



Seeing Eye Dogs
Vision Australia



*It's me, Lyric – back with
an exciting update!*

Dear Friend,

I bet you've been wondering what my pack has been up to. Well, I've got so much good news to share with you!

We've just turned 10 months old. Every day is an adventure – we're learning so much and dreaming about the future.

But before I give you the exciting updates, I want to send you the biggest thank you ever. Your generosity and kindness give me and my pack the chance to grow into amazing Seeing Eye Dogs!

Let's get started with my gorgeous sister. Gentle, calm, and cuddly, Latte has settled in beautifully with her family. She starts her mornings having one-sided staring competitions with the family, sitting by the side of their beds until they wake up. She's just so excited for the day ahead! Hehe!

Latte has had so many training wins! She is improving her skills in dog distraction and responds perfectly to 'sit', 'drop' and 'stand'. At busy, crowded school events, she stays calm and focused. That's wonderful practice for her future role as a Seeing Eye Dog!

My beautiful sister Libby has settled into an on-the-go routine with her carer, and handles public transport with ease, whether buses, trains or trams. It's essential for Libby to feel comfortable on different types of transport so that in the future, she can take her handler anywhere and everywhere. Libby has the makings of a devoted and confident Seeing Eye Dog for someone special.

When she's not hopping on and off public transport, Libby is learning workplace manners with her carer. Everyone adores her gentle, sweet nature.

During her downtime, Libby joins her carer family on outings to grocery stores, church, the movies and the beach, and she even stayed overnight in a hotel. No matter where she goes, Libby stays calm and confident, following the cues her carer provides. Good work Libby!

And now, me – Lyric! My carer says I am a gentle giant who loves to play with all the toys in my toy box at once – hehe! And I'm not such a little puppy anymore. I'm getting so big – but I still love an evening cuddle (don't you?).



Latte is a calm and gentle girl.

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Libby is growing into a confident young pup!

I've got so many new skills – like excellent recall (I come first time, every time) and love to show how good I am at 'under' anywhere, from a café to a cinema or bus. One of my biggest adventures was visiting the local TAFE. I explored classrooms, the cafeteria, and even the library – I'm a well-read pup now!

Despite all the people and activities that went on around me, I managed to stay focused, just like a future Seeing Eye Dog should. My carer said I'll be exploring all sorts of different places like this. Showing skills like this means I'm one step closer on my training journey.

But my adventures have not stopped there. As well as having an overnight stay at Seeing Eye Dogs HQ, I've had some fun mini-holidays in hotels in St Kilda and Bendigo. Staying in new places gives me good practice in being confident and adaptable. My carer said I showed a lot of confidence!

Oh! I've got one more thing to share. You'll be sooo proud of me. I walked right past a sausage sizzle and completely ignored those wonderful smells. How did I do it, you ask? Well, a puppy never shares his secrets! Hehe! My carers were over the moon with the focus and self-control I displayed and gave me lots of praise.

Our 10-month assessment is just around the corner. We've been practicing how to navigate around traffic, walking on busy streets, unfamiliar surfaces and past other dogs. I'm sure we'll ace it!

Things just keep getting more exciting for us as we continue to grow and learn, and it's all thanks to your wonderful support. You deserve the biggest tail wags for helping me and my pack on this journey!

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Christmas, filled with joy, and maybe a few treats under the tree – I know that's what I'll be hoping for!

Until next time, lots of puppy love,

Lyric xox 

P.S. Take a look inside the envelope to find some special puppy Christmas cards that I've sent you to share with your family or friends.



Lyric is confident on public transport.



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