

## **SLD News August 2015**

### **Puppies in Prison**

At the time of our last journal entry *Coda* and *Lyric* had recently returned to Auckland for advanced training. Grant was in Auckland on Mobility Dogs business at the end of March and had the opportunity to visit *Coda* and *Lyric* in the Puppies in Prison programme. Since we were *Lyric's* raisers, Grant was curious to know how she would react to him. When Grant first approached, *Lyric* sniffed the air wondering from where this reminiscent and pleasant aroma was coming. Grant took a few more steps towards her, and 10,000 lightbulbs popped on!...*Lyric* goes ballistic. When things settled down, Grant retreated behind a nearby building where he could watch the training at a distance so as not to distract *Lyric*.

Ten dogs were being trained in the courtyard, a handler assigned to each dog. Grant had these words to say about the training: "The training session, led by Nat, senior trainer, was extremely organised and well-structured. The inmates took great pride in showing off their dogs' skills, competing in a friendly manner, helping each other and overall demonstrating excellence in training and team spirit."

### **Enter Two Black Labradors**

On 12 December, 2014 two adorable black Lab puppies arrived from Auckland. Named after New Zealand singers/songwriters, *Benny* and *Dobbyn* are being raised by the Reids and David and Kim Wright. As of 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 the brothers were six months old and progressing nicely in their training. Training sessions happen once or twice a week in Arrowtown town centre.

### **Enter One Golden Labrador**

In late March *Hadlee* joined puppy class. Three months old when he arrived and full of puppy spunk, golden Labrador, *Hadlee*, is in the capable hands of first-time puppy raisers, Tony and Sally Hutson. So our SLD puppy club thrives and changes; Labradors are a first for the SLD puppy club.

### **Go Fleur!**

Ambassaadog *Fleur* has gone global in spreading the word about Mobility Dogs. Guests from around the world stay at Lavender Terrace Bed & Breakfast which is also *Fleur's* home, and Ambassaadog *Fleur* is more than happy to give guests a demonstration of the Mobility Dogs tasks. *Fleur* was also instrumental in garnering a sizeable donation from our neighbour and friend who is an apricot poodle-lover.

And that's the current news for the SLD puppy club. Until next time...

Cheers,

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