



Spring 2020

Welcome to all Members and Friends and Hello to Spring!

President's Report September 2020

Where to start? Perhaps with what is first and foremost in our minds most of the time – Covid-19.

New Zealand's 100 plus days of respite ended on the 12th August when Auckland entered Alert Level Three, the rest of the country Level Two and rest homes were locked down. This is very difficult for facility staff, residents, their families and friends. I know our members are sorely missed and will be welcomed back with much enthusiasm – probably even more so than last time.

On a more positive note, we have recently been asked to regularly contribute articles to the AgedPlus magazine which goes to all aged care facilities and we have just submitted an article by request to the Super Seniors Magazine which goes to 300,000 recipients through the Ministry of Social Development.

Slowly but surely our YouTube channel is expanding – have a look at the latest video clip featuring a wonderful group visit to Massey University.

This newsletter is a vital part of our communication in helping members to feel connected to our organisation.

Those of you who attended our online AGM will recall Nigel King, Global Marketing Manager for Ziwi saying some very kind and encouraging words of what we do and who we are. Nigel has confirmed Ziwi's ongoing support as we enter year three of our partnership agreement.

We are also extremely fortunate and grateful to have continued support from Dogs NZ.

Whilst 2020 hasn't been the easiest for us, please feel appreciated and valued. Let's hope we will soon be able to share our wonderful dogs and help those we visit to feel reconnected once again.

Best Wishes
Vicky Graham



Spring in Kowhai Park by the river in Whanganui.

This beautiful photo of Oakie with the Daffodills was sent to me last Spring by Ann Evans and I love it so much I have included it again this year. Hope you enjoy the wonderful feeling of peace and tranquility which shines through from it. Editor



Sharing our absolute Love

This was such a lovely story that we asked Jono's Mum if we could share it in our newsletter and she has agreed. Not something that Canine Friends actually does but since we had members keen to do it we agreed. They proved to be Stars of the Day. Jono's Mum and family couldn't thank them enough. So lovely to do something special in the community. Ann Evans

It was birthday party time for three lucky Manawatu members with their pooches. It all stemmed from a family enquiry wondering if Canine Friends Pet Therapy could possibly attend her son's birthday party.

Nissa wrote "our son has Downs Syndrome and multiple medical conditions. He uses sign language to communicate. He is a sweet guy who is really small for his age and has a real affinity to animals. He turns 13 years old and has no friends to invite to his birthday. We heard about Canine Friends and wondered whether he could possibly have some surprise canine friends on his birthday instead. It would make his day".

On the day three dogs appeared at the front door. What a surprise for Jono as he opened the door to find Barb and Bradley, Pam and Murphy and Beverley with Lillie all on the doorstep. A birthday to never forget as Jono interacted with all three dogs, had a great time and even helped Barb take Bradley for a walk in the park just next door, joined by the whole family, helpers and dogs. Mum took lots of photos to remember his special day. Pam even managed a little sign language practise that she had been learning so everyone was a "Star".

After the party Mum Nissa wrote "A huge big thank you for organising the ladies to visit with their dogs. Jono had a fabulous time and our other children loved the dogs too. It was fantastic weather and a really smashing way to start his birthday.

We very much appreciate the time the ladies gave us and their kindness and warm interactions with Jono.

Please pass on our gratitude. It really made his day. Now I'm being nagged by our children to get him a dog he can keep! Thank you so much, Nissa"

Jono joined by Bradley, Lillie and Murphy



Oxford visited the Wellington Hospital's Intensive Care

An Aneurysm, a 4 month hospital stay and a dog called Oxford

At first Rick was hesitant about visiting the ICU himself but Oxford is placid and gentle with patients and residents of the facilities he visits and now walks the halls like an old hand. Rick adopted Oxford through the Guide Dog Foundation when he was only 13 months old, already exceedingly well trained. Oxford began his life as a guide dog in Adelaide but he had a high food drive and was easily distracted and didn't make the final selection.

Just out of a coma, and unable to move on her own after suffering a life-threatening ruptured brain aneurysm, a young woman, 23, had a visitor to her bedside. In early January 2017, she was three weeks into an ICU stay in Wellington Hospital and hadn't shown any signs of responsiveness.

Oxford the black Labrador was brought into the ward by owner Rick, only just beginning his career as a therapy dog and the nurses gently placed her hand on his smooth fur. The second time Oxford visited the Wellington Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, the young woman was still under heavy sedation and connected to a tangle of tubes.

But as Oxford was brought to her side she made what her nurses thought to be the first purposeful movement of her own accord and placed a hand on Oxford's head.

After first meeting Oxford, she spent another four and a half months in hospital re-learning things like eating, breathing, depth-perception and walking. Eager to get back to university, she began studying by distance while still in hospital. A month after leaving hospital and moving back in with her parents Oxford and Rick visited her at home. It was the first time she remembered meeting them and the first time Rick had heard her speak. Rick, the young woman's family and Oxford catch up regularly and Oxford still makes weekly rounds at various care facilities, even visiting Victoria University students for stress-free study week.



This is another inspiring Team and a story was featured in the Dominion Post recently. Thank you. Editor

Canine Friends Pet Therapy Committee as elected on 10 June, 2020

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Committee Snippets

1. Please remember to view and use the Canine Friends Pet Therapy website if you have a question or require information—www.caninefriends.org.nz
2. As mentioned by Vicky in her report please view our **You Tube channel** to see more about our dogs.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdnZJ4Apt2bLpdssY2rA>
3. Up to date photos and outings on our **Face book page**.
4. Our Liaison Officers' Appreciation Day has been re-scheduled for 8 March, 2021
5. Pet Expos—we will have a Canine Friends presence at the upcoming Tauranga and Christchurch Pet Expos in September and October. Many thanks to Anna and Gabriella who are organizing them.

Celebrating 30 years of Canine Friends Pet Therapy

Although it has been very difficult to celebrate our 30 years in social groups this year some areas have squeezed in a coffee morning or lunch to meet each other. Vicky and the Committee are extremely appreciative and proud to receive such a warm message, as shown below, from Bonnie.



Hello Vicky.

It was a lovely surprise for us to receive the Certificate of Appreciation. Mum has had it framed for me. I just loved going to all the rest homes and hospital wards in both Whangarei and Wanganui. Mum (Marian), also enjoyed coming with me and we have some nice photos and memories and newspaper cuttings with me and some of our friends. One lovely photo was on the order of service for a lady's funeral, with me sitting on her lap. I especially loved that!

We are both a bit arthritic now, Mum worse than me. Perhaps I should let her have some of the arthritis pills she gives me!!

Lots of love,
Bonnie Barclay

Visiting at Kenepuru Hospital in Porirua

This Article is being included into CCDHB Newsletter and Kenepuru Hospital have given permission for us to include it in our Newsletter.

"The Ward 6 Rehabilitation team want to acknowledge and thank John who brings Arlo (dog) in as a volunteer service into the hospital!

John and Arlo have been helping with therapy practice in our Ward 6 rehabilitation groups recently and it has been so incredible to have John and Arlo supporting clients on their rehabilitation journeys. Their input has been pivotal/acceleratory for some of the rehabilitation gains made by clients on Ward 6.

Thank you John and Arlo! Also thank you Manu (pictured above) for consenting to be in this photograph".

Regards John McGuigan and Arlo.



New Member visiting St. John's Wood

Whisky

Photo of Whisky, Miniature Schnauzer, from Andrea Haycock, a new member here in Taupo.

Whisky will start visiting St. John's Wood when we return to Level One.

Kind regards Vicky Graham, LO Taupo



New Member visiting Mt. Herbert Rest Home in Waipukurau

Prince

Brian and Prince started their CF journey with their first visit to Mt Herbert Resthome in Waipukurau on 2nd July. Prince took to it like a true professional. He had cuddles for everyone. Prince is a Shih-tsu Cavalier King Charles Spaniel mix. He is shown here giving Ngaire a love.

Regards Chris Partridge



New Member in Taupo - Ranger

Photo attached from a new Taupo member, Steph Rangi. This is Ranger, her lovely black Labrador who is looking forward to visiting once the rest homes allow.

Regards Vicky

New Member at Woburn Rest Home in Waipukurau

Mr. Beau Jangles

Mui Fah and Mr Beau Jangles started at Woburn Rest Home in Waipukurau last Friday. It didn't take him long to get into the swing of it! Beau is a Swedish Vallhund.

Regards Chris Partridge, LO Hastings



Sharing the Love in the Community

War Veterans Home in Levin

After a request from the War Veterans Home in Levin asking if some of our members could put on a bit of an entertainment one afternoon for their residents we put together a group of people and their dogs who could demonstrate various aspects of their skills. It was much appreciated by all and the dogs excelled.

They were able to demonstrate their various talents, from scent discrimination by Mak the Kelpie, Lexy the poodle did some CGC Gold exercises of retrieve and send to a mat, Missy the Bichon, the newest and youngest member at just 18 months did various obedience commands, Vegas the Samoyed retrieving a hat from his owners head, Peri did some Paws 'n Music dance moves and the littlest member, Dido the Brussels Griffon played at being 'pass the parcel' happily cuddling up on everyone's knees.

It appears several of the other Rest Homes in the area would like us to visit as well, so we may be busy up until Christmas bringing a little group joy to our various establishments around the Levin/Foxton district.

Members were left to right, Linda with Missy-just starting her Canine Friends career today, Janet with Dido the Brussels Griffon, Sue with Peri, Dennis with Vegas, Colette with Lexy and Raewyn with Mak.

Cheers Sue—LO Levin/Foxton area



New Member—Levin

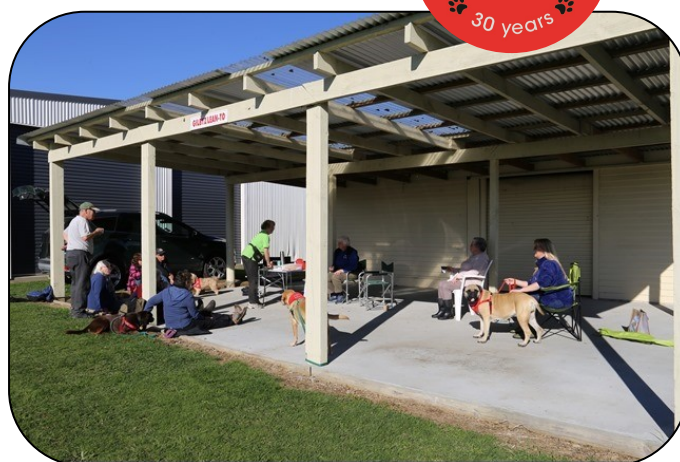
Last week we welcomed new member Raewyn Jones and her Kelpie Mak. They have started visiting **Reevedon Rest Home in Levin** and had a very successful first visit, almost bringing the DT to tears seeing the reaction of a very difficult patient to his visit with Mak.

The **Foxton/Levin** area had a social get together and shared picnic lunch yesterday on a beautiful clear, crisp winters day.

We enjoyed a catch up and sharing of experiences over lockdown, many have already re started visiting or will do in the next week or so. We welcomed 2 new members who were able to catch up with everyone though most were already known to each other through other dog related links.

We mentioned Founders day and members acknowledged they had received their certificates.

Kind regards Sue Clarke—LO Foxton/Levin





Katja and Jessie, Debbie and Busta, Daryl and Ted

Thank you to Katja for speaking on behalf of Canine Friends Pet Therapy at the HBDHB Pharmacists Conference in Hawkes Bay

On 7th March we attended the HBDHB Pharmacists Conference. There were hospital pharmacists from across New Zealand attending.

Katja gave a speech about the benefits of dogs in ICU which they were particularly interested in. Katja and her gorgeous black Labrador cross, Jessie, have been visiting the Hawkes Bay ICU unit for a number of years so has plenty of experience in this area.

Also attending was Daryl Olsen and Ted, Debbie Watts and Busta and Chris Partridge.

Once our talk had finished and questions answered there was a rush for doggie cuddles, which was fabulous.

Thanks to Amanda Rich from the DHB who instigated this visit.

Kind regards Chris Partridge

Whangamata Food Bank Fundraiser & Dog Park Agility Course

On Wednesday 15th July at 12.00 noon The Whangamata Food Bank held a fundraiser to help with raising funds for families in need in Whangamata.

Despite the weather being rather wet and windy, the event went ahead with locals arriving, raincoats and umbrellas to add their support to the event. There was a raffle, sausage sizzle and drinks.

Dog owners were challenged to try out the Agility Course available, which was a lot of fun to watch the owners in their raincoats persuading their dogs to go out in the rain. There were some clever displays. No, I stayed under the cover of my umbrella.,

Denva and I (Kaye Kale) attended with Mary Ivory and Coco, new members representing Canine Friends Pet Therapy.

Kind regards Kaye Kale & Denva



New Member - Coco

Mary Ivory is a registered nurse and her dog, Coco, is a 3 1/2 year old black Greyhound.

Coco was adopted at 18 months old, unraced. She did not show that she had significant prey drive to race. Coco is a lovely quiet natured girl, very calming to be around and Mary finds that people who are wary of dogs gravitate to her.

Mary and Coco volunteer at Moana House on weekends and Denva and I volunteer at Moana House through the week.

Kind regards Kaye Kale

Denva is also in the photo

Manawatu Group are very active in their Community

On Tuesday 21 July 8 Manawatu dogs and their owners enjoyed the company of the students and staff at the UCOL Library in Palmerston North. Numbers were limited due to the library space but everyone who went had a very enjoyable time. We then went to the "Coffee on the Terrace" Cafe for lunch but due to the weather and the fact we lunched inside the dogs had to stay in our vehicles. We all enjoyed the day.

Ann Evans



Bingo enjoying pats



Buddy



Across the room



Murphy

On Tuesday (August) an excited group took up an invitation to once again visit **IPU (International Pacific Unit) in Palmerston North**. They were also celebrating their 30 years and is always a great day out when we visit the students and staff here. Eleven dogs made the students laugh and smile throughout our visit.

A big thanks to Sue, LO Levin, for bringing her husband to take such great photos. Ann Evans

This visit will be featured in the Summer Newsletter as there are so many gorgeous photos which I cannot do justice to now. Editor



Manawatu Area displays how versatile they are when visiting

On Thursday 5 March we were invited to **IPU in Palmerston North** to be part of their promotion of their facility.

Their message was to portray student life at IPU and we have always been a big part of it which was indeed a compliment to us visiting.

Ten dogs attended the visit in their library and we were presented with a donation for our visit as well as enjoying our usual lunch with the students at the end of our visit outside the Dining Hall

Regards Ann Evans



Over the weekend of the **14 and 15 March the New Zealand Rural Games were held in the Palmerston North Square.**

We were lucky enough to be present on a roster system with the object of mingling with the public. Over the two days we had over 20 dogs show their good behavioural skills amongst the crowds attending.

Amongst the many strange noises they were all absolute ambassadors as well as getting many pats and chats. An excellent article was written in the local paper featuring the NZ Games and Canine Friends..

Ann Evans



Peri meets an opposum



Members mingling over the two days at the Games



Manawatu Area Group on the Canine Friends Express



These photos were taken on our group outing to start the year off. We went to the **Esplanade in Palmerston North**.

As we arrived the model train operators were just setting up their notices and asked if we would like a ride on the train. The Canine Friends Express took off on the full course around the Esplanade with many an indifferent look from those we passed. Normally dogs are not allowed on the train so this was a very special treat and even big Thump squashed himself into a carriage.

The volunteers who organise the train were so excited about our ride that they followed us around while aboard and took many photos of us. After our train ride we exercised our dogs in the Rose garden area before all going to lunch at Boho Cafe where our dogs were allowed inside with us. A great start to our Year.

Ann Evans - Event Coordinator Manawatu



Kaye & Gary in the Rose Gardens



Ten dogs enjoyed the morning's activities and another 2 joined us for lunch. Ann



Manawatu Canine Friends Express—lovely photos continued



Gary & Tess



Pam & Murphy



Lois & Izzy



Pauline and Panda



Chris & Mylo



Niki and Brodie



New Member - Sadi

Lexham Park Katikati

I have enclosed a photo of Sadi, owner Jack Westmoreland and Janet Fosberry Tauranga Liaison Officer visiting **Lexham Park Katikati** for their first visit.

A very successful visit with Sadi cleaning up the carpet!

Thanks Janet



Please send your stories/photos, including wearing a Scarf to: Beverley Jocelyn at editor@caninefriends.org.nz
Please use the Website to keep up to date with current events and information. It would also be appreciated if you would include your dog's name, owner's name and the place you are visiting.

Canine Friends help students to return to University

July 13-17th was the first week back on campus after lock-down for students at **Victoria University of Wellington**. Following a long period of online learning in isolation, some students were understandably anxious about returning to the close confines of halls of residence and lecture theatres. To address this, Victoria University organised Wellness Week to coincide with Orientation Week and invited Canine Friends to provide some furry kindness for stressed students.

New Canine Friends member Louisa Picker said "It was a very worthwhile event. All of the students that came to sit with us were so happy and positive. Many of them said it should be a regular thing. Some said they missed their dogs and not having interaction with an animal was a real downside of flatting. A couple said they came to Uni today feeling really anxious and this really changed their mindset. They absolutely loved it. We had a great time too."

The University staff were grateful: "Our students had a wonderful time with the Canine Friends therapy dogs and gave us positive feedback that the dogs were soothing, de-stressing, comforting, brought happiness, relaxation and gave them energy to attend classes. Thank you for helping us achieve our goal of welcoming students back to campus and reducing their anxiety". A pre-exam event later in the academic year is now being planned with the University. Shown here is Louisa's Fudge, being petted by 5-6 students at once and lapping up the attention, whilst showing the empathy that our dogs portray so well. - *Helen Moriarty, Wellington LO.*



Our new member, Fudge, enjoying lots of pats



New Member - Jess

Lorraine Handley's Jess all ready to head off for her first visit to Eileen Mary Rest Home in Dannevirke .

Regards Chris Partridge

Manawatu at Christmas

Theo dressed for the Christmas spirit



Manawatu Area belated vibrant Christmas photos

On Friday, 6 December I visited **Virginia Lodge in Wanganui** with my Canines for their Xmas visit. It was such a lovely visit and Nancy celebrated her 107th birthday the next day. Ann Evans



Staff incl. Diversional Therapist Sharon (with red hat)



Nancy



Betty



Noni



John

On Thursday 19 December a small group from the **Manawatu** visited **Opal Ward at the Palmerston North Hospital**.

Regards Ann Evans



The Wanganui group on a Xmas visit to **Kowhanui in Wanganui**. See photo below of Chris & Ann with their lovely dogs



Welcome to our new Members from 1 April, 2020 to 31 August, 2020.

Thank you for becoming a Member and we hope you enjoy your association with us.

Auckland

Morisha Ali & Mygo, Golden Retriever,
Jo Broadhead & Henry, Golden Retriever
Nicole Bryant & Elsie, Labrador Weimaraner cross
Atlas Christie and Tui Penman & Titan, German Shepherd
Alison Hofmeyr & Tai, Labradoodle
Kerstin Kussmaul and Andreas Barth & Bennie, Labradoodle
Ruth Cristina Luna & Rafa, Labrador cross Sharpei
Kris Maddren & Bea, Beagle
Sarah Peters & Ally, Golden Retriever
Sarah Philp & Louie, Poodle cross
Janet Wallis & Ellie, Schnoodle
Janice Wong & Kobe, German Shepherd
Louise Wong & Rupert, Cavalier King Charles

Blenheim

Janice Elliott & Honey, Labradoodle

Christchurch

Rachael Amalfitano & Maximus, Golden Retriever
Charlotte Dowson-Dreaver & Leo, Papillon
Sarah Morley & Daisy, Golden Retriever
Phillipa Shepherd & Flo, Maltese/Shitzu|
Amanda Shipton & Fatbob, Pug cross

Foxton/Levin

Linda Kluger & Missy, Bichon Frise

Hastings

Sophie Budvietas & Ursula, Retriever-cross
Brian Peterson & Prince, Shih-tzu crossed with a Cavalier King Charles spaniel
Kieran Talbot & Henry, Poodle x Labrador

Lower Hutt

Hannah Cranston & Blue, Heading x

Napier

Anne Corney & Hunter, Golden Retriever
Olivia De Pree & Ember, Mixed breed
Dianne Eales & Duke, Shar Pei/Labrador

Nelson-Tasman

Jacqui Cole & Lizzie, German Shepherd
Brenda Halliwell & Rocky, Labrador X Retriever
Jill O'Brien & Ninja, Border Collie
Sue O'Riordan & Zsa Zsa, Miniature poodle
Karen Pettit & Finn, Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle Mix)

Northland

Kathryn & Chris O'Brien & Bella, Golden Labrador

Queenstown

Annette Bashford & Kate, Heading Dog Short haired Collie
Marijke Dunselman & Jessi, Labrador Retriever
Judith Ostronic & Audrey, Springer Huntaway X
Helen Reed & Tui, Bernese Mountain Dog

Taranaki

Ian Schofield & Peppa, Miniature Schnauzer

Taupo

Andrea Haycock & Whisky, Miniature Schnauzer
Steph Rangi & Ranger, Black Labrador

Tauranga

Michelle Barrett & Nyia, York Shire Terrier
Gay and Gary O'Toole & Phoebe, Poodle/Shitsu
Michael Wright & Scout, German Short Haired Pointer
Lynette Mettam & Odie, Labradoodle

Waikato

Laura Jeffries & Luca, Chocolate Labrador
Alex and Rebecca McIntosh & Doug, Golden Retriever
Denny McNae & Peanut, Poodle x Westie
Rebecca Milligan & Ellie, English Springer Spaniel
Maree Palmer & Harlie, Mini Schnauzer
Kate Pudney & Comet, Silky Terrier/ Toy Poodle X
Lisa Pulman & Boomer, Boxer
Barry Ridgway & Molly, Border Collie
Shriranshini Satheakeerthy and Vivek Rajasekaran & Juju, Japanese Spitz
Sarah Strong & Mavro, Labrador

Wairarapa

Pat Dance & Maude, Belgian Shepherd (Groenendal)
Lynne Phillips & Patsy, Bichon/Poodle/Foxy

Wanaka

Stellar Nepia & Rubi, Golden Retriever

Wellington

Verity Vender & Rusty, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Whakatane

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Whanganui

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