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Expanding Knowledge: Shaping Professional Practice

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Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

An overview of the Australian Lions Hearing Dog program and how it helps transform the lives of deaf and hard of hearing people in need by providing professionally trained hearing assistance dogs, free of charge, to recipients across Australia.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs primarily uses rescue dogs sourced from pounds, shelters and rescue organisations in the program with a variety of breeds being suitable for training.

Dogs are trained to alert to over 10 household sounds, for example door knocks, alarm clocks, babies crying and smoke alarms, and have the same public access rights as guide dogs for the blind which allows them to accompany their recipients almost anywhere.