



Paddy's Pack Letter 3

Dear Friend,

Woof, woof! Hello again, it's me, Paddy, your official spokes-puppy for Paddy's Pack. Did you know!? One of my favourite things to do is writing to you. Yippee!

I wanted to send you a big furry hug from all of us to say thank you for being part of our pack. We are so grateful to have you with us on our journey as we learn to be the best Seeing Eye Dogs puppies-in-training we can be.

I am doing fantastic at home with my Puppy Carer dad, Dan. We are having so much fun together. I am practising my commands every day and getting out and about, but enough about me. Today I get to share more adventures from my siblings Pixie, Pickles and Phantom.

Pixie sends you a big woof, hi! She has settled into life with her Puppy Carer mum, Emma. They have been busy getting out for walks in Pixie's official Seeing Eye Dogs blue puppy training coat, with L plates on it.

Pixie said her walking has really improved since last time we wrote and she is remembering to stay on the left side now which is an important part of training. She is working on her distractions and is getting much better at keeping her focus on mum when there are other dogs around.

She recently went to a group catch-up where there were about 40 other puppies. While it was exciting to see so many puppies in one place, she said she stayed on her best behaviour. She even crossed a moving suspension bridge very calmly under the watchful eye of her Puppy Development Trainer!

Pixie wanted me to include a photo of her to show you her favourite place, Bunnings. We are growing so much and look like fully grown dogs now. I have also included a photo of Pickles at the beach. She loves to relax in the sand and watch all the action!

Pickles sends you a big hello! She is doing so well with her training, with the help of her official Puppy Carer mum, Marcia. Marcia lives with her daughter Brigitte, and they are both taking great care of Pickles.

Pickles has been on lots of outings lately to cafés and supermarkets as well as to a

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friend's house for dinner. She has been practising travelling on trams and trains and is getting very good at sitting underneath her mum's seat.

She is slowly getting used to loud noises as well. Especially the noises on the street from rubbish trucks, skateboard riders and normal traffic noises too. She has been doing lots of walking in her Seeing Eye Dogs blue puppy training coat and has been practising walking on the left-hand side of her mum.

Pickles told me how much she loves running around in her mum's garden and relaxing in the sunshine when she's having a break from her training. Her favourite toy that she likes to carry around at home is her small soft teddy.

I am also excited to tell you all about Phantom and his new family. He lives with his Puppy Carer mum, Julie.

Incredibly, Phantom is the 10th Seeing Eye Dogs puppy that Julie has cared for, so he knows he is in excellent care.

Phantom's days are very busy. In the mornings he travels in the car with his Mum to pick up her grandchildren and take them to primary school. He can now confidently lead her granddaughter to her classroom. His mum is very proud of him! Yay, Phantom!

Each day Phantom goes to work with his mum at a cabinet making business, but stays nice and safe in the office. There is lots of loud machinery on-site, and he is now used to the noise, and can settle quickly and even sleep through it - very valuable for his puppy training.

Phantom also visits his mum's parents, who are now in a nursing home. He always arrives in his puppy coat and does quite well to avoid distractions and to not interact with the residents while he is in his coat. They love watching him in training!

Phantom recently went on a training session with his Puppy Development Trainer, Claire. They caught the train for the first time from Frankston to Mordialloc and Phantom never hesitated to get on or off the train. He remained calm the entire time, a very important skill that Seeing Eye Dogs need to have

I hope you are enjoying hearing about all the milestones we are making as Seeing Eye Dogs puppies-in-training. We love sharing them with you and having you celebrate them with us.

Until then, thank you so much for your support. We couldn't do our important job without you.

I will write to you again very soon.

Big puppy cuddles, licks and lots of love,

Paddy xox



P.S. Thank you for being part of Paddy's pack. We love sharing our journey with you. It means the world to us that you are here supporting us. Thanks again!



