



# news

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Autumn 2021

## Welcome to all Members, Friends and New Members

**Thank You, Thank You** from the National Committee to our Liaison Officers throughout New Zealand. We wished to show our appreciation by inviting all the Liaison Officers from the 32 areas of NZ to a Special Appreciation Day just for them.

A quote from a report given by the Vice President on the day "I wish to thank you all for your work and dedication and especially to those members who are attending our Appreciation Day. There is no doubt in my mind that you are the most important people in our Organisation. You could say the personal assistants of the National Committee. Canine Friends has a membership of approximately 800 members and visit approximately 405 Rest Homes, Hospitals and Hospices. We, as a Committee, could not function without your leadership, motivation, friendship and the extra help".

We had a fantastic meeting at the Rydges Airport Hotel in Wellington. As the Auckland area was in lockdown three members were unable to attend but we proceeded with the day. Lots of socializing, meeting each other for the first time, exchanging ideas, learning about the foundation of Canine Friends and participating in a "live" dog assessment.

Leanne Gibson, our Secretary, brought her 2 yr old "SPCA special" dog in to have a mock assessment by Vicky Graham. There was lively discussion as personal opinions were raised. Cane had been frightened recently in Central Wellington but he behaved beautifully on the day. It was agreed that he needed just a little more time to build his confidence. Thank you Leanne for bringing Cane into unfamiliar surroundings.  
Editor

This day would not have been possible without the support of Dogs NZ. Please see photo below of us all.



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## President's Report - Autumn 2021

Almost three months into the year and we are seeing the beautiful autumn colours appearing. It seems just a short time ago we were preparing for the festive season and feeling optimistic about welcoming in a new year. I hope you have had some time to relax and enjoy spending time with family and friends – that includes four legged friends of course.

Each year we try to bring our Liaison Officers together for a day of sharing ideas, introducing new initiatives and policies and, most importantly to meet each other in person. Last March we made the decision to postpone this event due to Covid-19 restrictions in place so towards the end of last year we set about making plans again and set the day for the 6<sup>th</sup> March and lo and behold we were facing the possibility of a second postponement. However, we made it and had a great day together.

We were thrilled to have our Founder, Eileen Curry, join us for the group photo and lunch. 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 (almost 31) years.

This leads me to our Founder's Day celebrations in May. Last year, as we know was difficult but some areas did manage to have a get together to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we hope you are able to enjoy an hour or two again this coming May with your dogs, your fellow members and Liaison Officer. It is always Eileen's wish that the dogs have fun!

Best Wishes

Vicky Graham



## Waitangi Day Celebration at Government House

This year was attended by Brenda Kenworthy, on behalf of Canine Friends Pet Therapy, with her daughter Jane Kenworthy. It was a smaller event this year because of Covid 19, but was held on a glorious Wellington afternoon and both Brenda and Jane enjoyed meeting the other attendees and celebrating Waitangi Day with them and they both thoroughly enjoyed the celebration. They both ended up, by chance, wearing almost matching outfits!



**Zoe, the Black Russian Terrier,** who belongs to Brenda Kenworthy, visits Hutt Hospital, where she is a great hit with all the staff and patients and she is such a fixture in the hospital that she now has her own identity card.

Thank you Brenda for attending the Waitangi Day Celebration on our behalf. Editor



## A very Special Thank You to Kina Sant

"I recently left my job and instead of a leaving gift I asked for the donation to go to yourselves as I know every bit helps".

Kina's employer gave us a \$64 donation.

Photo of gorgeous Fozzie going visiting



"Eileen sent this PXT to Annette tonight of her flowers. She loves them and she LOVED, LOVED, LOVED yesterday". We were all thrilled that Eileen attended the Special Appreciation Day in Wellington. We also presented her with a large framed photo of her special dog, Kerrie. She really loved that too.



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

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### Committee Snippets

1. Please remember to view and use the Canine Friends Pet Therapy website if you have a question or require information—[www.caninefriends.org.nz](http://www.caninefriends.org.nz)
2. Please view our **You Tube channel** to see more about our dogs. YouTube channel is - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnZJ4LaiApt2bLpdssY2rA> We need 100 subscribers to join - so it would be lovely if we could subscribe and add some videos. Christina
3. Up to date photos and outings on our **Face book page**.
4. Please be mindful that Canine Friends is celebrating its 30 year anniversary for 2020/2021. What a wonderful achievement!

### In Memorium

#### SUNNY (IBIZA FLING) CGCB PET THERAPY (CANINE FRIENDS) 2011—2021

Today 1 March 2021, Sunny ran his last race on earth and passed over the Rainbow Bridge. Sunny was an ex-racing Greyhound who came into our lives in September 2015. He was the most amazing ambassador for his breed. He visited 6 Rest Homes as Canine Friends Pet Therapy dog and stole the hearts of the residents with his big brown eyes.

He was such a calm and gentle dog it was as though he was born to the job and all the residents loved him. When we got Amber in 2019 he was so gentle and patient with her, letting her get away with way too much. He treated her like his own puppy. Run pain free our beautiful boy. Julie Cowell, Rotorua Area Co-Ordinator



#### Sanastasia Rose of Lexi 17-03-04 to 26-10-20

Sweet Lexi peacefully left my world at the great age of 15 years & 7 months. She had one litter of puppies and gave me Holly who is now 11 years old and visits wearing her scarf too.

She was a lovely working obedience dog and we competed right into the top test C but was always pipped at the post never quite getting a challenge certificate. She got her obedience titles CDX and TCQ though.

She was a very gentle wise girl who was great doing Canine friends visits. At one time while visiting Hutt Hospital she sniffed out cancer in a lovely lady that we visited. Her name was Mary and she was astounded when Lexi focused on her arm and lower leg as that was where the cancer was in the bone!

Lexi visited patients in Hospital and Stokeswood Rest Home in Stokes Valley for a few years but Shona McFarlane for many years right up till she was over 15.

Everyone loved her and the tears that flowed when I was asked to bring her but had to tell them that she'd passed away was testament to how much she was loved.

RIP my beautiful Lexi who I miss so very much. Sandy Fea



## Spreading the Christmas Spirit - the Manawatu Group are exceptional in their visiting activities at Christmas time

Canine Friends from the Manawatu were invited to Christmas Party time at **Ranfurly Residential Care Centre** on Christmas Eve. A talent quest was also held which included two Canine Friends entrants - Linda with Byrne and Pam with Murphy.

Lynda had Byrne play games such as quoits and stacking the cups as well as some tricks from his repertoire while Pam did Murphy's trick or treat including the roll-over and shake hands. Everyone loved them both. Residents contributed to the Talent quest with dancing, songs, recitations etc so was a very jolly time for everyone.

We were also very lucky to be invited to the Volunteers luncheon here at Ranfurly RCC to which Pam, Linda and I and dogs were able to attend and enjoy a lovely luncheon with others

Regards Ann and Kaye from the Manawatu



Byrne playing quoits with Abbie watching on



Byrne balancing in his food dish



The Luncheon Table

On Saturday 5 December it was our annual Christmas visit to two Palmerston North Resthomes. The morning started with a visit to **Woodlands of Palmerston North** where 15 dogs were in attendance. Woodlands is a big beautiful old house and we found that we had over catered in our dog power but all still had a lovely visit and the residents had many lovely pats and cuddles with our dogs. It was also great to see some new members joining in this event and all should be very proud of their dogs.

We then had lunch with our dogs at the Cafe 116 which we often visit as a lovely cafe to be able to join with our dogs outside in their courtyard.

The afternoon was a visit to **Radius Peppertree Resthome and Hospital** where 14 dogs joined in on the visit. It was interesting that as we entered the facility we were all tested by a nurse for our temperature as we signed in, something we had not experienced before. The staff were so appreciative of our visit that they made us a special afternoon tea which we relaxed and enjoyed. Kaye and Ann Manawatu LO'S



Sophie, Oakie and Bailey



part of our group waiting to start our visit



Chris with Benson and Bailey



Niki with Brody and Izzy



**Spreading the Christmas Spirit in Manawatu - Individual photos of our precious dogs exuding their Christmas happiness**



Thumpa by the Xmas tree at Ranfurly  
RCC in Feilding



Louis visiting Opal ward at the  
Palmerston North Hospital



Mr Biscuit and Izzy at the Xmas  
tree at Ranfurly RCC ,Feilding



Izzy having a rest in the Garden of  
Tranquility Palmerston North Hospital



Sophie visiting in her Xmas finery



Oakie, Sophie and Thumpa as part of our Xmas card to our  
friends



Louis visiting Woodlands of Feilding



Artie and his Mum Trisha

**These three photos below are of the afternoon visit to Peppertree Resthome**



Afternoon Tea at Peppertree with very  
relaxed dogs



Mr. Biscuit, Lillie & Izzy



## Spreading the Christmas Spirit in Manawatu continued

It was the **Ashurst Christmas Parade and Market Day**. The day, Saturday 12 December, was pretty cold and very windy but these happy times do not get put off although we didn't have as many Canine Friends turn up as expected but still - guess who followed the band as the first entry - only our very proud group of Canine Friends with Izzy thinking they were just for her to march to.

Unfortunately it was just too windy to show off our new banner but we had plenty of red including our pushchair sleigh and loads of Christmas decorations showing and everyone wanted to pat our dogs along the way. We felt we were definitely the hands-on crowd favourite. The Parade was in the morning so no worry about the heat and lasted probably 20 minutes and then turned into a Market Fair. Next year we will also have a stall there to be able to talk to everyone after the parade which would be much easier and they could pat and cuddle the dogs. Usually we have participated in the Feilding Christmas Parade and Carnival but too much red tape there and Ashurst Promotions loved us being there.

Kaye and Ann LOs Manawatu



Marching to the Band



Band leading the Parade



The Sleigh

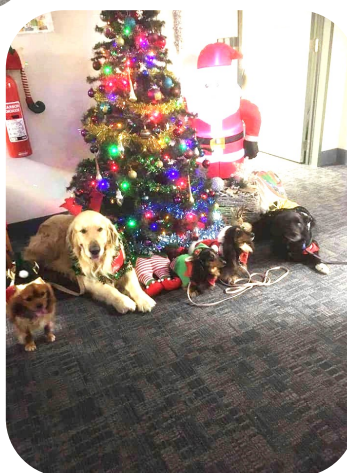


Our members watching

### More visiting (two photos right)

On Thursday 17 December a group of 5 dogs visited the **Palmerston North Hospital starting in the Childrens Ward**. Then off to the **Star (rehab) wards** and finished with a visit to **Opal Ward**, where the elderly wait to be assessed for Resthome care. Plus quite the highlight from the staff is the photo shot at the specially twinkling magical grotto they annually set up for everyone.

Being in the hospital we are restricted to dog numbers and these five dogs worked their magic perfectly. Dogs attending were Mocha and Zara, Thumpa, Lillie and Brody so a bit of the small dogs to the larger ones. As to hospital policy no photos were taken by us except in the Christmas Grotto Ann Evans and Kaye Harkness LO'S for Manawatu



Lillie, Thumpa, Zara, Mocha and Brody in the Xmas grotto



Beverley and Lillie, Niki and Brody, Ann and Thumpa and Kaye with Zara and Mocha



Photo 1 is Pauline with Bingo - Santa photo

Photo 2 is Oakie and Thumpa with Santa

Photo 3 is the group that went. It was a late photo and Gary hadn't put his badge back on as they had already put their dogs in the car.

Dogs were Tess, Zara, Mocha, Con, Oakie, Thumpa, Bingo, Coffee and Brandy

On Tuesday 22 December 9 dogs enjoyed the company of the residents at **Masonic Court Resthome in Palmerston North**. This was a late request for a visit but still our group brought happiness to all those they met and once again turned out in their Xmas splendour. Some of us were very taken with their life-sized Santa at the door so had our own "Photos with Santa". The residents also had a planned outing that afternoon but no one wanted to go but wanted the dogs to stay longer.



## Manawatu group continued

On Wednesday 16 we visited the **Feilding Resthomes** for a Christmas Visit from their favourite friends. The morning started at **Ranfurly Residential Care Centre** where we had 10 dogs spread themselves throughout the Resthome much to the delight of the residents who look forward to their annual visit for Christmas which has happened for many years now. Photos by the tree, of course, and one resident gentleman, Gordon, who had to give up his wee dog due to becoming a resident always loves to give the dogs a few little treats

Lunch was a shared yummy lunch at the Feilding Dog Training Grounds which is always a good time for all to chill. We have options as to morning/lunch/afternoon visits as anyone can choose any or all whatever they can manage so will find different members with their dogs at lunch or in the afternoon visit. Some of us just do everything! but the downtime at lunch is important for all.

The afternoon visit was to **Nelson Residential Care Centre** where 8 dogs joined the festive season. Everyone loved them all and there was just loads of happy faces all around the room. Just makes all visits special

Kaye and Ann LOs Manawatu



The group Henry, Mr Biscuit, Tess, Oakie, Thumpa, Artie(held), Izzy, Murphy, Con and Bryne These photos are all from Ranfurly Residential Care Centre



Relaxing in the Lounge



Waiting to go in



Albie



Gary's Con



Tess



Duke



Treat time for good dogs



## Our dogs visiting Correction Centres - Liz Scott & Mac visit Waikeria Prison

So you can put her face to her name the lovely photo attached of Liz and MacDuff was taken sometime ago for the Dog World Waikato feature. Liz and Mac are also part of the Waikato Reading Buddies Programme.

Liz is a wonderful member, very knowledgeable about dogs and does all our assessments for the central Waikato region.

Kind Regards, Vicky Graham

"I had my first visit to the prison today and all went very well, no need to get nervous at all. Nadine stayed with me for the first time and we had 3 inmates whom we met in their TV Lounge (sounds fancy, but very basic) and later moved over the corridor to the outside yard (just a room without a roof). The doors were left open and the guards popped in now and again, one especially attracted to Mac as he had owned a Bearded Collie before. Mac made friends with the guys, I took his brush as he is moulting madly at the moment, and they all had a go at grooming him. I had bought a new long tug rope for them to play with him, but he wasn't over excited about it, so instead he showed off the few tricks he knows, ending with 'dead dog' which of course means 'scratch my tummy please'.



This went on for some time, then it was time to go after about 45 minutes. Mac did seem a bit puzzled about the venue and how different things were from normal – at least I think that was the problem, but am sure he will get used to it and behave more like himself next time.

I understand Alison is doing her visit next week and Jude the following week. Beverley's application is going through and she should be on board early next year. Mac and I will be back on the second Thursday of January 2021".



## Group Visit to Xero in Auckland

On November 26 a group of Canine Friends visited Xero and had a very positive visit with their employees - finally as it had been postponed twice due to Covid 19. It went very well with Andrew, Sarah, Carole and Nicola and myself (humans!) with Dune, Louie, Venus, Max and Pippa (our canine friends).

I was told that it only takes a few minutes for employees to sign up to see the dogs and all slots are filled within minutes!! Dogs and humans went home tired but happy knowing we had given lots of people a canine fix which won't be forgotten!

Carol Drew, Acting LO for Auckland





## Dogs enjoying the moment

### Christchurch Members gather together (photos below)

Here are a couple of photos of the Christchurch members enjoying a group dog walk by the Avon River today.

We all met outside Christchurch museum with 12 members & 13 dogs. It was quite windy but all the dogs loved the walk and were very well behaved.

All the members enjoyed the coffee and catch up at the Black and White Cafe on Oxford Terrace.

The big dog is Jethro an American Bulldog Mastif owned by Chris Riley, they are very popular in Rolleston and Darfield where Jethro visits regularly.

The walking dogs are Sue Thomas and Monty a black Labrador a new member and Sara Chisnell and Blake a Leonburger who is a star at Essie Summers retirement home in Beckenham.

Regards, Carol Millican





**Truffle retiring from Middlemore's Critical Care Ward - a fond farewell email from Jennifer Spencer**

"Good afternoon Vicky,

We have had the most terrific time, met many wonderful people and had amazing experiences.

Truffle has had a very colourful life, I adopted her as an older Shelter rescue just over five years ago. She had many signs of having a difficult past. Regardless of her previous strife, Truffle's love of cuddles, meeting new people and gentle nature has been a blessing and was a perfect fit for pet therapy.

During the past six months we have certainly noticed that Truffle is getting a little bit slower and tiring quicker; so we had to make the very difficult decision to finish our visits. A luxurious retirement awaits her ??

Thank you for this opportunity you have given us, we are remaining as a non-visiting member to your wonderful Organisation.

Not to forget a big Thank You to our team too—Rachel, Beau, Helen, Moska and Christopher—it's been really heartwarming to be part of such a special group". Kindest regards, Jenn & Truffle



"Oh, thank you, thank you, Jennifer and Truffle; you have been so amazing and Truffle deserves a well earned retirement. I can't imagine how happy she has made so many patients visited over your time there". Thank you, Rachel Butler LO Auckland

"Thank you so much Jennifer for sharing your very special girl with us over the last few years. Keep in touch and enjoy your retirement Truffle".

Jo xx Dr J Ritchie MBChB FANZCA FCICM



The photos were provided from our facilitator with **Edmund Hillary Retirement Village**.

Ralphie and I visited their Dementia special care residents last Thursday and had a wonderful time. Many were reminiscing about pets they had in years past of their own and absolutely loved the company. ☺ Kelsey Steis



### The Levin/Foxton group of members who are very active

Sue Clarke, Liaison Officer, advised that her group of members has gone well during the Christmas period as most members continued their visiting routine throughout the holiday. Sue also organized a bit of a social get together with a shared lunch on 20 December.

### Canine Friends presence at the Horowhenua A & P Show in Levin

Sue advised "An exhausting couple of days for all concerned but we flew the flag for Canine Friends, Canine Good Citizen and dog training in general! My wonderful bunch of Foxton/Levin CF members (8 of them) and their dogs were in attendance, many of them in both CGC and CF capacities". A selection of photos from the two days below.



This is at one of our CF group visits last week- we are booked to do 8 around the Levin Homes!



This is Maggie, an English Setter, huntaway/spaniel X, with old hands Peri and Vegas at one of our little group visits to **Masonic in Levin** last week.

She is a sweetie and went very well on Tuesday on her 2nd Rest Home visit.

Regards Sue Clarke



Our beautiful dogs sharing their love

Greetings from Whanganui



I got a photo of my dog Moremore in his new Bandana for his visit at  
**Jane Winstone**

Thank you, Hannah & Moremore ❤️🐾



We are very happy to have our **new member Julie Mathieson and Tin Tin** here in **Whanganui** to have her first visit on St Patricks Day. Julie is visiting Springvale Manor every 1st & 3rd Wednesday. Let's welcome her :)  
❤️🐾 Best wishes, Hannah & Moremore ❤️🐾



Jambo and Glenn on duty at  
**St Andrews Glendowie**



Ashleigh Neeve from Napier sent this lovely photo of Button in her new scarf ready to visit

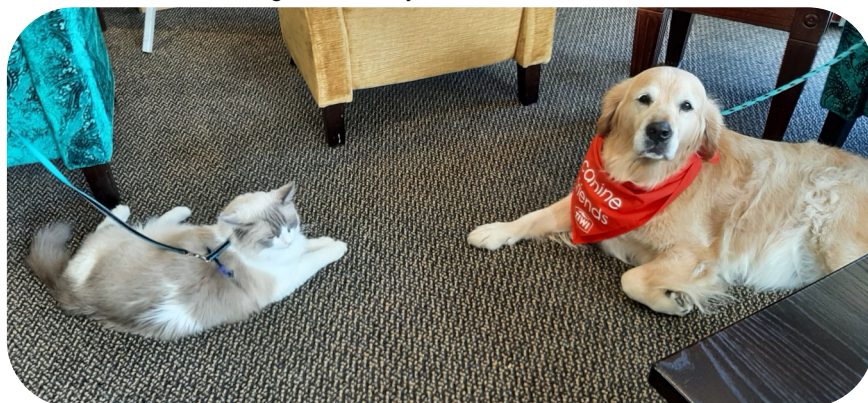
### Tara visiting Shona MacFarlane Retirement Village in Lower Hutt

Tara loves having morning tea at Shona MacFarlane Retirement Village in the serviced apartment residents lounge before we head off to the rest home to do her weekly visit. I have a coffee and we both often have a savory or muffin given by staff as they love seeing us as much as my lovely ladies do.

It's always a nice relaxing time chatting with everyone, but not usually one with a cat on a harness! A new resident who was lucky to have brought her beautiful cat with her entered the lounge. I have a large section with gardens so I have taught my dogs to kindly remove any visiting cats that like to use it as their toilet stop. I told Tara to leave it and as she's pretty well behaved she didn't move. The cats owner waited to see the reaction and as they both seemed very chilled out decided to sit right next to me! I chatted away to the owner and her cat even sniffed at Tara's foot. My heart was in my mouth waiting for a lunge but I couldn't have been prouder.

Tara was so good and the cat's owner said she hadn't seen her cat so calm since its arrival and said she'd never seen such a beautiful friendly dog..... (of course I think so too LOL). The ladies were blown away watching these two fur babies and couldn't get over how the cat was so relaxed.

This just shows how Canine Friends not only brings joy to the elderly but also to felines settling in. Sandy Fea & Tara



From Nelson: Photo of Lotti from Sara Booth



**Our Dogs visiting— Photos from Beryle Ravenwood of her group in Queenstown**



**Cromwell team:** Lisa & Claire with Dogs Jo & Jetta receiving their Founders Day awards at **Ripponburn Hospital & Home in Cromwell**



**Queenstown team**  
Jo & Pam with dogs Stella & Moose receiving their Founder's Day awards



Kylie a care nurse from **Bupa Lakes District Hospital** with Lexi, Willow & Moose. Nurses need cuddles too. ☐☐☐

**These lovely ladies below are all residents of Bupa Lake Wakatipu Care Home**



Betty with dogs Henry, Lexi & Willow



Dawn with Marijke and Jo (obscured) with dogs Jessi, Lexi, Henry & Willow



Marge with dogs Lexi & Willow

**These lovely photos are sent in by Margaret Scaiffe from the Nelson area**



Margaret Scaiffe's Chummy



Here is a photo of Ben. He goes with Charlene Storrar to visit at **Jack Inglis Hospital in Motueka**.



The beautiful Westfield Lady Elizabeth in her uniform today after brightening up the day of the residents at **Whareama Rest Home**. Very rewarding for both of us. Jacqui Cole



## Out and About



### Beautiful Cane

This is Leanne's up and coming Canine Friend who took the "mock" assessment at the Liaison Officers' Appreciation Day.

Next time you see him he will be wearing a Canine Friends Scarf and visiting.

Editor

### Invercargill BUPA Dementia Unit

This is a photo of Finn with one of his many friends at the Invercargill BUPA Dementia Unit during our weekly visit. His Xmas jumper says "it is too late to be good" but you can still see his canine friend scarf behind his neck.

We are living at Riverton now so next year Finn and I will also visit the **Longwood Rest Home** regularly.

Merry Xmas to you and thank you for the wonderful newsletter you put out.

Margaret Baillie and Finn



### New Member visiting in Christchurch

I had the pleasure of meeting Sue Thomas and her lovely dog Monty this morning. Monty is a 6 year old gentle soft black lab and he is very sweet and calm. Sue is a retired teacher who lives on a dairy farm just out of Christchurch.

Regards Lois (Assessor)

### Christmas party for Blenheim

Wendy Reynolds, LO Blenheim, sent these lovely Christmas photos. Please see 2 photos right.

Far right just before we went into start our lounge visit at a Rest Home in Blenheim.



**Founder's Day:** We have a Special Day in May of each year to celebrate the beginning of Canine Friends and to ponder just how much we have grown and how much love and attention all members have given of their time to others. It is a remarkable Charity and all became possible because one lady, Eileen Curry, wished to visit her friend in a care home with her dog, Kerrie.

We will be acknowledging and organising very soon the Certificates of Appreciation for our members who have been with us for 1, 3, 5 and 10 years and they will be given to Liaison Officers to hand out. Hopefully, you will be able to have a social get together during May of this year. Editor

**30<sup>th</sup> year Celebrations:** Please remember our wonderful Charity has been in operation for 30 years. Please make this May very special when you get together.





# New Members: 16 November 2020 to 21 March 2021

## Auckland

Mark Biddlecombe & Nate, Greyhound x Jack Russell  
Nicola Billing & Simba, Labrador  
Megan Bowden & Monty, Pug  
Sharon Burmeister & Khaleesi, Spoodle  
Lorina Cooper & Toby, Labradoodle  
Deborah Doak & Honey, German Shepherd  
Janine Evans & Iris, Greyhound  
Leon Goldwater & Riley, Miniature poodle  
Linda Hamilton & Koda, Border Collie  
Alice Harris & Pincho, West Highland terrier  
Louise Lumsden & Putu, Fox Terrier/Blue Heeler/Shar Pei/Ridgeback  
Natasha Martin & Holly, Greyhound/Pointer  
Linda Mason & Poppy, Rottweiler  
Eamonn O'Donnell & Fleur Sandbrook & Moxey, Cavoodle  
Julie Rand & Ralston, Border Collie  
Dianne Sanders & Doll, Bearded Collie  
Amy Tansell & Lily, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
Danielle Teixeira & Koda, Yorkshire Terrier  
Dianne Wallace & Harry, Cocker Spaniel  
Julie Warder & Harley, Golden Retriever  
Sandi Wooldridge & Fletcher, Golden Retriever  
Elizabeth Zhu and Georg Culver & Tahi, Greyhound

## Blenheim

Jill Caslick & Molly, Poodle x Löwchen

## Christchurch

Mahalia Eade & Marley, Labrador  
Angela Hook & Lexi, Shih Tzu / Chihuahua  
Rieko Ogawa & Pino, Toy Poodle  
Karen Reid & Lottie, Jack Russell/Bichon  
Annie Southern & Maggie, Greyhound

## Foxton/Levin

Doreen Check & Sasha, Borzoi

## Kapiti

Kristine McShane & Tago Mago, Labrador Retriever  
Jess Toohey & Ollie, Shar Pei x Golden Retriever

## Lower Hutt

Katrina Bonner & Finch, Huntaway  
Katy Evans & Asha, Miniature Schnauzer  
Sarina Hutton & Zephyr, Golden Retriever  
Sophie Roose & Bear, Bearded Collie  
Lynne Speight & Toastie, Golden Retriever

## Manawatu

Isabel Cochran & Biggles, Standard Poodle  
Lynda Cummins & Byrne, Border Collie Cross  
Peter and Pam Gatchell & Bailey, Retrodoodle  
Gael Haining & Ede Daisy, Havanese  
Frances Hancox & Bailey, Shih Tzu/Pekingese

## Napier

Kevin Jones & Lewys, Poodle  
Ross & Kendall & Millie, Bull Mastiff  
Olivia Maclaren & Macduff Mixed breed (SPCA special)  
Jason Wawatai & Baxter, Maltese/Bichon

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Jason Wawatai & Baxter, Maltese/Bichon

## Nelson-Tasman

Lilac Meir & Charlie and Milky, Shih Tzu

## Northland

Louise Armstrong & Kai, Border Collie  
Anna Wolterbeek & Ella, German Shepherd

## Otago

Vicki Letchford & Emmitt and Floyd, Whippet

## Rotorua

Lisa Warwick & Ted, Greyhound

## Taupo

Joy Henderson & Tyla, Mini Poodle

## Tauranga

Gay Barber & Yela, Golden Retriever  
Gill Hodgson & Finn, Border Collie X  
Bryan & Jacqui Patterson & Moscow, Black Russian Terrier

## Tauranga Hospital

Julie Hemera & Willow, Maltese/Shi Tzu cross  
Jenni Shallard & Lola, Hungarian Vizsla

## Upper Hutt

Jan Coutts & Faie, Shih Tzu/ Toy Poodle

## Waikato

Brianna Barker & Rosie, Purebred German Shepherd  
Jolene Clough & Ragnar, Weimaraner  
Gayle Cumberland & Zoe, Shetland Sheepdog  
Colleen Gifford & Barney, Border Collie  
Ruth Moerenhout & Boston, Labrador Staffy cross  
Evonne Phillipe & Oscar, Schnoodle  
Tracy Robinson & Moo, Cross breed (non-visiting member)  
Shay Rout & Maddie, Border Collie / Labrador Cross

## Wellington

Kate Davis & Bentley, Labrador X Bearded Collie  
Felicity Gent & Scarlett, Border Terrier  
Katie Kenny & Polly, Weimaraner  
Bess (Liang-Yin) Kuo & Saphie, SPCA Special  
Jane Martin & Sensei, Cavoodle

## Whitby to Johnsonville

Erin Bracken & Matai, Labrador Retriever  
Wendy Gray & Libbie, Golden Retriever

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In response to our Christmas E-card to all members we had so many thoughtful messages sent to our Secretary, Leanne. Here is one message from the heart:

Thanks for your kind wishes this Christmas holiday season.  
We can all do with kind wishes and blessings . I send the same to you.

I will always be a member of ' Canine Friends Pet Therapy Trust ' ....going back to when I joined about 16 years ago, things have become more organised, professional and ' connected '.

Presently, I have a youngish, high-energy dog named Billy Boy.  
He may be ready for visiting later in 2021, hopefully to a smaller facility, like one for mental health residents.  
I took my last 2 dogs to ' Aspire Care Homes ' in Hamilton.

With this year being disrupted due to the pandemic, I would not have been visiting much anyway, but do admire those pictured in the newsletter, just in my mailbox this week.

A wonderfully encouraging newsletter, as always, full of hope and good cheer and indeed love.

Congratulations once again to all who contributed and especially to our talented Beverley Jocelyn who wove it all together for our enjoyment.

' Merry Christmas ' and a woof.... woof New Year

Christine Johnson .....Hamilton



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