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# PAWS For a Moment, Seeing Eye Dogs Vision Australia

## Issue 2 – 2018

## Thank you for helping to care for and train puppies like Dee!

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### Thank you

It’s always hard to capture in words the life-changing difference Seeing Eye Dogs make to the lives of those living with blindness or low vision.

These incredible dogs give their special humans the confidence to explore the world, their independence, and, in the case of mums like Krista, the chance to share life’s special moments with their children, to live the life they choose and to experience all that life has to offer.

**They are four-legged superheroes, but their secret source of power is you.**

Your support has been truly life changing. Thank you for helping to give puppies the training, care and support they urgently need to make such a big difference to those who are blind or have low vision. I hope you enjoy seeing our latest graduates and getting to know some of these amazing pups in the coming pages.

Thank you, and happy reading!

Ron Hooton  
CEO, Seeing Eye Dogs

## Welcome to the world Puppies!

**DOB:** 24/02/2018   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Sana   
**Sire:** Ajay  
**Elroy, Emeric, Everett, Eugene, Ellie, Edgar**

**DOB:** 5/02/2018   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Chilli   
**Sire:** Lenny  
**Coco, Captain, Claudia, Curtis, Cloud, Carmen**

**DOB:** 18/12/2017   
**Breed:** Golden Retriever   
**Dam:** Xanthe   
**Sire:** Broozer  
**Yedda, Yoni, Yanis, Yvette, Yael, Yanni, York, Yardley, Yetti**

**DOB:** 18/12/2017   
**Breed:** Golden Ret cross Lab   
**Dam:** Skyla   
**Sire:** Dexter  
**Will, Winnie, Winter, Wednesday, Wilma, Winona, Whitney**

**DOB:** 15/12/2017   
**Breed:** Golden Ret cross Lab   
**Dam:** Hayley   
**Sire:** Iggy  
**Vanessa, Verley, Victoria, Verena, Vlad, Valerie, Vienna, Veetor, Vance, Valentino, Varten.**

**DOB:** 9/12/2017   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Vespa   
**Sire:** Scottie  
**Terri, Thelma, Tosca**

**DOB:** 19/11/2017   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Raquel   
**Sire:** Wilson  
**Sofia, Sarina, Summer, Stanley, Sumi, Sylvie, Samson, Starsky**

**DOB:** 16/11/2017   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Pinky  
**Rosa, Reggie, Rumer, Raya, Ronnie, Romeo, Rover**

**DOB:** 13/09/2017   
**Breed:** Golden Retriever   
**Dam:** Honey   
**Sire:** Enzo  
**Lorri, Livvy, Lanti, Lexi, Lizzy, Leah, Lady, Lulu**

**DOB:** 6/09/2017   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Mia   
**Sire:** Isaac  
**Kallie, Krista, Kite, Kale, Kelvin, Kipper**

**DOB:** 18/08/2017   
**Breed:** Labrador   
**Dam:** Zanna  
**Judy, Jock, Jasper, Jarvis, Juke**

**We are excited to introduce you to some of the adorable pups that have been born at the Seeing Eye Dog puppy centre.**

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## From Cane to Canine, a Mother’s Freedom.

‘Having a Seeing Eye Dog allows me to be the best mother I can be.’  
Mum Krista with **daughters**

It’s a Monday morning in the regional Victorian town of Warragul as 6-year-old Bethany and her 4-year-old sister, Alicia, get ready for their daily walk to school. With their lunches packed and their excitement growing for the joys of the playground, they wait at the door for two more family members—Krista, their loving mother, and Nikita, her Seeing Eye Dog.

It’s the little things like this that many of us take for granted, but for Krista, walking her daughters to school is one of those moments that she will cherish forever. It is thanks to her ever loyal, and sometimes cheeky, furry companion, Nikita, that the mother of two is able to enjoy these moments.

Krista was born blind, but she has never let it stop her from living the life she wants. For her, it simply means ‘finding a different way to do things.’

Growing up she was surrounded by the incredible support of her friends and family, and now, with a family of her own, she relies on the support of her amazing Seeing Eye Dog to help her live a life of independence and freedom.

‘Going for walks, taking my daughters to school activities and getting to where I need to be is just made a whole lot easier, thanks to my Seeing Eye Dog. And it’s boosted my confidence,’ she says.

Your generous support allows puppies to be trained across Australia as Seeing Eye Dogs. These remarkable dogs make a tremendous difference to the lives of those living with blindness or low vision like Krista and her family.

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## The ‘PAW-fect’ Teacher’s Aide

There’s something a little different about the newest member of Carolyn’s classroom. Sure, he isn’t too crash hot with his times tables, and he doesn’t create the best macaroni art, but he’s still getting plenty of gold stars.

His name is Asha and, much to the delight of Carolyn’s students, he’s a gorgeous, thick coated Labrador that their teacher has adopted. Even better still, it seems he has passed the rigorous interview process to become Carolyn’s full time Teacher’s Aide.

The thought of having a dog in the classroom might seem distracting to some, but Asha is very disciplined thanks to the education he received during his training to become a Seeing Eye Dog.

The reality is that not every dog who starts this highly specialised training will graduate.

Only the best of the best will go on to become a Seeing Eye Dog, but well trained pups like Asha can still go on to make a big difference!

This gorgeous pup certainly isn’t hung up on not graduating with honours at the top of his class. Thanks to everything he learnt he is now able to spend his time reading with the students and being a regular fixture in the staff room, where instead of a personalised coffee mug he has a very special water bowl that no one else ‘borrows.’

‘He helps people when they’re sad. He cheers them up by being himself… He’s always there to turn your frown upside down,’ said one student.

‘He makes me look forward to coming to school, so I can see him… If I see Asha in the morning I can work better because I feel happy,’ added another, unable to wipe the ear to ear grin off their face.

The impact of this four-legged pooch is clear to Carolyn who knows the importance of having a happy classroom saying, ‘He makes people happy and happy students learn better.’

**Asha is a shining example of how dogs who don’t meet the high standard to become a Seeing Eye Dog can go on to enrich lives. He’s found a great purpose in helping these students… and the teachers!**

**Asha is top dog in Carolyn’s class.**

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## A Puppy’s Journey

A puppy’s training from birth to 16 weeks is a vital part of their development and socialisation. Thank you for supporting the care and training of puppies.

At 8 weeks of age puppies go to live with a volunteer puppy carer, like Peter. Carers are important because they ensure that the puppies are looked after and given the right amount of socialisation and love so that when the time comes, they can start their Seeing Eye Dog training.

**For more information on being a puppy carer, go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/seeingeyedogs or website: www.sed.org.au**

Puppy Centre attendant Lina spends all her time with the pups at the Puppy Centre, caring and supporting them as they discover the world around them.

Pregnant mums are monitored every day - their appetite, temperature, general behaviour and even their toileting routine must be recorded leading up to their due date. They receive a daily ultrasound to check if the unborn pups are healthy.

Sometimes there are as many as 50 pups at the Puppy centre. That’s a lot of gorgeous puppies curious to explore their surroundings. With the right care and training, every puppy has the potential to change someone’s life.

At 3 weeks of age, the pups begin to receive more specific training to help build confidence. By 4 weeks, each pup is partnered with a staff member to further develop their socialisation skills.

Early socialisation and training brings out the best in puppies so they can begin their journey to become a Seeing Eye Dog and be matched with someone who needs their help.

Puppies need lots of care and love, they are rewarded for learning.

Reggie and her puppy carer Peter.

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## CONGRATULATIONS NEW GRADUATES!

You’ve made it to the end of your training and boy, are we proud!

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| **Client** | **Dog name** | **Sex** | **Breed** | **State** | **Puppy carer** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Courtney | Kovu | Male | Golden Retriever | Qld | Joan and Carly |
| Paul | Elmer | Male | Labrador x G.Retriever | NT | Kathryn |
| Ashleigh | Humphrey | Male | Labrador | Vic | James |
| Vicki | Linford | Male | Labrador | Vic | Kristin |
| Madonna | Archie-E | Male | Labrador x G.Retriever | Qld | Kate |
| Jenny | Elvis | Male | Labrador x G.Retriever | Qld | Rebecca |
| Lorraine | Ivan | Male | Labrador | Vic | Gaylene |
| Leslie | Hughie | Male | Labrador | Vic | Louisa |
| Daniel | Varden | Male | Labrador | Vic | Craig |
| Kyra | Esme | Female | Labrador x G. Retriever | Qld | Margaret, Alison, and Christopher |
| Wayne | Knox | Male | Golden Retriever | Tas | Danielle, Rhonda and Anita |
| Alison | Ashton | Male | Golden Retriever | Qld | Julie and Sandra |
| Warwick | Cassie | Female | Labrador | Qld | Tina |

**Because of you, pups receive the care and specialised training needed to become Seeing Eye Dogs, so they can be matched with people in need.**

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## Lucky Puppy Lottery YOU COULD WIN

**Call our lottery hotline today on 1800 670 917**

**Tickets are just $2.50!**

Your support of our Lucky Puppy Lotteries is helping to transform gorgeous Seeing Eye Puppies into life-changing, loyal companions.

### 1st prize: Mitsubishi Mirage LS valued at $18,450 (incl. on road costs) PLUS $20,000 in cash

### COUPON – FRONT

#### Please accept my life-changing gift of:

[\_] $30   
[\_] $50   
[\_] $100   
[\_] $200

My choice $\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### My payment method:

Please debit my credit card (details below)

#### Card type:

[\_] Visa   
[\_] MasterCard   
[\_] AMEX   
[\_] Diners

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**Expiry:** \_\_/\_\_

**Name on card:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please find enclosed my cheque/money order payable to Seeing Eye Dogs

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**First name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Suburb:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_

**Supporter number (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Please complete this coupon and return to the below address.

Send to Reply Paid 9802 IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY, call 1800 42 20 07 or donate at sed.org.au/donate

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Please read our privacy statement overleaf. If you do not wish to receive further information about the work Seeing Eye Dogs does in the community, please call 1800 42 20 07

#### Thank you for making a difference.

Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

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### COUPON – BACK

#### Help raise a Seeing Eye Dog!

**$30** can help pay for a general veterinarian examination for puppies joining the program.

**$50** can help pay for the harness and leads needed for graduating dogs.

**$100** can help towards the cost of intensive training sessions with a Seeing Eye Dog and their new handler.

**$200** can help towards the cost of veterinarian supplies and equipment.

### PRIVACY STATEMENT:

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## PETBARN FOUNDATION

**Only the best of the best pups go on to become Seeing Eye Dogs**

Chilli is a gorgeous black Labrador who was one of the first dogs to be sponsored through the Petbarn Foundation Appeal in 2014. Chilli was selected to enter the breeding program to become a mum to the next generation of Seeing Eye Dogs. Now Chilli’s pups who have inherited her wonderful traits are also on their way to becoming fully trained Seeing Eye Dogs. Cloud, one of the new pups, (both pictured), bears a striking resemblance to her mum Chilli. Seeing Eye Dogs innovative breeding program would not be possible without the incredible assistance of The Petbarn Foundation. The support we receive through their annual campaign has sponsored over 45 puppies and 2018 will mark the fifth year of this amazing partnership.

**Thank you Petbarn Foundation and your amazing community for your generous support!**

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