

“Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire”

William Butler Yeats

Story Dogs is the spark to  
light the fire!

## Volunteers Needed

Do you have a well behaved dog and a few  
hours spare a week?

## Sponsor a Dog

Make a real difference in the lives of local  
children. Help us eradicate illiteracy in  
Australia. Sponsor a dog.

Visit the web site or make a **donation** to:

BSB: 032584 (Westpac)

Account: 286132

Account name: Story Dogs Ltd

Or

with your credit card via secure  
GIVENOW on the Story Dogs web  
site

[www.storydogs.org.au](http://www.storydogs.org.au)



‘Charli’ the bearded Collie makes a perfect reading partner

### Contact Details

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**Your local coordinator –**



Fun Reading  Reading for Life

Our mission is to make  
reading fun for children, so  
they become confident,  
lifelong readers.



‘Kendra’ the Story Dog enjoying another good story.

# Dogs make reading FUN!



Story Dogs is a reading support program where selected children read to an accredited dog and its handler.

Reading takes place in a quiet area of the school such as the library or verandah outside the classroom. Sessions run for 20 minutes, where each child is one-on-one with the Dog Team.



The books used in the program are suitable for each child's reading level, are engaging and inspire children to read for enjoyment and knowledge.

## When children read to a dog the outcomes are amazing:

- They have FUN
- They are not judged
- Their focus improves
- Their reading skills increase
- Their confidence soars

### Testimonials

*"We are recommencing the program tomorrow and I cannot stress enough how successful the program has been. The program has been a wonderful initiative with the children WANTING to read to Samson."*

Phil Hesse - Principal  
St Simon the Apostle Primary School,  
Rowville VIC

*"There has been a marked improvement in students' reading results as well as fluency and comprehension. I feel this program is invaluable."* Michelle Webster – Centaur Primary School, NSW

## The Dogs

All breeds, except for restricted breeds, can be assessed to be Story Dogs. The dog's temperament, obedience and willingness is of utmost importance. The safety of the children is paramount.

Dog Teams must pass an accreditation by a certified dog trainer as well as being immaculately groomed, vaccinated and vet checked.



'Ruby' listening patiently