



Assistance Dogs
Australia

Terrific Tatum at Seven Months

Little Tatum has shown at seven months what a resilient and courageous young pup he is. His initial puppy socialisers were unable to continue with providing care, so little Tatum was wrapped up in love by the community where he spent time with several families until a permanent home was found.

A new family has been found for Tatum to continue his education and he was welcomed with five sets of open arms. The family were DELIGHTED to meet him.

Tatum showed us his adaptability in moving and trusting new faces and places, making friends with pet dogs and cats and being resilient and confident in his abilities and his place in the world.

Tatum is a curious pup with a big heart. His approach is measured and at times timid but always willing. From the pudgy little bundle of paws, he has now grown into a very handsome pup with extra-long legs and his Golden Retriever parentage is showing itself in parts.

He also has the most adorable angel wings, lighter coloured areas of fur on the shoulder blades and paired with his soft black nose and soulful eyes, he is a stunner!

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



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Tatum is well on track with all introduced and practised stationary behaviours and offers them promptly and accurately.

He can self-settle and independently play, a great skill for any dog but especially important for a future Assistance Dog.

You can see him below practicing his skills whilst socialising with other puppies in the program. He enjoys these meetings and likes to practice new skills.

“Look, I can do it all by myself!”



Gratefully accepting a donation of quilts from a community supporter, along with his buddy Sailor




Skills Report Card



Puppy Push Ups

Fetch

Loose leash walking with courage and focus

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

Focus for the next few weeks is bonding with his new Educator family, learning to be an Inner-Westie and hopping between Cafés and Foreshore Walks on the Light Rail.

We are excited to continue sharing Tatum's inspirational journey with you. Watch him go!.

