

Listen Up!

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Hearing Dogs



Introducing Doggy Daycare

Doggy Daycare has been set up to help Hearing Dogs NZ. Offering a small dog daycare service on Wednesdays from 8am - 6pm. All of the funds raised by the Doggy Daycare will go directly towards the operational costs of running Hearing Dogs New Zealand.

The doggy Daycare room is looking fantastic and we have run our first few weeks of daycare very successfully. We are privileged to have amazing support from business's and volunteers who have helped to set up the Doggy Daycare initiative. Please help us to help others by supporting Doggy Daycare - Helping Hearing Dogs.



To find out more visit our facebook page
[@doggydaycarehelpinghearingdogs](#)

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A decade of service for Hearing Dogs called for a celebration!

Terry Darby has been serving the Recipients of Hearing Dogs NZ for the past 10 years and in March we celebrated with him at the National Training Centre with loads of wonderful dogs and people.

Terry pictured right at the celebrations with some furry friends.

Thank you Terry!
Your dedication and service to Hearing Dogs is remarkable.





ADI Accreditation

ADI is the leading authority in the Assistance Dogs industry. It establishes and promotes standards of excellence in all areas of assistance dog acquisition, training and partnership. Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand is pleased to announce that it achieved reaccreditation by Assistance Dogs International (ADI). Once accredited, a program becomes a member of ADI. Member programs must complete a reaccreditation every 5 years to comply with ADI's Standards.

In February 2020 Hearing Dogs NZ had their assessment. Photo taken during the ADI Accreditation visit, pictured from left to right: Alberto Alvarez-Campos - ADI Assessor, Clare McLaughlin - General Manager Hearing Dogs NZ, Demonstration dog Ruby, Richard Lord - Chair, Assistance Dogs International Oceania Region, Delwyn Gavin - Dog Trainer & Hearing Dog trainee Lola.

Tours & Demonstrations

We hosted a Dalroy Mystery Tour coach at the Training Centre to 40 very enthusiastic participants who just loved their time seeing and learning about the work hearing dogs do.

The Training Centre is now available for bookings of tours and dog demonstrations each week – raising awareness and receiving donations.



Public Speakers

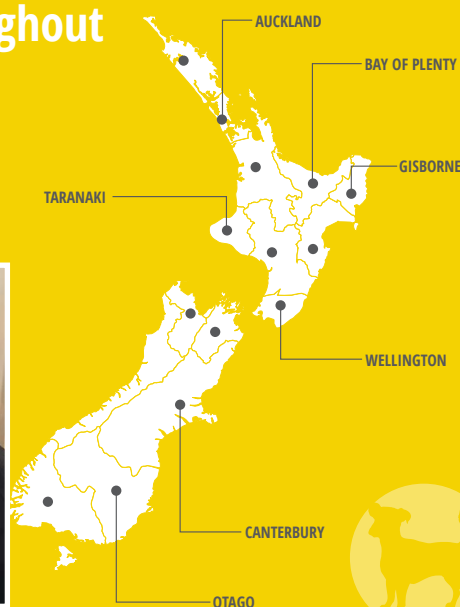
One of the biggest challenges we face is raising awareness of the role and value of Hearing Dogs. Having registered Hearing Dogs speakers who are trained to give presentations on our behalf means we are able to raise the profile of Hearing Dogs across the country.

All speakers are happy to explain more about Hearing Dogs to groups and clubs wanting to know about our work. So if you're looking for a speaker for your club why not give us a call? (We do not charge for speaking but welcome a donation and contribution towards travel expenses.)

Pictured: Speakers Lesley & Jock Sutherland with super star demonstration dog Ruby.



Speakers throughout NZ



150th Partnership

Kylie is pictured here with her new Hearing Dog Brie, Kylie and Brie are a special partnership being our 150th match. Kylie lives alone with the help of her hearing dog, being profoundly deaf Kylie relies on the help of her Hearing Dog to feel secure in her home.



A message from Kylie:

In January, I came to the Hearing centre to collect Brie my third hearing dog and Clare asked if I could write about my journey with Hearing dogs.

The journey started back at the end of 2005 when I received my last set of hearing aids the audiologist suggested a hearing dog and handed me a pamphlet. After careful consideration and talking with my family I applied and was accepted.

Prince was a large ruby Cavalier King Charles spaniel who started his working life with me in around 2007 in Stratford. Prince was gentle and intelligent who loved to be around people.

I regularly attend church, so do my hearing dogs and Prince wasn't an exception. I quickly discovered not everyone enjoyed Prince's presence in church though this was mostly due to his 'singing'! Prince was sadly retired in mid 2008.

After reapplying and a wait, during which time I reflected on what I needed out of a hearing dog, this helped me to bond easier with my new dog.

In May 2009, I arrived at the Hearing Dogs Centre to collect Amos, a medium Blenheim Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Amos has a more serious personality, is intelligent and loves to be around people. By the time he retired in November last year Amos was not only well travelled having enjoyed his many intercity bus trips he had also taught himself many extras. A couple of examples; he taught himself how to phone my mum and he also worked out how to use my pay wave card!

10 years later after Amos retired and after some thought I applied for another hearing dog. I thought I would need to wait however this wasn't the case.

I was allocated Brie and things moved fast. At the end of January my mum and I came through to the Hearing Dog Centre in New Plymouth to collect and bond with Brie. Brie's

a small tri coloured Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and

my first girl dog, Brie has a more reserved

personality than the two boys which takes a little getting used to. Brie has started her working life in Napier and has started to settle in well.

My advice to those thinking of getting a Hearing Dog is the following; reflect on what you need from a Hearing Dog, make sure you have a support network, make sure places that you regularly go, like church every week, that you get them onboard about a Hearing Dog before you get the dog. This makes adjusting back into

the community a lot easier. And finally when you venture out in public people will stare - let them!



**To all the breeders, socialiser's,
and sponsors a big thank you!**

from Kylie xx



Can you help?

Yes, I would like to sponsor a puppy

Please send an application pack to:

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

Yes, I would like to make a donation

Amount

\$

Yes, I would like to purchase Kiwi & Roo Book(s) \$16.00 each

Kiwi and Roo

Kiwi and Roo, Tiki Tour with Sue

Amount

\$

Total amount (a contribution towards postage is appreciated)

\$

Direct Debit: HD Bank Account # 12 3026 0086096 00

Cheque enclosed (please make cheques payable to Hearing Dogs NZ)

OR please debit my credit card

Visa

Mastercard

Card No.

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Expiry

Signature

TICK for receipt

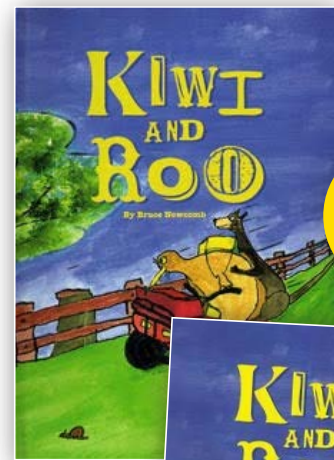
Donations of \$5 or more are tax deductible. Receipts can be sent upon request.

Kiwi & Roo

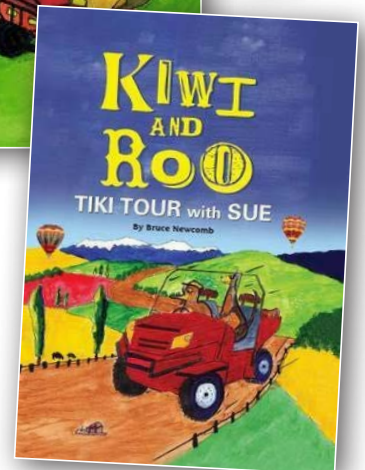
Special thanks this edition go to Bruce Newcomb, author and artist of the Kiwi and Roo series. Bruce has kindly donated a huge supply of these books for us to sell with all proceeds from sales coming directly to Hearing Dogs.

These make great Christmas presents and are selling at \$16.00 each book.

First in the series is Kiwi and Roo and then comes Kiwi and Roo with Sue - so be in quick to purchase these two great children's books!



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