

Paws

For a moment



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Thank you
for changing lives





Thank you

As someone who's very committed to caring for our extraordinary puppies and their humans, you will know well the remarkable difference a Seeing Eye Dog can make in someone's life - and we could not do this without your support. Thank you!

In this issue, you can't help falling in love with Jenny's Seeing Eye Dog, Elvis. This partnership was a long time coming, and I'm thrilled to say that Jenny and Elvis are the perfect match.

I'm also so glad you'll have the opportunity to read about how your generosity has given Terri her independence and confidence back. She's now been matched with Farrow, and together they love to get out and about and to go travelling.

Witnessing the incredible change that having a Seeing Eye Dog makes to so many lives is truly inspirational.

Thank you for helping to care for and train these incredible puppies.

Ron Hooton
Chief Executive Officer



Welcome to the world

Puppies!

Meet some of the adorable pups that have been born at the Seeing Eye Dog Puppy Centre.

DOB: 6/7/18 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever
Dam: Luna Sire: Enzo

Tansy, Tucker, Taurus, Tex, Tiny, Trilby, Tessa, Tavish

DOB: 18/7/18 Breed: Labrador Dam: Lindy Sire: Yoli
Vijay, Vulcan, Vashti, Vixen, Villi, Velvet, Valley, Vito

DOB: 3/8/18 Breed: Labrador Dam: Silky Sire: Flinders
Welly, Wonder, Wafer, Wilfred, Waffles, Lightie, Womble, Writer, Windsor, Wilmot, Wattle, Winsome

DOB: 20/8/18 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever
Dam: Iniki Sire: Dewey

Zippa, Zinna, Zola, Zilla, Zara, Zoli, Zorba, Zepha

DOB: 17/9/18 Breed: Labrador Dam: Jade Sire: Ajay
Aqua, Aggie, Anya, Aisha

DOB: 18/9/18 Breed: Labrador Dam: Skyla Sire: Venture
Barney, Boonie, Breezy, Benita, Bellamy, Bethany, Buffy, Berry, Blannin

DOB: 8/10/18 Breed: Labrador Dam: Mindy Sire: Flinders
Duncan, Dorrie, Daphne, Devon

DOB: 9/11/18 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever
Dam: Aimee Sire: Maverick

Felix, Fergus, Ferris, Fletch, Fabio, Flynn, Flo, Fidget, Fido, Flossie, Fifi

DOB: 22/12/18 Breed: Golden Retriever Dam: Honey Sire: Bart
Howie, Hudson, Halford, Happy, Hebe, Parker, Hattie

DOB: 11/1/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever
Dam: Wanda Sire: Varko

Ian, Ira, Ignatius, Irina, Ivanhoe, Isha, Isabell, Coopa, Ivory, Inky

DOB: 24/1/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever
Dam: Raquel Sire: Redmond

Jerry, Jackie, Java, Jewel, Juno, Jamila

Jenny has waited 25 years to meet Elvis—and it turns he's quite the king!

Jenny was born with only five percent vision. At 21, she underwent surgery that left her completely blind. It was at this point that she was first introduced to Seeing Eye Dogs. Her first dog quickly became her best friend.

Jenny and her dog bonded quickly. They had many wonderful years together but when he had to be retired later in life, Jenny couldn't bear the thought of saying goodbye.

'I was so attached to my first dog that I went without one for 25 years. I was so emotionally connected to him – I refused another dog.'

Now a retiree, some changes in her neighbourhood made her consider a new pairing.

'In my area there's a lot of construction going on. After a couple of minor falls, I decided to look into getting a new Seeing Eye Dog.'

When Jenny met Elvis, her happiness skyrocketed. Elvis is a great fit. Best of all, he helps keep her safe.

20 years ago, Jenny was in a terrible accident where she was hit by a train. She was scared and avoided using them for many years, but when she fell in love with her partner, she knew she had to overcome her fear.

Thankfully, Elvis could help her. *'We did the training together so I could surprise my partner. It was the longest ten minutes I've ever spent at that station, but the way Elvis carefully took me from one end to the other, that's something I don't think I'll ever forget.'*

It seems that Elvis is quite the gentleman and, while he *'ain't nothing like a hound dog'*, like his namesake, he is partial to the spotlight. In fact,



while on holiday Jenny took Elvis to see an Elvis impersonator, who invited them both on stage.

Jenny says, *'The impersonator told my Elvis to take a bow. It's safe to say that he was quite shocked when the dog actually did it! We left the show with some members of the audience commenting that Elvis was indeed leaving the building.'*

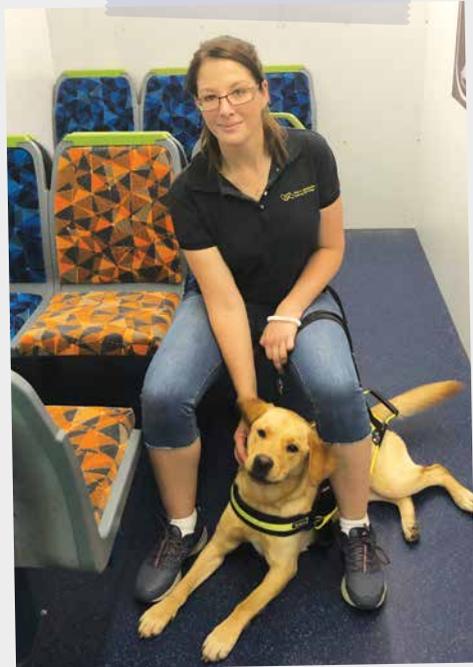
It's a wonderful story and thanks to your support, Jenny now has the confidence to leave the building too, whenever she wants!

Raya's Big Day Out. Puppy-In-Training!

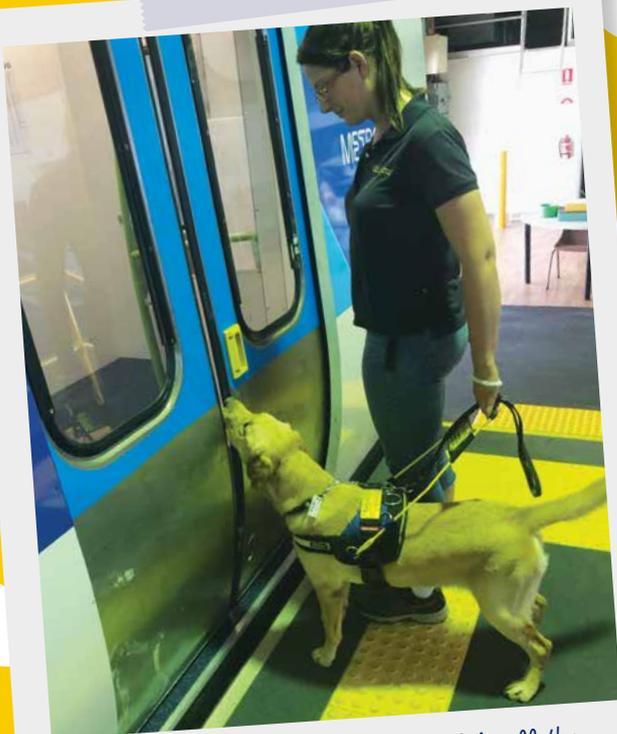
For the first twelve months of their lives, puppies are cared for by volunteers who oversee their development. Once they reach a year old and pass their medical and basic training, it is time for them to undertake specialised Seeing Eye Dog training.



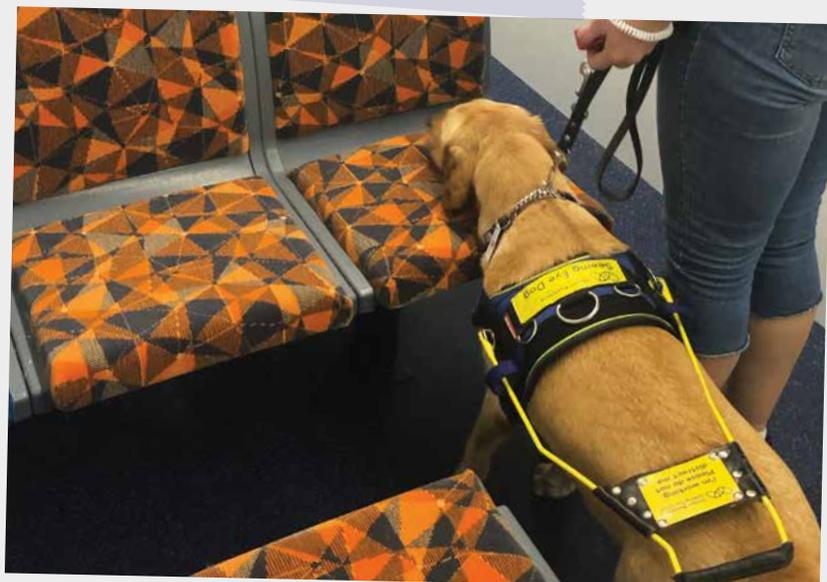
Getting out and about is a special part of my training. This means that when I am older, I can help someone travel to where they need to go.



And we are off! It's an exciting day exploring the city with my instructor Brooke. She makes sure I am following all of her commands and I get to practise all the new skills that I have learnt.



Here I am helping my handler get safely off the train. I have to be alert at all times.



Here I am with my instructor Brooke – we are practising how I can find a free seat and let my handler know where to sit. This is a very important thing to learn, especially when we are on a crowded tram, train or bus.



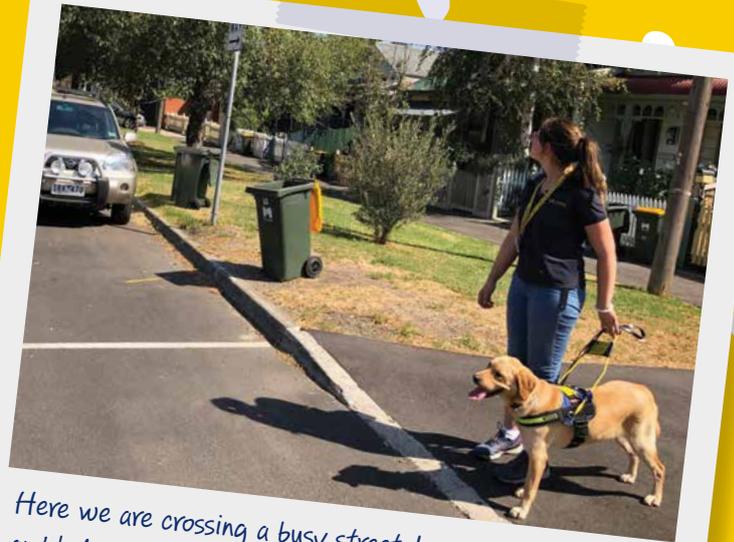
Did you know that I am trained to find a vacant seat on public transport as well as at a café or restaurant?



I must remember to wait patiently and then let my handler know when it is safe to cross the street. We practise this lots of times.



It's yellow bin day. But this means that my handler may not see the bins and may accidentally trip over. It's my job to move around the bins and obstructions on the street in a safe manner.



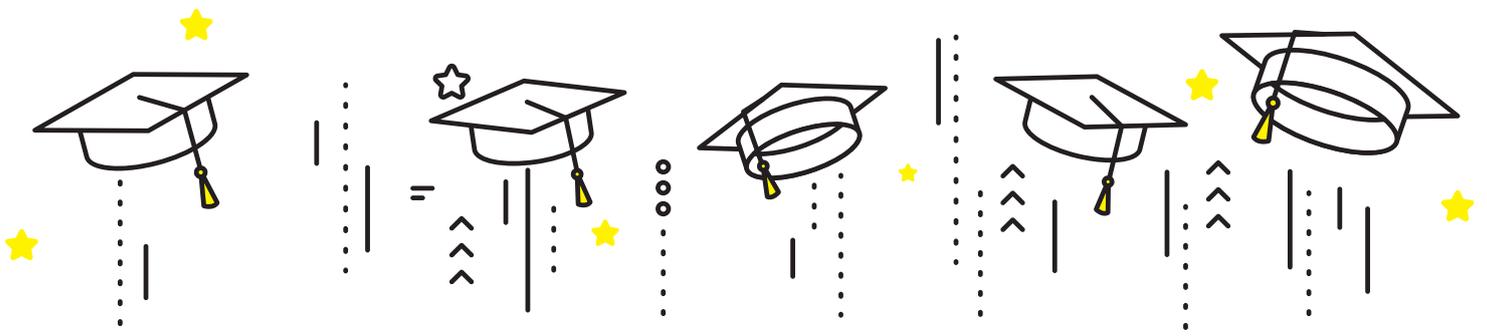
Here we are crossing a busy street. I need to be alert and help my human travel safely.

It's been such an exciting day. I've practised all the skills I've learnt, and my instructor Brooke helped me along the way. Thank you for helping me with my training. I know I have a very important job to do when I graduate as a fully skilled Seeing Eye Dog.

 Raya

Thank you

You are helping puppies receive the best care and specialised training to become Seeing Eye Dogs.



CONGRATULATIONS NEW GRADUATES!

Well done on finishing your training! Best wishes for your new life together. You've made it to the end of your training and we are all so proud!

SEEING EYE DOG *Irving* MATCHED WITH *Ian*

SEEING EYE DOG *Jedda* MATCHED WITH *Jennifer*

SEEING EYE DOG *Ruben* MATCHED WITH *Nick*

SEEING EYE DOG *Quigley* MATCHED WITH *Kathleen*

SEEING EYE DOG *Hillary* MATCHED WITH *Edna*

SEEING EYE DOG *Harlow* MATCHED WITH *Leah*

SEEING EYE DOG *Lucky* MATCHED WITH *Sam*

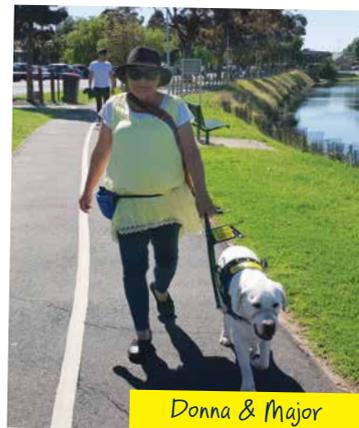
SEEING EYE DOG *Franklin* MATCHED WITH *Malcolm*

SEEING EYE DOG *Major* MATCHED WITH *Donna*

SEEING EYE DOG *Miller* MATCHED WITH *Mark*

SEEING EYE DOG *Willow* MATCHED WITH *Claire*

SEEING EYE DOG *Royce* MATCHED WITH *Debra*



Donna & Major



Malcolm & Franklin

Your kindness gives people who are blind or have low vision their freedom, independence and safety.



Edna, Debra, Kath, Donna, Leah & Malcolm with their Seeing Eye Dogs.

Because of you, we can give more pups the care and specialised training needed to become the most important helper in the life of someone who is blind or has low vision.

Woof Woof



Terri's my best friend!

My name is Farrow. I'm a yellow lab and I've just been paired with my perfect match - Terri.

Terri was very sad as her vision was getting worse and when she had to give her drivers licence back, it was one of her hardest days.

Like me, Terri likes to be active, to travel and get out and about. So we get to explore the world together and I keep her safe.

My brothers and sisters at the Seeing Eye Dogs Puppy Centre are hoping they'll be as lucky as I am with Terri. But they need your help to become Seeing Eye Dogs which takes time and a lot of training and care.

Thanks for helping us. If it weren't for you, I might never have been able to go on so many adventures with Terri - my new best friend!

Paws out, Farrow



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\$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.

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Malcolm and Franklin



Another wonderful working partnership has been made possible in Queensland thanks to the generous support of the Petbarn Foundation! Newly-graduated Seeing Eye Dog Franklin is just one of the pups sponsored by the efforts of the Petbarn community through their annual fundraising campaign, which has been running since 2013.

Franklin now lives with Malcolm, his family of four kids, a ragdoll cat and Malcolm's retired Seeing Eye Dog. The partnership between Malcolm and Franklin was really strong from the moment they met, with Franklin often sitting with a paw resting on Malcolm during their training together.

'I have never felt more comfortable or confident in a dog so early on in our working relationship!' – Malcolm said.

Each May, the Petbarn community raises funds to support incredible dogs like Franklin. Thanks to their efforts, teams like Malcolm and Franklin can take on the world.

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



DID YOU KNOW?

ROYAL CANIN HAS PROUDLY PARTNERED WITH SEEING EYE DOGS SINCE 2006, PROVIDING OVER 270,000 TONNES OF PRECISE NUTRITION FOR EVERY PUPPY AND DOG IN THE SEEING EYE DOGS TRAINING AND BREEDING PROGRAMS.

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