



Seeing Eye Dogs
Vision Australia



Woof Woof!
Hello, it's Tommy here!

Dear Friend,

I'm back and thrilled to update you on the progress of me and my pack! It's been a whirlwind of growth and learning, and I can't wait to share our achievements with you.

Your support means everything to us. Every step we take, every challenge we conquer, is made possible by your kindness and generosity. Without you, our journey to assist people who are blind or have low vision across Australia wouldn't be possible. You are just awesome!

My pack is seven months old now, and we've grown both in size and skill. We've embraced our special training coats and each day when we step out of the house we are honing our focus amidst distractions. We are navigating public transport, conquering stairs and jumping into lifts like pros! Each day presents new adventures and opportunities for learning, and we're loving every moment.

Let's start with my sister, Janelle. She has been working hard on perfecting her skills and makes sure she puts her best paw forward when walking on a lead. She is beginning to learn the difference between 'coat on' and 'coat off', which is so important in our training. Go Janelle!



I'm so proud of my sister – she makes a good impression with her confident and calm behaviour when she is out and about, even though she is a curious puppy who loves to learn about the world! This is especially important in busy areas, where it's easy to get distracted. A fully qualified Seeing Eye Dog needs to be focused and on task to keep their handler safe at all times.

Janelle also gets lots of practice on public transport. She goes out with her wonderful carer every single day! She has been on trains, buses, and trams!

Janelle is great at remaining calm in busy areas, like cafes.

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Tonka recently visited a train station.

And guess what? Janelle recently had a training session with our brothers, Trevi and Tonka! Even though they were super excited to see each other, they walked calmly together and enjoyed each other's company. It's so lovely to see them all thriving, isn't it?

What else? Oh yes – I'm so impressed with all the places Janelle has visited. Check out this list! She has visited hospitals, kennels, the theatre, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, local parks, the city, restaurants and the beach! Whew – no wonder Janelle is ready to have a big sleep at the end of her day. What a busy pup!

Tonka has equally exciting news to share! He has loved getting to know his puppy carer and has been trying really hard to be on his absolute best behaviour. He is also working hard learning how to go up and down stairs slowly and steadily and getting in and out of the car. Tonka has also mastered the command 'touch', where a puppy touches their nose to the carer's hand. One day, when he is a fully trained Seeing Eye Dog, this can help a person who is blind or has low vision put on his harness. Excellent work, Tonka!

Thank you for helping us to learn new skills every day, and for caring so much about us. We love you lots and we're working hard to make you proud!

This is all our news for now. I hope you've enjoyed reading about what we've been up to.

Sending you huuuuge puppy hugs and lots of kisses.

Tommy xox 



Tonka is mastering the art of going up and down stairs slowly.



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