

## New Members Co-ordinator's Report AGM 2018

Rapid growth would summarise the year for Canine Friends Pet Therapy with 434 applications resulting in 287 new members and 39 applicants still being processed for that period. Note the many applications that are received and either withdrawn, or the dog and/or owner doesn't pass our assessment, or the dog is simply too young (108).

Nina Hawke stood down from the role of New Co-ordinator role (in April 2018) and I am temporarily standing in until a new member co-ordinator is appointed:

- There were 287 (compared to last year's 195) new members throughout New Zealand, with the largest number in Auckland with a total of 64 (compared to last year's 48) new members. Well done Rachel, Kim & Nicole.
- We have expanded from 25 to 30 regions.
- Last year, Nina predicted that we should expect to have up to 300 new members by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. She was close with 287. Our prediction for 2018-19 based on the current run rate is 330.

The following table shows the distribution of applicants and workload. Please note that applicants still being assessed or that we are awaiting payment from are not included.

Period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

Region	New members 2017/18	New members 2018/19
Auckland	64	48
Christchurch	32	13
Tauranga	22	18
Wellington	18	14
Waikato	17	16
Lower Hutt	15	11
Hastings	11	0
Taranaki	12	2
Whitby to Johnsonville	10	13
Palmerston North	9	16
Nelson	8	3
Foxton/Levin	8	3
Kapiti	6	8
Napier	6	3
Dunedin	5	2
Invercargill	5	1
Northland	5	2
Upper Hutt	5	2
Taupo	5	3
Rotorua	5	9
Oamaru	5	2
Whanganui	4	0
Queenstown	2	3

Wairarapa	2	1
Westport	1	0
Manawatu/Rural	1	1
Blenheim	1	0
Woodville	1	0
Wanaka	1	0
Gisborne	0	1
TOTAL	287	195

The Labrador continues to be our most popular breed of pet therapy dog (23) followed by the Greyhound (21) and the Golden Retriever (17). Unusual breeds for the year included a Lagotto Romagnolo, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, an Anatolian Shepherd and an Australian Koolie. I have included the following table to show a breakdown of breeds (excluding cross-breeds).

Breed	Number (Last Year)	Breed	Number (Last Year)
Afghan Hound	1	Greyhound	21 (16)
American Staffordshire Terrier	1 (1)	Heading Dog	2
Anatolian Shepherd Dog	1	Kelpie	1 (1)
Australia Koolie	1	Lagotto Romanolo	1
Australian Shepherd Dog	1	Labrador Retriever	23 (18)
Basset	1	Leonberger	1 (2)
Beagle	1 (2)	Malamute	1 (1)
Bernese Mountain Dog	5 (2)	Mastiff	2
Bichon Frise	2 (4)	Mini Schnauzer	5 (3)
Black Russian Terrier	3 (1)	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever	1
Collies (Rough & Border)	11 (13)	Papillion	1 (1)
Border Terrier	2 (2)	Pomeranian	2 (2)
Boston Terrier	1	Pug	1
Boxer	1 (1)	Rhodesian Ridgeback	1 (1)
Bulldog	1 (2)	Rottweiler	1 (1)
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	8 (9)	Samoyed	2 (3)
Chihuahua	2 (5)	Shih Tzu	3 (4)
Cocker Spaniel	2 (2)	Siberian Husky	3
Corgi	4	Standard Poodle	2 (6)
Dachshund	4	Sydney Silky	1 (1)
Dalmatian	1	Tibetan Spaniel	1
Dandie Dinmont Terrier	1	Toy Fox terrier	1
Dogue de Bordeaux	1 (1)	Toy Poodle	3 (6)
English Bull Terrier	1	Weimaraner	1 (1)
English Pointer	1	West Highlander Terrier	4 (2)

English Springer Spaniel	1 (1)	Wheaten Terrier	2 (1)
English Staffordshire Terrier	4 (1)	White Swiss Shepherd	1
French Bull dog	1 (1)	Yorkshire Terrier	1
German Shepherd	8 (4)		
Golden Retriever	17 (17)		

The number and variety of new members are a testimony to the great work being done by our Liaison Officers throughout the country. It is a pleasure working with these dedicated and passionate people – who give so generously of their time to ensure we can induct and get quality pet therapy teams up and operating as quickly as possible to meet the demand from homes, hospitals and hospices.