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CEO UPDATE

In the blink of an eye, 2023 has passed, and the beginning of 2024 is just around the corner.

This year has been a whirlwind, and we're now in the final stretch. With our expanded staff and innovative approaches, we're on track to place a total of 35 Assistance Dogs by the end of December 2023. Among them, 31 Hearing Assistance Dogs, and 4 Medical Alert Dogs; a testament to the growth of our Medical Alert Program.

Both our Puppy Program and Breeding Program are thriving as we explored several strategies to enhance their success, which you will read more about in this edition of our newsletter. However, our work is far from finished, and there's much more to be achieved. We're already planning for 2024, with our team actively preparing for a series of significant events throughout the year.

As we bid farewell to spring and look ahead to summer and the upcoming holiday season, which includes Christmas and New Year's, please be aware that the Training Centre will be closed during the holidays. Rest assured, we'll have dedicated staff on-site to take care of our dogs. Our office will be closed from the end of business on Friday, December 22th, reopening on Tuesday, January the 2nd. During this time, our emergency phone line will remain active for any urgent matters requiring immediate attention.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and interest in ALHD throughout 2023. Wishing you all a joyful and safe holiday season and we can't wait to see you in 2024.

PUPPY carer PROFILE



Why did you decide to become a puppy socialiser?

I have a deep love for dogs and have always had doggie companions. However, after my last canine companion passed away some years ago, I refrained from getting another dog, considering the enduring responsibility that accompanies pet ownership. When I saw the chance to foster a puppy, it was just the perfect opportunity to have a puppy especially under my circumstance.

What do you love most about Victor?

Victor is very sweet. He is also so affectionate and loves to cuddle. He is a very fast learner and is always trying to me with his new tricks and skills!

How is Victor fitting into your family?

Victor has seamlessly integrated into my life. Living solo, it has been a delight as I quite enjoy taking Victor on various outings to provide him with a diverse range of experiences. Like any dog, Victor happily assists with my everyday activities! You'll frequently spot us outdoors, tending to my garden; Victor faithfully by my side, lending a paw with all my tasks! We also go on many walks together, and Victor always make sure he gets in a quick play before breakfast!

What is Victor's favourite thing to do?

Victor's favourite thing to do is to curl up at my feet after a long day of adventures. He has also been loving to do big zoomies in the backyard and then to take a nice nap on one of my plants!

Does Victor have any cheeky habits?

Oh, plenty! He mostly loves to eat and play with my shoes! He also loves to collect sticks and bring them inside, even when he's not supposed to!

A big thank you to Pam for her time volunteering to care for Victor before he joins the training program to become a Hearing Assistance Dog.

To learn more about our program and join Pam as a Puppy Carer, visit our [Puppy Socialiser page here](#).

MEET SOME OF OUR NEWEST PUPPY RECRUITS



Queenie

recruit for the Hearing Assistance Dog Program!

Queenie, our doe-eyed labradoodle, from Daisy's 2nd litter. She is sponsored and named by Lions Club of Queanbeyan Inc.

She is now living with a loving foster family, where she's met with an older dog and a ferret as her temporary siblings!



Phoenix

recruit for the Hearing Assistance Dog Program!

Phoenix, our feisty little labradoodle, also from Daisy's 2nd litter. He is sponsored and named by Lions Club of Townsville Northern Suburbs Inc.



Buffy

recruit for the Hearing Assistance Dog Program!

This handsome boy is from Gumhaven Kennels. Buffy is Peter's older brother, and the two of them are like partners-in-crime.

Buffy is sponsored and named by the Lions Club of Blacktown Ponds Inc.



Peter

recruit for the Hearing Assistance Dog Program!

Peter, our adorable little boy also from Gumhaven Kennels; Peter is the younger sibling of Buffy and is sponsored and named lovingly by Peter and Megan.

ACCREDITATIONS



Fiona

Gumhaven Kennels

- Trained and delivered by Ashleigh
- Sponsored by Lions Club of Paralowie Inc
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of Seaford and Districts Inc
- Fostered by Barb and Colin

Fitzy

Private

- Trained and delivered by Breanna
- Sponsored by Lions Club of Rockhampton-Fitzroy River Inc
- Supported by Lions Club of Brisbane Inner North
- Fostered by Meg and Denis



Laurel

Rusty Amber Labradoodles

- Trained and delivered by Breanna
- Sponsored by Retire Australia
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of Gympie Inc
- Fostered by Belinda and Amanda

Lee

Rusty Amber Labradoodles

- Trained and delivered by Ashleigh
- Sponsored by Lions 201Q3 Zone 4
- Supported by Lions Club of Tea Tree Gully Inc
- Fostered by Anke



LITTLE PAWS LEGACIES!

As Daisy's second litter of puppies embarks on their journey from the Breeding Centre to follow the footsteps of their older siblings in becoming exceptional Assistance Dogs, we are delighted to introduce Krinkl, a first-time mum in our program!



In early November, Krinkl gave birth to five beautiful puppies, marking a momentous occasion as the first litter of Border Terrier puppies in our care. Presently, Krinkl is nurturing her puppies at our Breeding Centre, receiving excellent care from our Breeding team. She showcases remarkable motherly instincts, prompt to tend to her puppies' needs.

As each puppy begins to open their eyes and ears, they are introduced to more of their environment where they can acclimatise to different sounds, surfaces, objects, and more. We can't wait to see how this breed evolves at this young age!

INTRODUCING SOME MORE PUPPIES FROM SECOND-TIME MUM, DAISY!



KENNY



SHADOW



YAKKA

PUPPY PROGRAM SOUTH EAST TRIAL

As our program grows, so does the number of puppies and volunteers we need to guide them through this critical age!

Over the past few months, our team have been exploring and testing new approaches to help meet the demand for volunteers. One of these initiatives includes recruiting volunteers in the South-East of SA to care for some of our puppies, with fortnightly video calls and monthly visits from our Puppy Socialisation team.

At present, we have Gumpy from Poppy's litter, along with Kenny, Queenie and Phoenix from Daisy's second litter, and Buffy the Tenterfield, down in the South East for this trial. We're thrilled to share that everything is progressing smoothly, and the trial is yielding positive results!



BUFFY

MEDICAL ALERT DOG PROGRAM

by Program Coordinator Laura Harris

WELCOME, AIRLIE & JOSIE!



AIRLIE



JOSIE

As our beloved Belle, Bailey and Mali graduate from the Medical Alert Dog Program, the Training Centre is now greeted by both Airlie and Josie as the two eagerly start their full-time training.

Airlie entered training mid September and she has been doing very well since. Her Hypokit retrieve task is good, though sometimes she requires a little reminder with the command 'bring'! She's also very quick with her 'get help' task. Airlie is currently learning to press the emergency button, and is starting her scent training as well.

Josie started at the Training Centre early November and she's already doing amazing. She has perfected her Hypokit retrieve task, and she is also in the process of pressing the emergency button itself. This month, we are looking at introducing her to scent training alongside Airlie.



DANDY is keeping up with his training, all of which he is perfecting beautifully.



LEONIE has recently come out of her shell. Since then, she's been ticking off her tasks easy peasy!



ROSIE'S sessions are coming along great, and we can't wait to see how she performs in full-time training!



All three siblings will be coming into full-time training with the Medical Alert Dog team in December and we are so excited to spend Christmas and work with them once they start. They all show so much potential!

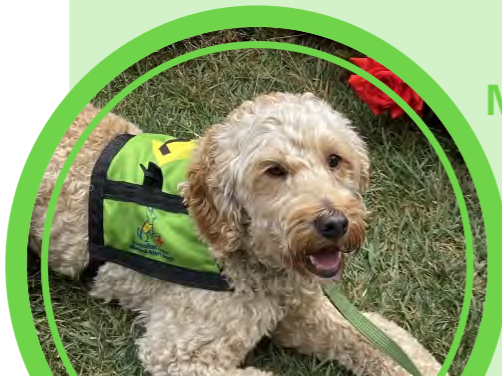


SAL has been out for a year and she's been doing better than ever! Recently, Sal and Eliza attended the District C2 Lions Convention where Eliza was invited to present.

On the day, Sal's puppy carer, Margie, had the opportunity to meet Eliza and see how Sal is helping her on a daily basis to manage her type 1 diabetes.



BELLE has been matched with her recipient! Working at a school, Belle gets to meet lots of students and join in on classes regularly. Lucky Belle!



MALI has been recently placed with her recipient, and all is going smoothly! We look forward to more updates on this new partnership.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DOG FRODO



Frodo, our beloved Border Terrier who has been the face of our organisation in 2023, has recently been delivered to his recipient in Darwin; an early Christmas present.

His final month with the team had seen him attending several events and Lions conventions, and he even went on his first plane trip!

30th of October was the big day when Australian Lions Hearing Dogs bid Frodo farewell. Frodo has been an integral part of the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs family for as long as we can remember. While it's a bittersweet moment to see him go, we take pride in knowing that he will continue to make a positive impact on his recipient's life as their new four-legged companion.

ASSISTANCE DOG HONOUR ROLL

In June 2022, we welcomed our very first litter of puppies from our newly developed Breeding program and first-time mum, Daisy. Less than 18 months later, all seven of these puppies have successfully completed their Public Access Tests and almost all have now been delivered as Assistance Dogs. Our first entire litter have passed with 100% success, and we could not be more proud.

Leading the way in this exciting journey is ALHD "Lenny," the first of Daisy's to be delivered. Lenny was trained by Marcello and was placed with her recipient early-October. She has since seamlessly adapted to her recipient's household, eagerly learning and familiarising herself with the new sounds essential to her role.

Following in Lenny's pawprints, Ned - trained by Nick - became the second dog to find placement. He had undergone additional training during his preparation to better assist his recipient, and is now comfortably living in his new home. Corinne was the next dog to be delivered, and she immediately jumped into alerting to sounds in her first week!

Soon after, we saw the placements of Bailey and Mali as Medical Alert Dogs, and Lizzie as a Hearing Assistance Dog. Pansy will be the final dog of the litter, meeting her new recipient in December.

It's a joy to see these remarkable dogs making a positive impact on the lives of their recipients. The success of our very first litter completing their training is a source of pride for our organisation, marking a significant achievement in our commitment to providing invaluable assistance through our canine companions.



LENNY



NED



CORINNE

Merchandise Update!

Head over to our website and check out our new merchandise today! All proceeds will go towards the training and provision of our Assistance Dogs.



HEARING ASSISTANCE BROWN LABRADOODLE PLUSH

Cuddle up with our very first curly hair labradoodle plush!

All proceeds from your purchase support the training and delivery of each Hearing Assistance Dog.

\$18

MEDICAL ALERT DOGS GREEN PEN

Green branded pen with stylus. Show your support! By purchasing this product, you are helping to support the Lions Medical Alert Dog Program.



\$3

HEARING ASSISTANCE DOG MERCH BUNDLE - \$40

Valued at over \$45, the HAD Merch Bundle includes: 2024 Calendar, Plush Hearing Assistance Dog in orange jacket, Orange ALHD Pen, Navy and orange socks (with paw prints and bone pattern), National Hearing Dog Day shoelace pack.

MEDICAL ALERT DOG MERCH BUNDLE - \$35

Valued at over \$38, the MAD Merch Bundle includes: 2024 Calendar, Plush Medical Alert Dog in green jacket, Green and navy compression socks.



This Christmas...

2023 CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

As the holiday season draws near, we are excited to share the spirit and cosiness of Christmas with you. This special time of the year is when we come together to celebrate, express gratitude, and exchange meaningful presents. To enhance your joyful holiday shopping, we are delighted to present our first ever Christmas Gift Guide, designed to make your festive shopping experience even more delightful.

Check out our Christmas Guide on our website [here](#).

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Deck the Paws with Adorable Stockings

Nothing says "Merry Christmas" like a home adorned with festive decorations, and our dog stockings are sure to add a touch of holiday magic. Hang them by the fireplace or on your dog's favorite spot – the choice is yours.



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\$15 for 2

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Capture the magic of the holiday season with adorable puppy Christmas cards. Send these cuddly companions to your loved ones and share the joy and warmth of the holidays. Let these charming cards bring smiles and wagging tails to everyone on your Christmas list!

\$5 for a pack of five cards and envelopes (One adorable design)

\$10 for a pack of ten cards and envelopes (Both amazing designs)

To purchase our amazing Christmas merchandise, go to our website store [here](#).



MEET SARAH!



Hi! I'm the new Puppy Socialisation Coordinator. My journey began at an agricultural high school, sparking a passion for animal studies that led me to pursue an Animal Science degree at University. Over time, my fascination gravitated towards dog behavior and handling, steering my career path.

My prior role as a Private Trainer and Puppy School Trainer was immensely rewarding. Guiding community members through the joys and challenges of welcoming a new puppy into their homes was a privilege. Helping owners navigate through behavioural hurdles was both fulfilling and educational. One of the most gratifying aspects of my work right now has been witnessing the dedication of volunteers and the relationships they forge with our pups. Seeing these connections evolve as dogs progress towards becoming accredited Assistance Dogs is truly inspiring.

Outside of work, my world revolves around my two furry friends, Abbie (a beautiful Cocker Spaniel) and Buddy (a Jack Russell X). They're my joy at home. When I'm not with them, you'll find me baking or exploring new places, always with a passion for both adventure and the simple pleasures in life.

PAWSOME FLASHBACKS



Mawson Lakes Dogs Day Out

Held on Sunday, September 24, 2023, this event was a remarkable success! Australian Lions Hearing Dogs were fortunate to be part of this special day, offering the Puppy team a fantastic opportunity to interact with dogs of various shapes and sizes. Additionally, it provided a wonderful chance to connect with individuals interested in fostering a puppy.

Glenside Art Show

On October 21st, Jess and trainer Carly brought Medical Alert Pup Leonie to the Glenside Art Show, generously sponsored and named by the Lions Club of Glenside.

Leonie engaged in a kids' hide-and-seek game, with six small photos scattered around the art exhibition. Once found, kids had the chance to meet Leonie and take a photo with her. Leonie impressed with her obedience skills, receiving treats and love from the children.



The joyful pup enjoyed meeting everyone, especially the children who played and showered her with affection. In between interactions, Leonie settled on her mat, even managing a quick nap. She was practically exhausted by the time she returned to her foster carers! We eagerly anticipate Leonie's continued progress in the Medical Alert Dog Program with Carly!

HOW TO SUPPORT FUTURE ASSISTANCE DOGS

With Frodo graduating as a Hearing Assistance Dog, we ask if you would consider joining Betty's amazing litter of puppies on their own journeys, and continue to offer your support.

Your invaluable contribution will significantly impact the lives of these puppies — Chester, Coda, Clive, Cas, Dunsy, Leah and Ziva — as they begin their own adventures on the path to becoming exceptional Assistance Dogs.



Support Betty's adorable litter by giving a monthly donation, and play a vital role in their growth and development.

[Donate here](#)

You shouldn't miss hearing the best bits. Should've gone to Specsavers.

This holiday season, don't let your hearing hold you back.

Book a free 15 minute hearing check with an Audiology Professional today.

Specsavers

If further testing is required in a longer appointment after your free 15-minute check, a fee may be incurred.



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