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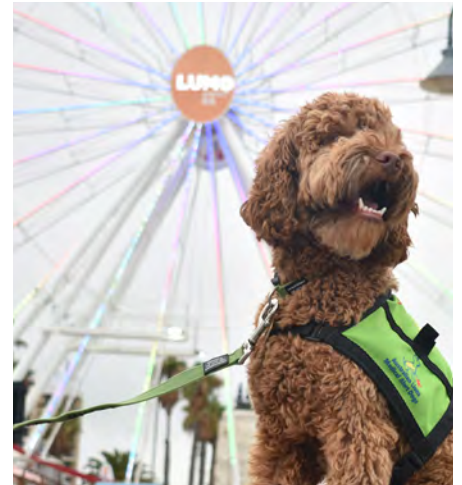
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Our first Diabetic Alert Dog has been delivered!



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BEAR

Read about Bear, one of our amazing dogs that is now a Lions Hearing Assistance Dog, in Queensland changing someone's life for the better.





CEO UPDATE

Spring has sprung up here in the Adelaide Hills, but it is hard to tell with all this wintery weather still around. We are now in the final push towards the end of the year and at this stage, it is predicted that we will have placed a total of 30 Hearing Dogs throughout 2022 by the end of December!

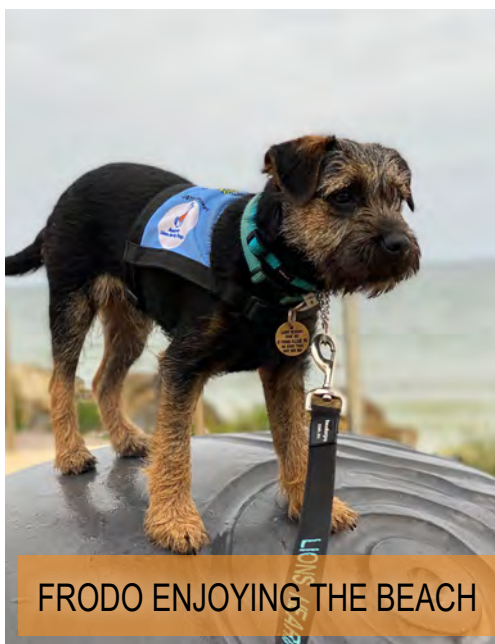
However, our work is not done yet; there is still a lot more to do this year. Just recently, we were welcomed with the pitter patter of tiny puppy feet in the Training Centre, this plus the placement of our very first Medical Alert Dog here in South Australia!

Planning for 2023 has already begun and though our expansion has been delayed slightly, we won't let that sway us. Instead, we will hold our annual Open Day, which has been

scheduled for the 15th of April, just before National Hearing Dog Day. Look for more information in the coming months around both Open Day and our Recipient Training Day, which will be planned for the day before Open Day.

The Training Centre will be closing throughout the upcoming holiday season, although we will have people onsite to look after all of our dogs. The office will be closed from COB on the 23rd of December, reopening on the 3rd of January. Our emergency phone will still be active throughout this time if anything urgent occurs and require immediate attention.

Thank you for your support and interest of ALHD through 2022. Happy and safe holidays to you all.



FRODO ENJOYING THE BEACH

PUPPY PROFILE

Name: **Bailey**

Age: **4 Months Old**

Breed: **Labradoodle**

Program: **Medical Alert Dog Program**

Favourite Food: **Any dog treats on offer!**

Favourite walk: **From home, Adelaide Hills Country side.**

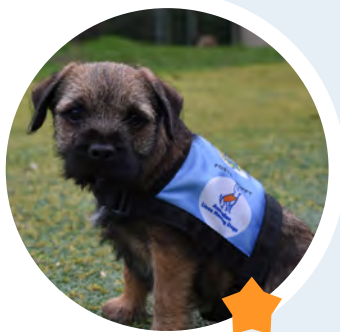
Favourite toy or game: **Playing with pet Labradoodle, Archie**

Skills I'm currently learning: **Currently learning to heel on left side.**

Funny story about Bailey: **Loves all his soft toys a little too much and can be embarrassing in front of visitors!**



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECRUITS



Sandy

recruit for the HAD Program!

A gentle Border Terrier from Cherishem Kennels, sponsored by Lions Club of Brighton Inc.



Milo

recruit for the HAD Program!

An adorable Tenterfield Terrier from Gumhaven Kennels, sponsored by Lions Club of Adelaide Hellenic Inc.



Ted

recruit for the MAD Program!

A handsome Cocker Spaniel from Queensland, sponsored by Lions Australia Diabetes Foundation.



AND ALL SEVEN PUPS FROM DAISY'S LITTER!



Lizzie

recruit for the HAD Program!

sponsored by Lions Club of Elizabeth Playford Inc.



Pansy

recruit for the HAD Program!

sponsored by Wendy.



Ned

recruit for the HAD Program!

sponsored by Peter & Alison.



Corinne

recruit for the HAD Program!

sponsored by Lions Club of Hallett Cove & District Inc.



Lenny

recruit for the HAD Program!

sponsored by PK Adelaide Foundation.



Mali

recruit for the MAD Program!

sponsored by Lions Club of South Vermont Inc.



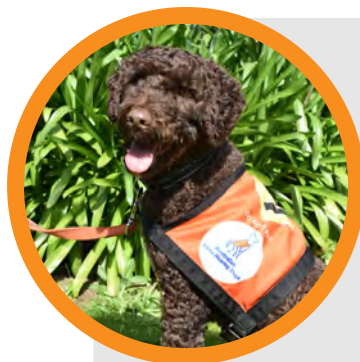
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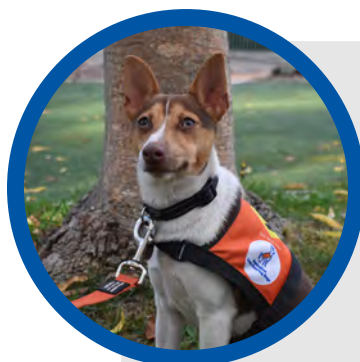
Australian
Labradoodle

Trained by
Marcello

Sponsored by
Lions Club of
Theodore QLD

Delivery supported by Lions Club of
Norwood

Fostered by Lyn



Mawson

Tenterfield Terrier

Trained by
Laura

Sponsored by
Salisbury Lions
Club

Delivery supported by Lions Club of
Rollingstone and District

Fostered by Caroline



Katie

Australian
Labradoodle

Trained by Nick

Sponsored by
Megan and Peter

Delivery supported by Lions Club of
Canberra Belconnen

Fostered by Pam



Spud

Australian
Labradoodle

Trained by
Nick

Sponsored by
Little Roarers

Cubs Club and Lions Club of the City
of Adelaide

Delivery supported by Lions Club of
Seaford and Districts

Fostered by Zig and Jennifer



Buster

Tenterfield Terrier

Trained by Bella

Sponsored by
Lions Club of
Woolgoolga

Delivery supported by Lions Club of
Castlemaine

Fostered by Veronica



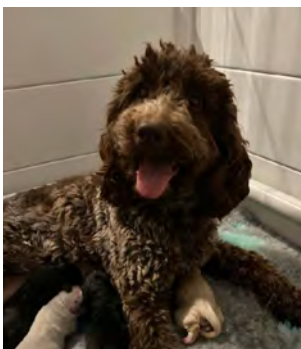
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POPPY'S PUPPIES SNUGGLING INTO THEIR BLANKETS



AFTER A LONG SEVEN WEEKS

Daisy was more than happy to head back to her guardian home and finally finish her duties as a first time mum, leaving ALHD with seven beautiful puppies, five of which will enter the Hearing Assistance Dog Program (Pansy, Ned, Lizzie, Lenny and Corinne) and two the Medical Alert Dog Program (Bailey and Mali).



POPPY NURSING HER PUPPIES

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL FROM THE BREEDING PROGRAM!

It was confirmed in September that another one of the program's broods, Poppy - a beautiful and always excited, dark fur labradoodle - became pregnant with seven little beans!

Poppy was flown to Adelaide in early October, and settled comfortably into our Training Centre. It was at the end of October when she gave birth to seven beautiful pups! All of which are healthy and happy, including Poppy herself.

It won't be long before we hear the pitter patter of little puppy paws. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and start training!

Training each dog comes at a cost of approximately \$40,000. Yet, for 42 years, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has delivered them free-of-charge. This is only made possible by the ongoing support of our generous donors and many Lions Clubs across Australia.



This Christmas, give the gift of superhero puppies that will provide safety and independence to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Check out our website for regular updates on Poppy's puppies and to support their journey at www.lionshearingdogs.com.au/donate



SAL & ELIZA

The first Lions Diabetic Alert Dog, Sal, was delivered free-of-charge on the 17th of October in Adelaide, South Australia. For Eliza, receiving Sal was like two long lost friends finding one another.

'I've wanted a Diabetic Alert Dog ever since I heard of them. But I also knew it was an expensive process, plus getting the right dog... well, I never thought about it too much further.

Diabetes is a very expensive illness to live with. While it has been cheaper with recent government subsidies, prior to this year, it probably cost me about \$7,000 a year just to live with diabetes. Adding the cost of training a dog, it was not sustainable, not on top of mortgage and everything else.

When I heard about the Lions Medical Alert Dog Program, well, I got in contact with Laura. And getting Sal has been great!

She fits me so well.

I just take her everywhere, it's almost like having new baby! I get my little bag and off we go. Knowing that she isn't just a best friend but could also save my life by bringing me lollies... it's pretty astounding.

I think Sal has definitely bonded with me. I'm like her mum and she my daughter. Sal has actually picked up my hypos (low blood glucose) since day one. Our first week together she had alerted to four hypo events. This happened while I was cooking or while we were out at a café; she knew her priorities even with all the smells around her. Plus, I can imagine my hypos would smell very different from the samples she was trained

with, so for her to pick it up and come straight to me was pretty amazing.

I'm pretty confident with her stepping up and pressing the emergency button or getting my hypo kit if I need it. I've had her excitedly playing with her toys, and when I pretended to pass out on the floor, she always runs to the button. No matter how distracted she is, I know she'll be there for me.

In the past I've had a lot of hypos overnight that I didn't wake up to. Luckily, I never ended up in the hospital, but I had family to rely on to wake me up each morning and see if I was alive. I was, obviously, but a lot of the times I could barely swallow!

Knowing Sal picks up my hypos early on sort of takes that anxiety away. It earned me that peace of mind.

I also live a pretty active lifestyle; it helps me with my diabetes, but it can make things tough too. I play golf and cricket, and sometimes it can be very long games. This makes adjusting my insulin requirements accordingly a bit tough. Not only that, I can often go low, 6 or 12 hours down the track following exercise. Sal will certainly get rid of some of those worries especially when she picks up the hypos as early as she does!

I'm hoping at my work where I consult in other people who also have diabetes, Sal will pick up other people's hypos as well as my own. Even with just the excitement from people knowing that Diabetic Alert Dogs exist, people might show up to their appointments more and take their diabetes more seriously. We have two other staff members with type one diabetes as well. They're really looking forward to having her there!





MEDICAL ALERT DOG PROGRAM

by Program Coordinator Laura Harris

With Sal delivered, we now turn our eyes on Faye and Belle.

Faye is in full-time training and she is working very well. Her scent training is progressing nicely. She is becoming an expert with the Hypokit Retrieve task and always remembers where to grab it from. It didn't take Faye long to learn that she must carry the Hypokit up onto the bed if I am laying there. Faye is also learning that if I lay on the floor, she must press the emergency button. In the home, this will

be connected to a phone system that will call a list of emergency contacts until someone answers. Faye is working on the 'get help' task too. When she hears the command, she must locate someone else, touch them to alert and they will follow her back to me. She loves to work and is always keen for the next task!

Belle's full-time training has also now commenced! She is very energetic, loves to play and likes to work. She is very good at the Hypokit Retrieve task and is progressing well with the emergency phone task and 'get help' task. Her scent training is also going well.

Lily has had a short break from coming to ALHD for her weekly training day while she recovered from a fear phase. This is a natural phase in a puppy's development when they are scared of random, irrational things. She will re-commence her training at the start of November.

Mali and Bailey are two pups from Daisy's litter at ALHD. They have entered the Medical Alert Dog Program to see if they have what it takes!



Both pups are doing very well in the Program so far. They have started basic retrieve training and are learning how to do one paw touches.

Their obedience is improving week by week and they are very comfortable being at ALHD and playing with the other dogs.

The two of them are very confident and a cute couple of rascals.

Keep an eye on Facebook for news and updates on the Medical Alert Program as well as the journey of these pooches!



WORLD DIABETES DAY

14th of November marks World Diabetes Day 2022. This year's theme for the day focuses on "education to protect tomorrow".

Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is a chronic genetic condition; an autoimmune reaction where the body attacks itself by mistake and destroys the cells in the pancreas that make insulin. The pancreas provides and controls insulin production. Without it, this leads to high or low blood glucose levels, which can be fatal.

There are no solid answers as to why or how T1D is developed, but it typically appears early in life. Symptoms of T1D include thirst, frequent urination, hunger, fatigue and blurred vision.

While there is - so far - no cure for T1D, there are several treatments available.

World Diabetes Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness and educate people of diabetes as a global public health issue and what needs to be done, collectively and individually, for better diagnosis and management of the conditions.

Diabetes is also a global focus for Lions International and ALHD are proud to contribute to the healthy management of diabetes for Australians with type 1 diabetes through our provision of Diabetic Alert Dogs.



ALHD'S DAY AT ADELAIDE HIGH

As part of National Week of Deaf People, two trainers of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, Mary and Laura, visited the Centre for Deaf & Hard of Hearing (CDHH) at Adelaide High School on the 19th of September.

The trainers started with meeting all nineteen students from CDHH, as well as the mainstream students that were learning Auslan, before moving onto their talk about Hearing Assistance Dogs. They talked about how we source the dogs in the ALHD programs, as well as how we train and deliver them.



Bear was later introduced and he was an immediate hit amongst the crowd, especially after nailing his demonstrations right in the middle of class. The kids were also excited to learn that Bear's L jacket was coming off the week after as he was so close to being delivered!

Mary and Laura were interviewed afterwards for the

school's daily bulletin. The CDHH students had also set up a cake stall to raise funds for ALHD; giving the trainers a perfect chance to share more about hearing loss and Hearing Assistance Dogs.

All in all it was a successful day and ALHD wanted to thank Adelaide High for inviting us along to participate in their National Week of Deaf People!

Bear, settling happily with his recipient in Queensland, enjoying the nice warm weather.



Bear, a handsome Pomeranian Cross, began his story with us mid-February in 2022, and since has become the face of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs for this year. Just like many of our dogs that have come from YP Puppy Rescue, Bear came to us because Heather - YP Puppy Rescue's owner - knew he would become a Lions Hearing Assistance Dog someday.

Bear is an incredible dog. He knew when to play and when it was time for business. It's safe to say he held a special spot in Trainer Carly's heart. He is outgoing and confident, yet at the same time mature and level-headed. He easily breezed through his training, which was why he was always picked for demos and talks!

When Bear wasn't in full work mode, he would be doing something cheeky, like sitting in his




water bowl! He also loves playing with other dogs, volunteers and our cats. There's not a mean bone in his body. Obviously, he is the kennel favourite amongst our volunteers.

It was on the 26th of September when Bear was delivered to his recipient in rural Queensland. Carly said he was fantastic on the journey; sleeping through the plane ride and bonding with his client almost immediately.

We already miss seeing Bear around the Training Centre, but it's good to know that he's making a positive change in his recipient's life.

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New merchandise has arrived at Australian Lions Hearing Dogs and we are more than excited to share it with you!

Already a few are popular amongst our staff and our supporters. So quick, make an order before they sell out!

Check out our new navy socks dotted with paw and bone prints we're sporting in the store. Or if you're ever in need of a bag for shopping, our reusable jute bags are strong and reliable to carry your groceries!

We also have beautiful key rings in three different varieties. Bear; a bearish looking Pomeranian Mix. Milo; an adorable Tenterfield Terrier. And Mick; a dark furred Poodle Mix. All three dogs are Australian Lions Hearing Assistance Dogs!

Check out the array of merchandise on our website at lionshearingdog.com.au!

Christmas is also coming up soon so don't forget to check out our Christmas Cards!

