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ADONIS

I was diagnosed with a blood clot on the brain and put onto the waiting list for surgery. One Thursday night I was on my way out, but every time I picked up the car keys, Adonis took them off me. I thought he was trying to play a game and I was getting very frustrated with him. I held the keys up high so he couldn't get them and went outside and Adonis stood in front of the gate and started barking at me and wouldn't let me out.

It was then that I started feeling not quite right and I went back inside. Adonis followed me and started pawing at my legs as soon as I sat down. I called the ambulance and then lay down. I was unconscious when the ambulance arrived, but the story I have been told is that Adonis brought his jacket over to the ambulance officer, so they realised he was an Assistance Dog. Adonis then brought over the keys, then a backpack, which the ambos assumed was my emergency overnight bag.

The ambos put on Adonis' jacket, so that he was allowed into hospital, locked up with the keys, and took the overnight bag. When we got to hospital, a nurse opened the bag to look for phone numbers. In the bag was plastic bags, towel, dog treats, water bowl and toys. It was Adonis' bag that I take everywhere any time we leave home. So he was all set for a couple of days.

I had several seizures that night so they decided to operate. If I did not have Adonis, I would have been home alone having those seizures and the blood clot may well have burst. He probably saved my life.

Adonis is my little hero.