

The newsletter for people who are creating change for Tasmanians.

## Crosby picks Gaye up when she needs it most, thanks to *you!*

**When Gaye Smith lost the last of her remaining sight, her Guide Dog Crosby was right there to support her.**

Having struggled with poor sight for years, Gaye applied for a Guide Dog back in 2012 when she knew that her eyesight was only going to get worse.

And late last year, after several surgeries to try and save the small amount of vision in her right eye, Gaye went blind.

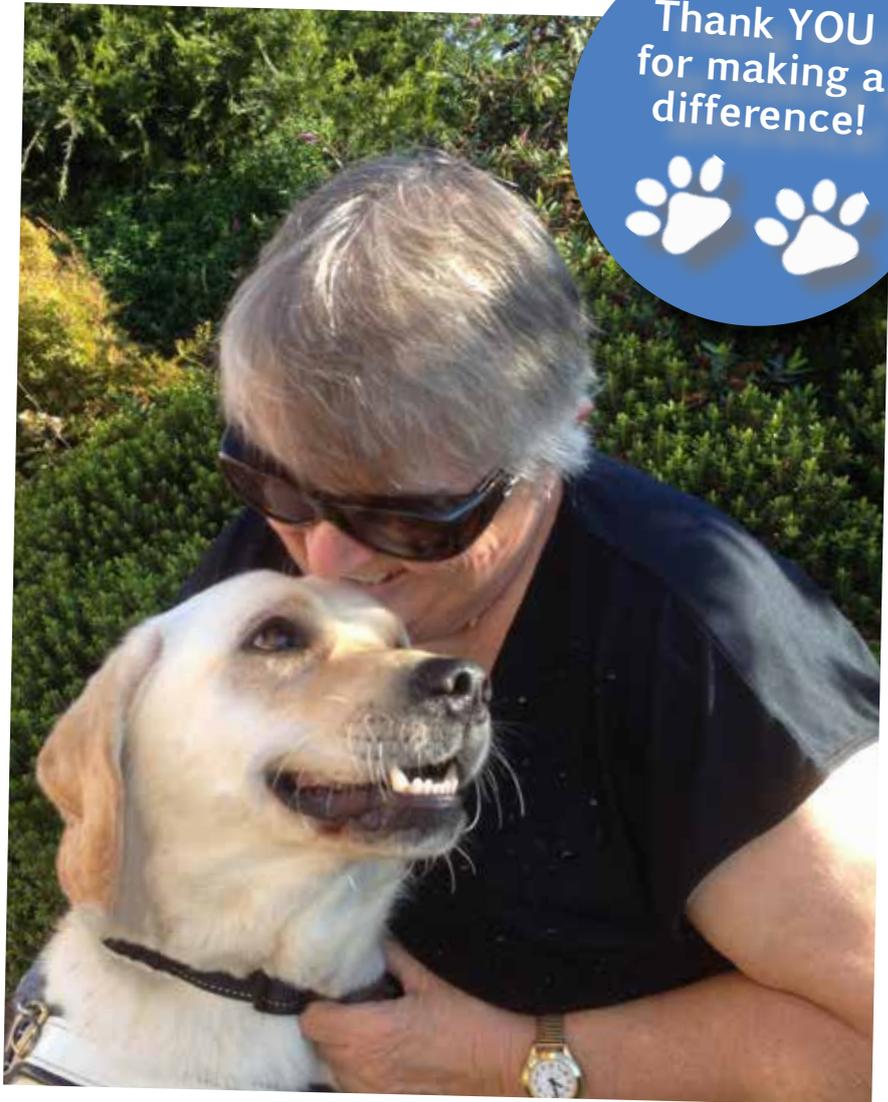
“I didn’t want to do anything, I didn’t want to go anywhere,” says Gaye. “It would have been easier for me to ask my husband to do the shopping so I could just stay home.”

**But thankfully, Crosby was there to pick Gaye up.**

Crosby was, and still is, Gaye’s reason and motivator for continuing to get out and live her life. He never lets her give up on herself.

“Even though I lost all confidence for a while, I never lost confidence in Crosby,” says Gaye.

“If I didn’t have him, I honestly don’t think I would leave the house without anyone.”



*Gaye Smith and her Guide Dog, Crosby*

Thank YOU  
for making a  
difference!



Thanks to Crosby, Gaye can travel independently to places like the supermarket, pharmacy and any appointments she has.

nose on the first pile, making it possible for Gaye to find exactly what she’s after.

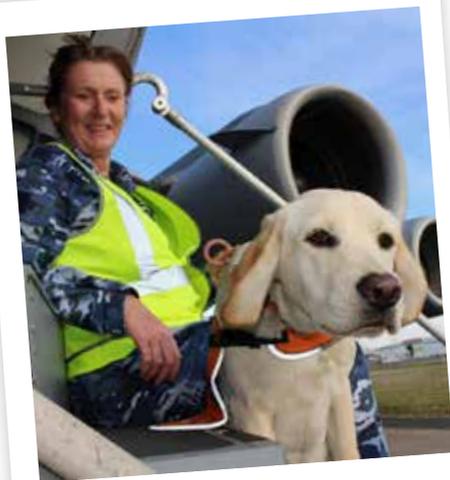
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There are so many things like this that Crosby has learnt since being with Gaye. And they all make her life so much easier.

“If it wasn’t for people like you, I wouldn’t have Crosby,” says Gaye. “I absolutely adore him and feel blessed every day that I’ve got him.”

Crosby has even learnt where the magazines are in the newsagency and will put his

## A rewarding role for Linda



Linda with  
Guide Dog pup Sara

**Raising a Guide Dog puppy while caring for 9-year-old twins and a pet dog might sound hectic to most, but for Linda Corbould it's an experience that's filled with rewards.**

Living in Relbia, just outside of Launceston, Linda has far from a quiet lifestyle.

But it's the constant business in her life - from taking the kids to swimming, Ta-Kwon-Do and music lessons - that makes Linda

the perfect candidate for raising a Guide Dog puppy.

With her second pup, Sara, Linda knew from day one just how important socialising a pup was, particularly one that's going to be trained for someone who is blind or vision impaired.

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"Some days we just head to the supermarket at Kings Meadows so she can get used to all the people," says Linda. "It's really important she becomes comfortable in crowds."

And just as important is the role that Linda's two children - Ava and James - play in raising a confident Guide Dog puppy.

"The kids are tremendous with Sara," says Linda. "They know about toilet training, and what she can and can't do. It's really great for her to get to know children as well as adults."

**But what happens when it's time to hand Sara back for training?**

"A lot of people do say to you, 'I couldn't give the puppy up.'

"But I think if people heard stories from the clients that receive these dogs, they'd realise that Puppy Raising is such a worthwhile thing to do," says Linda.

"It's so rewarding to see what a scallywag the puppy starts out as, and then the end result when they're keeping someone safe. It's just amazing!"

## Are you ready for PAWGUST 2019?

**Were you one of the 224 Tasmanians who took part in PAWGUST last year? If so, you helped raise over \$20,000 to train Guide Dogs right here in Tasmania - wow!**

The good news is, PAWGUST is happening again this year, and you can register yours and your dogs' interest today!

PAWGUST is simple. It takes place in August and involves you making a commitment to walk your dog every day for the whole month, for at least 30 minutes (senior dogs may need less, of course).

With your own online fundraising page, you can ask your friends and family to sponsor you, and help raise funds to train more Guide Dogs.

You'll even be sent a fundraising pack with everything you need to make your PAWGUST experience as successful, and fun, as possible.

To register your interest for PAWGUST 2019 today, go to [www.pawgust.com.au/pre-register](http://www.pawgust.com.au/pre-register)

**REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST FOR  
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## Meet your latest puppies!



### Ziggie

**Date of Birth:** 7 December, 2018

**Gender:** Female

**Lives:** Launceston

**Paw-sonality:** Lively and confident. Depending on the time of day, this sweet little girl is either an energetic bundle of fluff, or a sleepy bundle of cuddles (aaw).

**Favourite thing:** Belly rubs from her Puppy Raisers, and playing with her toy rabbit!



### Zazu

**Date of Birth:** 7 December, 2018

**Gender:** Male

**Lives:** Launceston

**Paw-sonality:** Like his sister, Zazu is a very lively and confident pup, who is fearless of his older cat and dog siblings. However, he is very generous when it comes to sharing his puppy crate with his feline sibling.

**Meaning of name:** Zazu means "movement" - so we hope

this little man will go on to provide lots of independent movement to his handler in the future!



"Wake up, Zazu.  
It's play time!"

## Top 3 reasons why YOU should join the Guide Dogs Tas monthly giving program!

- 1 Be part of a **special group of people** and make a difference to Tasmanians living with disability.
- 2 Meet the people and puppies you're supporting, with **invites to special events**.
- 3 Receive a Welcome Pack with your **exclusive** Guide Dog Medallion.

Sign up at [puppylove.com.au](http://puppylove.com.au)



## Nicole finds “confidence boost” in Guide Dog Harper



Nicole McKillop with her Guide Dog, Harper

### Life with her first Guide Dog has given 23-year-old Nicole McKillop the confidence to say “yes!”

Legally blind since 13, Nicole hasn't always found it easy to take on new opportunities.

“Unfortunately, as my eyesight decreased so did my confidence,” she says.

But since being placed with Guide Dog Harper late last year, Nicole's world has opened up.

“And while I've always had the choice to say yes to things, with Harper I now have the confidence too.”

We look forward to seeing where Nicole's future takes her!

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Studying for her Certificate 3 in Individual Support at TasTAFE, Nicole says Harper has not only helped her get around the campus safely, she's also made her more eager to learn.

“I feel so much more confident with Harper, which makes me more involved in my studies, contribute to more conversations and even make more friends,” says Nicole.

Guide Dog Harper has her own Facebook blog! Search for 'Harper the Guide Dog' to follow her adventures.



## Helen's gift that keeps on giving

### When Helen Dunford found herself living alone for the first time in a long time, her retirement dream of raising a Guide Dog puppy quickly vanished.

With no backyard and no one to help her, raising a Guide Dog puppy on her own was not going to be possible.

But Helen soon found another way that she could make a huge difference to the lives of Tasmanians living with disability.

In 2010, she became a Puppy Love Member. And through her regular monthly donations,

Helen has helped many puppies get through their training and become life changing Guide, Therapy and Companion Dogs for Tasmanians.

“I'm very pleased to be donating to a charity that helps people to do things for themselves,” says Helen.

Like Helen, you can become a Puppy Love Member today and make a real difference to Tasmanians living with disability.

**For as little as \$1 a day**, you can be part of a special group of people, and even have the opportunity to meet the puppies you're helping become heroes.



Helen Dunford with Ambassador Dog Dexter

To find out more about Puppy Love regular giving, go to [puppylove.com.au](http://puppylove.com.au) or call Melanie on **(03) 6232 1222**.

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