

Archer and Geordie



Archer and Geordie meet trainer Andrew for the first time.

Canine Helpers is proud to introduce our two newest additions to the family: Archer and Geordie. Both puppies were donated by Georgie Patterson of Silverbirch Kennels in Trentham Victoria. These gorgeous liver Field Spaniels have settled in well with their raisers Sarah Gleeson and Sandy Graham.

We would like to extend our thanks to Sarah's employer, Commonwealth Respite and Carelink, for supporting Sarah's role as a puppy raiser, and welcoming Archer into their workplace. This type of socialisation is important to the development of a future assistance dog, as many of them will be accompanying their eventual handler to work.

Can anyone spot the link with their names? What if we tell you our next puppy is named Riker?

Our 'Lady'

She has been a tireless worker for Canine Helpers but the time is approaching for Lady to hang up her coat.

"Shannaray Lady Betty", known as "Lady", an English Springer Spaniel, started working at Redlands District Special School in July 2003; she was approximately 3 years old and was Australia's first school Facility Dog.

Lady was donated to Canine Helpers, after having a very bad start in life. It's a testament to her personality, and the dedication of her trainer,

Nicole

Hargreaves,

and handler and carers, Kathy Johns and Jeff Wildermuth, that Lady has been able to put that bad beginning behind her, and have such a successful career as a Facility Dog.



Handler Kathy Johns with Lady



Lady taking a break from her duties

Redlands District Special School caters for students with a range of disabilities and Lady can always be counted on to join in with activities. She will go into retirement knowing that she has contributed greatly to the development of countless children who will remember her fondly all their lives.

So, now that Lady is entering her senior years, and slowing down a bit, this will be her last year at school. She will remain with Kathy and Jeff in her retirement, as she is well and truly part of the family. Happy retirement, Lady!

Bugzie, Our Star at Montrose



Huge congratulations to Bugzie, our Therapy Dog at MontroseAccess. He turned 4 years young on 7th July 2009, has recently graduated to full Assistance Dog status and continues to be a hit with both clients and their families. MontroseAccess is a not-for-profit organisation, providing therapy services for children and young adults who have a physical disability.

Owned by Physiotherapist Chris Porta, Bugzie has been actively responsible for improving clients' manual and power wheelchair skills, the balance skills of ambulatory clients, increasing verbal interactions between clients and staff, and most importantly, reducing the blood pressure of the entire workplace!

Trained by Chris, Bugzie then graduated from the Private Certification Program, which certified Chris and Bugzie as an assistance dog Team. Bugzie has an amazing personality and you can see that he has personally benefited from being a full-time member of the workforce.

When not working, Bugzie (short for Bug-a-lugs, because of



how gangly and goofy he is) enjoys surfing, urban mushing by pulling Chris around on the skateboard, and driving a power scooter. His favourite foods are mangoes and eggs. He was recently given an award from MontroseAccess in recognition of his sterling work to date.



For more information on MontroseAccess, go to their website: <http://www.montroseaccess.org.au>.

Bree-Anna, Medic Alert Assistance Dog

Congratulations also go to Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Bree-Anna and trainer and handler Lynda Schultz. Lynda and Bree-Anna have just graduated from the Private Certification Program, making Bree-Anna Canine Helpers' first accredited Medic Alert Assistance Dog.



Lynda and Bree-Anna

Promotion Days

BCC Open Days

Canine Helpers will have a stand at the upcoming Brisbane City Council Open Days in September. We will be demonstrating the various tasks that are asked of our Assistance Dogs. Come along and find out more as there will be loads of experienced people there to answer your questions.

5 th September	Willawong	10am - 2pm	<i>Willawong Animal Shelter, 501 Gooderham Road, Willawong</i>
26 th September	Bracken Ridge	10am - 2pm	<i>Warra Animal Shelter, 521 Telegraph Rd, Bracken Ridge</i>

Shopping Centre Days

We'd love to meet you at our fundraising days at the venues below; stop by and say hello!

1 st August	Indooroopilly Shopping Centre	9am - 5pm	322 Mogill Rd, Indooroopilly QLD 4068. Level 3, Outside HMV near Myer.
22 nd August	Chermside Shopping Centre	9am - 5pm	Cnr Gympie & Hamilton Rds, Chermside, QLD, 4032 . Opposite Chemworld

Thank You!

We wish to give a huge

thankyou

to the following people:



Trainers Sue and Andrew Holmes, and our Demonstration Team, Kirra, Taasha, Lincoln and Boo

👉 Karen Johnstone, Steve Needham and Andrew and Sue Holmes for their continued dedication to the Canine Helpers team. You will find them volunteering at promotion stalls at the weekends, moving equipment, fostering puppies, finding donations and selling raffle tickets. We couldn't do it without them!

👉 Caboolture Sports Dog Obedience Club for their \$2000 sponsorship of new Field Spaniel puppies Geordie and Archer. This is a fantastic boost to their training fund.

👉 Greencross Vets for hosting collection tins in several of their clinics, which recently raised over \$100.00. Thanks also to Steve Needham for driving to the branches collecting the proceeds.



👉 Black Dog Wear for supplying each of our puppies with their collar, lead, ID coats, training clicker and trainer pouches. This is a very valuable contribution to the production of our assistance dogs.

As a non-government-funded organisation, Canine Helpers relies heavily on support from the community, and contributions like this make it possible for us to train more assistance dogs for people with a disability.

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Update: The Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act, 2009

Three members of the Management Committee have met with policy advisers from Disability Services Queensland (DSQ), to finalise details of the new legislation, and how it is going to affect Canine Helpers and its services. DSQ will be working to have all of the new elements in place by September, when new handler ID cards will become available. There will also be patches and tags provided by DSQ to be worn on the ID coat and/or harness of all accredited dogs.

All of our clients, trainers and puppy raisers are able to continue taking their assistance dogs with them in public. There will be some modifications to the Facility Dog program, which will be communicated to all Facility Dog handlers as soon as the details are confirmed. This will mostly entail some additional training requirements for handlers.

We can confirm that there will be no added financial costs to clients, and no change to the current application/re-application process or biennial public access tests. If you have any concerns about the new legislation and how it might affect you, please call Kate in the office, or email kate@caninehelpers.org.au.

Contact Details

General office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am – 5pm (closed Wednesday, weekends and public holidays).

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