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We have so much news!!

Please take a few moments to catch up on the busy world of Companion Animal welfare in New Zealand . Particular highlights include our 2021 Conference announcement and exciting progress of the CANZ Accreditation Scheme for animal trainers and behaviour professionals.

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2021 CONFERENCE

Towards a Good Life

28/29th October 2021

Atura Hotel
24 Hawkestone Street
Thorndon, Wellington

REGISTER NOW



Companion Animals NZ

Book our conference with confidence!

This conference WILL happen. It will be an in-person event if we are at Alert Level 1,

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2021 CONFERENCE - BOOK NOW

'Towards A Good Life' will explore the key components of A Good Life for New Zealand companion animals, the barriers to A Good Life being achieved and how these barriers can be overcome. Welfare has moved on from simply removing pain and suffering - how can we provide an **enjoyable** life for animals?

With a variety of world leading speakers from UK, Australia and New Zealand,

this conference promises to be a highlight of the year.

There are limited tickets (at only \$75 early bird!) for our full day conference and half day workshop. If COVID-allows this will be held in beautiful Wellington - why not stay for the weekend?

We are determined this conference will go ahead and will host it online over two half-days if required.



We have rebooted our informative [COVID19PET.NZ](https://www.covid19pet.nz) web page

COVID19PET.NZ is back live

Unfortunately, with lockdown we needed to stand up our page of COVID tips for animal guardians again. We are currently attending daily MPI meetings along with representatives involved in all aspects of animal welfare, from production animal transporters to animal rescues. It is great to see the high level of communication and sharing to protect the welfare of NZ animals.

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The Association of Pet Dog Trainers is the latest organisation to be accredited by Companion Animals New Zealand

ACCREDITATION SCHEME

APDTNZ members who have also achieved 'Endorsed Trainer' status are officially CANZ Accredited Animal Training Instructors. This accreditation certifies that the APDTNZ Endorsed Trainer programme meets our rigorous, world-class standards that ensure trainers are working in a minimally-aversive, ethical manner.

We will support these trainers by marketing our accreditation to the public, but also to veterinarians who are often asked for training referrals. We are very excited to welcome the new trainers onboard.

The list of trainers and behaviour consultants [can be found here](#) (at the time of writing we are waiting on listing details for more trainers, so check back!)

After years of **no regulation**, accreditation is the future for this industry to ensure the welfare of animals and clients, so get on board! If you are a trainer or behaviour consultant contact fiona@companionanimals.nz to discuss your pathway to accreditation.



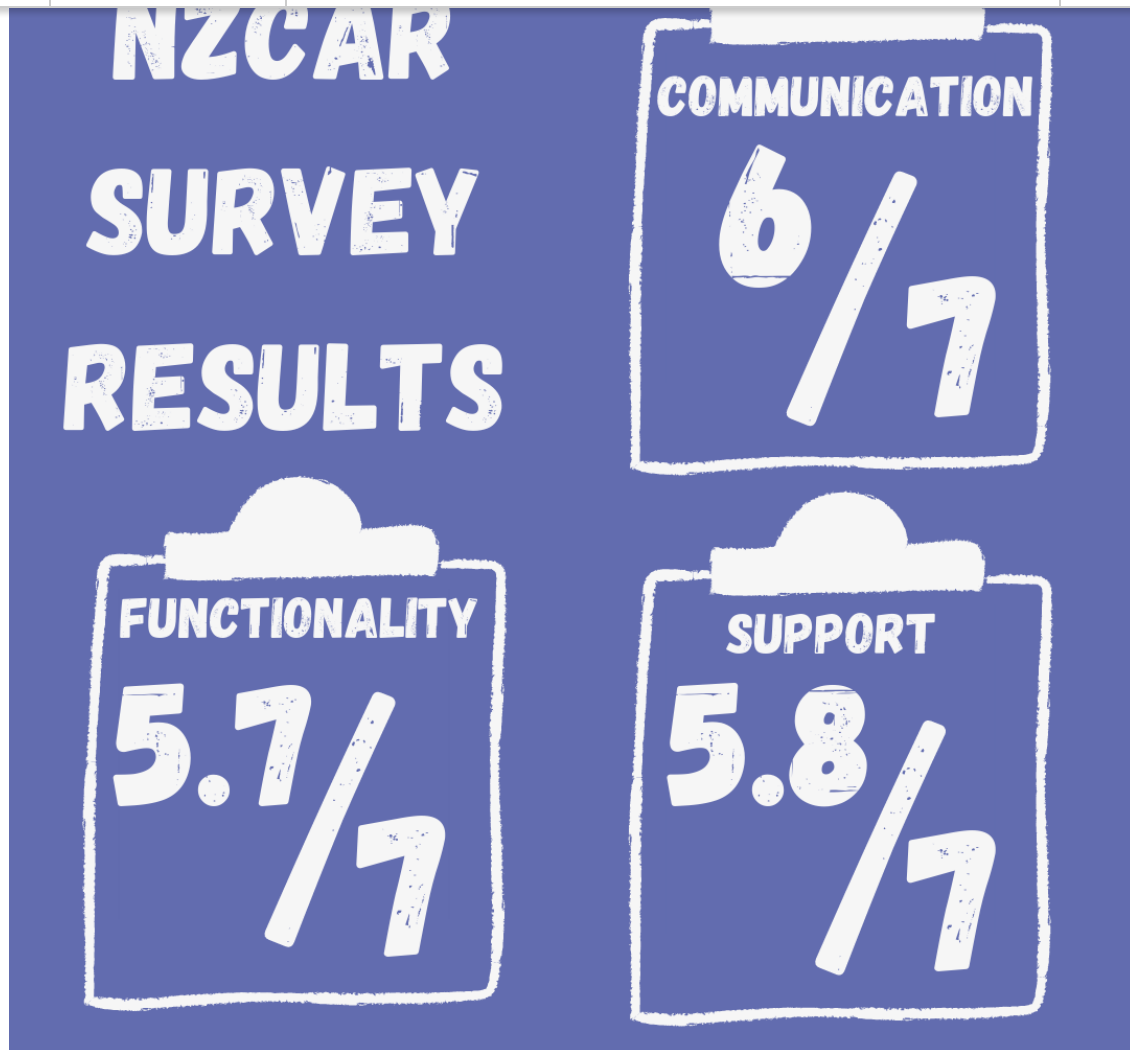
The new NZCAR has been live since April and is performing well!

Recently we surveyed all our implanters and enquirers about how they found the transition to our new NZCAR database.

We scored highly for our **communication, support office and database functionality.**

Congratulations and thanks again to the 850+ organisation that access the Register who have adapted to the changes. It was a significant challenge to migrate accounts and eliminate inefficient paper forms. We are now registering animals faster than ever and with much more accuracy. As pet guardians get used to logging in to update their own details, we can expect even more accurate data.

Happily we have had many thousands of guardians subscribe to receiving occasional correspondence about animal welfare which has great opportunity in case of natural disasters, research and improving animal's lives.



RESEARCH HELP

STRAY CATS IN AUCKLAND

Freya Byrt is an undergraduate student in the Bachelor of Applied Science Degree at Unitec. She is investigating stray cats within Central Auckland. This research aims to better understand the attitudes of people, including cat guardians, stray cat carers and the general public, towards stray cats and to collect accurate GPS locations and abundance of stray cat colonies within Central Auckland. This study is purely investigative, and there is no intention to interfere with or remove any cats. You can help with this research by completing this short survey: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/BjRE5m>

VETERINARY CLINIC CLIENT PERCEPTIONS

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veterinary practice in New Zealand – regardless of whether you have companion animals, a large commercial farming business or anything in between.

This is part of the data that will ultimately be used to develop business models for improving veterinary clinics for the benefit of animals, clients and staff.

Participation will be open to clients of any veterinary practice in New Zealand and your responses will be anonymous. You can access the survey here. URL is:

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