



Winter 2020

Coronavirus now Level 1 Whoopie!

How wonderful that we will be able to visit our friends in the Rest Homes, Hospitals, Retirement Homes and Schools whom we have all missed. It was not easy being in lockdown but it all seems worthwhile now that New Zealand is Covid 19 free. There was a lot of time to reflect over the 8 to 10 weeks and please see below some inspiring reflective words from Margaret Scaiffe, our Liaison Officer from Nelson. A lot of us can relate to how she was thinking. Hope you enjoy her thoughts -

Just for light relief

Covid -19

So Covid -19 you've made me feel old
I've never felt old before
But now I'm dependent and must not be bold
Can't visit the grocery store

I'm lucky to have my husband and dog
To share our wee bubble each day.
And much blessed to have a daughter and friends
To brave the mad grocery fray.

We did like to help our community
But it's sad all our friends at Kensington Court
Are without little Chummy's "Pet Therapy"
Closed in their own bubbles without our support.

The Labradoodle gladdens the hours,
And insists on his walks every day,
But he's quite put out to be always on lead
Can't scuttle with others to play.

We do see some humorous things as we walk
Like the lady who trod the white line,
So few were the cars that her bubble was whole
While for others the footpath was fine.

There are so many heroes on the frontline
While we're "gated " because of our age
I see what they're doing and think "They're so fine",
Thanks every soul fighting this plague.

So Covid 19 you have caused immense pain,
But each day we see some glimmers of hope
And when this is past we'll admire the real gain
From pulling together to cope.

Margaret Scaiffe and Chummy



President's Annual General Meeting Report

I am pleased to present my report tonight at our first online AGM.

This year we are extremely proud to celebrate our thirtieth anniversary and at the same time have been faced with unprecedented challenges. However, with wonderful members, dogs, Liaison Officers, Assessors and committee we see Covid-19 as a surmountable set-back and will progressively recommence sharing our dogs as before.

Once again, it has been a busy and productive twelve months and I would like to summarise some of the strategic highlights:

We have formed alliances with the NZ Society of Diversional and Recreational Therapists, IDEA Services and are building a relationship with the Department of Corrections.

Our alliance with NZSDRT facilitates ease of communication and encourages relationships between facility therapists and our Liaison Officers and members.

IDEA Services (IHC) has several hundred homes throughout NZ and our Liaison Officers are encouraged to place member/dog teams at these whenever possible.

After several months of working through processes, four member/dog teams are visiting specific units at the Hawkes Bay Correction Centre on a monthly roster basis. This is proving beneficial to both prisoners and staff. Thank you to Chris Partridge and her members for their work bringing this to fruition and paving the way for other relationships with Centres around NZ.

Last May saw the first of our annual Founder's Day events – an initiative proposed by Beverley Jocelyn. It was heart - warming to read about the various get-togethers around the country. Beverley assisted with arranging these and sent appreciation certificates to members for recognition of their service.

We are fortunate to receive an annual grant from NZ Lotteries and were thrilled to be featured on a NZ Lotto advertisement last July. Four of our Wellington members and dogs were filmed visiting Te Hopai Rest Home and Hospital, this showcased the many benefits of pet therapy and our work in facilities. Many thanks to Margaret Ranum and Carolyn Williams for coordinating this.

In January this year we appeared on television again, this time on a TV One Good Sorts item featuring our Founder, Eileen Curry, visiting Woburn Masonic Rest Home in Lower Hutt. It was fitting and rather special as this was the first rest home Eileen visited thirty years ago. We received a flurry of new applications – the first within five minutes of the programme! Rachel Davison and Sandy Fea were a great help and super ambassadors – thank you!

As part of our volunteer recognition plan we have launched a new initiative, Regional Member of the Year whereby Liaison Officers are invited to nominate a member from their region. Each nominee will feature in our newsletter and social media and receive a product from our sponsor Ziwi. Thank you to Rachel Butler for proposing and coordinating this.

Covid-19 – this has presented challenges, ones we have not met previously. With the suspension of all visiting prior to Level Four Lockdown, the emphasis on communication with our members and supporters has been greater than ever to help members feel connected.

Covid-19 also brought about the postponement of the Liaison Officer Appreciation day, but with credits being carried over we are all set for March 2021. We were extremely disappointed to be faced with this decision but our many hours of planning have put us in a good position for next March.

Financially we are extremely fortunate to receive a generous donation from a member of the public which will be used for training Liaison Officers and members.

Dogs NZ continue to provide wonderful support by way of an annual grant and providing space in their monthly Dog World magazine which gives us access to the NZ dog community. Thank you to Sandy McAllen for coordinating our monthly articles.

Our partnership with NZ pet food company Ziwi enables us to enjoy unencumbered growth and therefore to enhance our work. We are extremely grateful to the staff at Ziwi for their support and appreciation of the service we provide.

Operational Highlights

Display kits have been provided to Liaison Officers for use at presentations to community groups. We plan to roll out additional kits this coming twelve months. Thank you to Beverley Jocelyn for her time spent on assembling and shipping these.

With the kind assistance of Christina MacIntyre of RedDog Marketing, we have developed a Photo Library which enables key members to access material for publications and presentations. Christina also monitors our website with a monthly Google Analytics report which gives us useful information on our audiences. From this we can implement any necessary changes.

Christina has also set up a YouTube channel with videos being added progressively.

Acknowledgements continued

Without our members, dogs, Liaison Officers and Committee we wouldn't be where we are now thirty years on, for collectively you are the cornerstone of this organization.

The committee is made up of extremely passionate people who fit many hours of their time on Canine Friends work around jobs and businesses. My sincere thanks to you all –

Beverley Jocelyn, Vice President, for your tireless work on our quarterly newsletters and the Founder's Day initiative.

Leanne Gibson, Secretary for the many hours you spend answering emails, working on our website and database, coordinating our meeting agendas and making sure our meetings run smoothly via video conferencing.

Dallas Hopkins, Treasurer, for keeping a keen eye on our finances and giving wise advice for the future. Dallas also has an interest in strategic planning and adds a lot of value to these discussions.

Annette Dougherty, Applications Manager – for dealing with a daily average of three applications (in normal times), processing these on receipt to the final step of sending a new member pack, which is a large workload. Annette also manages our stationery supplies.

Rachel Butler, our Auckland Liaison Officer for several years and more recently our LO training and support person ensuring new LOs feel supported from the outset. Rachel also introduced our Regional Member of the Year initiative.

Sandy McAllen, our Whanganui LO, for administering our Facebook page and coordinating our NZ Dog World articles.

David Verrinder for your input from both a business and general perspective and help with the Special Children's Christmas Parties and other public events.

Sandy Fea for sharing your many years of experience as a visiting member and your broad knowledge of dogs.

Last February Carolyn Williams resigned from the committee after several years working on our communications. Carolyn's passion and experience is clearly evident in all our written communication material.

Alison Law has retired due to ongoing work commitments. Alison's knowledge of health and safety regulations and procedures has proved invaluable and gives us a sound base going forward.

Our Liaison Officers – you are the glue which keeps this Organisation together. Thank you for your reports which we thoroughly enjoy reading, they give us good insight of what is happening around the country.

Members and your wonderful dogs- be proud of yourselves – what you do is amazing.

Eileen Curry, our Founder who has asked me to say tonight how very proud she is of everyone involved and is thrilled facilities are approaching us now to resume visiting. Eileen at 94 maintains a keen interest and still has the ability to keep myself and other committee members in line! Eileen, we are very proud of you and the wonderful legacy you have created. Finally, a quote I heard recently which I think is very appropriate:

"If you want to go fast—go alone, if you want to go far—go together".

Thank you.

Vicky Graham — President

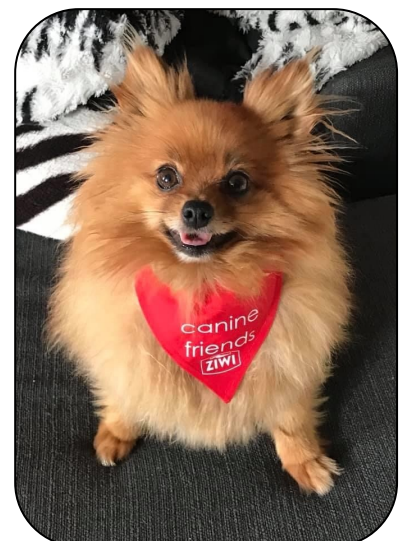


From Victoria Home our new Liaison Officer for Wairarapa

Versace Coco Chanel is her full name. I registered her with a new name as she started a new life. She is an ex rescue, crated the first 4 years of her life, EXTREMELY submissive and a total pleaser, she is my soul food. She has been with me for 3 years now as she turns 7 years old on 22 August.

She also has a nickname, my partner said he can't keep calling out Versace as he kept forgetting how to pronounce it lol. During Winter she hates to go outside to toilet so he calls her "Princess Fufu" which is actually easier for the rest home residents to pronounce! She is now known as Versace or Fufu. I found when I went to the rest home saying Versace it was hard for the residents so I say Fufu now as it's easier for them to say and remember. So when I post anything online I say Versace aka Fufu lol

Regards Victoria



President's Note

Our Annual General Meeting was held last week, the first using video conferencing and we have received some very positive feedback.

We were thrilled to be joined by Steven Thompson, Director/Secretary of Dogs NZ and Nigel King, Global Marketing Manager for Ziwi, our sponsor. Both Steven and Nigel addressed the meeting with extremely kind and supportive words.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome four new committee members:

Rachel Davison, our Lower Hutt Liaison Officer and member since 2012. Rachel has a background in health care and environmental project management.

Carol Drew who has been a member since 2016. Carol is a Counsellor in Auckland and has a background in nursing.

Helen Moriarty, our Wellington Liaison Officer and more recently LO for Whitby/Johnsonville. Helen is a retired Health Professional having specialised in rehabilitation. She brings 40 years of committee experience, both in the paid work-force and voluntary sectors.

Gabriella Robertson, our Group Events and Placement Officer for Christchurch. Gabriella is a Business Systems Analyst with skills in IT, training and governance.

David Verrinder has left our committee after three years and his input from both a business and general perspective and help with the Special Children's Christmas Parties and other events has been much appreciated.

Vicky Graham

Outgoing Committee Member David Verrinder and Rafa in their fun play time outside of visiting

David began caring for dogs when he was 10 years old when the family acquired Chan an 18 month old German shepherd ex police dog. He learned much from the 10 years with Chan mostly to do with exercise, discipline and affection (both ways). Work took precedent and David found himself working for a London based Japanese Headhunting Firm and they eventually relocated him permanently to Singapore. A tough environment for dogs but a great one for an ambitious human. David met his partner in life Colleen in Singapore and after leaving the Japanese firm, David ran a private headhunting firm in Singapore working for a few clients in North America and Israel recruiting key business development people in nearly every country in the Asia Pacific region. He now works on specific one off projects from his home base in Wellington. They relocated to Wellington in September 2000 and have remained in Plimmerton ever since. David is also an International Tennis Umpire and Referee and had a successful playing record in the UK where he played tournaments at Wimbledon and Queens Club to name just two. The last three years has been CFPT related, visiting facilities in and around the Porirua area with his 8 year old Golden Retriever called Rafa. Rafa also attends Yoga with him as he is a very chilled out dog when he needs to be. David and Rafa have been given the green light this week to return to visiting by LO Jan McKenzie and are looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

David visits Harbourview weekly on a Friday and IDEA Services at Tawa on a monthly basis. Editor



Please send your stories/photos, including wearing a Scarf, to: Beverley Jocelyn at editor@caninefriends.org.nz Some stories/photos may be placed on our Website under the heading NEWS Events. Please use the Website to keep up to date with current events and information.

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

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Please click on above site for more News from our Patron.

Canine Friends Pet Therapy received a lovely Christmas card from our Patron and also a letter of encouragement while we were in lockdown. Both are on the Website under the heading - Patron.



Dear Editor

I would like to thank you for the amazing support your organisation has provided for our residents through the Canine Friends visits. Our residents love the dogs and look forward to their visits. It is not only the dogs that are awesome but their lovely owners have been wonderful. They interact with the residents and have become close friends of ours. We feel so privileged to have you as part of our family. Unfortunately we are unable to share some of the many photos we treasure of our residents and the dogs with you due to privacy regulations but we would like to thank Johanna and Bullet, Melanie and Lulu and Sharon and Bree who visit us weekly at Elderslea Rest Home. A very BIG THANK YOU and we love what you do.

Kind Regards

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ANZAC DAY—what a beautiful photo and thought to celebrate the day

Sophie, Oakie and Thumpa sitting with our homemade Poppies at our front gateway to celebrate the Anzacs.

Regards Ann Evans



Reading Buddies Maunu School, Whangarei

Lynda MacGregor in Whangarei, has sent these photos of their German Shepherds, Ricky and Gus being reading buddies.

Regards Vicky Graham

Regional Member of the Year Initiative—Congratulations!

Thank you to Rachel Butler, LO Auckland, for bringing this outstanding initiative to our Members. Recipients from 16 Areas will receive a sponsored 1 kg bag of Ziwi dog food plus Treats. This will be an annual Initiative with recommendations coming from Liaison Officers in each of the 32 Areas. Thank you Ziwi for your continued support.



Northland Regional Recipients

Lynda and David MacGregor own two German Shepherds, Ricky and Gus. Lynda joined us in 2011. Lynda and Ricky visit Selwyn Park Village. David with Gus is a regular visitor at Maunu Primary School where Gus is a buddy to children with reading difficulties.



Southland Regional Recipient

Margaret Baillie has visited the Hospital/Dementia wing of Ascot Care Rest Home, Invercargill, for quite a few years. Her dog, Finn (Golden Retriever) is a lovely calm dog and Margaret is a positive, friendly and capable owner. Once out of our Covid-19 crisis, Margaret is also hoping to visit Southland Hospital.



Manawatu Regional Recipient

Pam Jamieson and her Miniature Schnauzer, Murphy, visit Ranfurly Residential Care. Murphy is the reading companion star at Freyberg High Library and Russell Street School for the students and Special Needs Unit. Pam and Murphy have always been there to help promote our organisation at group events, A&P shows, Christmas carnivals, etc, and are wonderful ambassadors wherever they go.



Tauranga Regional Recipient

Joe and Anna Briffa, with Vinnie their Labrador Huntaway X, visit Radius Matua Lifecare. They go out of their way to help at any event and Anna has helped with the University visits and organising other people. They are both reliable and committed members of Canine Friends Pet Therapy.



Nelson-Tasman Regional Recipient

Lorraine Smith, with her beautiful black Labradoodle, Tui-Belle, was assessed in 2013 and has since visited regularly at Woodlands Rest Home. They also were at our last year's Founders meeting. They are a lovely, caring team.



Christchurch Regional Recipient

Barry Amer visits Lady Diana Isaac Retirement Village and Windsor House Rest Home in Christchurch with his two Great Danes, Adamus and Xanth. Barry makes sure his dogs are very well groomed and attracts lots of attention from residents and staff who really appreciate the personal touch Barry gives to each resident. Barry regularly promotes Canine Friends Pet Therapy in the community by attending many local events and he is always keen to help new members who value his experience.



Waikato Regional Recipient

Sally Felton joined in 2012 with her Labrador, Tui, and has been a regular visitor at Aparangi Village Residential Care in Te Kauwhata. Sally says Tui senses each Monday is her day for visiting and acts differently if the routine is changed!

Sally is always willing to accompany new members on their first few visits and readily shares her experience and advice to settle a new team in at their facility.



Taupo Regional Recipient

Lynda Gulbransen joined with her gentlemanly Golden Retriever, Brock, in January 2017. Lynda commutes between Taumarunui and Taupo and visits three facilities in those areas. Last year she was a regular visitor at Waikato Hospice and, together with Brock, provided wonderful support to a young mother who was terminally ill. Brock would sit beside her bed for sometime knowing she needed some comfort.



Queenstown Regional Recipient

Pam Shaw, with her best buddy, Moose (Schnauzer X Jack Russell) has been constantly available at both School and our Elderly Care Home visits here in Queenstown. Pam also travels to Cromwell to boost the team down there. Pam is also the LO's right hand when she is away and is the first to assist when there is a special event for our Elderly or children at school.



Whitby/Johnsonville Regional Recipient

Jean Barr and Madison, her Ridgeback Huntaway X, have brought joy and love to many in this region. Jean has recently had to retire Madison due to arthritis, but Jean keeps her ear close to the ground and she is often the first to know of a dog passing or other changes in circumstance in the region. Jean also continues to organise attendance at the region's highly successful annual Special Children's Christmas Party.



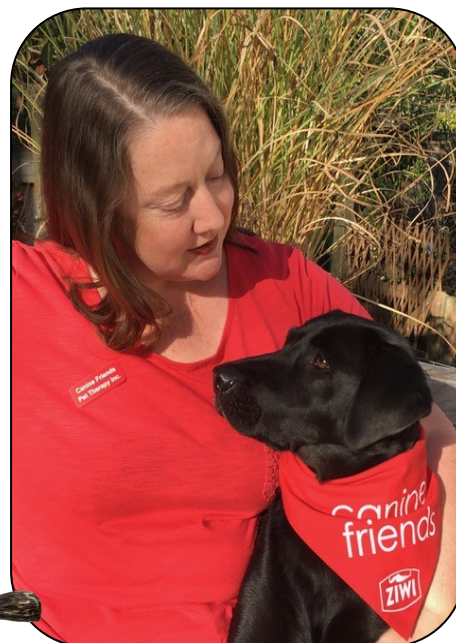
Lower Hutt Regional Recipient

Brenda Kenworthy and her impressive Black Russian Terrier, Zoe, go to Hutt Hospital every Thursday visiting 11 different Wards including mental health. They are an amazing team giving lots of love, cuddles and smiles to staff and patients alike.



Hastings Regional Recipient

Jo Chubb and her Labrador X, Sophie, always attend get togethers and is often putting her hand up when extra help is needed. Jo has recently taken on the task of meeting with a gentleman who has physical and mental health issues, working alongside his facilitator. This is quite a complex case which has required quite an amount of time, together with her regular weekly visits at Mt Herbert Rest Home.



Auckland Regional Recipient

Samantha (Sam) Kean with her Labrador Collie X, Whittaker, visit two homes, Dominion Rest Home and Gracedale Hospital. In addition, Sam attends almost every group University Visit that has been requested for many years and has been an "Acting LO" on the day when the Auckland LO could not be present. Without Samantha's support in this, many group events would not have been possible. Thank you Sam and Whittaker!



Taranaki Regional Recipient

Simone Johns, with her Border Collie, Sam, visit Eltham Rest & Care Home on the weekends as well as the residents of an IHC home in Hawera which she does during her lunch break at work. The residents in both homes thoroughly enjoy her visits with Sam. She has a warm, engaging manner, and interacts well with everyone she meets. Simone's enthusiasm and affection for her dog is infectious, and helps residents enjoy their meetings with Sam.



Wellington Regional Recipient

Sue Bingham, with her two Border Collies, Chip (Gold) and Jack (Black), visit several wards of Wellington Hospital. These visits take on average 4+ hours and are greatly appreciated by staff, patients and visiting public alike. If Sue can attend an event, she does. She turns up on time, slots in with whatever is required of her and is a credit to Canine Friends.



Bo visiting Woodcote Retirement Village

This picture was taken this morning whilst visiting Woodcote Retirement Village. I asked the family for permission and they are happy for us to publish.

"Emily and Sophie were delighted to meet Bo whilst visiting their Great Grandfather at Woodcote Retirement Village."



Our volunteer Henk and his dog Bobby with one of the residents at **Makoah Rest Home**. Bobby is a real clown and all the residents just love him. Julie Cowell

Evie loves visiting her rest home



Hugh Green Retirement Village Albany

'What a loving dog!', 'What a beautiful, soft coat!', 'She is so gentle,' After a while you think to yourself perhaps you have got a truly special dog. Don't get me wrong, I think every one's dog has something special but Evie, well she is just a people pleaser. I watched her at my school and she enjoyed the fuss and pats from the children who came to her but it was the children who didn't come to her that she quietly, when everyone else had lost interest, approached. She didn't do much. She either sat right in front of them, or she would gently pat their leg, or lean against them or rest her chin on their knee and look at them. Instinctively they would just stroke her. It was then I realised she was a therapy dog.

Our regular visits to the rest home is a highlight to both of us. Evie, well she gets the pat, cuddles, attention she wants. She knows she can't roll over onto her back for tummy rubs, she understands they can't reach her tummy like the children she visits, but none the less she loves the pats, the attention and love. Me? Well, I just love watching them love her as much as we do.

Jo Apperley Auckland

Belated Christmas photos which were not included in the Autumn Newsletter.
They are all beautiful so please enjoy their Christmas cheer and spirit.

Isla visits Possum Bourne Retirement Village

Isla visits Possum Bourne Retirement Village, Pukekohe (dementia unit)

Isla got a carrot for Christmas from the people she visits each fortnight. What a great present for a Labrador!

Regards Debra Langdon



Evie visits Willard Home in Palmerston North

“Come on Chrissie—let’s visit”
Photo of Evie (Jurgens) freshly groomed in front of the Christmas tree and ready for her Christmas visit to Willard Home in Palmerston North.

In this photo she was SO eager to get going she could hardly wait. I am surprised she sat still enough for me to take the photo.
Cheers Chrissie & Evie



Wolfie visits Special Care Unit at Charles Upham Retirement Village in Rangiora

This resident is non-verbal and whenever Wolfie visits, his whole face lights up and he makes “happy” sounds!

This is what makes this volunteer work so very much worth it! It truly is a privilege to spread some dog love!

Regards Hanneke Couperus



Phoenix visits Ohinemuri Rest Home in Paeroa

My name is Dot and I visit the Ohinemuri Rest Home in Paeroa weekly with my Akita, Phoenix.

Phoenix in front of their lovely Christmas tree and she loves visiting her friends.

Dot & Phoenix Mustor



Belated Christmas photos which are lovely and need to be enjoyed



Group visit to Awatere Care Home in Hamilton

I have attached a photo taken yesterday when we visited the Awatere Care Home in Hamilton as a group. All the dogs are regular visitors there.

The Canine Friends team consists of (from left to right) myself and Tui, then Bev and Bruno, MacDuff (my main man) is centre stage as usual, then Pauline and Sky one from an old newsletter.

Regards Liz Scott

Odie visits Duart Rest Home in Havelock North

Odie loves going to visit his friends at Duart Rest Home, Havelock North.

Regards,

Karen Valu

I love his Christmas hat - really suits him. Editor



Ellie visiting Riverton, Southland Bupa Home.

Photo of my dog Ellie, before she went visiting at the Riverton, Southland Bupa home.

My name is Molly Butt

Ellie looks very animated and ready to go. Editor



Chummy rode his Christmas sleigh at Kensington Court today. Regards Margaret



Chilling with John Allen



Helping Michael Pearce settle in



Chummy with Anne & Sharon (staff) who adore him weekly.

Christmas photos from Ann Evans, LO Manawatu. The Group Visits were in Feilding & Palmerston North. Ann has sent delightful photos of visits but, unfortunately, they cannot be included in this issue due to lack of space. They will be featured in our Spring issue.



The group Xmas visit to Palmerston North and Brightwater Resthome and after lunch at a dog friendly Cafe 116 we visited Olive Tree Resthome, Palmerston North



Olive Tree Christmas visit—lovely group photo



We were at Ranfurly Residential Care Centre, Feilding with our lovely DT and Entertainment Officer, followed by a share lunch at Timona Park in the Feilding Dog Club grounds



Trisha with Artie, Rachel with Duke, Bridge with Dodge (behind Sophie) and Tilly, Ann with Sophie and Oakie, Niki with Brodie and Pam with Murphy. In the afternoon we visited Nelson Residential Care Centre, Feilding



Murphy at her first visit to Westmar Senior Care facility in Darfield.

Featured from left to right Joy (Murph's Nana), Gabriella (me), in the back Crusty (Murphy's Great Grandad), Ty (Murph's human brother) and Adam (Murphy's dad).

She was such a hit for people who didn't have family visit her on Christmas and she brought some real joy.

We are so grateful for Canine Friends for giving Murph this opportunity.

Happy Holidays lovely people.

Warmest regards,
The Robertsons (Joy, Gabriella, Ty, Adam, and of course, Murphy Lew)

Christmas Cheer—Kingwood Rest Home



Today we visited Kingwood Rest Home for our last visit of the year. We organised with the home to take Kobe with his cart and a wee girl (Hayley) to sit in it and to give out chocolates to the elderly residents. They were both quite the hit. Hayley for three years old was quite the chatter house, she stole the show and Kobe the ever patient dog just sat down and waited for her. Everybody had a lovely time.
Regards Alison Hallett

Ripponburn Home & Hospital



Merv with Lexi, Willow, Jetta & Bella

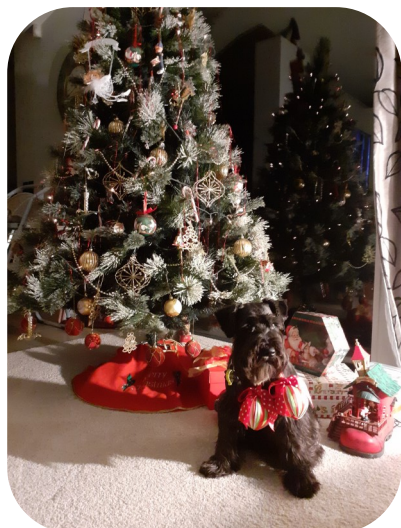
Ripponburn Home and Hospital—Cromwell—Kind regards from Beryl Ravenwood, LO, Queenstown



Lisa & Jo, Claire & Jetta, Pam with Lexi, Moose, Willow and Bella



Beryle, Lisa, Pam & Claire
Dogs Bella, Willow, Lexi, Jo, Jetta & Moose



Ebony under our Christmas Tree

Merry Christmas to all

Kind Regards

Caroline Densem
and Ebony



Jambo at St. Andrews Village Christmas Party in Auckland

We had a great time.

Kind regards
Sheryl Mungall

New Applications were temporarily suspended in March, 2020 due to the COVID 19 lockdown and will now recommence on 1 July, 2020. We look forward to hearing from new members at that time.



From: Mark W <markw@sccpnz.co.nz>
Date: 17 December 2019 at 1:04:41 PM NZDT
To: "Jn.wallace@infofenet.net.nz"
<Jn.wallace@infofenet.net.nz>

Subject: Thanks

Hi Nicole, just a quick note to say a huge thanks for all your help arranging your pets for the Special Children's Christmas Party in the weekend.

The day was a huge success, ran super smoothly and was enjoyed by over 1800 children and their care givers.

We kept left over toys from Hamilton and Auckland events and intend to send them, along with other goodies in a container to Samoa to help bring some joy to the very unfortunate situation they have there.

Have a great finish to 2019 and we will see you next year.

*Mark Wikstrom
NZ Operations Manager*

Special Children's Christmas Party in Auckland

We had a great turnout of 11 volunteers, some with partners in tow, with only two pull-outs. We had 3 shifts going across the day (10.00am to 2.30pm). As per last year, we 'shared' an area with the SPCA/Outreach Therapy Dog people who were once again surprised when we turned up. However, after doing a bit of fence extension and chair re-arranging, they were more relaxed and I think it made a better day for the extra number of dogs all with a common goal.

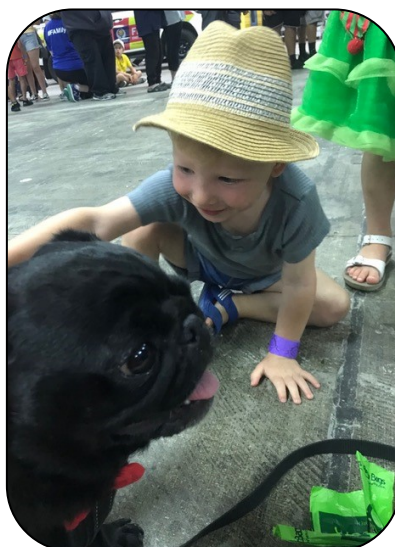
Everyone was very busy throughout their shift and it was surprising how fast 1-2 hours went. Of course, the dogs were absolute stars putting up with extreme noise of kids, music, fire engine sirens, loud speaker announcements, etc, and I'm so proud of them all. So many kids with big smiles and corresponding smiles from their caregivers/parents too.

Here are a few choice pictures from the day. Many more on the Canine Friends - AMO facebook page. Once again, so happy with my young BC, Jamie, who is coping so well in all environments for Canine Friends. I was so busy capturing other volunteers' dog moments, I didn't realise I didn't get any of Lucas or Jamie! Oh well.

Kind regards Rachel Butler



Max had lots of hugs taken with many Children on the day.
Kind regards Carole Sheng



Lovely little Pip



Daisy loves the photos too

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