

November 2024

# NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS FROM AUSTRALIAN LIONS HEARING DOGS



## MEET MANNING!

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CEO UPDATE

It's been an eventful year. In the blink of an eye, we are coming to the end of 2024.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs has experienced remarkable growth this year, all of which came with the expansion of new roles and programs.

Thanks to our expanded team, we are on track to place a total of 34 Assistance Dogs by the end of December, including 29 Hearing Assistance Dogs, 4 Medical Alert Dogs and 1 Psychiatric Assistance Dog! This is exciting as it shows the clear growth of our Assistance Dog programs.

The Breeding Program has welcomed 28 puppies into our world, providing them with foundational care before they eventually went off to their foster homes.

The Puppy Program and Bed and Breakfast Program have been successfully supporting our puppies through their journeys to becoming trainee dogs at the Training Centre, allowing each puppy a quality life before and during their full-time Assistance Dog training.

With Christmas on the horizon, we'd like to inform you that the Training Centre will be closed over the holidays. However, we'll have dedicated staff on-site to care for the dogs. Our office will close on the 25th and 26th of December 2024, as well as the 1st of January 2025. During this time, our emergency phone line will remain active for any urgent matters requiring immediate attention.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and interest in ALHD throughout 2024. Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

# JUNI'S PUPS

Recently, our Breeding Centre welcomed the soft pitter-patter of baby paws!

Juni, a first-time labradoodle mum, welcomed seven beautiful puppies into our world at the end of October; their coats ranging from chocolate to cream to black!

The puppies are growing up with the support and care of the Breeding Centre team and Head Veterinarian, and are now starting to roam the Breeding Centre on their own to explore. Each puppy is being introduced to different sounds, textures and experiences, which helps to prepare them for the real world when they leave the nest!

When the puppies aren't exploring the Breeding Centre, they are out in the puppy play pen, interacting with the many forms of stimulation set up for them.

It won't be long till these puppies follow the previous litter's footsteps and head home with their foster carers before joining our training program.

Interested in becoming a foster carer for a future Assistance Dogs? Get in contact with our Puppy Team [here!](#)



# MEET OUR NEWEST PUPPY RECRUITS!



**Archie**  
Sponsored and thoughtfully named by the Lions Club of West Beach Inc



**Mitty**  
Sponsored and lovingly named by the Lions Club of Millmerran Inc



sponsored & named by Lions Club of Marlin Coast Inc



**Manning**  
Sponsored and named by Lions District 201N1 Zone 6 Clubs



**Harvey**  
Sponsored and named by Lions Club of Townsville Cleveland Bay Inc



**Sally**  
Sponsored and named by Lions Club of Onkaparinga Inc



**Therma**  
Sponsored and named by Lions Club of Berri Inc



Sponsored and named by Suzanne



Sponsored and named by Faye, Robert and Sydney

**Robbie**



**Jojo**  
Sponsored and named by Catherine McAuley Society

# FEATURING

My family and I decided to become Puppy Socialisers for Manning due to our prior experience fostering Peter. We first embarked on this fostering journey when we went to an Open Day a couple of years ago. Everyone was so sweet, and we couldn't resist being a part of such a supportive community.

Our first day with Manning was extremely exciting. He was timid at first but warmed up very quickly. Since, he has settled in amazingly and has become a part of the family. Manning has changed our lives dramatically, being a cute ray of sunshine that always lift our spirits. We call him our little teddy bear and just adore his bum wiggles when he gets excited!

One of Manning's funny habits is him chasing his tail to the point where he gets so dizzy he can barely stand up right. He also has a serious case of dog maths where he underestimates the height of our coffee table!

We love being Puppy Socialisers. The support you get from the Puppy Trainers is amazing, and everyone is dedicated to their work and the dogs. It makes being a Puppy Socialiser so easy. Plus, how could you not love the puppy love and kisses!



**Manning & Caitlin**

## MEET TIGGY

**Tiggy was born to 2nd time mum, Poppy on the 13th of June 2023.**

Upon your first time meeting this girl, you will fall in love with her energetic and happy personality. Volunteers and staff adore this particular trainee, and she is usually one of the dogs we introduce to newcomers due to her friendly and affectionate greeting. She is a dog that enjoys learning and being a companion to someone, which made her perfect as one of the trainees for our new Psychiatric Assistance Dog program.

Tiggy is currently training alongside her sibling, Victor, and the two are the top of the class! Tiggy has learned different types of basic commands so far, and she's excelled in every single one.

One of her favourite tasks is the 'Emergency Button', but instead of using one paw, she uses her nose to push on it! This is a particularly important task to master, as it can be used for many different things, such as contacting somebody by phone during an emergency, or

turning on the lights if her recipient has night terrors.

Tiggy enjoys being around people, and most of the time you'll find her up in Trainer Ashleigh's personal space! She would be content just being in her crate while gnawing on a carrot in the office.

What's amazing about Tiggy is that she can anticipate the commands before Ashleigh even asks her to do it, so we know she'll be a great Assistance Dog!



# ACCREDITATIONS...



**yannis**

**Our 700<sup>th</sup> Hearing Assistance Dog!**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

- Sponsored by Lions Club of South Vermont Inc
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of Southport Inc
- Fostered by Lynda and Anthony



**LOLA**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

- Sponsored by Lions Club of Kingston Inc
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of Busselton Inc
- Fostered by Robyn



**HARLEY**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

- Sponsored and supported by Lions Club of Blackwood Inc
- Fostered by Mary-Jane and James



**ART**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

- Sponsored by Lions Club of Raymond Terrace Inc
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of Queenscliff Point Lonsdale Inc
- Fostered by Deb and Tameika



**JOSIE**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

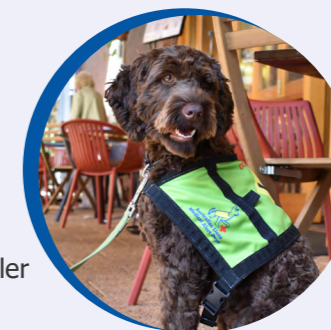
- Sponsored by the Taylor Family
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of West Beach Inc
- Fostered by Kate



**RORY**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

- Sponsored by Megan Butler and Peter Korndorfer
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of West Lakes-Seaton Inc
- Fostered by Phoebe



**DANDY**

**ALHD Breeding Program**

- Sponsored by Lions Club of Margaret River Inc
- Delivery supported by Lions Club of Canberra Lake Tuggeranong Inc
- Fostered by Amelia and Brett

# MEDICAL ALERT DOG PROGRAM



## Yakka, our newest trainee, was transferred over to the Medical Alert Dog Program!

And so far, he seems to be settling well and taking the transition like a champ! As part of the Medical Alert Dog program, Yakka is undergoing scent training using saliva samples from someone going into either a high or low Blood Glucose Level (BGL). He started off being exposed to a low BGL scent which is easier to learn with. At this stage, we are holding out a test tube with the sample and rewarding him for approaching and sniffing the scent. Good thing Yakka loves treats!



## Mimi is slowly transitioning to navigating busier settings, like Burnside Mall, Rundle Mall and Castle Plaza.

She has been excellent out and about, though sometimes there's minor drops in confidence if she finds the setting slightly overwhelming. However, she remains focused on her job and responds well to commands, with her confidence improving by the day.

Mimi is set to head off in January with a younger recipient around their twenties. As they catch a lot of public transport, this is Mimi's next thing to tick off the list and master!



## Another month has flown by and what a difference it's made for Clover!

She has progressed exceptionally well with her task and scent training, and her Hypokit retrieve has been excellent, so her trainer upped the ante. It only took a few goes for Clover to do it well and without extra prompts needed! She is also pushing on the emergency button nicely, though sometimes she gets so excited she accidentally knocks it off the wall!

# CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

## Limited Edition Christmas Pack

- 1 Dog Christmas Stocking (White or Brown)
- 1 Assorted Dog Toy (Randomly selected out of 3 designs)
- 1 Orange Pen
- 1 Pair of Shoelaces
- 1 ALHD Pet Bag Dispenser
- 2 packs of 120g BlackHawk Dog Food

PRICED at \$20



## Christmas Cards

A jingle-bell collection of ALHD pups in holiday gear, celebrate the holiday with our jolly Christmas cards. It will surely bring a smile to your faces!

Available in a 5 or 10 pack with envelopes.

PRICED at \$5 - \$10



## 2025 Calendar

Get our 2025 calendar before it sells out!

Our calendar features our best Assistance Dogs and puppies for each month of the year, making it the perfect Christmas present for you and your love ones.

PRICED at \$10



For Christmas orders to arrive in time for the big holiday, please put in your order before the 15th of December!

All merchandise is available for purchase from our online shop: <https://lionshearingdogs.com.au/shop/>



# WORLD DIABETES DAY

**Diabetes is a global cause of Lions Clubs International and a global health issue.**

World Diabetes Day on November 14th is an important reminder to come together and take action in the fight against diabetes. With over 1.3 million Australians living with diabetes, the condition not only impacts daily life but also contributed to 11% of all deaths in the country in 2022. For many individuals managing diabetes, every day can feel like a battle, and a strong support network is essential.

This November, many Australians joined in on Lions' annual 'Lap the Map' event, raising awareness for those living with diabetes, as well as funds for the Lions Diabetic Alert Dog program.

Lap the Map is an event historically created by Lions Australia to help raise awareness for diabetes, where participants would collectively hike the distance of the circumference of Australia, which is 25,760kms, as many times as they could.

While November is coming to an end, it is not too late for you to help [make a difference!](#) Your involvement helps to build a stronger support network for those managing diabetes in Australia and continues to provide Diabetic Alert Dogs free of charge.

Register or donate at [www.lapthemap.com.au](http://www.lapthemap.com.au)



# WELCOMING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ASSISTANCE DOGS!



**We hope you will continue to offer your support and be a part of their amazing journey. With a monthly donation, your next chapter with them officially begins this month.**

**DONATE NOW**

With Betty's litter all graduating from the Training Centre last month, it was our time to bid farewell and wish them luck on their new journey as official Hearing Assistance Dogs for their recipients.

Betty's litter was lucky to have the support of the public as well as Lions Clubs, being along for the ride and celebrating each important milestone they reached.

Now that the dogs have left their nest, following in their pawsteps are young puppies from Maddies' litter: Jojo, Harvey, Sally, Therma and Manning.



## MEET JAMES!

Hi, I am the new Cadet Trainer at Australian Lions Hearing Dogs. I love animals and have always been interested in this job, so I am quite happy that I am now part of the team.

I was born in Barnsley Yorkshire, England, and moved over to Australia when I was a kid. My hobbies mainly include sports: surfing, skiing, running and oh, eating! Japanese cuisine is my favourite.

Prior to my current job, I used to work at a Dog Day Care centre, so the transition over has been very smooth. I am currently training my first Hearing Assistance dog, Ollie, who is a very happy and enthusiastic Border Terrier. I am very excited as we will be going through this amazing journey together.

# 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.