

# Caring For Our Community



Here's Zola, a Labrador golden retriever cross, five years ago. Bonding with new puppies can take up to a week but Gail says it took just a second. "She walked in and we just fell in love with each other." Zola has given Gail the freedom to do ordinary things, as well as travel and sailing. "And she really looks after me," says Gail.

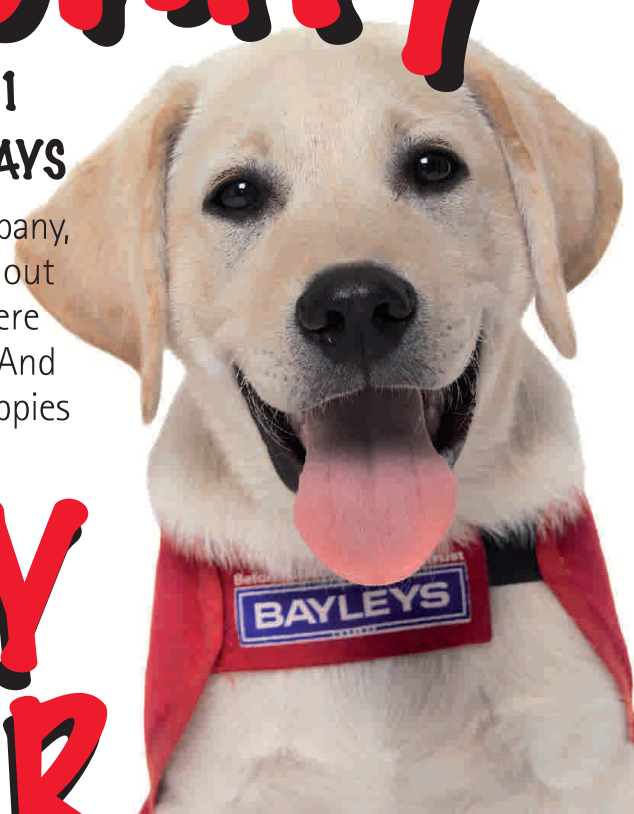
**MARCH 30 and APRIL 1**  
are **RED PUPPY APPEAL DAYS**

Dogs are great; they're good company, cute, loveable, and they get you out of the house. But what if you were blind and a dog was your eyes? And what if there weren't enough puppies trained to be those eyes?

## PUPPY POWER

Gail Hambrook with her guide dog Zola. Gail is 95% blind and has no night vision. She runs Kapiti VIP's (Visually Impaired People) and Zola loves visiting the other

guide dogs there. Just an ordinary dog at home who craves attention, Zola is extraordinary outside of her home. "I just need to say the words Railway Station, or Coastlands, and Zola knows where to go," says Gail.



This is Stella, a puppy-in-training in Wellington. Help out on Red Puppy Day and you'll be helping to train other dogs like Stella.

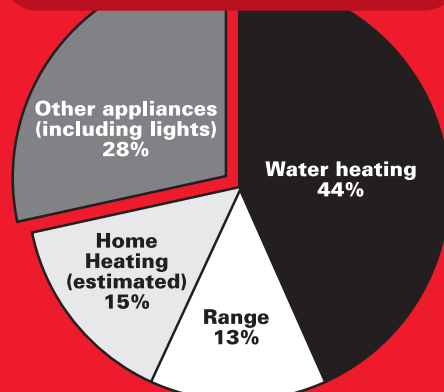
Your support will help more puppies to be trained as guide dogs. Volunteers are needed to help collectors at Coastlands on March 31<sup>st</sup> and Paraparaumu markets on April 1st. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact 0800 24 33 33 or watch out for collectors at Paraparaumu, Otaki, Waikanae and Levin. Woof woof!

## Electricity

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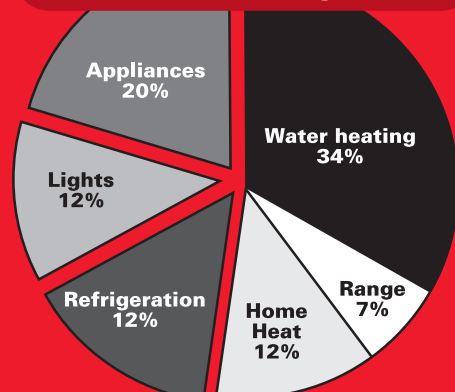
Check out these two comparisons to see how our home electricity usage has changed over the past 30 years. The Building Research Association's Household Energy End-Use Project (HEEP) has collected data from 400 homes. Houses using gas and other forms of heating will obviously have much differently proportioned usage patterns. Average electricity usage per household in Kapiti and Horowhenua is around 6700 kWh/year.

1971/72 Electricity Study



Average per house = 8,400 kWh/yr (Statistics NZ & NZ Electricity Dept)

BRANZ NZ Average 2004



Average per house = 7,750 kWh/yr (HEEP Yr 10)

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