



PLACEMENT Information Booklet

Everything you need to know about
our fully trained Assistance Dogs

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Wild Wagners Assistance Dogs Placement Information Pack.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our program. We understand that choosing an assistance dog is a deeply personal and life-changing decision, and we're honoured that you're considering Wild Wagners to be part of that journey.

At Wild Wagners, we believe that the perfect partnership starts long before a dog goes home. Our goal is to create the best possible match by carefully considering each person's lifestyle, support needs, personality, and future goals alongside every dog's temperament, strengths, and natural abilities. We don't simply place a dog—we thoughtfully build a partnership designed to thrive for years to come.

Every assistance dog we raise is carefully selected, ethically bred, and individually trained with patience, compassion, and purpose. We believe there is no one-size-fits-all approach, which is why every dog is given the time they need to develop into a confident, reliable companion.

Inside this guide, you'll learn about our placement process, the types of assistance dogs we offer, investment information, wait times, and what you can expect throughout your journey with us.

We hope this information pack gives you confidence, clarity, and an insight into the care and dedication that goes into every Wild Wagners assistance dog. Whether you're just beginning your research or you're ready to take the next step, we're here to support you every step of the way.

Because every life-changing partnership begins with one pawsome step.

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Founder of Wild Wagners



What is a Program Assistance Dog?

At Wild Waggers Assistance Dogs, our program assistance dogs are carefully selected, purposefully raised, and professionally trained from an early age to support individuals living with a disability. Every dog receives extensive training in obedience, public access, confidence building, and disability-specific tasks while being raised in a loving home environment.

We believe the key to a successful partnership is finding the right dog for the right person. Rather than placing dogs on a first-come, first-served basis, we thoughtfully match each dog to their future handler based on their individual needs, lifestyle, and personality.

Our commitment is to raise confident, happy, and reliable assistance dogs using ethical, welfare-focused training methods, while providing ongoing support to help every partnership thrive long after placement day.

Our support doesn't end on placement day. We continue to provide guidance and ongoing support to help both you and your assistance dog grow together with confidence, ensuring you have the knowledge and resources needed to maintain a successful working partnership throughout your journey.

Our Values

At Wild Waggers, our values are at the heart of everything we do. They guide the way we raise, train, and match our assistance dogs while ensuring every decision is made with the wellbeing of both the dog and handler in mind. We are committed to building lasting partnerships through compassion, trust, ethical training, and ongoing support, creating confident teams that can thrive together for years to come.



Compassion



Dog Welfare



Partnership



Trust



Growth



Support

Our Areas of Support

At Wild Waggers, we train assistance dogs to support a range of disabilities through individually tailored task training. Every dog receives the same strong foundation in obedience, public access, confidence, and socialisation before progressing into specialised training based on their future handler's needs.

Our current program includes:



Autism Support

Providing support through routine, emotional regulation, confidence, and increased independence for individuals on the autism spectrum.



Gluten Detection

Specially trained to detect the presence of gluten, helping individuals with Coeliac disease navigate daily life with greater confidence and safety.



Medical Response

Trained to provide essential support during medical episodes, assisting with safety, recovery and accessing help when needed.



Psychiatric Support

Supporting individuals living with mental health disabilities by performing trained tasks that assist with managing daily life, increasing independence, and improving overall wellbeing.

Meet Our Future Assistance Dog



Breed: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Date of Birth: 25 March 2026

Current Training Stage: Foundations

Loves: People, Cuddles, Breaky, Lunch and Dinner

Finnian is one of Wild Waggers future assistance dog prospects, currently training to become a Gluten Detection Assistance Dog. This sweet Cavalier has already captured hearts with his gentle nature, eagerness to learn, and love for being by your side.

Check out our website and social media to keep up with Finnian's Progress

How Our Placement Process works

At Wild Wagggers, every placement is carefully planned to ensure both the handler and assistance dog are set up for long-term success. We take the time to understand your individual needs, lifestyle, and goals before thoughtfully matching you with the most suitable dog. While every journey is unique, your placement will generally follow the steps below.



1. Submit your application:

Complete our entry application, so we can get to know you.



2. Application Review

We'll carefully review your application and information.



3. Phone Interview

We will schedule a phone call to further discuss your goals, personal life and how an assistance dog can help you.



4. Meet and Greet

Meet with our team to further discuss your needs, your lifestyle and what you're looking for.



5. Acceptance

If accepted into our program, you'll receive confirmation and information about the next stages of your placement journey.



6. Matching

If one of our currently available canines are not a match with you, you can be put on a waitlist for any future prospects that could match with you.



7. Training Updates

As your future Assistance Dog progresses through training, we'll keep you informed with regular updates.



8. Handler Education

Before placement, you'll learn how to work with, care for, and maintain your Assistance Dog.



9. Placement Day

The exciting day you've been waiting for! We'll guide you through your dog's routines, equipment, and transition into everyday life together.



10. Follow-up Support

Our support doesn't end after placement. We're here for you every step of the way.

What Are Our Wait Times for our Dogs?

Rather than rushing the process, we allow each dog the time they need to learn, mature and develop into a confident and reliable working partner.

Our goal is for assistance dogs to be fully trained and ready for placement by approximately 24 months of age, including completion of their required training and Public Access Evaluation (PAE).

For families who would prefer to begin bonding with their future assistance dog sooner, earlier placement may be available from approximately 12 months of age. In this pathway, the dog will remain enrolled in the Wild Wagners program while the handler becomes actively involved in their ongoing training, task development and preparation for final qualification.

All placement time frames are individual and will depend on the dog's maturity, progress, task requirements and overall readiness.

During Your Wait:

- Stay in contact with our team.
- Watch your dog's training updates.
- Complete any recommended handler education.

Ask questions—we're always happy to help.

Prepare your home for your future assistance dog.



What Are Our Dogs Trained To Do?

Every Wild Wagners assistance dog receives extensive training before being matched with their future handler. While each dog is trained in specialised tasks based on an individual's disability, every program dog completes a strong foundation in obedience, confidence, public access, and everyday life skills.

Our training includes:

Foundation Skills:

- Loose Leash Walking
- Settle & Relax on Cue
- Impulse Control
- Confidence Building
- Neutrality to Distractions

Public Access Skills:

- Coles & Restaurants
- Shopping Centres
- Hospital Appointments
- Public Transport
- Crowded Places

Task Training:

Teaching disability-specific tasks tailored to each handler's individual needs, allowing the dog to provide meaningful, practical support in everyday life.

Every Wild Wagners assistance dog is individually trained. While every dog receives the same strong foundation, specialised task training is tailored to meet the unique needs of their future handler.



What you will do for Handler Training

A successful assistance dog partnership relies on more than just a well-trained dog—it also requires a confident and knowledgeable handler. At Wild Waggers, we believe that both ends of the lead should be set up for success. Before placement, you'll receive personalised handler education to help you understand your assistance dog's training, communication, and daily care. Our goal is to ensure you feel prepared, supported, and confident as you begin your journey together.



Reading Your Dog's Body Language

Learn how to recognise your dog's body language, communication, and subtle signals so you can better understand how they're feeling and respond appropriately in different situations.



Reward Timing & Reinforcement

Discover how to reward the right behaviours at the right time, helping your assistance dog stay motivated and continue learning with confidence.



Maintaining Behaviours

Learn how to maintain your dog's training through consistency, routine, and regular practice, ensuring they remain reliable throughout their working life.



Public Access Laws & Etiquette

Understand your rights and responsibilities as an assistance dog handler, including appropriate public access etiquette, working respectfully within the community, and representing assistance dog teams professionally.



Task Reinforcement

Learn how to safely practise and reinforce your dog's specialised tasks, ensuring they remain confident, accurate, and dependable in supporting your individual needs.



Daily Care & Routine

Gain the knowledge to provide your assistance dog with the daily care they need, including exercise, enrichment, grooming, nutrition, health care, and a balanced routine that supports both their wellbeing and working life.

Your Investment

An assistance dog is much more than a companion—they're a highly trained working partner who can provide greater independence, confidence, and support for many years to come.

Every Wild Waggers assistance dog represents thousands of hours of dedication, careful planning, and professional training. From selecting the right puppy through to placement day, we invest significant time, resources, and expertise to ensure each dog is prepared for a successful working life.

What Your Investment Covers

Your placement fee contributes to every stage of your assistance dog's journey, including:

- Carefully selected, purpose-bred puppy
- Health testing, veterinary care, vaccinations, and preventative treatments
- Raising in a loving home environment
- Foundation obedience and public access training
- Specialised task training
- Equipment and working gear
- Handler education and placement preparation
- Ongoing support following placement

Estimated Placement Fee:

Different disabilities require different levels of specialised training. While every Wild Waggers assistance dog completes the same high standard of foundation obedience, public access, and confidence training, some programs involve significantly more time to develop and proof specialised tasks before a dog is ready for placement.

	Autism Support Dog	\$15,000 - \$18,000	family environments, routine support, behaviour interruption, and public access reliability.
	Psychiatric Support Dog	\$20,000 - \$25,000	Foundation training, public access, and customised psychiatric tasks.
	Medical Response Dog	\$25,000 - \$28,000	Extensive scent or response training, reliability testing, and advanced task work.
	Gluten Detection Dog	\$30,000 - \$35,000	Advanced scent detection, proofing across many environments and food types, and ongoing accuracy development.

Your Responsibilities As An Assistance Dog Handler

Welcoming an Assistance Dog is a life-changing commitment. As their handler, you play a vital role in their success, wellbeing and ability to support you. Here's what you can expect as their partner for life.

Training & Practice

Continue training, practice behaviours and tasks regularly to maintain skills and reliability in all environments.

Know the Laws

Understand your rights and responsibilities under the Australian law, including public access laws and etiquette.

Ongoing Commitment

Commit to your dog in their lifetime. Your partnership is built on trust, consistency and teamwork.



Is an Assistance Dog Right for you?

An Assistance Dog may be beneficial when a person's disability significantly impacts their daily life and a trained dog could provide practical support, greater independence or improved safety.

An Assistance Dog may be suitable if:

You experience ongoing challenges with independence, safety, regulation or everyday activities.

Your disability impacts daily life



Specific trained tasks could directly assist with your individual disability-related needs.



An Assistance Dog could provide meaningful support

It could improve independence or safety



An Assistance Dog could help you navigate daily life, access the community or participate more confidently.



You have the right support in place

The people who know and support you, such as family, therapists or healthcare professionals, recognise how an Assistance Dog could benefit your daily life.

Important to Know

You do not need to be able to independently care for or handle an Assistance Dog to benefit from one. For children or people with higher support needs, a parent, guardian or primary handler may share or take responsibility for the Assistance Dog.



Making Placement Possible

We understand that welcoming a fully trained Assistance Dog is a significant financial commitment. Our payment options are designed to give approved families time to prepare, fundraise and contribute towards their dog’s placement fee throughout the training journey.

 Pay in Full Families who prefer to finalise their placement fee early may make larger payments or pay the balance in full.	 Regular Instalments Spread payments throughout your dog’s training journey with an agreed weekly, fortnightly or monthly schedule.	 Training Milestone Plan Payments can be structured around significant stages of your Assistance Dog’s development and training
 Fundraising Plan Families are welcome to fundraise towards their placement fee. Any funds raised can be applied towards the outstanding balance in accordance with the Placement Agreement.	 Extended Payment Plan Smaller regular payments over an extended period during your dog's training journey	 Third Party Funding Funding may come from an approved organisation or funding source where eligible.

MAKE EXTRA PAYMENTS ANYTIME



You are welcome to make extra payments whenever you can, including lump sums or fund raised through fundraising. This will reduce your outstanding balance and bring you one step closer to your partnership.

Please Note -



All payment arrangements are outlined in your placement agreement. Your assistance dog remains the property of Wild Waggers until the full placement fee has been paid and final placement is complete.

Ready To Apply?

Take the next step towards your partnership!

We'd love to hear from you! Our application helps us understand your needs, your lifestyle and how an Assistance Dog could support you. It's the first step in finding the right match.

How to Apply



1. Download the Application

Download the placement application form from our website or request a copy.



2. Complete the Form

Tell us about you, your needs, your daily life and the type of support an Assistance Dog could provide.



3. Submit your Application

Email your completed application and any supporting documents to us.



4. We'll be in Touch

Our team will review your application and contact you to discuss the next steps.



Questions?

We're here to help! Reach out for a chat before you apply.

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What Happens Next?



Initial Chat

We'll have a friendly conversation to learn more about you and answer your questions



Needs & Lifestyles Review

We review your application to see how an Assistance Dog could support your needs.



Matching & Planning

If approved, we'll discuss the best type of dog for you and outline the journey ahead.



Your Journey Begins!

We'll guide and support you every step of the way