



Assistance Dogs
Australia



Talented Tatum prepares for Advanced Training

Talented Tatum is now 14 months old, gearing up to 'graduate' from puppy education and start his Advanced Training!

Tatum is growing into a confident and capable young dog, making great strides in his journey towards becoming an Assistance Dog.

Over the past few months, Tatum has been settling into life with his dedicated Puppy Educator, Anita, and family, where he has been soaking up all the love, guidance, and training needed to build his skills and confidence.

Learning to learn is a long journey and ongoing opportunities for an Assistance Dog in training must be presented to continue progressing and challenging our pup's natural abilities.

Like any young pup, Tatum loves to explore! Whether it's mastering public transport etiquette, practicing calm behaviour in busy environments, or refining his focus and obedience skills, he is showing steady progress.

His ability to self-regulate in new situations is improving every day, which is a key milestone for an Assistance Dog in training of his age.

Thank you, Canon Medical Systems Team, for supporting ADA and Tatum's journey!



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Tatum's favourite training activities include practicing 'visit' and 'under'—skills that will help him provide comfort and connection to his future client. He also enjoys free runs at the park, where he can stretch his long legs and let loose in nature.

As Tatum moves into his next phase of training, we are focused on building his confidence in more complex environments while continuing to nurture his natural ability to bond and support. His journey so far would not have been possible without your generous support, and we can't wait to keep you updated as he progresses towards Advanced Training.



Tatum enjoyed his birthday celebrations and did a great job waiting to snatch his pupcakes—amazing impulse control!

Living alongside experienced ADA Release Dog, Lucky, has given Tatum an incredible role model to learn from, helping him develop his social skills and resilience. He will miss his buddy!

Skills Report Card



Tatum is great at 'Visit' and 'Chin' – he loves being near (or on top) of people

Tatum is excelling at 'recall' – coming back when called

Able to travel on public transport for longer durations

- Great - smashing it!
- Good - making progress.
- Working on it - needs some practice.

“Tatum celebrated his first birthday this February. He, of course, celebrated in style. He is a social canine and thrives on human company and attention. A big plus for a budding Assistance Dog!”
—Andrea, Puppy Educator Supervisor

His progress and potential are thanks to you! ADA wouldn't be able to breed, socialise and equip puppies like Tatum to reach their full potential without your support, so thank you, Canon Medical System's team, from the ADA team and our whole community for your generous support.

