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## MADDIE'S PUPPIES!

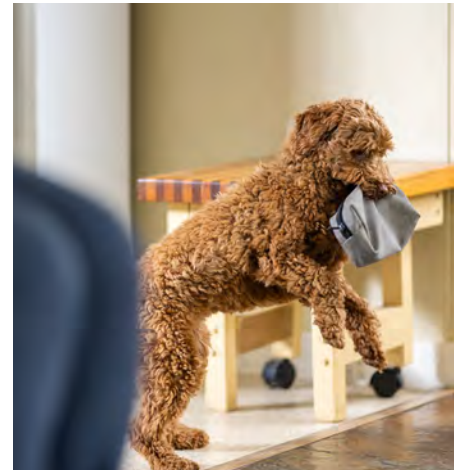
READ ABOUT OUR NEWEST LITTER



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## MAD Program

Want to know more on what's happening in our Medical Alert Dog Program?



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## BAILEY

Read about one of our adorable pups in training.





## CEO UPDATE

I am writing my update this time from our Breeding Centre as I am waiting in the middle of the night for one of our first time mums to start giving birth, hoping that it starts soon and I may get some sleep. The development of our breeding program has helped the entire program evolve during the last couple of years. For the first time in my career we have a full training centre, and when a trainer delivers a dog we can replace it straight away which allows us to help people more efficiently than ever.

But there are more positives than just more dogs for training, we also get to share the journey with so many others. It really does take a community to train Hearing Assistance Dogs, and now Medical Alert Dogs.

We have a fantastic group of dedicated breeding centre staff who take care of our little ones around the clock; even more volunteers who take each pup into their homes and give them all the love they can

as well a great start to their career. And, of course, there are those who sponsor our pups, giving them names and supporting them on their journeys to becoming life saving Assistance Dogs.

For those who don't know, my family is one of those volunteers and we have welcomed little Frodo, the Border Terrier, into our lives. We have watched and guided him as he grew up. The time is quickly coming to when Frodo will come back to the Training Centre to start his formal training, and we couldn't be prouder of the amazing little man he has become. If you ever consider the chance to be involved on any level with developing our youngsters into fine trainee Assistance Dogs, I encourage it whole-heartedly.

We look forward to welcoming all those who can make it to our Open Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, right before National Hearing Dog Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## PUPPY PROFILE

Name: **Corinne**

Age: **7 and a half months old**

Breed: **Labradoodle**

Program: **Hearing Assistance Dog Program**

Favourite food: **Fritz**

Favourite walk: **Loves to walk to Mitre 10 in Mt Barker and around the store.**

Favourite toy or game: **Loves her rubber cricket ball! She scoots it around like a soccer ball.**

Skills I'm currently learning: **Currently learning to heel on foster carer's left side without getting distracted.**

Funny story about Corinne: **She loves to pull yoghurt containers from the recycling and jam them on her nose. She then runs around prancing and showing us. She knows it's funny but then she needs help to get it off!**



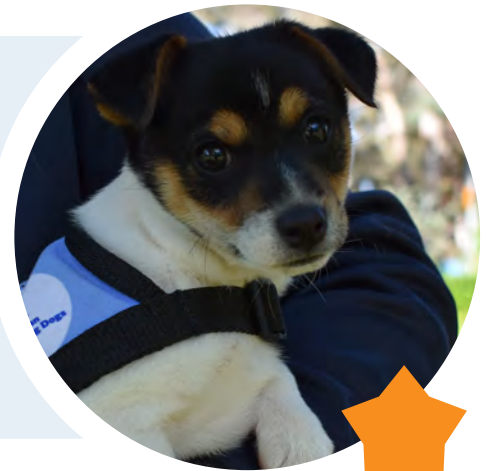
# MEET SOME OF OUR NEWEST PUPPY RECRUITS



## *Jasper*

recruit for the HAD Program!

**An adorable Border Terrier boy from Cherishem Kennels, sponsored by Marjorie.**



## *Tommy*

recruit for the HAD Program!

**A sweet Tenterfield Terrier boy from Gumhaven Kennels, sponsored by Faye, Robert and Sydney.**



## *Airlie*

recruit for the HAD Program!

**A beloved Labradoodle girl from Australian Lions Hearing Dogs very own Breeding Centre, sponsored by Lions Club of Whitsunday Inc.**



## *Molly & Josie*

Molly, a recruit for the HAD Program & Josie, the MAD Program!

**Labradoodle sisters from Australian Lions Hearing Dogs very own Breeding Centre. Molly is the black puppy, and Josie the caramel one.**

**Molly is sponsored by Lions Club of Naracoorte Inc. Josie is sponsored by the Taylor Family.**

# ACCREDITATIONS



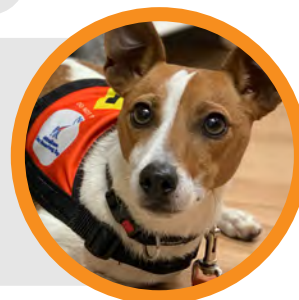
**Connor** Border Terrier Trained by Marcello  
Sponsored by Lions Club of Kalgoorlie  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of South West Rocks  
Fostered by Danielle



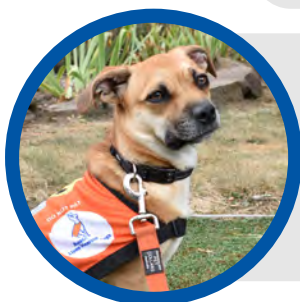
**Giddey** Tenterfield Terrier Trained by Carly  
Named by fans of Adelaide 36ers  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of Serpentine Jarrahdale  
Fostered by Bronte



**Lucky** Jack Russell X Trained by Nick  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of Wanneroo  
Fostered by Danielle



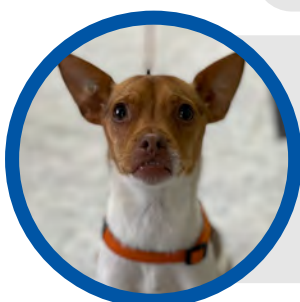
**Wardy** Tenterfield Terrier Trained by Bella  
Sponsored by Ann  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of Clarinda  
Fostered by Rozanne and Barry



**Elroy** Staffy X Trained by Nick  
Sponsored by SA Power Networks Employee Foundation  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of Mount Panorama  
Fostered by Amanda and her family



**Donny** Staffy X Trained by Marcello  
Sponsored by Taylor family  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford  
Fostered by Margot and her family



**Monty** Tenterfield Terrier Trained by Marcello  
Sponsored by Faye, Robert and Sydney  
Delivery supported by Lions Club of Horsham  
Fostered by Leonie

# PUPPIES EVERYWHERE

## POPPY'S PUPS HAVE GROWN UP!

Poppy's puppies grew up fast through the month of December and are now in the loving hands of foster carers. Each and everyone of them finally ready to start their journey into adulthood.

It was only one week later when Maddie, our smallest labradoodle, arrived at our Training Centre ready to welcome the next of our puppies into the Assistance Dog program.



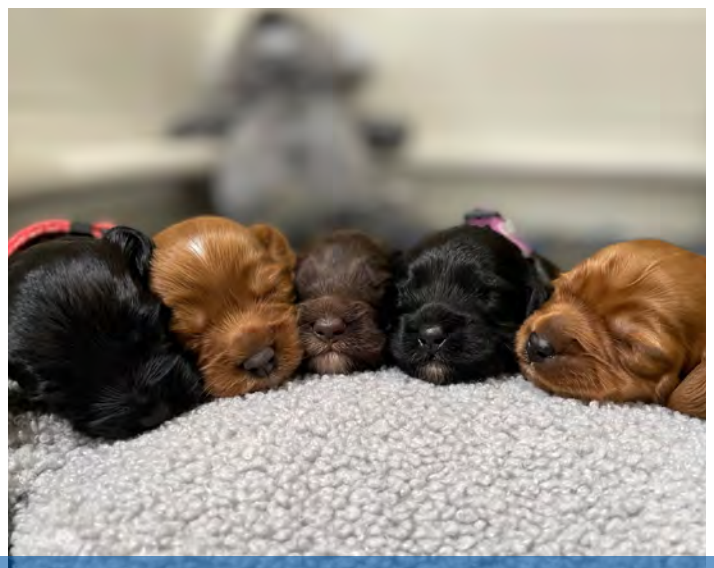
**MADDIE AND HER FIVE BEAUTIFUL PUPS**

Five beautiful puppies of caramel, brown and black were born a few days before Christmas, each and every one happy and healthy.

Maddie was a dedicated mum from the start, spending every waking hour caring for her new babies. Of course, she enjoyed being the centre of attention, with our breeding team who took great care of Maddie and her puppies over the holiday period and into the new year.

BY THE TIME THE REST OF OUR TEAM RETURNED TO WORK IN JANUARY, THE PUPPIES WERE DOING ZOOMIES BETWEEN OUR FEET, TRYING TO CATCH EACH OTHER'S TAIL!

Maddie's puppies will soon venture into the next step of their journey, joining their loving volunteer foster carers in their homes for the next 10-12 months of their lives.



**ALL FIVE PUPPIES FAST ASLEEP ON THEIR BED.**



# MEDICAL ALERT DOG PROGRAM

by Program Coordinator Laura Harris

**Faye is nearing the end of her training to become a Diabetic Alert Dog.**

Faye recently passed her Public Access Test and Task Assessment. One area that she could improve at is her settling, so that will be our focus. This will mean lots of coffee outings, going out for lunch, sitting down in busy shopping centres and going into the Training Centre, not to train but to relax. Faye's scent training is coming along nicely and she is excellent at all of her trained tasks - the Hypokit retrieve, Emergency phone task and "get help" command. She is a great dog and I am excited for her!

Belle is also doing well. She is great at her scent work and Hypokit retrieving tasks. She does get very excited when I take her out to bustling places, so we will focus on getting her use to being around different environmental stimulations.

There will also be more puppies joining the MAD program soon. Josie, from Maddie's litter, has been chosen to be our next MAD dog in training, plus a few more from our next litter (Bonnie's puppies) once they grow up!

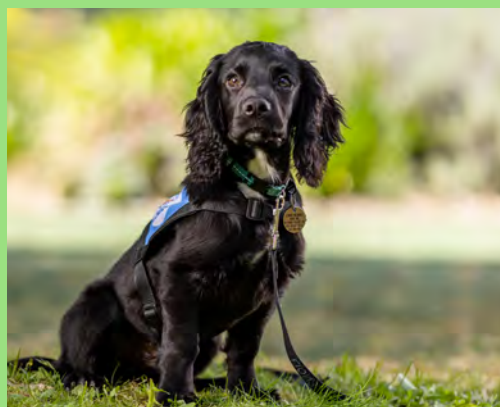


**Newest MAD recruit, Josie**



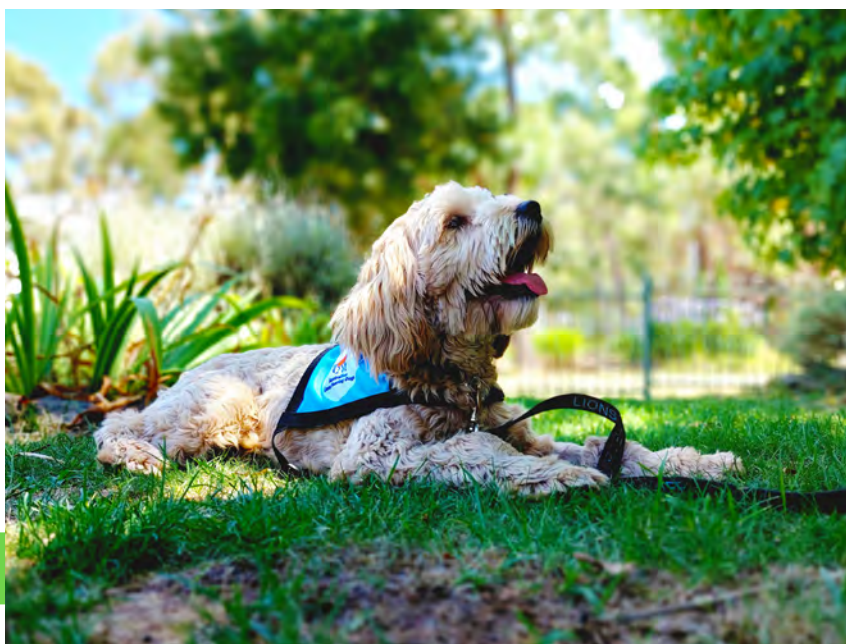
One of MAD's best pups in training is Mali. She's so clever and amazing, already progressing in her training beyond what is expected at her age.

Mali is now working on high blood glucose level (BGL) scent training. Her heel work is amazing and she has great obedience!



Ted has grown up into a handsome boy and has been our go-to pup to chuck in front of the cameras. He did amazing on our November photoshoot and just recently went to Marino Rocks for another one!

**Keep an eye out for our 2024 Calendar to see all our featured dogs in 2023! Coming on sale soon.**



**BAILEY**, one of our special pups in training to become a Diabetic Alert Dog for someone with type 1 diabetes.

Bailey is one of our handsome pups at the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs training centre.

Bailey's journey began here at the training centre, when mum Daisy welcomed her first litter of pups into the world in mid-2022.

Even as a puppy, Bailey was one of the calmest amongst his siblings. As he grew, he only became even more lovable. At 8 weeks of age, he was placed into the puppy program with his foster carer, Belinda. He has since been enjoying life one day at a time, coming into the Training Centre once a week to meet with Diabetic Alert Dog trainer, Laura.

Bailey has been focusing on his obedience training, especially on heeling, which he has improved a lot in.

Bailey loves other dogs, and he often gets extremely excited when he sees

a chance to play with them.

One of Bailey's quirks is how he fetches the Hypokit during his training. He loves to grab the kit by the tip of a corner and jump awkwardly as he delivers it to Laura. It always draws a laugh out of her and everyone else watching!

He's a beautiful pup but his techniques thus far sure ain't pretty! But that's alright, because practice makes perfect!



# OPEN DAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL



**This Autumn**, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) is once again opening the doors to our National Training Centre in the Adelaide Hills for the public, free-of-charge.

ALHD are eager to share more about our amazing work, dogs, and services, as well as to provide a fun and engaging event for our community, near and far.

Open Day will be held on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> of April from 10am till 2pm at our National Training Centre, 793 Mount Barker Rd, Verdun. This is an exciting opportunity for the public to learn about our dogs, our supporting partners, our upcoming Training Centre expansion project, and the development of our Medical Alert Dog Program for people living with type 1 diabetes.

There will be a variety of market stalls on the day, including food and beverage vendors and activities for the little ones. For more information head to our [facebook event page!](#)

## NATIONAL HEARING DOG DAY

**For over 40 years**, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has provided just over 650 Australians a set of 'furry ears' free of charge. Each Hearing Assistance Dog provides a significant quality of life improvements, socially, mentally and physically.

National Hearing Dog Day celebrates the role that a Hearing Assistance Dog plays in the life of someone who is deaf or hard of hearing. The day is recognised annually on the 19th of April, the day the first Australian Lions Hearing Dog, Amber, was delivered.

Celebrate National Hearing Dog Day by sharing your story with us and on social media - as a recipient, a donor, a reader and supporter, or friend.

For more information and resources on how to get involved, head to our website: [www.lionshearingdogs.com.au](http://www.lionshearingdogs.com.au)





# WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day is celebrated annually and this year, on the 7th of April 2023, we are focusing on a journey to achieve Health For All.

Everyone everywhere should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of health and well-being. The day is also an opportunity to motivate action to tackle the health challenges of today and tomorrow.

In your journey of looking after your health, don't forget about your dog's as well! After all, keeping your dog in good health and fitness is integral to your dog's welfare.



## SOME SIGNS FOR GOOD HEALTH

**COAT:** A healthy coat, short or long, is glossy and pliable, without dandruff, bald spots, or excessive oiliness.

**EYES:** Healthy eyes are bright and shiny. Mucus and watery tears are normal but should be minimal and clear.

**EARS:** The skin inside your dog's ears should be light pink and clean. There should be some yellow or brownish wax, but a large amount of wax or crust is abnormal.

**NOSE:** A dog's nose is usually cool and moist. However, a dry nose doesn't always mean they're sick. Taking their temperature is a better indication of illness.

## ALHD MERCHANDISE

You can support Australian Lions Hearing Dogs with the purchase of our shoelaces for National Hearing Dog Day. All proceeds of our merchandise sale go directly to supporting our Assistance Dog programs. Merchandise can be purchased either online or, for those local, in person at our National Training Centre in Verdun.

Keep an eye out for our newest merchandise item launching in March - the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs bucket hat!

It's stylish with an inner orange hemming, comfortable to fit on just about anyone's head, and keeps you from getting sunbaked when you're out and about. You'll be the talk of the town!

To check out our entire merchandise range, head to:

<https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/shop/>



\$5



\$15

# HEARING AWARENESS WEEK



Hearing Awareness Week 2023 will start on March 1st to March 7th. It is an annual event that highlights and spreads awareness of the issues affecting Australians living with hearing loss to the public.

Currently, about 3.5 million Australians aged 15 and over - 22% of the population - have mild to severe hearing loss. An average of one to six Australians experience some form of hearing loss, and the number is expecting to rise to one to four by 2050.

This Hearing Awareness Week is an ongoing effort to improve the issues that people with hearing loss face. It also helps the public to approach hearing loss more seriously and learn of the impact our hearing health can have to our quality of life, social engagement, career and confidence.

This March, we ask you to look into ear and hearing care for yourself.

THIS HEARING  
AWARENESS WEEK,  
WE'RE MAKING  
SOME NOISE

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