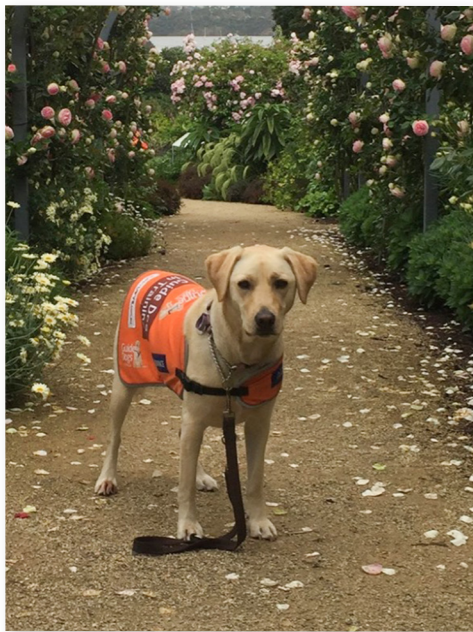
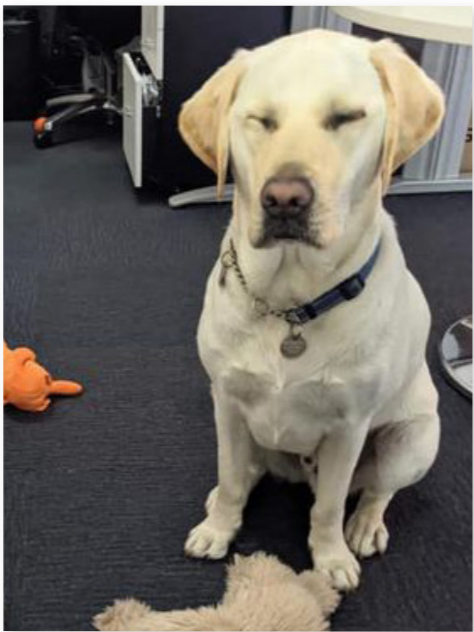




Don't you think Jonty and Betty make a su-paw cute couple?!



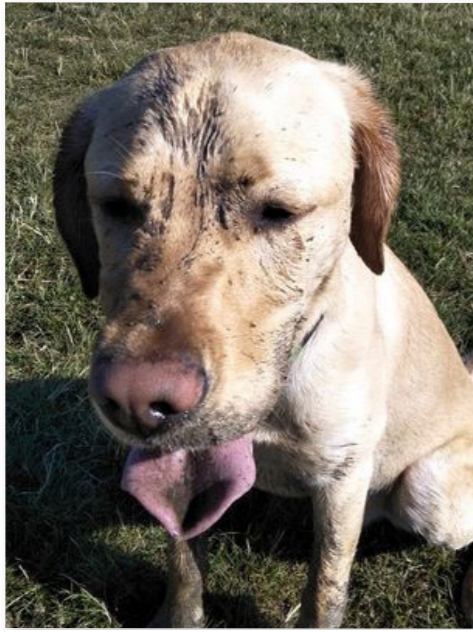
Indi was happy to pose on a trip to the Botanical Gardens.



Bob's new trick: sleeping while sitting.



The cooling vent is the perfect spot for Bessy on a hot day!



Trust Alvin to find the only mud puddle in the dog park.



Sweet Violet can only sleep at night with her elephant.



A shot for Victor's modelling portfolio.



Alfie's puppy raisers took this photo before handing him back for training. Good luck, Alfie!



New game! How many toys can Ronnie fit in his mouth?



Isaac stops for a break on a training walk at the Botanical Gardens.



Austin walked through freshly cut grass. The result? Green socks!



Oh Merran! The look of a happy Lab after the beach.

Clinton finds safety & friendship in Frankie

"We're still in early days and I feel like there's more we can do. But Frankie is a great companion and such a big part of my life now."

When Clinton Williams' eyesight rapidly declined four years ago, it left him feeling unsafe in his hometown of Scamander.

With his vision dropping from 40 per cent to five per cent, the loss took a huge toll on his confidence.

But in October last year, Clinton's life changed forever when he was placed with his first Guide Dog, Frankie.

This gorgeous golden Labrador has restored his handler's safety, confidence and independence in just a few months.

"The most difficult part of losing my sight was having no night vision," says Clinton. "But Frankie's really good at night, which means I can enjoy my evening walks again. He leads out well and keeps me safe."

Since his placement with Frankie, Clinton has been learning everything he needs to know about caring for and working with his first Guide Dog, with the help of Launceston Guide Dog Trainer Sean.

And Frankie, he's found, is the perfect balance of working dog and companion. He's content to lie by his handler's feet and take in the world, but just as eager to get up and go when the harness is picked up.



Clinton & Frankie

Thank you for making a difference! 🐾🐾

His relaxed personality makes outings easy and enjoyable for Clinton, who says Frankie, "just blends in" wherever they go.

Living on the beautiful East Coast, Frankie has his choice of stunning beaches to free-run at when he's not working.

Downtime like this is important for a Guide Dog, as it gives them time to play and socialise with other dogs. It's also a lovely bonding experience for this new partnership.

Now that Clinton has his freedom back, he's excited about his future with Frankie.

"We're still in early days and I feel like there's more we can do," says Clinton. "But Frankie is a great companion and such a big part of my life now."

Your continued support will allow more Tasmanians like Clinton to feel safe and independent with a beautiful Guide Dog by their side.





A selfless act of kindness

“To the people who receive one of these special dogs, it opens up a whole new world; giving them a chance to work, participate in society and to live a full life.”

Seeing the change she has made to someone’s life is by far the most rewarding part of sponsoring a Guide Dog, according to Barbara Self.

The 91-year-old made a generous gift towards the training of Guide Dog Frankie, a gorgeous golden Labrador that features on the cover with his handler, Clinton.

Frankie is named after Barbara’s late husband, Frank, who was an avid supporter of Guide Dogs Tasmania, along with his wife.

The couple had their own pet Labrador, Alice, who they believed was “the most spoilt dog in Hobart”.

But they also believed strongly that Guide Dogs have an incredible bond with their handlers, and that the improvements they make to people’s lives was something well worth supporting.

It is something that Barbara has chosen to carry on, and along with Guide Dog Frankie, she is now helping pups Alfie and Kayla become future heroes.

“It takes a lot to raise a Guide Dog puppy, but it is just so important that more Tasmanians can be helped if possible,” says Barbara.

“To the people who receive one of these special dogs, it opens up a whole new world; giving them a chance to work, participate in society and to live a full life.”

Barbara has been able to see this transformation first-hand at Guide Dogs Tasmania’s annual graduation ceremony – one of the many perks of being a sponsor.

“It was lovely to see Frankie with his handler and see the connection they have,” says Barbara. “What a happy life they will have together.”

Guide Dogs Tasmania offers a number of different sponsorship options with a range of benefits that will keep you up-to-date and involved in the journey of a very special puppy.

If you would like to learn more about sponsoring a Guide Dog, contact Melanie on (03) 6232 1261 or melanie.spunt@guidedogstas.com.au



Grady graduates!

Thanks to wonderful supporters like you, beautiful black Labrador Grady is changing the lives of Tasmanian children and their families.

Raised as a Guide Dog puppy in Hobart, Grady’s career path took a detour when he was chosen to be the very first therapy dog at Kites Children’s Centre in Bellerive, a member of the VisAbility family.

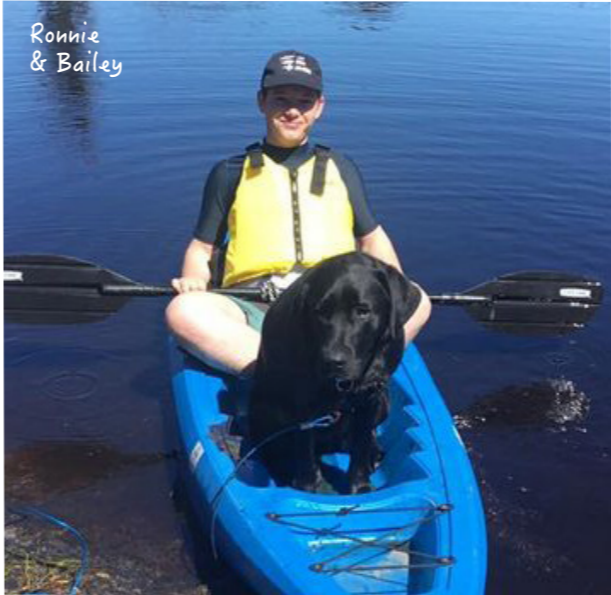
Grady’s affectionate nature and love of children made him the perfect candidate for Dog-Assisted Therapy, where he now works with children who have difficulty engaging with traditional therapy approaches.

According to Kim Ryan, Program Manager for Guide Dog Services and Grady’s trainer, she’s already seeing the positive affect that he’s having on the children in his short time in the role.

“I’ve seen a child go from being unmotivated, to their face lighting up when they see him,” she says. “He encourages them to take turns, maintain eye contact and follow instructions. I know Grady will have an amazing impact on so many lives.”

We are so grateful that your support allows us to train each dog in the most suitable career for them, so that they can improve the lives of Tasmanians in their own unique way.

Thank you!



Setting a pup up for life

“What I’m offering is an opportunity to add value to someone else’s life, someone who needs him more than I do.”

It’s been 20 years since she raised her last Guide Dog puppy, but Tracey Pannel is now back in this important volunteer role, and finding it as rewarding as ever.

Along with her husband, Scott, and 15-year-old son, Bailey, Tracey is puppy raising the gorgeous Freda – a golden pup who you can meet on the following page.

“Whether their future is as a Guide or Assistance Dog, our role is to give the puppy a good grounding to go on,” says Tracey. “I get just as much out of it as I put in – probably more!”

The family recently handed their previous pup, Ronnie, back to Guide Dogs Tasmania. After caring for him for 12 months, Tracey says she feels proud to see him go on to the next stage of his training.

“From the day I take on a pup, it’s in my mind that they don’t belong to me,” she says. “What I’m offering is an opportunity to add value to someone else’s life, someone who needs him more than I do.”

If you’re interested in finding out more about Puppy Raising, visit: guidedogstas.com.au/getinvolved/puppyraising

PUPPY LOVE

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Meet your latest puppies!



Dudley

Date of Birth: 24 July 2020
Gender: Male
Lives: Southern Tasmania
Sponsor: TG & JM Matthews Foundation
A very calm pup that loves to watch what’s happening. Is a sock thief.



Dottie

Date of Birth: 24 July 2020
Gender: Female
Lives: Southern Tasmania
A very sweet girl who takes things in her stride. Fascinated by rain.



Kayla

Date of Birth: 30 August 2020
Gender: Female
Lives: Southern Tasmania
Sponsor: Mrs Barbara Self
Inquisitive, cheeky, growing fast and learning the world is a wonderful place to be.



Dougie

Date of Birth: 30 August 2020
Gender: Male
Lives: Southern Tasmania
Sponsor: Letty Doddridge
Very good with open stairs and lifts. Does not like baths.



Lily

Date of Birth: 4 October 2020
Gender: Female
Lives: Southern Tasmania
A dainty little girl, who can also be quite lively. Loves the beach.



Lulu

Date of Birth: 4 October 2020
Gender: Male
Lives: Northern Tasmania
Sponsor: Bruce Wall Trust
A whirlwind of energy who has a zest for new experiences.



Felix

Date of Birth: 3 November 2020
Gender: Male
Lives: Northern Tasmania
Sponsor: West Tamar Rotary Club
Enjoying a busy life with two children, two miniature horses and a pet dog.



Freda

Date of Birth: 3 November 2020
Gender: Female
Lives: Southern Tasmania
Confident and keen to explore the world. Does not like cat getting her toys.