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Pup in training Zeffer with his owner Callum Grant.

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New team member

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Aspiring Avalanche Dogs have welcomed the arrival of a new member of the team, puppy Zeffer. The three-quarter labrador, one-quarter springer spaniel has moved in with his new owner, Aspiring Avalanche doghandler Callum Grant, and the pair couldn't be happier. "We are really positive about

getting back into owning and training another search and rescue dog. This is a positive step forward to Aspiring dogs after losing Zepp."

"It gives us an opportunity to learn from our past experiences and move forward to create a much better and stronger team," Aspiring Avalanche Dogs manager Matt Gunn said.

The puppy was added to the team following the death of SAR dog Zeppelin, who was shot while roaming on farmland last month. If all goes to plan Zeffer will be operational by September 2013, Matt said. A fundraiser is being held this Friday December 9, at Federal Diner to raise the \$1000 required to buy the puppy.

