

Winter 2018

# PUPPY LOVE

Guide  
Dogs  
TASMANIA



## Bailey and Frankie

...Heroes in the making.



▲ The girls at Willie Smith's Apple Shed got to meet our newest pups, Bailey and Frankie, when they offered us their fantastic location for our photo shoot. Fantastic location plus fantastic photographer (Kirsty Pilkington) equals, you guessed it... some absolutely fantastic photos, which you can see on the cover of this newsletter and the following two pages.

## Meet your Winter puppies



Hello everyone, welcome to the Winter edition of Puppy Love!

The days are certainly shorter, which means our pups and training dogs are spending a lot more time indoors. But that doesn't stop them from heading out on regular training walks, as well as enjoying their down time in between. We hope you enjoy catching up on what they've all been doing.

We've had a busy few months since the last Puppy Love came out, but the most exciting (and cutest) thing to happen was the arrival of our newest pups, Bailey and Frankie.

These gorgeous Labrador x Golden Retriever siblings came over from New Zealand in April and have settled in well with their Puppy Raisers in Hobart. But they're only here because of people like you. Thanks to your continued support, Guide Dog puppies can be raised and trained right here in Tasmania. You should be really proud of this!

As you watch them continue to learn and grow in each Puppy Love newsletter, know that it's only because of you that Bailey and Frankie can progress with their training, and eventually graduate as Guide Dogs for people who really need them.

As well as finding out about the latest sister and brother duo to join the Tassie team; in this Puppy Love you can also find out how the dogs completing their formal training (or "Big School",

as we like to call it) are progressing. It's exciting to see more dogs enter this stage of training due to the expansion of our Guide Dog services team; a direct result of your support.

It's important that you, the donor, can see where your money is going, and we hope the story on page 10 about our recent Guide Dog graduates answers this the best.

Enjoy reading the latest Puppy Love Newsletter, and thank you for being part of every single one of our puppies' Guide Dog journey in Tasmania.

The Guide Dogs Tasmania team.

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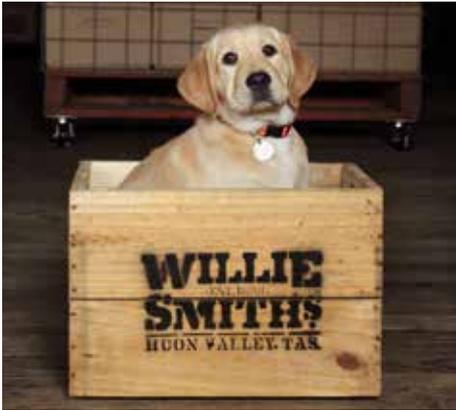
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**Date of Birth:**  
26 Jan 2018  
**Region:** South



▲ Not exactly the puppy crate we were thinking of, but Bailey looks cute all the same.



▲ Bailey weighing in! It's safe to say the scales would be reading slightly differently now that she's had a few weeks to grow.



▲ It's almost as though Bailey knew how to act in her new orange training coat. Could it be magic? (I think we just caught her at a good time!)

## Hi there!

My name is Bailey and I am a gorgeous Golden Retriever cross Labrador.

Did you notice my birth date? Yes, I was born on Australia Day, and I am very happy that I have now become an Australian.

This is my first Puppy Love story, and I hope you will catch up with me regularly as I write about my adventures and achievements. I have a puppy dream of one day becoming a Guide Dog, so keep your "paws crossed" as I grow.

I settled into my Puppy Raisers' home with an older Guide Dog pup, Billie, and she was very kind to me; showing me around the house and sharing her toys. Sometimes I wouldn't stop playing with Billie, so we were separated to make sure I had a sleep. Billie and I also went to Eastlands shopping centre with our Puppy Raisers; it was good having her with me as I was not scared at all. I had to be carried into the shopping centre because I wasn't old enough yet to be fully vaccinated. It's important that until I have all of my vaccinations, I don't walk where other dogs have been.

Sometimes, people don't vaccinate their pets, which means I could catch a nasty disease. Billie and I sat at the shopping centre and watched all the people walking past; there are lots of smells and noises that I have to get used to. My Puppy Raisers lifted me onto the travelator and because Billie went on before me, it wasn't scary at all. I just have to learn to stop on the travelator and let *it* do the walking.

A lot of people wanted to pat me, so my Puppy Raisers had to tell them that I was learning to be a Guide Dog, and while I have this special orange coat on they cannot pat me, as it distracts me from what I should be doing. Even at this young age I am learning lots and I need to be able to sit and watch trolleys and people without being talked to. Most people accepted this well and just walked away, often saying something like "how cute" or "isn't she adorable?".

After a week in my new home Billie left me, as she was going for her assessment to become a Guide Dog. I hope she does really well because she certainly helped me in that short time. I have been back

to that same shopping centre since, but it didn't seem as easy on my own.

Another trip was to the vet, where they poked and prodded and checked me all over, very gently of course. I had to stand on scales, but I don't think they have to weigh me to check that I am growing, as I am getting bigger every day! I had an injection at the vets which meant that after one week I could go where other dogs have been and walk everywhere. I am sure my Puppy Raisers are very happy about this as us pups get very heavy after being carried for a while.

My Puppy Raisers are very pleased with the way I am already learning to go outside to the toilet. I go on the lead and have my favourite spots in the yard. I get lots of praise when I go out and toilet and this makes me very happy. I also get lots of pats and cuddles and I hear lots of people saying nice things about me. All of these things make me one very happy and content pup.

Read more adventures on my webpage: [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-bailey/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-bailey/)

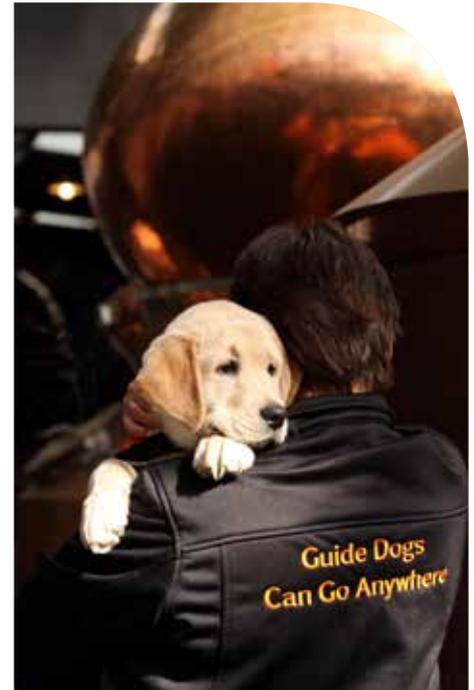
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▲ We're unsure how we got this photo of Frankie sitting, because there was not much sitting involved on the day!



▲ When Frankie DID sit, he sat well, and looked absolutely gorgeous.



▲ Luckily when Frankie got tired, there were some caring arms ready to scoop him up.

## Hello everyone!

Let me tell you something about myself. The first thing that I have discovered since I arrived in April is that I am now living on another island just like where I was born, on the North Island of New Zealand. Only this island, Tasmania, is a bit further south. Hopefully it does not get too cold here in the winter, although I am lucky and will keep nice and warm because I am a Golden Retriever cross Labrador, so I will have some nice fluffy hair when it grows a bit.

Over the past weeks since I arrived I have been very busy with social engagements, including public relations for International Guide Dog Day. There were lots of media people that day with television cameras, photographers and reporters. My sister Bailey and I really stole the limelight, although Guide Dog Pepper was there and she concentrated on the very important theme that Guide Dogs are welcome everywhere. The hospitality industry is making sure that all the restaurant owners and staff know that all Guide Dogs, and even us young training pups, are welcome into restaurants.

Another outing, as you can see from the beautiful pictures of Bailey and I in this

Puppy Love, was our photo shoot with Kirsty Pilkington at Willie Smith Apple Shed in the Huon Valley. Wow, that was a big day! I have also been to visit my sponsors; I am very lucky that some wonderful people have sponsored me and understand that it is going to cost lots of money for me to become a Guide Dog.

My Puppy Raisers have taken me to Eastlands and Channel Court shopping centres recently. At the coffee shop in Channel Court I was told that this was Guide Dog Phoebe's favourite café. She grew up in the house that I have moved into with her Puppy Raisers and they tell me I have "big shoes to fill". I am not sure about that; I don't think I will need shoes; my paws look good to me.

I have also been out learning lots, as it's important that I try lots of things while I am young and I get used to them. I have been on the travelator, in a lift, and my Puppy Raisers keep bringing me around to the left side of them to walk. Sometimes I wander all over the place, as I like to have a good look about.

My Puppy Raisers and I sit outside of a morning and we watch the traffic go by. There are trucks, buses and cars but they

don't worry me, and my Puppy Raisers say it's a great socialisation area for a young Guide Dog pup like me.

Of course, I am still a young pup so I have been a bit cheeky with lots of barking, just to make sure everyone knows that I am around. I also bark when my Puppy Raisers walk away from me and don't take me with them, as I love to have them close by.

I have had lots of fun with my sister Bailey; even at the media event and photo shoot we had lots of toys to play with, but we like to wrestle, chase and jump all over each other instead. Oh, and of course, we love to cuddle and sleep next to each other, as you can see from the cover of this newsletter. Speaking of sleep, I can feel a nap coming on now... See you next time!

P.S. Did you know you can follow ME on my doggy-blogy too? It's on my webpage, and each one of us Guide Dog pups gets to have our own. Follow this link and find me and my sister at the top!  
[guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/)



▲ Violet is beginning to think her bed has a mind of its own! But maybe it's her bottom that does?



▲ Violet, aka "Bat Dog", is the picture of confidence in her training coat.

**Date of Birth:**  
23 Oct 2017  
**Region:** North

## Hey there!

I am now six months old and still think I am "Bat Dog" – saviour of the universe (I think it is the coat).

Frankie J (the old Golden Retriever I share a home with) and I have huge foam beds to nap on while we watch TV - they are soft and warm. Mine has a mind of its own as I always seem to roll off onto the floor. Frankie J just lies on his bed wondering what I am doing and despairs for the future of the younger generation that can't even stay on a big bed for more than 10 minutes without sliding off.

I am learning that when I have my new orange coat on I cannot stop to say hello to people – my Puppy Raisers keep reminding me that I am working and must concentrate on what I am doing. I like to go out with my Puppy Raisers as I enjoy the new sights and noises. Since I last wrote, I have been to the Bee Gees concert at the Casino (not my type of music; I'm a little bit more rock 'n' roll), restaurants, Festivals, and even a visit to the school where the Puppy Raisers of fellow Guide Dog pup Sara's kids go.

I know I shouldn't, but I can't help but get very excited when I see my friends. My Puppy Raisers say I'm part rabbit, as I hop and "yip". Apparently this is not ideal behaviour for a Guide Dog, so I must learn to use my inside voice from now on.

You can read more adventures on my doggy-bloggy here: [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-violet/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-violet/)



▲ In Vinnie's "down time" he likes hanging out with friends, like the beautiful Bella (left).



▲ There's no mistaking what Vinnie is training to be!

**Date of Birth:**  
23 Oct 2017  
**Region:** North

## Hello!

Since my last message I have grown very much and am now up to 25kg! I love my home and my Puppy Raisers really give me a lot of love. One of my favourite things is to roll over on my back so I can get a tummy rub from them.

I get to go out to lots of places, including the cinema, restaurants and church, and one of my favourite things is going to school when my Puppy Raisers pick up their youngest granddaughter, as I get to see lots of children.

I love when we get together with the other pups, and sometimes, the older dogs. There is a serious side with the get together though, for example it may involve us sitting very quietly in a cafe, or it could be a walk through the supermarket with us all wearing our orange Guide Dog in Training coats.

I am not very excited when my Puppy Raiser decides to go shopping, because every time she stops I get bored and have a little sleep on the floor. She gets very excited though, because she doesn't have to worry about me.

Sometimes I can be very stubborn, especially when it's cold and my Puppy Raiser wants to take me out to toilet. And sometimes, getting out of the car is a bit hard as I am very comfortable.

I really am very spoilt though, and enjoy very much being a Guide Dog in Training and wearing my orange coat with pride.

Until next time, see ya!



▲ Sara's Puppy Raiser used to fly big planes like this one, and Sara got to meet one!



▲ "Did someone say cheeeeeeeese?" Sara certainly has a sense of humour!

**Date of Birth:**  
3 Nov 2017

**Region:** North

**Hi guys!**

I am growing up fast and learning soooooo much stuff. I'm six months old now and my Puppy Raiser thinks I'm a smart, confident little pup. I love going out with her even if I have to work, as we always manage to have some fun as well.

My walking in coat is going well and I'm getting less distracted by humans and dogs the more walks I do. I have conquered escalators and walk straight on and off just like a professional - I'm a bit proud of myself for achieving this. I got to go to the movies about a month ago and behaved well. I thought it was a good opportunity for a little nap! My Puppy Raiser family take me out to dinner occasionally and I try really hard not to lick the floor, but it's hard to resist. However, I usually end up falling asleep under the table!

My Puppy Raiser used to fly aeroplanes in the Air Force so I get to hang out at the airport occasionally and see big groovy military planes. I even got to go on a giant C17 for a look and boy, was it big! Also, I must tell you about the noisiest event ever that I went to; it was at the kids' school for a paper plane competition. I swear the cheering from the kids was louder than a full crowd at the MCG - just deafening! However, it didn't phase me and I just sat and watched like a big dog.

Want to read about what else I love doing? I can't fit it all in here, so check out my doggy-bloggy on my webpage: [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-sara/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-sara/)



▲ After such a fun Autumn, Elly is looking forward to spending more time with her good friend, bed.



▲ Elly loves getting out and about in her orange training coat.

**Date of Birth:**  
17 July 2017

**Region:** South

**Hello again!**

I have just had the most amazing Autumn! I've been to the beach lots where I get to play with all the other dogs, and after the beach we go to a place called the "dog wash". According to my Puppy Raisers, this place is really important as it helps to get all the sand out of my coat. The big boys go in first and then I follow. The best part is when we all get out and shake water everywhere.

One night I went with my Puppy Raisers to a "Dining in the Dark" dinner. That was lots of fun because I was sitting under the table with my friend Archie. The people were all wearing masks to eat their dinner for some reason, and they were dropping a lot of chips. Archie and I had to be very well behaved and leave them alone, teaching us not to scavenge. Boy, was that hard! But the praise I got for ignoring the chips was well worth it, I guess.

I get to help in the garden too, and I'm very good at digging things up. Apparently I'm supposed to dig weeds, not flowers! But they all look the same to me.

I went on a long trip in the car to Launceston recently, to go to a party with my Puppy Raisers. The big dog at the house was very excited to see me. We stayed in a motel and the people there said I was a wonderful guest. I was trying very hard to be good, so I'm so glad they noticed!

I would love Autumn (and Summer) to stay forever, but think I will enjoy the cooler months also, as long as I have a warm bed close by. P.S. I'm doing well with the Guide Dog stuff too!



▲ Derek, taking time out to relax and reflect. And no, he didn't jump in!



▲ Derek was a very good, and respectful boy, on April 25th.

**Date of Birth:**  
17 July 2017

**Region:** South

## Howdy!

Where to start? I seem to have had so much fun it's all a blur.

One day I remember well was at the Wobbly Boot Vineyard in Campania. It was a dog friendly day with lots of people I love, but best of all was a yard where all us dogs could run free. I made best friends with Louie, a black Lab. We taught each other a thing or two and said we'd catch up again some time. I wore myself out running, chasing and hanging out, so needed a doze on the way home. We stopped for a coffee and I met Clyde, a very laid back hairy Jack Russell. What a character - we got on so well. The next day I felt a bit worn out so I had a lazy morning at Trial Bay, reflecting on the good times.

I also remember waking up very early one day in April, getting dressed up in my coat and heading off to Woodbridge, where lots of people were standing in the dark looking at a concrete post. As the sun came up a bugle sounded...it was beautiful. I remember looking at my Puppy Raisers and they were very sombre and quiet. I was very respectful and lay down until we all went into a hall for breakfast. Some people stood up the front and talked and when everyone clapped I stood up and wagged my tail. What a great day; I hope I can do that again next year.

I'm getting very excited now because in two weeks (that's not long, is it?) I'll be flying on a plane up to see the human grandpups. Maybe I'll write about it in the next Puppy Love!

Love Derek.



▲ Gilbert has outgrown his friend Winnie (right)! But these smiles tell us neither of them care one bit.



▲ Gilbert was unimpressed that he couldn't have a go on the court too!

**Date of Birth:**  
9 July 2017

**Region:** South

## Hi everyone!

I've had a busy month, but it's been "puppy" exciting too!

I went for a play at Howrah Beach with my friend Winnie recently. He used to be bigger than me but now he can walk under me! Winnie taught me how to swim out past the waves, but I still got dumped once. He's a better surfer than me. We both had a lovely roll in something smelly before our Puppy Raisers caught up to us. My Puppy Raiser growled but I thought the scent was very pleasant.

I went to the netball at the Derwent Entertainment Centre, too. That was fun, but I wasn't allowed to run around with the girls on the court for some reason. It's very loud at the netball but I was calm during all the barracking and clapping. I guess I'm growing up!

I'm still working hard on my Guide Dog stuff though, and wouldn't want you to think it was all just play. I've mastered my fear of escalators (I don't know what I was worried about) and I'm trying really hard not to scavenge and fossick around on our walks. I think I'm doing well and so does my Puppy Raiser.

By the next Puppy Love newsletter I'm sure I'll have conquered more fears, be a total pro at escalators, and have more fun stories to tell you about being a Tasmanian Guide Dog pup.

Bye for now, Gilbert!



▲ Grady might be a “grown up” now, but he still has those puppy eyes!



▲ Grady with his new BFF, Commonwealth Games silver medallist Hamish Peacock.

**Date of Birth:**  
9 July 2017

**Region:** South

## Hello there!

It’s been a very busy three months for me since I last spoke to you all, with lots happening.

In early April I went to a fundraiser at the Shamrock Hotel for Guide Dogs Tasmania, called “Dining in the Dark”. I was a very good boy and slept under the table, which was at times difficult because there was a lot of noise and laughter coming from the humans. Apparently, they had to try and eat their meal while blindfolded, and I think it must have been very difficult for them. I didn’t try it, but I reckon I would be able to find my bowl of food without too much difficulty!

Shortly after that I went and stayed with some very nice Puppy Boarders for two weeks while my Puppy Raisers went to watch their daughter compete in the athletics at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. When they got back my Puppy Raisers were invited to a State Reception, which the Premier held for the Tasmanian Commonwealth Games athletes, and I was lucky enough to go too.

I was extremely well behaved; I sat quietly while all the speeches and interviews were on and then, as you can see, I had my photo taken with Hamish Peacock, who won a silver medal in the Javelin. I’m pretty sure he loved me... Well, who wouldn’t?

Until next time, bye!



▲ Morgan enjoys her free runs at Knocklofty Reserve, but knows as soon as the whistle is blown, its time to return!



▲ Morgan wasn’t super keen for her Puppy Raiser’s lecture on “business stuff”.

**Date of Birth:**  
20 Oct 2016

**Region:** South

## Hi again!

February saw the start of another University of Tasmania semester, so my Puppy Raiser – who works there - and I were back on campus.

I couldn’t wait to show off my new trick of pausing before going up and down stairs. We started playing a little game where I would get heaps of praise each time I got it right, and it wasn’t long before it stuck!

When I’m in work mode it’s not all hard work though. I like stretching out in the front of the room and dosing off to my Puppy Raiser’s boring lectures on business stuff. I also like going to work because there are heaps of cuddles from students before and after class when my orange training coat is off. Sometimes I think they show up to see me, but then again, I am cute.

I have had heaps of fun walking up at Knocklofty Reserve with my Puppy Raising family. It’s great because I can wander through the bush and explore all the great smells. But as soon as the whistle is blown, it’s time to find them and I come running. This is especially fun because my Puppy Raiser has found a liver treat that I really like when I come back to the whistle.

I think the regular walks in the bush are doing my Puppy Raiser some good and he has actually lost a few kilos. Just one of the benefits of caring for a Guide Dog pup, I guess!

Talk to you next time!



▲ Murphy's new trick: waiting at a set of stairs until his Puppy Raiser gives him the "OK" to continue.



▲ Another of Murphy's new tricks: an upside downward dog!

**Date of Birth:**  
20 Oct 2016

**Region:** South

## Hello everyone!

Over the last three months I have had lots of new adventures, including going boarding twice with really great Puppy Boarders.

One of the Puppy Boarders took me along to a yoga class, which was exciting. I often do yoga when I am asked to "sit" and sometimes I do downward dog, where my front paws go down while my back legs are still up in the air and I have a really good stretch.

Because I seemed a bit bored when I came home, I started to learn this new trick with my Puppy Raiser. When I get to a step I now have to stop at the first one if the steps are going down, and I do not go down until my Puppy Raiser tells me to go forward. I also have to stop at the bottom step if the steps are going up. At the bottom step I can put my front paws on the first step, then I stop still, just like a statue, until my Puppy Raiser tells me to go forward. When I get this right and do it without my Puppy Raiser telling me, I get the biggest pats and cuddles, so I really enjoy doing this. However, we seem to be finding lots of stairs to go up and down now and sometimes I don't know if my Puppy Raiser has just gotten lost! She tells me that all Guide Dogs stop at the steps as it is really necessary to keep their clients safe.

Would you like to read about more of my adventures? Like all the fun I had at the beach with another set of Puppy Boarders? Visit my webpage here: [guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-murphy/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/meet-our-pups/guide-dog-pup-murphy/)



▲ Even with a face full of sand, Benji is still a very handsome boy.



▲ Benji impressed everyone with his calm and quiet manner at an ANZAC Day service.

**Date of Birth:**  
6 Sept 2016

**Region:** South

## Hi there!

I've been really busy with training and having fun. For fun, I love going to the beach, running around and splashing through the shallows. Recently I met six other Guide Dog pups at Kingston Beach and we had a great time running and playing together. We also got to practise our recall. When we were nearly worn out, the Puppy Raisers said it was their turn to have fun, so we did a training walk to a nearby café where they chatted and drank while us pups snoozed. It was great to just chill out; I'm really good at that.

In April I attended the early service on ANZAC Day. I sat very still and quiet while the service was underway. Everyone was very impressed with my behaviour and said I looked gorgeous when being photographed next to the memorial and wreaths.

I've been to the airport three times in the last few months; it sure is busy there. Not only do I have to watch out for people, but suitcases, bags and even the Biosecurity dogs. They are busy working and I am too, so we concentrate and ignore each other and get on with our jobs.

I am now 20 months old and will be leaving my Puppy Raising family soon to go to "Big School". My Puppy Raisers say I am a beautiful, happy boy; they have loved raising me and feel privileged to have had me. I know they will miss me and wish me all the best for the future; they say I will be a wonderful companion for someone who really needs me. Wish me luck!



▲ Guide Dogs in Training Harper (left) and Kobie (right) are learning new skills and increasing in confidence every week. It's wonderful to see!

## Training dog update

Thanks to your continued support, more dogs are progressing through their training stages, enabling more Guide Dogs to be placed in the Tasmanian community.

Paris has reached the end of her training and is now being tested in more complex areas before her final assessment.

Harper is a confident guide, who is excited to come to work each day. She is currently completing some assessment walks where she is guiding her trainer under blindfold – the real test to see how she is progressing.

Harvey is striding out in confidence in his Guide Dog harness, and after a short break in training while his handler concentrated on a client program, he is enjoying being back in a routine again and progressing further. His one downfall is the tempting human food that is easily reachable on the bench. We'll be working on that!

Kobie is increasing in confidence when guiding in a variety of training environments. He's super popular in the Launceston community and continually told how handsome he is (must be tough!). He has recently had a health scare with a skin allergy, but our fingers are crossed that he's now on the mend.

Kirsty is slowly maturing and settling into the office and continues to gain confidence in the harness. She can get very excited when she sees someone she knows, which we hope will come under control, as this enthusiasm of hers would make it difficult for a vision impaired handler.

Billie joined the training group this month and is currently settling in to the Launceston office to begin her assessment period. Good luck, Billie!

## Bed & Breakfast for dogs

Have you ever wondered what happens to our training dogs each night, when they've finished work? We have the most amazing group of volunteers who are trained specifically to look after these dogs and give them all the rest and fun they require to help them be ready to concentrate each day for training. They're like a "bed and breakfast" for the dogs, and it means they don't have to spend time in kennels; instead having a home environment to go to each night. This enhances their training program by teaching them "home skills" as well as "in harness skills" for later life with a vision impaired handler. Our dogs LOVE their home Boarders.

## Where are they now?

In the Summer 2017 edition of Puppy Love, we told you how Phoebe, Jerry and Jacob had all completed their Guide Dog training program, and were waiting to be matched with clients.

They have all since successfully completed classes with a vision impaired Tasmanian, and are now independently working out in the community. Jerry and Jacob have been matched with clients in the north of the state, and Phoebe has joined a client in the south. These dogs are certainly changing lives, and we're so proud of them.

But we're also proud of you, our supporters, who have enabled three more working Guide Dogs to be out in the community, providing mobility, safety, independence and companionship to three more Tasmanians. Thank you.



▲ Thanks to paw-some supporters like you, Guide Dogs Jerry, Jacob and Phoebe are changing the lives of three Tasmanians. THANK YOU!!!

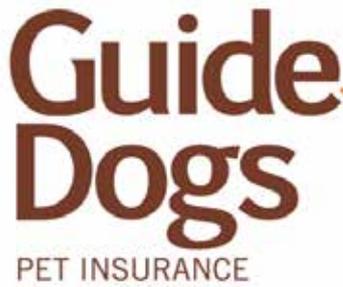
## Thank you to our Puppy Raisers

We would like to thank all our amazing Puppy Raisers for the current training dog group:

- Claire and David Hannan for puppy raising Kirsty
- Linda Corbould and family for puppy raising Kobie
- Linda Pridham and Peter Green for puppy raising Harvey
- Anna and George Holan for puppy raising Harper
- Jane and Frank Mitchell for puppy raising Billie
- The Hay family for puppy raising Benji

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## Protect your pet and help raise a hero

Did you know that you can help Guide Dog puppies like Bailey and Frankie become heroes, and protect your pet at the same time, simply by taking out **Guide Dogs Pet Insurance?**

At Guide Dogs Tasmania the health of our puppies and dogs is the top priority, and we know supporters like you feel the same way about your pets. This is why Guide Dogs has its very own pet insurance to help you eliminate those unexpected vet bills and keep your pet in the picture of health.

A percentage of your pet's insurance policy will fund the training of Guide Dog puppies right here in Tasmania. Ultimately, you'll be helping to change the life of someone who is blind or vision impaired, giving them the gift of independence, safety and freedom.

To find out more about insuring your pet today, call 1300 585 219 or go to [www.guidedogsinsurance.org.au/TAS](http://www.guidedogsinsurance.org.au/TAS)

## Dexter has his cake, and eats it too!

Guide Dogs Tasmania's gorgeous Ambassador Dog, Dexter, turned eight in April, and celebrated the day by chowing down on a dog-friendly birthday cake (don't worry, he was only allowed one piece!).

Chances are, you've met Dexter before. He's been enjoying this "PR" role since he was two years old, and has been to a countless number of schools, community groups, businesses and events; raising awareness - and funds - for Guide Dog puppies in Tasmania.

While lying on your back with your legs in the air might not look like a very important role, we're confident Dexter's popularity alone has funded more than one Guide Dog, and that's something to celebrate! Happy 8-years-young, Dexter, and keep doing what you're doing.



▲ Lucky Dexter! He enjoyed a special cake for his birthday, made entirely of dog-friendly ingredients!  
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Help us change lives with our dogs.

For as little as \$15.00 per month, your Puppy Love Membership will help puppies just like Bailey and Frankie become heroes and change lives.

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/](http://guidedogstas.com.au/puppy-love/puppy-love-learner-membership/)

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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.

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## Entertainment Books on sale now!

You can help raise Guide Dog puppies in Tasmania by purchasing a brand new **Entertainment™ Book** through Guide Dogs Tasmania.

The 2018 | 2019 memberships are available now in digital or book form, and at a cost of \$65 you only need to use it twice to start saving money!

It's not just dining out where you'll see savings; **Entertainment™ Books** have special deals for hotels, car rental, kids' holiday entertainment, grocery shopping and more.

The best part? You can start using your Membership straight away!

To order yours, pop into our Hobart or Launceston offices or go to [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/24h0000](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/24h0000)



▲ Left: San Churro Chocolateria is one of many places you can save money by purchasing an Entertainment™ Membership. Dexter approves!

## Dining in the Dark

Across April and May, you raised over \$12,000 for Tasmanian Guide Dog puppies, by hosting or attending a **Dining in the Dark** event somewhere in the state. Thank you!

Around 20 dinners were held, inviting guests to eat a meal "in the dark" and donate what they would usually spend on a night out to Guide Dogs Tasmania instead, and help puppies become heroes.

**Dining in the Dark** events were also held by Wobbly Boot Vineyard and Willie Smith's Apple Shed, where people were able to enjoy delicious food, drinks and entertainment in wonderful locations.

### Can you help our puppies?

**Dining in the Dark** is still a long way off reaching its fundraising goal of \$50,000, but you can change this.

You can host a dinner any time during the year, and raise vital funds for our future heroes, by calling Kristy on 1800 484 333 or going to [guidedogstas-dining.com.au](http://guidedogstas-dining.com.au)

With winter here, now is a great time to grab your friends, stay indoors and raise funds for a great cause!

▲ Right: Diners test out their other senses with a blindfolded coffee in Launceston.



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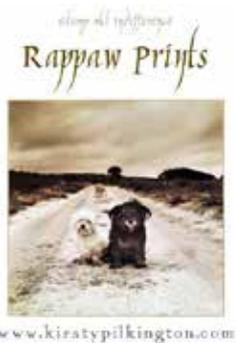
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Can you imagine your logo, or name, here?

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