



**Best presents ever!**

**Benji & Billie arrive  
just in time for Christmas**

Summer 2016

**PUPPY  
LOVE**



▲ Benji is just one of our special Christmas presents from Santa - and our supporters - this year. How cute!

▲ Kirsty Pilkington is a photographic master. A wizard! And our two new pups, Billie and Benji, took it upon themselves to test every ounce of her patience and every trick in her book at their first photo shoot! Who would have thought that two little black pups could defeat a group of adults who had done this whole photo shoot thing many times before? Billie and Benji, that's who. Crikey!!

## Let's embark



As 2016 draws to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the big milestones this year. Thanks so much for your 'suppawt'; we really hope you've enjoyed taking the journey with us and we look forward to providing you with more fantastic pupdates and activities throughout 2017.

We have:

- Been named Australia's Most Trusted Charity Brand for the 4th year in a row,
- Opened the Garden of Memories,
- Launched the Metro/Campbell Street Primary/Guide Dogs Bus,
- Held three member engagement activities,
- Held four Puppy Raising Information Sessions,
- Welcomed six puppies (with two more still to come!),
- Placed one Companion Dog, and
- Graduated three Guide Dogs.

We've collected over 2,000 collection dogs, visited over 150 schools and community groups, made more than 1,300 Facebook friends, and introduced Ambassador

Dexter to over 5,000 Tasmanians. That's a LOT of tummy rubs!

We've developed amazing partnerships with Merial, Metro Tasmania, Coles, Woolworths, Mars, Joseph Lyddy, Rappaw Prints, Specsavers and Vet Centre. And we've worked hard to make sure all of our Puppy Love members feel like part of the Guide Dogs family. Thank you, everyone!

If you haven't already signed up to the Guide Dogs Tasmania eNews, I encourage you to do so. By simply (and securely) providing your email address on our homepage, you can receive timely and relevant information via email. With the costs of printing and postage going up and up, this is a great way for us to communicate with our friends, but we promise we won't inundate your inbox!

Also, please tell your friends about Puppy Love. The more members we have, the more Guide Dogs we train.

Have a lovely Christmas and a happy holiday and remember, keep the pooch away from the pudding!

Warm regards,

Kate Grady  
Manager – Marketing & Fundraising. Guide DogsTas.

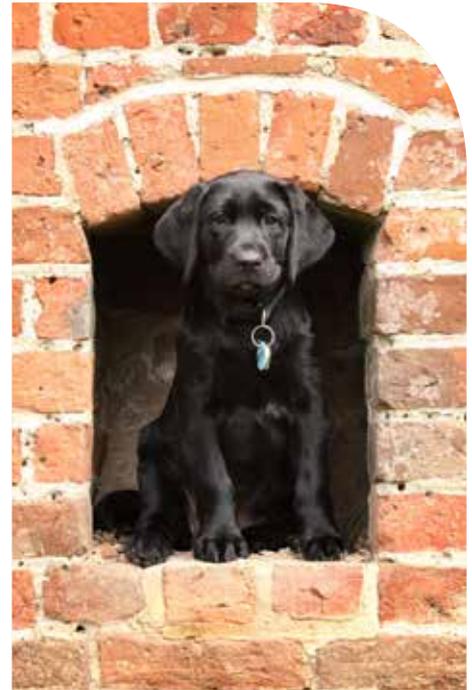
**Date of Birth:**  
6 Sept 2016  
**Region:** South



▲ So this shot of Billie took 10 seconds straight after we set up (She lulled us into a false sense of security.)



▲ This shot of Billie took 15 minutes (but we think it was worth now)



▲ And THIS shot of Billie took 15 minutes and four people on standby (but definitely worth the effort)

## Hello everyone.

I'm Billie and I'm a female black Labrador. I'm very beautiful and I have a tiny white mark under my lower lip and on my chest. I wonder if my eyes will change colour?

My brother Benji and I flew all the way from Brisbane together and were picked up from the airport by Kim, the Guide Dog Mobility Instructor. We spent time at the office getting cuddles and adoring looks from people through the window. Kim brought me to my new family the next day and I've settled in very well.

There are only my two Puppy Raisers living in the house but next door there are two children who have met me over the fence and there is a big golden retriever named Stella who lives there too. I've met her a few times. My new family love me very much. I sleep all night and don't wake them till 6am. Not a bad effort, eh? I'm perfectly behaved with my meals but I haven't got the hang of doing all my "busy's" outside yet. I much prefer going inside but I promise that I will learn very soon and not have too many accidents.

I love my garden and I need to sniff the leaves and flowers and inspect

everything I see. One day there was a tiny starling that had fallen out of its nest and I was allowed to look at it but not to play. It flapped its wings and squeaked at me which gave me such surprise!

I have also met other family members - grown-ups and kids. They all want to take me home with them!

I'm very good in the car, except I've found a couple of things to chew that perhaps I should have left alone - but I usually go to sleep in the foot well and snore loudly. So far I've been to Shoreline Shopping Centre and Eastlands, where I met two lovely children but I went to sleep on the floor while they were talking to me. And I've been to the doctor's surgery and to Constitution Dock while my Puppy Raisers had an ice cream. While we were there a group of Syrian refugee children came along to meet me, and I was very patient with them.

The other day we went to the Botanical Gardens and Benji and I had lots of photos taken. Phew it was exhausting. After that Benji and I had a walk around through the Conservatory and I wanted to jump into the fountain pool. But I

watched Dexter and followed his good example. And we met all the older dogs and their Puppy Raisers too. Everyone thought I was soooooo cute. And I am!!!! I think they all thought Benji was cute, too.

My new friend - a black poodle called Charlie - came to visit the other day and I liked having him here. Today I went to see the water in the River Derwent. I walked on big flat rocks and broken shells and small pebbles. The water was amazing and I had a big paddle and then got hosed off when I got home. Good fun!

Tomorrow I'm going to the vet on for my first visit. I think I will be given an injection. Ouch!

Well that's all for now. I'll report in next time. Bye bye.

 For more on the new recruits and all the team, be sure to like our facebook page: **Guide Dogs Tasmania - Puppy Love** and don't forget about the **Puppy Love** pages on the Guide Dogs Tasmania website: [guidedogstas.com.au](http://guidedogstas.com.au)

**Date of Birth:**  
6 Sept 2016  
**Region:** South



▲ During Benji's photo shoot, he was FULL of beans!

## Hi! I'm the new boy on the block.

I've been so busy since arriving from Queensland with my sister Billie. After spending the first night with Billie, the Guide Dog Mobility Instructor took us into her office to meet some people from Harcourts who paid for me to get here; that's so generous of them. I liked meeting them as I got lots of cuddles. Next it was off to my Puppy Raising family where I will spend the next year or so living and growing up. They have another black Labrador called Pedro; he's so big I can walk right underneath his belly! As long as I don't jump on him, Pedro lets me snuggle up to him; I think we will become great friends.

My first very important job to do is learn to toilet on command; I go outside on the grass and my Puppy Raiser says "busy busy" to encourage me. Once I toilet I get so much praise; I feel really good for doing the right thing and I wag my tail lots. I have learnt to sit while my food is prepared; I wait for the whistle before I gobble it down. I love my food! I also love my bed and often take myself there for a nap, especially after a play session. Once I'm sound asleep I start snoring; have a listen to me on the Guide Dogs Tasmania Facebook page. I make a lot



▲ Pups and tinsel: seemed like a great idea at the time. This photo doesn't reveal the eating of or running away with the tinsel. Twenty minutes!

of noise for a small dog; my snoring kept my Raiser awake last night, oops!

I've been trying lots of new things, going to lots of places and meeting people so I get used to different smells, noises, surfaces and sights. I attract lots of attention and comments but I just take it all in my stride. Everyone says I am so cute or that I'm the most adorable black puppy they've ever seen. I wear a little blue coat with an 'L' plate on it so I can access places and it makes me look even cuter. I went to my first group training session last week and met the older guide dog pups; they are very clever, I want to be just like them.

The day after I arrived at my Puppy Raiser's house, one of them took me to work with her for a little while. Her work is a very busy, interesting place; there are so many people doing lots of different things and sometimes it gets very noisy. Apparently it is called a school.

My Raiser vacuumed the carpet the other day with a strange, noisy machine; it didn't bother me too much and I just watched him. Next thing, someone sneezed and another blew his nose;



▲ We figured that if Billie could do this shot in 10 seconds, Benji might be the same. WRONG!

that made me stop and look! Talk about weird! I wonder why they make such funny noises.

I have been for some short car rides and some longer ones. The first time I was keen to get to my Puppy Raiser while she was driving but she had me safely tethered so I decided to just lie on the floor quietly instead. On the longer trips I just curl up and go to sleep. My puppy raisers say I am already a good traveller. I love it when they praise me and say "good boy Benji".

One night I was lying in the lounge room with Pedro and the rest of my family when suddenly a large head appeared in front of me; I started to bark as I wasn't sure what was going on, they said "it's okay Benji, it's the newsreader on the TV".

I am starting to learn some commands, including 'sit' and 'no'. 'Leave it' seems to be a favourite, especially when I do something I shouldn't. Usually, I get given a toy to play with to distract me. I love games! There is so much to learn but I'm having fun; I think I like this guide dog game. Bye 'til next time!



▲ I'm told that exuberance is great, but poise is nicer. This is me trying out 'poise'.



▲ When I'm 'in coat' people know to let me concentrate.

**Date of Birth:**  
10 May 2016  
**Region:** North

## Hello

I am continuing to grow apace. My weight is now about 25 kg and my feet don't look so incongruously large as they did some months ago. The new teeth that have been giving me trouble as they come through are now well above my gums and are glistening white.

We had an exciting month socially. I liked the indoor market at Entally best as people were stopping my carers and telling them what a beautiful dog they have. They seemed to know, too, that as I was 'in coat' and that they should not talk directly to me. It is amazing how many people know this and act on it. Some of the people even commented on my good behaviour. I must say, without boasting of course, I think I am improving. I don't mind sitting on the floor of a café whilst my carers have a cup of coffee and we have done this lots of times this month.

We were introduced to the stock route at Cressy, which is completely fenced and runs for a few kilometres around the town. I love running free ahead of my Puppy Raisers and sniffing out all there is to find. A couple of times there have been small creeks and standing water. It is tremendous fun to run through at speed and splash up the mud and water.

We had a visit from Harvey and his very experienced Puppy Raisers one day. They told my Puppy Raisers how to control my overly exuberant reactions to visitors... I think they have got the idea now so it is up to me to respond appropriately. I'll let you know how we get on next issue. Until then!



▲ I went to the beach recently, and while I found it too cold to swim...



▲ ...I thought the temperature of the mud was pretty much perfect!

**Date of Birth:**  
10 May 2016  
**Region:** North

## Hi everyone!

Well, I'm six months old now and, boy, have I grown! A lot has happened since the last newsletter and I am learning stuff all the time. I am much better on walks now, although sometimes I take a little bit of motivating. I do get distracted by other dogs as I just want to play with them and I find it hard to walk past. But I must learn to ignore them and concentrate so that in the future I keep my handler safe. However, my Puppy Raiser is pretty happy with how I am going and she says I'm excellent in the supermarket and shops. The ladies at the bread shop think I am especially handsome – they are so smart!

We travel on the bus often and that gives me a little rest time so I don't mind. I'm also used to stairs and elevators now, as we visit the city often. I still get to go to all the kids' activities and I think Tae Kwon Do is my favourite as everyone loves me there and I get to sleep while they all run around like mad things. I also really like going to the kids' school when the kids do reading – that is really great and I'm always on my best behaviour.

My other favourite time is going to the dog park and playing with my sister Kirsty and big Harvey. They are so much fun and I get to see them a couple of times a week. I have also been to the beach recently and that was great although too cold to swim – maybe next time!

Overall, life is great – my Puppy Raising family love me (I don't poo inside anymore – that's a bonus). Until next time. Woof!  
Kobie xxx



▲ Kobie is one of my favourite things! Aren't we a good looking duo?



▲ At the Longford show I met a little lamb. Talk about cute!

**Date of Birth:**  
13 Jan 2016

**Region:** North

## Howdy

My favourite things are Kobie and Kirsty – we meet at the park where we run, chase, tumble and get very dirty. Our puppy raisers don't mind as they enjoy the catch up.

I have had a very busy few months with several trips to Hobart. One weekend we stayed at Kingston Beach. On our way to the beach, my Raisers stopped and said hello to Yuri – he is a working Guide Dog (just like I hope to be some day).

Last month we went to the Longford Show because my Raisers thought it would be a good opportunity for me to meet a lot of different animals and experience the hustle and bustle of sideshow alley. I saw sheep, birds, alpacas, cows and dogs. There were lots of children dropping lots of food on the ground – I had to be reminded that Guide Dogs do not eat food off the ground. We went through the nursery where I met a baby lamb (she smelt nice) as well as some pigs and goats.

I am really enjoying the warmer weather as it means that I can go for long walks and practice walking in the right position without pulling on my lead. Some days I get a little distracted but I am getting better all the time.

I am becoming a better Guide Dog pup every day, although I still have a long way to go.



▲ Apparently I love my bear too much!



**Date of Birth:**  
13 Jan 2016

**Region:** South

## Hello to everybody!

I'm now ten months old and I'm feeling very grown up. My black coat is super shiny and I have all my grown up teeth. These days my blue working jacket is a size L; that's L for Labrador and L for large!

I'm happy to report that I'm getting lots and lots of "good girl" from my Puppy Raisers. If they are having a problem with me I sit down immediately, and with tilt of my head let them know that I'm listening and ready to please. We are becoming quite good in understanding each other's language.

I must also tell you the story of my bear. When I was a tiny pup, my brother's Puppy Raisers sent me a wonderful gift of big, blond bear, to remind me of Harvey. I love my bear; he is my pillow and my toy to bite and drag around. He is also a great 'peace offering' when I need my people to smile at me, because we make an irresistible pair.

I am told that I'm slowly loving my bear into non-existence. First he lost his eyes, later his nose, and then his snout... the darling thing is now faceless. You see, I learned to unpick repair stitching to get the soft fluffy centre out. When there is fluff everywhere, poor bear goes for an operation. When he comes back, he looks a bit different but I love him nonetheless.

Until next time,

Harper the Metro pup.



▲ I got a lot of 'good girl' at the recent Dogs Day Out at Rosny.



▲ On November 11 I was a very good rememberer.



▲ I thought I'd check out what the board riders were doing on the East Coast.

**Date of Birth:**  
3 July 2015  
**Region:** South

## Hi there!

My Puppy Raisers say that I am continuing to progress well and mastering the many challenges with which I am presented. Over the past three months I have had many adventures. I went to Scamander, St Helens and Bicheno on a five day holiday. The holiday home treated me very nicely by giving me my own enclosed patch of grass outside my Raisers' holiday unit. I could enjoy plenty of free time there.

I visited a surf beach to watch the board riders, and also a dog friendly beach where I played with other dogs in the water. We went for nightly walks along the highway and over a bridge to watch the people fishing.

I have been out and about in my learner coat to many new places, including shops, cafes, parks and even some bush walks. I am very tempted by all the smells in the bush, but I do try to behave.

I have enjoyed a number of play dates with my sister Paris and her friend Dexter, and also with Milly a border collie that belongs to my Raisers' family.

Till next time, I will continue to work hard and learn new things each week.

Bye for now.



▲ I'm learning heaps of things all the time.



▲ I love it when Dexter comes home and we have a snuggle.

**Date of Birth:**  
3 July 2015  
**Region:** South

## Hello!

Wow! Life as a Guide Dog puppy is great fun. I go everywhere and see lots of people.

I went to see my Puppy Raisers' granddaughter Hannah in the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra concert, then last Saturday we went to see the other granddaughters in their Circus production. There were some loud bangs in both of these but I was very good and am used to noises like this now.

We watched a very big digger for quite a while the other day, until I got bored with it, not sure my Puppy Raiser was ready to leave though.

I am being very good in the shops and not sniffing all the lovely things on the shelves, but my Puppy Raiser was not happy when I jump off the traveller! She said it will not do for a Guide Dog, as I may pull my future handler over. I will try very hard to practice the correct step-off for next time.

One of my favourite things is playing with my friends. Sometimes my sister Phoebe comes to play and on Sundays (I know which day that is) we go to the dog park with Dexter, Nelson and Jasper and all my other friends. We are quite a crew.

But the best part of the day is when Dexter comes home from his job as Ambassador Dog and we have a run round the garden, then dinner, and get in the basket for a cuddle. So you see, I am a very busy Pup!!



▲ This is me, nearly two years old and stepping out!



▲ Beautiful boy - that's what they call me.

**Date of Birth:**  
9 Feb 2015

**Region:** South

## Hi everyone!

I am now 21 months old and one of the older pups on the program. I'm now very good at recall and recently showed my skills to Harper, one of the younger pups. We had lots of fun free running together in the park and racing back to our raisers when the whistle blew. I was so tired afterwards, I slept all afternoon.

I'm regularly busy practising my skills to become a Guide Dog. I was a bit hesitant using travellers and escalators but now, after trying a lot, I am quite confident on them. I'm also very good at using stairs - indoors and outdoors, closed in and open. My Raisers praise me lots and say "good boy"; that makes me feel good and eager to please them. We continue to visit cafes, restaurants, shops, ride the buses and I even visited a work conference. It's a busy life being a Guide Dog pup but there's always time for fun too!

I love tug-of-war with Pedro (my Raisers' black Lab) and playing in the backyard with him, licking peanut butter out of the big kong and chewing on a bone are all great. But the all-time favourite is going to the beach. I love to run free and then find a stick to run and run and run with along the beach; then I enjoy a dip in the water to cool off.

I'm working my way towards the back of the Puppy Love pupdates, which means it must be my turn for training soon. I hope everyone is proud of my efforts so far. This "beautiful boy" sure is trying his hardest.



▲ When I'm at the beach, I'm learning all about coming back when called - straight away!



▲ So, did I mention I was a bit bored at check-in?

**Date of Birth:**  
9 Feb 2015

**Region:** South

## Hello!

I have had a very busy three months and have done lots of travelling. My Puppy Raiser even took me on a trip up to Sydney! I sat quietly at the check-in, I went through the security screening on my own and looked thoroughly bored waiting to board (I was just copying the other passengers). When we got on the plane, I sat quietly in my seat and ignored the other passengers and most of them didn't know I was even there. I the flight attendants said I was very good and they wrote me a card. On my journey home, I happily used the travellers and I was even more comfortable on the plane – I guess that is why us pups practice these things!

When we were in Sydney I met my cousin, Louis. He is a French Bulldog and is a funny little fellow. He just wanted to chase me all the time, I thought it was so much fun! He wanted to lick my face but he was so short I had to lean down for him.

I am still practicing my recall and my raiser says I am definitely improving. I now know that I need to sit down and touch her hand when I come back, and I don't run away again until she tells me it is okay. I still get a bit distracted, especially at the dog park or beach when I am playing with my best pooch pals, Jordie and Nancy Drew, but I often stop playing to come back.

Another dog at the park now knows the whistle... and he often gets to my Raiser before I do!

Have fun, and see you next time, Jacob.



▲ This is my best friend. We play the stick game and have heaps of fun.



▲ You know you're nearly ready to become a proper Guide Dog when the meat section isn't a problem!

**Date of Birth:**  
29 Oct 2014  
**Region:** South

## Hi there!

It was my birthday recently and my sister and I are now two years old! I am ready to start learning how to be a real, proper, Guide Dog and it is a good thing, because it is almost my turn to say goodbye to my raisers and leave the nest! I have to say, my Puppy Raisers seem quite proud of raising me to such a special dog.

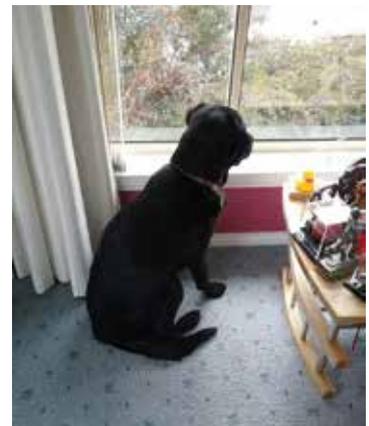
My Raiser takes me to the park and my other best friend is there to play with. We love chasing each other, especially when one of us has a stick that the other one wants! I like going to the park and running free and my Puppy Raiser says I am really good at coming back to her when she blows the whistle. We have practised this many times and I am now very confident.

I am also confident that I can handle busy places such as shopping centres and markets. I know that my coat is there to help me concentrate and I try to ignore children and food. I'm getting really good at this. I sometimes go to work, and I am so good that most people forget that I am there! At lunch we sometimes go for a walk along the foreshore and I love the wind in my face. People always comment that I look 'happy'.

I think that this might be my last update to you in Puppy Love. Thank you very much for looking after me and your interest in my development. I came to Tasmania on the 23rd of December 2014 and I love it here. I hope that you will read about me as a trained Guide Dog very soon, and be proud of me, too.



▲ This is my Puppy Raising family. They are awesome.



▲ During those rainy days, I really love to watch the world go by.

**Date of Birth:**  
29 Oct 2014  
**Region:** South

## Hello!

Hi everyone!

With all the wet weather we had over the last few months, my favourite thing was to sit in the dry and look out the window! I like to watch the birds, the wind in the trees, the two gold Labradors who live next door, or to just watch the world go by, and it's even better if the sun is out and shining in on me!

I had a fun time recently at Dru Point with Guide Dog in training Taylor, Harper, Nina and Quinton. The car was very full with five dogs and three adults! On the way we were all sitting up expectantly, but on the way back, after a lot of free running, we all snuggled together and slept.

I'm trying my best at things, and I'm really a lovely girl, but the challenge of late is that I've developed some allergies and skin problems. This will be pretty hard for a vision impaired person to manage if I become a Guide Dog, but the Guide Dog Instructor is looking at ways to work through this. Fingers and paws are crossed.

I celebrated my second birthday recently, so that means I am getting really close to starting the next chapter on my journey. I will really miss my Puppy Raising family, especially my puppy cuddles with Nina, but I am excited about taking the next step and seeing where it leads me!

See you around and wish me luck.

## Training dogs

Taylor and Nelson are progressing through their training and are now very used to wearing their harnesses with pride. But the thing they enjoy most of all is relaxing in the office after they have finished their daily walks, cuddling up very close to each other. Taylor does love to use Nelson as a pillow but Nelson does not seem to mind this at all. We think he enjoys the attention.

During training walks, Nelson can sometimes lack motivation and lag behind his handler. We hope that over coming months he develops more of an interest to lead out and guide, and take more responsibility on the walk. With a little support and extra encouragement he is starting to show us that he has the right idea, and just needs to develop his own confidence to know that he is doing the right thing. He is just lovely in the home and social settings and does want to please whoever he is with.

Taylor is also a lovely dog in social settings and a joy to have in the home. He is confident on walks and starting to show a lot more independence in decision making on his guiding walks. His downfall is that he often likes to toilet on a walk, which is not going to be as helpful once he is working with a vision impaired handler. We hope that Taylor decides it is better to 'relieve' when asked, prior to an outing, rather than wait until he is out walking.

## Thank you

A big thank you to all members of the Puppy Development team, helping to look after the pups short and long term, assisting with public relations events, supporting each other, and always there to assist at the drop of a hat. We are very lucky to have them as part of the Guide Dogs Family, and so are our pups!

Without them we would not be able to raise pups here in Tasmania, and we truly appreciate all that they do for our program.



▲ Just part of the Puppy Development team in the south. What a crew!

## Guide Dogs Pet Insurance...

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.

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  
[guidedogspetinsurance.com](http://guidedogspetinsurance.com) or call 1300 131 636

## Summer tips for your dogs

With the excitement of Christmas time here, we often forget that there are furry friends in the house that need a little more attention.

Please protect them this festive season, by avoiding placing any presents containing food under the tree for them to explore.

If you have a younger puppy, or an inquisitive older dog, ensure that they cannot get to decorations on your tree that may cause harm if swallowed.

Remember that there are a number of human food types that are harmful to dogs, so before you give your beloved pet some Christmas dinner, think twice.

Chocolate is toxic to dogs, and we recommend that you don't leave any as gifts under the tree, or tie chocolate ornaments to your tree – these are just too tempting for furry friends.

### SNAKES ALIVE!

Many vets are advising us they have had to treat a high number of snake bite victims already this year, so please remember when out with your dog in parks and bushes to be cautious of snakes. Seek immediate vet attention if you do suspect your animal has been bitten.



▲ Jacob and her feline friend are all ready for some Christmas spirit.



## Canine Companions



Every so often, a dog comes through our training program that is simply not suitable to be a Guide Dog.

This doesn't mean that the dog has 'failed' or that it was 'naughty'. It simply means that Guiding was not the right career. Some of you may remember the story of Riley, or even Nala, who weren't quite right for Guiding but are both making an immense difference to Tasmanians as Companion and Therapy Dogs.

At Guide Dogs Tasmania, we want to make sure that each and every one of our pups ends up in a role that ultimately changes the life of someone with a disability; whether it be as a Guide Dog, a Companion Dog, or a Therapy Dog.

We think that's the right thing to do for our supporters, our community and our dogs.

We want to hear from people who think that they, or someone they know, could benefit from having a dog like this. A dog that isn't just a pet, but a necessity.

You can read more, and find an application form, here: [guidedogstas.com.au/beau-and-companion-bonnie/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/beau-and-companion-bonnie/)



▲ Above and right, Beau has found a whole new world of joy with his Companion Dog, Bonnie.

# PUPPY LOVE MEMBERSHIP

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OR

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# Guide Dogs Graduation

Guide Dogs Tasmania held its very first official Guide Dog Graduation ceremony on Monday, November 21.

It was a very special day at our Hobart office, as we celebrated the recent graduation of three Guide Dog partnerships:

- Sara with Guide Dog Pepper,
- Phil with Guide Dog Yoda, and
- Vanessa with Guide Dog Yuri

We heard both moving and humorous stories from the Guide Dog users, the Puppy Raisers, the Guide Dog Mobility Instructor, and CEO Dr Clare Allen. All of these stories certainly painted a picture of the journey so far, and of the adventures to come for Yuri, Yoda and Pepper.

It was great to see keen interest from the media, as the story featured on SCTV, ABC and WIN news that night, as well as in the Mercury and online.

The occasion was a small affair, and we certainly look forward to holding more graduations at venues that can accommodate a broader audience. We are very proud to have ticked off 'the first', and we hope to see our Puppy Love members and sponsors at future graduations; we've started planning for the next one already!



▲ The official guests at our first Guide Dog Graduation ceremony. Boarders, Puppy Raisers, Instructor and CEO proudly surround Sara with Pepper, Phil with Yoda, and Vanessa with Yuri.

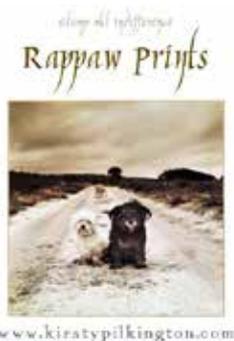
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