

Dogs at Work

March – April 2010



Rosie the Labradoodle

Meet Rosie, a two-year old Labradoodle, another new recruit to our assistance dog training program. Rosie was talent-spotted at a rescue shelter by Canine Helpers trainer Lisa-Maree Price, and is now in training with Cyn D Fisher to work as a Therapy Dog with a young person with autism.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Deanne Johnstone and Cody, her 2-year-old Golden Retriever X Border Collie. Deanne and Cody successfully passed their final Public Access test at the end of February, and are now a fully-fledged Service Dog Team.

Cody was trained by Deanne, and they completed the Private Certification Course last year.

Public Access Tests

The time is coming around again for public access tests (PATs), and testing will take place throughout March and April, conducted by our team of trainers.

In previous years, public access testing has been free of charge to clients, but we have now had to impose a fee for the testing, to cover the costs of trainers' time and travel.



Public Access Test Fees

Member of Canine Helpers	\$25.00
Non-Member	\$50.00

Re-Test (after failure) Fees

Member of Canine Helpers	\$30.00
Non-Member	\$60.00

Payments can be made in advance to the office or on the day to the trainer. Please contact the office if you would like to pay in instalments.

All Canine Helpers graduate teams must pass a public access test every two years in order to maintain their public access privileges. New graduates take the PAT again the year after their graduation, and biennially thereafter.

Canine Helpers uses the Assistance Dogs International public access test for all of its clients, and should anyone wish to brush up on the test beforehand, the test is available on the ADI website:

<http://assistancedogsinternational.org/publicaccesstest.php>

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Usually, clients not due for a PAT this year would receive a follow-up visit from one of our trainers during this time. However, this year we have additional public access criteria to meet for Disability Services Queensland (DSQ), in line with the Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs legislation, so all graduates will be required to take the public access test this year.

Once the DSQ criteria have been met by all graduates, we will be able to apply for DSQ Handler ID cards. Please note that **there are no new tasks required for clients to meet the DSQ criteria**, which is similar to the ADI test criteria, just an additional question regarding the toileting routine for the dog.

All clients will receive confirmation of their testing requirements in the coming weeks.

Should anyone fail their public access test, that team must wait 30 days before the test can be re-taken. This may mean that the team will be denied public access until such times as the test can be taken again.

If you would like to book a session with a Canine Helpers trainer before your test, please contact the office (contact details on the back page).

ID Coat Hire

Canine Helpers has decided to discontinue charging a fee for coat hire, as it has become necessary to charge a fee for PATs. However, Canine Helpers ID coats remain the property of Canine Helpers.

Management Committee Update

I had a brain explosion and left Nicki Pittendreigh out of our list of Management Committee members in our last edition of *Dogs at Work*. Nicki joined the Committee at the Annual General Meeting, as an Ordinary member. Nicki is taking on the responsibility of chasing up puppy progress reports from our wonderful puppy raisers, and is also volunteering in the office on a fortnightly basis.



My apologies, Nicki! The full list can be seen on our website:

<http://www.caninehelpers.org.au/about-us>.

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New Sponsorship

Canine Helpers has received an outstanding donation from Vet's All Natural, providing us with 30kg of their Puppy Complete Mix and 30kg of their Adult Complete Mix.

Dexter, Assistance Dog Extraordinaire, has tested it out, and it meets his high standards. I found it to be a great alternative to purchasing raw food patties, and easy to manage. The mix needs to be pre-soaked (overnight is best) and then stirred into pet mince. We use it alongside meaty bones, and all the other good elements of a raw food diet.



This will be made available to our puppies and learner dogs free of charge, and to other clients on arrangement. If you feel that there are other products in their range that would be of benefit to our dogs and puppies, please let us know! <http://www.vetsallnatural.com.au>

“Thank You” to Lisa Williamson for suggesting Vet's All Natural as a potential sponsor. *If you have an idea about possible sponsorship for Canine Helpers, please email the office.*

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.

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

Date	Event	Times	Location
Saturday 6 th March	Kippa Ring Peninsula Fair	9am – 5pm	Outside Coles 272 Anzac Avenue, Kippa Ring
Saturday 20 th March	Robina Town Centre	9am – 5pm	Near Target/Noni B Robina Town Centre Drive (off Robina Parkway)
Saturday 1 st May	Centro Toombul	9am – 5pm	Outside Wallace Bishop 1015 Sandgate Road, Toombul, QLD, 4012
Saturday 1 st May	Wynnum Plaza	9am – 5pm	Between Brumby's and Priceline 2021 Wynnum Road, Wynnum, Qld 4178



Our Demo Team:
Lincoln, Taasha,
Boo and Kirra,
with Learner
assistance dog,
Harley.

Fundraising



Raffles

Our January raffle was won by Alan Jones of Runcorn. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy the prize.

Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act (Qld) update

We have now had our facility assessment from Disability Services Queensland and Seeing Eye Dogs Australia, and are waiting to see if we have completed the assessment process, and whether we have been approved! We have our fingers and paws crossed....

Contact Details

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

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