

Paris and Phoebe
Santa's come early...



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PUPPY
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Summer 2015



...and
we
are
excited!

▲ Christmas is just around the corner and these two are our early presents! Photography by Kirsty Pilkington - she's the BEST.

Let's embark



Hello friends! Welcome to the Summer edition of Puppy Love. What do you think of our cover? We LOVE it. Kirsty Pilkington took these photos of our new recruits, Phoebe and Paris, in our newly refurbished Hobart office, which includes a new space for group training and a viewing room right at the front, so the public can see which pups have popped in for the day. So far, the training room is a hit with our Instructor and Puppy Raisers and the viewing room is a hit with folks walking past! When people stop looking down at their mobile phones and look in our window at 164 Elizabeth Street, we notice an obvious change in mood, for the better! We're actually opening the doors for a public Open Afternoon on 5 December, and details are on the last page of this newsletter. We hope you can come.

 Our Facebook page: 'Guide Dogs Tasmania – Puppy Love' received its 1,000th like recently and we were really chuffed. If you haven't already liked us, get online and take a look. We can post up-to-the-hour photos and stories about our pups and other related activities - something we can't do with a quarterly newsletter.

You might also like to sign up for our eNews – go to guidedogstas.com.au and 'Join the Newsletter'. These feature more information, images and stories about our services and how we are working with Tasmanians who need our support. And if 'doggy boggles' interest you, visit our website regularly and take a tour of the Puppy Love pages for even more on the current pups.

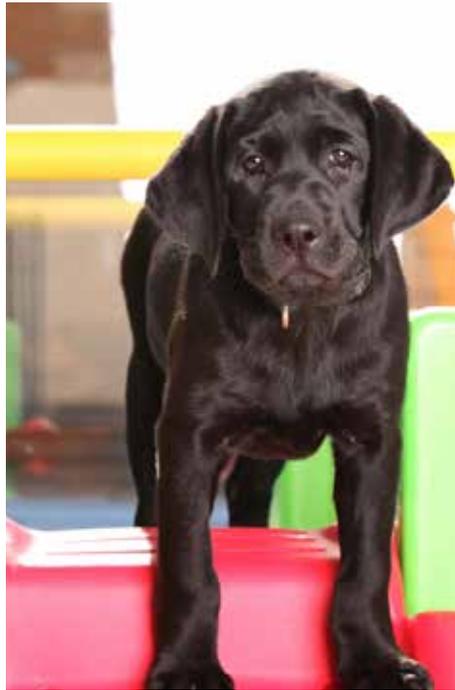
Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't train these beautiful pups into amazing Guide Dogs without you.

Sincerely, Kate Grady. Marketing and Fundraising Manager, Guide Dogs Tasmania

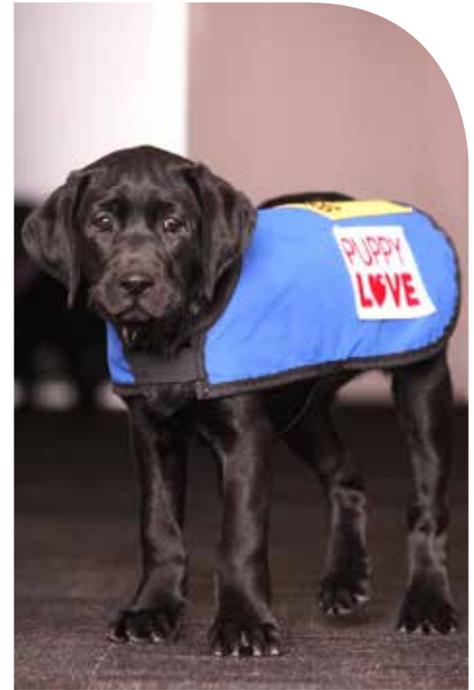
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3 July 2015
Region: South



▲ Le Perfect.



▲ Testing the play equipment in the new puppy viewing room.



▲ Paris' first puppy coat. Puppy Love, indeed.

Hey, Puppy Love people!

My sister Phoebe and I came here from Brisbane in Spring and this is when I met my new family and little dog named Bella, who would soon become my new best friend.

At first I was very worried to leave my sister and go on this new adventure on my own. Bella and I played for a while when I arrived and I slept on the rug afterwards and settled in. It only took me a couple of days to realise I was in a new home and I started becoming good friends with my two new carers and Bella.

When first coming to my new home, I was quite scared of everything around me. I didn't like going up the stairs or walking on the lead, but luckily I have patient Puppy Raisers who showed me the stairs are nothing to be afraid of. Now I love walking up and down them when we go for a walk or a drive. Noises still confuse me but I'm slowly coming to realise that everything is okay and that I don't need to worry. Nothing makes me feel better than when I have walked up the stairs and hear "good girl, Paris"; my tail just doesn't stop and I have to lick Jen or Mel's hand at least 20 times before we can continue.

I have come to really like Jen and Mel. I'm mostly at home with Jen, but boy do I get excited when Mel comes home from work. We all get on the ground and roll around. It's very fun to have so many things to play with. They also give the best hugs in the world! I always walk up to them for more hugs whenever I want throughout the day.

One thing that I have always been excellent at is putting my coat on and off, and I'm very proud to wear this coat so I'm always on my best behaviour. I have had a couple of accidents when I first went to the shops because I was scared, but I was just a puppy. Now that I'm so much bigger I don't do that anymore. I used to cry a lot for the first few car rides too - I didn't know what was going on, and even though they were only 10 minutes, it felt like hours. Now I love going for a drive and sometimes even get in and out of the car all by myself.

One day we went for a drive and I was really excited! When I got out there was an even bigger car! I heard everyone calling it a bus. I was so excited to get on, then I saw all these big dogs that looked just like me and I HAD to say hello to all of them, but I got told to "leave it". I forgot I had my coat on

for a second. I was very on edge at this new experience...Then the bus started to move. I quickly worked out that if I copy the dog across from me, it would be an easier ride. All in all, it was a great day and I learnt a lot.

At present my Puppy Raisers are away and I am staying with Ambassador Dog Dexter! He is so much fun! He plays with me all the time, but is very gentle.

Lately I have been doing a lot of practising on travelators, and I now am very good on them! Yay! We have been going shopping a bit but there is a big scary foyer in Channel Court - the floor is all black and slippery. When Dexter goes to work Dexter's dad takes me for walks around the streets to explore this new place - that is great fun. After dinner at night Dexter and I have a big play and then sometimes he lets me get in his big basket with him. I love that basket.

I have had a lot of fun learning all these new things in such a short time. I'm very excited to see what lies ahead of me in the months to come, and I'll be sure to keep you updated on all the things I've been doing!

Au revoir 'til next time.

Date of Birth:
3 July 2015
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▲ Nearly nap time and it's Phoebe's turn on the cosy blue bed.



▲ Post-nap time and Phoebe's found the new soft toy.



▲ Exploring the new play equipment can be tiring for a little pup.

Hello, new friends.

I arrived at my new home on a Thursday afternoon after a very busy day at the Guide Dog Office. It was tiring for a 10-week-old pup! By the end of the first week I was sleeping all night and had moved from my Puppy Raisers' bedroom up to the family room on a different level of the house. By then I had heard the washing machine, dishwasher, vacuum cleaner, jet planes flying over and different birds, together with heavy traffic (busses and trucks) on the Channel Highway.

For my first outing we travelled to town in the car, where I settled in well. Once we arrived we went into the car park then had to go into the lift, then we walked to Murray Street and went into another lift and into an office. I was happy to have a snooze for a while. Then we were on the move again - back to the street and past the new Myer building site, where there were traffic lights, prams, children, a fire engine, traffic, and an Ambulance. I coped well with it all but boy did I sleep well when I finally got home!

I've also visited the Antarctic Division

coffee shop at Kingston with two young children and a friend of my Puppy Raiser Elly's, and I was very happy to sleep under the table. I even saw my reflection in a window, and had no reaction. I've also been on a night walk and was not troubled by car lights at all. I've walked in and around the Casino, saw the ducks, water splashing on rocks, a waterfall, yachts, sea gulls and travelled up in the glass lift up to the dining room and past people.

I've also been to a rowing club cocktail party, where I was happy to look at a sea of legs and just sit. After a while I was pleased when my coat was removed and I was able to play on the deck. My playmate was a two year old Kelpie and I think she was a bit intimidated by me – fancy that!

Another visit was to Channel Court Shopping Centre, where I had coffee with Elly and my other Puppy Raiser, Chris (well, they did). I was the star of the show in the coffee shop. Afterwards, I was even happy to wait for the bus to travel from Kingston to home.

I've even been to the Clarence Swimming

Pool to watch Taroona Primary School Swimming Carnival for grades 3 to 6. I was very good to sit and watch the children for so long, with lots of noise and children cheering. The grade 3 children even walked quite closely past me and not one of them attempted to interact with me, because I had my coat on. This is a great credit to Ambassador Dexter who had visited the kids at Taroona Primary School previously, to teach them about Guide Dog etiquette!

I have had great fun with the grandchildren, Jack and Alice, when at play. I've met some chickens wandering in the garden and was even ok with that! That was a big day, and I was asleep before I got home.

So many adventures have already been had and there are so many more to come! I look forward to telling you all about them in the next Puppy Love newsletter!

TTFN.

 For more on Paris, Phoebe and all the pups, be sure to like our facebook page *Guide Dogs Tasmania - Puppy Love*.



▲ Free run with Frankie J is TOPS.



▲ I enjoy a bit of gardening with mum and dad.

Date of Birth:
9 Feb 2015
Region: North

Hi guys!

As the weather is getting warmer, my favourite thing is to go swimming with Frankie J at the St Leonards off-leash park.

Since I last wrote I have been to the Longford Show and saw all manner of strange things. There were tall dogs with saddles (mum and dad said they were horses), sheep with really long fur and dogs who were competing to be the best dog in show – but they weren't as smart as I am. We also went to the Evandale Market and I found that horses can also be small just like me.

Recently we went to see a friend off at the airport. The planes were loud and noisy but they didn't worry me. There were lots of people coming and going but they all had time to smile at a Guide Dog puppy.

I love to help mum and dad in the garden. I spend a lot of time looking for sticks and bringing them to them. I am learning that I am not allowed to play with the sprinkler or the hose because they don't work properly if they have extra, puppy-teeth sized holes in them. Once all the gardening has been done I lie down in the sun and work on my tan.

Even though I am getting bigger all the time I still have to work on all my Guide Dog skills like sitting and staying, walking properly, going up and down stairs, ignoring other animals while in coat (this is really, really hard) and not sniffing at things on the ground. Every day is exciting and a challenge! Bye now!



▲ With Pedro, we are the branch managers.



▲ Excuse me, but you are very handsome...and you look very familiar.

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9 Feb 2015
Region: South

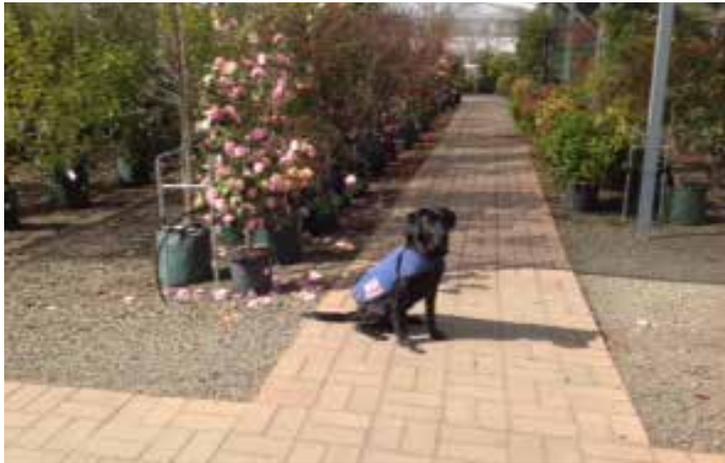
Hi all!

Wow! Time flies! I've been sooo busy since the last Puppy Love. I've had lots of different socialisation experiences, two weeks boarding in northern Tasmania and mum and dad said I'm no longer the youngest pup in the program. I met the new pups Paris and Phoebe at training a few weeks ago, and they are tiny compared to me; I'm growing fast and have a new, bigger coat and matching blue collar too. I look very smart indeed.

I still regularly go to shops and ride the escalators and travelers; with all that practice, I'm more relaxed with all the funny noises and vibrations they make. Going down escalators is tricky; I need to have my back feet on one step and my front feet on the next step down. Now my legs are longer, it is easier. I've also been riding on buses and getting used to their movements, smells and all the other passengers. I had one ride with some other Guide Dog pups and since then I've been going on my own; one trip ended up at the Guide Dog office where I met nine other pups, what a blast! I visited a butcher shop last week; I showed no interest in the meat and lay quietly on the floor. The butcher thought I was very good and gave me a bone to take home. Being good pays off!

Gotta go now and have a snore next to Pedro. If you like, you can read more about me on the website guidedogstas.com.au.

Look for the Puppy Love menu and the year 2015. I feature a lot. Ha!



▲ An afternoon in the garden centre is great!



▲ Buses may still a be problem, but not boats!

Date of Birth:
29 Oct 2014

Region: South

Hi everyone!

This warmer time of the year has been lovely with my family – we’ve visited lots of garden centres and spent a lot of time in the garden. I like playing outside; it makes a nice change!

It was my first birthday on October 29 so naturally we had a party! The neighbour’s dog came for a visit and we were so tired but we kept playing even when we were lying down! I got a new frog pillow and a massive bone. It was a lovely day.

I sometimes go to work with my Puppy Raiser and once there I am doing so well that people don’t always notice me and then get a surprise when I get up to stretch or turn around in my bed – it is my little game to see how quiet I can be.

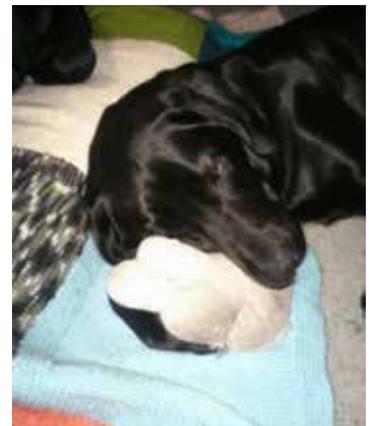
I am getting really confident with escalators and lifts, and, to be honest, I really like it now! The only thing that I am still a little bit unsure about is how to sit still in the bus. But I am practising this lots and am sure it will become more natural one day. I just seem to slide around a little bit at the moment on the big machine.



Until next time, or until you check me out on facebook, Archie.



▲ Toys that make noise: just part of my fun socialisation routine.



▲ Snuggles after a busy birthday. Life is great.

Date of Birth:
29 Oct 2014

Region: South

Hello again everyone!

My favourite thing at the moment is sleeping in my pal Nina’s bed during the day. Even though my bed is exactly the same as Nina’s, I like to sleep in hers. She doesn’t seem to mind so much. She’s very kind.

I’ve had a busy few months, but the most exciting thing that has happened to me is that I have celebrated my first birthday! I am now a one-year-old and getting closer to becoming a Guide Dog. I had a fun day with lots of extra cuddles. I don’t feel any different so I guess that means I was already mature for my age!

I recently went to the dentist with mum when she had to have a filling. There were a lot of strange noises; apparently they were made by a thing called “a drill”, but the “suction thingy” was even louder and had stranger noises. I’m glad the dentist didn’t ask me to get in the chair!!! I just laid down on the floor out of the way and the dentist said that I had been a very good girl. Mum was very happy with me!

I also went on a bus ride with all the other Guide Dog pups. I thought it was a little loud and rocky at first, but because I was sitting securely between mum’s legs, I very quickly got used to it and enjoyed the ride!

Bye until next time!



▲ How handsome can one pup be? THIS handsome!



▲ It's very important to accessorise properly when you're in the supermarket.

Date of Birth:
29 April 2014
Region: North

Hi everyone, this is Riley!

Guess what? I am now 18 months old and weigh in at 34kgs!

The other day I visited my new little black Labrador friend called Ted. He's only 9-weeks-old and fun to play with, but when I tried to get in his crate (which was my old crate from our office), I couldn't even get my shoulders in! It was a bit confusing – now I know how Alice in Wonderland felt when she grew fast!

In the last three months I have been a busy boy as always. I went with my family to Port Arthur and one night we joined some others on the Ghost Tour but it was a bit strange – we went from one house to the next in pouring rain and wind and we all had to follow the person with the lantern and listen while a man told stories. I did my best to sit quietly on the floor but it was very cold in one of the places and I did let out a bit of a groan, which to my surprise made everyone nervous. But I did enjoy the cabins as I had my own dog bed beside my Puppy Raisers with my teddy. I liked watching the waves at the Blowhole and had some nice pats from lots of Chinese tourists who said I was handsome. I also met some lovely ladies who support Guide Dogs Tasmania and they wanted to know “which trainee dog I was?” I didn't know I was that well known! They were so pleased to actually meet one of the dogs they support.

I've got even more to say in my 'doggy bloggy' on the website guidedogstas.com.au. Look for the Puppy Love menu and the year 2015. Catchya later!



▲ My boarders had a little dog... VERY little compared to me!



▲ The new park is heaps of fun!

Date of Birth:
1 Feb 2014
Region: South

Hi again!

These days I am really enjoying going out for coffee with my Puppy Raiser or even just going to the supermarket. I sit quietly and listen while people say all these nice things about me. Now I am growing up and understand what is expected of me and I can behave well out in the public.

I recently stayed with a boarder and had heaps of fun as there was another dog to play with.

The only problem I seem to have at the moment is my love of shoes. I run off with them (never chew them), but do give them back when asked to 'drop'. I don't understand why my Puppy Raisers don't think this is cute? I bet it's because I'm not so young and little anymore and can't get away with these kinds of acts... Oh well, I guess every dog needs to grow up at some point, and I really DO want to be a Guide Dog (I bet Guide Dogs don't steal their handlers' shoes).

I've also been to a new off lead area at Blackmans Bay recently. It was terrific, with lots of area to race around. It is designed specifically for us dogs, so there were plenty of others there enjoying it as much as me. I think there should be places like his everywhere!



See you next time. Don't forget that you can get lots of pupdates on the facebook page, too. Guide Dogs Tasmania - Puppy Love.



▲ Which one do you put the money in?



▲ Heights are no problem at all.

Date of Birth:
28 Sept 2013
Region: South

Hi all!

I'm Olly, and I have been spending a few weeks with a boarder family. I have been having a great time enjoying lots of walks to a nearby beach and playing with a dog called Barkley. I have spent a lot of my time when at home trying to get his attention by pulling out the bedding from under him. I have also been to work with my boarder mother and have been very settled. I even got to learn how not to be afraid of heights when she took me over a really high glassed-in walkway.

I have been on some great outings recently. We went to see the movie "Marian" and I watched the first 15 minutes by resting my head on the top of the seat in front of me. I then decided I was bored with it and would definitely never want to train to be a space dog! I would have given the movie 4 stars but was disappointed that no one left any popcorn under the seat for me!

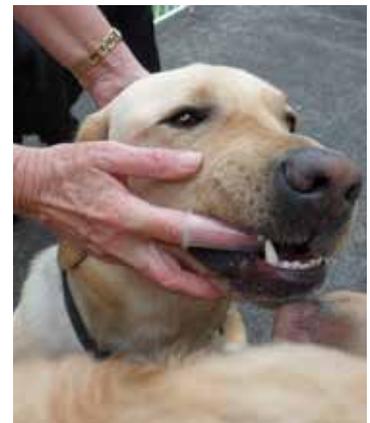
I went to the new Bunnings store and helped my boarder family buy a large outdoor umbrella which I can relax under outside. I have given the new Bunnings the "paws up". There is so much to see there and smell, even though I try hard not to sniff.

My boarder family say I am the nicest smelling dog they have ever had and they are so grateful for all the hard work that my Puppy Raisers do. They say that no dogs are perfect but I have perfected "cuteness", although I reckon they might say that to all the other dogs!

Love and licks, Olly.



▲ I have NO idea why these things would be called 'fascinators'!



▲ Dental hygiene: very important for a pooch.

Date of Birth:
25 July 2013
Region: South

Hello again!

My favourite thing at the moment is sunshine! I love being able to lie outside in the sun now, and feel wonderful and warm. I am so glad winter is over and it is starting to warm up. I go outside in the garden with my Puppy Raisers while they are gardening and I can lay in the sun and get nice and toasty. We have a large covered area and a few large trees in my yard, and after sun baking for a little while my Puppy Raisers often tell me I must move into the shade because too much sun is not good for me.

I have been to the dentist with my Puppy Raiser recently. It is a good experience for me, as there are lots of new noises and smells at the dentist. I often have my teeth brushed but my Puppy Raiser mum does mine. I love having this done because the doggy toothpaste tastes really great! Mum puts a little toothpaste on a special brush that fits on her finger and adds some toothpaste then brushes. I often lick lots when mum does this because it's so good.

I have been to a boarder's place again because my Puppy Raisers have been away again; this time they went to the Melbourne Cup (whatever that is). All I know is that before they went mum kept taking me to shops and trying on fascinators; she may have enjoyed it, but I must admit that I got a bit tired of it all, they all looked the same to me...not very fascinating at all!

Read more in my 'doggy bloggy' on the website, and see you soon!

Training dogs

Yoda, Yuri and Pepper are nearing the end of training. Soon, they will begin final tests and guide their trainer while she wears a blindfold. It really is the only way to understand if they are confident and competent enough to guide a vision impaired Tasmanian.

Pepper still shows a little bit of anxiety when the walks get more challenging and all the decision making is placed on her, but with some support from her handler she is happy to continue and is always keen to walk when she sees the harness come out. We hope that this confidence and happiness continues to increase towards the end of the training.

Yoda is a little reluctant at times to leave the sunbeams that shine on his bed in the office and head out for his training walks. But with a little persuasion he will proudly walk the streets in harness and learn the correct techniques. We are hoping that as he takes on more responsibility with the guiding role in coming weeks, his motivation levels also increase and he happily jumps up to head out on walks with his handler.

Yuri, still cheeky at home, enjoys his harness walks and is moving through training nicely. He can forget at times and become a little distracted and excited with things, but quickly settles back down after a reminder that he is working in harness.

This training group of dogs really have bonded together as a team, and you can often see the three of them snuggled up on one bed together in our puppy viewing room. They also are very quick to tell their trainer when 4.30pm arrives, sitting bolt upright and looking expectantly at her about the freerun park that waits for them on their way home every night.

Thank you

Guide Dog Grady, who retires this month after providing eight years of service to his client in the South. Grady has already started adapting to his retirement, by making sure that on every walk his client calls in to the local RSL to say hi and relax. Still youthful in looks and in play, Grady will step aside in the next few

weeks as his client welcomes a new Guide Dog in to the home.

Guide dog Ike, who was retired recently at the age of nine after providing many years' service to his client in the South. Ike remains with his client as a pet now, and reports indicate he is relaxing and enjoying his retirement.

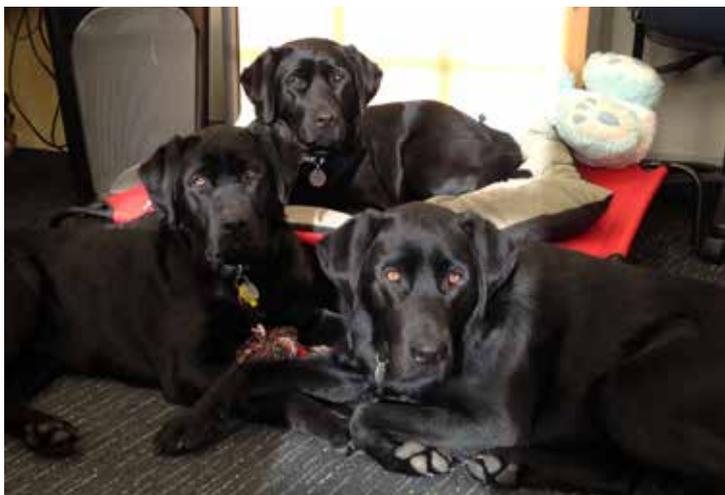
Guide Dog Erin, who was retired recently due to health reasons and has been adopted by her client in the South. We wish Erin a happy retirement, and send both her and the client good thoughts for Erin's health and treatment plan.

Where are they now?

Recently our Guide Dog Mobility Instructor caught up with Guide Dog Shae in the North, who is now nine years old and approaching retirement. Spritely and youthful for her age, she has not slowed down one bit. She still flies around in circles when her client picks up the harness and then walks at super speeds around his local neighbourhood. The client is now having trouble keeping up with her!

Sad to see her retire, but having been through the process a few times in the past, her client is currently undertaking another assessment with Guide Dogs Tasmania, so that we understand his current needs for a Guide Dog. These needs have changed since first being matched with Shae almost a decade ago, and it is important to understand all aspects of the client's lifestyle so the right dog can be found. Our instructors spend 3 - 4 visits with the client, interviewing, walking the streets, and finding out as much information as possible about the family, client, routes they take, type of areas they walk in, where they work, where they visit, what public travel they use and what other animals are around. This assessment is crucial in finding the perfect dog to replace Shae on her retirement next year.

We pride ourselves on extensive assessments and successful matches so that both the client and dog are happy and have a long working life together.



▲ Far left: the three amigos? Pepper, with Yuri and Yoda at the front. These three have formed a close bond during their training. Top left: Guide Dog Grady, back when he was still learning and participating in our Christmas pageant. Bottom left: Guide Dog Shae, when she was learning. In this photo, she's getting herself comfortable for a flight to Melbourne. Speaking of flying, looking at these two when they were Learners reminds us how quickly TIME has flown.

Training Tips

Here is the second instalment of our Training Tips section. Remember, these aren't guarantees, and our fine print says there are many, many variables in training Guide Dogs, but you might find these helpful....

Managing your Puppy

Is your puppy ruining your house? Does he chew things up? This is very normal puppy behaviour; puppies need to be TAUGHT not to do these things! As the human, it is up to you to manage him, manage the environment, and train him so you can both lead a happier and safer life. So, what can you do so your puppy is more of a joy around the house?

Management

Control your pup's access to things he might damage - or that may hurt him! When you can't pay attention to him, keep him safe in a crate or tethered. Put all shoes, pillows, kids' toys, remotes, etc. out of his reach. Provide him with plenty of fun things to chew on.

You can make a great chew toy better by taking a Kong toy and stuffing it with something delicious. Treats jammed in there, to be worked out one at a time, or the insides smeared with a little vegemite, can keep your puppy entertained for some time.

It is also a good idea to leave just a couple of toys out at a time. Too many become boring. You can have many different kinds - just rotate which ones you leave out each day!

Exercise

A tired dog is a 'good' dog! Before leaving your puppy for a prolonged absence, wear him out with some exercise. Long runs aren't good for a growing puppy's joints, but a long walk, hide & seek, playtime with another puppy (max 15min until 10 months old), etc., are great and provide super aerobic exercise. This needs to happen every day, several times a day. Longer excursions on weekends are great, but exercise must be provided every day.

Training

The final outcome is to have a well-mannered adult dog. While we manage behaviours to prevent bad habits from forming, we also need to teach good behaviours. If you have to put the

garbage can in a cupboard to prevent the bad behaviour, also spend some time specifically teaching the puppy to leave the garbage can alone. If chewing up kids' toys, laundry, chair legs is the problem, by all means prevent the puppy from continuing to practice the bad behaviour but don't forget to teach them a better behaviour.

The simplest way to do this is to pay attention to your puppy when he is doing something good. Reward the behaviour you want to see happen more often. If your puppy only gets attention for doing something wrong (even negative attention), that is the behaviour that will increase.

Handy Hints

- When the puppy has something locked in his jaws, don't chase the puppy. Call him over and trade for a new toy;
- If you see the puppy heading for the Barbie doll, distract him before he picks it up.
- Reward him for any attention toward you. Remind him of the toys available, then pick up the Barbie. Practice leaving the Barbie alone later;
- Teach the puppy to give or drop his toys in normal play so when it is something precious he will already know what is wanted.

These tips can make raising your puppy easier and more enjoyable.

If all of this seems like hard work, it is. If you can't look after a puppy properly, don't get a puppy. If you can't invest the time and love, don't get a puppy. If you can't be consistent with training and offer your dog regular and appropriate exercise, don't get a puppy. That part is simple.



▲ It takes time, consistency and patience, but it is definitely worth it!

Guide Dogs Pet Insurance: HelpsYou. HelpsUs.

At Guide Dogs Tasmania, the health of our dogs is our top priority, and we know our supporters feel the same way about their pets. We all try to keep our animals safe and healthy, but accidents or illness can strike at any time and when it does, you could face veterinary bills in the hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Which is why Guide Dogs has its very own pet insurance to help you eliminate those unexpected vet bills and keep your pet in the picture of health. A percentage of your pet's insurance policy will fund our Guide Dog training program and ultimately change the life of a Tasmanian who is blind or vision impaired.

Cover is available for dogs and cats with plans that suit any budget.

For more information visit
www.guidedogspetinsurance.com
or call 1300 131 636

More than dogs?

Did you know that Guide Dogs Tasmania provides a range of services and training dogs to be heroes is just the tip of the iceberg?

One of the services we provide is training with the White Cane, a piece of equipment that enables the vision impaired user to navigate around obstacles, determine different surfaces and find known objects. It also provides information to others so they can move out of the way or assist if asked.

“Can you get to work with your eyes closed?”

On October 15 we celebrated International White Cane Day in Hobart, with invited guests and members of the public going through a representational journey to work - under blindfold. It featured gates, wheelie bins and shop signs in the middle of the footpath, a pedestrian crossing, a bus stop and bus, and some different doors to get through.

Participants considered how training to use the cane enabled mobility and independence for people who are blind and vision impaired.

Hopefully the activity also encouraged the broader community to rethink where they leave their bins, park their cars, put out their shop signs and place other items across footpaths as they can be problematic for people who are blind or vision impaired.

Many thanks to K&D Hardware, Fairbrother and Metro for their assistance, and to the fantastic participants!



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You are invited to attend our

Open Afternoon

12:30pm - 2:00pm
 Saturday, 5 December 2015
 164 Elizabeth Street, Hobart



Now that our Head Office refurbishments are complete and we are in a building that enables us to do more for our clients (and doesn't leak!) we'd love you to come along and meet the pups, talk to staff and volunteers, participate in some activities, try some equipment, and generally have a good time on this special Open Afternoon.

There'll be a quiz, a name-our-mascot competition, chalk drawing, pup-patting, information, Christmas merchandise to purchase from our shop and more! Come and see what we do at 'the doggy building'.

This will also be an opportunity to formally farewell Dan English, who resigned as Guide Dogs Tasmania CEO and left the organisation on 6 November. He has taken up the position of CEO at Guide Dogs Queensland and we wish him well. For your information, our Client Services Manager, Mary Langdon, has been appointed Acting CEO.

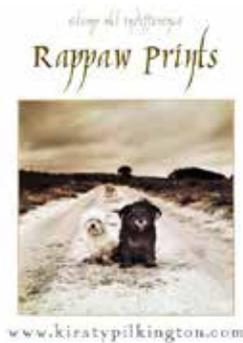
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