



Seeing Eye Dogs
Vision Australia

Paws For a moment

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Thank you
for helping to care for
and train puppies.





Thank you!

I love being able to connect with you through this newsletter. It reminds me of how much of our work with Seeing Eye Dogs is actually about building the bonds of connection.

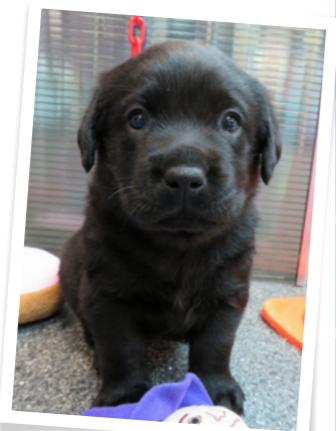
It's that deep, powerful bond between each Seeing Eye Dog and their human.

It's the bond between our carers and the puppies they raise, carers who know each puppy's needs and potential so well.

And it's the bonds that connect you to this important work: to the dogs, the carers and the people we help.

Thank you again for being part of this life-changing work.

Ron Hooton
Chief Executive
Officer



Welcome to the world, PUPPIES!	
Give a huge warm hello to our newest arrivals. I think you'll agree they're set to be amazing Seeing Eye Dogs!	
DOB: 28/8/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: India Sire: Redmond Zelda, Zen, Bobby, Zia, Zazu	DOB: 6/9/19 Breed: L Dam: Lindy Sire: Brent Bear, Bronte, Speyer
DOB: 1/10/19 Breed: L Dam: Emma Sire: Yoli Clay, Carlos, Cashew, Clipper, Colonel	DOB: 4/10/19 Breed: GR Dam: Hayley Sire: Casper Dasha, Deuce, Dottie, Drummer, Darcy, Draco
DOB: 5/10/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: Kelly Sire: Yoli Elke, Elvin, Eva, Enid, Evelyn, Ember, Ernie	DOB: 15/10/19 Breed: L Dam: Winna Sire: Anton Farrell, Fonzie, Fennel, Fern, Fergie, Fawn
DOB: 8/11/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: Terri Sire: Jethro Glenda, Gaia, Greer, Gemma, Gilbert, Gizmo, Guinness	DOB: 9/11/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: Yoko Sire: Redmond Hilda, Hamish, Honour, Homer, Herbie, Harpo, Angela
DOB: 28/11/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: Unnika Sire: Jethro Jake, Joey, Jimbo	DOB: 23/12/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: Amber Sire: Yoli Lucy, Lucas, Lemmy, Levi, Lettie, Louis, Ludo
DOB: 26/12/19 Breed: L x GR Dam: Olive Sire: Jethro Myrtle, Mason, Meadows, Mellow, Maya, Mavis, Mango, Merlot, Miso, Moby, Mimi, Memphis	DOB: 30/12/19 Breed: L Dam: Jessie Sire: Murray Nashi, Nero, Norton, Nita, Natasha, Norris
DOB: 8/1/20 Breed: L Dam: Capri Ocean, Omari, Olga, Otter, Onyx	DOB: 17/1/20 Breed: L Dam: Judy Sire: Yoli Patty, Penny, Perry, Purdy, Pedro, Pilot, Polo, Persia
DOB: 17/1/20 Breed: L Dam: Giselle Sire: Redmond Rocky, Remy, Rita and Ruby	DOB: 19/2/20 Breed: L x GR Dam: Jasmine Sire: Willard Seve, Seamus, Scooter, Sari, Scarlet, Shirlee, Silkie, Sam
DOB: 22/2/20 Breed: L x GR Dam: Demi Sire: Jethro Tawnie, Tilly, Tasha, Tippi, Tino, Toto, Turbo, Tony, Tarot	DOB: 2/3/20 Breed: L Dam: Maddie Sire: Clancy Uno, Ultra, Uni, Umar, Urchin, Ully, Ursula, Ukari, Utah, Unique, Urban
DOB: 8/3/20 Breed: L Dam: Lily Sire: Anton Vita, Viking, Virgo, Vikki, Varda, Velvet, Verdi	DOB: 17/3/20 Breed: L x GR Dam: Magda Sire: Enrico Yin, Yana, Yang, Yaffa, Yen, Yenty, Yarny, Yaris
DOB: 19/3/20 Breed: L x GR Dam: Qwerty Sire: Redmond Zorba, Zara, Zuri, Zorro, Zumba, Zappa	DOB: 13/4/20 Breed: L x GR Dam: Harper Sire: Yoli Angel, Anzac, Alaska, Athens, Aria, Apple, Astra

L = Labrador, GR = Golden Retriever



Freedom and safety – how Seeing Eye Dog Harlow opened up the world for Leah

Leah had a long wait before she was finally matched with her Seeing Eye Dog Harlow, but now her life is transformed.

As a university lecturer and PhD student, Leah needs to navigate public transport and busy campuses. She has low vision due to an eye condition she's had since birth.

Leah says the wait was worthwhile, as Harlow is her perfect match.

'When I finally met Harlow I thought it was amazing how much the trainers had listened and how well matched we were,' says Leah.

'Everything I said about my situation was taken into account: the fact that I take public transport, that I move a lot between urban and regional areas, and the way I interact with

a large number of people every day in my work.'

Seeing Eye Dog Harlow has helped Leah become more confident than ever.

'I now take everything in my stride, even the situations which used to hold me back.'

'I'm a lot less stressed about going to new places or places on my own.'

'Harlow has given me the confidence to go anywhere I want.'

'I'm so grateful to all the kind people who helped raise and train Harlow!'



Meet Toni, a lifelong dog lover

Toni is one of many kind people who have decided to leave a Gift in their Will for Seeing Eye Dogs.

'When I made my Will I wanted my family to be looked after first. But I also wanted to leave a legacy.'

'I like the idea that, when I am gone, something of what I have achieved will be of benefit to others. It helps you acknowledge your place in the bigger family – our community.'

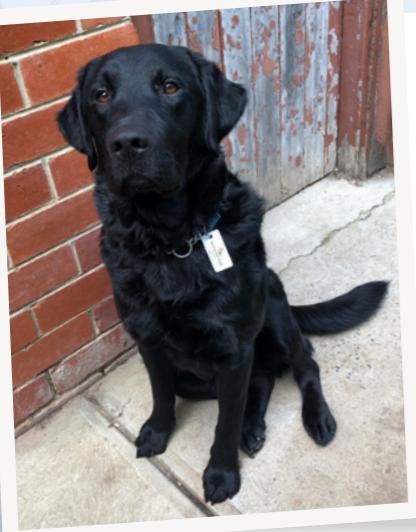
'It's a great way to make a statement about your existence and your life. Even a small percentage included in your Will makes a great difference to Seeing Eye Dogs.'

Thanks so much for your kindness, Toni.

Your incredible support provides specialised care and training for puppies to become Seeing Eye Dogs.

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity that ensures continued support and services for Australians who are blind or have low vision.

If you too are considering leaving a Gift in your Will, please call us for further information on 1800 422 077.



Thank you, Diane!

Diane is one of our incredible donors who fully supported Lightie (pictured here) on his two-year training journey to become a Seeing Eye Dog.

'I love dogs but I also want to empower people who are blind or have low vision to live the same fulfilling and independent life as someone who is sighted,' says Diane.

Diane is driven by her life's work as a microbiologist and educator to make the

world a better place and do something meaningful in life by helping others.

'Both my parents supported blindness organisations when I was growing up and I learned about generosity from them. I think more Australians need to support others in our community. I named Lightie after my father, Reginald Lightfoot, and chose a male black lab as we had a black kelpie named Brutus when I was young.'

'It means so much to me knowing I can give someone the gift of 10 years of independence and mobility through a Seeing Eye Dog. I hope my role in Lightie's journey will help inspire others to give.'



A day in the life of a Vet Manager

'Every day is different and all the work we do has a positive impact not only for the dogs but most importantly for our clients.'
– Dr Nicola Cotton

Dr Nicola Cotton is our Veterinary and Reproduction Manager.

We asked her to give a little snapshot of her average day, but she said every day is so varied!

'My usual day involves some veterinary work such as examinations, medications, surgery or X-rays,' Dr Nicola explains.

'I oversee the veterinary services. We have a team of three veterinarians and three veterinary nurses who uphold an exceptionally

high standard of health for our Seeing Eye Dogs in the breeding, puppy development and training programs and operate our on-site veterinary clinic.

'Two or three times per month on average we will have the birth of a litter of pups in our Puppy Centre, and myself or our veterinarians or vet nurses may need to provide reproductive care for the mum and pups, for example emergency caesarean surgery.'

'Developing Seeing Eye Dogs is a highly technical, scientific and complex process which involves a large number of trained professionals across the veterinary, kennels, puppy centre, breeding, training and client services teams.'



Three cheers for our new graduates!



Please join us in sending a huge 'CONGRATULATIONS' to our newest graduates.

These clever dogs all passed their rigorous training with flying colours.

SEEING EYE DOG *Orella* MATCHED WITH *Haley*

SEEING EYE DOG *Dylan* MATCHED WITH *Kate*

SEEING EYE DOG *Bateman* MATCHED WITH *Harry*

SEEING EYE DOG *Yael* MATCHED WITH *Therese*

SEEING EYE DOG *Edgar* MATCHED WITH *Julie*

SEEING EYE DOG *Heather* MATCHED WITH *Louisa*

SEEING EYE DOG *Quimble* MATCHED WITH *Virginia*

SEEING EYE DOG *Harvey* MATCHED WITH *Samuel*

SEEING EYE DOG *Hetty* MATCHED WITH *Glory*

SEEING EYE DOG *Harriet* MATCHED WITH *Paulette*



Britnee is delighted to have Seeing Eye Dog Kuma by her side.

'With Kuma, it's been a lot easier to get out by myself,' explains Britnee. 'I used to have to wait for my partner or my support worker.'

'There are times when I can see okay and other times when my eye condition causes me to be totally blind. I don't panic when that happens anymore because Kuma is there to keep me calm.'



Seeing Eye Dog Emeric has transformed Martin's life.

'For the first time in 35 years I'm able to walk outside and feel safe,' says Martin. 'Emeric has already stopped me from walking into two cars.'

'I'm so impressed. He's made such an impact that I couldn't imagine life without him anymore. My family loves him, too.'

'He gets me up in the morning and keeps me active and out of trouble.'

These happy matches are thanks to you!

As a supporter of Seeing Eye Dogs, you are making the training and match-ups possible. You are changing the lives of Australians who are blind or have low vision, so they can live the life they choose. Thank you so much!

Ask a Vet

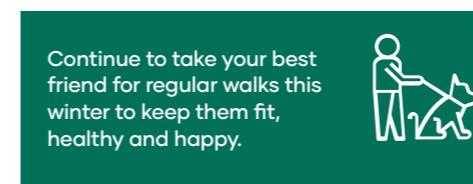
Doggie winter advice from Dr Mags!

As the weather gets colder, the temperature changes have an effect on our pets, just like us.

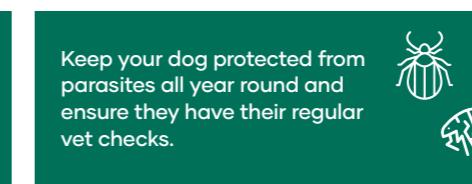
Here are some tips to ensure you give your pup the warm and fuzzies this winter:



A comfortable bed away from drafts helps keep your dog warm in the cooler months.



Continue to take your best friend for regular walks this winter to keep them fit, healthy and happy.



Keep your dog protected from parasites all year round and ensure they have their regular vet checks.

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How often should I feed my puppy?

When feeding your puppy it's better to split their food portion for the day into smaller, frequent meals to avoid any pressure on their digestion. Here's a simple guide:

- Weaning (all sizes): four meals a day
- Up to four months (small breeds) or up to six months (large breeds): three meals a day
- Four to 10 months (small breeds) or six to 12 months (large breeds): two meals a day

What's the best way to feed my puppy?

Create a routine and stick to it. Feed them at the same times, in the same place, using the same bowl, so they understand exactly when and where to expect mealtimes.

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Your donation will help fund the Seeing Eye Dogs program as well as other services Vision Australia offers, helping people who are blind or have low vision to live the life they choose.

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Thank you for making a difference.
Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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Help care for and train a Seeing Eye Dog!

\$30 can help pay for the harness and leads needed for graduating dogs.

\$50 can help towards the cost of specialised training sessions with a Seeing Eye Dog and their new handler.

\$65 can help towards the cost of veterinarian supplies and equipment.

\$100 can help pay for a year's supply of vaccinations to keep puppies safe.



A huge thank you from Colleen!



Colleen with her
Seeing Eye Dog Xian.

'I would just like to say
how grateful I am.'

'Seeing Eye Dogs make
such an immense difference
to a person with blindness
or low vision. They are our
companions, our way of
getting around with confidence,
our safety, and our way of
interacting with the world
that would otherwise
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