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## Hi

Here at CANZ we are very excited to share our 2020 Companion Animals in New Zealand Report outlining the companion animal population and ownership insights such as sourcing of animals, rates of microchipping, drivers and barriers to de-sexing, and much more.

We are also co-hosting an Animal Rescue Roadshow with SPCA and MPI and are continuing to enhance the functionality and robustness of the New Zealand Companion Animal Register. Read on for more information!

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## 2020 COMPANION ANIMALS IN NEW ZEALAND REPORT

CANZ is proud to announce the publication of the **Companion Animals in New Zealand Report 2020**. We surveyed 3600 Kiwis about companion animal guardianship, seeking to better understand the New Zealand companion animal population.

- How many companion animals of each species are in New Zealand?
- How much are people paying to purchase these animals?
- Are they desexed and microchipped, and what are the barriers and drivers behind these decisions?

The first CANZ Report was produced in 2011 and the second in 2016. In 2020 we have made the report even better, significantly increasing the survey sample size in order to provide more insight into attitudes and behaviours regarding companion animals in New Zealand.

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## ANIMAL RESCUE ROADSHOW

CANZ is excited to be co-hosting the Animal Rescue Roadshow with MPI and the SPCA. The roadshow is a day for information sharing, discussion and collaboration between different organisations working and volunteering in the companion animal rescue sector.

Topics for discussion include the Temporary Housing Code of Welfare and the process for creating and enforcing animal welfare legislation, as well as open forum discussion.

The roadshow are being held in Christchurch (Oct 8), Wellington (Oct 14) and Auckland (Oct 21). Invitations have been sent to animal rescues nationwide.

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## CHANGES TO THE COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTER

The NZCAR is being updated to greatly improve usability. Changes will be apparent in early 2021 and microchip implanters can expect regular updates as we get closer to a relaunch.

We have conducted a full IT audit, several workshops and many user interviews to develop a system that will ensure we continue to get lost pets home even faster.

The key benefits

- NZCAR still remains NZ's central lost and found pet database
- Funds raised by the register still are being returned to the community to support animal welfare (over \$1million dollars since 2007)
- Our new system is due in early 2021
- Paperless, fast registration for vet clinics, animal rescue and breeders
- Easy log on for pet owners
- Easy transfer of pets at adoption time

We look forward to sharing our new developments over the next few months - starting with a sneak peak of our new logo below.



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The NCMSG was founded in 2014 to develop a national overarching strategy for responsible, compassionate, and humane cat management in New Zealand through a collaborative and proactive approach.

The NCMSG recognises the intrinsic value of cats as complex and sentient beings, their value as a companion animal in New Zealand, and their value to communities, and New Zealand society. The NCMSG also recognises the importance of balancing the needs of cats, cat owners, and cat carers with the potential negative impacts of cats on communities, other species, and ecosystems. This report outlines recommendations and supporting evidence to achieve humane management of cats in New Zealand to protect both cat welfare and our unique environment.

### [Read the NCMSG Report](#)

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## COVID19PET.NZ

As the nation moves through different COVID-19 Alert Levels, we are continuing to update [covid19pet.nz](https://www.covid19pet.nz) to ensure the site always contains accurate, up-to-date information direct from expert sources.



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## TE TOHU MAIMOA

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the second ever Te Tohu Maimoa are Summer Johnson, Founder of [Bay Of Islands Animal Rescue](#), and Jack Penniket, Director of [The Barkery Christchurch](#).

Te Tohu Maimoa recognises the contribution of people involved in the well-being of Companion Animals in New Zealand. Maimoa, as a verb means 'to cherish or care for' and as a noun means 'companion animal'. Te Tohu is te reo for 'award'.

## CANZ ACCREDITATION

CANZ accreditation has been developed to ensure the ethical treatment of animals and humans who have enlisted the services of an animal trainer or behaviourist. In developing the accreditation scheme, CANZ engaged the skills of Dr Lindsay Skyner who undertook extensive investigation of the industry, evaluating their needs and readiness for an accreditation scheme. You can read the results of this investigation in a recently published article in the journal [Animals](#).

CANZ Accreditation Project Progress					
Accreditation Standard	Animal Trainer	Animal Training Instructor	Animal Behaviour Consultant	Veterinary Behaviourist	Dog Safety Educator
Description	Trains animals directly (e.g. training animals for film or television)	Trains animals and their human carers (e.g. basic group training classes)	Uses behavioural therapy to help animals with behavioural issues e.g. aggression	Veterinarians using behavioural +/- medical therapy to help animals with behavioural issues e.g. separation anxiety	Educate people on safety around dogs e.g. in schools
Status	Launched – PPAB is first accredited organisation.	Launched – PPAB is first accredited organisation.	Launched – IAABC and PPAB are accredited organisations	We are working with organisations to help them attain this standard – ETA 2021	Working with industry groups to form an organisation for accreditation



NZ based animal trainers and animal behaviour consultants: enjoy the benefits of CANZ Accreditation by [becoming a member of our accredited organisations!](#)

## RESEARCH ROUNDUP

### Pandemic Pets & People Project

Research fellow Vanessa Rohlf along with Pauleen Bennett and Tiffani Howell in the School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University, are exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on pet owner wellbeing, health, and pet welfare.

“COVID-19 is linked to poor mental health outcomes” explains Vanessa. “Pet ownership is associated with a range of health benefits, and anecdotally, we’ve seen an increase in demand for companion animals during lockdown”.

The researchers wonder what impact pet ownership has on wellbeing during the pandemic. They also wonder what impact the pandemic is having on pet welfare. Writing from Melbourne, Australia, which is currently on step two of its 'roadmap for reopening', Vanessa Rohlf believes her dog 'Velvet', a Lagotto Romagnolo, is enjoying the extra attention now that she is working from home. She wonders though, what it's like for other pets and for people in New Zealand.

The researchers are, therefore, recruiting for this global study and would like to hear from owners of ALL kinds of pets. Results will inform our understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on pets and pet owners which will inform strategies to support people and their pets.

### Participate In The Study

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Animal Rescue Roadshow**

8 October - Christchurch

14 October - Wellington

21 October - Auckland

CANZ, SPCA and MPI are co-hosting a day of information sharing, discussion and collaboration for animal rescues. See earlier in the newsletter for further details.

### **Animal Evac NZ Foundation Course**

17 October - Nelson

14 November Whangarei

28 November - Wellington

12 December - Christchurch

You may have seen Animal Evac in action during the Australia Fires and asked yourself "Could I help animals in disasters too"? Now you can. Animal Evac have scheduled Foundation Courses across New Zealand. These courses are the minimum training requirement for their response volunteers. Volunteers with a wide range of skills, not just veterinary and emergency response, are encouraged to attend.

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### Horse Care & Welfare Online Course

19 - 30 October

"Supporting the Five Freedoms and beyond" is an online course considering the care and management of horses in terms of the Five Freedoms of animal welfare. The course is run by the University of Guelph and is suitable for current and potential horse owners, as well as those working in the equine industry.

<https://thehorseportal.ca/course/horse-care-welfare-f20-2/>

### Pet & Animal Expo 2020

17 - 18 October - Auckland

14 - 15 November - Wellington

The expo focuses on showcasing the latest products, services and advice for a wide variety of pets all under one roof.

<http://www.petanimalexpo.co.nz/>

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