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Group visits add social side to Canine Friends' work

Canine Friends members visit rest homes, hospitals and hospices ... generally just dog and owner together visiting their allotted facility on their allotted day and in their allotted time slot.

This work is rewarding and brings great joy to residents and patients and Canine Friends dogs and their owners love their work.

However, to add spice to their lives they enjoy occasional group visits to places like universities and organisations where people are under stress and need some canine calming.

Group visits are keenly anticipated because they give members a chance to meet and share experiences, and for their dogs to let their hair down and meet with other loved family pets.

On a recent visit to Auckland University's Grafton Campus, medical students enjoyed special visits during their welfare week.

Auckland Uni's visit organiser Sarah sent this message to Canine

Friends liaison officer Rachel Butler after the visit:

"I want to let you know that the dog visits at uni campus today went wonderfully well. It was so special to have the lovely volunteers and their dogs, it put smiles on our students' faces.

"We were very grateful to have them here and volunteering their time for us today. Please pass on our thanks!"

In these photos of Auckland team members in action you see:

- Helen with Beau the Shih Tzu X Poodle
- Clare with Shiloh the Belgian Shepherd X Rough Coat Collie
- Tushar with Shyla the German Shepherd X
- Trish with Piper the Golden Retriever
- Natalie with Beau the Cav KC Spaniel X Poodle
- Roger with Ollie the Golden Retriever. 🐾





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