

# Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

## Puppy Socialiser Application Form

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs need Puppy Socialisers to assist in raising and training young pups before they are ready to enter full time training to become ears to the Deaf and hard of hearing. If you meet the following criteria, you may be just who we are looking for!

- Has a genuine love for dogs of any shape or size.
- Can commit to caring for and training a pup for six months.
- Aren't committed to full time employment, or can take a dog to work.
- Willing to work with a member of Australian Lions Hearing Dog training staff within your home, out in public and at our National Headquarters and Training Centre.
- Will comply with, and adhere to our Puppy Socialising Coordinator and our Puppy Socialiser Guidelines.
- Able to spend time working with the puppy each day and a visit from our Puppy Program Coordinator on a fortnightly basis.
- Able to travel to our National Headquarters and Training Centre, or to a vet in an emergency.
- Willing to have the puppy sleep inside your house, in a crate.
- Have a fully fence yard, with sheltered area and some grass.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs will provide all food, equipment and veterinary care for all puppies out in care, but need people who can give loving homes and be involved in socialisation and basic training.

The program will include fortnightly visits either in your home or training sessions in a town centre or at ALHD training centre at Verdun. Where possible, we will arrange puppy socialisation classes at an ALHD approved vet. We will always be available in case you run into trouble.

Even if you don't meet every one of the criteria above, this is an ever evolving program and you may be able to help by being emergency accommodation or looking after puppies short-term or at times through the week. We encourage all who are interested to contact our Puppy Program Coordinator if you have any questions.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs will be recruiting puppies from a number of different sources including pounds, shelters and rescue organisations and breeders. There will be a great variety of breeds within the Puppy Program that you may be asked to look after.

Even if you haven't ever owned a dog before, the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Puppy Program may be perfect for you. It gives you a chance to receive training in owning and raising a puppy, without long term commitment.

APPLICANT DETAILS	
NAME	
DATE OF BIRTH	
ADDRESS	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
PHONE	
MOBILE	
EMAIL	

EMPLOYMENT	
OCCUPATION	
HOURS OF WORK	
Are you able to take your dog to work?	

FAMILY		
Do you have other people living with you? Please list below.		
Name	Relationship	Age
Do you have children who visit regularly?		
If yes, what ages?		

PETS
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Do you have any other pets?
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If so please list:
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Do they sleep outside?
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Have they been around dogs before?
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Are you planning on moving in the next 6 months?
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Are you a member of a dog club or walking club?
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Are you a member of a service or volunteer organisation?
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Do you attend local sporting events?
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Do you visit nursing homes or aged care facilities?
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Are there any water features in your garden?
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