

# MARK VETTE'S ANIMALS ON 'Q'

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# *Small Selection of our completed Film, Television and Video Work*

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**2009** – January until June

**Legend of the Seeker**

Hero milking Goat, Kitten  
*The Walt Disney Company (NZ) Ltd*

**Matariki**

Staffordshire bull terrier, variety of tricks and behaviours  
*Filmwork (Matariki) Ltd*

**2008**

**My Talks with Dean Spanley**

Hero Spaniel and Labradoodle - wide range of behaviours, rabbit, sheep and horses  
*GFC Films*

**Laundry Warrior**

Dog and Rooks  
*Sad Flutes Ltd*

**The Vintners Luck**

Horse lying down, dog, chickens and chicks, Bee's, puppies, Bullock, and Hounds  
*Ascension Film Ltd*

**Power Rangers**

Rats running A to B's  
*Ranger Productions*

**They Came From upstairs**

Rat running at and threatening actor before launching at him, Praying Mantis  
*New Upstairs Productions Ltd*

**BBC Documentary – showing predator impact on forests**

Ferrets, Possum, Rattus Kiore (native rat), Rats and Cats  
*South Pacific Natural History Unit United Kingdom BBC*

**Legend of the Seeker**

Dog, long haired cattle, Rat running up leg, Rabbit exterior A to B at speed, Rook  
*The Walt Disney Company (NZ) Ltd*

**The Good Word**

Hairy Mcclary look-a-like dog  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Party Productions*

**2007**

**A Song of Good**

Hero Dog  
*Robbers Dog*

**Outrageous Fortune**

Drug dog and handler, plus hero Rat running around feet and A to B's  
*South Pacific Pictures*

**Head Cases**

Pigeons A to B flying and landings  
*South Pacific Pictures*

**Burying Brian**

2 x hero dogs, tagging, fetching, barking, tracking  
*Eyeworks Touchdown*

**Aphrodite**

Horses, trick and stunt riders, chickens, frogs and hero dog  
*Joyride Films*

**Finders Keepers**

Rabbits working exterior, Rook, variety of small animals as dressing  
*The Sweet Shop*

**Book Show**

Hero Rat – running A to B's and stays  
*Third Party Productions*

**World Cup Promo**

Dog grabbing camera, Snails, Weta, Crabs, Pukeko  
*Domain Productions Ltd*

**Downsize My Pet**

Hero dog and trainer performing trick demo for competitor  
*ABH Productions*

**Laundry Warrior**

Puppy, Rooks A to B's at flight  
*Sad Flutes Ltd*

**2006****Wendy Wu**

Hero dog, variety of behaviours  
*Rubicon Film*

**Ferryman**

Hero dog, wide range of behaviours  
*TF Productions*

**Rude Awakenings**

Hero Chihuahua  
*MF Films Ltd*

**Orange Roughies**

Horses and riding doubles  
*Screenworks*

**Waterhorse**

Hero and back up Bulldogs – hero role, plus dressing dogs in village  
*The Waterhorse Productions Ltd*

**2005****Hercules**

Captain Cooker pigs, Wolfhounds, Horses and Chariots, Birds  
*Coote Hayes Production Services*

**Maddigans Fantasia**

Hero Rats  
*Production Company: South Pacific Pictures*

## **2004**

### **Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe**

Wolves, Dogs, Horses, Mice, Birds and Flies  
*Production Company: Lamp Post Productions*

### **Hercules**

Captain Cooker pigs, Wolfhounds, Horses and Chariots, Birds  
*Coote Hayes Production Services*

### **Mataku**

Hero threatening Dog  
*4 Winds Films*

### **Eisenhower**

Dog (Hercules)  
*The Film Factory*

### **Boogeyman**

Rats  
*Pacific Renaissance*

### **Shortland Street**

Dressing background Rabbits, and hero Rats  
*South Pacific Pictures*

### **Rest Stop**

Lead trained and A to B trained Possums  
*Killing Time Productions*

## **2003**

### **The Last Samurai**

Harnessed horses, oxen and Wagyu, dogs, cats, geese, chickens, ducks, and priscillian ridden cannon carriages.  
*Production Company: The Last Samurai Productions*

### **“Eddies Million Dollar Cook-Off”**

Hero Dog  
*Production Company: Nelson Street Films*

### **Power Rangers**

Dogs, Avondale Spiders  
*Production Company: VRKP*

### **Mercy Peak**

Pig  
*Production Company: South Pacific Pictures*

## **2002**

### **Ninety Percent**

Hero dog – Hercules  
*Production Company: Excalibur Film Productions*

### **6 Feet Under - promotional footage**

Hero Cat holding feather in mouth  
*Saatchi & Saatchi*

### **You Wish**

Lead trained Turkey and a Hero bulldog.  
*Production Company: Nelson Street Films*

**Goosedown** – feature film

Hero Geese and ducklings

*Production Company: Keith Hill, Loose Unit*

**Mataku – Te Ngoro**

Hero hissing cat and free flying magpie

*Production Company: South Pacific Pictures*

**2001**

**Welcome to the Funny Farm**

Many different species supplied for a television series based around Mark Vette and his family that screened on channel one.

*Production Company: Screentime Communicado*

**Ninety Percent**

Hero dog

*Production Company: Excalibur Film Production*

**Spin Doctors**

Hero dog, puppy and kittens

*Production Company: Comedia Pictures*

**Mercy Peak**

Hero lead trained Pig

*South Pacific Pictures*

**Fashion Show**

Doves – accompanying models on the catwalk

*Production Company: Fashion Week*

**Extreme Team**

Pig

*Production Company: E Productions*

**Lord of Rings**

Hero threatening dog

*Production Company: Three Foot Six Limited*

**Cow** – short film

Cow trained to float / work on a pontoon

*53 Productions*

**Superfire**

A to B running Deer, free flying harrier hawk, hero dog, cats, birds and fish

*Production Company: Super Productions*

**Life and Times of Te Tutu**

Hero dog and hero horses

*Production Company: Pipi Productions*

**Street Legal**

Hero dog

*Production Company: Screen Works*

**2000**

**Her Majesty**

Hero dog, chickens

*Production Company: Global HM Productions*

**Zenon the Sequel**

Avondale Spiders

*Production Company: GEFL Productions*

**The Maori Merchant of Venice**

Native wood pigeon

*Production Company: He Taonga Films*

**Eye of the Storm**

Pigs, chickens, parrots, goats, peacocks, cow, horses.

*Production Company: The Stable Ltd*

**Jackson's Wharf**

Hero dog and rabbits

*Production Company: South Pacific Pictures*

**Crooked Earth**

35 Hero Horses, including liberty work, rearing and dogs

*Production Company: Crooked Earth Productions*

**Wild About New Zealand**

Hero dog

*Production Company: Red Sky Productions*

**Topp Twins**

Variety of hero dogs, many different scenes

*Production Company: Diva Productions*

**1999**

**Jubilee**

Hero Hereford Bull - Artificial insemination shot, and dying scene

Hero Rooster

# *Television Commercials*

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2009 – (January till June)

<b>Jolly Farmer</b>	Cows wearing wardrobe, stand stays
<b>1800 reverse</b>	dog chasing bike, causes bike to crash, stand stays
<b>Stag</b>	Stag with coat on antlers, A to B's, Rook, Rabbits, Butterflies
<b>Sanitarium Cluster Crisps</b>	Llama pulling sulky and jockey, dog riding a Segway
<b>Ribena</b>	Dog refusing to roll, then rolling over, tagging with child actor
<b>Westpac</b>	Hero dog
<b>Yoghurt</b>	Border Collie holding large board and running with it
<b>Vodafone</b>	Pack of dogs, exterior running cats, mice running exterior, location
<b>Glidden</b>	Dog holding and carrying paint can
<b>Glassons</b>	Sheep shorn to fulfil brief, running A to B's

2008

<b>Black Forest</b>	Dragonflies
<b>Tower</b>	Cockatoo
<b>Protein Revival</b>	Rats in wardrobe talking
<b>Miracle Gro</b>	Hero Jack Russell and Bulldog
<b>Briscoes</b>	Rabbits
<b>Sky</b>	Llamas
<b>Rabo Plus</b>	Bichon dogs x 2
<b>Nintendo</b>	Cow, Goat, Sheep, Chickens, Dog
<b>Optimum Cat food</b>	Burmese
<b>Ford</b>	Bull running at vehicle gets knocked unconscious
<b>Coke Zero</b>	Barking small dog
<b>Export Gold</b>	Chihuahua launched off lounge, down stays, carried
<b>Ninja</b>	Frisbee catching dog
<b>Cadbury Scroggin</b>	Dog talking, throwing chocolate, working on hind legs
<b>California Milk</b>	Cows displaying variety of tricks and behaviours, ducks dancing
<b>Heineken</b>	Multiple dogs hanging out together and with actors in a bar scene
<b>My Sky</b>	Horse and rider in wardrobe, Dog and Llamas
<b>Speights</b>	Wood Pigeon, Sea lion, Kea and Tuatara
<b>Coke</b>	Pigeon release and ground
<b>Warehouse</b>	Puppies, Foal, Rabbits, Chicks, Lamb and Calves
<b>Pizza Hut</b>	Talking duck on chair
<b>Warehouse Storage</b>	Beagle, running at, pawing at, hitting closed dog door, backing up
<b>Whitcoulls</b>	Labrador with post it note on head, tagging with actor
<b>AA Insurance</b>	Feral rabbit exterior runs out to cause car accident, then runs off
<b>Warehouse</b>	Horse, rider instruction and safety tracking rider and horse
<b>Firewise</b>	Dog through dog door, tagging with child actors, barking, crawling
<b>Big Wednesday</b>	Dog fetching and delivering ball, dancing, pushing book with nose
<b>Ferrero</b>	Stunning white Horse
<b>Mizone</b>	Feral goat A to B's and dog chasing bike
<b>Discover Pets</b>	Cat receiving flea treatment
<b>Mercury Energy</b>	Lamb being bottle feed, asleep in basket and held and carried



2008 – cont'd

<b>Mega Mitre 10</b>	Sheep shorn with Mohawk and wardrobe, puppy wearing wardrobe
<b>Lotto UK</b>	Pigeons ground and released, dog
<b>Perfect</b>	Dog sitting in chair, barking, eye lines and wearing jumper
<b>Sovereign Insurance</b>	Dog picking up and delivering golf ball to golf club
<b>NZTA</b>	Cat having golf balls putted at it, select and jump onto actor
<b>Canon</b>	Dog barking on command
<b>Carters</b>	Dog backing away, tail stood on, hiding behind paws, barking

2007

<b>Holden Rodeo</b>	Ducks
<b>Macy's</b>	Horse, Owl, Hawk, and Butterflies
<b>Ribena</b>	Bull and trout
<b>Carpet Court</b>	Hero dog
<b>Briscoes</b>	Rabbits
<b>Kalenji</b>	Guard geese and attack dog
<b>AMP</b>	Dog tagging with actor
<b>Burger King x 2</b>	Horses
<b>Whittakers</b>	Rabbits
<b>Glassons</b>	Cat in harness rig enabling it to fly
<b>Project Blue</b>	Dog fetching laptop, hairless cat
<b>Sunday telegraph</b>	Parrot and dog
<b>Chef</b>	Hero tabby cat
<b>Burger King</b>	Horses and riders in wardrobe, horse on phone
<b>Energy Efficiency</b>	Cat down stay, typing on laptop
<b>Whitcoulls</b>	Miniature Horse dressed as Christmas reindeer
<b>Xbox</b>	Cat and dog playing Xbox game
<b>Rexona</b>	Praying Mantis and Dog
<b>Kohls</b>	Dog displaying variety of tricks, making coffee, opening curtains
<b>State</b>	Frogs, Chickens, Rabbits, Hedgehog, Piglet, Sheep, Goats, Pigeons
<b>Genesis</b>	Pukeko with chicks, A to B's turning on light
<b>National Bank</b>	Rearing Horse with variety of other behaviours, Cows and Pigeons
<b>TV2</b>	Cat up tree and dog barking at cat
<b>Valspar</b>	Owl, Dog and Frogs

2006

<b>McDonalds</b>	Bichon wearing a wig
<b>Rabo Plus</b>	Rottweilers x 2
<b>Mitre 10</b>	Dog returned by dog ranger
<b>Uncle Bens</b>	Horses and riding doubles
<b>Folgers</b>	Barking/snarling terrier and birds for release
<b>Briscoes</b>	Rabbits
<b>Jennian</b>	Large dog and cat jumping away from chair
<b>Ferrit x 2</b>	Donkey and painting pig
<b>Claratine</b>	Cat
<b>Cougar</b>	Attacking Doberman, stunt double
<b>Tui</b>	Guard Dobermans
<b>Kelloggs</b>	Giant Newfoundland dog
<b>Warehouse</b>	Jack Russell holding voucher
<b>ATG</b>	Large number of horses and riders

2006 – cont'd

<b>Chef</b>	Hero and back up cats working exterior
<b>Nissan</b>	Dog tracking with vehicle and pigeons for release
<b>Genesis</b>	Pukekos A to B's, holding, pulling and carrying
<b>Friskies</b>	Hero cat exterior, holding, carrying, A to B's, pawing
<b>Cheetos</b>	Clipped poodle dog
<b>Yamaha</b>	Dog on quad

2005

<b>Pedigree</b>	Variety of hero dogs, wide range of behaviours
<b>Mc Donald's x 3</b>	3 x different dogs, Corgis, Border and Terrier
<b>Botany Town Centre</b>	Jack Russell pulling/carrying advertising from window
<b>Tatra Beer</b>	Hero Hawk – flying A to B's
<b>Friskies</b>	Interview style for web with hero Ragdoll cat
<b>Burj Dubai</b>	Deer and Cats
<b>Norman Ellison</b>	Hero cat fishing in goldfish bowl
<b>Toyota</b>	Pigs, Chickens – village scene
<b>Vodafone</b>	Hero Rats, stealing a mobile phone
<b>Sunsilk</b>	Longhaired Cat “stuck” to girls hand with hair product
<b>My Sky</b>	Scruffy terrier
<b>Aaradhna</b>	Large longhaired dog – music video
<b>SPCA</b>	Dogs and Cats
<b>Ferrit</b>	Scruffy terrier
<b>Taste Magazine</b>	Turkey
<b>Abes Bagels</b>	Saint Bernard dog, carrying product
<b>Cheetos Cows</b>	3 x hero Cows
<b>McDonalds</b>	Adorable puppy
<b>Vogels</b>	Pony painted as Zebra, Dog and Goats
<b>Persil</b>	Butterflies, Worms

2000 – 2004

<b>NZ Herald</b>	Captain Cooker pig rolling around in the mud
<b>Mazda</b>	Jack Russell dog tagging with children in and out of vehicle
<b>Panasonic</b>	Capuchin monkey, puppies, kittens, lambs, chicks, calf, rabbits
<b>Pizza Hut</b>	Dog howling
<b>Glad</b>	Elephant running in city locations
<b>McVities</b>	Ducks – A to B's and stays in a rising pond
<b>Arnotts</b>	Cow – stand stays with head turns
<b>Lambi Toilet paper</b>	Lambs – A to B's, stand stays, head turns, handling, jumping
<b>Vodafone</b>	Baboon – using mobile phone to take photograph
<b>Heidi Milk</b>	Dog pulling a milk cart
<b>Makita power tools</b>	Rats – A to B's
<b>Vodafone Warriors</b>	Guinea Pigs – stand stays, head turns, eating shots
<b>Bull in the China Shop</b>	Big black Bull – to wander around china shop and sniff china
<b>Starburst Squirts</b>	Dogs – A to B's, jumping through tennis net
<b>Purex Pastels</b>	Rolly dog
<b>Teachers Whiskey</b>	Dog pushing a drinks trolley
<b>Grazon</b>	Cows, dogs
<b>Pal</b>	Various Hero dogs
<b>Corona</b>	Ducks, dogs

2000 – 2004- cont'd

<b>Panasonic</b>	Boston Terrier
<b>Kiwi Attitude</b>	Chickens, dogs, possums,
<b>Kleenex</b>	Rabbits, sleeping horse
<b>3M Innovation</b>	Cat jumping at budgie cage
<b>Dulux</b>	Old English Sheepdog – variety of TVC's and behaviours
<b>Purina Cat Chow</b>	Large American TVC with 15 cats
<b>DB Bitter</b>	Sunglass wearing Rottweilers
<b>Jim Beam</b>	Attack dog, then eats the keys
<b>Go Cat Friskies</b>	Hero cat
<b>Waikato Draught</b>	Dog shaking beer can, large rodeo bull
<b>Quality Bakers</b>	Hero dog (series of TVCs with our in-house dog "Pirate")
<b>Pantene</b>	Rearing horse
<b>Arnotts</b>	Extensive dog hero action (series of TVCs), cats
<b>Harcourts</b>	Dog with his head through a cat flap
<b>Glassons</b>	Dog on treadmill
<b>Toyota "Bugger"</b>	Hercules our famous in-house "bugger" dog, Spot the cow, chickens.
<b>Whiskas</b>	Cats
<b>Tui Beer TVCs</b>	Mice performing some very difficult actions, talking sheep
<b>Target Stores</b>	Pigeons, sheep, dogs, cows, chickens
<b>ihug</b>	Our ihug cat "Ginge" was the star of this TVC
<b>LTSA</b>	Hawk
<b>SPCA</b>	Dog trying to open piggy-bank
<b>Telecom</b>	Blowflies flying with string attached
<b>Hi-C</b>	Frisbee dogs
<b>Fruju</b>	Chimpanzee
<b>H2Go</b>	Mastiff pulling rollerblader
<b>Instant Kiwi</b>	Bull
<b>Firestone Firehawk</b>	Hawk
<b>Tasman – noise control</b>	Macaw Parrot
<b>AXA</b>	Donkey
<b>Iams</b>	Hero dogs and cats
<b>Tui Brand</b>	Monkey – stealing the cricket ball
<b>Methvan Tapware</b>	Hero cat in bath of water
<b>Chef Cat Food</b>	Hero cat
<b>Wendys TVC</b>	Pony
<b>Hillary Commission</b>	Pig in the boat
<b>Burger King</b>	Rooster
<b>State Roadside Rescue</b>	Hero dog

Animals on "Q" also source and train many of the more difficult animal actions for award winning animal photographer Rachel Hale.

*This is not a complete summary of all the TVCs and film work that Animals on 'Q' have been involved in. It does however highlight that Animals on 'Q' are capable of providing and training a vast assortment of species. Furthermore, that they have worked professionally with many local, National, and international production companies.*

# *TV Documentaries and Articles*

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**In the following Mark has either:**

- fronted the show**
- sourced and trained the animals**
- or the job has arisen as a result of Mark's work and expertise.**

Numerous TV News appearances - as leading Animal Behaviour Expert

Weekend (15 mins)

Close-up (20 mins)

Sunday (15mins)

Video-dispatch (6 mins)

Wild South (15 mins)

TV talk back (30 mins)

5:30 Live (5 mins)

Main presenter for “Welcome to the Funny Farm” TV series, based around Marks work

That's Fairly Interesting 2 Programmes (10 mins each)

TV3 Children's Programme (several)

Designed, Produced, Filmed and Edited Educational Video programmes e.g. Pukeko behaviour (40 mins), environmental programmes on endangered species in New Zealand.

Radio talk-back series (regular for 7 years) treating behaviour problems in animals (1ZB, Radio Pacific)

## Profile: Mark Vette B.Sc., M.Sc. (Hons)

Mark is a professional Animal Psychologist and Zoologist who treats behaviour problems in animals. He is also a well known radio and TV personality communicating on animal issues in general. Mark also consults for many organisations on various animal related subjects and teaches at Universities, Polytechs, and gives a public workshop series nationally. As demonstrated above, he locates, auditions and trains a broad array of species for film, TV and video.

### **Qualifications:**

School Certificate and University Entrance (St Kentigern College)

B.Sc. (Zoo, Psych, Bio) Massey and Auckland University

M.Sc. (Hons) Auckland University (Zoology / Animal Psychology)

Animal Behaviour Consultant

Certificate in Morita and Naikan Psychotherapy, Kung Fu and Tai Chi Instructor (black belt.

Meditation and Zen Teacher

Ordained member of The Order of Inter-being with Thich Nhat Hanh

Teacher of Morita and Naikan Psychotherapy - (Constructive Living)

### **Professional Activities:**

Animal Trainer and Wrangler for Film, Television, Video and Print advertising

Director of Animals On 'Q' animal talent agency

Ex Proprietor of large Kennel, Cattery, Behaviour Clinic and a Zoo located in Tuakau

Consulting as referral specialist to Veterinarians treating behaviour problems in Dogs and Cats

Consultant to Organisations MIRINZ, MAF, SPCA, RSPCA, Universities, City Councils, Guide

Dogs for the Blind, Wool Board, AEPB, Hydatids Council.

Part time lecturer at Auckland University, ATI, UNITECH, Massey University Supervisor for

Master students and Interns in Clinical Animal Psychology

Co-Director of Aviation Consultants Ltd.

Adviser on NZ Film Animal Welfare Standards

Expert witness in court cases concerning Animal Behaviour and Facility Design - (dozens of appearances)

Environmental consultant and adviser to New Zealand Forest and Bird Protection Society