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Dogs on the catwalk

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Canine Friends Pet Therapy has 600 pet therapy dogs visiting in 30 regions at rest homes, hospitals and hospices. We often work with the staff in these facilities to run special events or to celebrate special occasions. We'd like to share our most recent event, a Doggy Fashion Show in the Manawatu.



Over 60 residents attended from the Ranfurly and Nelson Residential Care Centres to see 11 of our Canine Friends teams strut their stuff.

The idea was developed by the Ranfurly diversional therapist Tracey along with the CFPT Manawatu team led by Kaye Harkness and Ann Evans.

Each dog modelled three separate outfits with the last outfit celebrating Halloween. Crowd favourites were Maddie as a black witch on her broomstick, Saffy as a bumblebee and Ryder as Count Dracula.

As each dog sashayed down the catwalk, Tracey (the DT and MC) gave the audience the name and breed of each dog and a fun fact about them.

Dogs and residents enjoyed themselves immensely. At the end of the fashion show, all dogs were presented with doggy bags (decorated by the residents) containing some yummy dog treats.

Tracey, the diversional therapist said: "It was so much fun and so many residents enjoyed it. Its still the talk of Ranfurly. What a wonderful Paw Parade".

Liz, the diversional therapist from Nelson Street said: "Thanks so much! It was really great fun."

Canine Friends is a group of volunteers who love sharing their pet dogs with people who can't have one. If you want to know more, please check out our website or Facebook page. 🐾



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