

# Paws

For a moment



Seeing Eye Dogs  
Vision Australia

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Thank you  
for helping to care for  
and train puppies.





**Thank you**

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support to help care for and train more puppies. Because of you, we are able to match more Seeing Eye Dogs to those who desperately need them.

Goldie and Stella are just two of the amazing dogs featured in this issue. These remarkable Seeing Eye Dogs help people who are blind or have low vision to continue to do all the things they enjoy doing, to maintain their independence and mobility and live their life to the fullest.

Thank you for helping to make this possible!

Ron Hooton  
Chief Executive Officer



# Welcome to the world Puppies!

Meet some of the adorable pups that have been born at the Seeing Eye Dogs Centre.

DOB: 2/2/19 Breed: Labrador Retriever  
Dam: Halo Sire: Isaac

**Liam, Luigi, Laika**

DOB: 23/3/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Dam: Chilli Sire: Manny

**Micky, Manuel, Manu, Hector, Mini, Mario, Missy, Marcy, Kora, Miguel**

DOB: 1/5/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Dam: Cara Sire: Redmond

**Pepper, Pippin, Pluto, Irie, Prince**

DOB: 22/5/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Dam: Dulcie Sire: Wizard

**Na'ra, Quentin, Waratah, Minaaka, Questa**

DOB: 30/5/19 Breed: Golden Retriever  
Dam: Flick Sire: Parker

**Scout, Sherry, Spike, Skipper, Spicer, Sadie, Saffy, Sancho, Sparky, Sherlock**

DOB: 8/6/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Dam: Dodi Sire: Enrico

**Topaz, Treena, Tito, Twigg, Tully, Tango, Tracker**

DOB: 22/6/19 Breed: Labrador Retriever  
Dam: Carmel Sire: Clancy

**Uma, Ulyssa, Ulrick, Usman**

DOB: 22/6/19 Breed: Labrador Retriever  
Dam: April Sire: Fagan

**Velma, Vonda, Violet, Vessa, Virgil, Vincent, Victor**

DOB: 24/6/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Dam: Giselle Sire: Wizard

**Winnie, Wooley, Washi, Walter, Wallace**

DOB: 23/7/19 Breed: Labrador x Golden Retriever  
Dam: Suki Sire: Wilson

**Xavier, Xander, Xandi, Xylah**



Thank you  
You are pawesome!



## Because of you, Jenny has Goldie by her side.

Seeing Eye Dog Goldie has given Jenny the confidence and independence she so desperately sought to reclaim.

As a little girl Jenny was fully sighted. But over time, her vision started to fade. Then came the diagnosis: Jenny had a hereditary condition that was causing her optic nerves to die off.

As her vision got worse she was told by her father never to tell anyone that she couldn't see. It meant Jenny struggled to learn to read and write, and lacked confidence because of her limited sight.

Years later, Jenny met her husband and settled into family life. He was truly wonderful and someone she could always rely on. Jenny was faced with a new challenge when he passed away.

She realised she needed a Seeing Eye Dog to help her regain her independence and confidence. Jenny says from the day she met Goldie everything changed overnight.

The two are totally inseparable and can often be found out and about enjoying life and getting on with the jobs of the day together.

Jenny is thrilled with the changes Goldie has made in her life. Now, Jenny can't imagine life without Goldie by her side.

*'Goldie is like my personal GPS tracker. She helps me find the gym, the bank, the bus stop – even my hairdresser. She's brilliant!*

*She can even locate up to 12 items in my local supermarket by name, and then find the queue at the counter - but she knows not to push in! She is incredible!'*

*Jenny's story is just one of the many examples of the difference a Seeing Eye Dog makes, and it would not have been possible without your amazing generosity. Thank you!*



# Rolf and Stella - the pawfect match

Rolf had a very special relationship with Echo, his previous and much-loved Seeing Eye Dog. But when Echo reached the age of retirement, Rolf had to apply for a replacement dog and has now been matched with Seeing Eye Dog, Stella.

It was a real team effort to get Stella through specialised training so she could take over the harness and follow in Echo's footsteps.



*I am so looking forward to starting my day helping Rolf! We've been working really hard and going to various places, and I will need to remember them all now! I am really excited to have been matched with Rolf! Woof!*

 Stella

*Woof! I'm practicing how to respond calmly to everything Rolf tells me. Look at me sitting quietly! Aren't I clever?*



*Woof! Here I am sitting calmly and waiting to be given a command to help Rolf.*



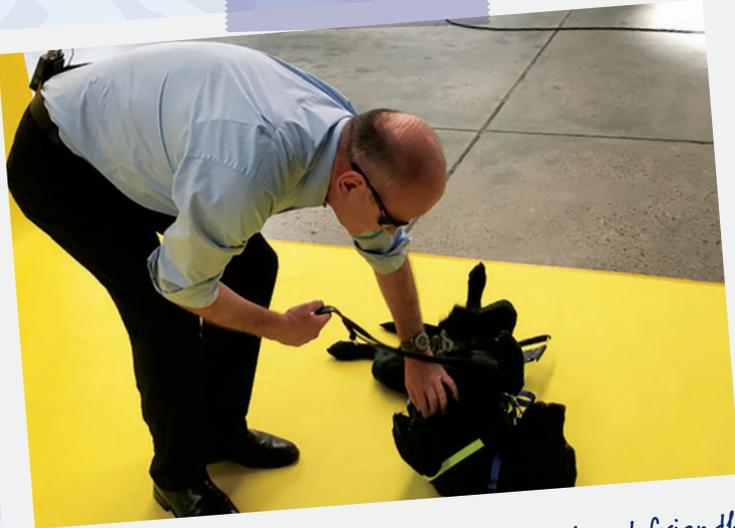
*Woof! Woof! It's been great living with Rolf - we have so much in common. I love to start the day early and guess what - so does he! We have been getting the train at 6:30am every day to get to work on time.*



Today we're stepping out in style!  
Do you like my special work uniform?  
Rolf uses my harness so I can direct  
him when we go to his favourite places.



Rolf needs to know I can keep  
my concentration. Look how  
calm and controlled I am walking  
past this tempting food!



Oooooohh, that tickles! Rolf is so kind and friendly  
and I know he loves me as much as I love him.  
We have been having lots of fun getting to know  
each other.

'I could be in a room of 1000  
people and still feel alone.  
But all I have to do is put  
my hand down and get a  
little lick from my dog and  
I know I will never be alone.'

- Rolf

# Thank you

Rolf and Stella are a *paw-fect* match! Your incredible support is helping match more Seeing Eye Dogs with their new human. You are making a life-changing difference to the lives of those who are blind or have low vision.



# CONGRATULATIONS NEW GRADUATES!



Well done on finishing your training!  
Best wishes for your new life together.  
You've made it to the end of your  
training and we are all so proud!

SEEING EYE DOG *Xenon* MATCHED WITH *Alan*

SEEING EYE DOG *Jock* MATCHED WITH *Pam*

SEEING EYE DOG *Falcon* MATCHED WITH *Kevin*

SEEING EYE DOG *Livvy* MATCHED WITH *Diane*

SEEING EYE DOG *York* MATCHED WITH *Janet*

SEEING EYE DOG *Farrah* MATCHED WITH *Vicki*

SEEING EYE DOG *Raya* MATCHED WITH *Kim*

SEEING EYE DOG *Romeo* MATCHED WITH *Anne*

SEEING EYE DOG *Stella* MATCHED WITH *Rolf*

SEEING EYE DOG *Yanni* MATCHED WITH *Edna*

SEEING EYE DOG *Jamie* MATCHED WITH *Elizabeth*



Alan & Xenon

Alan was born with several eye conditions, all of which have combined to form vision loss. Xenon, his Seeing Eye Dog, has had an enormous and positive impact on his quality of life. 'I'm more social, more independent and I can stay connected to my local community.'

A busy lecturer in Early Childhood Education, Kim was very excited to be matched with Raya, her first Seeing Eye Dog. 'I know Raya will give me a sense of freedom and confidence in the community, so I can really be part of it again.'



Kim & Raya

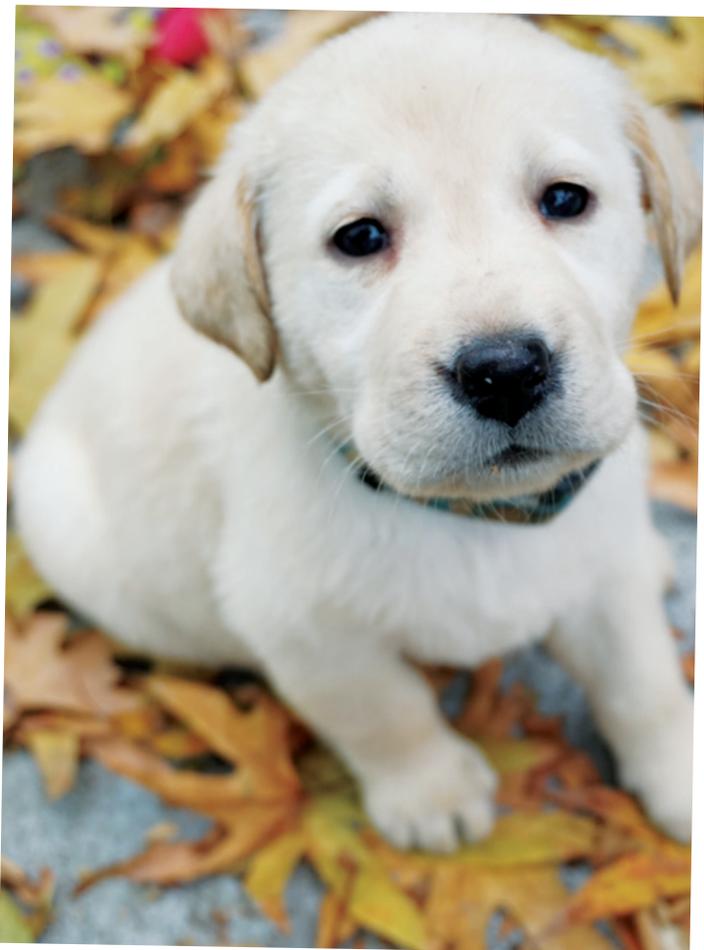
While working as a community representative and touring construction of the new Western Australian Museum, Pam's wonderful friend, Jock, was the star of the show, wearing his special work boots and custom-made high-visibility vest.



Pam & Jock

## You make all the difference

As a supporter of Seeing Eye Dogs, you are changing the lives of Australians who are blind or have low vision every day. Each match brings joy, independence and happiness to a person with low vision.



"Thank you for helping me reach my full pawtential."

I can't wait to be a Seeing Eye Dog when I grow up!"

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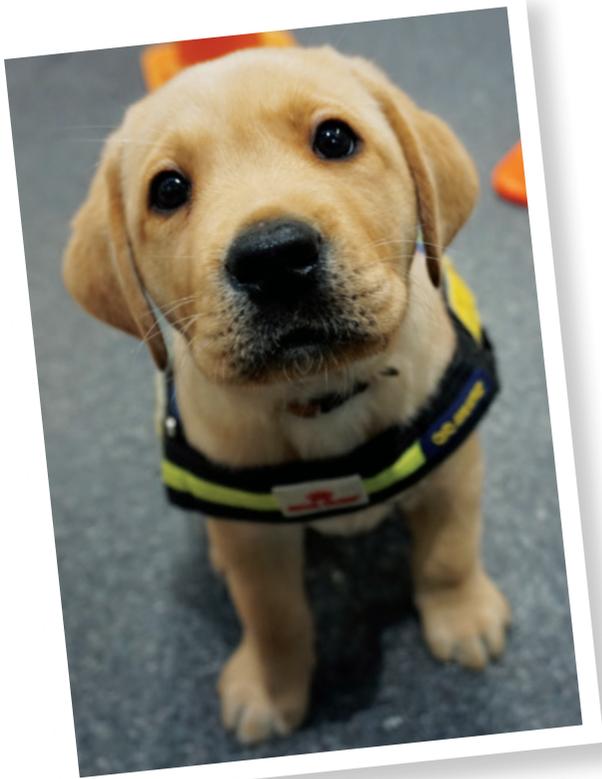
## Help care for and train a Seeing Eye Dog!

**\$30** can help pay for a general veterinarian examination for puppies joining the program.

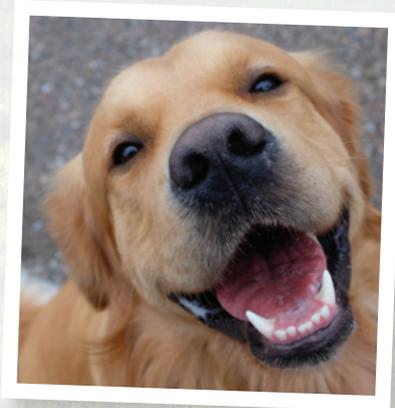
**\$50** can help pay for the harness and leads needed for graduating dogs.

**\$100** can help towards the cost of intensive training sessions with a Seeing Eye Dog and their new handler.

**\$200** can help towards the cost of veterinarian supplies and equipment.



## 2 GREAT TIPS on cleaning your dog's teeth



It shouldn't surprise you, but the dental health of our dogs is vitally important. We know that you love your favourite furry friend as much as we love our gorgeous new puppies.

Our generous sponsor, Petbarn, has two great tips on brushing your dog's teeth.

1. As you know, dogs love to eat! It can really help if you select a dog toothpaste that will be tasty and appealing for your dog. Do they love chicken or beef best? With the right, yummy flavour, your dog will feel more comfortable with a good brush up!
2. Also, timing is key. Be sure to choose the right moment. It's best to try when you are both relaxed. Get down to their level and try to make it enjoyable. Praise your dog's good behaviour throughout the whole session.

Petbarn Foundation, with help from Royal Canin, has helped train and support more than 60 Seeing Eye Dogs, providing invaluable assistance to people who are blind or have low vision.

We are so grateful for their ongoing support.



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