

About Lions

Lions Hearing Dogs is a project of the Lions Clubs of Australia and Papua New Guinea, who support the project with funds raised from the sale of Lions Christmas Cakes, Lions Mints and other special events.

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What our dogs can do for you or for someone you love

Do you miss visitors because you can't hear them at the door? Have you slept through the smoke alarm or have anxiety about doing so? Or do you know someone that lives with hearing loss? A Lions Hearing Dog may be the answer you're looking for.

Lions Hearing Dogs are trained to physically alert their owners to everyday household sounds such as a door knock, telephone, baby cry and smoke alarm, just to name a few. They can also get help with one simple command.

Deafness is an unseen disability. It can bring feelings of isolation, loneliness and a loss of independence. Our dogs have helped give many of their owners the confidence to take that first step back into society and to become members of their community again. Sometimes for the first time.

Our Dogs

Lions Hearing Dogs are mainly rescue dogs from local shelters and each one is unique in looks and personality. They come in all shapes, sizes, colours, they are the ultimate individuals.



Public Access

Our dogs have public access rights so they can legally accompany their owners into shops, restaurants, on buses, planes, and in taxis etc. The way to identify one of our dogs is by its bright orange collar, lead, harness or jacket that has LIONS HEARING DOG printed on it. Our dogs also have a special Identity Card with their photo and number on it. There are heavy penalties under State and Federal law for refusing one of our dogs access into these areas.



Suitability

Worried you may not qualify because you wear hearing aids or have a cochlear? Don't be, most of our clients have one or the other. It doesn't disqualify you from being approved for a hearing dog. However, our dogs are only suitable for people of independent age and you will need a fenced safe area for the dog to be able to let its fur down and just be a dog. If you would like to find out more about your suitability please contact us at the Training Centre we are more than happy to help.

Training Centre

Our training centre was first established in 1982 and is based on several acres in the Adelaide Hills. Since our beginnings we have placed over 550 dogs Australia wide.

Our dogs are provided free of charge to our clients, though they can cost us up to \$30,000.00 each to train. Our dogs are some of the most valuable rescue dogs in the country, in more ways than one.

It can take up to 8 months of intensive training to prepare a dog. Once training is completed, the dog can then be placed anywhere in Australia with their new owner.

Applying

If you, or someone you know is interested in applying for one of our dogs or if your interested in learning more. Please contact us at the training centre. We will forward an application form and answer any relevant questions.

