



Autumn Newsletter

Life gets busy and dog's needs will always be my first priority, which is why almost another year has rolled around since our last newsletter. So much for a quarterly update!!

I don't know where you would be living in the North Island not to have experienced the drought that has dried out the land and restricted water use. One look at photos on our Facebook page will show you how very dry and brown it has been here over the last four months. Temperatures in the top 20 to 30 degrees Celsius!!

Our guests have enjoyed runs in the cool of the very early morning and late evening as the heat has been overwhelming from 9.30 am. We all take shelter in the "dog office" to enjoy the cool of the air-conditioner during the heat of the day. We are also very blessed with many mature, shade giving trees on our property, which provide sought after respite from the sun.

THANK YOU to all our clients that purchased our first ever *4 The Love of Dogs* calendar.

Your generosity has resulted in our donation of \$1,175 to the charity, Chained Dog Rehabilitation and Rehoming (CDRRNZ) at the end of February.



This gift enables CDRRNZ to undertake life-saving operations, grooming (to remove matted and filthy hair) and dog walking to socialize dogs that have been left tied up and neglected. All this before intensive interviews are undertaken to ensure that the rescued dog is placed in their perfect forever home. Amanda, from CDRRNZ is totally committed to rescuing and rehabilitating the dogs that come to her attention. If you have seen, or know of a dog that would benefit from the work that CDRRNZ does, please check out their website and make contact.



We are justifiably **VERY PROUD** of what a small, dog loving community such as ourselves, has been able to achieve. Big hugs to all of you for enabling us to contribute to making a dog's life a much happier one.



These two darlings were rescued by CDRRNZ and are nearly ready to be adopted to a new home and a better life.

As I am writing this, we have heard of an outbreak of Parvo virus in Auckland. We are always very vigilant on ensuring all dogs that stay with us are up to date with their vaccinations to minimize any risk of dogs contracting anything here.

However, nothing in life is guaranteed, so we also take precautions. These include cleaning up feces as they occur (and a property check up to four times daily!!), to prevent contamination. Steam cleaning the carpet in the “dog office” every month, regularly washing all dog bedding and cleaning down surfaces, door handles and windows with bleach or Virkon S.

In the light of the COVID-19 pandemic currently impacting on all of us, we are acutely aware of sanitizing and protecting ourselves as well.

The impact of Covid-19 is hitting home for us as more clients cancel their holiday plans and remain at home with their pooches.

Our primary focus is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of ourselves and clients to ensure we can continue to provide the best possible care for your pets.

We will continue to remain open to care for your dogs as long as possible. Obviously, we are complying with all Government guidelines at this stage and will monitor the situation on a daily basis as updates occur.

In particular we have implemented the following changes, to do our bit to slow the spread of Covid-19.

We ask that you only provide what is absolutely necessary for your dog, while they are with us. Please leave bedding, bags, toys, blankets, bowls etc. at home. All these items are supplied here.

Rather than allowing you to drive onto the property, we ask that you wait by the gate and have your dog on a lead. We will remain the recommended safe distance from you as we accept your dog onto our property.

Where we are returning your dog to Auckland, please wait in your vehicle while we remove all your dog's possessions and your dog from our vehicle. We will bring your dog to you on their lead, whilst again maintaining the safe distance.

Hugs are something that have always gone with our business. However, in the future Harry and I will refrain from hugging and shaking hands. Please know that our love and gratitude is carried with your dog.

Obviously, our hygiene practices will continue here, with an increase in hand washing, wiping down surfaces, gates, door handles etc.

At this time let us all be grateful for our four-legged friends. We can self-isolate while taking them for a walk in nature, whilst also ensuring our own mental and physical health. If our dogs could talk they would be delighted to have us at home with them. Perfect time to curl up on the couch for lots of cuddles.

Keep calm and hug your dogs

