

Helping hound for Harvey

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AS a dementia dog, Anya's most important task will be to help her owner find his way home.

But Texas is a long way from Victoria.

The collie, Australia's first specially bred and trained Alzheimer's aide, began her journey to her new home in the US yesterday.

She will guide her new owner, Harvey, home if he becomes disoriented or confused.

Anya will act on a verbal command. But as Harvey's condition deteriorates, it is hoped that she will know when he is in trouble and sound the alarm.

Founder of The Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs, Yariv Ben Yosef, trained Anya in Victoria after moving from Israel.

"It's the first time that Australia is sending an Alzheimer's dog overseas, so I'm very proud," he said.

Anya will travel on a regular flight, in the cabin with her owner, to Texas.

Social worker Daphna Golan-Shemesh said Anya would also be a companion and help prevent Harvey from becoming isolated.



Best pal: Anya is off to Texas with new owner Harvey. Picture: NICOLE GARMSTON

Man jailed on birthday

Gift of justice

A MAN marked his birthday by going to jail for kidnapping a childhood friend at knifepoint in a disturbing revenge attack.

Daniel Bailey, who turned 26 on Tuesday, was jailed for five years for the attack on his former friend, who he believed had identified him to police as being behind a burglary at the man's home six months earlier.

The County Court heard Bailey was armed with a knife when he kidnapped his victim from the man's Bendigo home in January last year.

He demanded the man hand over \$21,000 to cover legal costs incurred in defending the burglary accusations.

Bailey, who had moved to Queensland following the burglary, said he also needed the money to cover the cost of moving back to Victoria for the trial.

The court heard Bailey drove the man to an ATM on Bendigo's main street. There the victim, whom the Herald Sun has chosen not to name,

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