

# Dogs at Work

Jan – Feb 2010



## Welcome to 2010

We hope that you all had a fun and relaxing festive season, and that 2010 brings everyone good things! We have a busy year ahead, working towards both state and international accreditation, training our puppies, and placing newly trained assistance dogs with new handlers.

We will also be looking for new premises, as we are bursting at the seams in our current office! Our ideal place would include some yard area for our visiting dogs and puppies to run about in, but anywhere with more space will be welcome.

Fundraising will also continue throughout the new year, as most of our funds come from donations given at our promotion days and demonstrations. If you can spare an hour or two we would love to see you at one of our promotion days. We also have some limited opportunities for office volunteers, particularly if you are proficient in MYOB! As Canine Helpers grows, so do our accounting requirements!

But no matter how busy we get, we hope we can catch up with everyone at one of our events through the year. Keep reading *Dogs at Work* for news of upcoming events.

## New Management Committee

At the association's Annual General Meeting, held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009, two new members were elected to the Committee, and Andrew Holmes, Kate Jenian and Nicole Hargreaves were re-elected.

The Management Committee for 2009 – 2010 is as follows:

President:	Andrew Holmes
Vice President:	Steven Needham
Treasurer:	Sue Holmes
Secretary:	Kate Jenian
Ordinary Members:	Nicole Hargreaves, Jo Morgan, Ros Smith



The Management Committee meets every two months, and guides the direction of Canine Helpers. If you wish to have a particular issue raised at a meeting, please contact Kate Jenian (contact details on the back page).

## Advertising Rates

If your business wishes to advertise in *Dogs at Work*, we can offer very reasonable advertising rates:

Ad Size	Cost (incl GST)
¼ Page	\$11.00
½ Page	\$22.00
Full Page	\$33.00

All major sponsors and donors are eligible for free advertising in *Dogs at Work*, as well as advertising on our website.

## Revised Office Hours



Please note our office hours for 2010:

**10am - 4pm**, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Our office is run by part-time staff and volunteers, and so we are not able to open the office full-time. We are also occasionally out of the office at presentations, meetings and events, but always try to respond to phone messages and emails as quickly as possible.

*Our office is closed on Wednesdays, weekends and public holidays.*

## Thank You!

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

- Nicky Pittendreigh for her invaluable help at shopping centre fundraising days and for dog sitting puppies and walking (and even running!) them as needed.
- Jenny Gill for dog sitting Baron over the Christmas break and for her on-going volunteering with Canine Helpers
- Helen Ridley for dog sitting Riker while his puppy raisers were on holidays and for continuing to support Canine Helpers in a volunteer role.
- Dan Murphy at Chermside for donating a gift voucher to be used as part of our fundraising.



## Promotion Days

Canine Helpers will be out and about in a shopping centre near you raising much-needed funds. Come and meet some of our volunteers, dogs and puppies at one of our upcoming promotion days.

***We would also love to see you come along and support our Sausage Sizzle at Capalaba Bunnings in February. Have a sausage on bread and say hi!***



*Bree-Anna and JJ at the promotion day last Hallowe'en.*

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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday January 23rd	Garden City Shopping Centre	9am - 5pm	Outside Chi-link Cnr Logan & Kessels Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Bunnings Capalaba Sausage Sizzle!</b>	<b>9am - 5pm</b>	<b>Mt Cotton Road, Capalaba</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Indooroopilly Shopping Centre	9am - 5pm	Outside Woolworths Level 1 322 Moggill Road, Indooroopilly
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Kippa Ring Peninsula Fair	9am - 5pm	Outside Coles 272 Anzac Avenue, Kippa Ring
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Robina Town Centre	9am - 5pm	Near Target/Noni B Robina Town Centre Drive (off Robina Parkway)

## Fundraising



### Raffles

Our Christmas raffle was won by J Ferrie of Nundah. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy the prize.

*Our current raffle is for a basket of doggy-related items, such as leads and toys. Tickets are just \$1.00 each, and are on sale from the office or at one of our promotion days until Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February.*

### Canine Helpers 2010 Calender

Our 2010 Calender has sold out its first and second print runs. We have been thrilled with the support people have shown and we plan to do another calender for 2011. We would ideally like to showcase all our graduates and puppies in the next calender and will announce a BBQ-cum-photo shoot later in the year. Stay tuned!

The proceeds from this calender will, as ever, go towards training and placing more assistance dogs.



## Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act (Qld)

The next stage of the accreditation process is coming up, with an assessment of our operations being carried out in early February. However, there is still no timeframe for the accreditation process to be completed.

Once we have received accreditation from Disability Services Queensland (DSQ), we will be able to apply for Handler ID cards for all of our clients, and DSQ will issue their logo patches/tags.

We will continue to keep you posted on our progress through this process. In the meantime, public access privileges continue to be protected under Section 9 of the Disability Discrimination Act.

If you experience any problems with public access, please let us know. DSQ is also keen to hear about any issues regarding public access for people with assistance dogs.


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## Contact Details

General office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 - 4pm (closed Wednesday, weekends and public holidays).

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## Donation Form

Please detach this section and return to the address below with your donation (thanks!). Please make cheques or money orders payable to Canine Helpers for the Disabled Inc. All donations over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

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