

Marie Manderson

Marie's background working with animals started with an after school job in a boarding kennels, and from there progressed to working as a Veterinary surgery assistant (Veterinary Nurse) after she had left school. In the past her love of working with and training animals continued in the dog club world competing in and instructing dog obedience and agility. She has also been involved with breed showing, and training Newfoundland dogs to compete in carting and water trials.

Marie has also been responsible for managing a pet shop, and once she had relocated to Auckland she started training animals for film. Marie has successfully run two South Auckland bases for the company, and is now the Manager of Animals on Q and is responsible for sourcing, training, and being on set with the required animals.

During the course of the last 13 years training animals for film Marie has had the opportunity to work on or assist in:

- developing Unitec courses for dog handlers
- has appeared on 5.30 with Jude helping to train animals for an award winning photographer
- appearing in numerous newspaper articles and television news programs including the 'K9 for kids video', a children's education video.
- appeared in a documentary for Animal Planet alongside photographer Rachael Hale – whom Marie has trained the animals for many of her award winning photographs.
- been an in-costume trainer appearing in Hercules, Xena, Jubilee and more recently Matariki. Marie also featured in the television series "Welcome to the Funny Farm" a series which followed the day to day life of Mark Vette's animal talent agency.
- Marie is also responsible for coordinating, handling and training the animals required for live performances of animal talent shows at A and P shows, farm shows and Pet Expo's. This animal talent show has featured a dancing dog, a dog lifting his leg as if urinating on a person's leg, dogs barking on command, running to marks, hiding, and walking tightropes. Another of Marie's fortes is pig training and previous 'shows' also featured a pig that paints and plays basketball among other amusing antics.

Marie continues to work with animal talent and has increased her training repertoire to now be considered a specialist clicker trainer, a forte she learnt from American animal trainers whilst assisting them when they came to New Zealand on a television commercial production many years ago. This area of her training continues to be her passion today, she is involved in many clicker training email lists and groups and has an intensive clicker training book collection to keep her up to date. Marie has gained

further experience training exotic species including Capuchin monkeys and a Baboon for a Vodafone TVC.

To follow is a small selection of just some of the projects that Marie has either coordinated, has been the sole or senior trainer, or assisted on:

Films – short and telemovies and series

2009

Legend of the Seeker

Kitten

Matariki

Staffordshire bull terrier

2008

My talks with Dean Spanley

Hero Spaniel and Labradoodle

Laundry Warrior

Puppy

The Vintners Luck

Dog, chickens, chicks, Bee's, puppies, Bullock, and Hounds

Power Rangers

Rats running A to B's

They came from upstairs

Rat running at and threatening actor
Praying Mantis

Legend of the Seeker

Dog, long haired cattle, Rat running up leg, Rabbit exterior A to B at speed, Rook

The Good Word

Hairy McClary look-a-like dog

2007

Outrageous Fortune

Hero Rat running around feet, A to B's

Head Cases

Pigeons A to B flying and landings

Burying Brian

2 x hero dogs

Finders Keepers

Rabbits working exterior, Rook, variety of small animals as dressing

Book Show

Hero Rat – running A to B's and stays

World Cup Promo

Dog grabbing camera, Snails, Weta, Crabs, Pukeko

2006

Wendy Wu

Hero dog, variety of behaviours

Ferryman

Hero dog, wide range of behaviours

Waterhorse

Hero and back up Bulldogs – hero role, plus dressing dogs in village

2005

Hercules

Captain Cooker pigs, Wolfhounds, Horses and Chariots, Birds

Maddigans Fantasia

Hero Rats

2004

Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe

Wolves, Dogs, Horses, Mice, Birds, Flies

Hercules

Captain Cooker pigs, Wolfhounds, Horses and Chariots, Birds

Mataku

Hero threatening Dog

Boogeyman

Rats

Shortland Street

Dressing background Rabbits, and hero Rats

Rest Stop

Lead trained and A to B trained Possums

2003

The Last Samurai

Harnessed horses, oxen and Wagyu, dogs, cats, geese, chickens, ducks, and priscillian ridden cannon carriages.

“Eddies Million Dollar Cook-Off”

Hero Dog, Hero Turkey

Power Rangers

Dogs, Avondale Spiders

Mercy Peak

Pig

A selection of TVC's

2009

1800 reverse dog chasing bike
Sanitarium Cluster Crisps Llama pulling sulky and jockey, dog riding segway
Ribena Dog refusing to roll, then rolling over, tagging with child actor
Vodafone Pack of dogs, exterior running cats, mice running exterior

2008

Protein Revival Rats in wardrobe
Miracle Gro Hero Jack Russell/Bulldog
Briscoes Rabbits
Sky Llamas
Rabo Plus Bichon
Optimum Cat food Burmese
Export Gold Chihuahua
Ninja Frisbee
Cadbury Scroggin Dog
California Milk Cows
Heineken Dogs
My Sky Dog/Llamas
Coke Pigeon
Warehouse Puppies,
Foal, Rabbits, Chicks, Lamb and Calves
Warehouse Storage Beagle,
Whitcoulls Labrador
AA Insurance Rabbit
Firewise Dog
Big Wednesday Dog
Discover Pets Cat
Mercury Energy Lamb
Mega Mitre 10 Sheep
Lotto UK Pigeons
Perfect Dog
Sovereign Insurance Dog
NZTA Cat
Carters Dog

2007

Briscoes Rabbits
AMP Dog
Burger King x 2 Horses
Whittakers Rabbits
Glassons Cat
Project Blue dog/cat cat
Chef Hero Cat
Burger King Horses
Energy Efficiency Cat
Xbox Cat/ Dog
State Frogs,
Chickens, Rabbits, Hedgehog, Piglet,
Sheep, Goats, Pigeons
Genesis Pukeko
TV2 Cat up tree

Previous TVC's

McDonalds – Border Collie and crossbreed terrier
Vodafone Warriors – Dachshund
Pedigree – variety of dog breeds
Botany Town center – Jack Russell
McDonalds – Corgis
Fruju – Cow
Mazda – Jack Russell
Pizza Hut – mice
Sky TV – Goats and Donkey
ASB Bank – Jack Russell
Panasonic – Baby animals
BP – Boxer crossbreed
Tip Top – Bull
McVities – Ducks
Arnotts – Cow

Previous TVC's cont'd

Sky Sport – Australian shepherd
Lambi – hero lambs
Guide Dog – Duck, Cow, Sheep
Starbursts Squirts – Bichon
Reactine – Dogs, Cats
Stella Artois – Cattle, Pigs, Cart horse
TDK – Terrier crossbreed
Whitcoulls – digging dog
Instant Kiwi – Turkey
Visa TVC – Greyhound and Whippet
Palmers – hero terrier crossbreed
Pedigree – variety of dog breeds
Heart Kids Foundation – dogs
Tui TVC – mice pretrain
Glassons / Hallensteins – chicks
Warburtons Bread
Elite Luggage – Beagle
Mercury Energy
Alpenliebe Lollipop – dog leg lifting
Country Goodness – selection of dogs
Kachingo
Kelloggs – hero cats
SPC Fruit – Jack Russell
Chef – hero cats
LL Bean TVC – hero pointer
Pedigree Pal – selection of dogs
Mars – Sheep
Meaty Bites – Hero dogs

Project World – dog, goats
Frisbee Dog
Pink Batts – hero dog
Dulux – hero dog
State Roadside Rescue – yellow
Labrador
Jordon – peacock
DEKA – hero dog
Hi-C – hero dogs
Briscoes – hero dog
Telecom – Blowflies
SPCA – dogs, goats, chickens
National Bank – hero dogs
Mallowpuffs – dog
Telecom white pages – hero attack dogs
Glassons – dog on treadmill
Pantene – Horse
Tui – Sheep and Mice
Cuisine Magazine – Hero dog
Fresh and Fruity – hero dog, magpie
Quality Bakers – hero dog
Friskies website interview
K9 – 4 – Kids educational video
Live promo for advertising agency –
Beagle
Levi – live promo with pig

The above is just a brief outline of the projects that Marie has been involved with, there are many more including photography stills and public shows and events of which there are too many to list.