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President's Report

Hello to you all.

Who would have imagined how our lives would change over the past few weeks? We have been on an absolute roller coaster and as I write this the country is preparing for a lock down to contain and defeat Covid-19.

Your committee believes communication plays a huge role in our organisation and strives to recognise and support you. Despite not visiting with your dogs, it is important to us that you continue to feel connected to Canine Friends.

During this unsettling period the committee will continue to meet to discuss initiatives, plan for the months ahead and are here to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

I know many of you are health professionals and will continue to go to work to care for others. Many of you may come out of retirement to be available to work in health care during this time and many of you will be caring for your families and reaching out to friends or elderly neighbours who may need a little extra help.

Take care of yourselves too.

Until next time.

Vicky Graham



Item of interest

We receive the Charities Services Newsletter and I read with interest in the December 2019 issue that New Zealand has placed third in the latest World Giving Index report and also features in the top ten of all three giving measures: helping a stranger, donating money and volunteering time. The number of adults in New Zealand who volunteer is more than twice the global average, with 41% of Kiwis engaging in voluntary work. What a wonderful testament to the generosity of New Zealanders.

"People may forget what you have said, people may forget what you have done, but people will always remember how you made them feel".

Regards Vicky Graham



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Thank You from all of us

We have been extremely fortunate once again to receive a generous donation from Erwin de Raad.

Erwin is extremely supportive of our work and said recently "it goes without saying that you greatly enhance the lot of so many souls with your pet therapy and I wish you all the best with your continuing efforts."

To acknowledge Erwin's wonderful gesture we sent him and Mrs de Raad a rose called "Precious Pet" for their garden.

Erwin, we wish you and Mrs de Raad all the very best and good health.

Vicky Graham – on behalf of the committee and members of Canine Friends Pet Therapy



TV One Good Sorts Programme

TV One featured Eileen and Canine Friends Pet Therapy as their Good Sorts. Lovely photo below of Eileen (sitting), Rachel Davidson, LO Lower Hutt, Haydn Jones and Sandy Fea with her gorgeous Golden Retrievers. Also please see more photos on page 4.

Lower Hutt members Rachel Davison and Sandy Fea played a huge part in arranging what was three hours of interviewing and filming and Eileen was fabulous - of course!

Hadyn arrived at Eileen's for morning tea and a chat then they travelled to Woburn Masonic in Lower Hutt where Eileen mingled with the residents and staff with Sandy's gorgeous Golden Retrievers. Something else really special about this is Woburn Masonic was the first rest home Eileen visited thirty years ago. She told me she was absolutely overwhelmed by the reception she received from the residents and staff and though the entire experience was tiring it was so much fun! Vicky



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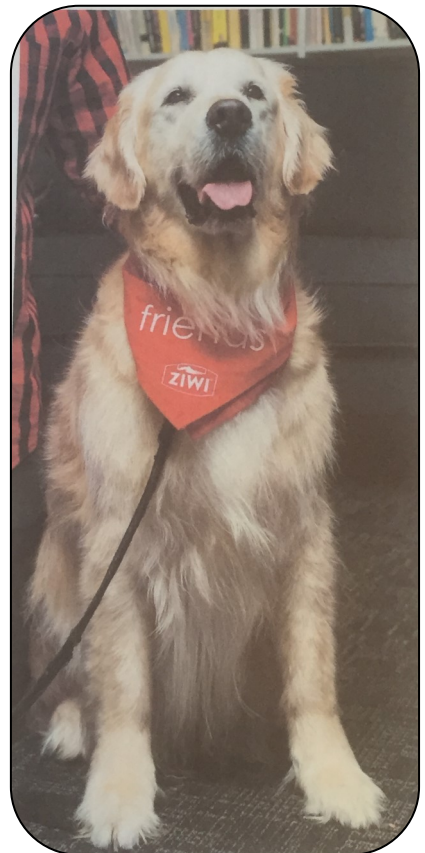
Farewell to Clyde

Farewell to you my Golden boy,
You gave to many so much love and joy
You are my friend and my best mate,
But time has passed and now it's late
You'll always have a piece of my heart,
You always had it right from the start
But now you're tired, you've lost your smile,
You've shown your age for quite a while
So lay your weary head on me,
And I will see that you're set free
Safe in my heart you will forever be.

Chris Partridge

Clyde all dressed up at the Paul Hunter Centre's 25th anniversary afternoon.

We had a lovely time. There were lots of crafts for sale and we had a lovely afternoon tea. Even Clyde managed to get the odd bit of food. A very hot day, but a lovely one.
Chris



Clyde was a handsome friend and was always by Chris's side. They brought so much happiness to so many people.
Editor

Founder's Day functions due to be held in May this year have been postponed

Because of the current COVID 19 circumstances there will be no organized social get-togethers in May. They will be postponed until such time that we are given the all clear to start socializing and visiting once again.

We will post out the Certificates of Appreciation to members who have been a member for 1, 3, 5 or 10 years once we can have them printed and posted.

Please remember this our 30th year Celebration and we began with Eileen visiting a friend in hospital, then asked another friend to join her, then another until she nearly ran out of friends!

Canine Friends Pet Therapy is truly a wonderful organization to be a part of and especially with so much happiness and goodwill being spread by you, the members. Thank you.

Good Sorts Programme—Eileen, Rachel and Sandy Fea visiting residents with her lovely canine friend at Woburn Masonic Care Home



All the photos taken at the home were given to us by

Larissa Dunnett,
Registered Diversional Therapist
Woburn Masonic Care,
[63 Wai-iti Crescent, Lower Hutt, 5010](#)
Thank you Editor



Waitangi Day Wellington

The Governor General held her Waitangi Day Garden Party in Wellington this year.

An Invitation was extended to Canine Friends Pet Therapy and Eileen with Rachel accepted the invitation to represent our group.

"We had a fabulous day yesterday and the weather was great.

It was exciting for us arriving at the special entrance where all the diplomats in their chauffeured DC cars with flags etc were entering".

Regards Rachel Davison



We did it all! We shared our wonderful Christmas Spirit with so many people

We listed in our Summer 2019 Newsletter a good number of Christmas Visits, Christmas Functions and Events to which Canine members and their canine friends were invited to attend and to share the Christmas Spirit. We have had a tremendous response from members who have sent us the beautiful photos you see below and on the following pages. We are so proud of our members and canine friends and hope you enjoy their obvious happiness.



Four of the Hastings/CHB team attended a **Christmas Get Together for four organisations in Waipukurau**. There were some fabulous Christmas hats and lots of Christmas music. We all had a really enjoyable time. (Clyde even managed to get some tidbits from a few of the attendees)
Regards Chris Partridge LO Hastings



This is a photo of Bronwyn with my Granddaughter Amy, taken last week at the **Christchurch Christmas Canine Friends City Dog walk**.

Bronwyn is an eleven year old Labrador/Border Collie who visits **Iona Home in Oamaru**. When in Christchurch with our family she also visits at Hillmorton.

Regards, Elizabeth Eyles



Rachel with Ed and Lulu, Sam and Albie and Marilyn with Ruby visiting the **Wimbledon Rest Home in Feilding**. We had a great visit. Cheers Ann Evans



Hi, I am Hannah and this is Moremore and he is wearing his red Santa Cape with his Bandanna. We are based in Whanganui.

His is assigned to **Springvale Manor**. We visit every first Wednesday of the month

Regards Hannah Jojofa

Christmas visiting and fun social times

Manawatu Xmas get together

We had a great day although, unfortunately, it turned out very hot. The group photo is of the dogs all in their Xmas attire – taken in the afternoon so some had left by then.

I have a USB stick full of great photos on the day from the dogs in game mode, eating hamburgers for lunch to having fun on the agility equipment to the Xmas dress up and meeting Mrs Claus. Regards Ann

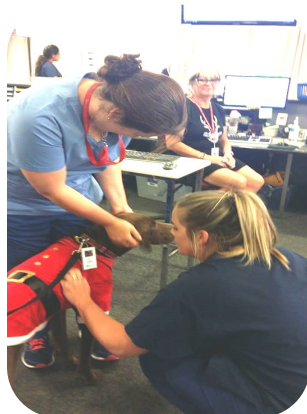


Artie winner of the Dress Up—Fabulous

Nelli visiting St John Ambulance station in Tauranga and the emergency department at Tauranga Hospital.

Nicole Spargo BHSc

Clinical Support Officer/
Paramedic - Innovation
and Learning



Visiting at Aspire Living in Hamilton

I took these photos at Christmas of my ladies whom I visit at their home in Hamilton for Aspire Living. Nina and I visit once a fortnight for cuddles on the couch and she loves being fed frozen peas as a treat.

Kind regards Naomi Greene



Our Dogs visiting

Middlemore Hospital's Critical Care Department—Truffle

Truffle and I are part of the Canine Therapy team at Middlemore Hospital's Critical Care department, along with Helen & Beau and Moska & Christopher. We have been lucky enough to visit this wonderful department for just over a year now.

Truffle is a medium sized Stafford Bull Terrier X, and an older animal shelter rescue.

We both love visiting the department, and it is an absolute joy to see the excitement on the patients, whanau and healthcare professionals faces when Truffle arrives. (She's a little bit of a Middlemore celebrity now.)

The staff at Middlemore are incredibly enthusiastic about canine therapy, and provide a very supportive environment for us. In a morning of a visit, the nurse assigned to each patient will ask if they would like a visit from whichever pooch is visiting that day. If the patient consents, we pop to their bed space, introduce our dog and ourselves. Almost always the patient loves to have Truffle up on the bed next to them, so that they can easily see her, interact and give pats.

Truffle has an extremely calm demeanour, loves pats, will gently search out the patients hand for cuddles or will rest her head on them. Her nature is perfect for a critical care department where there are multiple pieces of large, life-saving equipment, tubes, piping and cables.

Truffle visits all age ranges, providing comfort, entertainment, enrichment and has had copious amounts of beautiful interactions.

A big thank you to the Middlemore team who do such fantastic work.

Jennifer Spence
Product Specialist - Anaesthetics & Critical Care



Moska visits Middlemore Hospital and Remuera Rest Facility

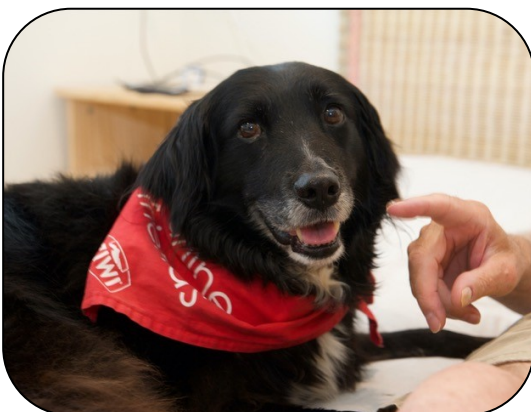
Moska, our nine-year-old border collie, and I love working as a therapy team with Canine Friends.

Six years ago, Moska was a homeless feral dog on an American-Indian reservation in New Mexico, USA. When we brought her home she didn't like people, didn't like other dogs, was frightened of getting in the car, going through a door or going upstairs; she didn't do anything except look for food! But after six months of care and loving and a bit of training, she turned into a gentle, friendly, tail-wagging animal that brought smiles to patients, residents, nurses, doctors and staff of the hospitals and residential care homes we went to in and around Boulder, Colorado. Last year we moved to Auckland and the same magic happened.

For us, the key to a successful visit is to assess the situation in the ward/room as we go in and Moska is exceptionally good at this. Does the resident want a tail-wag from a distance, a hug from a bit nearer, or a kiss on the hand? (Moska's a big kisser!) Depending on the circumstances, Moska sits on the floor, or puts her front paws on the bed so the patient can get a better look at her, or occasionally (if she's invited) she jumps on the bed. She spends five to twenty minutes with each person, before we leave to see someone else.

And, interestingly, these visits take energy out of Moska. I can tell when she's getting tired and it's time to go home. But, as I said at the start, we both love the visits and the smiles we bring to the faces of everyone we meet. Thanks, Middlemore Hospital, Remuera Rest Facility, and Canine Friends, for making these visits possible.

Cheers, Christopher Sarson



Absolutely love the picture of Moska with the hand reaching out - says a thousand words....Rachel Butler

"I cannot describe the magic you and Moska make visiting us. The tears in my eyes started when Moska climbed on the bed with the first resident we visited, but when Moska was on the bed with our new terminally-ill resident, my eyes and heart melted.

You are an amazing pair. Thank you so much. Lots of love from me and our residents."

*Elaine Venville
Activities Coordinator
Life Care Residences
Remuera Rise*



Look what we do in our spare time and we visit Annaliese Rest Home in Kaiapoi

Nico is a 4yr old kelpie cross, she is tough, independent, and highly intelligent, enthusiastic, tireless and extremely loyal. She is built like an athlete and loves to work, thrives on exercise and can learn almost anything.

We visit the Annaliese Rest Home in Kaiapoi which is often a nice 6km run into town for lots of pats, cuddles and ear scratches. Sometimes on a hot day it's a quick swim in the river, then a gentle run home. Nico really looks forward to Monday mornings.

In January we completed our first marathon down in Central Otago "The Big Easy" it's New Zealand's highest mountain marathon - it wasn't that easy but it was absolutely stunning. We were running to raise awareness for Hearing Dogs NZ. My Auntie is deaf and has a hearing dog, they cost \$30,000 to train and there is unfortunately no government funding available.

Our current mission is to run the Unity Ultra on the 21st of March - that's 51 miles (82kms) for the 51 lives lost during the Christchurch mosque attacks. We're running with a small group of amazing runners starting in Akaroa and finishing up in Hagley Park near the Al Noor mosque. We are running in remembrance and raising money for Red Cross NZ see the link below. No donation is too small.

We have an awesome running coach Lisa Tamati who is training us through this epic adventure. Nico still seems to have way more energy at the end of our long runs and easily races past me when we do our weekly speed work outs.

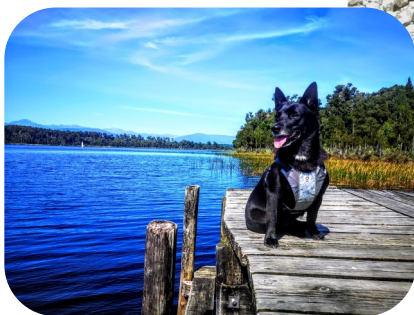
Our biggest challenge is keeping Nico cool and making sure that her feet are not too hot on the road. She has a running harness and Kool collar from D-fa Dogs and Swamp vest from Further Faster. All seem to be working well in our training runs and our last race. Purina has donated a generous amount of Pro Plan to get her into peak condition. Animates has donated some essential health care and grooming items.

When she's not working or running we are often out having fun adventures, kayaking, canyoning, rafting, tramping, hunting and ski touring!

Follow us on instagram
@nico_adventure_kelpie

Nico and I hope everyone is balancing all the work with Canine Friends with some PAWSOME adventures!

Kind Regards,
Leeann and Nico 🐾



Bradley visiting Palmerston North Hospital

This happened to Barb Adlington and her Golden Retriever Dog, Bradley when they visited the Palmerston North Hospital – Childrens Ward and I thought it was a lovely story.

"Bradley and I went to the Children's ward yesterday. On arrival the staff asked me to keep Bradley away from a little boy who had been badly savaged by two dogs. We carried on visiting the other children.

This little boy was watching us then came up to me and told me all about how these two dogs had bitten him then he asked if he could pat Bradley. They ended up being the best of friends. The staff were thrilled that Bradley could help this little boy after his terrible ordeal".

Best wishes from Ann Evans

Open Day at the Annual Life Flight Fundraising Event in Wellington

We had a total of nine members rostered over the day.

Many young families attend the Open Day so the dogs received a lot of attention from pre schoolers.

This photo is of Fudge christening his scarf on his first Canine Friends outing.

Regards, Margaret Ranum LO Wellington



Welcome Fudge



This is a lovely shot of Wellington Member, **Carol Colgate** and her dog, **Charlie** along with Clive Button at the Life Flight Open Day. Clive is the son of Peter Button, who was a rescue helicopter pilot who lost his life in a flying accident.

Thank you to our members who supported us on the day.

Margaret



BooBoo visiting Queenstown Resort College

BooBoo visits Queenstown Resort College once a term (four times a year) when the assessment workload is increasing for students. BooBoo with her owner, Sue Bartlett, visits student groups that are on campus giving and receiving much love. Many students come from families with dogs and as students are studying away from home for 2 years while they complete their Management Diplomas, having a canine friend come in makes them very happy.

Sue Bartlett—
Wanaka



Sarah Lewis



Chris Mathias



Emma Dunne

New Member—Kelly visiting Raeburn Rest Home in Waipa

I am with greyhound Kelly all set for visiting Raeburn rest home in Leamington. Waipa. We will be visiting once a fortnight on a Wednesday. Kelly is five a recently retired racing hound, so new to the life of being a pet. She is a very gentle soul who just loves attention. She also loves sleeping and digging our garden for us.

Regards
Frances Casey



Jambo at St Andrews Village Glendowie Auckland Christmas party.

Regards Sheryl Mungall

In Memorium

Our beautiful Bosco

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Bosco, the social Schnauzer, who, along with his Mum Ingrid and Dad Graham charmed the residents at **Harbourview Retirement Home in Papakowhai**, the clients at **IDEA Services in Tawa** and the patients at **Kenepuru Hospital**.

Bosco's visits will be missed by many, however, the cheerful wee fellow created many happy memories that will be treasured forever.

Thank you - Bosco, Ingrid and Graham Tyler



The loving memory of Panda

Panda, my beautiful Tibetan Terrier, passed away on the 3rd of February on Monday night at 6.15 up at Massey Vet Hospital in Palmerston North, he was a grand old age of 14 yrs. He went very quickly and peacefully and he will be sadly missed by all his canine doggie friends. Panda has left a big hole in my heart and the many he has touched on his wonderful lifetime.

Panda enjoyed going out visiting, he was always first out the door saying, "come on mum, hurry up and don't forget me". He always loved going for rides in the car, it was called his mobile kennel and he was always the back seat driver. Panda enjoyed his Rest Home visiting in Palmerston North but due to his age it was decided to just pull back and let him enjoy his later life by attending just the events.

Panda enjoyed going to IPU, UCOL Massey University and Freyberg High to visit all the students especially helping with students struggling with their exams. He always met his Canine Doggie friends up in the car park and as he always knew where we were headed so he always liked being in the front. He never missed dressing up and going to the Christmas visits to the Rest Homes in Marton, Feilding, Levin and we went to all the events we could.

I never forgot when Panda and I went off to the A and P show in Feilding. Clyde and Chris had picked Panda and I up and taken us over there. While we were travelling over there, Panda was very busy sniffing out Chris's bag and found Clyde's special biscuits and started eating them. I felt so bad I couldn't replace the ones Panda had helped himself too. Thanks to our "Dogs in Togs Pool Party" at the Makino Pool in Feilding last year Panda learnt what fun it was to swim. We always had such a lot of fun at these organised events whether it was a fun day at the beach or putting a smile on the faces of the elderly at the Rest Homes, every moment was priceless.

So last year was the only time Panda missed the Christmas Rest Homes visits which was very sad as he was not feeling very well. Having spent the festive season at Massey doctors it was then that the doctor gave me the bad news - that he only had 2 to 3 months to live - so I rang Ann and told her the bad news. We were all devastated.

Panda met his Canine Friends for the last time when we had a get together at the Esplanade in Palmerston North at the end of January. It was a really special time as we all, including our canines, boarded the Esplanade model train as it weaved in and around the Esplanade and "the canine express" delighted all those we passed, had a run/walk around the beautiful rose gardens and then lunch at Boho Cafe which allowed us to have all our dogs inside with us. Panda was very tired by the end of our day but it was such a wonderful day for Panda's last visit with his friends.

I appreciate all the support I have received from Ann and my Canine Friends Pet Therapy group. Panda always loved seeing Thumpa, Oakie and Sophie and his many fellow canine friends.

Thank you and kind regards

Pauline Craigie



Welcome to our new members from 30 November to 30 March, 2020. Thank you for becoming a Member and we hope you will enjoy your association with us.

Auckland

Pam Alexander & Barney, Golden Retriever
Karen Bailey & Yoshi, Shih Tzu/Poodle
Sandy Dryden & Bella, Lowchen
Alison Elford & Hannah, Labrador Retriever
Ann Fenner & Max, Spoodle
Naomi Fleming & Mika, Rat Terrier Mix
Adam & Sarah Hay & Maverick, Sheltie
Suzanne Haydon & Guinness, English Labrador
Helen Jenner & Flossie, Poodle Cross
Helen Keir & Molly, Mini Poodle w Bichon Frise
Brenton Lee & Ralph, Labradoodle
Monique & Will Maisey & Ernie, Welsh Corgi
Debby Matulovic & Christie, Golden Retriever X Labrador
Becky Onyett & Monty, Golden Retriever
Melissa Parris & Zee, Pug
Kathryn Tennant & Nelson, Black Labrador

Blenheim

Diana Davies & Leroy, Bichon Frise
Denise Evans & Poppy, Lowchen/Maltese
Janet Everest & Alfie, Poodle
Leslie Hamersley with Gus (Poodle/Bichon) & Lido (Whippet/Collie)
Gay Longbottom & Murphy, Labradoodle
Leisha MacKenzie & Cassie, Spoodle
Robert McArthur & Murphy, Fox Terrier
Annie Percy & Oscar, Schnoodle
Marion Preston with Bono (German Shepherd) & Herby (Jack Russell X)
Elizabeth Welsh & Freddy, Shih Tzu
Angela Wentworth & Bev, Greyhound
Jenny Wills & Riley, Labrador

Christchurch

Pam Elston & Bolly, Dogue de Bordeaux
Jessica O'Donnell & Benji, Labrador cross
Golden Retriever

Foxton/Levin

Raewyn Jones & Mak, Kelpie
Debbie Hastings & Moca, Rottweiler

Hastings

Daryl Olsen & Ted, German Wired Pointer
Mui Fah Wong & Mr Beau Jangles, Swedish Vallhund

Lower Hutt

Rose Cook with Gypsy (Dachshund Cross) & Bambi (Tibetan Spaniel Cross)
Chris Lloyd & Jacqui, Miniature Poodle
Juliane Ludwig & Mila, Shih Tzu

Manawatu

Beverley Ball & Lillie, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Dorothy Chandler & Coco, Mastiff x Staffy
Chelsea Le Roux & Dakota, Siberian Husky
Debbie McCormick & Maggie, West Highland Terrier
Debbie Prattley & Louis, Chocolate Lab Cross
Janet Ritchie & Dido, Griffon

Napier

Jenny Easton & Tegan, Welsh Springer Spaniel
Ashleigh Neave with Johnny (Border Collie) & Michael
Nixon with Florence (Border Collie)

Nelson/Tasman

Sarah Annett & Olive, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Geoff Drewett & Wilson, Golden Retriever
Bron McKenzie & Saffron, Golden Retriever

Northland

Tricia Culina & Rosie, Golden Retriever/ Border Collie Cross
Trista Ecuyer & Harry, Shih Tzu X Bichon

Taranaki

Nicole Higgins & Louie, Maltese
Susan Kenny & Davey, Chihuahua
Gemma Lambourn & Tally, Welsh Springer Spaniel

Tauranga

Jack (John) & Elizabeth Buxton & Sadie, Poodle/Retriever
Camilla Durie & Mia, Golden Retriever
Sharon Ferris & Charlie, Miniature Dachshund
Lynette Hope & Mika, Jack Russell
Brooke Gould & Lulu, French Bulldog

Timaru

Judy Ashworth & Archie, Miniature Schnauzer

Waikato

Tegan Birchall & Ryder, English Springer Spaniel
Frances & John Casey & Kelly, Greyhound
Gillian Malcolm & Kiri, Boxer
Nicola Pere & N Pere, French Bulldog
Bruce Ronald & Tom, Collie Cross
Samantha Simmonds & Chippy, Dachshund Cross
Tiegna Willis Daniels & Millie, Bichon x Maltese

Wellington

Sarah Brown & Kaida, Border Collie
Katey Cowan & Wolfie, Miniature Dachshund
Yvette Dietrich with Trent (Cocker Spaniel) & Sanky Seaborne & Lionel
Karen Kimber & Ella, Labradoodle
Kathy McKechnie & Wolfy, Hunterway X Bearded
Louisa Picker & Fudge, Huntaway Mix
Nicola Wesley & Indi, Labrador

Westport

Jan Leigh & Floss, Border Collie

Whitby to Johnsonville

Debbie Taylor-Edwards & Duke, Border Collie X Springer

Please remember to send your lovely stories and photos to: editor@caninefriends.org.nz It would be most helpful if you could include the name of the dog, owner and person in the photo. Your dog must be wearing his Canine scarf and permission must be given for use of the photo. We have so many photos which could not be included in this issue but will be included in the Winter issue. Thank you from Beverley Jocelyn (Editor)

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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.