



Seeing Eye Dogs
Vision Australia



*It's your favourite spokes-puppy,
Gulliver, with the puppy news
you've been waiting for!*

Hi Friend,

Can you believe me and my pack are nine months old? It feels like just yesterday we were cute little puppies discovering the world. I feel so lucky to have you looking out for us as we grow stronger and more confident every day. Thank you for being your generous and wonderful self!

Last week, I caught up with my pack on an exciting Paw Pals puppy carer group walk. I was so happy to see my sisters Genie and Glossy, and the walk was such fun! Can you imagine 30 puppies and dogs all together? It was a forest of wagging tails – hehe!

After we said hello, everyone did their best to be calm and walk nicely in a group. It's super important for us to be able to focus and ignore distractions, especially around other dogs -that's why we often train in groups. Even though we were so excited to see each other, we settled quickly and were calm and focused on our training.

I am proud of us all and I know you are, too! Woof! We are so very grateful for your kindness and compassion. Thank you for championing the cause of those who are blind or have low vision. With your support, my pack is making incredible progress.

Confident, comfortable, calm and cuddly – that's my wonderful sister, Genie! She's already showing the skills needed to be the paw-fect Seeing Eye Dog. Some of us take time to learn how to ignore other people and dogs, but Genie's puppy carer says she seemed to know what to do from the start – wow, great job Genie!

Genie is already a pro with basic obedience skills, like 'sit', 'down' and 'stay', and she knows when her puppy training coat goes on – she's on duty! And when it comes off, she's ready for play, pats and cuddles!

**Genie and her
housemate, Cheer.**



Guess what? Genie had another famous sponsored puppy-in-training, Cheer, as a housemate! They were the best of friends while living together!

Clever Genie has also been busy on trains, buses and trams, getting used to boarding, alighting and tucking herself in safely under a seat. Go, Genie!

Next is my other favourite sister, Glossy. She really is like her name. Her coat is so glossy, isn't it? There's a long list of cues she already knows 'down', 'stay', 'leave',

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Glossy has been out and about in her local community.

'sit', and 'on your bed'. She's learning so much every day, and it's all thanks to you!

Glossy has a very busy, happy household. Her puppy carers are retired, but I hear that means they are even busier than when they were working! There are three families for Glossy to play with, including five of her carers' grandchildren. So much love and attention – what a fun household!

Glossy has been visiting all kinds of interesting places, like supermarkets, shopping centres, medical clinics, chemists and even kids' sporting events! These outings help her get used to people, traffic, noise, and all the funny smells and sights around her. She's even been on camping trips and long car rides, settling in nicely wherever she goes. Glossy, you're just paw-some!

So how about me? Well, I'm glad you asked!

Someone told me there was a famous human called Gulliver who did a lot of travelling. Well, I reckon I've made more paw prints than him! My puppy carer loves exploring, so we've been to the beach, on lots of hikes and even out for pizza. There are always interesting smells and things to see, but I work hard to be on my best behaviour everywhere we go! Woof!

I'm also quite the polite pup – I wait for my carer to blow the whistle before eating and go onto my bed as soon as I am asked. I hope that makes you proud!

My puppy carer works at home and in the city, so I get to practice being quiet and calm under her desk almost every day. When we go to work in the city, we catch the train and I meet all the people in the office, who treat me like a celebrity. Aw, shucks...

But when my puppy training coat is on, I stay focused, ignoring all the people around me (even though I'd love to say hello). My carer says I'm 'diligent,' which I think means that I'm clever!

Life as a puppy-in-training is anything but dull and we love learning from our patient puppy carers and puppy development trainers! **We have you to thank for every single training session we do. Thank you, from the bottom of our puppy hearts!**

Lots of puppy love and hugs,

Gulliver xox 

P.S. With the festive season nearly here, my friends at Seeing Eye Dogs have enclosed a couple of Christmas cards for you to share with someone special. These cards are a token of our appreciation and a way to let others know that you are a proud sponsor of Seeing Eye Dogs.



Gulliver loves wearing his special puppy training coat.



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