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Adrienne Staples has loving shared her story about her Schipperke dogs -Daisy & Trek. See page 30 to learn about their adverntures on their Featherston

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### From the President...

Last month we lost a muchrespected Judge, Club Administrator and friend, Gordon Rumpler, Gordon was always the gentleman and much admired for his dedication to the dog world. He will be greatly missed by us all.



Clubs may be interested in a page on the website listing all

the judges who have officiated at shows in New Zealand since 2019 and the groups they have judged. The link can be found at www.dogsnz.org.nz/pdfs/judges-appointments-nz.pdf. This is a very useful tool when selecting judges for your future shows.

By now many of you will have seen that PD Insurance, our preferred insurance partner, has launched "DogsNZ Insurance". This is an amazing product tailored for our members and their puppy buyers. I thoroughly recommend that you take the time to log on to the website at www.dogsnz.org.nz/dogsnz/insurance and check out the great offers available.

Congratulations to the Agility section on the wonderful entry for this years NZ Dog Agility Competitions to be held in Morrinsville over Labour weekend. The sport continues to go from strength to strength. A lot of the success of agility can be attributed to the Agility Committee's constant endeavour to keep the sport fresh and relevant. An example is the move to adopt "hoopers" into the program. When you get an opportunity have a look at hoopers online. I'm sure many of you could very easily be able to take part and have some fun times with your dogs.

Also, over Labour weekend the National Dog Training Assembly is to be held in Levin. Geoff Collins informs me that they too have received a great entry which is up on last year. Well done to the Dog Training Committee.

I am pleased to announce that we will be holding two FCI CACIB shows in the lower North Island in April at the Manfield site. This will be the opportunity for many of you to complete your CIB titles. \*

> Brian Harris President

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

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### **CANINE CORNER**

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## **Flooring Choice & Dogs**

We want to manage a dog's environment to avoid risk of injuries caused by slips, trips, and falls. Young dogs whose growth plates have not closed can suffer injuries when they slip or fall on a hard floor, for example. Generally speaking, all hard floor surfaces are unforgiving to joints which add wear and tear over a dog's life and exacerbate arthritic conditions.

However, as a mobile practitioner, I see an increasing number of new build homes which incorporate hard and slippery floors; these are marketed as easy to clean and stain resistant. (Whether these surfaces are compatible with the long-term impacts of a dog's claws as they run and play remains debatable.)

A flooring choice is a trade-off between budget, aesthetics, and practicality. I am currently looking to replace carpet in my home and so a deep dive into flooring choices has been warranted.

If you are thinking exclusively about how easy a floor is to clean, then sources will tell you to ditch carpet and choose scratch resistant laminate, vinyl, tiles, or hardwood. I have ruled these out, however, because of the risks to joint health; there is also documented research about the benefits of carpet for people, which is transferrable to our dogs:

"The higher frictional properties of carpets result in fewer falls, and the better resilience of carpets means that when a person does fall, there is less likely to be injury"

There are other considerations, too, when choosing carpet. Environmental exposure is a real issue and, since our dogs live on the floor and are inside more than we are over the course of a normal day, they have an increased risk of exposure.

Any new carpet will 'off gas,' releasing volatile organic compounds that are used in the manufacture of the carpet, such as from the glues that bind the carpet fibres to its backing. Headaches, dizziness, and nausea are the primary symptoms. The US EPA has published guidelines which indicate that vacuuming daily with a vacuum equipped with a HEPA filter and cleaning with a hot water extraction system will reduce new carpet emissions. Ventilating the home thoroughly over the first 72 hours is also recommended.

Wool carpets have been found to be an effective thermal insulator, saving 8-13% of heating and cooling costs, with the greatest thermal insulation provided by thick carpets on underlays ". For an older or arthritic dog, good insulation is important. In winter, get down on all fours in your home and feel the temperature variation.

In terms of safety, a wool carpet will be less flammable than a synthetic one, keeping both me and my dog safer should an ember from the wood fire escape. Research has found that wool will not ignite easily and will often self-extinguish. "

NZ-based research by institutions AgResearch and its predecessors, the Wool Research Organisation of New Zealand and Canesis, have studied the potential of wool carpets and fabrics to purify indoor air. In those studies, it was found that wool neutralises contaminants such as formaldehyde, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides more quickly than synthetic carpet fibres and does not re-emit them. It was suggested that wool carpet may continue purifying the air for up to 30 years, (although I doubt my carpet will last that long). iv

Finally, you must make a choice about how to clean carpet in a petfriendly way. Hot water cleaning and rinsing is clearly preferable to the very toxic perchloroethylene dry cleaning powder I see on the shelf of my local carpet retailer. As a toxic chemical, exposure can cause adverse effects ranging from headaches and nausea to damage of the kidney, liver, immune, reproductive, and hematologic systems.



Wyatt approves of his owner's choice of carpet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Wool Research Organisation of NZ, Technical Bulletin, Consumer Properties of Carpets, January 1998

AgResearch Limited, Technical Bulletin, The Thermal Properties of Wool Carpets, 2016

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> AgResearch, Technical Bulletin, The Removal of Air Contaminants by Wool Textiles, August 2015

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## **Christmas in July**

Supplied by Sue Pinnow & Kathryn Stewart

On the weekend of July 22nd and 23rd, **Gore & Districts Kennel Association** with Waimate Kennel Society held 4 very successful open shows with super entries at McLean's Island, Christchurch.

A "Christmas in July" stage was set complete with Santa Claus, a Christmas tree, scattered decorations, coffee cart and BBQ.

Whilst the weather was far from kind, both Clubs pitched in, along with Show Manager Mr Tony Kessler, to provide "our doggy family" a super weekend of shows that were rewarding for our judges, stewards, junior/adult handlers, exhibitors, and their beloved dogs. We had something for everyone!!

Gore & Districts Kennel Association and Waimate Kennel Society would like to say "thank you" to everyone who helped make this weekend a huge success. We send our thanks and appreciation to NUTRIENCE for their wonderful support.

Enjoy a few photos from the event, courtesy of Jorga Dixon Photography. 📽

































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# Liaison Officers, the driving force behind Canine Friends

Supplied by Leanne Gibson, Secretary

On Saturday September 2nd, we held our annual Liaision Officer Day at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington. This is an important event as it allows our regional Liaison Officers to share ideas, discuss new initiatives and policies and, most importantly, meet each other in person. We have 33 volunteer Liaison Officers located throughout the country. Our Liaison Officers are the driving force behind Canine Friends. Without their skill and commitment our organisation would not exist.

Liaison Officers are responsible for arranging the assessment of new applicants, then assigning the new member to a facility and providing ongoing support and guidance. The Liaison Officer also maintains contact with key staff in the facilities within their region. In bigger regions, the Liaison Officer has a support team consisting of assessors, a placement officer, an event manager and member support. They are passionate about the pet therapy services they help deliver. We asked a few of them to share their favourite pet therapy story:

• I was showing a new member and their dog around with the Diversional Therapist (DT). We visited the room of a man who had been an alcoholic and was quite morose and uncommunicative. I stood in the door way and watched while the new member and

her dog went in. The man's face lit up, he smiled and talked just to the dog. The DT had to leave the room with tears in her eyes as she had never seen him react to anything before. It just showed me the power of what a brief encounter with a dog can make!

- Ivisit at a hospice. One of my regular patients had passed but I did
  not know until arrival at the meeting room. However, they were
  holding a quiet memorial for her and on the table was a number
  of pictures of her experiences at the hospice and there were my
  dogs in separate pictures centre stage. It was mentioned that
  pet therapy visits were her most favourite time at the hospice.
  It just emphasised to me how much impact our dogs have on
  people lives.
- I have visited one person for the last five years. Sadly I watched her deterioration and the loss of her ability to speak. One day when she had not spoken for at least a year I put my dog on her knee. She gave a big smile and managed 'I love you'. Her speech was a surprise for everyone around. It was a magical moment.

On behalf of our committee and members we wish to thank Dogs New Zealand for continuing to support us and seeing our organisation as part of the Dogs NZ family.



If you and your dog would like to join us, please visit: www.caninefriends.org.nz

# Junior Dwg Training

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### Hi De Hi Campers!!

The year is going by in a flash – spring is here, shows are coming thick and fast, and those going to the obedience or agility nationals are training hard. Even more exciting for junior dog trainers all around the country, preparations for Junior Dog Training Camp 2024 are well under way! This is a chance for juniors (up to 20 years) and their dogs to get together for a week packed with learning, training, activities, friendships and team challenges.

This year the camp will be held at Woodend Camp in Christchurch from the 15-19 of January. It alternates between the North and South Island, so if Christchurch is too far you can always hang out for next year! For many juniors though, the trip to camp, whether driving or flying, is part of the fun! And if you don't have a dog you can bring? No problem, you can borrow one for camp (who will probably become your next best friend).

At camp you'll learn about many different disciplines of training, which may include obedience, agility, rally-o, tricks, scentwork and more. You'll gain a deeper bond with your dog as you train and have fun together. Other years there have been speakers from vets, sled dog teams, scentwork trainers, and detector dogs.

If you're already convinced, send an email to juniordog training nz@ gmail.com for the link to the registration forms. Registrations close on November so get snappy! If you're still not sure, here are some photos and comments from kids and helpers about previous camps. Any questions can be sent to the above email address, or on the Junior Dog Training Facebook page.

"One of the things I liked from camp was how everyone is encouraging towards each other all the time."

"Great people, awesome campers, amazing dogs, talented trainers, helpful parents/grandparents (movie stars) obliging hosts, interesting speakers, fun week watching young people and their dogs achieve."

"Underslept, Unforgettable"

"JDT camp for me is a place where I can catch up with friends, create a stronger bond with my dog, and have loads of fun. This year's camp was the biggest camp that I have been to, I was also lucky enough to be a leader and lead an awesome team. The team activities involve everyone and always provide a laugh. My highlight of camp would have to be the concert, creating a dance with your team and having a boogie afterwards is always a great finish to camp."

"Camp this year was so much fun! I had such a good time training with my dog and making new friends. Seeing my dog get more confident in just a few days was mind blowing to me because I didn't think she would like the loud atmosphere. It was such a good camp for everyone there and it felt as though we were all a great big loud family."









Supplied by Rosemarie Baker, rjbagility2020@gmail.com

# The Inaugural Agility Clubs' Conference 2023

When the Agility Committee first floated the idea of an Agility Clubs' Conference, while we believed it was a good idea, and something that needed to happen, we weren't sure how or if it actually could become a reality – it seemed such a huge logistical exercise and a significant financial investment and we really weren't sure if we would have the support of the clubs.

Our vision was to create a platform where representatives from every Agility club in New Zealand could come together. We aimed to offer them a chance to listen to speakers discussing a spectrum of relevant topics, but, more crucially, we wanted to facilitate networking, fostering discussions on topics such as club membership, training, and show management.

From the perspective of the Agility Committee, the task was monumental. Operating on a tight budget, we transformed into travel agents, chefs, kitchen and bar staff, chauffeurs, keynote speakers, and masters of ceremonies.

As the first delegates began arriving at Ardmore on that Saturday morning, we couldn't believe it was actually happening. In fact, we were high on disbelief and adrenaline over the entire weekend because this totally crazy idea we had was not only a reality, it was an unqualified success!

In total, our conference boasted an attendance of 55 individuals, including club delegates, guest speakers, and guests from Dogs NZ and the Executive Council.

The Agility Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the clubs for their support and for sending their delegates. Our appreciation extends to the delegates themselves, a remarkable group of individuals who eagerly engaged with one another and shared their ideas. We would also like to thank our guest speakers, whose expertise and knowledge enriched the event. Special thanks go to Dogs NZ and the Executive Council for their support, as well as our sponsors, whose contributions were integral to the success of the weekend: Purina Proplan, PD Pet Insurance, Warehouse Stationery St Lukes Ak, Bakers Delight, Pukekohe Service Print, and Mission Estate.

In conclusion, the Agility Clubs' Conference started as a daring vision but culminated as an extraordinary achievement. It was a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of the Agility community in New Zealand.

#### **Karen Grant**

Agility Committee Secretary





### **Qualifying dogs for Judged Meetings**

It's by no means necessary for a dog to qualify for a Judged Meeting, as they enjoy their work regardless. But for some enthusiasts it's an interesting aspect of Lure Coursing.

Sighthounds who are deemed by the Field Officials to be running competently with no interference with other dogs can get the tick. This means they are eligible to compete for points at a Judged Meeting. They must qualify before the Judged meeting, not on that day. Similarly, non-sighthounds may qualify in the same manner to compete in their category.





Trying out our new coats from the USA...







## **Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust**

Training dogs to assist New Zealanders living with a disability.



Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust (ADNZT) is a registered charitable trust, providing purpose-trained dogs to enrich the lives of New Zealanders living with a disability.

We are committed to providing a quality service which evaluates each applicant individually, in order to meet their specific needs.

72% of our clients are children and young adults under 20 years old, and 50% of our clients live with autism and often multiple disorders. Our clients and their families describe the arrival of their Assistance Dog as "life-changing".

We currently have 34 working dogs across the country, and a waitlist of over 50 families.

Our organisation has government-granted public rights access for all our dogs under the Human Rights Act 1993 and Dog Control Act 1996. We are a member of, and internationally accredited by, Assistance Dogs International and are incredibly proud of the high standard of dogs we provide for our clients throughout the country.

Our organisation does not receive any government funding, so we rely entirely on the generosity of our community to continue our day-to-day operations.

We cover all costs from breeding, to raising our pups, training them, matching them and providing ongoing support to our clients/working teams. But none of this would be possible without the support of our community.

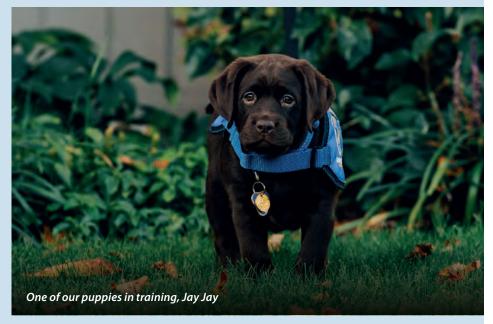
How you can support ADNZT: If you would like to support our organisation, please consider making a donation today by visiting our website www.assistancedogstrust.org.nz or getting in touch with our Fundraising & Communications Manager, Kendra van der Linden at kendra@assistancedogstrust.org.nz or phone 021 428 409.

For just \$30, you can help buy training supplies for a new puppy who is beginning their Assistance Dog journey.

We're also looking for individuals and families become volunteer Puppy Raisers and open their homes to a puppy-in-training for around 14-18 months, until they go into formal training. We're currently looking for Puppy Raisers in Auckland, Hamilton, Cambridge, Tauranga and the Canterbury region.

While looking after one of our puppies, we cover the cost of vet bills, puppy food and other essential daily expenses. This is an integral role which ensures our puppies grow up to become lifechanging Assistance Dogs for their future clients.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, or know someone who may be, please email us at info@assistancedogstrust.org.nz







## **Sperm Assessment** & Morphology

Becky Murphy, BVSc BSc, TCI/GlenBred

There are many factors that influence fertility and reproductive potential such as age, weight, nutrition, season, stress, and genetics. Assisted reproductive techniques such as transcervical insemination (TCI) provide us with an opportunity to enhance some of these factors, and here we thought we would take the opportunity to discuss sperm.

Sperm production (or spermatogenesis) is a process occurring in the testes where a special type of cells called spermatocytes divide and differentiate into the mature sperm (spermatozoa) that are then capable of finding and fertilising the ovum (the female's egg).

In the dog, the process of spermatocytes undergoing biochemical, morphological, and functional changes to become spermatozoa takes approximately 60 days and is a continuous process: with dogs producing millions of sperm cells each day.

Just like fertility itself, spermatogenesis can be influenced by the dog's age, stress levels, nutritional status, hormones, season, and genetics, although this list is not exhaustive. Ultimately, this process leads to the production of the sperm rich part of semen, and that's where we come in!

"In the dog, percentages of abnormal sperm up to 30% is considered normal"

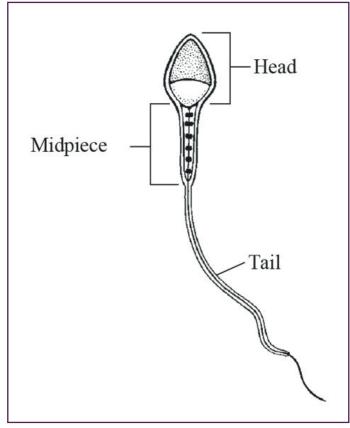
A routine part of our collection process is to perform a sperm assessment. We consider the quality and quantity of the sperm by assessing volume, motility, forward progression, total count per ejaculate, concentration, and sperm morphology. To assess the morphology of spermatozoa, we examine the physical features of the individual sperm cells within an ejaculate under a microscope.

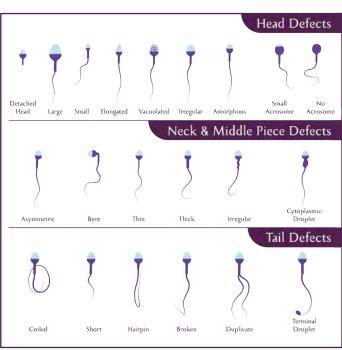
The morphological integrity of sperm cells is important for assessing their ability to partake in fertilisation and produce puppies. In the dog, a normal

sperm cell is approximately 6.8µm and consists of three sections: the head, midpiece, and tail. Each section performs essential tasks in the process leading up to and including fertilisation.

We expect to see morphologically abnormal sperm within any one ejaculate, however, the percentage of abnormal sperm in the ejaculate can influence the likelihood of puppies being conceived. In the dog, percentages of abnormal sperm up to 30% is considered normal.

Percentages higher than this may indicate the need for further investigation into potential causes.





Abnormal sperm: www.lifecell.in/blog/health-check/how-doessperm-morphology-affect-male-fertility

### The NZ Cardigan Story (1953 - 2006)

Cardigan Welsh Corgis first arrived in New Zealand in 1953 when Mrs Eve Adamson of West Country Kennels in Auckland imported her first pair, the brindle male Binder of Greenfarm and tricolour female Kentwood Fflur.



Ch Binder of Greenfarm (UK) Circa 1953. NZ's first Cardigan male.

The first litter produced 6 puppies from which Mrs. Adamson chose to keep red West Country Merich. Fflur's next litter was 3 puppies and from these, an attractive tan point tricolour bitch West Country Tansy went to Mrs. McNair in Australia. Tansy became a show and obedience champion and was so impressive that Mrs. Adamson asked to purchase her back, but Mrs. McNair would not part with her.



Aust. Ch West Country Tansy, CD, CDX, UD pulling a cart containing her puppies.

In 1957 Mrs Adamson purchased from England Elkay Meri (Lisaye Raffles ex Elkay Megan) in whelp to Elkay Bren. A litter of 4 resulted, one going to Australia, the other 3 remaining in NZ. Two more Cardigans arrived at West Country from England - Parmel Barman, a very plainly marked bright red brindle sired by Parmel Dandini ex Wellanhurst Binkie, and dark brindle Bridgmont Bridgette by Parmel Tudor Brith of Springdene ex Bridgmont Stacey. Thus, the foundation of New Zealand's Cardigan stock was formed with Mrs Adamson's West Country dogs spreading throughout our North and South Islands amongst the handful of enthusiastic early breeders.

In 1965 I joined the little band with my Rerehau prefix, followed by Mrs Beryl Russell of Tuahine, David Taylor of Angwyn and Tidemark, and Miss Bridget Smeeton of Rodwell. Several dogs and bitches were imported from Australia, a notable one being the attractive sable Ch Ajax Timothy owned by Mr & Mrs Evans of

Medway. Others worthy of mention around that time were Smeeton's brindles Bellbeau Tara Gem and very handsome Aust Ch Jezalin Fanfare of Dilwel (UK); Turner's tricolour Daleviz Napoleon (UK); Russell's tricolour Kardibroke Ebony Lady; Morton's blue merle Aust Ch Kardibroke Krystal Gem, and my own red Leamore Diplomat, tricolour Plynlimon Brenin and blue merle Plynlimon Bronwen, Blue merle Leamore Black n Blue and the reds Aust Ch Rhossili Regal Apollo and Rhossili Allessandra. These imports established, along with the foundation bloodlines, a quality basis with which to move forward.

In 1980 Mrs McDonogh of Bluemeadows imported Kentwood Blodwen from the UK, in whelp to Eng Ch Pharoah of Joseter. Eight puppies were born by caesarian while Blodwen was in quarantine. Unfortunately they had to be hand reared as Blodwen passed away. Mrs McDonogh kept several of the puppies and bred them on to produce some quality individuals. Ch Bluemeadows Ptolemy was an outstanding dark brindle from the Blodwen litter and his brother Ch Bluemeadows Cemmaes an extremely useful stud dog.



Mr Taylor's Doyle of Angwyn & Angwyn Blue Delight (Rerehau Ebony Star ex Kardibroke Blue Muffet)

Two more UK imports arrived - Mrs. Blinman's breeding pair Parmel Debonair and Vennwoods Sugar n Spice. A brilliantly coloured red daughter from this combination, Ch Winscote Welcome, owned by Mrs Svenson, proved very successful in our show rings.



Mrs Svenson's eye-catching red and white bitch Ch Winscote Welcome

Around this time Mrs Svenson imported from Australia, Aust Ch Johnwey Wild Wind; Mrs Aitken, Cambrian's Kan't Resist and Kum Again; Donnell & Parris, Rhossili's Itsa Surprise and the black Rhossili Piccallo; Mrs Morton's tricolour Cardimoore Storm; and Mr Taylor, Kardibroke Blue Muffet.



Ridley's Paratene Storm Trooper (Cardimoore Storm ex Angwyn Colombine)

New Zealand is a tiny country and we needed this continual influx of imports to maintain our forward progress. Our diligence was rewarded with a gradually increasing number of major show wins. Several more dogs arrived in the country - Miss Smeeton's red Cambrian Masterpiece and brindle Cambrian Quickstep; Mrs Svenson's tricolour Johnwey New Outfit; and Mrs Beryl Russell's red brindle Welshkin Callme Lucky. Beryl did very well with this dog and he sired some nice progeny for her, his daughter Tuahine Merri Liana being exported to Canada, while another daughter Ch Tuahine Lovely Liana scored some good wins at home. The arrival of the handsome red top winning English dog Eng Ch Jezalin Top Brass at Bridget Smeeton's Rodwell kennels was met with great excitement. Topper was bred across Bridget's existing bloodline and left some very creditable progeny which she was then able to add to by using frozen semen from the USA.

Exhibitor numbers continued to increase through this period. One notable exhibitor doing well in our southern island was Mrs Pauline Jessep of BlueGrass Kennels. Pauline produced a simply stunning brindle youngster BlueGrass Sea Gem, sired by Ch Bluemeadows Cemmaes. Around this time Mrs Arps and Mrs Aitken joined forces in the Badagri prefix. They bred a very strong quality line of mainly rich red brindles based on the Cambrian bloodline in Australia, combined with Ch Finlai Ice Breaker and Copperleaf Crystal. Their Ch Cambrian Zebadee proved to be a valuable stud dog.

Mrs Gayle Garvin's appointment as judge of the NZ Welsh Corgi National in 1996 was a time of enlightenment for NZ breeders. Being such a small country, isolated on the world stage, we pottered along not really having any idea of where we stood in the global Cardigan scene. Mrs Garvin's visit changed that and made us realise that we were breeding Cardigans which could more than hold their own on the world stage. After the show she purchased NZ/Aust Ch Copperleaf Courtney, his son Ch Lucky Venture of Carey, and his stunning niece Ch Badagri Spring Daisy. Thus began a new era for NZ Cardigan breeders as we suddenly found our stock in great demand overseas. A few years into the new century however brought the winds of change, with the loss of several major players from our small band of enthusiasts. But as always, new people have come and life goes on.

### **Fit for Purpose**

Supplied by Adrienne Staples

Schipperkes are one of the less common dog breeds in New Zealand and like so many of the older breeds, their original purpose in life has mostly given way to being a companion or show dog.

The history books describe the Schipperke as a lively, intelligent dog, at home on the barges catching vermin or heading out after a rabbit but always returning to his home. He was comfortable around the barge draft horses, nipping at their heels to keep them moving.

Daisy (NZ CH Elbeedee Midnight Special) left and Trek (NZ CH/ NZ NEUT CH Sanlyn Walkin the Line) right, regularly demonstrate these qualities while out with their owners, Adrienne and Don Staples, on their farm near Featherston, although nipping the horses is discouraged for obvious reasons.

Around the property are various stumps and barrels where the dogs as pups practice their show stack. They soon learn that standing well earns rewards so now there is often competition to be first up to get the attention. Sometimes the stump gets a little crowded.



Daisy (NZ CH Elbeedee Midnight Special) left and Trek (NZ CH/NZ NEUT CH Sanlyn Walkin the Line) right practice their show stack.



### Celebrating 100 years of the NZVA

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From its beginnings in the post-World War I years to its experiences of COVID-19 and climate change, the NZVA has seen the veterinary world go through a significant transformation.

As the organisation celebrates its centenary in 2023, VetScript brings you a (very) brief history of 100 years of New Zealand's veterinary profession.



1920s

When the New Zealand Veterinary Association was formed in 1923, the country was suffering from post-war economic uncertainty. However, farm production was flourishing thanks to new technology and improvements in pasture and stock.

The NZVA's 26 foundation members were led by president CJ Reakes, a veterinarian who was also director-general of the Department of Agriculture (formed in 1892).

According to The Veterinary Club Movement in New Zealand - a book written by Allan Grant in 1985 - prior to World War II, "Veterinary service to farmers came from the Department of Agriculture, a few private practitioners and some unqualified persons whose knowledge in some cases came from the tending of horse teams during the First World War."

In 1926 – three years after the NZVA's establishment – the Veterinary Surgeons Act was passed, finally providing legal recognition of the country's veterinary profession. At the time there were 48 registered veterinary practitioners and 52 qualified veterinary surgeons, but no veterinary school for training (the Otago University Veterinary School had opened in 1904, but there were no enrolments and it closed in 1907). Veterinary registration was restricted to graduates of British and Australian veterinary schools, and schools elsewhere that provided equivalent training, such as those in Pretoria and Ottawa.

In 1920, Pearl Dawson

became New Zealand's first female veterinary practitioner after obtaining a diploma

in veterinary science through an American

During the 1920s veterinarians were likely preoccupied with cases such as calving, metabolic disease, facial eczema, lameness and colic in horses, and turnip poisoning.

Above: The first meeting of the New Zealand Veterinary Association in 1923, taken at Victoria University College (now Victoria University of Wellington) by an unknown photographer. CJ Reakes is in the front row, second from the right.

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New Zealand's veterinary profession has continued to march forward in the past 30 years. Modern, custom-built clinics now have high-tech diagnostic equipment and in-house laboratories, specialist practices offer orthopaedic surgery, dermatology services and nutritional advice, and effective herd health management is the norm.

Much of the focus in the past 33 years, however, has been on the growing importance of animal welfare, biosecurity, One Health, antibiotic resistance and, more recently, the mitigation of climate change and its effects.

The 1990s and 2000s were big decades for policy and legislation. The Biosecurity Act 1993 was developed to prevent the introduction of disease and enable disease surveillance and management; the Veterinarians Act was passed in 1994 (and updated in 2005); VCNZ was established in 1994, replacing the NZVA as the organisation responsible for the Code of Professional Conduct; and the Animal Welfare Act was passed in 1999.

As attitudes towards animal welfare changed, the Animal Welfare Act was amended, first in 2010 to increase the penalties for animal cruelty, and again in 2015 when New Zealand became the first common-law country to include the word 'sentient' in its animal welfare legislation. The formation of Massey University's Veterinary Emergency Response Team was another key milestone; the team went on to have a crucial

> role in complex animal rescues and veterinary treatment after the 2011 Christchurch earthquake.

### **NZVA CENTENARY ACTIVITIES IN 2023**

**APRIL 24: World Veterinary Day** 

JUNE 28-31: 2023 NZVA Conference

JUNE 28: The NZVA's Centenary publication released

JUNE 29: Centenary dinner

**OCTOBER 4: World Animal Day** 

TBC: Regional network meetings, social media campaign, TV coverage and centenary video

Global recognition of the spread of zoonotic diseases between species and the importance of the interface between human and animal health and ecological change led to the development of the



The early 1990s saw the introduction of the internet, allowing for video conferencing (top left) and online research (top right). Above: animal MRIs are now common practice.

One Health principle in the 2000s, and New Zealand's initiative, One Health Aotearoa, was formed in 2013. In 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic brought the importance of One Health into stark relief, while also emphasising the significance of biosecurity in protecting the country's borders. Veterinarians have had a vital role in addressing these issues - and will continue to do so.

As for the NZVA's celebrations, CEO Kevin Bryant says the organisation is looking forward to commemorating its remarkable milestone. "The New Zealand veterinary profession has overcome some significant challenges to make incredible progress in the past 100 years," he says. "As we head into our centenary year and look to the future, we're excited about celebrating the amazing achievements of those who came before us." vs

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