



Seeing Eye Dogs
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Dear Diary,

Oh what a whirlwind of excitement these past couple of months have been! The memories of the Seeing Eye Dogs PawPals Christmas party still bring a wag to my tail. It feels like just yesterday, but oh, how time flies! I got to catch up with Tori and Trevi there! You should have seen the obstacle course we got to run on, it was super fun! We also got to play games that challenged our obedience and distraction skills, but we nailed it!

I had a blast with my carer's family over Christmas. Lots of relaxing and napping – two of my favourite things to do, along with food and belly rubs. Santa was very kind, I got a shell pool for summer splashing, thanks Santa!!

Lately, I've been on car rides, and in buses and trains, wearing my puppy training coat. I always feel special when I'm wearing it, lots of people look at me and smile! I'm learning not to say hello to them all. That's because, when I'm a working dog, I will have to be on my best behaviour. I must concentrate on just the person I'm guiding.

But when I'm at home, I'm allowed to say a big hello to visitors, my carer says I run really fast and my big ears flap up and down like Dumbo... I don't know who he is, but he must be cute!

One of the best days of the week is Sunday because my carer works at a disability residential care home on Sundays, and I go along too. I'm always told how nice, gentle and friendly I am with all the people I meet.

Would you believe my sister Tori knows all about dancing? The children in her house go to dance lessons and competitions and she has a front row seat. Her carers are so proud, as she isn't fazed by the noise, excitement and waits patiently every time!

Tori spends a lot of time helping with drop off and pick up from school, kinder and play group, and she's always very well behaved and calm. She also learned to sleep right through the night after only two nights with her carer. A big achievement for a little pup! Good work Tori!

My sister got lots of new toys for Christmas and found the Christmas tree and the presents underneath a really



*I have so much
exciting news to share!*



**Tori is a school
drop-off whizz!**





fascinating thing. Why is there a tree inside the house??
Sometimes humans are funny!

Now, let's talk about my brother Trevi! He's now mastered 'sit', 'down', 'wait', and 'recall'. His carer says he is a very intelligent and confident puppy. What a good boy he is!

Trevi lives in a very busy household with lots of comings and goings. His schedule includes school drop off, accompanying his carer to work at a real estate office, house inspections, back to the office for a quick snooze on his carer's feet (so comfy). He then helps pick up the kids from school, takes them to after school activities, and goes for an evening walk. Whew – what a day!

Chadstone Shopping Centre is REALLY big, so when Trevi attended his first group training session there at 11 weeks, and did really well, his carer was so proud. He also excelled

at a session at the train station, learning to navigate on and off the train, as well as sitting under his carer's seat. At Jells Park, he confidently walked on different surfaces like stepping stones, large rocks and stairs in the playground. Trevi's carer says he's a star!

Santa was kind to Trevi too. He got a cuddly bear and a toy hot dog that squeaks! Trevi spent Christmas Day with his family and played with new dog friends. At rest time, he sat calmly while tethered and watched all the excitement. I'm so proud of Trevi!

Well, I've got to dash. I'm off to lunch with my carer and her friends now – so better put my puppy training coat on before we leave. **Sometimes I hope I will see our special sponsors when I am out and about wearing my coat. With permission, I'd say hello and give them a kiss! They're just the best and we are working hard to make them proud!**

Until next time...

Tommy xox 



Tommy and his siblings are here



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