

New Members Co-ordinator's Report AGM 2017

The 2016/17 financial year has been exceptionally busy for Canine Friends in the new members area with 195 new members for the period. This doesn't include the many applications that are received and either withdrawn, or the dog and/or owner doesn't pass our assessment, or the dog is simply too young.

I assumed the New Co-ordinator role late last year and with the switch to our Member Management System (Wild Apricot) accessing the statistics for the entire year was not possible with any degree of accuracy. However, at 31 March 2017:

- There were 195 new members throughout New Zealand, with the largest number in Auckland with a total of 48 new members. Well done Rachel and Kim.
- Dunedin which had been dormant for several years resumed operation and there were 2 new members and 2 being processed. Thanks to Beth.
- There was a 52% increase on successful applications than the previous year. Up from 128.
- Our members continue to come from all walks of life, from students to retirees, with a myriad of occupations.
- Applications continue to come from all over New Zealand. We have relied on the nearest Liaison Officer in distance to assess members. Judy in Hamilton assessed a member from the Coromandel.
- There were 65 applications in various stages of processing (many now completed and more being received).
- At the rate that we are receiving new applications (around 40 per month based on the last 5 months), we would expect to have up to 300 new members this time next year.

The following table shows the distribution of applicants and workload. Please note that applicants rejected or withdrawn are not included.

Period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Area	Successful Applications	Applications in progress	Joint Applications	% of new members	% of applications received
Northland	2	3	5	1%	4%
Auckland	48			25%	18%
Waikato	16	3		8%	7%
Taupo	3	1		2%	2%
Rotorua	9	3	1	5%	5%
Tauranga	18	3	1	9%	8%
Hawkes Bay	3	2		2%	2%
Gisborne	1			1%	0%
Manawatu & Rural	1	1		1%	1%
Taranaki North	1	2		1%	1%
Taranaki South	1			1%	0%
Palmerston North	16	2	1	8%	7%
Levin	3			2%	1%
Kapiti Coast	8	2	1	4%	4%

Wairarapa	1	2		1%	1%
Upper Hutt	2	3		1%	2%
Lower Hutt	11	5	1	6%	7%
Whitby to Johnsonville	13	2	2	7%	7%
Wellington	14	12	1	7%	10%
Nelson/Tasman	3	1	1	2%	2%
Christchurch	13	14		7%	10%
Oamaru	2			1%	1%
Dunedin	2	2		1%	2%
Queenstown	3			2%	1%
Invercargill/Southland	1	2		1%	1%
	195	65		100%	100%
Total	260				

The competition between the Labrador and Retriever continues with 1 more Labrador joining than Golden Retrievers. They were 18 and 17 in number. Greyhounds took third place with 16 in number. We now have a Black Russian Terrier, a Löwchen (from large to small) and a Catahoula. I have included the following table to show our new dog's breeds.

2016/17 Dog Breeds and numbers for new members

Breed	Number	Breed	Number
Labrador Retriever	18	Golden Retriever	17
Greyhound	16	Collie (Rough & Border)	13
Poodle (Toy, Miniature, Standard)	12	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	9
Chihuahua	5	Bichon Frise	4
German Shepherd	4	Shih Tzu	4
Bulldog (American, English, French)	3	Fox Terrier (incl wire coated)	3
Schnauzer (incl Miniature)	3	Newfoundland	3
Samoyed	3	Beagle	2
Bernese Mountain Dog	2	Border Terrier	2
Bull Mastiff	2	Cocker Spaniel	2
German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP)	2	Leonberger	2
Maltese terrier	2	Pomeranian	2
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	2	West Highland Terrier	2
Alaskan Malamute	1	Black Russian Terrier	1
Blue Heeler	1	Boxer	1
Catahoula	1	Dogue de Bordeaux	1
English Setter	1	English Springer Spaniel	1
Great Dane	1	Hungarian Vizsla	1
Huntaway	1	Irish Terrier	1
Jack Russell	1	Kelpie	1
Löwchen	1	Papillon	1
Rhodesian Ridgeback	1	Rottweiler	1
Scottish Terrier	1	Shetland Sheepdog	1
Smooth Haired Griffon	1	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	1

Sydney Silky Terrier	1	Tibetan Terrier	1
Weimaraner	1	Whippet	1

We continue to attract many cross-breed dogs – 75 in the last 12 months. They include 6 labradoodles, 7 cavoodles, 4 spoodles, 4 retrodoodles, 2 schnoodles, a caboodle, and a cockerpoo. Some other crosses that we have :

- Italian Greyhound x Toy Poodle
- Husky x Collie
- Pug x Griffin
- Poodle x Chinese crested powderpuff
- Dogue de Bordeaux x Neapolitan mastiff

Liaison Officers - Thank you for your commitment and effort in making my role easy and also for the support to Canine Friends. And thanks for going the extra mile to get it done, even when the candidate lives a distance away.

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