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## Sharing Canine Cheer in the Corporate World

Supplied by Vicky Graham, President



The demand for our Auckland members to visit corporates has stepped up recently and they haven't disappointed.

A lovely group of four member/dog teams visited the tenants in the ANZ Centre last month. Here is what member Caroleen had to say:

"Our Canine Friends had such a warm, friendly and pawfect visit at the ANZ Centre in the CBD today. We were warmly greeted by Josh, the hospitality manager who requested our company. He kindly arranged parking and morning coffee for us. Our group comprised Lara with Charlie (Pug), Catherine with Neville (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel), Sharron with Teddy (Spaniel X) and myself with Nami (Shih Tzu X).

"We met at mid-day in the lobby and were quickly surrounded by small groups of the staff keen to interact with our dogs. We enjoyed chatting about the work we do and were proud of how our dogs behaved and received lovely comments such as:

"What a great stress reliever;

"I have been waiting all morning for this;

"I'm running late for a meeting but this is so much better and a great excuse for being late;

"Do I really have to go back to work?"

"Our visit also gave those who don't own a dog the opportunity to experience the non-judgemental affection a dog provides — this makes these visits special."

Josh followed up with his own feedback:

"I just want to pass on my thanks again for your members giving up their time to bring their dogs into the offices. Once again, the tenants have been over the moon to have these special guests which is all I could ask for — adding a little delight to their busy corporate days. I have already received emails asking when you will be returning."

**Staff Well-being Day, Spur**



Catherine and Sharron were joined by Eamonn with Moxey (Cavoodle) and Sandra with Tilly (Border Collie) for a visit to Spur, a marketing agency in Kingsland, Auckland.

Again, our members quickly realised how their dogs helped the staff relax and feel at ease. The management acknowledged regular visits would definitely boost staff morale.

Our national committee thanks our members for taking time out to share their dogs in this way. 🐾

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