



ASDOGS(NQ) NewsLetter



Marjory receiving donation from Mary and Graeme and little Angel

Special events coming up for ASDOGS(NQ) Inc.

- Christmas Party 15th December
- Graduation of Bailey and Bonnie
- Opening of new Fascinating Facets display 14th December

\$10,000 donation from Mary & Graeme Palmer!

ASDOGS(NQ) would very much like to thank Mary and Graeme Palmer for their donation of \$10,000. This kind of generosity is hard to fathom and ASDOGS(NQ) is extremely grateful for this donation that will go towards improving the lives of those with a disability.

Thankyou again Mary and Graeme.

New list of Committee Members arising from AGM

- President :** Marjory Adkins
Vise President : Sylvia Florer



“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”

Post School Options Expo

On the 19th of November ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. was at the Cairns Colonial Club Conference Centre to demonstrate to young people with a disability and special needs just how helpful an Assistant/service dog could be. Pam, Hiroko brought along Bonnie and Kaiser and Helen and Richard brought along Max. They all did an excellent job.



- Secretary :** Pam Hall
Treasurer : Maxine Mullen
Head Dog Trainer : Elizabeth Oehm
Assistant Dog Trainers : Nikki McMillan
 Hiroko Kaesehagen
Public Relations : Ben Kaesehagen
General : Helen Holt
 Bryan O'Neill
 Ann Moen



Richard, Helen and Pam at the Expo with Kaiser and Max



Kaiser doing his Christmas thing.

Australian Veterinary Assn. Pets and People Education Program

Gwen, with Ann and Liz attended a training program at Eacham Shire Council on the 11th October which is targeting primary school aged children. As part of the program there were to be visits to various schools in the area by vets, animal control officers, RSPCA, Wildlife and Guide/Assistance Dogs. At the training session Gwen, Ann and Liz were briefed on how to present talks, questioning and given lesson plans to work from.

On the 12th October, Gwen with Rosco and Fay with Katie attended Malanda Primary School. They gave talks and demonstrations to 4 groups of children ranging from Prep to Year 2. The dogs did well and impressed both teachers and children.

Ann Moen also visited Milla Milla State School with Nessie. As Ann said - "Millaa Millaa has about 65 pupils, a typical country school. When Justine

(Vet) and I got there the kids were having a talk by the local policeman. We then had a "concert" with five kids playing different instruments, followed by a hilarious play. We had 3 groups and I did the usual blurb, the kids just loved Nessie collecting the car keys when I dropped them (real cool according the kids) and after 20 minutes and hundreds of questions I took Nessies jacket off and the kids all talked to her. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

Ann also visited the St Joseph's School in Atherton and held 3 talks there about ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. Ann demonstrated Nessies assistance dog abilities by picking up things for her while Ann sat on a chair (pretending it was a wheelchair). Ann received special praise for her efforts on the day. Thankyou Ann for putting in so much time for ASDOGS(NQ) Inc.

Herberton Primary School Demo

Pam recently went to the Herberton Primary school today with Bonnie, Sylvia and Sam to do a demonstration. Grade 4 are doing a project on disabilities and ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. were invited to do a demonstration and talk on what the assistance dogs did for people with disabilities and how they helped their recipient with every day living etc.

There were about 20 children there and they all had a sheet of paper with questions that they had thought up themselves to ask us. In all there were an exhausting 26 questions plus a few extras of course.

The children were all very well behaved a credit to their teacher Margaret Proctor.

ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. welcomes new Puppy Carers

ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. welcomes Coby and Kelly as new Puppy Carers. Coby and Kelly live in Port Douglas with their own dog called Tilly. They are currently caring for Rosco who is sponsored by the ANZ bank Mareeba and Atherton. Welcome aboard!!!



Sylvia giving a presentation to the children of Herberton Primary School

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*The little fury buggers
are just deep, deep
wells you throw all
your emotions into.*

-Bruce Schimmel

Bailey and Bonnie Graduate!!

ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. are proud to announce that 2 facility dogs – Bonnie and Bailey are about to embark on a new life assisting people with special needs. Bonnie will be transferred to Pinevale Nursing Home in Tully where she will give happiness and unconditional love to those staying there. Bailey will be transferred to Mt Isa Special School where he will give his own form of therapy. For those who cared and trained Bonnie and Bailey we are sure they will be greatly missed. A special thankyou to those who dedicated so much time in preparing them for a new life.

ASDOGS(NQ) Inc. Invites Craig Murray for talk

ASDOGS(NQ) invited Craig Murray (prominent Dog Trainer) up from Brisbane to assist us in further developing our assistant dog training. In order to cover costs, Craig held a public presentation at the RSL Hall in Mareeba. Over 40 people attended and everyone thought the presentation was excellent. Craig has extensive experience with dogs and through his passion for dog training, we all finished the day knowing so much more. Following up from the presentation we had Craig visit our facility and assist us with each of our assistance dogs in training. Once again Craig proved he knew his stuff.



Extension to Facility Shed finished!!



Through the hard work of Maxine, the extension to ASDOGS(NQ) has been finished. Maxine was instrumental in getting the design up and running and finding materials and someone to build it. A special thankyou to Martin for his excellent work and generous rates in roofing and finishing the extension. We would still be sitting out in the sun without his help.

Next project is the covering of the office which will hopefully go ahead ASAP. ASDOGS(NQ) facility is looking very good with a new garden, irrigation system and is now fully fenced and mowed.

We also have a disability toilet on site now.

Diana Cooper (Assistant Dog Trainer) Visits ASDOGS(NQ)

This last month of 2007 ends on a busy and happy note with December 7 bringing Diana Cooper, a visiting dog trainer from Sydney, to contribute her experience and knowledge to our volunteer puppy carers and trainers. The day started at 10 AM at our facility on ADIL Rd, Mareeba. As her previous visit was so beneficial to our program we once again learnt something new and interesting.

The Mareeba Ambulance Carnival – December 14

On December 14 the Mareeba Ambulance Carnival will be operating from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. You will be able to visit ASDOGers at that event too. Last years attendees report this event is a lot of fun. And benefits local organizations as well.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to the following people and organisations that have supported us in 2007

ANZ Bank

Crystal Caves

Craig and Tracey Murray

Mary and Graeme Palmer

The Wheelbarrow Race entrants and supporting crew

Our Members and Committee Members

Assistance Dogs Australia

Queensland Community Gambling Fund

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

Department of Natural Resource and Water Fire Management Unit

Trinity Beach State School

National Servicemen's Association

Bunning's Cairns

Mick Borzi

Rosa Lee Long

IGA Mareeba and Edmonton

Matthew Weinert

Jeanine Cook

J.F Rawson

Linda Tuck

Alicia De Haas

Grant McTavish

Margot Tugwell

Ravenshoe CWA

Far North Nomads

Lions Club Malanda

Atherton Shire Council

Payless Timbers

(and so many more that we might have missed)

Donations come under many guises. Those we see and acknowledge and those that are small and hidden in ways unknown. At this time of the year we want to acknowledge the donations of all kinds and assure you your help has brought blessings to many people who are greatly in need of them. The heartfelt thanks of us who see the magic happen and those who are the recipients go to all of you.

