



Summer 2017



Christmas Greetings to Everyone (fourlegged treasures as well)

The festive season is fast approaching although the shops have been telling us this for months and we are lucky our dogs don't simply droll over the festive goodies in the shops and make wish lists like our children do/did in the countdown to the day. Has anyone written to Santa on behalf of their canine?

It is also a very sad time for some of the friends we have made over the year as naturally families get very busy during the month of December and then January comes and it is summer holiday time, and, of course, we are not always able to visit as much as normal. There are also those we have treasured memories of, who will not be with us. This is where, as Canine Friends Pet Therapy, we can help by bringing an extra smile and friendly greeting along with us on our visits, even adorn a set of Christmas ears, a bit of tinsel on the dog or both and bring that extra bit of happy space to their day. They all have happy memories of what Christmas used to be with their families and in a lot of cases will not be able to happen again. Many of you will also enjoy a group visit to a particular Resthome and maybe a chat/coffee to finish which is lovely for all concerned but a special mention goes to our elderly at this time of the year as these times will never be forgotten.



Our last committee meeting of the year has been held and after our meeting we enjoyed lunch at Little India where our Founder, Eileen Curry, whizzed in on her scooter to join us and it was a great finish off for the year. You are so lucky to have the benefit of such a great committee (as am I of course) but really it is a pleasure to be part of. There is such a lot of hard work goes on in that meeting room all for the betterment of our Organisation. This meeting we had our first visual link with Vicky in Taupo and Rachel in Auckland, which on the whole for a first time went great, as before we have used phone conferencing so all you members out there, there is a place for you next year on committee without moving out of your comfy chair and it also means we can have representation from all over the country. Applications will, as normal, be closed for December and January to give our new members co-ordinator and our wonderful hard-working Liaison Officers, which you all have, to catch a breath and also to catchup with any outstanding applications so as to start afresh from February.

During the first week of December we (myself plus both our Field Officers Chris and Carol) will be trying to meet as many members as possible in the Deep South as we travel through Oamaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, Queenstown and Wanaka plus any in between and enjoy the famous Deep South hospitality.

On behalf of your committee we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable Festive Season.

Ann Evans
President



From front left is Eileen Curry, Victoria (Treasurer), Leanne (Secretary), Ann (President), Annette, Chris (Nth Island Field Officer), Anne and Beverley (Editor)



Current SNIPPETS from our Committee for all Members



TV 1 NEWS on Sunday night 26 November, 2017

Rick Mudgeway and Oxford make weekly visits to the Wellington Hospital's Intensive Care Unit and this hospital is one of a few in the country to implement pet therapy. Associate charge nurse, Tracy McKee, was first inspired to trial the idea two years ago when she heard a presentation on it at the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Conference. Pet Therapy was already happening on the Paediatric ward within the Capital & Coast District Health Board so she knew her proposal was achievable. Hospital policy requires dogs to be clean, with up-to-date vaccinations and to pass behaviour and training tests.



Rick and Oxford now visit the ICU every Thursday. Before Oxford approaches, permission is sought from patients and their families in case of any allergies or fear of dogs but he is not allowed in the isolation rooms. "Oxford excels as a pet therapy dog" said Tracy McKee. "Bigger dogs are also more suited to ICU patients in beds or chairs. Oxford is of real benefit to our longer-term patients, reducing their stress and anxiety levels and their need for analgesia.. He can be very useful as a distraction, too, for example for respiratory patients weaning off mechanical ventilation." This initiative has sparked interest nationally and internationally.

Click on the link below to view the interview or it can be viewed on our Canine Facebook page.

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/meet-labrador-whos-making-all-difference-patients-in-wellington-intensive-care-unit>

"Reading to the Dogs" programmes have become so successful and the dogs who are visiting the children are very special. Tracey Armstrong from Freyberg High Library was extremely impressed with Pam and Murphy with their first visit for her programme and she now has 14 students waiting to join the programme. She also has a special needs unit which could also benefit from our special dogs.

On Friday 27 October an invitation was given to visit the Freyberg High School Library in Palmerston North by Tracey their librarian. We had met Tracey when she had worked at IPU so she was wanting to replicate our visits we did there. Her suggestion was of a small group and to also visit their special needs class. Seven dogs attended the session and were overwhelmed by the student response as were the librarians.

All went very well and at the end of the lunch hour we met some of their special needs unit and are going to trial a reading programme with them and one of our members. I think by the response and the hard task of getting the pupils back to class may mean we will be invited back. A pleasure.

Ann

Right—Bondi



Right— Simon & Amber





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In Memorium

Woody as we knew and loved him, passed away in his sleep recently at the age of 11 suffering a sudden heart attack.

Woody's full name is Ch Rodwell Oceans Away, born on 27/04/2006 a black, brindle and white puppy in a litter of 8 siblings and was from then on a very popular member of Bridget Smeeton's Cardigan Corgi family in Feilding. He was a son of the well known pet therapy dog Barty whose story featured in our Anniversary Book, which is where his wonderful personality came from and has since passed this on to his daughters Bella who is at home with Bridget and Piper who resides these days in Germany.

He had a very successful Show career plus gained his Canine Good Citizen Silver Award on the Obedience side

Bridget says "he just loved to be laughed at! Adored children and how ever hard they would lay on top of him he never ever lifted a lip to anyone. He was the pack leader in my yard of Cardigan Welsh Corgis and everyone respected him. He was so fit and well so his sudden heart attack was devastating and so unexpected. Since his passing Bella and Dodge his best mates still insist on me when I have been out in the car that I open the car door just to prove I had not brought him home again."

He visited many Resthomes in Palmerston North and Feilding during his time as a Canine Friend as well as many schools and Massey University invitational visits which they all enjoyed meeting our Woody. Miss you Woody.

Regards Ann on behalf of Bridget Smeeton



Freyberg High School cont'd



Simon



Zaria



Murphy



Sophie & Thumpa

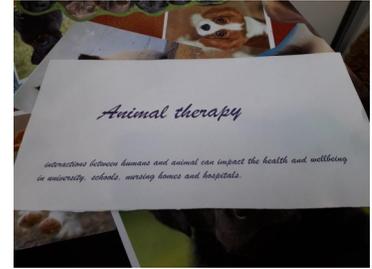
Canine Friends Dogs helping People

Please see the Article below which showcases our dog teams of Graham and Rexie (Huntaway) and Rich Mudgeway and Oxford (Labrador) who gave their time to 3 girls from Queen Margaret College who undertook a Pet Therapy project. Thank you so much from all of us.

Exerpt from Catherine McIntyre

“Thank you so much for putting us in touch with Rick & Oxford and Graham and Rexie. The girls project was extremely rewarding which resulted in a very successful exhibition, supported by both Rick & Graham. The time and interest both gentlemen showed towards the girls was heartwarming and incredibly generous and kind.

Attached are some photos of the girls (Charlotte, Sophia and Riley) with Graham and Rexie and Rick and Oxford and a photo of their artwork; a paper mache dog and cat.”



This is a basic summary of the girl's project:

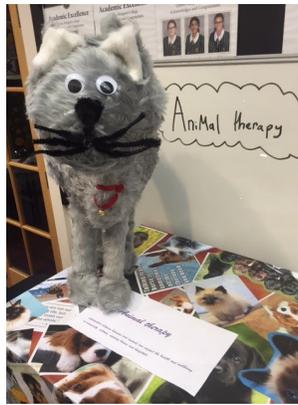
“Three girls, in Year 6, at Queen Margaret College spent Term 3 totally immersed in an inquiry project on a topic which reflected their interest.

The girls; Charlotte-Jane Mears, Sophia Commisso and Riley Gifford chose Animal Therapy. Interactions between humans and animals can impact the health and wellbeing (such as rehabilitation, recovery, stress, anxiety, learning, disabilities) in younger people and in environments such as university, schools and hospitals.

The girls carried out research, visited and interviewed people such as a dog day care centre, the Wellington SPCA and Pet Therapy Dogs, carried out observations by bringing a dog to school every day for two weeks, and then exhibited their work, through various forms of written work, art, music and French, on 26 September to the school community and families.”



Graham and Rexie with girls



Paper mache Cat



Rick and Oxford with Charlotte, Sophia & Riley



“Maisie at the Tahunanui Community Centre in Nelson back in September where she got lots of pats and cuddles from toddlers and their Mums ---- and a photo with our PM when she was on her election campaign



Canine Friends Dogs helping People

Summerset in the Bay, Napier

Jo and Steve Fox visit Summerset with their beautiful dog, Niko, who is now 5 yrs old.. Jo says "that they met Sybil 3 yrs ago when they first started visiting with Niko. My Partner, Steven, recognised Sybil. Sybil is now in her 90's but many years ago she was the tea lady at Napier Inland Revenue Dept where Steve used to work and remembers her! Now Sybil has tea made for her."

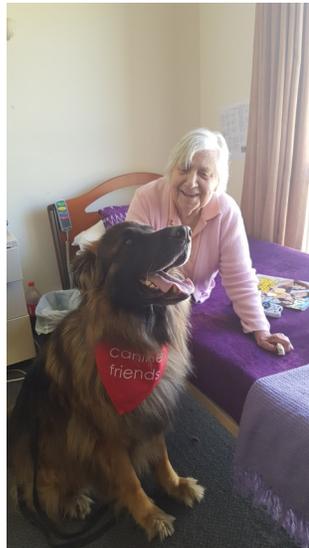
Regards Jo and Steve Fox with Niko.



Eddie Kay & Niko



Sybil Mathews & Niko



Nellie Chapman



Gloria Easterbrook & Niko



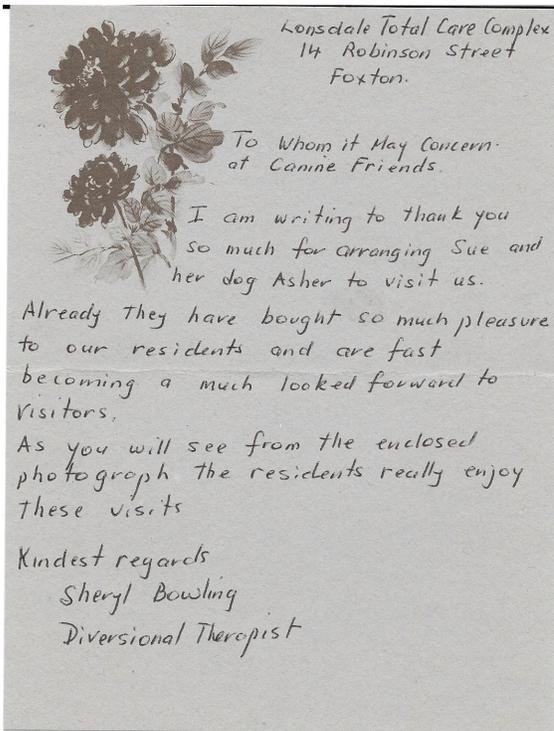
Kathryn McAdam & Niko

Volunteers Week

Vicky Graham has sent this clipping from the Taupo Times showing St John's Wood acknowledging their Volunteers. Lesley Cotterill and Stella have been visiting for 7 yrs. What a wonderful achievement. Congratulations.



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Lonsdale Total Care Complex

"When I first heard about Canine Friends Pet Therapy I thought my young Greyhound, Asher, would be a good candidate, but it took me a couple of years to getting around to having him assessed! He's a funny mix of being totally unflappable but having no confidence, and needs plenty of time to work things out for himself. Then he's good to go.

Asher passed his assessment with flying colours and I was pleased we have been assigned to our local rest home in Foxton. We've been visiting once a fortnight for a couple of months now and he is a big hit. Asher is very laid back and tends to lie down and make himself comfortable if we're spending more than a few minutes with someone. He's happy to stand and wait for some of the residents to get brave enough to pat him ... while I feed him treats for being a good boy :)

It's taken a while, but he's starting to feel more at ease there now and is enjoying our outings. He takes everything in his stride and does everything I ask of him, as long as I don't expect him to do things quickly ;)

Seeing the joy his visits bring to many of the residents I only wish I had made contact with Canine Friends sooner! Asher appreciates having an outing with just him and me so it's a win/win arrangement.

Merry Christmas everyone, from Sue and Asher"





Dogs helping Children — Rolleston College

At the beginning of November, 2017 the College welcomed Sarah Sharratt and Frosty who have offered their services to the learners at Rolleston College. Sarah and Frosty will be visiting once a week for the remainder of the term and exploring different support options for learners.

Thank you Sarah for your support. Editor



Our Canine Friends Christchurch group

Sunday morning and our Christchurch Canine Friends Pet Therapy group are out and about. Eleven members joined our walk with our well behaved dogs including past the memorial wall and then we all went for a coffee.

Regards Carol.

I went for a quick visit while in Christchurch and met with Lois, Annette and Carol Millican who is our South Island Field Officer. Thanks Ann Evans



Our Canine Friends having fun on Foxton Beach

In July the Palmerston North and Manawatu and Rural members had a mid winter get together at Foxton Beach.

On a somewhat cold day we lunched at Simply Balmy Cafe at the Beach but without the dogs as their dog friendly area is outside, the sun then shone so we had a brisk walk along the beach with all the dogs.

Regards Chris Partridge and Ann Evans



Dogs visiting Children—Halcombe School in Manawutu

On Monday 4 September Halcombe School in the Manawatu was the place to find some Canine Friends.

An Invitation from Kylie year 2/3 teacher invited a small group along to talk to her class of 22 who were studying “how people help animals and how animals help people”.

Her class were amazing as had researched their projects well and had all written a question for us to answer ranging from what do we do when visiting to what sort of dogs do we have, how do we train them etc and at the end of the session they all wanted to join when they got older. We had a small talk about us, answered their questions and then the best part was patting and cuddling the dogs, followed by a group photo.



What a lovely Class of happy children with Canine Friends

On this visit we took 2 greyhounds Lucy and Cobby belonging to Rachel, a miniature schnauzer Murphy belonging to Pam and 2 golden retrievers Sophie and Oakie belonging to Ann.

Thank you to Halcombe School and their lovely teacher for having us come in to your classroom. Ann Evans



Lucy being adored



Lucy & Cobby more pats



Murphy in the middle



Sophie meets Sophie



Sophie & Oakie



More cuddles with Sophie & Oakie





Dogs reading with Children

Remarkables Primary School in Queenstown

Another very successful reading programme with the dogs. Photos sent by Beryle LO for Queenstown

Thank you to our wonderful members and their canine friends.
Editor



New Member visiting Elderslea Rest Home Upper Hutt

Sharon Frew and the lovely Bree have just started visiting Elderslea Rest home and have been made very welcome.

I went along for the first visit and we were both amazed when we went into the Dementia unit at how some of the residents could recall their dogs they had owned in the past.

Regards Julie McRae—Upper Hutt



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Wishing all Members and their Canine Friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

