed cats and dogs, take them home, wash them, before giving them to the residents to keep them company till Patch's next visit.

Patch was a star himself, photos of him have appeared in local papers and he has given so much to the residents; he dressed up for Xmas, Easter and helped residents celebrate birthdays, as well as collecting for Daffodil Day. He would even lead the sight impaired to the Chapel with his tail. On one special occasion Ali had been asked to visit 2 residents that were particularly down, in their rooms. Ali visited the first room and the lady had perked up, she was about to go down the hall when Patch took off into the other gentleman's room and proceeded to whimper. Ali told Patch to stay with him while she went for help. Sadly, the man had passed away but he was not alone. The family thanked Ali and Patch and were grateful he had someone with him.

Ali and Patch have a bag full of letters, cards and photos thanking them for all they have done. Patch is 16 yrs now and sadly had to retire due to Arthritis, after 11 years of visiting Fergusson Rest Home. He has earned a rest".

Thank you Ali & Patch for bringing so much joy to so many people.



Out and About — Dogs' Day Out in Wellington at the end of April, 2018



Carol McNie and Sandy Fea together with fellow Canine Friends (dogs and humans) joined into the Wellington Waterfront Dogs' Walk Event. A huge number of like minded people, as you can see in the photos, enjoyed the Walk. Thank you Carol for the lovely photos.

Out and About

THANK YOU to my wonderful Auckland members and their Canine Friends for taking the time to come and visit the **Xero staff**.

I'm sure Xero staff enjoyed your dogs. It certainly got busy very quickly in the first 45 minutes but everyone (people and dogs) coped really well with all the attention. Lots of pictures being taken on phones. A lovely lady came down who readily admitted she was scared of dogs due to being attacked once so she was very brave to come down and stayed quite a while. As I thought, all the dogs were "dog tired" after an hour and also the staff visitors thinned out so we finished earlier than expected but the dogs set the time which means they enjoy what they do.

Below are some pictures of the day. Sorry if I didn't get you all multi-tasking All the best. Kind regards Rachel Butler, Liaison Officer Auckland



Wonderful Group of Auckland Members



Dogs' Day Out in Wellington continued



More of our Canine Friends Out and About

Lifecare Rest Home in Cambridge

My name is Jenny Bartlett and I own Brat and his sister Quest. Quest has just become a Canine Friend and had her first visit 2 weeks ago. These lovely photos are given with the permission of Catherine Fry of Black Cat Designs and Photography.

Kind regards, Jenny



Brat is a Beaut



Brat and Quest

"You're not a Brat, you're a Beaut. These were the words race caller, Peter Earley, said when Thrilling Brat won the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Silver Collar in 2013. A super stayer on the track racing on both sides of the Tasman and collecting group one wins, it was no surprise that this little dog was named NZGRA Greyhound of the Year for the 2012/2013 season.

Brat was born, bred and raced out of Tirau kennels winning in excess of \$250,000 during his racing career. On retirement Brat stayed at his kennels until he came to live with me as a pet and my other retired hound, Vinny. Getting along famously with Vinny, Brat adjusted from race dog to pet with ease and time. Losing Vinny last year to bone cancer I decided to foster Brat's sister, Thrilling Quest, through a small re-homing group called May Hounds. Once in the home Quest captured my heart and hence was a "foster fail" (didn't leave the foster home).

Brat continues to lead out fields for races in Cambridge, Auckland and Whanganui and loving every minute of this. With Brat's calm and relaxed attitude to life I decided to approach Lifecare, a Rest Home in Cambridge and take him to meet the residents. I had a friend who had been in the home and I wanted to do something for the community with my boy. Once again he was a star with both residents and staff. Taking it all in his stride Brat relished this new career path and after a few visits I approached Canine Friends Pet Therapy group and once Brat flew through the assessment test we were official, complete with bandana and badge.

So once a month Brat and I visit the Rest Home getting to know residents and their families and now he knows when to move closer for a pat or just go out of the room when he considers his job is done. After all "he's not a Brat, he's a beaut".

What a lovely story. Please consider fostering or re-homing these beautiful Greyhounds. We do have many Greyhounds visiting.
Editor



Betty Cole & Chummy



L. Foster-Barnham & Chummy



Reading Day at Freyberg High in Palmerston North

Pam and Murphy are regular visitors to the library at Freyberg High in Palmerston North.

"This was our first Reading Day. Pam and Murphy came in for Murphy's reading fix. The students were more than happy to oblige. We'll be seeing Pam and Murphy regularly so Murphy will become a very literary dog" says librarian Tracey Armstrong



Pam & Murphy

Out & About at IPU Aokautere Palmerston North

The students of IPU in Aokautere, Palmerston North invited the Manawatu group of Canine Friends to join in their Chinese New Year celebrations in their library followed by lunch with our eight dogs outside the dinning hall. Regards Ann Evans



A very happy group of stress free students



A very happy group of our wonderful volunteers

Liaison Officers

We wish to acknowledge our Liaison Officers over the next couple of issues of the Newsletter and to feature each Area but sadly we do not have the space this time. However, we do acknowledge Judy McRae but now she has given us her resignation. Judy McRae, has been with us for over 8 years and we have enjoyed working with her and are very sad to see her relinquish this position in Waikato Area.

Members in this Area are you interested in following in Judy's footsteps?

Please see the note from Judy below:

"Well, the time has come for me to hang up my hat and step back from the Waikato Area Liaison job. I am writing this with a tinge of sadness but after 8.5 years, I am ready to change with my ever changing life.

I became involved with Canine Friends Pet Therapy with Magnum, our Leonberger, when he was 18mths old. We started visiting in Te Awamutu and at that stage I was the only visitor in the area. After some promo work, numbers began to grow, with me doing the assessing and Resthome placements.

Time has moved on, we now have 5 Leos, soon to be 6, two grandchildren and a change in our workload. Something had to give!

So while I will be continuing with my visits, the Liaison role has come to an end. I have met some of the most interesting, fantastic people over my time, some of the most loving, beautiful dogs and I have had some absolutely amazing experiences, seeing people and dogs in wonderment on their first visits and experiencing first-hand what their dogs can do in this situation. All of which I am sad to see come to an end.

This role, while it has kept me busy, it has given me so much reward!!!!
Something for you all to have a think about, can you help out in anyway?

To all the people I have assessed and to all the dogs I have meet, Thank you. Keep up the great work that you do and remember, I am only a phone call away if you ever wish to catch up for a coffee and chat " . Judy McRae

A huge thank you from the Canine Committee and we are very glad you are still going to visit. We wish you well for you and your family.



Beautiful Magnum



Congratulations, Wendy Reynolds, on becoming the Blenheim Liaison Officer.
Beautiful photo of Crystal May

Visiting Bunnings

I got this pic of Cody and Chase from today - I liked it because she's looking up at Chase - haven't got her too good at looking up at the camera yet.

Was great to see so many people keen to come forward for pats at the event at Bunnings

Thanks

Georgina Cox-Gratton



The South Island is “humming”

Meet two new Members in Christchurch



Hanneke and Wolfie visiting Charles Upham Retirement Village in Rangiora

Hanneke Couperus and Wolfie (photo on left) on their first visit to the Charles Upham Retirement Village in Rangiora.

Apparently Wolfie's visits are a huge hit with residents and they even have howling sessions (like a wolf - the residents are loving it).

Kind regards Annette Sheridan
Christchurch Liaison Officer



Lovely photo of Carmen Woods and Marble on their first visit to Rannardale War Veterans Home & Hospital.

Welcome to our new Members and Canine Friends from 25th February, 2018 to 30th April, 2018

Auckland

Lauren Brown, Maisie, Wheaten Terrier
Nathan Chicken & Gemma Hoson, Scruffy, Collie x
Sara Crackett & Dean Crackett, Minnie, Miniature Schnauzer
Andrea Dennis-Lowther, Sasha, Greyhound
Elizabeth Dodd, Luka, Greyhound
Abbie Douglas, Murray, Mixed breed
Catherine Hugo & Dan Wilson, Nell, Staffy x Lab
Jan Kell, Billy & Sam, Poodle cross
Tania MacBeth, Milly, Cavachon
Helen Mulcahy, Georgia, Standard Poodle
Beth Nielsen, Sid, Siberian Husky
Kate & Clayton Rattrie, Bodhi, Black Russian terrier
Joanne Rose, Travis, Siberian Husky
Rowena Sinclair & Kevin Allen, Wallace, Golden Retriever
Kelly Smith, Toasty, Border Terrier
Janice Stark, Maddy, German Shepherd
Jenni Tozer, Zoe, German Shepherd
Natalie Tustin, Bleidd, Husky Samoyed cross
Kim-Maree Young, Allie-Mae, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Blenheim

Wendy Reynolds, Crystal May, Toy Poodle

Christchurch

Martin Haggitt, Roo, Jack Russell cross
Anna Howie, Arthur, Labrador Retriever
Paul Jones, Terri & Bo, Jack Russell/Corgi & Fox terrier x
Pauline Laugesen, Rosie, Spoodle
Tania Lee, Mocha, English cocker spaniel
Linda Newman, Bella, German Shepherd Cross
Tracey Tonkin, Mexico, Chihuahua

Foxton/Levin

Sofia Dapas, Archie, Pomeranian
Debbie & Tony Denzel, Bennie, Cavalier/Lowchen
Mary McFarlane, William, Collie/Huntaway x
Judy Webby, Shilo, German Shepherd

Hastings

Amanda Sullivan, Millie & Charlee, Pomeranian
Kym Young, Winston, Shih Tzu - Bichon

Invercargill & Southland

Donna Hotop, Izzy, Maltese/Shihtzu

Kapiti Coast

Lizi & Jim Eade, Midge, Yorkshire terrier silky

Lower Hutt

Hilary Chasteauneuf, Siggi, Shitzu
Julie Watson, Floyd, Golden Retriever

Nelson-Tasman

Suzanne Gilbert, Sally, Collie/Staffie
Judy Petrie, Maisie, West Highland White Terrier
Sue & Graeme Prince, Nelson, Staffie/Ridgeback
Margaret Scaife, Chummy, Labradoodle
Bruce Skinner, Gina, German Shepherd
Sophie Turnbull, Huffer, Jack Russell x Chihuahua

Northland

Michelle Briggs, Tess, Retradoodle

Oamaru

Sophia Leon de la Barra, Figo Cocolone, Long-haired miniature Dachshund

Palmerston North

Stefan Foster, Dexter, Siberian husky

Rotorua

Stacey ter Veer-Burke, Nashi, Papillon

Taranaki

Pauline Flay, Tilly, Cavalier King Charles spaniel
Jennie Reed, Toby, Shitzu/Toy Poodle

Taupo

Carla McKenna, Chewie, Shitzu terrier x

Tauranga

Jenny Martin, Tori, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Rochelle & Kelsie Sant, Zoomi, Bernese Mountain Dog

Waikato

Richard & Kathleen Andreae, Lily, Maltese shihtzu
Natasha Hayward, Lily, Heading dog
Sonia Satsangi, Zara, Border collie
Billi-Jean Smythe, Brooklyn Maximum
Charm Schallenberg, Bernese Mountain Dog

Wellington

Marjory Embleton, Bridger, Labrador
Chantal McKee, Poppy, Spoodle
Tracey-Leigh Mills, Teddy-Bear Mills, Labrador

Whanganui

Anna Fraser, Magnus, Bernese Mountain Dog
Raewyn Hall, Prince Caspian (Cassie), Labradoodle
Phil Hodgson, Jess, Pointer cross
Heather Rodgers & Simon Bowker, Cuba, Toy fox terrier

Whitby to Johnsonville

Helen Clarke, Mahe, Schnoodle
Verity & Brad Enright, Indy, Labrador
John McGuigan, Arlo, White Swiss Shepherd
Elizabeth McKee, Teddy, Spoodle

