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**To Whom It May Concern**

I am pleased to write this in support of Canine Friends Pet Therapy.

The calming influence of dogs was demonstrated to me in our office in Nov 2016, in the week following the 7.8 Kaikoura earthquake.

It would be fair to say that anxiety levels were heightened at that time, particularly so for high-rise workers. Consequently I was pleased when a staff member's partner visited the office with two (Canine Friends Therapy) dogs. Dogs had always made me happy, so I figured they might cheer the place up a bit, but I hadn't anticipated the effect they would have.

The atmosphere in the office lightened and lifted when the dogs came in. Staff smiled at them, reached to touch them and talked to them. As they do, the smiles spread and pretty soon there was conversation and laughter on an easy level that I hadn't seen previously that week. To quote a staff member - the dogs were like a tonic.

Since that visit I have come to understand and appreciate some of the work that Canine Friends do and am happy to offer this in support of their very worthwhile organisation.

Yours faithfully



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