

## Comings and goings

### Auckland Visit

Recently Grant, Judy and Ambassador *Fleur* had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks in Auckland. As you can see from the photo, *Fleur* was fascinated by the fish and penguins at the Sea Life Aquarium. *Merlin*, raised by the Reids, was on loan for a few days to join in the many socialisations Auckland has to offer. Judy and Grant with *Fleur* and *Merlin* attended the Josh Groban concert at Vector Arena and a play at the Bruce Mason Centre. A daily beach run at Long Bay was absolute doggie heaven for *Fleur* and *Merlin*.



How much is that fishy in the window?



*Fleur* cool as ice with a penguin distraction

One afternoon, the foursome met Jody Wilson, General Manager, and Helen Spence, Development Manager, with Ambassador *Chance* for lunch at Cornwall Park. Chaos ensued for a brief time when *Chance* recognised Grant, but after this ecstatic initial greeting, all dogs settled in nicely under the table (not sure that *Chance* did settle nicely under the table ... he associates Grant with walks around Lake Hayes and up the Fox River! - Ed.)



Jody, *Fleur*, *Merlin*, *Chance* (still hoping for an outdoor adventure with Grant) and Helen

While in Auckland, Grant did a training session regarding the Public Access Test with Pam Houston, Manager of Canine Programs and Natalie Ramm, Senior Canine Coordinator.

EmBARKation back to Queenstown garnered many "Ohhhs" and "Ahhhs" as Judy, Grant, *Fleur* and two 12-week-old Golden Retriever puppies, *Pilot* and *Parker*, weaved their way through the crowds at Auckland Airport. Upon returning to Queenstown, *Pilot* and *Parker* were handed off to the waiting arms of happy puppy raisers, David and Kim Wright and Eric and June Simpson. And so it starts all over again: from squirmy, wee ball of fluff to mature, reliable dog.

At the end of May *Parker* and *Pilot*, together with their puppy-raisers, visited The Warehouse for their first walk alongside a wheelchair. Both pups did very well.



Parker & Pilot pleased to be back on terra firma at Queenstown Airport



Puppy-raiser David Wright meets Pilot



Grant, Eric & Parker



David & Pilot

### **Meg and Maya's Departure**

Recently Grant and *Meg* made a quick trip to Auckland to return *Meg* to the kennels for advanced training. Kudos go to Eric and June Simpson for doing such excellent work with *Meg*. She has a solid training foundation and a loving nature thanks to the Simpson's handling skills and nurturing.

Unfortunately, *Maya* was exited from the programme due to a medical condition. A poster with her photo was put up in the local vet's office to find her the perfect home. A few days later and mission accomplished! *Maya* now lives on a fenced lifestyle block with a young family of five: Mum, Dad and three children, ages 7, 9 and 10.



Maya's new family

Jacqui, *Maya*'s mum, reports that *Maya* has adjusted brilliantly to her new home and family and that she (Jacqui) feels like a new mum. More kudos heaped upon David and Kim Wright for their devoted training of *Maya*. Her medical issue was problematic, but the Wrights never gave up on her; their 100% effort continued to the day she was exited. We can't thank David and Kim enough for their unconditional love, patience and consistent handling of *Maya* in spite of the challenges.



*Maya's new back garden!*

### Winter in wonderland

At the end of May eighteen centimetres of snow fell in the Southern Lakes District, much to the dogs' sheer delight. Cameras at the ready as a wee pup steps outside the door to discover his first snowfall!



*Parker's first snowball fight*



*Fleur exhorts her poodle friend to play in the snow*

We close this journal entry with wishes for a safe winter and oodles of warm, doggie cuddles.

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Brothers and sisters: *Meg & Maya* and *Parker & Pilot* at Millbrook

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