

NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS FROM AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS



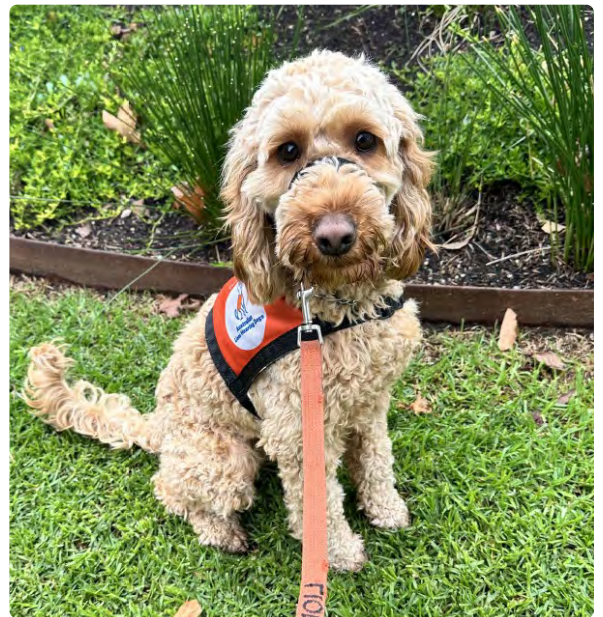
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TO BECOMING A HEARING
ASSISTANCE DOG!**



CEO UPDATE

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs continues to grow at an extraordinary rate, and along with that comes the development of new roles and programs. Our Bed and Breakfast program has been running for almost a year and has helped us mitigate the restrictions set by the current facility capacity at the Training Centre. Now, we can continue each dog's training progress without waiting for a kennel space to open up.

Additionally, we are working on the new Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program, partnering with the Department of Veteran's Affairs to support returned service men and women with PTSD. Our team has also expanded, with a Head Veterinarian joining us, providing vital health and wellbeing support to our Breeding, Puppy and Training Program. This will assist us providing quality care for the growing number of puppies and dogs in our programs.

The Breeding Centre has recently welcomed two litters of beautiful puppies; Border Terriers and Labradoodles with amazing futures ahead of them. On top of that, we have two new fresh faces in our Puppy Team. Both members are experienced in animal handling and can't wait to bring their knowledge into the program. You can get to know all about our new staff members in this edition.

This month, our team will be busy in preparation for the Lions District Convention season around the corner, guest speaking, sharing information and updates on our programs at each event. If you are attending, stop by and say hello!

Our Development team are also developing a huge event for November, called Lap the Map, which you can read all about here.

Until next edition, enjoy the warmer weather.

WELCOMING KRINKL'S 2ND LITTER OF PUPS!

Krinkl, our second-time mum, wants to introduce her litter of Border Terrier puppies!

All five beautiful puppies were welcomed into the world in June. Since, they have grown and learned so much with the help of Krinkl and our Breeding Centre team.

Each puppy was introduced to different experiences and sounds, preparing them for when they enter the real world. These include exposure to thunderstorms, television, music, doors slamming, humans talking, large vehicles driving pass, grass, and so much more.

When they weren't busy exploring the various forms of stimulation in the puppy play pen, they were with the Breeding Centre team, getting comfortable with grooming, being handled, as well as learning to sit for treats. Currently, the puppies are learning to toilet outside instead of inside.

They have recently entered the Puppy Program and started their official journey to becoming an Assistance Dog. Now, they are with their foster carer's, learning to grow and learn!

P.S. There's a pitter-patter of more tiny paws coming from the ALHD Breeding Centre... Can you guess who it might be? Stay tuned to our social media for pictures of new puppies!



Babs

Sponsored and thoughtfully named by **Jake**



Gege

Sponsored and thoughtfully named by **Seaford Community Centre**



Jordy

Sponsored and thoughtfully named by **Faye, Robert and Sydney**



Pippa

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MEET OUR NEWEST PUPPY RECRUITS!



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Eddie

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Luna

Sponsored and thoughtfully named by **Lions Club of Brisbane Zhong Hua Inc**



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Zena

Sponsored and thoughtfully named by **Jake Jackson**

Eddie & Jem:

Chelsea's Puppy Carer Profile



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Our decision to foster puppies had been a spontaneous one. When our 17 year old dog passed, we wanted to get another family dog, though we weren't sure what breed to get. It was during then that one of my friends, who was a foster carer for Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, came into mind. That's how we became foster carers for Jem - who is now a Hearing Dog in training - and Eddie, our current foster pup!

We have family members who are diabetic or partially deaf, and fostering has since become our way of supporting and giving back to the community.

Eddie and Jem both fit great into our family, although it was a bit eye opening at first having a foster pup around; puppies can be very different to a 17 year old dog after all! However, after a while, it's almost like having a home dog. The benefits is having help from Australian Lions Hearing Dogs' puppy team whenever we need, of course!

Both Eddie and Jem are smart cookies, picking up their trainings really fast. Eddie in particular is very food-orientated and would do anything for treats, even if it meant stopping in the middle of his playtime! During our sessions in Puppy Preschool, Eddie would be so excited to perform tricks, he would sit and paw at me to give him commands, so he could do his tricks and get his treats!

At home, Eddie loves following me around the house in his downtime. When he's not flinging his favourite toy - a string of fluffy sausages - around, he would be settling by my feet; a quality befitting of a future Assistance Dog!

The kids adore having Eddie - as well as Jem - part of the family. They absolutely love the foster pups, and while it was hard when Jem had to leave to start his training, they knew he had to start his official training eventually and were prepared; that was how Eddie came along!

Recently, Eddie went on his first bushwalk with the family. Soon, we will take him camping and maybe even kayaking!

**From,
Chelsea**

Are you interested in joining Chelsea to foster a puppy? You can read more about becoming a puppy socialiser [here](#).



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MEDICAL ALERT DOG PROGRAM

GET TO KNOW Coda



MIMI

Mimi is the newest kid on the block! Since joining, Mimi has settled in nicely, already making new kennel friends as well as rekindling relationships with her siblings!

Due to her high energy and quick learning, it was decided she would fit right in with the Medical Alert Program. So far, she's proving to be a good fit!

Mimi is currently learning the three tasks that will help assist her recipient in the household to manage their condition. These tasks are the Hypokit Retrieve, Emergency Button and the 'Get Help' command.

She can also now alert with a one paw touch. This is a more deliberate action when alerting her recipient to low or high Blood Glucose Levels (BGL) event, this is because it is more obvious than a two paw touch which can be confused for the dog jumping on their recipient out of excitement.

She particularly enjoys the Hypokit Retrieve as it's almost like a game of fetch! Mimi is working on fetching it from a short distance right now, but soon she will try going around the corner for an extra challenge.

Mimi has also now been introduced to a BGL scent. Soon, she will learn to alert whenever she smells a low BGL event!

Coda was born alongside his siblings to Cocker Spaniel mum, Betty, last year. Since then, Coda has experienced so much and grown into an amazing dog.

Currently, he is in training with Trainer Sarah, who he knows very well and has bonded with due to their time spent together when Sarah was a Puppy Socialisation Instructor.

Coda is a very confident and energetic dog; nothing seems to ever phase him and he's always up for a new experience. Sarah recalled their first walk together near the Training Centre. They went over a hill and bridge, came across all kinds of wildlife, and Coda was relaxed while on lead the whole time.

He recently had his first mini demo with some Lions members at the Training Centre. Coda performed admirably, surprising Sarah when he did the sounds like a pro, not needing any prompts at all. It was like he had done it a thousand times!

Now, Coda is starting to venture into large indoor public spaces locally, including Burnside Shopping Village, Norwood Parade and Big W, taking everything in his stride. Soon, he will head to Marion Shopping Centre and Rundle Mall, as well as trying his paws on the public transport.

Coda's sound training has been going great. He loves our friendly neighbourhood cats, Penelope and Pants, though always works past them when he's in focus mode. At the moment, Coda still get excited when he works, so Sarah is working on calming him down. Coda's favourite training is the bed touch. He flies on the bed just to 'wake' Sarah up! His sound training with the smoke alarm has been improving, soon he will be touch-alerting and dropping instantly.

When Coda isn't in training, he is resting by Sarah's side. He particularly likes to nap sitting by her leg while she works away on her computer! He also adores a game of fetch and would never say no to some pats and attention.

Sarah has learned so much having Coda as her first dog-in-training. Coda will certainly be missed once he gets delivered at the end of October. However, the journey will be exciting as he will be going on his first ever flight interstate!



LEONIE'S DELIVERY WEEK

What a week Leonie had! She started off the delivery week with VIP treatment on the plane, where she was the first to enter and leave. She was even assigned the window seat, settling on the floor by Trainer Carly's feet on her mat throughout the flight.

Once they arrived at Leonie's new home, Leonie was quick to greet both her recipient and their partner, almost like she had known them in a previous life! She walked straight in and made herself right at home.

Despite being in a new environment, Leonie adapted immediately and on the first night, alerted for the first time to a high BGL at 12.8! This was excellent news as Leonie clearly has no problem transitioning her skills onto her recipient. For the rest of the week, Leonie performed all her tasks well and also visited places that her recipient regularly frequents.

It was a sad time for Trainer Carly to leave on Friday; however, Leonie is very much loved by her recipient and we know she will make a real change to their life!

Merchandise Update!



Plush Hearing Assistance Dog

Cuddle up with your very own plush Hearing Assistance Dog with official orange ALHD coat!

\$18

Calico Bag

Shop in style and pride with your new Australian Hearing Dogs Calico Tote Bag



\$8

Poo Bag Dispenser

Our brand-new pet bag dispensers are the perfect accessory for your daily walks and travel essential. Never be without a poo bag again!

\$8

Assorted Dog Toy

Animal themed dog toys Lions, Elephant or Monkey Plush toy with squeaker and rope.



\$6

Assorted Dog Toy (Christmas Edition)

Christmas themed dog toys Snowman, Santa Claus or Reindeer Plush toy with squeaker and rope.



\$8

2025 CALENDAR

If you haven't heard, our 2025 Calendar is out!

The calendar features our best and brightest Assistance Dogs and puppies for each month of the year. All Australian Public Holidays are listed, as well as school term dates and holidays.

Get it before it sells out. Available for purchase from our [online shop](#) for the low low price of \$10!

\$10



Meet our newest Staff members!



Mackahla Keep

Hello! I'm the one of the new Puppy Socialiser Instructors. I have worked with animals since I was little and have a variety of experiences working with different species, including cows, sheep, and pigs at a farm.

Before Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, I taught puppy school classes as well as basic obedience/manners classes. This is where I developed my love for helping puppies become the best versions of themselves.

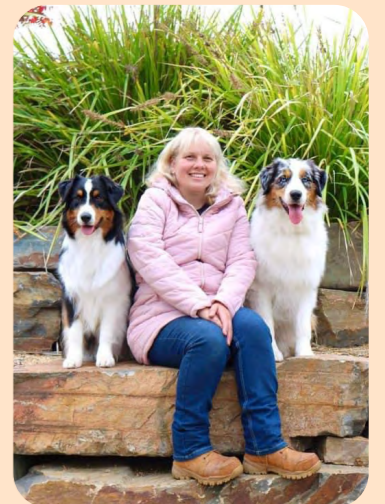
In my spare time, I do obedience training with Hugo, my Border Collie x Golden Retriever at home. I aim to take him to the Olympics someday! I also enjoy pilates, hiking, and photography, so you may see some of my photos in the upcoming feature!

Karen Davis

Hi! I am also the newest Puppy Socialiser Instructor! I enjoy my job working with animals. Before coming here, I was a Zookeeper at a Wildlife Park, and a Vet Nurse after that.

I did a lot of behaviour training with wildlife, such as training koalas to sit on humans and dingos to come for their treats when I was at the Wildlife Park! And a lot of stress-free training with pets that come in when I worked at the Vet. The work was very rewarding and I love helping people and their pets!

I'm loving my work now where I get to go out and meet foster carers and their pups. The variety of work keeps me happy!



Dr Chiew-Lian Cheng



Hello, I am the new Head Veterinarian. I have loved animals since childhood, growing up with a menagerie of animals in Malaysia and Adelaide including a pony, Great Dane, English Bullmastiff, mice, chickens and pigeons. I graduated from University of Melbourne and has been practicing since 2006, working exclusively with small animals and domestic pets in Melbourne for 2 years before moving back to Adelaide.

I have a miniature poodle and a tabby domestic shorthair cat whom I love to cuddle with at home. Outside of practice, I love spending time with my husband and kids, doing gardening or shopping, or enjoying my dad's amazing cooking!

I feel excited to be part of the amazing ALHD family and am looking forward to improving patient care with the dogs in program.

DISABILITY & INCLUSION EXPO

Our team recently attended the Burnside Disability and Inclusion Expo on the 13th of July, and the day went very well! Trainee dog Coda was accompanied by Trainer Sarah and Program Director, Darren, and did great throughout the event!

Despite never being exposed to wheelchairs and walking sticks, Coda handled himself well when people came past using them. He settled really nicely amongst the hustle and bustle of people, and was patient with children who were more than excited to meet him! This gave Darren and Sarah the perfect opportunity to talk about Australian Lions Hearing Dogs and how we support the community, all while allowing Coda important exposure for his journey.

At one point, Spiderman and Ironman came to say hello. Coda didn't even bat an eyelash when they gave him a pat!



YANNIS' FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER



What a journey it has been since Yanniss, our 700th Hearing Assistance Dog, was delivered to his recipient, Brittney.

Recently, Yanniss' new family joined with the Amity Gardens Social Committee to host a fun-filled fundraising day on the Gold Coast, and it was a resounding success. Many people attended the event and the residents, families, neighbourhood, and local businesses all contributed to a great day with BBQ lunches, raffles, auction and competitions.

Yanniss' journey was showcased and his recipient's challenges and triumphs with hearing loss were shared in a heartwarming slideshow. Many attendees who were unfamiliar with Australian Lions Hearing Dogs were learnt about our services and how our organisation supports the Deaf community.

We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to supporting the event and our organisation!

LAP THE MAP THIS NOVEMBER

Lap the Map was an event historically created by Lions Australia to help raise awareness for diabetes.

This year, Australian Lions Hearing Dogs are taking the reins and raising money for our Medical Alert Dog program that provides Diabetic Alert Dogs to Australian with type 1 diabetes, free of charge.

So why not join us this November?

We encourage Lions Clubs, community groups, and individuals to track their daily progress and together we will 'Lap the Map' of Australia as many times as we can. This is the perfect opportunity to take yourself, or your dog, out for a walk and get those steps up.



People of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds can join us. There's more than one way for you to track those kms - whether it's walking, running, riding, kayaking, on the treadmill inside, swimming, or any other activity, you can join us in your favourite way!

Register you or your team [here](#). We can't wait to see your progress!

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