



Summer 2021

Welcome to all Members, Friends and New Members



A very happy and cheerful Christmas visit to the Ripponburn Hospital and Home in Queenstown in 2020



President's Report

As we approach the end of another year it seems natural to reflect on 2020 also.

Needless to say 2020 was interesting, challenging and different for us all and many people were hopeful 2021 was going to be on the right side of normal. During 2020 we faced many situations in the face of Covid-19, some difficult and strange to us, but we also saw many acts of kindness and compassion.

When we returned to visiting aged care facilities, hospitals and hospices the appreciation of Canine Friends was heart warming and highlighted that sharing our dogs helped hundreds of people, young and old and from all walks of life.

Our 2021 calendar began with our Liaison Officers Appreciation Day on the 6th March (postponed from 2020) when we brought our Liaison Officers together for a day of sharing ideas, introducing new Initiatives and Policies and most importantly to meet each other in person. Unfortunately our Auckland team were unable to join us due to being in lockdown. We were thrilled to have our Founder, Eileen Curry join us. Eileen never fails to amaze us with her spirit and determination. Eileen has given a wonderful legacy in Canine Friends, not only to us but also to the thousands of people who have been visited by our members and their dogs over the last 31 years.

In May each year we celebrate Eileen and our organisation by holding an event in each region. Our members get together for a dog walk, coffee or lunch – or all three.

With another lockdown in August once again we have been unable to visit any facilities, however after much consideration the committee has now put in place a process to resume visiting rest homes and has received a great response from them. We all know the benefits our visits provide to rest home residents and patients in hospitals and hospices but our members benefit too! I have read that people who have a sense of meaning and purpose are likely to live longer and joining a group of volunteers who share your values is a way of boosting a sense of meaning and purpose. Volunteers open minds, open hearts and create joy.

As members we have common values and are united by our love of dogs and the desire to help people. Thank you for being part of our organisation and your support through yet another difficult year.

Finally a quote from the great late Helen Keller “the unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves”.

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

If you wish to speak to Carol Drew, our Volunteer Mentor Support please email her at VolunteerMentor@caninefriends.org.nz to arrange a phone conversation.

Vicky Graham

President



Canine Friends Pet Therapy Committee as elected on 10 June, 2021

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3. Up to date photos and outings on our Face book page

Thank you to all the Members and Liaison Officers who have contributed to the articles in this Newsletter. Because of the COVID circumstances for most of the year we have very little to share with you so far but when we resume our visiting there will be lots of reunions and happy people stories and photos to share.

In Memorium

Gorgeous Fox

Fox & Jo Harding were part of the Cranford Hospice Team and this incredible duo volunteered to visit patients every Tuesday.

"It is a truly special experience for animal lovers who are admitted to the Inpatient unit to be able to make that connection".

Sadly, Fox passed away after a short illness and he will be enormously missed. Regards Chris Partridge (LO Hastings)



Sula – 2010-2021



Sula was a bonnie girl who emigrated from her birthplace in Scotland to settle in New Zealand. Sula became a regular visitor at Summerset in Aotea where she was a popular canine with the residents. She loved the attention and enjoyed sharing her toys with the residents.

Sula has sadly crossed over the rainbow and will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our thoughts are with her Mum Carolyn and Dad Martin.

We are richer for knowing you Sula, thank you for being a Canine Friends therapy dog. You enriched many lives.



Soraidh



Sharing their Christmas love and enthusiasm in Queenstown in 2020.



Dog day Christmas Party at Remarkables Primary

– this is some of our Reading In School team – the Staff put on a lovely morning tea with the dogs invited of course being given specially baked dog heart shaped cookies.

The children all come from their different Pods (Classrooms) and bring their special thank you cards.

Regards Beryle Ravenwood



Helen & Tui our first Reading day at School



Special thank you cards from the children

Still in Queenstown visiting the Ripponburn Hospital & Home and the Lake Wakatipu Care Home



Lisa, Joe & Princess at Ripponburn Hospital and Home in 2020



Gail with Henry, Moose, Lexi & Willow at the Lake Wakatipu Care Home

This is the very special Gail who is at the home for Hospice care.

A beautiful person who so very much enjoys our visits as you can see absolutely loving the dogs. Gail is very bright and engaging when she is up to it.

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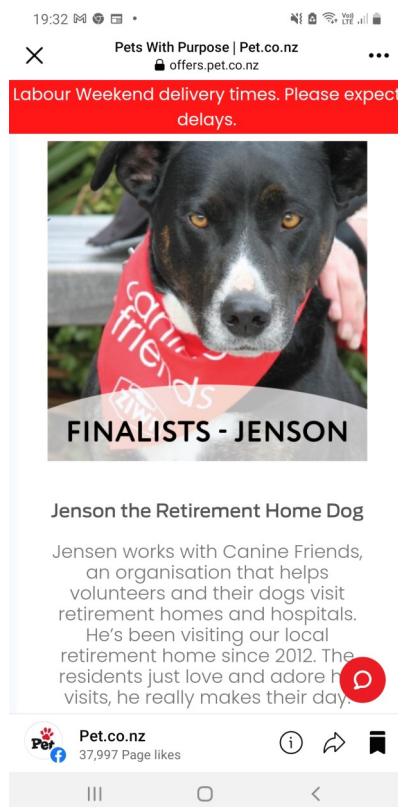


Mr Jenson

Large dog category winner: Jenson

Owner: Kristina Sheppard

Fun facts: Jenson, otherwise called Mr Jency, is a 10-year-old staffie collie cross. He joined the Sheppard family when they left the United Kingdom to live in New Zealand. Jenson was named after the British grand touring car, the Jensen Interceptor. Jenson helps more than just the Sheppard family because he is also a qualified therapy dog. He visits schools around the district and Methven House old persons' resthome through the organisation Canine Friends. Jenson is also a very stylish



To Vicky,
Trusting that all is going as well as can be expected. I'm trying to keep things going although I have recently had surgery on my hand.

Last month Jenson won the large dog category following a competition on International/ National Dog Day.

He was then featured in our local paper again and he also got through to the final four of the Pets with Purpose Competition.

I thought I would share the good news with you.
Nga mihi

Kristina Sheppard and Mr Jenson!

Ashburton

Congratulations Kristina & thank you for sharing. Editor

Out & About with our Members

On Saturday 30 October members of Manawatu held a get together at Ashhurst.



Thumpa & Bingo



We had not seen each other including our four legged mates for so long that we decided to have lunch at our newly found dog friendly Cafe "The Backyard Cafe" in Ashhurst on the outskirts of Palmerston North. We added to the mix the chance to impress by wearing a headpiece both dog and owner which brought a few laughs amongst us as well as the lunchtime patrons at the Cafe.

They thought we were wonderful entertainment and many patted our dogs and asked us about what we did. We would have had 17 plus dogs to entertain everyone. We had prizes for the best headpiece for a matching pair plus individual ones.

Gary even wore his kilt and Con his matching dog cover. After a very enjoyable relaxing lunch we headed for the Domain with some walking the track down to the river, some walked around the Domain and others chose smaller walks which all finished our day very nicely. Both dogs and humans very much enjoyed each others company after so long not being involved in visiting and wearing their red scarf. Unfortunately, the Ashhurst Christmas Parade has been cancelled as many others of course but we entered last year and had our name down to do it again so maybe 2022 will be better. Ann and Kaye in the Manawatu



Val & her two dogs Millie & Buddy



Zara & Mocha



More party hats in groups



Social Pre Christmas gathering for our Members

The Wellington, Hutt Valley and Kapiti-Johnsonville regions had a very enjoyable gathering today.

We met at Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club and let our dogs have a good run around before proceeding along to Ruby's Cafe at Mana. The adults enjoyed getting together and catching up while all of the canines excelled as well behaved 'cafe dogs'. Fortunately, the weather was very pleasant and we all enjoyed the outdoor setting. Thank you to all who attended

Cheers
Jan McKenzie
Whitby-Johnsonville



SOME CHANGES TO YOUR CANINE FRIENDS CHRISTCHURCH SUPPORT TEAM

Debbie Rule
Liaison Officer



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A big welcome to Debbie Rule who has completed her handover from Carol and is now the Christchurch Liaison Officer. Debbie has been a member of CFPT since March 2017, with her dog Ty and has been assessing since 2018. She is very much looking forward to continuing to grow and support Christchurch members.

Carol Millican
Placements
Officer



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Carol is moving to the Placements Officer role. She has been a member since Jun 2017 and stepped immediately into the role of South Island Field Officer, before taking on the Christchurch Liaison role in 2019. Carol and the lovely Jess wanted to help others in the community especially those who love animals.

Wanda Vivequin
Events
Manager



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Wanda Vivequin is Christchurch-based and a relative newcomer to Canine Friends with her border collie Biskit. Wanda is a passionate hiker and likes nothing more than taking her two Collies Mollie and Biskit into the hills hiking. She is looking forward to serving in the role of Events Manager and meeting other members.



Out & About in Christchurch

The occupational Therapy department at Burwood Hospital organised a short fund raising walk as a thank you for Canine Friends last Wednesday the 6th October 2021.

We all walked outside the hospital and because it was short notice only Lydia, Jin and Isla (Border Collie) and Jess and I were able to attend.

Thank you to our members who attended.

Regards, Carol Millican Liaison Officer for Christchurch



New Members in Levin - Lucy & Gwenda Laphorne

The Levin group and more especially the Masonic Rest Home welcomed Lucy and Gwenda Laphorne this month (July).

Gwenda and her husband, along with Lucy, the Cavoodle, moved to Levin just before Christmas and having been Canine Friends visitors where they last lived their names were forwarded to me.

Unfortunately, soon after, Lucy suffered a serious back injury while playing with a ball and was virtually paralysed with a slipped disc and has undergone intensive treatment and therapy. Happily now she is back in action and was a real hit with the residents on her first visit back.

She is still only 4 years old so she has lots more years of bringing delight to our residents for a long time.

Regards,

Sue Clarke Foxton/Levin LO





Out & About with the Manawatu Group and the Students at IPU

On Friday June 25 a small contingent of canine friends visited the students at IPU up on the hill at Aokautere on the outskirts of Palmerston North. The 6 dogs enjoyed their pats and cuddles very much and as per usual enjoyed lunch outside over at the dining hall.

We also received an invite to join their Open Day in September to browse around and speak to everyone but unfortunately that has now been cancelled due to Covid so look forward to our November visit

Ann and Kaye



Lillie & Izzy



Happy Group photo

Students at UCOL

On **Tuesday May 4** a group of nine dogs visited the library at UCOL. As per usual everyone couldn't get enough of our dogs and were so appreciative of us bringing them in. One of the library personnel roughly counted 95 students but said he couldn't count everyone so an impressive estimate.

We then enjoyed lunch at our dog friendly Cafe at Terrace End who are always pleased to see us and bring out water bowls in an excuse to pat the dogs. Ann and Kaye



Murphy & Mac

On **Tuesday 27 July** nine dogs attended another very happy session at the library in UCOL Palmerston North. Many say why can't we come every week as we make such a lovely difference to their study life. Lunch was then followed at Cafe 116 one of our dog friendly cafes for those who wished to stay. Kaye and Ann



Our Dogs visit Massey University in Palmerston North



On Tuesday June 1 a group of 14 dogs and their owners visited the students at **Massey University** on a cool but fine day so we were able to be out on the concourse which gives us plenty of room for the students to gather around us. Very much appreciated by the students all preparing for their exams

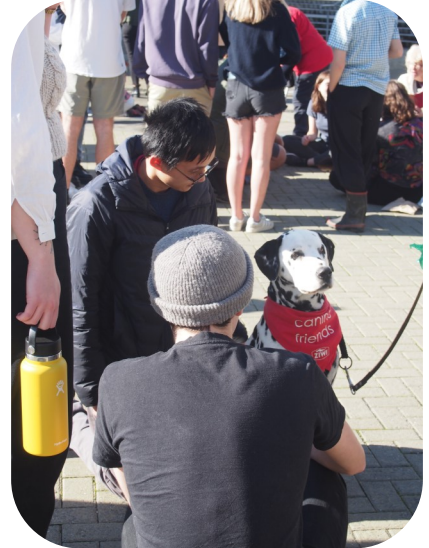
Ann and Kaye



Oakie & Thumpa



Zara & Mocha



Arlo



Bradley



Oakie & Thumpa



Arlo & Thumpa



Kazan

Acknowledgement from Massey University



This was sent to Kaye and myself after a visit to the students at Massey by a senior lecturer.

"To whom it may concern,

I am a lecturer at Massey University with a focus on first year teaching.

I would like to share my appreciation of the visits made to Massey by the dogs in your group.

The visits from the dogs on campus are treasured by many students (and even staff). I observe first-hand the stress that many students are under, in particular the first-year students, who are away from home for the first time and experiencing the stress of tertiary study for the first time. The students are at the peak of their stress in the week leading up to exams and have been away from home for months and a cuddle or a pat of a friendly dog does wonders to relax/calm them and help them through this stressful time.

I receive feedback from students that it was just such a blessing or relief to talk to, cuddle or pat the dogs. This is sometimes due to missing their own pets, or family but mostly is a stress release and a break form study. The students look forward to your visits way before they happen and continue talking long after you have left.

Of all the "stress free" events that run on campus especially before exams, this is definitely the students' favourite.

Thank you for the time you give to the students".

Nessha Wise

Senior Tutor in Chemistry, Massey University



Very gratifying to know we are so appreciated. Editor



Gary's Con



Our dear little Cavaliers



A photo of Mika from Rocky Kenneally (Taranaki)

New Members - Jan & Ted at Elmwood in Napier



We have started visits at Elmwood in Napier. Run by Masonic Trust it has a Hospital Wing and a Dementia Ward.

Lovely staff and happy residents.

Ngā mihi Jan Dickson

Ted has quickly become a popular visitor at Elmwood with his calm and patient nature. Jan has kindly taken up the role of placement officer to support Ashleigh our Napier LO. Regards Vicky Graham

Welcome to these new Members from the 7th September, 2021 to date.

Blenheim

Garth Haylock & Zeus, Siberian Husky

Christchurch

Neil Mooney & Lincoln, Border Collie

Northland

Angela Krivan & Judge, Gordon Setter

Tauranga

Jeff Francis and Heather Anderson & Maddie, Mastiff

Waikato

Anna Turner & Marshall, BOTBOT (Bit of this/bit of that)

Westport

Lisa Peeters & Xena, Mini Australian Shepherd



New Applications are not being accepted until 1 February, 2022. Covid 19 restrictions have made it difficult for us to process and place new members. We wish to welcome new members early next year.



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