

# Show Camp Student Text – Draft

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## Paws-itively Pawsome Dogs!

By Emily

Debuting at the Ekka, Heidi Mackay's amazing dogs are demonstrating their tricks daily at 12pm and 1pm in the Show Ring.

Heidi has three red kelpies - Spud, Red and Oi - and a pure bred german shepherd, Rip. Together they make an amazing crew. They perform various tricks such as marking a spot and running over to touch a button with their nose, then returning to Heidi.

Heidi said, "I am like a stage mum when it comes to my dogs, I get proud of them every day."

During the show, Rip is also paired with a random audience member to act as their dog and demonstrate his skills.

Heidi has been training dogs professionally for 31 years and has produced some of the best animal actors in the world. Her first movie, 'In Pursuit of Honor', had about 300 horses cast, which to this day is still the biggest horse movie produced in Australia. Her dogs recently featured in the film, 'Eden', which starred Sydney Sweeney.



Heidi Mackay with her Red Kelpie, Spud.

Heidi and her dogs are also involved in the Australian Outback Spectacular, which she absolutely loves.

She absolutely adores her dogs and uses every failure whilst training as an opportunity to learn.

The Brisbane Show Camp is a joint program of The Department of Education Queensland and The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland. The camp is conducted by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre.

"You have to fail to succeed," said Heidi.