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## Around the regions — Queenstown

Our amazing team of 16 Canine Friends Pet Therapy dogs is very active both here in Queenstown and in Cromwell, visiting Bupa Lake Whakatipu Care Home, Ripponburn Hospital and Rest Home Cromwell and Golden View Care, a new facility also in Cromwell. We also visit Remarkables Primary School.

And so it is a busy Monday morning for us when we meet with the children at Remarkables Primary (right) for their Remedial Reading Program. We hear some really cool, often extremely funny and always interesting stories and supervise as our 'four paws' come with no judgement, listening ears and waggy tails, in return receiving lots of pats, cuddles and smiley faces. It is so rewarding seeing the children growing in confidence and improving their reading skills.

Minti (bottom right) retired from her Aged Care visits around three years ago, but she still very much enjoys her interaction with the kids on a Monday morning, hardly ever missing a school visit and getting to sit down on the job. The kids are amazed when they know that she is 17 years old which equates to 119 in human years.

Minti celebrated her birthday in August and was also presented with an 'Appreciation of Service Award'.

Then it is off to our regular visits at the aged care facilities where again we hear stories but on these visits they are of days gone by and happy memories. 🐾

*Beryle Ravenwood*  
*Liaison Officer Queenstown*



Minti, 17, is the most senior Canine Friend in our school programme.



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