

## Annual General Meeting & Management Committee Nominations



The Annual General Meeting scheduled for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 was postponed, in order to complete the audit process on the accounts.

**The meeting will now be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009**, from 1pm to approximately 3pm, in conjunction with Canine Helpers' Christmas Party (see below for details).

All members, clients and supporters are invited to attend, however only current members will be permitted to vote. Feel free to become a member! Forms are available from the office or on our website.

As a result of the change in date, the new deadline for correspondence to the Secretary, and for Management committee nominations, is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Nomination forms are available from the office or via the website: <http://www.caninehelpers.org.au/about-us>.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY!!



**Merry  
Christmas**  
(and a happy AGM!!)



Please join us to celebrate the festive season, and to wrap up 2009, a year in which we made great developments to help us to provide more assistance dogs to people with a disability. We are having a big, end-of-year extravaganza that will encompass a Management Committee meeting (Committee members only), the Annual General Meeting and a Christmas Party. Please bring the whole family, and something to sit on in the park!

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
<b>Time:</b>	10am – 4pm or so
<b>Venue:</b>	Starting out at <a href="#">Powerhouse Dog Park (New Farm Dog Park)</a> , Lamington Street, New Farm, ambling up the road to <a href="#">The Hutch</a> for Christmas lunch at 12noon, staying there for the AGM until 3pm at the latest, then back to the dog park for more dog play.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$21.00 per person for a 2-course Christmas meal. The menu is attached to this newsletter. <i>Please advise us of special dietary requirements as early as possible. Kid's meals also available.</i>
<b>Dress:</b>	Christmassy! Santa hats, reindeer antlers, sparkly t-shirts etc are compulsory!

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Liz at [liz@caninehelpers.org.au](mailto:liz@caninehelpers.org.au) or on 07 3350 2090 by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas/New Year Office hours



The Canine Helpers office will be closed from 5pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, and will reopen at 9am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010.



An enormous thank you has to go out to all of our staff and volunteers for their outstanding efforts during 2009. This has been a year of large growth for Canine Helpers, which would not have been possible without the combined efforts of everyone involved.

We would like to wish all of our clients, members, sponsors and supporters a wonderful festive season and best wishes for a great 2010, and we are looking forward to another exciting year of puppies, training and promotion.

## Promotion Days

Canine Helpers continues to promote the work of assistance dogs to the general public, while raising much-needed funds. Come and meet some of our volunteers, dogs and puppies at one of our upcoming promotion days.

If you would like to help out at one of our events, please contact Liz at [liz@caninehelpers.org.au](mailto:liz@caninehelpers.org.au) or on 07 3350 2090.



*Amy Ladyko and a sleepy Lincoln at Westfield Strathpine.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Toombul Shopping Centre	9am - 5pm	1015 Sandgate Road, Toombul Outside Wallace Bishop.
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Victoria Point Shopping Centre	9am - 5pm	Cnr of Bunker and Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Victoria Point.

### **Gift Wrapping at Mount Ommaney Shopping Centre, 171 Dandenong Road, Mt Ommaney**

Our little fingers will be working quickly to gift wrap your Christmas presents. Make sure you stop by and say hello!



<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	(10am – 4pm)	New Big W Mall
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	(10am – 4pm)	New Big W Mall
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	(10am – 2pm)	New Big W Mall
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	(10am – 4pm)	Second Kmart Mall
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	(10am – 7pm)	Second Kmart Mall

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with the gift wrapping. If you have an hour to spare, please contact Liz at [liz@caninehelpers.org.au](mailto:liz@caninehelpers.org.au) or on 07 3350 2090.



## Fundraising



### Raffles

The winner of the September raffle is Mrs J Martin of Nundah. Congratulations to you!!!

Our Christmas raffle will be something a little bit special. We are raffling hand-made items donated by our lovely volunteers. They include: knitted doll and dog (see picture), large and small dog quilts, a bottle of champagne and some Hibiscus flowers. A great Xmas hamper! Tickets are \$1 each and are available from the office, or from one of our promotion days (see Page 2 for details).

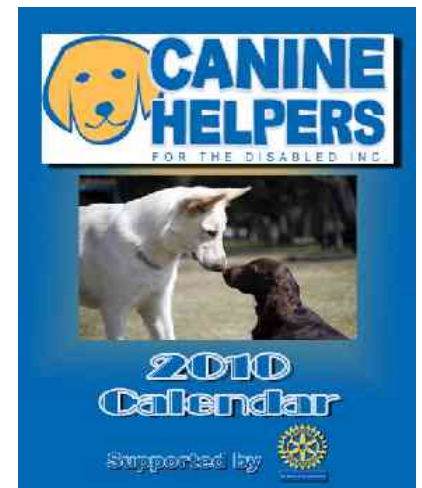


### Canine Helpers 2010 Calendar

Canine Helpers is pleased to announce the production of its first fundraising calendar! The calendar features many of our current graduates and puppies, and the proceeds will go towards training more assistance dogs.

A4 calenders are \$15.00 each and A5 calenders are \$10.00 each. If you would like to order our Calendar please phone the office on 07 3350 2090 or email [liz@caninehelpers.org.au](mailto:liz@caninehelpers.org.au).

The final day for orders is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009.



## Thank You!

We wish to give a huge **THANK YOU** to the following people:

- ★ June Holmes for donating a knitted doll and toy dog for our Christmas raffle.
- ★ Shine Lawyers for their kind donation of \$385.00
- ★ Mrs Helene Cattermole for her donation of two handmade dog quilts.
- ★ Iron Mountain for their kind donation of \$340.00.
- ★ Prestige Pet Products for a huge bundle of pet products.
- ★ Gordon K and June S Harris for their continued support and new donation of \$500.00.

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*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.*

## Who does what and when!

Canine Helpers is run by a small but mighty group of staff and volunteers. To help you to find the right person to talk to, here is a brief summary of the key people and their roles:

Name	<b>Kate Jenian</b>
Role(s)	Manager, part-time volunteer (approximately 25 hours/week).
Responsibilities	Office Manager, Accounts, Client Services, applications, HR, PR and fundraising, website updates.
Availability	Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 – 5pm. However, this often varies depending on weekend events, and other activities held out of the office.
Contact details	<a href="mailto:kate@caninehelpers.org.au">kate@caninehelpers.org.au</a> P: 07 3350 2090 F: 07 3350 2050

Name	<b>Andrew Holmes</b>
Role	Dog Training Co-ordinator, part-time staff (8 hours/week).
Responsibilities	Co-ordinating puppy selection, raising and training. Co-ordinating dog training and placements, conducting team training and private certification courses.
Availability	After hours and weekends.
Contact details	<a href="mailto:andrew@caninehelpers.org.au">andrew@caninehelpers.org.au</a> Canine Helpers mobile: 0437 916 996

Name	<b>Liz Cattermole</b>
Role	Administration Assistant, part-time staff (8 hours/week).
Responsibilities	General administration duties, promotion days bookings and volunteers co-ordination.
Availability	Alternate Monday/Tuesday mornings, 8.30am – 12.30pm and Thursdays 8.30am – 12.30pm.
Contact details	<a href="mailto:liz@caninehelpers.org.au">liz@caninehelpers.org.au</a> P: 07 3350 2090 F: 07 3350 2050

Name	<b>Stephen Needham</b>
Role	IT Guy, part-time volunteer (varied times per week).
Responsibilities	Ensuring all our technical stuff is working!
Availability	After hours and weekends.
Contact details	<a href="mailto:steve@caninehelpers.org.au">steve@caninehelpers.org.au</a>

Canine Helpers is also guided by a Management Committee. The current committee members are:

<b>President</b>	Andrew Holmes (acting)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Andrew Holmes
<b>Secretary</b>	Kate Jenian
<b>Members</b>	Nicole Hargreaves, Sue Holmes, Stephen Needham.



*The Rotary Club of Brisbane*