

When to call an ambulance

NSPM 5.14 – 2. staff are advised call an ambulance in a medical emergency. A fact sheet has been developed on the Better Health website to help to recognise when a medical emergency is occurring: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/_emergencies_when_to_call_an_ambulance?open?open&utm_medium=medical_emergencies_when_to_call_an_ambulance?open&utm_campaign=email&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

Helen's gem



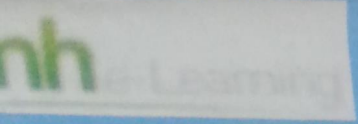
Helen, a resident in East Division decided she wanted a dog. Staff approached the Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs Australia to enable her to find a pet suitable to living in a group home. Helen is now the proud owner of a beagle called Ruby. The centre provided individualised training to Helen and Ruby and taught staff how to support Helen with Ruby. Helen now takes Ruby to group training with other dog owners in the community. Ruby has settled in very well at her new home and is loved by both residents and staff.

For further information contact:
Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs Australia
0417 204 537

A 'pets in group homes' tip sheet is located on the DAS hub at http://intranet.dhs.vic.gov.au/resources-and-tools/guides-and-manuals/das_tipsheet_pets_0310.pdf

Free training

The first eight modules of free training in intellectual disability and mental health are now available at www.idhealtheducation.edu.au. The site provides free eLearning modules for intellectual disability staff to update their knowledge, skills and confidence, leading to better mental health and wellbeing for people with intellectual disability.



Celebrate

International day of people with a disability is on Tuesday 3 December 2013. Look out for events in your area.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-day-persons-disabilities>

