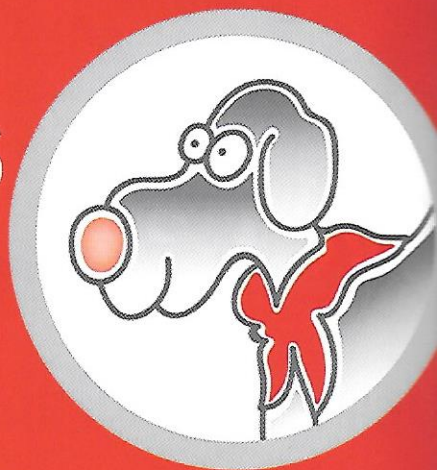


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Dogs helping people



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Rescuing Clive

How I turned from jailbird to pet therapy dog and all round good guy.

Clive explains, 'I had been inside a few times. I was a frequent visitor to the pound in Whanganui. I was on a bad path and it was not going to be a happy ending. They had had enough. They said I was anti-social, I'd had several foster homes and I was a persistent runaway'. Luckily for me, a visitor from HUHA met Shiree who was to save me from what could have been my final crime spree.

Shiree saw something in me I didn't know I had. She took me home and gave me a big bath and clipped my shaggy coat and then took me to the vet for a check up and a small operation.

Since living with Shiree and her partner, and other dogs, my life has completely changed. I have become a different dog. I have discovered that people love me now so I decided to love them back!

Now we have joined Canine Friends and I passed my assessment to be a pet therapy dog with flying colours. The lady who assessed me thinks I am a pretty special dog.

Shiree and I will be visiting Oceanview Rest Home in Otaki to share some love and enjoyment with the people who live there.



▲ Butter would not melt ... Clive the new pet therapy dog

Marjorie works her magic at Rainbow Place



▲ Marjorie and Anita spooning together on Anita's bed

Excitement starts to build as soon as Susan puts the red scarf on Marjorie. Twice a week they visit Hospice Waikato, fortnightly they go to Rainbow Place and they attend the craft and therapy classes there on Fridays.

As soon as they reach the admin block Susan says, 'Marjorie loves jumping beans as she loves seeing her friends on the staff and they love her too.'

It's the children she loves most. 'When we visit she is very excited and greets every visitor enthusiastically, She then has a gentle nuzzle at the patient in the bed and they just love seeing her.'

'Anita cannot do anything for herself but she becomes animated when she sees Marjorie. Everyone in the room stops as Marjorie nuzzles into Anita for a big cuddle'

Susan says, 'We get so much out of our visits. It is an honour to be with families in the waiting room as their loved ones go on to the next part of their journey. It is sad for us to lose people we have known through visiting them or meeting them in the therapy sessions'

Dogs share Daffodil day

Canine Friends Pet Therapy teams from the Manawatu and Horowhenua gathered together to visit Freyberg High in Palmerston North on Daffodil Day. Students and teachers loved the de-stressing visit and many wore yellow and dressed as daffodils for the day. Oakie soaked up inspiration from a daffie paddock in Whanganui.

Murphy the Schnauzer, snappy and smart in his new scarf



Shiloh the German Shepherd gorgeous in his spring flowers



Sophie lapping up the cuddles and attention

Jade loves all the attention and cuddles



Peri things its a great day for it