

Pupdates - it's a dog's life



Vinnie confused a flower with a microphone.



Derek recently graduated Guide Dog training and here he is on his first week of class walking with his client. Well done Derek!



After guiding her handler on a walk, Billie enjoys nothing more than having a snuggle with her fluffy friends.



Little Bobbie thinks his raiser's legs make a very comfy bed.



When not at Guide Dog school during the day, Bailey loves running through tunnels at the dog park.



Alvin loves learning all about Guide Dog work at the group puppy sessions - he listens very carefully.



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Harvey turned 4 in January and was spoiled rotten - as he should be!



Betty just loves adventure!



Harry practiced his best dragon roar at Chinese New Year.



Murphy has been hard at work promoting Archie's Ball with a sneaky mocktail.



Jonty recently lent a paw at our pop-up stall in Launceston



Violet deep in thought...



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The start of a beautiful new relationship

Devoted black Labrador, Elly, has changed Wayne Pollard's life in just a few short weeks.

When Wayne, a truck driver, developed blurred vision in 2015, he visited an eye specialist, who told him his vision loss was due to diabetes. "So in the space of about three minutes, I was told I'd lost my job, lost all my licences, had diabetes and was going to lose more of my sight," says Wayne.

As his vision deteriorated, Wayne moved to Tasmania and began using a white cane, but the impact on his everyday life was significant and socially isolating. "I got out to the shops and learnt how to use the buses and get to my doctors' appointments so eventually it got better, but at first it was really hard ... and at night time I'd lock myself away because not being able to see so much who was knocking at your door you didn't feel too safe," he explains.

Now, with Elly by his side, Wayne's world is changing again - for the better.

Thank you for making a difference!



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Wayne & Elly

"Oh, she's beautiful," says Wayne "She loves her cuddles, and even after only two and a half weeks, she doesn't really want to leave my side.

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The two of them are still working with Cadet Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Sean, to

develop a confident and trusting working relationship.

"She's now my eyes, so I have to put all my trust in her, but it's going to take a lot for me to do that until I get used to using her and we get used to each other," says Wayne. "It's really scary, to be honest... but Sean and [Guide Dog Mobility Instructor] Kim have been very reassuring and in the long run, it's going to be brilliant."

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