



Winter 2019

THANK YOU TO ALL LIAISON OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WHO HAD A 'GET TOGETHER' TO CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDER'S DAY IN MAY.

Each Area throughout the Country did it in their own individual style and you will see below and the following pages some fabulous photos of members and their canine friends having some fun.

We will start with our Afternoon Tea in Lower Hutt who combined with Upper Hutt and, of course, we had Eileen Curry as our Special Guest. We were a little more formal in our presentation to 28 members and 14 dogs and we did have it indoors because of the bad weather. Thank you to our Photographer, Nick Withers, who took these great photos.



Eileen & Rachel Davison (LO for Lower Hutt)
with the adorable Jacques who is 18 yrs old



Wonderful group photo of the Lower Hutt & Upper Hutt members and Canine Friends at the Belmont Memorial Hall.



President's Report

At our AGM last Saturday, 8 June, Ann Evans, did not seek re-election as President but instead is going to concentrate on her area, Manawatu, as Liaison Officer and Events Co-ordinator. Victoria Graham, our newly elected President, thanked her on behalf of the Committee and all Members for her dedication and commitment she brought to the position and wished her many more happy years with Canine Friends Pet Therapy. I wish to include here a beautiful photo of Sophie who has been and still is Ann's constant companion although Sophie has been joined by Oakie and Thumpa. Editor .

Ann sent this gorgeous photo to me. "I love this photo of Sophie visiting in a Resthome and she just oozes happiness. She is nearing 14 years old and been visiting since 18 months old and she still loves every moment of it.

She may be getting a bit slow these days, a bit of selective hearing and sight but she still brings a lot of joy to the residents wherever she visits."

Editor: Thank you Ann and Sophie epitomises our Mission Statement "We share our Dogs with people in need".



Ann's partial AGM Report

It is my privilege and a pleasure to present my report for the past year as any president would be.

All members of Canine Friends Pet Therapy should all stand up and take a bow and pat themselves on the back as you, all are fantastic ambassadors of this wonderful organisation. To consider that Canine Friends Pet Therapy is now in its 30th year with a membership expanding daily reaching at my last look 700 financial members which changes daily with at least a new applicant every day and it all just started on an mere idea or a vision of Eileen Curry – a very good one at that - you can only be proud to wear the red scarf and badge out there to be seen.

Our Mission Statement of "We share our dogs with people in need" is oh so true as we have expanded our visiting over all spheres. This year we are up 75% on Resthomes visited with now visiting 317 Resthomes and 50% increase in Hospital and Hospice visiting with 14 hospitals and 9 hospices being visited. These are and always will form our core focus. It has been a real bonus thanks to Ziwi funding to be able to send our quarterly newsletter to all facilities we visit which they do appreciate. I guess it goes down to our unique ability of being able to share our much-loved family pet with others on a strictly volunteering basis. We must be the only organisation that consists and survives on a uniquely volunteer orientated status from the top to the bottom as to say and we always do this very willingly. Yes we do lose members and we do lose dogs, some have new commitments, some have ill health but those leaving to those coming through keeps us on track and our applications Annette very busy indeed.

But, of course ,when you are doing so well, there are always going to be others interested in your services. I thank you all for your support in visiting over the year no matter whether on weekly, fortnightly or monthly visits, amongst the million other things you fit in your day, your ability to do this is outstanding and we of course cannot do without you as members and each and everyone of you is very important to Canine Friends Pet Therapy. I would also like to thank our two Field Officers Chris and Carol who are our liaison between the committee and the liaison officers with a tabled report each month. They also act as the committees arm and can deal with non-committee happenings as well and always at hand for support. Your committee also knows more about the regions through this and our liaison officers often used to feel alone but with regular communication we are hoping we are bridging this gap. This is one of our most important positions. I have been lucky enough over the last few years to have personally met all our liaison officers.

Liaison Officers are our very valuable tool who meet our new members and settle them in facilities as well as communicating with the facilities. When I first became a Liaison Officer I had no-one as support except of course Eileen who always had the answers for me. I can remember Eileen asking me to assess some of our applicants as there was no one in my area to do so and then just before the AGM I was asked for a report. I rang Eileen up and she said with a grin "Ann didn't you realise that was what you were doing and you have done it okay haven't you, enjoyed it haven't you, How could I say I hadn't so she said just write it on a piece of a paper and send it to me. Wow I became an official Liaison Officer in status overnight!! That does make me old! Eileen was there at the end of the phone for a lot of our early members, building their confidence and encouraging them to do well.

(Please go to www.caninefriends.org.nz to view the full report and select News then AGM 2019). Thank you.

AGM—a change in our Committee Members as shown on Page 3. Victoria (Vicky) Graham is our new President as well as being responsible for Funding and Sponsorship portfolios. Vicky will report to you in our Spring Newsletter and introduce the newly elected committee members and farewell Anne Abbott. We all agreed that there was an exciting vibe in the air at the meeting and we are all looking forward to the next 12 months. Thank you to the 84 members who sent an apology and we are ever so grateful for your thoughtfulness. Editor

Canine Friends Pet Therapy Committee as elected on 8th June, 2019

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In Memorium

Paul Alcock

It is with deep sadness, that I inform you that on the 4th June, Paul Alcock passed away at his home in Masterton. Our thoughts are with his wife Sue, their children and their pet therapy dogs Tawnee & Luther. Paul & Sue have been long standing members of Canine Friends Pet Therapy since 2005, with Paul being the Upper Hutt Liaison Officer for a number of years before they moved to the Wairarapa in 2017. Paul was very involved in all things "Canine" with high emphasis on the Life Flight Trust. Canine Friends Pet Therapy is extremely grateful for his outstanding contribution during those years. Editor

Ted - Gone too soon

Ted, your smile no longer greets me
As I walk through the door
You are not here to talk to
And ride in my car anymore
Life is quiet without your 'Woof'
You were far more than a pet
You were a family member and 'Canine Therapy Friend'
Time will take my sorrow that I suffer with today
Comforting chats with family and friends will clear my sadness away
But today I look and listen for you
And miss your lovely face
Your bed once in the corner is now an empty space.
Ted you were a great companion
Constant, loyal and true
My heart will always hold the paw prints left by you.



When Ted came into our lives 3 years ago....it was February. He loved to dig the most wonderful deep cool holes and trenches near our water-tank. There he would rest. Now he is there forever. So sweet that we were able to use his best trench as his grave. I lined it with N.Z. Silver Fern fronds.

Pete and I placed him with his face to the path and his head towards the house he shared with us for 3 years. I tucked his favourite blanket around him. On top another Silver Fern frond and flowers in his water-bowl and his collar and chain.

He loved those. For a working dog a collar and chain and a cool box with a sack means no work I can go to sleep. Dear Ted..... gone too soon

Christine Johnson (A lovely Retirement story of Ted can be seen in Autumn 19 Newsletter. Editor

Wonderful Surprise for Canine Friends Pet Therapy

We received a generous Donation from Mr. Erwin De Raad and his Wife who are seen here with Milly in this lovely photo. Tania McBeth visited him with Milly to thank him on our behalf. Tania presented him with a framed copy of this photo to express our appreciation. A huge Thank You from all of us.



Lower Hutt & Upper Hutt Members & dogs celebrate Founder's Day



Sandy Fea, with her lovely dogs, who has now joined the Canine Friends Committee



Eileen & Annette Dougherty who is our New Applications Manager

Editor: My apologies for not having the names of the above members and their canine friends as we go to print.

Manawatu Members & Dogs celebrate Founder's Day at the Feilding Dog Club

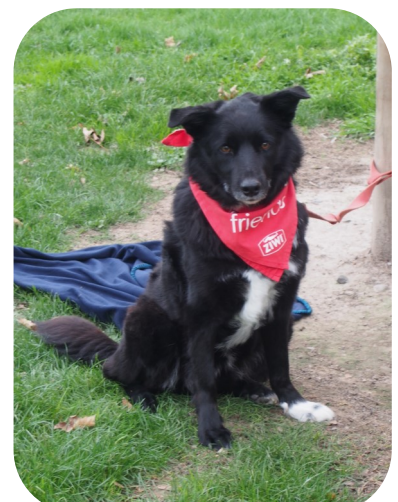
Helen with Brandy & Coffee



Artie



Brodie





Get together in May to celebrate Founders Day. Walkies in Queens Park, Invercargill

Back left: Margaret Baillie + Finn

Back right: Judy McDonald + Charlie

Front left: Jenny Green + JJ

Front right: Sandra Knight (Liason Officer - Southland) + Teddybear

Thank you all.
Regards Sandra Knight



Delightful group photo of some of the Manawatu members



Teddy,
Bradley,
Bayley,
Sophie &
Oakie



Manawatu Day cont'd
with lovely photos of:

Left: Izzy, Artie &
Evie

Right: Thumpa &
Sophie



Auckland Founders Day Event last Sunday.

Had an absolutely blast with Fly Ball games, heaps of food for a lunch, meeting volunteers and their families and their dogs in such a happy relaxed environment, all getting on well. We even had one gentleman come all the way from Waiheke Island via public transport. Can't wait for next years. A huge thank you to North Shore Dog Training club for the use of their awesome grounds and clubhouse. Regards Rachel Butler



Northland Meet & Greet for Founder's Day

The Northlanders had a fabulous Meet & Greet today at The James Homestead in Kamo, Whangarei. Nine members and their extremely well behaved dogs enjoyed a walk around the garden and then an awesome shared Afternoon Tea. We are lucky to have such lovely volunteers who make a difference in our Community.

In the Group photo from left to right is Robyn Sinclair with Pipa; Lynda MacGregor with Ricky; Ayla Crawford with Axl; Nadine Slabbert (kneeling) with Meika; Mary Easterling with Sam; Faye Moore & Jude with Poppy; Michele Briggs with Tess; and Megan Stalman with Lily & Molly. Regards Paula Smith



Here are some photos from our **Founder's Day Celebration in Christchurch. We gathered at the Groynes Dog Park on a very foggy Saturday morning.**

Present were:

Barry Amer with Adamus and Xanth (Great Danes); Paul Jones with Bo (Fox Terrier); Hanneke Couperus with Wol (Schnauser, but no decent photos of him, he is too quick!); Evelien Baas with Mischka (White GSD); Erica Hendry and family with Poli (Golden Retriever); Andrea Hefferman with Roxy (Spoodle?); Carol and Paul Millican with Jess (Border Collie). Regards Carol Millican



Foxton/Levin Founder's Day get together held at the Horowhenua Dog Obedience Club rooms.

Eight dogs and their families attended and after some doggy games which included carry the newspaper, golf ball and spoon race and musical downs, the dogs had a free run around time. We shared Afternoon Tea and chatter following with the presentation of the Certificates of Appreciation. Thank you to Ziwipeak for the treats which were most welcomed by all, especially our four legged friends! Regards Sue Clarke.



Our Dogs are here there & everywhere

Manawatu Canine Friends were asked if we could provide a doggy visit to help the students at Freyberg High in Palmerston North with some doggy friendliness to celebrate Red Puppy Appeal Day. 12 dogs attended. Ann Evans



Pauline Rukumai at Te Awamutu Exhibition



Pauline Rukumai and her Standard Poodle "Skye" with Liz Scott's Bearded X "MacDuff" at the **To The Dogs Exhibition, Te Awamutu Museum on 16 March.**

This exhibition is running for several months and during March various dog related community groups and organisations were invited to talk about their respective work.

Thank you Pauline.

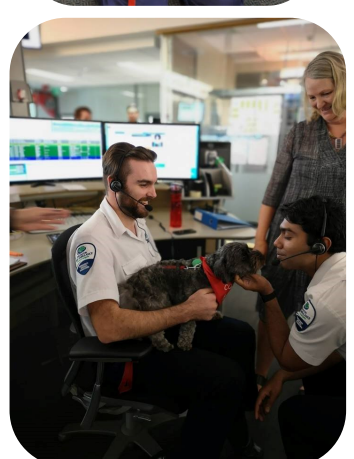
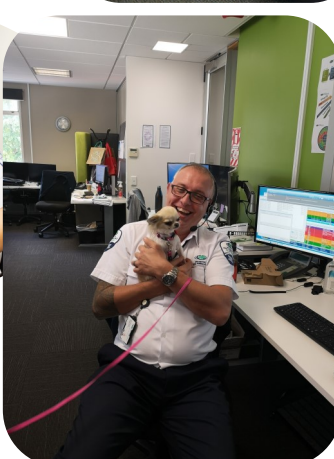
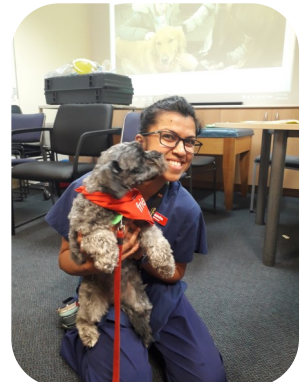
Regards Vicky

Wellington Canine Group visit to the Wellington Emergency Dept.

Some lovely photos taken and it was such a happy visit.
Regards Margaret Ranum

Wellington Canine Group visit the Wellington Free Ambulance (see the beautiful photos below).

The Dispatch Ops Manager requested the visit and it was enjoyed by all. Regards Margaret Ranum





Nelson/Tasman Group

We celebrated our Founder's Day get together in Greenslade Park.

We had a small, very pleasant and happy group enjoying the lovely weather.

The dogs looked so smart and were so good that it didn't seem real!

We look forward to the next gathering.

Thank you for attending.

Regards Margaret Scaife



Our fabulous team with their very special furry friends

Our Canine Friends out & about

Today we visited **Kiwibank in Hastings** as part of their Wellness Programme.

We had four dogs:
Andrew and Felicity (Fliss) - Greyhound
Kym and Winston - Shih Tzu / Bichon
Jenn and Queen - Huntaway
Rebecca and Charleston (Charlie) Miniature Chihuahua

It was a very successful visit and after an hour the dogs all went home tired and well cuddled. Isla at Kiwibank said everyone was fizzaing, they just loved it.

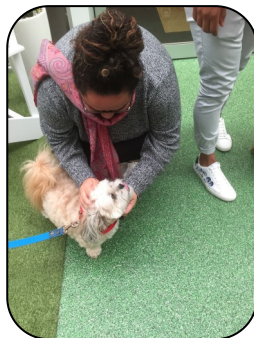
Thank you Team. Regards Chris Partridge



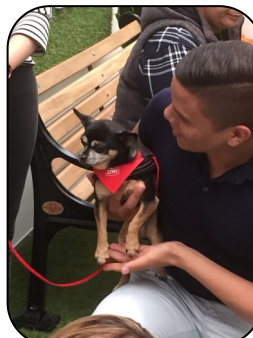
Queen receiving a chin tickle



Fliss chilling on the bean bag



Winston sharing his love



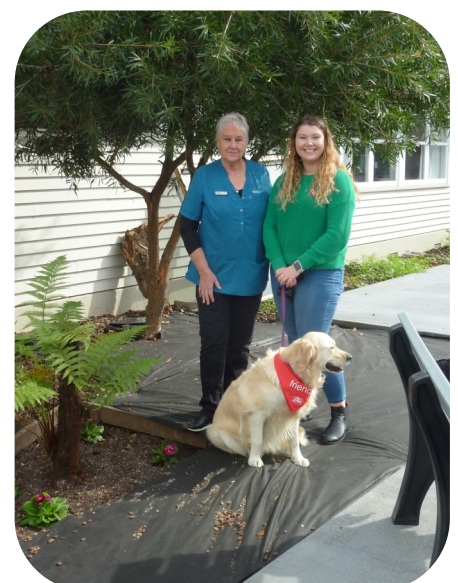
Charlie fits into a hand

New Member in Hamilton

A nice photo of new member Ashley McDonald with her Golden Retriever Ella accompanied by Glenys Holden, Activities Coordinator at **Radius St. Joans**.

Glenys is very enthusiastic and supportive of our organisation and a pleasure to work with. New Member Support, Christine Johnson, accompanied Ashley and Ella as it was their first visit.

Regards Vicky Graham



Spreading the word for Canine Friends Pet Therapy in Southland

In January I was invited to give a talk to a group of people in **Southland Hospital** on how we train/assess our dogs for Therapy work in the different places we take them

About 26 Social Workers and a few Psychiatrists, Community Advocates/Social Services students, were a delight to give my approx 40min speech too. It was also a Teleconference, out to Queenstown/Gore/Winton/Lumsden/Dunedin.

I included Judy McDonald and her lovely Charlie. I had asked Judy McDonald and Charlie (Golden Retriever, 4), to also share her own journey with CFPT and some of her experiences. Judy and I weekly visit "Rowena Jacksons Rest Home" in Invercargill for the last 11 months. So Judy spoke also for 5 minutes. Regards Sandra Knight (Southlands Liaison Officer).

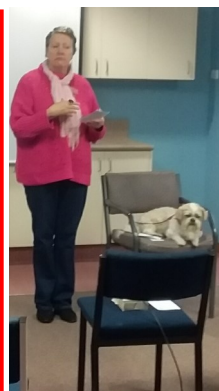


"Hi Sandra

Thank you so much for the work you have been doing in your region promoting our organisation. You really are living our mission of Dogs Helping People. It sounds like you pitched your speech perfectly!!! Well done and I have to say that TeddyBear looks like a true PR professional.

To get an invitation to visit a hospital is a HUGE achievement and VERY VERY hard to get. So well done to you, TeddyBear, Judy and Charlie. If you need any help with procedures, policies, etc,,,,,just let me know and I can put you in touch with other LOs who are visiting hospitals (as the rules are much stricter than homes)".

This was a reply from our Secretary, Leanne Gibson.



Toby visiting The Bupa St. Andrews Care Home in Hamilton

This is a particularly good photo of one of the lovely people I visit every week at The Bupa St Andrews Care Home in Hamilton. The gentleman is called Bruce Hanlon and he will be 98 in June this year. Toby is the little poser in the picture.

All the best
Yvette Shore



New Member - Hamilton

Right
This is beautiful Alfie owned by Bev Hyde in Hamilton.

He will be visiting
Trevellyn Rest Home.

We wish you very happy visiting.

Regards Vicky Graham



New Member - Northland

A new recruit to Canine Friends Pet Therapy, Digger visits the **Ranburn Rest Home in Waipu, Northland** twice a month. As can be seen by the photos laughter and fun are shared and enjoyed.

Digger is a 4 year old Border Collie X and lives on a lifestyle block in Mangawhai Village. His favourite pastime is swimming in the estuary which borders part of our property. His other favourite things are lots of pats and interacting with people of all ages.

Regards Maureen Skinner
Photo far left is Betty & Digger and right is Joy & Digger

A REMINDER: Please send your photos and/or stories to email: editor@caninefriends.org.nz Thank you
I still have so many photos and stories which I could not place in this Winter Newsletter but please be assured they will feature in the Spring Newsletter coming out first week of September. Editor

Our New Members who joined from 12 March, 2019 to 8 June, 2019.
We wish you all a very long and happy association with Canine Friends Pet Therapy

Auckland

Ashok Bhat & Buddy, Labrador
 Eva Cadario & Barra, Retradoodle (Golden Retriever X Standard Poodle)
 Nic Irvine & Ned, Cavoodle
 Sarah Yates & Pippi, Caboodle
 Robyn Andrews & Belle, Mixed
 Cynthia Sweetingham & Ellie, Labrador
 Chris Brown & Vader, Groenendael (Belgium Shepherd)
 Ryan Fong and Erin Mai & Bella, Bichon x Maltese
 Lucy Malcolmson & Raphie, Brussel Griffon
 Natalie Micallef & Beau, Cavoodle

Christchurch

Rachel Harris & Frankie, Leonberger x golden retriever
 Bridget Melhuish & Flo, Golden Labrador
 Ashleigh Probert & Max, Cav/ Shih Tzu
 Maria Gomez & Sadie, Golden Retriever
 Gillian Robinson & Bobby, Poodle/Shih Tzu
 Pauline Smith & Ben, Bichon Frise
 Ian Mann & Alfie, Miniature Schnauzer
 Kimberley Sell & Helga, Labrador

Foxton/Levin

Diane Fawcett & Chico, Huntaway
 Sue Gestro & Blondie, Prue breed Pug

Hastings

Lorraine Andresen & Magnum aka (CH Briongloid
 Magnum the Don at Strabahn), Irish Setter
 Jo Chubb & Sophie, Lab Mix

Invercargill & Southland

JenniferGreen & JJ, Bichon/Shih Tzu/Cavalier cross

Kapiti Coast

Julie Hodgson & Sydney, Australian Terrier
 Jess Renshaw & Cooper, Golden retriever

Lower Hutt

Glenda McMan & Indi, Greyhound
 Carolyn Henderson & Loki, Collie Cross
 Debra Harris & Jasper, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Manawatu

Erika Frewin & Jetson, Toy Poodle
 Brenda Mackenzie & Mr Biscuit, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
 Annette Beasley & Mac, Greyhound

Napier

Karla Hirt & Bex (Maltese/Lassa apso) and Molly (Shih Tzu)

Nelson-Tasman

Philippa McFadden and Philippa Nigel & Molly, Mini Schnauzer

Julie Strange & Zita, Australian Shepherd
 Noreen Macdonald & Honey, Chocolate Labrador

Northland

Nadene Slabbert & Pearl, Greyhound X
 Mary Easterling & Sam, Bearded Collie
 Robyn Sinclair & Pipi, Papillion

Oamaru

Jenna Hughes-Games & Briggs, Retriever/ border collie

Otago

Sophie Cook & Iggy, Jack Russell x Staffordshire Terrier

Queenstown

Lisa Mair & Joe, Bull Mastiff X
 Susan Harwood & Harley, Corgi
 June Allan & Rufus (Border Terrier) and Seraph
 (Foxy Jack Russell)

Taupo

Debbie Lovell & Ardi, Golden retriever
 Noel Hirovanaa & Lola, British bulldog

Tauranga

Rachel Gosling & Chocolate, Papillion cross
 Kate Shilston & Molly, Golden Retriever
 Nicole Spargo & Nelli, German Shorthaired Pointer

Tauranga Hospital

Maree Downs & Milo, Cavoodle
 Marie McGill & Fin, Cavoodle
 Claudia Vianello & Ralph, Welsh Springer Spaniel

Waikato

Denise Hudson & Radar, English Springer Spaniel
 Naomi Greene & Nina, Miniature Schnauzer cross Sydney Silky
 Rebecca Sewell & Archie, Border Collie X Pomeranian
 Raewyn Byrne & Roxy, Jack Russell
 Ashley McDonald & Ella, Golden Retriever

Wairarapa

Karen Dickinson & Sophie, Golden Retriever

Wellington

Joy Davidson & Molly, Staffy Cross
 Zara Mansoor & Frida, Schnauzer Cavoodle cross
 Helen Moriarty & Ciarrai, Cavoodle
 Lesley Picking & Taffy, Purebred Golden Retriever
 Alex Reid & Nugget, Foxy x

Whanganui

Kate Steadman & Zoe, Border Collie
 Sandy and Martin McAllen & Abbot, Golden Retriever

New Members in Hamilton



**Raewyn Byrne
& Fox Terrier
Roxy visiting
St. Joans Care
Centre,
Hamilton**



**Naomi Greene
meets Taya from
Aspire Care
Centre with her
little Schnauzer,
Nina**

Return address: Canine Friends Pet Therapy, PO Box 45056, Waterloo, Lower Hutt. 5010

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Ziwi is proud to present our new free-range chicken recipes for dogs and cats. With chicken being the favourite pet food flavour globally, Ziwi has wanted to create a chicken range for many years. However we wouldn't do it until we could source chickens that were 100% free-range and from ethical and audited New Zealand suppliers. With the steady rise in local free-range production, this has now become possible. Like all of our air-dried recipes; Ziwi free-range chicken does not use glycerin, yield enhancers, fillers, or sweeteners.