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## No pet packs for jet-setting puppies!

A Learjet has been chartered to transport six VIPs from Victoria to Adelaide.

The VIPs (very important pups), who are part of the Guide Dogs SA.NT Guide Dog Development Program, will be flown back in style **today (September 22)** thanks to the generosity and ingenuity of sponsors JetCity and Pilatus Australia.

And they'll be no pet packs for these little guys either. They'll be travelling in extreme comfort on the executive jet.

Guide Dogs SA.NT had originally decided to drive to Victoria to pick up the precious cargo, having decided that flying the puppies over would be just too expensive.

"We were just speechless when JetCity with the help of Pilatus Australia offered to arrange transport in a Learjet," says Guide Dogs SA.NT Sponsorship Manager Christina Angus.

"Travelling long distances can sometimes be distressing for puppies; so this is just fantastic!"

The pups are part of a litter of nine, from the organisation's first brood bitch Zandi and were born in Melbourne at Guide Dogs Victoria's puppy birthing centre.

There will be nine dogs in total on the jet, with the pups' mother Zandi, who is Guide Dogs SA.NT's first brood bitch, keeping an eye on her babies; as well as another recently purchased training dog.

Mrs Angus says that they were amazed when Zandi, a petite black Lab, produced such a large litter.

"The vet had told us Zandi was expecting about four pups, so we were really surprised. And I think she was the most surprised of all. She looked quite bewildered following the births."

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