

Autumn 2018

PUPPY LOVE

Guide
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Sara steps out

...in a brand new look!



▲ Thanks to Frogmore Creek for hosting us and our three little puppies for our photoshoot! This moment was captured at the end of the shoot, when the lunchtime mob were arriving. Yes, everyone wanted to find out more about these delightful pups and yes, it took us a LOT longer to pack up. The trials of working for an organisation with really, really cute work colleagues :-)

Let's embark



Hello everyone, and welcome to the first Puppy Love for 2018!

It's been a huge year already! We've had three gorgeous new puppies arrive, and what's particularly exciting is that siblings Vinnie and Violet have come all the way from New Zealand (which isn't actually ALL that far away), making them our first "Kiwi" pups in more than 12 years. They joined Sara, who has her own interesting story regarding her namesake! You can find out all about the meaning behind Sara's name on page 11.

You may have noticed something a little different on the cover of Puppy Love. Well actually, something VERY different. We launched our new puppy coats in January this year. But it's not just Tasmanian Guide Dog puppies sporting this new look; every Guide Dog pup and Guide Dog in training across the country is now uniform for the very first time. Read more about this exciting change on page 11.

In February, we celebrated Year of the Dog at the Chinese Lunar New Year festivities in Hobart. Our Ambassador Dog, Dexter, proudly took part in the procession parade, representing Guide Dogs Tasmania in his special "Ambassador Dog" coat. He was joined by Murphy, as well as Guide Dog in Training Kobie, who came down from Launceston for the day to join in the celebrations. Pups Grady, Derek, Elly and Benji all came along too, making Guide Dogs Tas well represented!

Coming up in April, our focus will turn to International Guide Dog Day. Turn to page 11 of this newsletter to read about our 'access rights' campaign that we're planning. Also in April, we'll be launching a brand new fundraiser that we're encouraging everyone to register for. You can find out more about "Dining in the Dark" on the back page of this newsletter.

Lastly, we would like to thank Frogmore Creek for hosting us for our latest puppy photoshoot. It was a beautiful location and our photographer, Kirsty Pilkington, captured some wonderful shots as usual. The results are on the first five pages of this newsletter.

Enjoy,

The Guide Dogs Tasmania team

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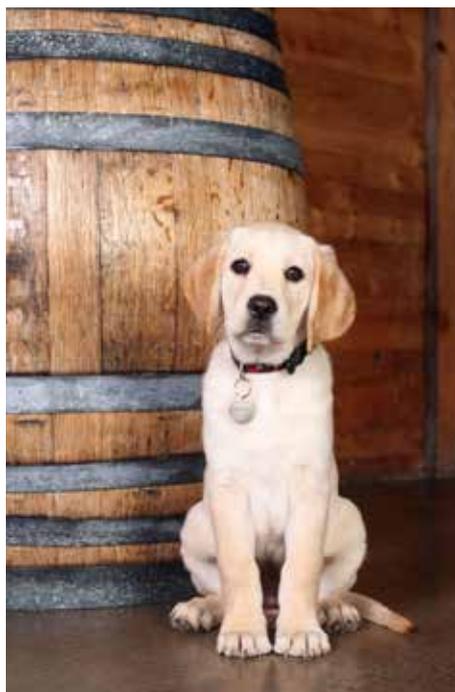


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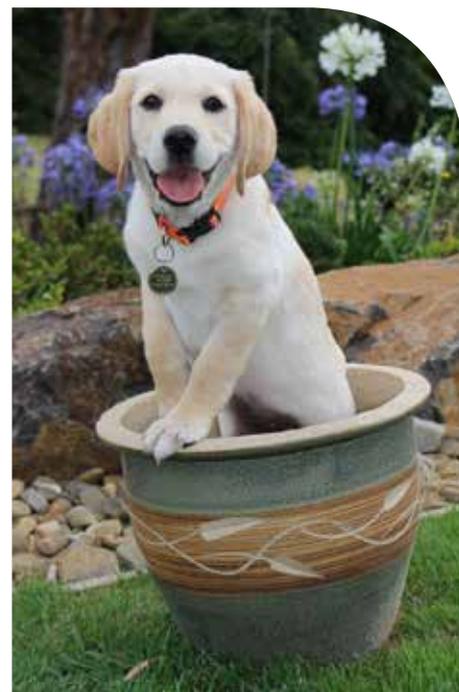
Date of Birth:
3 Nov 2017
Region: North



▲ In her training coat, Sara can go anywhere! Including wineries.



▲ Sara has the most PERFECT pose. And nose.



▲ Sara is just SO photogenic. Her Puppy Raiser captured this, which we think should be named “Sprouting Sara”.

Hello there!

My name is Sara and I have not been in Tasmania long – I came all the way from South Australia arriving in Hobart on the 9th January 2018. I was an instant hit with the staff at the Guide Dog Office (that’s because I am soooooo cute and pretty). I am very lucky because I am named after a lovely volunteer with Guide Dogs Tasmania and feel privileged to share her name.

My Puppy Raisers came to pick me up a couple of days later and I liked them straight away. I think they were very happy to see me and gave me heaps of cuddles. We drove up to Launceston and I just slept the whole way – they were very happy about that!

I am living on seven acres and there are even some cows just over the fence. They are very big but I am not scared of them at all. I have settled in well and really like it here – I especially like eating the wallaby poo but my Puppy Raiser isn’t too keen on me doing that! I have Alice the Doberman to play with and she is pretty cool but doesn’t like me near her food. My Puppy Raiser also has eight year old twins, Ava and James, and they

play with me a lot. James and I appeared on the front page of the Examiner.

My new family and I went to the beach for a week, which was heaps of fun. I got to play in a different house but couldn’t go walking as I hadn’t had all my vaccinations. However, when the tide went out one morning my Puppy Raiser took me to the beach. I liked the sand but wasn’t too sure about those things called ‘waves’. I was a bit naughty at the beach house as I tore up a whole roll of toilet paper all over the lounge room floor – I thought it was fun but nobody else did!

I have been busy learning Guide Dog stuff and my Puppy Raiser says I am a smart, confident pup who catches on fairly quickly. I know my name and ‘sit’, ‘down’ and ‘stay’ already, but do need to keep practicing as I forget what to do sometimes. I am not quite house trained yet but not far off. I run to the back door when I need to go and one of my family takes me out and says ‘busy, busy’ a lot. I think that means they want me to do a wee.

My Puppy Raiser has taken me out to a place called Myer. It was big with lots of people but I wasn’t scared a bit. We went up and down the escalators and with some practice I am now pretty good at that. She has taken me back there a couple of times and also to Target to practice escalators (and elevators), so now I am an expert at getting on – no problem!! We also visited the supermarket and that was okay too – lots of very interesting things to see there. I have even walked next to a shopping trolley with her and was good with that.

Did you know in the first few weeks of being in my new home, I had a video made about me? I must be special! You can watch it on the Guide Dogs Tas YouTube Channel here: <https://youtu.be/UmAmQGxgtwA>

I have done so much in my short time here that I can’t fit it all in! You can read about more of my adventures on my own webpage: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/

Lots of love, Princess Sara xxx

Date of Birth:
23 Oct 2017
Region: North



▲ Vinnie took a few rests in between being a model...



▲ ... and it paid off, because he gave us some REALLY good poses.



▲ Beth from Frogmore couldn't say no to a photo with Vinnie.

Howdy!

I came with my sister Violet from New Zealand on the 10th January. We've been told that we're the first Guide Dog puppies to come to Tasmania from New Zealand in over 12 years. No wonder everyone was so excited about our arrival!

We met another puppy when we got here and her name is Sara. The day after our arrival, the three of us had to go and have our photos taken at a lovely vineyard near Richmond.

Everyone fussed over us for the morning and as we finally got comfortable in one spot, they'd move us to another! By the end of it, I just pretended to be asleep and the humans didn't want to move me because they felt so bad waking me up! It was a fun day though, and I got to meet some very nice people who worked at the vineyard.

I also got to meet a lady called Kirsty Pilkington. She is the one with the big photo-taker-thingy who did a lot of lying down on the ground. No one told *her* to move though! She was also very nice and kept calling our names. But then when we all decided to run to her, the other humans came and grabbed us! They are very odd sometimes, asking you to do one

thing and then changing their minds. I'm sure I'll work them out soon.

The day after the photoshoot Violet and I were driven in a funny car with lots of Guide Dog signs on it up to Launceston, where we met our new human families. I found out that we are very special pups as we are going to be trained to be Guide Dogs for Tasmanians who can't see. Now I know why that car had all the dogs on it!

Wow, it was hot here in Tasmania! But I have settled in and now sleep well in my new bed. The first night I was so tired I slept until 6am. That didn't last though, because the next night I had to go to the toilet a couple of times. But after a few days I started to sleep all night so my human Puppy Raisers wouldn't be too tired to look after me during the day. They are really lovely because when I cried in the night to go to the toilet they woke up and we rushed outside so I could go on the grass and my bed was kept nice and clean.

I have been out and about most days, experiencing different places and meeting lots of people. I must say, everyone who meets me falls in love with me because I am just so gorgeous. I have been to

shops with escalators; they are a bit scary, but Sean, the cadet Guide Dog Mobility Instructor from Launceston, came and helped me to get used to getting on and off and I'm learning fast.

Last week the three of us pups got together and had lots of fun, but those girls gave me a bit of a hard time.

All this learning is very tiring so I need lots of naps. I do enjoy a good nap. Actually, I might just need to have a little nap now [yaaawwn].

P.S. If you would like to see some more photos of me, make sure you head to my webpage: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/

There are behind-the-scenes photos from the photoshoot (lots of me sleeping) as well as some of me playing with that cheeky sister of mine Violet, and Sara.

Date of Birth:

23 Oct 2017

Region: North



- ▲ Violet, ready for the picking! We'll leave her to age for 16 months and then she'll be ready for tasting (we mean testing!).



- ▲ Violet has a casual-yet-professional look going on here. We like it!



- ▲ Those eyes... Violet is one pretty pup!

Hello everyone!

I arrived from New Zealand with my brother Vinnie early in January. I spent my first two days in Hobart getting my photo taken and getting used to the “funny” way Tasmanians talk. I learnt that “Sit” actually means “Sut” but “No” still means “No”. Vinnie and I spent the two days with Kim – a fellow Kiwi - to help ease the way.

I arrived at my new home and before I had time to look around was met by Piia from ABC Radio. She wanted to talk to my Puppy Raisers about what it was like to bring up a perfectly behaved Guide Dog puppy like me.

I share my home with an elderly Golden Retriever named Frankie J, who doesn't want to talk to me yet as I am still a bouncy puppy who loves to hang off his ears. The house is run by Max the cat who is even older than Frankie J and is decidedly bad tempered. If I get too close and try to play with him he spits and hits me on the head with his paw.

Oh the things I have seen since I arrived at my Puppy Raisers'. For the first week and a half I had to be carried around (you might have seen me in town and wondered why) until I had my final vaccination. I was then let loose on the

world. My Puppy Raisers tell me that they always take their new puppies to all of the big shops as soon as they can because us young pups soak up information and experiences like a big sponge. We visited Bunnings and I was so excited that I did a wee on the floor. Never mind, my Puppy Raisers used their puppy packs (paper towel, glove, wipes etc.) and cleaned it up.

The highlight for January was attending the red-carpet launch of the new Guide Dog coat. The red-carpet was a little lost on us pups as we can't see red, but it was good for the humans. We walked up and down and had pictures and videos taken for the Examiner, WIN News and Southern Cross News.

I'm a hot little pup and spend a lot of my day either in the paddling pool or draped around the water bowl.

Both my Puppy Raisers have returned to work so I have gone to “the office” with them. Nothing much seems to happen there, so I sleep nice and comfy wrapped around the water bowl.

I had a lovely play date with Sara and Vinnie at Sara's house - it's very big with

a huge yard. We wanted to keep playing but our Puppy Raisers said we needed a rest. I think that's a fib as they sent us to our beds and they ate food. We had another big play before getting in the cars for home. I was very tired and didn't make it down the driveway before I was asleep - it's a very, very long driveway.

I've been learning and experiencing so much. Buses make a lot of noise as do motorcycles. I was a little startled the first time, not scared though, and now they are quite interesting and I like to watch them. I like going out to lunch as the floors are nice and cool. I fell asleep on the floor in the Council Chambers when my Puppy Raiser took me to get registered - I was tired and didn't want to get up when she had finished. People were giggling, I don't know why as I was just sleeping.

Read more of my adventures in my doggy-blogy! You'll find it on my own webpage, located here: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/



▲ Big bro Dexter cared for Elly after her operation. Good job, Dex!



▲ Derek had SO much fun with the grand "pups" that he's now exhausted.

Date of Birth:
17 July 2017

Region: South



▲ Elly thought the fish tank should replace the television at home. MUCH more interesting.

Date of Birth:
17 July 2017

Region: South



▲ Busy modelling his new orange coat up and down the Channel, orange is definitely Derek's colour!

Hi again!

I like to have a lot of fun. Often people forget that we are only young pups and we still love to play and get into a bit of mischief every now and then! Like when I helped my Puppy Raiser with wrapping. It's not my fault that I don't understand the difference between wrapping and shredding - it all looked very good to me and I was so happy doing it.

I often go to the beach and I love to run around and have loads of fun with other dogs. I'm sure that if you see me on the beach you won't even know it's me! I never wear my bright orange coat to the beach or dog park, because when I go there I go to have fun, so my coat comes off and I just look like every other dog. You might pick me on a beach or the dog park because I often have Ambassador Dog Dexter with me, and it seems everyone knows Dexter. I think it's the poses he strikes or that grin on his face.

Dexter is very caring though, like when I had my important operation, I would lie on my back with my tummy exposed so that Dexter could check that the stitches were all good and that there were no problems (there weren't, by the way).

The other day I went with my Puppy Raiser to buy fish for her cleaned out fish pond in the garden. The tanks in the pet shop are so much better than watching television at home!

I have more to tell you here: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/

Hey there!

Well, what a few months I've had. Phew!

It might surprise you to know that human 'pups' are much like Labrador pups - always hungry, full of life and messy. I've had five weeks of disruption and distraction by two grand pups and I loved every minute. Now I look in their bedroom each morning hoping the fun will start again but alas, no joy. My Puppy Raisers told me we'll be flying up to see them again in May, so that should be in three or four dinners maybe? Only if my manners improve, as I've learnt a few bad habits - so I'm told.

I've had a great time since the last Puppy Love with lots of beach swims and walks. Kingston Dog Beach is my favourite place. I stayed over with Guide Dog Boarders in Tarooma just before Christmas and hope to see them again in the future. I also sailed on the Lady Nelson and was treated like a VIP by everyone on board. That sea air can make you very sleepy though.

I've been very busy modelling my new jacket up and down the Channel. Orange is certainly my colour, don't you think? I love going to Dru Point off-leash area and with a little help from the grand pups have mastered all of the obstacle course - nothing is too hard now, but everything is fun.

Catch up on more news on my webpage: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/



▲ Gilbert knows that when his coat is on, he has to listen to whichever human has his lead.



▲ Gilbert: growing taller, not wider.

Date of Birth:
9 July 2017

Region: South

Hello again!

I've been having such a great time since my last report. Of course, I'm growing heaps and I'm as tall as some of the grown up Labradors that I have met (but not as wide). I have a special Guide Dog puppy diet so that I do not put on too much weight - that would not be good for a puppy that one day hopes to become a working Guide Dog.

I loved summer because I went to the beach heaps and I learnt not to jump up at other dogs, though I'm still not sure how to play with some of the really little dogs I have met. I thought the beach was a weird place but I like it now because I've learnt how to swim and the waves don't scare me anymore. My Puppy Raiser bought me a plastic pool and I love that. I'm not sure about the hose though - it doesn't play nicely and has sprayed water in my face more than once!

My training is going well and I practise with whoever has my lead. I get lots of praise when I'm especially good at training (though my Puppy Raiser does have to do a growly voice sometimes). I've been to the vet for a little operation and to check that I will not have a problem with Hip Dysplasia (whatever that is) if I make it as a Guide Dog. I was very brave and it didn't really hurt much. I also had a pedicure with a staff member and boy is she fussy, making sure my toe nails are nice and neat and not sharp.

All in all, I think I'm one gorgeous looking puppy even without the nail clipping and filing. See you next time!



▲ Grady is turning into one handsome young man!



▲ Grady does some "training" while his Puppy Raiser enjoys a coffee.

Date of Birth:
9 July 2017

Region: South

Hi everyone!

I'm growing up very fast and am now in my "big boy" bed. It is nice and big with a comfy mattress and blankets, but sometimes I just love to crawl into bed with Nina the dog, which, seeing as I am now nearly as big as her, is a bit of a squeeze.

I have been getting out and about lots and learning new skills. I often meet up with Guide Dog pup Murphy and his Puppy Raiser and we go for a walk or a bus ride and then we go for coffee. Well, our Puppy Raisers have coffee, while Murphy and I lie quietly under the table. Everyone says what good dogs we are, which is really easy for us to do seeing as we are tired from our walk, and used to being in environments like shopping centres, coffee shops and restaurants.

My Puppy Raisers are going away on holiday soon, and have told me that I will be going to a Boarder's house to stay. They told me that I won't be on holiday, I will still be working, but as they say "a change is as good as a holiday" so I will sort of be on holiday! It is always an adventure to go somewhere new. Often Boarders have new and exciting toys for us pups to try out. I will try my best to be a good boy.

I recently had some surgery on my dew claws on my front legs, and ended up having some purple bandages on them. My Puppy Raisers told me I looked like I had leg warmers from the 1980s disco era on. I'm not really sure what that is, but they said I looked cute, and I like looking cute. Bye for now!



▲ "Hello, have I met you before?"
Morgan is very sociable and has no problem making new friends!



▲ Morgan may be growing out of her rebellious "teenage" stage, but she still enjoys having fun!

Date of Birth:
20 Oct 2016

Region: South

Hello there!

2017 was a big year for me! I have spent about five months with my new Puppy Raiser and we are getting on like a house on fire. When I first arrived I was very much in my rebellious teenage years so my Puppy Raiser had to keep his shoes on top of the wardrobe and I really didn't like it when he went out bike riding and didn't take me. I managed to cut a deal with my Puppy Raiser that I could stay in the house and listen to the radio for an hour, which has made staying home on my own much more enjoyable.

For being good I have enjoyed trips to Knocklofty Reserve and Marieville Esplanade, so I can play with my doggie mates. This is my favourite thing; so much so that I sometimes forget to listen to instructions (oops).

The Guide Dog team have been really supportive of my Puppy Raiser and I, as both of us continue to learn and grow. I have also been boarding, which is when I go and stay for a little while with another family that also know all the Guide Dog puppy rules. Sometimes it is fun going to different houses and different areas.

As I'm writing this it's the summer holidays so work is at a minimum for my Puppy Raiser, and I get lots of new experiences that are heaps of fun. Although, I don't mind going to my Puppy Raiser's work either. Any outing is a good outing.

Remember to have fun; after all it is a dog's life!



▲ If you're not sure which one Murphy is, we don't blame you! He's been sharing an office (and bed!) with Harvey (front).



▲ With Murphy's long legs and body, he might have a new career in modelling!

Date of Birth:
20 Oct 2016

Region: South

Hi again!

Wow, isn't time going so fast? Puppy Love time again and I am growing up so fast! I love the office and now I have a fabulous new friend here - his name is Harvey. Harvey is a training dog, and one day I will be in training like him, so I've been getting a few tips off him on what to do when I start.

The first thing that Harvey has taught me is that he likes to sleep on my bed with me. I don't mind, as it's much easier to get training tips from Harvey when we cuddle together like mates. My Puppy Raiser said that I should go for a walk with Harvey and learn to walk like he does. Sometimes I don't like to walk, and my Puppy Raiser said that I can be very lazy. I need to be a good walker to become a Guide Dog, so hopefully I will become more energetic and enjoy walking more before I go into training.

I have been loving summer! I go to the beach more often, and that is one place that I can suddenly find lots of energy. I love to swim, jump the waves when the water is rough, and run along the beach. It really is my favourite place.

My Puppy Raiser dad said the other week when we passed a Great Dane, "Say hello to daddy". I don't know why he thinks my dad is a Great Dane, I am just a Labrador with really long legs and body! I got to model the new training coat that has recently been launched. I guess with my long legs the photographer thinks I make a great model. You can catch up on more news on my webpage: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/



▲ Billie is now back on her feet (literally) after having some down time earlier in the year.



▲ Billie may look a little less than enthused, but she's just perfecting her "drop" when in a public place.

Date of Birth:
6 Sept 2016
Region: South

Hello!

It's been sort of busy for me over the last few months. The first new thing I did with my Puppy Raisers was to go on a trip to Devonport in the car. That was a long way to travel, but we stopped often for me to stretch my legs. We stayed overnight in a motel and I was so well behaved you might have thought I'd done this before!

I did hospital visits when one of my Puppy Raisers was not well and he said I helped him feel better. The nurses loved talking to me and gave me cuddles when I had my coat off. One of the doctors really liked me too and said he felt less stressed after seeing me!

Then came Christmas with lots happening in the house and plenty of visitors to keep me amused. We also went to visit other people and went to all sorts of events and places. New Year's Eve fireworks didn't worry me one bit. And there was a big thunderstorm over our house and I didn't get concerned by it at all. That's a big tick for me!

Unfortunately, early in the New Year I woke up one morning and couldn't walk. I was taken straight to the vet and luckily I didn't have anything too serious, but I was very lame. After medication I'm a lot better now, but I did have to rest a lot, which was boring.

Now Mae, the Vet, has said I'm ok to do light exercises to help strengthen my leg muscles again. I'm sure I'll be back to normal soon and I'll report back next time. Bye for now, Billie!



▲ Benji (left) and Pedro were VERY happy with the gift from their butcher.



▲ In coat, Benji knows he must not be distracted by anything at the supermarket. Good thing it's only veggies!

Date of Birth:
6 Sept 2016
Region: South

Howdy!

I had a lovely time boarding with another family recently while my Puppy Raisers went interstate for two weeks. Getting used to different people, smells, noises, routines and places is great training for me. And I've had a wonderful summer holiday at my family's beach-side shack, running and swimming (well, almost...I like to be able to touch the bottom) and digging in the sand. I went out in the boat (yes, I wore a lifejacket) and I visited the local butcher who gave Pedro (my Puppy Raisers' black Labrador) and I a big bone each. Yum!!

My Puppy Raisers say I've grown into a handsome and very happy young dog. I'm now one of the older and bigger (only Murphy is taller) pups in the Guide Dog program and I do lots of different things as part of my training. I go to work with one of my Puppy Raisers; I regularly go on bus trips, escalators, travelators, stairs and also city walks with my other Puppy Raiser. I'm also working hard on not being distracted by other dogs when I'm working because at times, I find it hard not to play or chat with them. We practised distractions at a recent group training session with all the other Guide Dog pups. Kim, the Guide Dog Coordinator, enlisted the help of adults and children and had them running about with balls and toys trying very hard to distract the pups, but we mostly just ignored them and got on with our training.

I have more to tell on my doggy-bloggy here! guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/

Training dogs

As the children returned to school for the year, so too did our Guide Dog Training group, with the introduction of new dogs Kobie, Kirsty, Harper and Harvey, joining Archie and Paris.

The new recruits are all undertaking their first stage (Term 1) with the completion of 20 walk assessments, covering all aspects of their temperament across a range of environments.

Kobie is a lovely natured, large, cuddly boy. One day he enjoyed visiting the Inveresk Precinct, and has settled in with his “bed and breakfast” Boarder, loving the attention of the children and the pet rabbit.

Harper is an affectionate dog who is keen to please, and was very excited to join the Launceston office for training. She also enjoys visiting the Invermay Newsagency to show off her training skills to the staff.

Kirsty has loved all of her assessment walks so far and will soon commence her formal training. She also appears to enjoy the limelight as a minor radio celebrity as part of our ongoing ABC Northern Tas radio series. You can listen to all episodes aired so far on Kirsty’s own doggy bloggy here: guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-kirsty/

Harvey has settled in to the Hobart office and is enjoying visiting lots of new places as part of his assessment. He has a huge box full of toys to play with on his down time, with his Puppy Raisers sending in as many noisy toys as possible to the Trainer’s home.

Paris continues to progress well and is now about half way through her formal training walks. She has been enjoying going to lots of new places recently, including various shopping centres, City Park, cafes, shops, newsagencies - you name it!

Archie is at the final stages of training, but still has a little bit of trouble trying to remain calm at times when he sees someone familiar. His enthusiasm and excitement levels are what he needs to work on to safely live with a vision impaired person in their home.



▲ Guide Dog in Training Kirsty with her Instructor, Sean. They’re becoming radio stars!

Thank you

- Guide Dog Ida, who retired recently after serving her client in the north for over eight years. Happy retirement “Princess” Ida.
- RIP to Guide Dog Leo, Guide Dog Sage, and Poppy, the mum of some of our pups.



Thank you for your service to our program.

▲ Guide Dog Ida with her handler, Merran, upon retirement.

Orange is the new black (well, blue)!

Our pups have a new look! Well, not just ours, but EVERY single pup and Guide Dog in training around Australia, thanks to our national partner ADVANCE™.

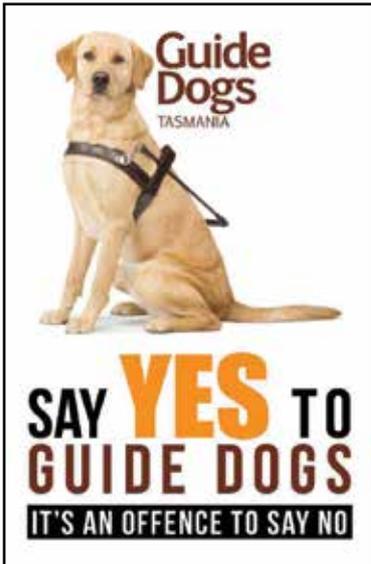
The coats, launched by Guide Dogs Australia in January this year, were developed after a period of testing and consultation with all Guide Dog schools across the country. The result? A reflective, bright orange coat made of a highly breathable material designed to keep our dogs cool (not to mention look cool) when they’re out training. We think they’re just paw-some!

What’s even more exciting is that it’s the first time that Guide Dogs in training right across Australia have shared a national coat, making them much more recognisable to the public wherever they’re seen. This is important, not only because we ask that if you do spot a Guide Dog in training, you do not distract it, but also because our dogs, by law, are allowed to go anywhere their trainer or handler can, to assist with their training. The coats are their official uniform.

You can read more about the new coat and what it means here: guidedogstas.com.au/new-puppy-coat/



▲ The new orange training coats make Guide Dogs in Training recognisable all across the country. And when you see a pup like this, you’ll know not to distract it!



Say yes to Guide Dogs!

Did you know that one in three Guide Dog handlers experience discrimination when accessing public places such as restaurants and cafes?

That's why in the lead up to **International Guide Dog Day** on 25 April, we're partnering with the Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA) to ensure those working in the hospitality industry - including owners, managers and wait staff - understand the law surrounding Guide Dog access rights.

What we'll do:

- Provide information packs to the THA to distribute to its members.
- Create a poster for THA members that can be put up on notice boards, reminding employees of the Law surrounding Guide Dog access rights.
- Provide stickers to THA members and non-members for public display in their venue, showing patrons that Guide Dogs can go anywhere.
- Host a media launch in the lead up to International Guide Dog Day to help spread the message further.

IT'S THE LAW:

Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs Act 1967 – Section 3 (2)

- A person who is in charge of a public place or public passenger vehicle, or the servant or agent of a person in charge of a public place or public passenger vehicle, must not –
 - (a) refuse to allow a person accompanied by a guide dog into that place or onto that vehicle; or
 - (b) direct a person accompanied by a guide dog to leave that place or vehicle; or
 - (c) deny accommodation or service to a person accompanied by a guide dog.
- Penalties of up to 20 units, or \$2,600 can apply. Additional civil action could also be taken.

▲ By Law, Guide Dogs and pups in training can go anywhere.

Sara meets Sara

Did you know that Guide Dog pup Sara has a special namesake?

She's named after a volunteer who has been helping us with our Collection Dog Program and at fundraising events for the last five years! We thought that kind of dedication deserved a special gift.

When human Sara found out about pup Sara, there were more than a few tears shed. She was just so overwhelmed! You can watch the moment Sara met Sara by going to <https://youtu.be/GG4fG-O8DeI>



▲ When volunteer Sara met puppy Sara it was love at first sight.



Help us change lives with our dogs.

For as little as \$15.00 per month, your Puppy Love Membership will help Guide Dogs Tasmania change lives with our dogs. Receive regular pupdates and invitations to special events, and know you are making a real difference for Tasmanians who are blind or vision impaired.

Fill in the details below and post to:

PO Box 82, North Hobart, Tasmania, 7002

OR

Phone 1800 484 333 to request a DDR form

OR

Download the DDR form at guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/puppy-love-learner-membership/

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Other

Name:.....

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Email:.....

NOTE: We would like to send you the quarterly newsletter via email, as a PDF file. Please tick here () if you would like to receive hard copies, via post, instead.

Please accept my monthly membership payment of () \$15 () \$20 Other (\$.....)

I would like to pay my monthly membership by () VISA () MasterCard

Card No: / / /

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Signature:

Please tick this box if you would like to receive information on leaving a gift to Guide Dogs Tasmania in your Will.



Come Dine (in the Dark) with me...



This April, turn the lights off and help light up the lives of Tasmanians living with blindness or low vision, by hosting your very own **Dining in the Dark** event! During April and May, we're asking the community to host a meal at work, at home, or anywhere you like and spend all or part of the meal under blindfold, by candlelight or with the lights out. Ask your guests to support your event by donating what they might have spent on a night out at a restaurant to Guide Dogs Tasmania. Our aim is to raise \$50,000, so we need your help!

How do you get started? It's simple. Go to www.guidedogstas-dining.com.au to register and receive your free fundraising kit. There are some 'paw'some prizes for the "host with the most", and just by being one of the first five to register, you'll automatically get a prize!

So what are you waiting for? Register your event, grab your friends and enjoy a fun night in while raising vital funds for Guide Dogs in Tasmania.

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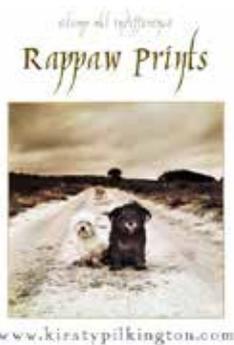
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We're looking for Puppy Love partners and sponsors, and there are lots of ways we can work together. To start a conversation, phone Melanie on 1800 484 333.

Can you imagine your logo, or name, here?

Call Melanie on 1800 484 333 or visit guidedogstas.com.au



Mrs Bridget Stott



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