OUT & ABOUT

BIG TRIP SOUTH TO MEET AND GREET

Our President, Ann Evans and North Island Field Officer, Chris Partridge, decided to have a big trip South to meet and greet as many members and Liaison Officers as they were able in the 3 days they could spend away. Our new South Island Field Officer, Carol Millican, also joined them. This is a report by Ann of their trip with her photos.

First meetup at The Brydone Hotel, Oamaru with Cath Rivron and her group. Attended by 6 out of 11 members who were very interested and appreciative of us making the journey. This area is ticking along really well.

Dunedin Meeting Sunday Morning Tea – lovely setting at Alhambra Motor Lodge outside under their umbrella. Dunedin seems a very hard area to get involved in, partly due to the SPCA having large hold on visiting. Suggestions were that Liz Gipp and Anthea Pryde come on board - Liz to assess and co-ordinate and Anthea to use her computer skills to assist Beth. Both had great suggestions and places where they could meet and were enthusiastic about it all. We left them organising a meeting together including assessing Anthea’s dog, to work out how they were going forward and were excited about the prospect. Thank you all for your enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, we were unable to contact our Gore and Balclutha ladies so did not stop. Maybe next time!

Invercargill for a late Afternoon Tea was attended by 6 members out of 12. Invercargill seems to be assessing many potential Canine Friends but it is keeping in touch which is the hard part. It was suggested that 2 or 3 liaison officers would be a good plan and Marie was going to word towards this idea. We suggested get togethers so other members could meet each other and this was taken on board. On finishing we were invited to Beach Haven, a sanctuary for native birds. May and her husband run it and we enjoyed a couple of hours with them the next morning before travelling on to Queenstown. Look forward to seeing you all again.

It was a very special visit to Beach Haven a wonderful Sanctuary for rescuing native birds. See Ann at feeding time.
Our next port of call was Queenstown - We were at the Crowne Plaza right on the waterfront so magical and a
great attendance by members, all members in fact. Beryle is doing a fabulous job in this area as they don’t have a
selection of Resthomes but just a hospital care which they visit and now the Remarkables Primary School as well.
Everyone was very happy being in our Organisation and enjoying their visiting. Former Liaison Officer, for many years
and now rejoined member, Amanda Richardson, was also there whom I had not personally met.
Thank you, we all had an enjoyable time

On then to Wanaka to meet the 2 local members, one needed her dog to be assessed
so did that and between both members they are going to look after the local area and
surrounding areas as their nearest LO is Beryle in Queenstown so over an hours drive
each way. So glad we visited Wanaka.

Back to Queenstown airport and homeward bound having travelled over
850 kms in 3.5 days.

Regards Ann Evans

The Committee thanked both Ann, Chris and Carol for taking the time to travel to the
South Island just prior to Christmas

Reception at Government House in Auckland

Canine Friends Pet Therapy were very privileged to receive an
Invitation from Their Excellencies The Governor General
Dame Patsy Reddy and Sir David Gascoigne to attend the
Bledisloe Garden Reception at Government House in Auckland to
celebrate the 178th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of
Waitangi. Your President, Ann and Vice president, Vicky travelled
up on your behalf. A wonderful unforgettable experience that we
will treasure. Dame Patsy Reddy is our Patron and shortly we hope
to involve her on a Canine Friend Pet Therapy visit to one or two of
our Resthomes in Wellington which she is delighted about.
Ann Evans

Current SNIPPETS from our Committee Meetings

Excerpt from a message to all Committee members following our Strategy Meeting:

“Just wishing to say a huge thank you to you all.
Firstly, thank you to Margaret who skillfully engaged us all in a professional, inspirational and friendly manner to
discuss and give ideas on “we share our dogs with people in need” with the three major objectives. Thanks to her
willing scribe, Vicky, as well.

Thank you to those present for giving freely your ideas, thoughts and aspirations for Canine Friends Pet Therapy to
now go forward.

It would have to be one of the best discussions and thought provoking days I have attended and it opened a
pathway for us which is very exciting and do-able.” Ann Evans (President)

Results from our recent Survey to Members were discussed at this meeting and will be relayed to you in the
Winter Newsletter. Thank you to all our Members who completed the online Survey. If you have not completed it,
as yet, it is not too late as we would appreciate your feed back. Secretary.

National Liaison Officers will be listed and featured in our Winter Newsletter. We wish all members to know
who their Liaison Officers are and contact details. Being a Liaison Officer is a very special position within our Group
with a lot of responsibility and accountability. We wish to say Thank You and enjoy their stories.
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IN MEMORIUM

Megs, best friend of Annette Dougherty, our past President.

Sadly Megs, our 14 year old Spoodle, passed away early January. Megs (an import from Australia) was a Canine Friend from 2005 until 2014 visiting Ropata Retirement Village in Lower Hutt.

All the residents looked forward to her bouncy and friendly arrival.

Sadly missed by her very best friend, Murphy and Mum, Annette Dougherty.

Thank you Annette and how wonderful that Megs gave 9 yrs of happiness to all her friends in the Retirement Village.

Love and laughter - pet

Panda’s story

Panda greets each resident at Onewa with his waggy tail. One resident says, “He’s my favourite visitor, I like dogs, and the bigger they are the better I like them.” His mum Lorraine says, “Panda is quite the social butterfly. He’s really bonded with people. It’s like he can see the joy on people’s faces.”

A favourite is 90 year old Phyll who used to live next door to Lorraine and Panda. “I’ve always loved dogs and this one especially – it’s his closeness and sloppy love.”

Panda—my lovely big boy

My beautiful boy Panda passed away in August. He had been a Canine Friend for approx 6 years.

While living in Auckland our main port of call was Onewa Lodge Resthome where he was very popular and even made front page of the North Shore Times on one of his visits. He is also featured in the Canine Friends Anniversary book on page 37 as well as a book called “Dogs in Action” by Maria Almojan for his therapy work.

When we moved to Opotiki he became the Opotiki Library’s reading dog.

Quote from our Anniversary Book “Panda the gentle giant was among a litter of 12 pups born in an Auckland pound and rescued. The Great Dane American Bulldog cross now visits a Birkenhead Resthome with his Mum Lorraine. Panda was always going to be a lover not a fighter so finding him work helping others was an obvious choice. His gentle nature has also been put to work helping other rescued dogs to play!”

Regards Lorraine Steele
Canine Friends Dogs visiting People

Longview Home

New Member—Martha

Martha is a four year old rough sable collie. She lives in Porirua with Anna and Larry, keeping watch on a very big garden. She is a dear gentle girl who loves hugs and is never far from her people.

Martha has been to Longview twice and made one or two special friends - particularly Marion who keeps dog treats in her room.

She is looking forward to more visits and new people.

Anna Prussing

Iona Rest Home/Hospital in Oamaru

Sophie

Here is a very recent photo of my 8 year old lab called Sophie. She and I have been doing fortnightly visits at Iona Rest Home/Hospital in Oamaru since 2016.

Sophie is very gentle, relaxed and friendly around people also other dogs. The residents at Iona are always keen to see her and give her pats.

Sophie has been with me since she was 14 months old and is a real delight.

Cheers Anthea Brown

Charles Fleming Retirement Home in Waikanae

Murphy

We (Murphy and myself) are enjoying the visits and he seems to be going down well at the Charles Fleming retirement home in Waikanae.

Murphy is a Black Russian Terrier (BRT) though not a real terrier, which is fairly obvious by the photo. He is just over 18 months old so still a puppy and this week he has just tipped the scales at 64kgs. He may fill out a little but probably won’t get any taller. Thank Goodness!!!!.

We have had Murphy since he was about 10 weeks old. He came from Jude Mitchell a breeder just north of Ashhurst (Chontyteryr Kennels)

Kind regards

James Cameron
Retirement for Lotte

Fridays were always “Hospice” day for Lotte. The red Canine Friends scarf would go on and she would climb into the car and head off into Hamilton to visit everyone at Waikato Hospice. Our visit would cover the in-patients unit, Creative Therapy and Rainbow Place (children) and of course all of the staff.

We choose hospice as it is a special place for our family as my husband was an in patient at Hospice five years ago.

Lotte started visiting when she was 9 months old and has been a weekly visitor for four years until she retired last month due to issues with her hips.

Throughout this time she has brought pleasure to those going through such a difficult stage of their lives. Her calm demeanour was perfect with children and adults alike and she grew extremely popular with the staff all wanting their Friday morning “hug” with Lotte.

She was happy to appear at the Children’s Christmas Party; a role she took very seriously as she allowed each child to fuss over her.

She will miss her hospice visits but will enjoy her retirement eating bones on the back lawn!!

Thanks Sue Moser

“As a Liaison Officer, I wish all members could be like Sue. She has taken her role as visitor at Hospice with much love and empathy. It was very hard for her, as her husband had spent his last remaining time there but she wanted to give back and she did tenfold.” Judy McRae

Our Canines Out and About

Chiswick Park, in Palmerston North

Buddy and Millie ready for their Christmas visit to Chiswick Park in Palmerston North. Although their Mum Val said the visit was cut a little short due to the heat they were a great hit with everyone.

Regards Val Daly

Madison dressed to impress with her fascinator she was the belle of the ball.

Melbourne Cup Day

Regards Jean Barr

Madison never misses a trick and dressed as a pumpkin to treat the residents at Whibby Rest Home to some Halloween celebrations.

Regards Jean Barr
Canine Friends Promotional work and enjoying themselves

National Dog Obedience Assembly Show at Manfield in Feilding

Canine Friends were invited to hold a promotion stall at the National Dog Obedience Assembly Show at Manfield in Feilding. A roster was done between Palmerston North and Manawatu Rural members over the 4 days of competitions over Labour Weekend which meant several members were always available to give out information.

Several Canine Friends members were competing over the weekend in heelwork to music, obedience tests and rally-o and working trials so we met several members during the time as they came over and introduced themselves.

Regards Ann Evans

Feilding Christmas Carnival

The Manawatu, Levin and Palmerston North members operated a promotion stall at the Feilding Christmas Carnival. With an exemption given from the District Council in place due to no dogs allowed in Manchester Square, Feilding Promotions were only too happy for us to join in the Christmas fun.

Fourteen dogs at various times of the day joined in. We met lots of children of course plus many other people interested in what we are doing, plus we had a prime position to watch the Christmas Parade go by.

Regards Ann

What wonderful photos, thank you Ann - Editor
Our Canine Friends giving Support to the Rolleston College

Also as part of their learning program, the learners have been exploring gratitude and discussing what they are thankful for and reflecting on how they are showing gratitude in their lives.

“Is gratitude the best attitude”

Research shows that gratitude is one of the most powerful and instantaneous ways to get into a more positive state. People who practice gratitude are healthier, live longer and feel younger.

Gratitude serves as social glue and keeps people connecting face to face. Someone does something good for you, you say thank you. This communication encourages the good doer to do more good for you. The feeling of gratitude fills you. Through your biology, your body speaks to you and says “Life is okay. Good things happen to me”.

Very wise words Editor
More of our Canine Friends Out and About—What a busy time it has been

Gizmo’s 1st day visiting Aroha Resthome in Taita

Marjorie ready to visit

Diesel waiting for his 1st visit on the West Coast with Mum, Jo

Shiloh visiting Westharbour Gardens in Auckland

Rosko visiting Tauranga Hospital

Elmo visits Southanjer Dementia Home in Oamaru and Floe visits Iona Resthome

My name is Leanne Wreakes-Failene and I have two dogs which have both become Canine Friends members in 2016. ‘Elmo’ is 5 year old Pug/ Poodle cross, she visits the Southanjer Dementia Home in Oamaru and ‘Floe’ is a 13 month old Golden Retriever and visits Iona Resthome with a team of Labradors.

Although both dogs are very special (as all our dogs are!) ‘Floe’ however is a little bit extra! She was born with a wee plumbing problem! She has Urinary Incontinence. She was born like this so has had her challenge since a very young age. We have investigated corrective surgery, however, the diagnostic results have not been promising for this but we manager her as best as possible!

This certainly does not stop her living a fulfilled life and being able to visit the Resthome! She wears her pants while inside as not to leave a drip or two and has the softest nature with the residents. Both ‘Floe’ and ‘Elmo’ throughly enjoy their visits as well as I!

Regards  Leanne

Elmo

Floe
Article regarding Signs of discomfort in Canine Friends dogs during a visit

This Article appeared in the Spring 2017 Newsletter and written by Catherine Rivron, Oamaru Liaison Officer and Canine Friends member with Willow and who is also a Vet that does cat and dog behavioural cases. So many members liked the information and found it useful. One member in particular, Christine Johnson, has written to me about her recent experience and has given her permission to print her response. I am writing some excerpts from her lovely long story which will give you an insight into her visiting experience.

“Ted is older and has done very well considering his Working Dog history, (rehomed dog). He does sometimes display some of the signs mentioned in the article, like yawning, stretching, looking at the door, head turned away. Etc. He is always keen to leave too.

Given that the visiting time ‘Aspire’ have chosen for our visits, is 4-00 to 5-00 or thereabouts (15 minutes either way is ok.).....Ted is at the end of his day and looking forward to his dinner, most likely.

Rosie, my previous dog gave some of the same signs, maybe for the same reasons, also I used to take her to a River-side park on the way home and she loved this. The anticipation of what was to follow from her CFPT visit had her looking at the door sometimes.

With the theme of your article in mind I have a plan in place.

I will take doggy treats every visit now and these will be only for CFPT visits (I have rarely given my dogs food treats from a cellophane bag.) I will be strict in the time, keeping it to 45 minutes. When home I will delay Ted’s dinner to ½ after we get back; Ted has very little play-drive so this is a factor in his visits, he really just stands and looks lovely and fluffy and has cuddles and gives smiles to his favourite friends.

With the doggy treats (I will have cleaning wipes with me too) this will give his visits a boost I feel.”

Ted’s scary incident:

“2 weeks ago a usually very docile woman, lunged at Ted and bashed him, full force over his head. He was on lead, of course. This woman is not interested in dogs and I always give her a wide berth.

This incident was completely unprovoked and quite disturbing for me and Ted of course. He took-off into his ‘best-friend’s’ bedroom where I got hold of his lead again and we gave him plenty of cuddles. He had the shakes for a while.

After he calmed down I went to the main area of the house and told a staff member, she said the woman was ‘going through a bad patch in her health’. I stayed on chatting with 2 others, staff and a ‘friend’ with Ted by my side. He was ok, but happy to leave, giving a huge WOOF as we walked to the car.

I have since informed the co-ordinator Taya because I am due to return to the facility on Thursday.”

Reply from Catherine Rivron:

“It is so nice to know that information shared can help someone with their dog. The incident with the hitting sounds scary for Ted and Chris and hopefully they can address the lady's ongoing health and wellbeing too.”.

Please pass on my regards to Chris and also this message... Thank you for your feedback. I am glad to have been able to give some helpful information. Ted is lucky to have you able to read how he is feeling. That sounds like a scary incident Chris, poor Ted. Very similar to Willow’s scary experience. Practice touching Ted on top of his head without warning at home and delivering a tasty treat. Dogs cannot see the top of their heads so a hand is a surprise every time. He will possibly be wary of hands approaching his head so work on this area as a happy touching game. Touch, treat, touch treat, touch treat etc. Then, at the rest home, (obviously avoid this lady and the area where she was) as people touch him, make sure to tell him “head touch” or something and give a treat. This should help him to see that usually it is all good and positive and not to develop a little fear that can grow... Even if he is not bothered, this can make it positive and fun for him xx”
Christmas Social time for the Palmerston North Members

This social outing was organised by Daniela Rosenstreich (their new Liaison Officer) and it was a great fun and successful day for both humans and canines.

We had an agility day and a shared lunch. All very relaxing.

Hope Daniela organises another day like this next Christmas!

Regards Chris Partridge

More Christmas Celebrations in Palmerston North

On November 29, an extremely hot day in Palmerston North ten dogs and their owners visited the students at the International Pacific Unit (formerly known as College). We have been here many times before and as it was nearing the Christmas season and the end of year a Christmas Theme was asked for. It was our first Christmas outing so out came the Christmas ears and tinsel etc and off to their library where we were treated as royalty and so much appreciated. A special photo booth with sparkling lights and Christmas decorations had been set up for special photos of the students with our dogs as well as props for the students to really get in the Christmas mood. A duo came in and sang Christmas songs which was so relaxing and special, outside an area of beanbags, sun chairs and dogs water dishes had been set up but unfortunately it was too hot to make full use of these use. Usually we would then venture over to the dining room for lunch with our dogs in tow but this day was different as the library staff had all pitched in and made a special lunch just for us and one lady had even made biscuits for the dogs. Not all dogs and owners could stay for the entire session but we certainly were the stars and centre of attraction for those couple of hours we were there.

Ann Evans (Manawatu and Rural LO)

My Clyde had on a Christmas wreath type thing (Goldie) The other Goldie is Bradley with Barbara; Bichon Frise is Evie with Chrissie and Butch; Tibetan Terrier is Panda with Pauline; Standard Poodle and Pam; British Bull Terrier Pippa with Desiree; Miniature Schnauzer Cross is Arlie and Trisha; Daniela and Boxer Lily.

Thanks Chris
We list below all our new members (104) who joined between the 27th September, 2017 to 25th February, 2018. We welcome all our new members and wish you many happy hours visiting.

**AUCKLAND**

Emma Carter & Brett Seabrook, Angus, Miniature Schnauzer  
Emma Davis & Ryan Janes, Darcy, Samoyed  
Marieke Marygold, Inde, Miniature Poodle  
Kelly Smith, Toasty, Border Terrier  
Stephanie Anderson, Indie, Labrador  
Kim Buisson, Penny, Bichon x Shih Tzu  
Cassandra Cocurullo-Whitford, Hugo, Rough Coat Collie x Belgian Shepherd  
Celine Cummins, Florence (Flo), Shih Tzu x Toy Poodle  
Juliet Gardiner, Roxy, Shih Tzu x Poodle  
Kirsten Hansen, Hank, Greyhound  
Katie Hogue, Ash, Greyhound  
Rhian Hooper, Cruiser Blazer Babes, American Staffordshire Terrier  
Eliza Humphreys, Rimmel, Labrador  
Lisa Manks, Zoom, Labrador  
Louise Porazinski, Lou Lou, Maltese x Shih Tzu  
Kristina Posmashnaya, Teddy, Pomeranian  
Nicole Russell, Bond, Golden Retriever  
Lin Sew Hoy, Dayna, Miniature Schnauzer  
Linus Treefoot, Sam, Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Nicole Wallace, Daisy, Labrador  
Lily Wong, Bella, Maltese x  
Brian Wyatt, Paris, Bichon Frise  
Gerard Elwell & Helen Zee, Prince, Greyhound  
Kate Glennon, Trevor, Miniature Schnauzer x & Maggie, Miniature Schnauzer  
Olivia Stubbersfield & Courtney Ormsby, Bodí, Golden Retriever  
Tom Tukiri & Michael McKirdy, Dell, Labrador Retriever & Sam, Collie x Golden Retriever  
Darcie Jacka, Dakota, English Springer Spaniel  

**HAWKES BAY**

Judith & Bob Gill, Mirjana, Zoe & Gospa, Cavalier  
King Charles Spaniels  
Graeme Beale, Mickey, Chihuahua  
Jo Harding, Fox, Pomeranian  
Kirsten Mullany, Dave, Labrador  
Lucy Smith, Crow, Labrador  
Jenny Betts, Shilo, Shih Tzu x Poodle  

**INVERCARGILL & SOUTHLAND**

May Evans, Ruby, Springer Spaniel x  

**KAPITI COAST**

James Cameron, Murphy, Black Russian Terrier  
Lynley Evans, Evie, Cavoodle  

**LEVIN**

Sue, Clarke, Peri, Labrador  

**LOWER HUTT**

Rosa Antunovic, Bear, Samoyed  
Kelly Bisset, Sonny-Jim, Labrador  
Miriam Chamberlain, Freddie, Spoodle  
Kylie Flett, Maya, Malamute & Gizmo, Pekinese x Shih Tzu x Pomeranian  
Joanne Paul, Duke, Border Terrier  
Jo Perry, Mason, Labrador Retriever  

**NELSON/TASMAN**

Lorraine Lindsay, Jammu, German Shepherd  

**NORTHLAND**

Lesley Heywood, Teddy, Miniature Schnauzer  
Lynda Macgregor, Ricky, German Shepherd  
Megan & John Stalmann, Lilly & Molly,  

**OAMARU**

Linda Burton, Gracie, Bernese Mountain Dog  
Pauline Hilhorst, Maciness Bartholomew Frances  
Hilhorst, Border Collie x Samoyed  
Kayla Danielle Miller, Harley, Staffordshire Terrier  

**PALMERSTON NORTH**

Donna Collins, Zeeba, Labrador x Staffordshire Terrier  
Kelly Corbett, Harry, Greyhound  
Felicity Treadwell, Humphrey, Basset Hound  

**WHITBY TO JOHNSONVILLE**

Emily Cooper, Lulu, Maltese x  
Anna Prussing, Martha, Rough Collie  
Kay Tauroa, Miss Bosley, Tibetan Spaniel  
Erin & Ian Searle, Riley & Rosie, Pembroke Corgis
QUEENSTOWN
Marilyn Hanff, Minti, West Highland Terrier
Angela Spackman, Lexie, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

ROTORUA
Beverley Waller, Lucy, Greyhound

TARANAKI
Polly Catlin-Maybury, Zip, Border Collie
Kate Fitzgerald, Zib, Rough Collie
Sarah DeSouza, Milo, Bichon Frise x Shih Tzu
Anita van de Ven, Obe, Shih Tzu x Maltese x Papillon

TAURANGA
Judy Eckhard, Ayla, German Shepherd
Amy Hunter, Meeko, Australian Shepherd
Philip Upton, Lilo, Labrador x Anna Were, Baxter, Bichon Frise x Amy Green, Coco, Labrador
Lori Martin, Baz, Labradoodle
Serena Rawnsley, Beowulf, Papillon-Noelene Topia, Kaykay, Foxydoodle-Malcolm Ward, Rojo, Border Collie

UPPER HUTT
Melanie Thompson, Lulu, Bichon Frise x Chihuahua
Tony Stoddard, Juno, German Wirehaired Pointer x Labrador

WAIKATO
Dianne McIntyre, Murphy, Shih Tzu x Cavoodle
Kirstie Petch, Rocky, Jack Russell x Christine Pratt, Donald, Border Collie
Sonia Satsangi, Zara, Border Collie
Jenny Bartlett, Thrilling Brat, Greyhound
Cathy Ferrari, Lucy, Maltese x Fox Terrier
Louise Storey, Mac, Alsatian x Labrador
Codie Taute, Chili & Rio, Dogue de Bordeaux

WAIRARAPA
Victoria Horne, Versace, Pomeranian
Emma Jordan, Mia, Long Haired Weimaraner

WELLINGTON
Carol Colgate, Charlie, Poodle x Bichon Frise
Annette Cumming, Cassie, Golden Retriever
Helen Daly, Stella, Staffordshire Terrier x Fox Terrier
Scarlett Hussein, Sophie, French Bulldog
Lindy Jacomb, Zoe, Huntaway x Sharon Lokum, Chilli Bean, Welsh Corgi
Samantha Prince, Van, West Highland Terrier
Sheryn Shackleton, Striker, Golden Retriever
Alex Wang, Dobby, Pembroke Welsh Corgi
Sue White, Jack, Sydney Silky Terrier
Margaret & Mark Ranum, Laney, Wauzer & Bobbie, Griffin x

WESTPORT
Jo Matthews, Diesel, German Shepherd