



Seeing Eye Dogs  
Vision Australia

# Paws

For a moment

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Thank you  
your support is helping  
to turn more pups into  
Seeing Eye Dogs.



# A big thanks to You

I love having the chance to show you the true impact of your kindness.

Despite the many challenges we all faced, 2021 was an incredible year. Thanks to our generous partners Petbarn and Royal Canin, and supporters like you, 41 Australians who are blind or have low vision have had their lives changed forever when they were matched with a Seeing Eye Dog.

I'm sure you'll love meeting puppy-in-the-spotlight, Yuta, and will rejoice at our new puppies.

I am so grateful to you for helping to change the lives of those who are blind or have low vision through your support of these extraordinary dogs.



Ron Hooton  
Chief Executive Officer



Welcome to the world puppies!

In the last 12 months, around 220 pups were born at our puppy centre and every puppy going through our training process has the potential to transform lives.

These are all the puppies born between January and July 2021.

Mallory, Makayla, Mali, Mishka, Mae, Meg, Mozart, Martina, Malta, Morrie

DOB: 24/4/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Jasmine Dad: Lobin

Echo, Edith, Errol, Evie, Esther, Erin, Elsa

DOB: 25/1/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Capri Dad: Murray

Nettle, Nessie, Nia, Nudge, Nicklaus, Nell

DOB: 29/4/21 Breed: L x GR  
Mum: Helen Dad: Yuma

Freckles, Freddo, Frieda, Fudge, Fletcher, Fauna, Flossie

DOB: 8/2/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Keisha Dad: Ozzy

Orlando, Orion, Mirla-O, Obi, Odin, Orry, Otter, Elsie-May-O

DOB: 31/5/21 Breed: L x GR  
Mum: Dodi Dad: Vincent

Guthrie, Rufus, Gulliver, Gidget, Gala, Gomez, Gimble

DOB: 18/2/21 Breed: L x GR  
Mum: Wanda Dad: Vincent

Panda, Poppy, Panther, Portia, Petey, Patton, Pebbles, Percy, Peppi

DOB: 14/6/21 Breed: L x GR  
Mum: Effie Dad: Ozzy

Henna, Helga, Hermione, Hickory, Hannah, Hamilton

DOB: 1/3/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Lily Dad: Yuma

Quentin, Quella, Quinbie, Quai, Quebec, Quita, Quincy

DOB: 17/6/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Harper-W Dad: Kahuna

Italy, Inky, Inala, Ingrid, Isobel, Iggy, Ivory, Igor

DOB: 6/3/21 Breed: L x GR  
Mum: Elsie Dad: Willard

Ruby, Rikki, Raven, Renee, Ramona

DOB: 23/6/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Carmel Dad: Norris

Jonty, Jasper, Jedi, Joe, Joanie, Jemima, Jojo, Jenny

DOB: 18/3/21 Breed: L x GR  
Mum: Lindy Dad: Kenny

Sherman, Snowie, Stevie, Sally, Sergio, Summer, Snickers

DOB: 17/7/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Keitha Dad: Vincent

Keanu, Keaton, Kezia, Duke-K, Kipper, Keira, Kramer, Karma

DOB: 20/3/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Orla Dad: Murray

Teejay, Tiger, Teddy, Taffy, Trina, Toffee, Tabitha, Thea, Timmy, Tammy

DOB: 21/7/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Kamini Dad: Grillson

Leeroy, Lionel, Luna, Lassie, Lars, Lulu, Lockett, Lima, Laurence

DOB: 4/4/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Magda Dad: Ozzy

Ulysses, Utopia, Uilly, Ulima (oo-lee-ma - Arabic 'astute/wise')

DOB: 28/7/21 Breed: L  
Mum: Winna Dad: Kahuna



*Chris and much loved Seeing Eye Dog Odie*

## Farewell to Odie, Australia's most well-travelled dog

It is with great sadness we announce the very sad passing of Seeing Eye Dog Odie who was 10 years old. He was a fantastic guide and totally devoted to his handler, and VA staff member, Chris.

Just as importantly, Odie was a very much-loved member of both Chris's and the Vision Australia family

Odie was also the most frequently flown dog in Australia notching up some impressive flying time, flying more than 130,000km in over 200 flights across Australia accompanying Chris on many adventures, not to mention a number of TV appearances too!

Taking flights and attending important meetings with Chris was part of his day job, which Odie fulfilled with incredible loyalty

and efficiency, winning hearts wherever he wagged his tail.

Odie was even welcomed onto the Federal Parliament floor, the first time a dog has ever been granted access.

The Virgin Australia crew were especially sad when Odie retired. On their final flight together, the team formed a guard of honour. It was an emotional moment for Chris, but Odie took it all in his stride – especially when he saw his special doggie cake.

Odie will also greatly missed by all, including his poodle sibling Murphy and younger Seeing Eye Dog sister Eva.

*Thank for your years of service Odie, you were one of a kind.*

# Woof! Hello!

My name is Yuta. I am one of nine little black and yellow Labrador puppies: four boys and five girls.

Let me introduce you to my pack: my brothers Yuri, Yashi, Yobi and Yarra. And my sisters Yarrow, Yenta, Yetta and Yindi. Everyone says "Woof!" (That means 'nice to meet you'!)

We were born on August 20, 2021. Our mum, Fern, looked after us during our first eight weeks, but now that we've been weaned and had all our vaccinations, it's time for us to leave the puppy centre and get to know the puppy carers who'll be looking after us over the coming year.



Seeing Eye Dogs Birth Certificate

Litter Name: Yuta's Pack

Pup Names: Yuri, Yarrow, Yenta, Yashi, Yobi, Yetta, Yuta, Yindi and Yarra

Genders: Four x Males and Five x Females

Breed & Colours: Labrador  
Black and Yellow

Date of Birth: August 20, 2021

Mum: Fern

Place of Birth: Seeing Eye Dogs Breeding Centre



Our puppy carers will teach us everything a Seeing Eye Dog puppy-in-training needs to learn, like basic obedience and how to be calm and confident in public places to give us our best shot at graduating as Seeing Eye Dogs down the track. Each of us will also be given an official puppy training coat with L plates on it to wear when we're out in public so we can go to most places our puppy carers go.

Big puppy cuddles and lots of love,

Yuta xox



Would you like to follow more of our adventures, watch us grow and hear about our progress? Please sign up and become a puppy sponsor today by calling 1800 422 007

## A special gift from Andrew, in memory of mum



Left to right: Andrew's godmother Olive, Andrew and his late mother Dawn

Keen international traveller and retired teacher, Andrew, recently updated his Will to leave a very kind gift to Seeing Eye Dogs in memory of his mum, Dawn.

Vision Australia was one of the many charities Dawn generously supported in her lifetime. And they were able to support her in return when she became a client, after being diagnosed with Macular Degeneration. Dawn was able to receive practical assistance and solutions from our technology team.

Andrew admits it had been some time since he reviewed his Will *'The last time I thought about my Will was when I first wrote one while a university student in Sydney.'*

*'But I wanted to leave a special gift of thanks for the way they helped mum over the years. I know mum was so grateful for the support she received and I have incredible admiration for the working partnerships I've seen between handlers and their dogs out in the community.'*

If you have included a Gift in your Will, please let us know, as we would like to personally thank you.

For more information regarding leaving a gift in your Will, please contact the Gift in Wills team on 1800 422 007 or email [giw@seeingeyedogs.org.au](mailto:giw@seeingeyedogs.org.au)

## Get your 2022 large print Seeing Eye Dogs calendar now for only \$22.

This decorative calendar features wonderful working Seeing Eye Dogs and playful puppies in training.

Perfect for any dog lover in your life or supporters of Seeing Eye Dogs. Includes a bonus, separate sheet of stickers.

Order for you or your loved ones today at [www.visionaustralia.org](http://www.visionaustralia.org)

All proceeds goes towards the care and training of more Seeing Eye Dogs.



# Congratulations New Graduates!

It's been another incredible year! Thanks to your kindness and generosity, 41 Australians who are blind or have low vision have had their lives changed forever when they were matched with their Seeing Eye Dog.

Here are some of the recent perfect matches you helped create.

SEEING EYE DOG *Fawn* MATCHED WITH *Max*

SEEING EYE DOG *Bobby-Z* MATCHED WITH *James*

SEEING EYE DOG *Fergie* MATCHED WITH *Cameron*

SEEING EYE DOG *Jethro* MATCHED WITH *Maria*

SEEING EYE DOG *Enid* MATCHED WITH *Alison*

SEEING EYE DOG *Zazu* MATCHED WITH *Deb*

SEEING EYE DOG *Gilbert* MATCHED WITH *Charmain*

SEEING EYE DOG *Eva* MATCHED WITH *Chris*

SEEING EYE DOG *Sherry* MATCHED WITH *Cheryl*

SEEING EYE DOG *Elvin* MATCHED WITH *Thomas*

SEEING EYE DOG *Zelda* MATCHED WITH *Kerrie Ann*

SEEING EYE DOG *Drummer* MATCHED WITH *Tony*

SEEING EYE DOG *Maya* MATCHED WITH *Denise*

SEEING EYE DOG *Saffy* MATCHED WITH *Mark*

## When Debbie and Zazu are together, adventure awaits!

*In the last few years, I'd started to become anxious in crowds and social spaces. Now I have Zazu, I feel confident, safe and so brave. She's given me much more independence.*

*Zazu is very, very clever and a lot of fun. She is very patient when sitting and waiting at appointments, but a totally different dog when we're up and out the door. It's all adventure!*

*We've been working together for just four months, but Zazu is already part of the family, which is so important. We've managed one skiing adventure, but when the world opens up, and we can travel*

*again, we have so many plans. I want to take her everywhere, like climbing Mount Kosciuszko and local spots like Wilson's Promontory in Victoria. I can't wait.*

*I want to thank everybody who donates to Seeing Eye Dogs, because it's a huge process to raise these dogs. I know it sounds like a cliché, but they are truly amazing. They really do change lives.*



# Build a better bowl

Mix up the menu for healthier, happier pets



**PETBARN**



As humans we love variety and a mix of tastes and textures for each meal – why would we treat our beloved pets any differently? The way to a dog's heart is through their tummy, so here are our steps to building your dog a better bowl, keeping their meals nutrient rich and exciting.

## 1. Start with a great base

Dry food is nutrient rich and should be used as a base for all your dog's meals. The sweet spot for most dogs is 70% dry mixed in with 30% additions.

## 2. Add your protein

This is where you can start to get creative. Accompany dry food with your choice of fresh, frozen, wet or raw food. Or you could do a mix of all three!

## 3. Select your topper

Complete your masterpiece with a delicious and nutritious topper to add more texture and flavour for a complete meal your dog will love.

## 4. Enhance with a treat

Just like us, dogs love a treat to make a meal extra special. To celebrate special occasions, or just because he's been a good boy, you can also add a treat in your dog's bowl.

## 5. Stop there!

Your dog's meal will now be extremely satisfying, so please don't add part of your own food. Many loving dog owners don't realise that a long list of human foods make dogs sick.

## Six tips from Royal Canin to keep your puppy healthy

In the first months of life, your puppy goes through an amazing transformation. Here are some tips from Royal Canin's veterinarians to keep your puppy healthy:

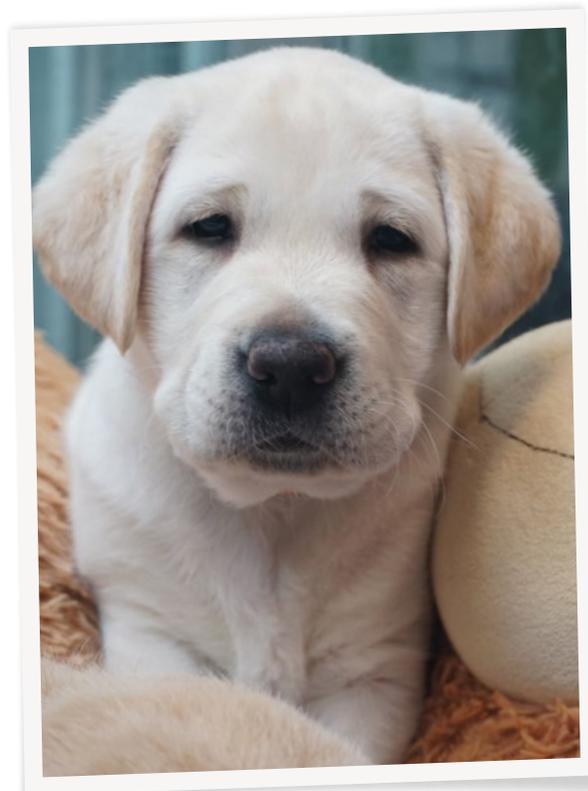
1. Learn to read your puppy's body language so you can spot if they might be unwell.
2. If you feel something isn't quite right, or your puppy doesn't seem their usual self, speak to your vet.
3. Make sure your puppy gets the right nutrition from a specialised, well-balanced puppy diet.
4. Give your puppy plenty of opportunities to sleep and rest quietly during the day, as well as at night.
5. Dogs enjoy company, so spend time with your puppy and remember to interact and play with them.
6. Always follow your vet's recommended vaccination and worming schedule.

Royal Canin is proud to feed all Seeing Eye Dogs a complete and nutritionally balanced diet, thanks to your support!

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# Trek the Bay of Fires

Are you ready for a spectacular adventure like no other?

On the *Seeing Eye Dogs: Bay of Fires Adventure* you will have the opportunity to trek our own beautiful backyard, while fundraising to help Australians who are blind or have low vision achieve the possibilities they choose in life.

Experience the rugged and untamed beauty of Tasmania's Bay of Fires from 11 – 16 November 2022.

Forge life-long friendships, as expert guides lead you across stunning coastlines, rock formations and wetlands inhabited only by native birds, animals and spectacular flowering plants. Soak in the crystal-clear waters and the bright-orange-lichen-covered boulders as you walk across magnificent white sandy bays.

The funds you raise will help breed, care for and train pups to become Seeing Eye Dogs. This bucket-list trek will not only be an awe-inspiring journey for you, but also provide the gift of independence for someone who is blind or has low vision.

Download an info pack at [myvision.visionaustralia.org/bayoffires](http://myvision.visionaustralia.org/bayoffires)



WIN!

Turn a \$2.50 ticket into a Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross (incl. on-road costs) or \$30,000 in cash



Your support of our Lucky Puppy Lotteries is helping to transform gorgeous Seeing Eye Dog pups into life-changing, loyal companions.

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