

HIGHLIGHTS

New office!

Annual General Meeting

Client Story:
Deanne and Cody

New Puppy Jadzia

Got fleas?! We can help.

We are moving!

Canine Helpers is excited to announce that we are moving into our own place, which will give us much more space for our staff and volunteers to work in. Our post office box and other contact details will remain the same, but our street address is now:

19 Thomas Street, Chermside. 4032

We are planning an Open Day on Saturday 4th December, in conjunction with International Day for People with a Disability. More information on the event will be available closer to the time.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Canine Helpers will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 23rd October 2010 from 10am until approximately 12noon, at its office at 19 Thomas Street, Chermside. All members of the association are encouraged to attend and have a say in the running of the organisation.

The AGM is an important event in the running of Canine Helpers, with the main business of the meeting to elect the Board, which governs the association. All of the Board members step down from their positions at each AGM, and nominations are invited for all positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Ordinary Member (up to three positions).

Previous holders of Board positions are eligible to re-nominate. Nominees must be a member of Canine Helpers, and need to have their nominations proposed and seconded by members of Canine Helpers.

For members who can't attend the meeting itself, Proxy voting is available.

Proxy forms need to be received by the Secretary by Friday 15th October 2010.

The membership, nomination and proxy forms are also available on our website, in the Membership and About Us sections. The 2009—2010 Annual Report and audited financials will be available before and at the meeting. If you would like copies posted to you, please contact the office.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided; **please RSVP to the Secretary by Friday 22nd October**, to help us with catering.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like more information on what is involved in being a member of a Board, the OurCommunity website has excellent information:

http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/boards/boards_main.jsp



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Deanne and Cody



Deanne
Johnson and
Cody at
Southbank

Cody and I started our journey on our way to becoming an assistance dog team when Cody was 4 months old. We started training with Andrew Holmes twice a week. When Cody was 18 months old we were accepted into the Private Certification Course. We worked with Andrew over a six month period in preparation for the public access test. During that time,

I learnt a lot about patience and how I didn't have very much of it. One day in Chermside, I was stressing about how Cody was doing. Andrew told me that I can either get it together or we can go home right now and I forget all about my stress. As you can see I decided to suck it up and get on with it. The private certification program gave me the confidence to know that I was able to control a dog while being in a wheelchair. Cody was great at learning new things. I always used to joke with Andrew about how Cody would do things for him but not for me, but he would always say, 'it's patience'. Cody has learnt a lot over the past couple of years, he can now pick objects up for me, take my

socks off at night, get my partner when I ask him to and we are learning to open and close doors at the moment. All of these things make my life so much easier. I can honestly say that never in my dreams did I ever think that we could get this far but now I have a job and Cody can come with me. It's a relief as well as I drop my pens all the time and he's always there to pick them up for me. I thoroughly enjoyed the 6 month Private Certification experience. Cody is just the best thing that I could ever ask for. It's not an easy course but it's very rewarding when you see all the amazing things that assistance dogs can do for you. Cody will constantly learn new things with me and I know that Canine Helpers and the trainers will be there to help with any questions and problems I have.

Deanne Johnson

Jadzia, our latest recruit



Pointer puppy Jadzia (Aspyre Meant Two Be) was donated to Canine Helpers by James and Alicia Lumsden of Aspyre Kennels. 14-week old Jadzia (pronounced "Jad-zee-ah") is being puppy-raised by Alan Clarke, and has started attending her first puppy classes. Jadzia was named after Star Trek character Jadzia Dax (pictured), on account of her spots—and because we like naming our puppies after Star Trek characters!



Jadzia Dax

Harley Graduates

Our lovely Labrador Harley graduated as a fully-fledged service dog with new handler Riad Jaber on 31st August. The Pine Rivers Dog Obedience Club is hosting a graduation party for all those who played a part in Harley's training, where Harley will receive his graduate ID coat. On Harley's first sleep-over with Riad, during their team training, Harley found a pair of glasses Riad hadn't been able to find in three months. Riad was naturally delighted and has bonded well with his new partner. Congratulations to Riad and Harley.

Fundraising and Events

Forthcoming Shopping Centre Promotional Visits

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at our promotional events at shopping centres, talking to members of the public, selling merchandise and taking donations. Even a small amount of time can help, allowing other volunteers to take a break. All training is provided! Please contact Liz in the office if you are able to assist.

Date	Venue
Saturday 25 th September	Capalaba Park Shopping Centre , Mt Cotton Rd & Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba (Coles end outside Sanity)
Saturday 25 th September	Deception Bay Shopping Centre , 1 Bay Avenue, Deception Bay (Woolworths end near Amcal Chemist)
Saturday 9 th October	Westfield Strathpine , 295 Gympie Rd, Strathpine QLD 4500 (Woolworths end near Dick Smith)
Saturday 30 th October	Pacific Fair Shopping Centre , Hooker Boulevard, Broadbeach QLD 4218

Thank You!

Our warmest thanks go out to everyone that has been helping us with our office move. We have had volunteers emptying our storage container, carrying boxes, arranging furniture and cleaning: Paul Shelbourne, Stephen Needham, Bianca Johns, Outi Marsh and Sue and Andrew Holmes. Huge thanks also to all the lovely people who have donated items to furnish our office: Andrew and Sue Holmes, Sue's Mum, and Bianca Johns and Ash. It's all greatly appreciated.

Membership of Canine Helpers

Membership of Canine Helpers is available to all members of the community, and offers some excellent membership benefits.

All members are entitled to two one-hour training sessions with one of our dog trainers, with additional sessions available for just \$40 per hour.

Members are also eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting and to hold positions on the association's Board and committees.

Preventative medications and some other pet products will soon be available to purchase from Canine Helpers, with members receiving an additional discount on already low prices. We still have some stocks available of Vets All Natural Complete Mix for adult dogs and puppies. Please contact Liz in the office if you are interested in purchasing some Vets All Natural Complete Meal for your Dog.

Members' Price: \$5.00/kg
 Non-members: \$10.00/kg

Membership fees:

- \$22.00 Single Adult
- \$11.00 Single Junior (under 18)
- \$38.50 Family
- \$500 Life (after one full year of membership)

Membership forms are available on our website or from the office.

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June each year.





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General office hours are:
Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday, 10 - 4pm
(closed Wed, weekends and public holidays).

Wanted: Stuff!

If you have any shelving or office furniture you don't need, we may be able to make use of it in our new office, freeing up valuable space in your garage or under your house. We are also on the lookout for single bedding and pillows for our overnight room, which we have just in case someone needs to stay in the office with one or more of our puppies or dogs.



If you have anything you'd like to donate, please contact Liz in the office, or at liz@caninehelpers.org.au to arrange pick-up or delivery.

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Canine Helpers

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