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PUPPY  
LOVE

If life gives you lemons,  
We give you  
Morgan & Murphy





▲ Our little Valentine's, Murphy and Morgan. It was literally a dream photo shoot - even for them!

## Let's embark



Hello!

It's hard to believe it's been three months since the last edition of Puppy Love. I was going to start with 'Happy New Year', but that seems like such a long time ago now!

2017 marks the 60th Anniversary of Guide Dogs Australia, and indeed Guide Dogs Tasmania. Throughout the year, we're digging up and sharing great stories from the archives that have helped make us what we are today: 'Australia's Most Trusted'. Each week we post a different story on our website, and 'Throwback Thursday' on Facebook covers different aspects of our history as well.

Take a look; you never know how you may be connected to us. Like our volunteer, Mary, who is related to Doreen Brockman, the Tasmanian woman who's Guide Dog saved her from a rampaging elephant on Ulverstone Beach in the 1960's. TRUE STORY!

We'll also be holding a number of Puppy Love member activities throughout the year. Our preferred method of sending these newsletters and invitations to members is via email, so if you are able to email us your address (to [kate@guidedogstas.com.au](mailto:kate@guidedogstas.com.au)) that would be appreciated. Receiving these things via email means you can easily click through to internet pages and more information. It also saves us the cost of postage.

If you don't have an email account, we'll continue to send things via post, although these days' things take a little longer to get to

mail boxes than in-boxes.

Our biggest celebration for the year will be held on International Guide Dog Day – April 26th. Puppy Love members will receive an invitation in coming weeks to attend a garden party at Government House. We hope that as regular supporters of our work you'll find this event as exciting as we do, and we hope to see you there.

Now, to the pups! Morgan and Murphy arrived hot on the heels of Billie and Benji. We headed off to Lauderdale for their photo shoot with Kirsty Pilkington, and I have to say, what a DREAM it was! Cute as buttons, they were very easy to work with and seemed to have their 'model' look all sorted before we even began. Nice work Kirsty, Morgan and Murphy!

Enjoy, and thank you for your continued support. We change lives with our dogs, and we simply can't do it without you.

Warm regards,

Kate Grady  
Manager – Marketing and Fundraising, Guide Dogs Tas.

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**Date of Birth:**  
20 Oct 2016  
**Region:** South



▲ Nothing says Happy Christmas like a new puppy! Welcome, Murphy.



▲ While Murphy explored the garden during his photo shoot, Kirsty Pilkington was kept very busy with her camera.



▲ All that exploring led to one very pooped pup.

## Greetings!

My name is Murphy. My Puppy Raiser tells anyone who asks that I'm like Robert Murphy, the AFL Bulldogs captain. She tells them she hopes I turn out to be just as wonderful as he is. I don't know what she's talking about really, but she seems pretty enthusiastic about it.

I arrived with my very beautiful sister, Morgan, from South Australia on Friday 16th December 2016. We had two flights to get to Hobart and it was a very long day. We arrived in the afternoon and after a quick stop at Guide Dogs Tasmania's Hobart office for cuddles, we were off to our new homes with Puppy Raisers.

I have been very busy since I arrived. On the Saturday night I had to go to a Christmas Dinner. My Puppy Raisers had to dress up; dad had a suit and mum was going to wear a dress that had lots of lace on it, only my little toe nails kept pulling on the lace so mum quickly changed. She said it didn't matter because no one at the dinner was looking at her anyway; everyone was saying what a darling puppy I was. I was very well behaved and slept during the dinner.

The next day my Puppy Raiser had to go

to work and as I had been so good the night before she decided that I could go to work with her. Dad was on standby in case I cried or played up, but I slept the whole five hours!

The next week seemed to go so fast, we were out for lunches and dinners and I had a photo shoot with my sister. Seeing her made me VERY happy and energetic. I settled down and after a little time I was sleeping peacefully; sleeping is something my Puppy Raisers say that I am very good at. When we go out, if I get tired I just flop down and will happily snooze wherever we are. My Puppy Raiser doesn't enjoy this so much when it is in the middle of the aisle at the supermarket, but she is happy for me to sleep in restaurants.

After Christmas I had to go to the vets for vaccinations. They have things called liver treats that are very yummy and all the staff said I was so cute and they gave me lots of pats.

I don't think you will believe all the places I have been since I arrived! So many shops and different shopping centres! I went to the doctor and hairdresser with

my Puppy Raiser and I got some of her hair on me but I didn't mind, she said something to the hairdresser about that being a change; normally she has dog hair on her!

I have had play dates with my sister in the play room at Guide Dogs and at the dog park at Dru Point when Billie and Benji joined us. The best fun of all was at the dog beach at Sandy Bay; Morgan and I played on the sand and in the water. Morgan is a much better swimmer than me but I still had a wonderful time.

I think you will agree by all the adventures and fun that I have had so far, I have settled in very well. I am also learning commands like 'sit' and 'down' and I am walking a little better on the lead every day.

I know I have lots more new places to go and fun to have in the future, so I will keep you informed.

**Murphy had so much to report that it just couldn't fit here! Visit his own web page to get all the details:**

[guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/)

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20 Oct 2016  
**Region:** South



▲ Well, at least WE thought Morgan in a Santa hat was a good idea for the photo shoot.

## Hi everyone

My brother, Murphy, and I arrived in Hobart a week before Christmas. We were excited to be here and it was a great time to arrive because we got to celebrate Christmas and enjoy the festivities with our new families.

There were lots of new things to see and do. The shopping centres were very busy and I saw a man in a red suit and fluffy beard. I liked seeing him because there were lots of children around him and I like children. My Puppy Raisers are trying to teach me that when I am in my blue coat I am working and not supposed to try and play with children, or adults, or dogs, or leaves, or sticks, or crumbs on the coffee shop floor, or ... well, anything really! I think I am going to have to work really hard on that!

When my coat is on I am 'on duty' and have to learn to concentrate hard on the task ahead. I get a lot of time with my coat off too, when I can relax and have fun.

I have settled in with my new family really well. Including me, there were four dogs, which was great for me because I had lots of dogs to play with. But I



▲ Morgan arrived with her very own M blanket. CUTE!

think my Puppy Raisers were a little "stressed!" at times. There was Diesel, who is 13, Nina, who is 3 and Guide Dog Pup Abby. Abby has now left us to continue on in the next stage of her journey. We all miss her and wish her the best of luck!

I was really lucky to have Abby to show me the ropes! I followed her around the shopping centres, supermarkets, out on walks and the big wide world wasn't so scary. She showed me how to lie quietly at restaurants and coffee shops, and sit patiently at the supermarket checkouts. She was a big help.

Murphy and I went to Sandy Bay beach last week. It was great fun and I swam straight away and loved it. My Puppy Raisers were a bit worried I wasn't coming back. We splashed about in the water and met a couple of other dogs there. I dunked in the water for seaweed; it didn't taste very nice.

Afterwards we had coffee... well mine and Murphy's Puppy Raisers did; Murphy and I slept very soundly next to the table.



▲ Morgan is a natural in front of the camera. An absolute natural.

I am learning about things like toilet training, behaving myself in the house, sitting quietly while my meals are prepared, being good when being brushed and only chewing my toys, not my Puppy Raisers or Nina!

I'm trying really hard and they are proud of me ... I think!

Along with all the other Puppy Love pups, I have my very own web page. MY OWN! I will be keeping my doggy-bloggy up to date and make sure extra photos go on there too. We must be very special to have our own web pages!

Find us all here:

[guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/)

See you all soon!



▲ So, I got this bone. And it was just for me! Best. Day. Ever.

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



▲ So, I went to the beach. And I ran and ran and ran. Until I stopped. Best. Day. Ever.

## Hello, Billie here!

I've been busy since the last Puppy Love edition. I have really settled into my home and I know how much everyone loves me!

I got the toilet training idea nailed just before Christmas, which was a good thing because all the carpets had been freshly cleaned! We had quite a few visitors staying with us and lots of people called in to see us. We went out on New Year's Eve and I was such a good dog and didn't get worried by the fireworks!

My very favourite thing to do - apart from sleeping- is to run on the beach. I can run free in selected areas and my recall is very good, unless I'm very involved with something else! Another thing that makes me happy is to pick strawberries from behind the netting in the garden and also to help by picking things out of the vegetable beds. I can't understand why my family aren't pleased with me as I'm only trying to help!

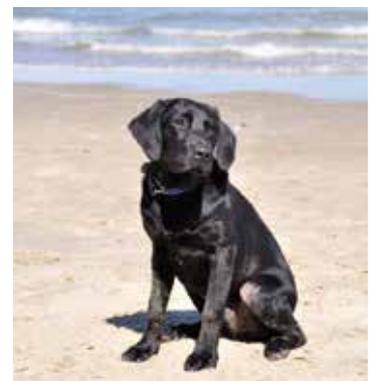
I do have to go to work sometimes, which is when I go to the supermarket or check out the shopping centres or go into the city. I'm rather good on escalators and moving walkways now - after a reluctant start. I'm polite, too, when we visit other people's houses or cafes. My Puppy Raiser says she'll take me to her work soon for a visit and we'll go on the bus.

That's all for now, but there's heaps more in my doggy-bloggy on my web page. That's right! My own web page! Just click on my photo when you visit here: [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups)



▲ With my pals, Billie (left). and Pedro (middle). We love the beach!

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



▲ No, you are not seeing double! This is me. Best. Day. Ever. Too!

## Hellooooooo!

Time flies when you're having fun and that's just what I'm having as a Guide Dog Pup! There's never a dull moment in my life; I'm either training and learning new skills to become a Guide Dog or having fun with my Puppy Raising family and my best friend Pedro, their pet Labrador. I'm always happy and wag my big long tail lots; my Puppy Raiser reckons I wag it so much it might wear out.

I went boarding with another family and met and played with more lovely labs and their pals. I had my first go on an escalator, a lift and a traveller; we practise these often and I'm now confident on them.

I'm very good at coming back. As soon as I hear the whistle blow I stop what I'm doing and run as fast as I can back to them. I sit and receive a small treat and lots of praise; I feel so good and very clever.

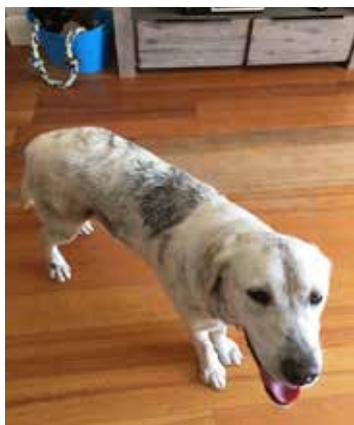
One of my Puppy Raisers and I walk to her work together. She works at a big school where lots of young people are learning just like me; they all ignore me so I can concentrate on my training.

I've grown lots and have gone up two sizes in coats. I sleep on a big comfy bed. Apparently I still snore but I've never heard it!

I've got heaps more to tell you, and I've got a web page to do it, too! Check me out at [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups)



▲ So, I understand the Ceremony was a big deal, it just wasn't my cup of tea.



▲ I may or may not have found a muddy mud pit at the park with my new friend, Charlie.

**Date of Birth:**  
10 May 2016

**Region:** North

## Hello to you

I was quite looking forward to seeing in my first New Year, but would you believe it these oldies who look after me went to bed at 10.00pm, and of course so did I. I did hear some of the fireworks but noises don't worry me. In fact, when my Puppy Raiser is pottering around outside with saws, drills and grinders, I run from wherever I am to see what is going on – supervising really. He tries to get between me and the action but I am alert to that and stick my nose between his ankles.

Australia Day was big here as Claire became a citizen of Australia. We all tramped down to the ceremony; it was a bit boring and I slept through most of it, but the frequent applause kept waking me up. The barbecue afterwards was great and I was let off to greet the guests and according to what I heard was very well behaved.

At a training day towards the end of the month they were trying to get me to come with lots of encouragement and treats. I am not too sure about this but went along with it and started to do quite well. We'll see how this develops. I really want to get really good at coming back to the whistle so that my vision impaired client in the future takes me to the park lots and lots.

Guess what? I have heaps of doggy-bloggies on my web page. I would love you to read them. Click on my adorable photo here [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/) to read all about my journey to becoming a Guide Dog.



▲ Being patient is very important when fishing, apparently. Nailed it.



▲ No, you are not seeing double. This is me! I may or may not have found a muddy mud pit too!

**Date of Birth:**  
10 May 2016

**Region:** North

## G'day everyone!

It's great to catch up once again.

My latest achievement is conquering the 'travellator' in Woolies and I can now get on and off fairly confidently. My supermarket shopping walks have greatly improved as well and while I find it all a bit boring, my Raiser says I'm nice and calm in the shops.

For my very first Christmas I got to meet Santa in Myers and he was pretty cool. I asked for a big bone for a present and guess what, he gave me one! What a great guy – hope Christmas happens again soon!

The most fun I had over the holidays was a few days at the beach – it was GREAT! We also went fishing and I was very patient but couldn't see the enjoyment in catching those smelly, wriggly things.

My other favourite activity is going to the park and playing with the other pups – they are such great fun. I practise my recall there and I'm doing okay. This makes my Raiser very happy and I love it when she gives me a treat and lots of pats. Get the rest of my doggy-bloggy here: [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/)

And here's a little poem I wrote especially for you. About me. Ha!

*My name is Kobie and I'm so cool,  
I'm training hard because Guide Dogs rule!*



▲ The bigger the bone, the harder the work. I have a very good work ethic though!



▲ I'm getting bigger, but I'm still just a bit small compared to some things.

**Date of Birth:**  
13 Jan 2016

**Region:** South

## Hello from Harper!

First of all I must let you know that I had my first birthday. Hurrah! I'm a big girl now. It was an exciting day for the whole family. The birthday gift I got was best of all; a beautiful beef bone. I did lots of gnawing and dragging it around the yard. You can imagine that I had a ball with it but I also learned 'the bigger the bone, the harder the work'.

The next memorable experience was going for a guided tour through Government House. We were shown through the whole place, but the most interesting were the kitchen and pantry, just heaven for my nose. I tried to ignore all the smells as I had my coat on. After the excursion, the whole party of us went for lunch at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. For me there was fresh water and a place to go to sleep and dream of that fantastic kitchen of our Governor.

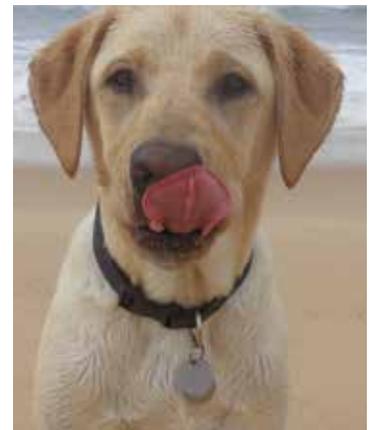
Another new experience for me was being boarded over Summer. I had a good time and hopefully I didn't disgrace myself. Next month I will be flying to Brisbane and that will be real test of how grown up I am. In one day I will travel in a car, plane, train and then in another car. At the end of the day there will be a little dog to welcome me. I'm interested how much licking and poking the little fellow can take, as I'm a great lover of little fluffy things.

Before I go, I must say that every day is an adventure for me.

Best wishes from Harper the Metro puppy.



▲ Meet my pals, Tubby and Tilly. We make a fine looking crew.



▲ The beach is lip-smacking good! I love it!

**Date of Birth:**  
13 Jan 2016

**Region:** North

## Hi everyone!

My favourite thing is the beach. I spent five wonderful days at 90 Mile Beach in Victoria over Christmas. What fun I had with the waves, sand and seaweed. During the day I swam and played with my two Labrador friends (Tilly brown and Tubby gold) then spent the night sleeping and recharging for the next day. I took the plane, airport bus and train in my stride without a second thought. My Puppy Raiser was so proud of me and gave me lots of praise and cuddles. This is good training for a growing Guide Dog puppy.

I am now one-year-old and have been with my Puppy Raisers for 10 months. My how time has flown. I can remember being so small and wondering how I was going to get up and down the back stairs to go to the toilet (small puppies need to go to the toilet a lot) but there were my Puppy Raisers to give me a hand – even in the middle of the night. We have been through an exciting journey to get to this stage where I am well behaved, walk well in coat and mostly mind my manners. I still like to run around the backyard but don't seem to be able to fit in the small spaces I used to.

I've run out of room to tell you about Frankie J Golden, and my upcoming social calendar here, but you can read more by clicking on my picture on this web page [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/) Even though I have come a long way in my training, there is still so much to learn. It is a journey I am enjoying.



▲ Sunbeams and a blanky - can anything be more relaxing for a pup?



▲ I waited very patiently at the airport when the flight was delayed.

**Date of Birth:**  
3 July 2015

**Region:** South

## Hi everyone!

Since the last Puppy Love we have been very busy with visitors from Holland. We went on day trips to Conningham Beach and Margate Train for lunch. When the visitors left we went to the airport and there were flight delays, but I was very good! When everyone sat around and waited, I just used the time to catch up on some sleep.

At Christmas time I had a visit from my friend Wil from Sydney. We were very happy to see each other again. I have also been to Sheffield, where I met a real working Guide Dog, Winta. I was very good and sat very nicely while my Puppy Raisers had a talk to them.

I also went to the Lunar New Year celebrations at Parliament Lawns on January 29. Again, I went on the bus and walked through St David's Park down to the lawns. There were lots of people, smells and music. We watched the Dragon Dance, loud drumming and then the fireworks. They were very loud, and I didn't know what they were at first, but after a little while I was used to the noise and enjoyed the view.

I went off to meet some animals in an enclosure, but the goats did not enjoy having a black dog peering into the pen. The miniature horses, on the other hand, came over to say hello!

You can read more about the last few months for me on my web page. Yep, just click on my lovely photo here [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/) to get to my page.



▲ I was exhausted after just one hour of PR duty.



▲ When all else fails I just cuddle up to Dexter.

**Date of Birth:**  
3 July 2015

**Region:** South

## Hello!

Recently I went with my Puppy Raiser to Centrepont to meet with Zoe and Melanie and of course Ambassador Dog Dexter. We had our coats off and were patted and cuddled by all the people going past. I think we raised a lot of money and spread the word about Guide Dogs Tasmania by being so good. I now understand why Dexter sometimes doesn't want to play when he comes home from work - I was exhausted after just one hour!

I had a holiday from Guide Dog duties the other week, and we had visitors - Cooper, who used to be in the Puppy Development Program and his new sister Mia. They came on the boat from Melbourne and stayed with us for a week. Mia and I had such fun - Cooper is a bit old and couldn't be bothered with us. Both Dexter and I were very tired for a couple of days when they went home.

I've been working a lot on travellers and I think I've got them licked - except that big one in Channel Court that squeals and rattles, I don't like that one and I try to head to the lift which is much nicer.

We went to Salamanca Place last Sunday and lots of the other pups were there. We had a great walk around the waterfront then had to sit still while the people had "coffee"... that bit was boring. When all else fails I just cuddle up to my big brother.

Be good, Paris xxx



▲ Bellerive Beach. Perfect, whether it is crowded, or if you have it all to yourself.



▲ After a trip to the perfect beach, it's a little hard to be taken seriously. This is my post-play-face.

**Date of Birth:**  
9 Feb 2015

**Region:** South

## Hi there!

Over the last few months I have really been growing up, or 'maturing', as my Puppy Raiser calls it. I really know that when I'm wearing my coat I need to be focused on my job and I don't even get distracted by other dogs anymore! Well, most of the time.... When I'm not wearing my coat I love to meet nearly every dog, especially the little ones who bark and try to chase me. But now that I am a bit wiser I don't try to bowl over every dog I meet.

My Puppy Raiser says I am very good at reading other dogs and I approach them carefully now. I trot past slowly and let them approach me and if they're not interested I leave them alone. This is really important as it means my vision impaired owner will be able to let me play in off leash areas and know that I won't get into any (much) mischief.

Over the summer, I have been visiting lots of different beaches which is one of my favourite things to do. I still love playing with other dogs and sniffing every single object on the beach, but I have also discovered that swimming is quite fun. My Puppy Raiser also loves swimming and when she dives under the water I swim out to check on her and then head straight back to shore and wait for her in the shallows. I'm still a bit wary of big waves but they are fun to jump over!

If you want to read about my experience with a chicken at MONA, amongst other adventures, just visit my web page [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/)



▲ Listening to music in the park on a beautiful day: all part of the training.

**Date of Birth:**  
9 Feb 2015

**Region:** South

## Hello!

I am writing to you from Longford where I have been in boarding for a while. I have two new friends in the house-hold; one who has taken some time to accept me (we're ok now), and the other who loves to play! She is left behind often when I go to work to do my training to be a Guide Dog, but she gets over it pretty quickly.

I have been to so many different places lately, all of which have been to increase my acceptance of any situation I may face in the future with someone who needs guiding. Let me name a few: visiting friends, listening to music in the park, to the movies, city walks with shopping, traveling in different types of vehicles, learning to swim in the dam on the farm, long long walks (some free, some on lead), and group get-togethers with the other Guide Dog puppies, for whom I feel their mentor as I am the eldest!

My favourite thing is just spending time with my new family. I have learnt to be accepting of change and I know that with all I have experienced, the next part of my training will continue happily and successfully.

Cheers for now and looking forward to the next phase in my life as a Guide Dog.



▲ This is my best friend. We like to snuggle and play, play and snuggle.



▲ Can a dog have too much fun? I don't think so!



▲ These are my 'puppy eyes'. What do you think? Would they work on you? I bet they would!

**Date of Birth:**  
29 Oct 2014

**Region:** South

## Hi there!

It has been a lovely summer and I was lucky enough to stay home most days with one of my Puppy Raisers and the kids, while my other Puppy Raiser was working. While I love hanging out at home, and enjoyed all the shopping and swimming fun, I sometimes had to give her 'the puppy eyes' – you know that very useful Labrador look with droopy eyes and the sad looking face? Well, it works a charm and then she would take me to visit her work. I love going to work and showing off my ignoring skills – I am really good at it, mind you!

I have now mastered steps and even if my Puppy Raiser unexpectedly halts in the middle of a step, she cannot fool me – I stop with her and we stay in sync. Such a cool trick and people always think I am so very clever when they see it! Lifts and escalators are no challenge anymore and walking over different surfaces is a breeze.

For our last puppy training session, we had a free run and recall session in Margate. It was so much fun playing with all the other Guide Dog puppies. It was also rather fun to see how everyone (well most of us) returned to our handlers when the whistle blew. To be honest, I think I outshone everyone there too (I might be biased, but boy I love my food treats, so no problem getting me to come back!).

I am looking forward to showing the other pups more of my skills before I go in for formal training soon – what a clever boy I am!



## Training Dogs

Nelson (top) and Taylor (above) are at the end of their formal training and currently preparing to guide their trainer with her under blindfold, and do the more intensive training side of things. This involves driveway traffic training and problem solving in difficult situations. It will mean that they will both have to step up and take responsibility for all decisions, and show lots of confidence to guide their trainer safely through the streets. Sometimes, after all of the training and commitment that has gone in to each dog, when all the decision making and responsibility is handed over, it can be too much and anxiety creeps in. We will assess this over coming weeks, and wish both Nelson and Taylor the best of luck. Rest assured, if they don't have the confidence to be a guide, we have some other exciting roles that we can assess them for, to ensure that all our pups and dogs do go on to change lives – like Abby, on the next page.

## Thank you

- The McConnell family for puppy raising Abby.
- The Smit family for puppy raising Archie.

## In Memory

We pay our respects to Guide Dog Zoltin, who sadly passed away very recently at the grand old age of 16.

Puppy Raised in Tasmania, Zoltin worked with a client in New Zealand. Zoltin enjoyed many adventures with his handler, including a visit back to Tasmania.

Thank you for your dedication and service, Zoltin.

## When one door closes...

Abby was brought in for assessment at the beginning of the year. She has the following exciting news to share with you all:

*A lot has happened since you last caught up with me, and all of it has been very, very exciting and I am so proud to be on this new journey.*

*I mentioned last time that I have some allergies and skin problems that need medicating from time to time when a small rash appears. This would be challenging for someone that cannot see very well.*

*I have the most amazing temperament, and am REALLY good in social settings, I know all my obedience commands, and I am just so loving and always ready to help out. Because of this, I have been reclassified, and am taking on an exciting journey of the first official companion dog placement for Guide Dogs Tasmania. What an honour to be using my skills to change the life of a Tasmanian who needs a little support in life. Even though I couldn't be a Guide Dog due to my health, my Puppy Raisers and supporters should be so proud that I am still in an assistance role and helping out.*

Abby.

It's very simple: our dogs change lives. All of our dogs. We are very proud of that and we hope you, as regular supporters who contribute to their journey, are also proud. This is a wonderful outcome for Abby, her Puppy Raisers, Guide Dogs Tasmania, and most importantly, Chas: the man whose life is changed because of her.



▲ Abby with Chas. A very happy ending.  
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# Yoda uses the force

Hello, my name is Yoda.

You might remember me as a Puppy Love puppy? I graduated just last year and I'm a Guide Dog working in Hobart with my handler, Phil.

This year, we are em"barking" to raise \$35,000 - enough to breed, raise and train a Guide Dog for another Tasmanian who is blind or vision impaired.

With my handler, I will be participating in Fun Runs throughout the year. I've already completed B&E Hobart Run the Bridge on February 19, and now we are training for the 'City to Casino' in May!

## Walk with me?

Will you join me on these runs, or donate to my Everyday Hero page? It costs a lot of money to train a Guide Dog like me, but every little bit will help.

Please spread word of my challenge and goal by sharing my Everyday Hero page with your friends and family. Thank you in advance for your generosity. It means a lot!

My page is here: <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/walk-with-yoda-for-guide-dogs>

And you can contact my friend [zoe@guidedogstas.com.au](mailto:zoe@guidedogstas.com.au) if you want to start your own fundraising challenge...in case Fun Runs aren't quite your thing.

Thanks, and see you out there! Yoda.



▲ This is me (Yoda) with my handler Phil at our Graduation in December last year. I guess you can say we've been keeping busy since then :-)

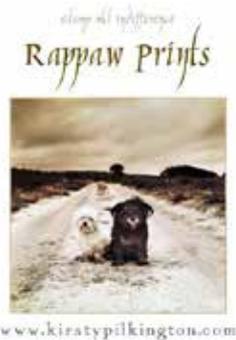
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