Message from Jody

Dear Julia,

Autumn is settling over Aotearoa - and with it comes a little bit of chocolate.

We have some exciting news to share this month, including two very small, very fluffy new arrivals who have already completely taken over our hearts. Meet Coco and Mousse - Mobility Dogs' very first chocolate Labradors, and already two of the most popular members of the team.

But puppies aren't the only thing we're celebrating. In this issue we're sharing the story of Carla - who began her journey with us as a puppy raiser and now, as our Client Coordinator, helps guide clients and their dogs through every step of their partnership together. Her story is a wonderful reminder of how every role in our community - from volunteer to staff member - is part of one big circle of care.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Because of you, life-changing partnerships are possible.

Guiding partnerships and lives - Carla's new role

As Client Coordinator at Mobility Dogs, Carla is the vital link between our dogs and the people whose lives they transform - guiding clients through every step of their journey from application to placement.

Read how Carla's love of dogs became a calling →

Something sweet has arrived!

Meet Coco and Mousse - Mobility Dogs' first-ever **chocolate** Labradors, and the new faces of our Sponsor a Puppy programme. With your help, their journey to becoming life-changing Mobility Dogs starts now.

Find out more about what Coco and Mousse are up to →

From behind the scenes this autumn

As the days grow shorter and the leaves turn, life at Mobility Dogs is as busy as ever. Across the country, our trainers are out in their communities every day - working through the patient, methodical process that turns a promising puppy into a dog that can genuinely transform someone's life.

In Auckland, Corinna has been putting in the training sessions - working with dogs at every stage of their journey, from energetic young pups discovering the world on their first public outings, to more advanced dogs fine-tuning the skills that will soon change someone's life.

And of course, Coco and Mousse, who are both based in Auckland, are now settled in beautifully with their puppy raisers, already proving that big things come in small, wriggly packages - and clocking up their very first adventures in the world.

Sarah has been keeping multiple plates spinning, overseeing both our Puppies in Prison programme and Companion Dog placements - two very different pathways, both full of purpose and possibility.

Down in Hamilton, Veronica continues to nurture her wonderful community of raisers and volunteers - the people who open their homes and hearts to our dogs in those all-important early months. It's a labour of love, and the results speak for themselves.

Meanwhile, Grant is holding the fort beautifully in the Southern Lakes, where the stunning surroundings make for some very scenic training sessions.

Behind the scenes across the whole team, it's the careful, thoughtful work of assessments, placements, and matchmaking that ties everything together - because the difference between a good match and a life-changing one is in the detail.

Spring may feel a long way off, but for the people waiting for a Mobility Dog, every training session this autumn brings them one step closer.

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