



Winter 2021

Welcome to all Members, Friends and New Members

We also welcome all of our new delightful Canine friends but only one photo is featured below. Photos of new members on the following pages. We wish you a loving and caring time with Canine Friends Pet Therapy.

Picture of Bruin and Misia before their first assignment!
Two Leonbergers in Taradale Napier.

Cheers Rachel Jarvis

Founder's Day Gathering, 16 May 2021, Taitua Arboretum

Just as magical as Monet's garden in Giverny, one of the many ponds making Taitua Arboretum such a special place to stop and enjoy nature.

Thank you to Yvette Shore LO for Waikato. Please see more photos & story on Page 13. Delightful photo.



A wonderful Donation

Canine Friends Pet Therapy extends to Mr. Erwin de Raad our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his most generous donation. This is the third year that he has made such a donation. We wished to say thank you so please read below a brief account of Carol Drew's afternoon with Mr. de Raad.

"On Wednesday, 19th May I had the pleasure of having Mr Erwin de Raad accompany Venus and I, to Middlemore Hospital on our fortnightly visit to the Critical Care wards and the Spinal Unit, so that as a valuable member of Canine Friends he could actually see what we do and be a part of it!

It was a typical visit with many patients enjoying a few moments with Venus to brighten up their day and put a smile on their faces. Often it opens a conversation about their own dogs at home that they are missing so much and Erwin took part in our conversations and became a part of our 'team' - he was a 'natural'!

Many nurses and doctors have some therapeutic moments also for their own self-care. Care for the Carers is so important too and they tell me they look forward to our visits for a little therapy like a cuddle or pats to fill their 'Emotional Well'.

On our way up to the wards staff and visitors ask about 'Canine Friends' and our purpose, remarking on the valuable contribution we all make.

Erwin certainly saw for himself some very sick and immobile patients and compassionate staff who benefit from Canine Friends and what we can offer. He enjoyed our visit and could also see that we make sure that the dog is watched, for signs of tiredness and emotional depletion and that we take care before and after the visit as our canine's needs are paramount.

Thank you Erwin I enjoyed sharing our visit and your company".

Carol and Venus



"Hello Carol,

I trust you are well & having a good rest.

Over the weekend I thought back to the lovely time I had when you let me accompany you to Middlemore Hospital and I suddenly realized that I had overlooked to send you a thank you message - sorry - but here it is. It was great to see the love shown by those so inclined when they saw and were able to touch Venus.

You are doing an absolutely wonderful job - long may it continue! Take care & all the best". Erwin de Raad

Auckland Group members sharing their love with pats at Auckland Domain inside the Cricket Pavilion

Our start time was 12 pm and we all arrived on time with our dogs in tow. Eight people and all our dogs, large and small, made for a great day had by all. I found everyone so helpful and that made everything run smoothly

The students of the Management Consulting Club were all so appreciative of seeing us there and especially having Mr Whippy ice cream van, this made up for the bit of rain we did have during our visiting. I would like to thank everyone who came to the event and I'm glad you all enjoyed it. Julie Warder - Group Events Manager/Liaison (Auckland).

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Julie for organising, this, her first event. She did a sterling job and now she knows what to expect, hope future events are just as rewarding. Rachel Butler - LO Auckland



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

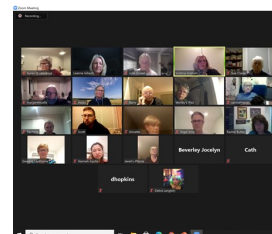
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Committee Snippets

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
2. Please view our **You Tube channel** to see more about our dogs. YouTube channel is - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnZJ4LaiApt2bLpdssY2rA>
3. Up to date photos and outings on our Face book page
4. Please see a snapshot taken of the Zoom AGM meeting of those members who were present. Thank you to all members who sent their apologies and thank you to the members who arranged to be on Zoom.



New Member—Rachelle & Toby

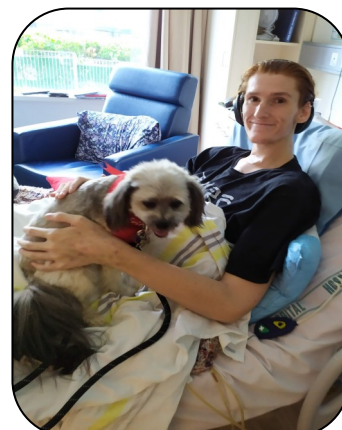
Hi I have taken our latest member, Rachelle Murphy and her dog, Toby, to the **Redwood Retirement Village and Rest Home**. They were a big hit.

Toby is only 2 years old but he took to it as if he had been doing it all his life. He was so quiet and gentle with all the residents and they loved his soft fur.

Rachelle interacted really well with all residents. This team will be a great asset to Canine Friends. Kind Regards

Julie Cowell 🐾

New Member - Gracey



Gracey and I joined Canine Friends earlier this year. We were visiting at **Auckland Hospital Ward 42** & she had cuddles from Finn. Regards Ann Connor

New Member—Roxy



Lovely photo of Roxy the Maltese/Shitzu cross who I assessed recently.

Roxy belongs to Lara Williams who is hoping to visit in Betheseda Rest Home in Bishopdale

Christchurch

Regards

Carol Milican

Nami and I are so excited to be a part of Canine Friends Pet Therapy and so rapt to have been assessed and passed too!

Would like to share a photo of Nami proudly wearing her scarf. So keen for our first visit. Caroleen and Nami Jonker

New Member—Nami



President's Report 10 June 2021

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

We are extremely proud to celebrate 31 years of visiting rest homes, hospitals and hospices. This time last year I reported that we saw Covid-19 as a surmountable set-back, and with regular communication with our wonderful members, dogs, Liaison Officers, Assessors and committee we navigated through changing Covid-19 alert levels. I am pleased to say we have experienced continued growth, in turn extending our reach into more facilities. In many areas we have lists of facilities waiting for member/dog teams to commence visiting. Covid-19 has actually played a part in highlighting the need for our service.

We all know of the benefits our visits provide to rest home residents and patients in hospitals and hospices but I would also like to include the benefits to our volunteers. I read an article recently which reported 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.

Strategic Highlights

Our alliance with the NZ Society of Diversional and Recreational Therapists has proved invaluable particularly around Covid-19 and related visiting restrictions. We are excited to be invited to the Society's annual conference in August and will have member/dog teams present.

Hawkes Bay and Waikeria Correction Centres have teams visiting specific units on a regular basis.

Our features in a Ministry of Social Development newsletter, the AgedPlus magazine and through Eldernet's website resulted in a flurry of new applications from most regions.

We produced a Rest Home Resource Kit to help rest homes understand our service and this was posted to 400+ facilities. We also produced a brochure for those rest homes we are not visiting but want to learn more about us.

We worked with NZ Post to secure significant savings for our newsletter mail outs.



Operating Highlights

We have supplied four of our larger regions with branded banners for use at public events, presentations to community groups and group visits. Due to visiting restrictions over the last twelve months our Regional Member of the Year Award was put on hold but will be reintroduced for 2021. We have also updated our PowerPoint presentation to help Liaison Officers when addressing local organisations.

Earlier this year we introduced a Volunteer Mentor initiative which gives new members the opportunity to discuss their first visits with a committee member who is a trained counsellor.

Although Covid impacted on Founder's Day celebrations last year, with Zivi's support we were able to send appreciation certificates to those members who reached one, three, five and ten years service.

Partnerships

We are extremely grateful for Zivi's support over the last three years and to know this is continuing. Thank you to Nigel and his team for your recognition and wonderful support which enables us to strengthen as an organisation and progress our ability to help people in need.

We value our partnership with Dogs NZ which enabled us to hold a national Liaison Officer Appreciation Day in Wellington on 6 March. This event included training sessions, open discussions, the opportunity for these key members to share experiences and most importantly to express our appreciation of their commitment and work.

We love being part of the Dogs NZ family and the opportunity to feature in their monthly Dog World magazine. Thank you to Steven and his staff.

Acknowledgements

As **Members** we have common values and are united by our love of dogs and by the desire to help people. Thank you all for taking the time to share your dogs, to spend time with others and for bringing joy and special moments to those in need.

Remember, no act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted. Finally—a quote from the great Helen Keller “The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves”.

Regards Vicky Graham

Please note that this is only a part of the President's Report and you can read the full report on the website—go to www.caninefriends.org.nz. Look under News/Media 2021 AGM.

In Memorium

Nina Below is a tribute to Nina (schnauzer) who passed away on 18 December 2020. Nina and Naomi Greene had been visiting at Aspire Homes (residential disability) since April 2019.

There is a saying I heard once that says, "I love my dog and I like about three other people." I reckon if you had asked Nina she would have said, "I love my person and I like about three other people."

Nina, my miniature schnauzer and I were best friends from the very first day that she chose me to take her home. I asked to give her a cuddle at the pet shop and she patted me on the shoulder as if to say, "Come on, what are you waiting for?" Nina became my constant little companion and I felt even closer to her as my three daughters left home. They often referred to her as my 'fur baby'!

I began to wonder if there was a way I could share some of her sweetness with others. I discovered Canine Friends Pet Therapy online when searching for ways in which I could do this. To be honest, I didn't think she would pass the temperament test, but to my surprise and delight she co-operated, almost as if she was doing it to please me without knowing why. We were matched with a lovely group of ladies in a supported living situation and at first Nina wasn't sure what her role was. She soon grew into it, especially when treats were involved!

This all took place about a couple of years ago. Then we had lockdown, and we were really just getting back into the swing of things leading up to Christmas, when quite suddenly she passed away. I had the joy of being Nina's person for eight and a half years. She was a little treasure and I miss her painfully. But I am so glad we both had the opportunity to bring some happiness into the homes and hearts of others, in a way that they wouldn't ordinarily be able to experience. Naomi Greene Waikato



Henry Our Forever Cocker Spaniel

Since the beginning of 2015 we have enjoyed this gentle little man as part of our group.

"Henry was a special lad with a sweet gentle nature and at the same time a real zest for life. He loved his walks along the river and everyday living. Through Canine Friends I was able to share Henry with so many people both young and old and in his short seven years he touched so many hearts." Kathryn said.

I first met Henry on a visit to IPU in Palmerston North after Kathryn had rung me to see if they could join our group. We had chatted and I suggested they come along and see how it goes as we were visiting IPU in a couple of days' time— well it never stopped from there.

Initially they visited in Palmerston North but on a chance meeting I asked how it was all going (as at that time she was not in my area) and she sounded a bit flat, not as enthusiastic as I had hoped and talked about giving up. They then came out to Feilding and visited with me for a short time in which time they had connected with so many residents there they wanted to stay and they did. Even today 5 years later I still get asked about that little black and white dog.

They enjoyed event visiting as well where Henry so enjoyed his pats. I do remember on one occasion at IPU and a staff member brought in her toddler, who on seeing the dogs became quite agitated, crying at the top of his voice but it was Henry who gently went over to him and in a short time they were playing together. So much was his persona, never in your face but so approachable – a true canine friend to all he met. Ann Evans (Photo of Katherine & Henry at Ranfurly).



In Memorium

Storm at Marinoto Resthome in Inglewood

Every week for over three and half years Storm would visit **Marinoto Resthome in Inglewood** owned by Carolyn Voco and it was a place he absolutely loved. He was a special dog that knew how to make the residents smile and laugh with his crazy ways and what he got in return was love and affection and a dog biscuit from his favourite resident who called him his "mate".

Storm even learnt to connect with the residents during lockdown being able to zoom in to chat with his friends and they could see him back on the computer screen. Sadly, Storm passed away on 28th May at almost 11 years old. We are so proud to have been apart of Canine Friends and knew from the day we picked up this special boy that he would be perfect to do this. He is greatly missed by his family and the residents at the Resthome.



Felicity - Best Mate to Andrew

It is with sadness we heard that Andrew's best mate Felicity had passed away.

Andrew and Felicity visited the **ICU unit at Hawkes Bay Hospital** and more recently the **Intervention and Support Unit of the Hawkes Bay Prison**.

We would like to thank Andrew, Kristy and Fliss for their fabulous work over the years and send our thoughts and best wishes to them and their family.

Regards Chris Partridge



Beautiful Sophie



Founder's Day Walk in Rolleston, Christchurch

It was a beautiful Autumn day in Rolleston today for our Founders Day Walk.

We had 10 members turn out with 11 dogs enjoying just being dogs running and playing in the sunshine. The dogs were Murphy, Cassie, Gizmo, Rose, Frosty, Blake, Xanthe, Adamus, Zoe, Ebony and Jess.

Kind regards, Carol Millican LO Christchurch



Sophie My Special Golden Retriever

Sophie spent nearly all of her fifteen plus years helping people including over 13 years as a Canine Friend. We became involved with Canine Friends while at an assessment for Canine Good Citizen, sitting on the local dog club verandah and the talk started Sophie would make a lovely Canine Friend. I had always thought these visits were in towns and cities but thought I should maybe investigate further. Next thing I know I have a lovely lady called Eileen on the phone asking me "don't I have any Resthomes nearby, you must have" and then it started. We approached Ruanui Home in Taihape, not really knowing what the reaction would be or even if they would like a visit but seeing Sophie they said yes. Whare-Ora in Hunterville also came on board, having first said we are only a small Resthome would you really like to visit us. After that it was full steam ahead and became a "girls' dayout" for us with a quick coffee and walk in the domain between visits.

There was a special bed for Sophie when she retired at Ruanui and we went on several special events with them including the Lifegames in Wanganui, Christmas Parades, Special birthdays and, of course, Christmas time. Unfortunately coming on hard times these Resthomes both closed but new windows opened. We are very thankful for the support that Eileen gave us as had no other support team near us, living out in the country and she would remember our visiting day and ring to see how it went. This was incredibly special to us and how we are still passionate about Canine Friends, thanks to these phone calls. Eileen, one day rung up to see how far Wanganui was from our home, only an hour and a half each way, but Eileen being Eileen off we went on a 2-visit trial, but that trial became permanent as the Home of Compassion Resthome loved us and would not have any other dog, so we joined Edale Aged Care in Marton into the visit which was on our way home. Many times, at The Home of Compassion we would have a line of walkers following us along the hallway, jump into the lift so as to not having them all follow us down the stairs. This Resthome closed due to earthquake damage so Sophie had a litter of puppies in the meantime.

We then ventured into Feilding and called on the old Ranfurly Resthome together, asked for the DT and when Paula arrived, she looked at us and I thought no go here but then explained she had been on the computer the previous two evenings to ask for a visitor not to realize we would turn up on their doorstep the next morning. We had a great relationship there and then when they moved to their bigger new premises we went as well and still visit there today and included Edale Aged Care Centre in Marton. We had only started here when we had a ring from Wanganui to ask for us to visit Broadview Home and Hospital from the DT who was at the Home of Compassion. She was so disappointed when we said we were visiting another Resthome now, but as softies we are and the fact we loved visiting we said yes. They arranged a visit to Virginia Lodge at the same time – one in the morning, lunch down by the river and an afternoon visit to Broadview H&H, a large facility with Resthome, Hospital, Dementia and Mental Health Units. Unfortunately, last year we moved to Dannevirke so had to reschedule our visits. Now we visit the Palmerston North Hospital, Arohanui Hospice as well as keeping faithful to Ranfurly Residential Care Centre in Feilding.

Sophie was to me one in a million, she just loved people. Other dogs and toys were tolerated. She was always so easy to take anywhere as she read everyone perfectly, whether they just wanted to pat her, tell her a story where she would listen so intently with her big brown eyes or they needed the comfort of her head on their knee. She had the ability to get people talking when they never uttered more than a grunt, she brought calmness to a person afraid of dogs. On a speaking engagement I later had a lady come up to me to say she was terrified of dogs and I thought the worst but before I could say sorry, she said this was her happiest day in a long time. She, as a child, had been savaged by a dog and only survived due to the fact it was winter in the UK and she was wearing a scarf and woolly clothing. Unbeknown to me and the fact Sophie was on a long lead, while I was talking Sophie had quietly moved over to this lady and put her head on her lap and she said there was no way I could not pat her as she looked up at me so thank you so so much. I will never forget her and her gentle ways and loving way of connecting with me and now I won't hide from dogs or cross the street when I see them. Sophie with her quiet unassuming nature could win over the best and just by being herself. She was visiting a secure dementia unit and we always made a point of walking outside with a gentleman who was always needing to do something whether it was raking leaves up or mowing the lawn with a mower without the blades, Sophie would pick up the rocks in the way etc. One day on leaving one of the nurses asked him the question?" But you do not like dogs, isn't this a dog?". Without a blink he said Sophie wasn't a dog she was my friend" How special is that? End of conversation!! She loved all from the young to the old but especially liked the ones whom she felt she could help by listening to their stories or just lots of loves and pats. The students also loved her as she was always there for a cuddle or a pat. One young fella at a college we regularly visit made a special effort to be with her whenever she came, did not want anyone else. Lots of lovely stories over her lifetime where she brought great joy to anyone she met. If we walked down a corridor or a pathway and someone did not give her a pat they were in trouble. One day we were at a Resthome and another dog was there at the same time well if looks could kill that dog would not be here today as this was her spot, many in the room saw it and clapped and laughed at the reaction, very funny. She always thought she knew more than I did especially in doing our regular visiting and would stop if we missed a room, she knew we always visited even when it had a butterfly on the door to say the person had passed on. One dear lady even had a photo of her and Sophie on her funeral flyer. She certainly meant a lot to those she visited.

Sophie has always been my main visiting dog although as she got older her brother Oakie Doakie and her son Thumpa have increased their visiting times. Sophie produced 2 litters of puppies so then one of the others also needed to step in. As she got older, even though she thought she could still do it and loved the ride in the car I only let her come on light days. When I would come home, after having left her home, I would find a big hole in my garden, even a plant or bush missing at times, just to tell me I should not have left her at home! After moving she took up the chance to visit the Elske Centre in Dannevirke, a day care centre and she loved that as was close to home and only in a morning, she loved it as they did her.

Sophie crossed the Rainbow Bridge after a wonderful lifetime of giving so much to all she met. Thanks so much for the guidance and support given to us by Eileen, it changed our lives forever and we are incredibly grateful. She was diagnosed with a very nasty aggressive tumour but still managed a walk on the farm with the others most days. She is sorely missed by us all and we wish her well with all she meets up there as am sure she is still having many cuddles and pats and stories being told. We remember all the great times we had even, as is the case, never long enough. Ann Evans. (Thank you Ann for this beautiful emotional story of your life with Sophie)

Out & About in Taupo

Great Group Visit to Nui College Taupo on Thursday



Danica sharing a lovely moment with Hunter (my Golden Retriever).
Regards Vicky Graham LO Taupo



Founder's Day Celebration – Taupo

Our happy group met at Dixie Brown's Cafe on the Taupo lakefront on Sunday afternoon 16 May. Many thanks to the management team of Dixie's for reserving a large indoor/outdoor area so we could enjoy afternoon tea without being dependant on good weather. Our dogs were made very welcome by the staff and enjoyed lots of attention from other customers.

I had much pleasure giving Laura Dawson and her lovely Heading Dog Max their appreciation certificate for three year's service visiting Summerset By The Lake.

We were pleased our mayor, David Trewavas called in to see us for a chat. Taupo District Council is very supportive of our contribution to the Taupo community, acknowledging this by waiving our dog registration fees.

If you have driven through Taupo along the lakefront you will have seen the huge #lovetaupo sign which is like a magnet to people with cameras! Of course we just had to have our photo taken here too. I'm sure Eileen would have enjoyed seeing us with the beautiful backdrop of Lake Taupo and the mountains in the distance.

My heartfelt thanks to our wonderful members here in Taupo. Vicky Graham (Please see photo of Mayor below)



Dogs enjoying the moment in Levin & having fun

Today, Sunday 23rd May, we celebrated Founders day in Levin.

Service certificates were handed out along with Ziwi treat packs to all attendees. We had a shared lunch at the Horowhenua AP&I Showgrounds. The dogs had a great run around together and we also joined in with CGC members, as some belong to both and played games, musical mats and weaving with a spoon and golf ball.

Regards Sue Clarke LO Levin



Thank you to our Group—Sue



Team golf ball and spoon race, while weaving around markers

The official opening of the Les Dalton Dog Park in Wainuiomata on Saturday, 15 May

Lower and Upper Hutt members who attended are in the group photo. Cheers Rachel Davison LO Lower Hutt



Sue & Peri—3 year's service



Janet & Dido—1 year service



Raewyn & Mak 1 year service



Judy & Shiloh 3 year's service

New Member - Sasha

Doreen Check and Sasha will be visiting the Dementia ward at Levin War Veterans home.

Sasha is very calm and gentle and only 18 months old. Regards Sue Clarke



My dog is Bruce - who's having the time of his life! Regards Jodie Winterburn

Lots of News from Whanganui

Our recently appointed Liaison Officer, Hannah Jojafa, has been very busy, pro active and motivated and her area is thriving. The members had their get together for Founder's Day recently and 14 of the 16 members attended. Wonderful response! Hannah also organized an article to be shown in their Whanganui Chronicle. I could not include all the photos in this article but I am sure we will be hearing from Hannah for the future Newsletters. Editor



Sandy McAllan, previous LO, receiving her Certificate of Appreciation from Hannah & Moremore



Hannah & David Curry



Our Event went well yesterday, David, Eileen's Son, turned up yesterday to join us. He really appreciated our event yesterday and had said a few words. He remembered it used to be 3-4 women chatting a lot during meetings and that was it, but now seeing us and how well the Associated has grown, he is really proud of his mother.

We had a very great group yesterday. A few that have never joined us previously also attended.. Which is really positive. Our group photo will be posted in our local newspaper this coming week. So I am looking forward to more recruitments very soon. Thank you all for coming along. Regards Hannah

I have two wonderful photos & stories about Doreen & Toby and Marg & Rocky which I will feature next time.. Editor



New Member - Gorgeous TinTin

Julie Matheson and TinTin go to Springvale Manor every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Regards Hannah

Groups from the Manawatu, Horowhenua and Whanganui get together

On Saturday March 27 we finally got here!! A get together at Foxton Beach. We had hoped to do this last year but COVID stopped that but finally on a brilliantly sunny day it happened and included invites to our neighbours in Horowhenua and Wanganui. We met for lunch at the Ocean Beach Eatery at Foxton Beach which is dog friendly and has been our favourite spot for a few years. We had 20 dogs join us throughout the day which was brilliant. After an enjoyable lunch we headed for the beach and the dogs and owners had a wonderful time, getting very sandy and wet but who cared when having fun chasing the waves or the sticks or the balls that were thrown around. Amazing how warm the water was and how well, of course, all our dogs mixed with each other as we would expect. There were a lot of people and animals on the beach enjoying the day as well. A visit to the ice cream van in the car park for many culminated the great day.

Photos show part of the luncheon group, the cafe and out at the beach
Ann Evans



Founder's Day Celebration with the Napier/Hastings Groups

We held our celebration on Sunday 16th May. A beautiful Hawkes Bay day. We had a lovely lunch and then enjoyed our cake. Regards Chris Partridge LO.



A very new member. Doug with Ted



Cutting the cake



Steve and Niko

Good company



Making new friends. Max, Klaus, Jo and Sophie

Our beautiful dogs sharing their love in the Manawatu area

On Tuesday 8 June Oakie made his usual visit to the Elske Centre in Dannevirke. On this visit they were celebrating the Queens Birthday so everyone had either made or brought their own hat so Oakie wore his party hat.

As an activity this morning everyone peeled apples which is very therapeutic so Oakie managed a treat or two eating some of the peelings.

Ann



On Friday 12 March a small group visited the students at IPU.

IPU are dependent on overseas students to survive so was great to be invited back again as after our last visit it was doubtful it would happen again but we had visited them for many years now.

After our visit the organizer, Sue, came out and thanked us personally as there were not a lot of students who came but several tutors did and she said they were very grateful we had come. They spend hours sitting in front of their computer zooming to the overseas students with little time to stop during the day so they wanted to importantly thank us. Of course, with fewer persons everyone could really have a good pat and chat to us.

Ann Evans



On Tuesday 23 February a small group, as requested, visited the students in the library at UCOL.

Once again the students loved every minute of their lunchtime patting our dogs and chatting to us.

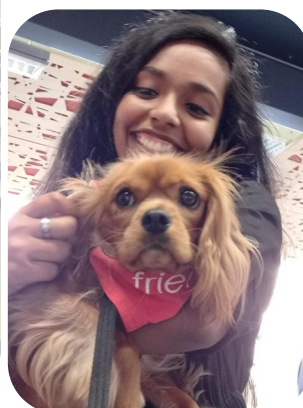
Ann Evans



Izzy & Lilli



Thumpa, Oakie & Murphy



Lillie



Artie with friends

Totally Awesome!

Founder's Day Gathering, 16 May 2021, Taitua Arboretum

We were certainly blessed... After two weeks of the long-range weather forecast threatening 90% chance of rain on Sunday, I could barely believe it when suddenly on Saturday, this changed to only 1%. After a foggy start, by midday, we had a glorious, warm, clear, golden autumn afternoon to celebrate our second 2021 Founder's Day Waikato gathering on NN 16 May.

This time, other than Boomer, it was (unintentionally) a meeting of smaller dogs and owners – mostly from Hamilton though it was wonderful to have Kath and Wagner come all the way from Putaruru to join us. There was a lovely sense of community as we meandered together along the paths, other visitors exclaiming at seeing our group of bandanaed dogs all having such a good time together.

Taitua Arboretum was as beautiful as ever. In places, the grass was clothed deeply in a carpet of crunchy leaves; in others the ground painted a verdant green after autumn showers. No wonder the carpark was full when we arrived – yet it felt like we were almost alone as we meandered - "far from the madding crowd". There is a real aura of peacefulness and escape in this wonderful sanctuary.

Once again, our furry friends behaved absolutely perfectly and the afternoon flowed stress free as we all got to chat and to know one another. We stopped a few times for photos and handed out treats from our sponsors Ziwi.

Thank you so much to those that came to share this day. Let's try to get together more often. I hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did. You made me feel inspired to carry on my quest to bring us together so we are a true community not just of Canine Friend's volunteers, but of friends.

Thank you Criss and Brian for recording our event for us. It was very much appreciated that you looked after this for us and your photos are marvellous. Regards Yvette

Captured in the Redwood Grove are (left to right), Denise and Radar (English Springer Spaniel), Adele Robb and Chelsea (Cavashon), Kath and Wagner (Tibetan Terrier), Yvette and Toby (Caoodle), Debbie and Oscar (Mini-Schnauser), Denny and Peanut (Mini-Poodle), Lisa and Boomer (Boxer) plus Oddie (Foxy).



Camilla Jefferis and Coco



Thank you to Ziwi, our sponsors, for the yummy treats!



Andrea Longley and Bandit

Three regions combine on Founders Day 2021

Members of the Kapiti, Whitby-Johnsonville and Wellington regions joined forces to celebrate Founders Day on Saturday May 1st in style. This enjoyable get-together was long-awaited following the covid-related postponement and eventual cancellation of Founders Day celebrations in 2020.

22 dogs and 28 members along with 8 supporters arrived at the Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club rooms for the fun and games, companionship and food. The weather was almost prrrfect - not too much cold wind, occasionally sunny, and no sign of the promised showers.

We were especially pleased to welcome four honorary members: Graeme and Ingrid Tyler from Whitby -Johnsonville, Robyn Fraser from Kapiti and Elaine Varcoe, also from Kapiti, who is one of the foundation members.

Morning tea was served in the club rooms whilst the dogs enjoyed chasing each other around the grounds and some tackled a simple agility course. The tunnel and the jump proved to be most popular.

The winner of the 'fetch the sausage' competition was Suki who obediently brought back an entire sausage but then ran off to devour it before the owner could retrieve it as proof. Three other dogs also made a good effort – Duke, Toby and Midge. They have probably devoured their winnings by now!



Fetch-the-sausage competition, dogs lining up for sausages thrown by the children. Photographer Jan McKenzie.

Ziwi samples were awarded to all nominees in the categories of oldest and youngest dog, shortest and tallest, heaviest and lightest, most interesting tail, most interesting ears, hairiest dog and most interesting coat. As a result of handler's nominations every dog earned an award.

Service appreciation certificates were presented to attendees who had been members for 1, 3 and 5 years. An 8-year service certificate was presented to Graeme and Ingrid, who stopped visiting after the recent death of their beloved dog Bosco.



Presentation of appreciation certificates. Missing from this photo: foundation member Elaine Varcoe, honorary member Robin Fraser and one-year member Katey Cowan (see insert below). Photographer Alisdair McKenzie.

New Members: 22 March 2021 to 25 June

Auckland

Jane Bebbington & Myrtle, Labraspoodle
Emma Biggs & Kevin, Golden Retriever
Charmaine Braun & Misty, Miniature Schnauzer
Lisa Corbett and John Langatuki & Whispa, Labrador Retriever

Emily Critcher & Doris, Cardigan Corgi
Desiree De Courcy & Milo, Golden Retriever
Trudy Dickinson & Chica, Staffie Collie cross
Brenda Guptill & Emerald (Emy); Miniature Pinscher (3/4) foxy (1/4)
Caroleen Jonker & Nami, Shih Tzu x Lhasa Apso
Helen Kay & Lily, Westie x Bichon
Joep Laan & Ben German Shepherd
Georgia Naran & Charlie, Red Border Collie x Golden Retriever
Kirsty Pascoe & Freya, Labrador x Golden Retriever
Patricia Trokenheim & Otto, SPCA rescue dog
Sam and Karen von Melville & CheeChee, Cocker Spaniel

Blenheim

Mary-Jo and Richard Potez & Guinness, Labrador Retriever
Amelia Whiting & Chloe, Lab/pointer cross

Christchurch

Ali Ackermann & Ted, Huntaway
Toni Collins & Tinks, Chihuahua Shih Tzu cross
Detta Donde & Rupert, Shih Tzu cross Bichon Frise
Lisa Finnerty & Ghost, White Swiss Shepherd
Kim-Michelle Flanagan & Hazel, Maltese x poodle
Carmen Forrester & Gabby Corgi
Emma McLeod & Dexter, Chihuahua
Nicky Moore & Hadley, Maltese Bichon Lhasa Apso
Averill Moser-Rust & Lilou, Italian Greyhound
Fiona Rayner & Gizmo, Maltese x Shih Tzu
Stephanie Rayward & Ruby, Huntaway
Kathryn Snook & Viper, Miniature Schnauzer
Lara Williams & Roxy, Maltese Shih Tzu
Debbie Woods and Neil Jakson & Oi, Kelpie cross

Far North

Suzanne Gillard & Rusby, Affenpinscher

Hastings

Kate Austin & Bailey, Border Collie
Janice Beard & Chloe, Shih Tzu

Kapiti Coast

Elizabeth McGown & Paddy, Cavoodle

Waikato

Sandie Adams & Ziggy, Spoodle
Karen Anderson & Sebastian, Golden Retriever
Nicole Bell & Freyja, Husky x Border Collie
Tania Butler & Poppy, Boxer
Nicole Cochrane & Sophie, Golden Retriever
Colleen Gifford & Barney, Border Collie
Fiona and Andy Griffith & Vesper, Lab retriever
Camilla Jefferis & Coco, Shih Tzu x Poodle
Lynnette Jones & Flo, Huntaway
Suzanne McGarvey & June, Bearded Collie
Sarah McLachlan & Layla, Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Sue Russell & Gemma, Huntaway/Smithfield collie
Susan St Lawrence & D.J., West Highland Terrier
Leigh Symonds & Walter, Spoodle
Elle Terrill & Oliver, Border Collie

Wairarapa

Pam Graham & Milo, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Napier

Janice Dickson & Ted, Poodle/Bichon Frieze/Shih Tzu
Geraldine and Anthony Edmonds & Jett, Curly Coated Retriever
Miranda Glen & Jimi, Mixed Maltese x Shih Tzu x Border Collie x Labrador
Rachel Jarvis and Alix Sinclair & Misia and Bruin, Leonbergers
Kathy McQuade & Bentley, Spoodle
Carina Viljoen & Nora, Working Cocker Spaniel

Nelson-Tasman

Paul Covell and Angela Jameson & Pip, Border Collie
Vikki Scott & Dudley, White West Highland Terrier

Northland

Michelle Harrison-Ridings & Lulu, Papillon x
Samantha Waiomio & Hani, Labrador Mastiff X

Rotorua

Mary Browne & Monty, Mini schnauzer
Lani Eyles & Banjo, Greyhound Red Heeler Cross Breed
Kat Fleming & Ajax, English Labrador Retriever
Michelle Jackson & Astra, Black Labrador

Taranaki

Gary Anderson & Kairo, Border Collie
Christina & Craig Ledgans & Lola, Border Collie x Bearded
Rebecca Rae & Coby, Shar Pei x Staffy

Taupo

Michelle Edlin & Tui, Labrador x
Debbie Forster & Sola, Mini short haired Dachshund
Emma Smith & Frankie, Staffie x Lab

Tauranga

Sharon Clevenot & Molly, Miniature Schnauzer
Michelle Croxon & Brie, Miniature long hair Dachshund
Donna Gibson & Georgie, Yorkie/Poodle cross
Sarah Little & Poppy, Labrador
Katie Robertson and Mark Riley & Willow, German Sheph
Eileen Taylor Baines & Gucci, Cavashon
Donna Tuck & Sora, Staffy x
Kylie Wilkins & Charlie, West Highland Terrier/Maltese Mix

Wellington

Karen Gibson & Sookie, Shih Tzu Maltese
Aimee Gulliver & Fenton, Labrador
Imogen Stichbury & Kobe, Australian Cattle Dog
Rebecca Taylor & Chewie, Havanese
Sarah Young & Grayson, Shiba Inu

Whanganui

Toni Donaldson & Dexter, Chihuahua
Sandra Robinson & Bruno, Maltese/Shih Tzu
Rachel and Mark Southgate & Tucker, Labrador

Whitby to Johnsonville

Laura Featherstone & Floyd, Golden Retriever
Geoff Neill & Pat Brocklebank and Mollie (Labraddodde) & Max (Scnoodle)

Lower Hutt

Vanessa Brown & Riley, Dark Golden Retriever
Martin Coe & Gus, Golder Retriever
Michelle Genet & Dizzy, Border Collie
Sita Thakersi & Bailey, Samoyed

Manawatu

Caroline Campbell & Ferguson, Bichon and Lola, Pug
Ngairi Coory & Reggie, King Charles Cavalier
Margett Purser & Mouse, Border Collie



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Thanks also to Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club for the use of their lovely grounds and to our corporate sponsor Ziwi for the samples as prizes. Thank you also to the group of helpful youngsters who took turns in throwing the sausages for the sausage retrieve competition.

Photo of Katey and Wolfie, proud recipients of a first year appreciation certificate.

Article written by Liaison Officers for the 3 regions: Helen Moriarty, Lynley Evans, Jan McKenzie.



Attached is photo of Mac visiting Nancy at Awatere Care Home on Christmas Day. Regards Liz Scott I am sure it was appreciated. What an amazing thought. Editor

Kensington Court is on the front page of Nelson Grey Power magazine:

<http://greypowernelson.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Dec-20.pdf>

Margaret Scaiffe sent this article and it is such positive reading. Thank you Margaret.

Thank you to all the Members and Liaison Officers who have contributed to the articles in this Newsletter. I wanted to include the Founder's Day Celebrations which meant that some stories & photos could not be included. I do apologise.

However, please keep sending the photos of new members & their dogs but please remember if you take photos of residents you must have a Photo Permission Form signed. We cannot print any photos or stories without prior permission. Editor



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