



Assistance Dogs  
Australia®



## Meet Tatum, your newly sponsored ADA puppy!

Meet Tatum, our delightful Labrador X Golden Retriever! Tatum embarked on his Sydney journey on March 21st, greeted warmly by all!

With his charming blend of Labrador and Golden Retriever traits, Tatum's golden fur immediately stole our hearts.

But there's more to Tatum than just his looks - he's a smart pup with a keen willingness to learn and engage.

These initial weeks are filled with new experiences! From mastering toilet and crate training to forging bonds in unfamiliar settings, Tatum is embracing it all. The forming bond with his new partner in learning - puppy educator is coming in leaps and bounds!

We've already made progress with introducing him to his leash and collar, and he's quickly learning to walk beside us with ease. Our current focus is on rewarding his positive behaviours, leveraging his love for both food and affection. Like any puppy, Tatum isn't immune to a bit of mischief, but these moments are serving as valuable learning opportunities!

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

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During his recent vet check-up, Tatum impressed with his calm demeanour and curiosity towards his surroundings. He approached the nurses and vet with confidence, earning a clean bill of health.

Although initially shy, Tatum is gradually growing more comfortable and confident. We're committed to providing him with the time, patience, and love needed for his assistance dog socialization journey, ensuring he finds his place in the world with confidence.

Thank you for your ongoing support of ADA, Tatum, and all previous assistance dogs currently supporting our clients. We could not offer the ongoing support and meet the demand for assistance dogs without you! We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to keeping you updated on Tatum's progress and beyond.

**From the team at Assistance Dogs Australia**

## Our 2023 ADA impact

**We wanted to take an opportunity to highlight what Canon Medical System's support helped us achieve in 2022/2023. ADA has continued to operate at near full capacity, resulting in:**



31 Assistance Dogs placed with clients



Over 408 visits with over 150 clients across the country



34 puppies born in our ADA breeding program



70 puppies commenced their education



Over 1,000 occupational therapy animal assisted therapy sessions held in person or via tele-health



Over 200 volunteers participated in a range of puppy raising or other activities

