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Logan has high hopes for purple horses!

4 year old Logan Devine from Sorell is a bundle of energy who reckons he can run as fast as the horses who will race in a fundraiser for epilepsy this Sunday 25th March.

Logan has epilepsy and endures frequent seizures that have so far been unable to be controlled by medication.

But epilepsy didn't stop him making the most of an opportunity to meet the horses that will race for him and other Tasmanians living with epilepsy this weekend.

Organised by the Tasmanian Racing Club (TRC), this fun charity horse racing event at Elwick Race Course in Hobart will raise funds for Epilepsy Tasmania and increase awareness of a condition that affects over 80,000 Tasmanians.

March is national Epilepsy Awareness Month - Purple Month - a time to raise awareness of a condition that affects around 80,000 Tasmanians.

Epilepsy Tasmania CEO, Wendy Groot, said: "We are grateful to the TRC for **going purple this national** Epilepsy Awareness Month to raise funds ad increase awareness of epilepsy within our state."

The Autumn Race Day charity event will take place on Sunday 25th March. Tickets are available at the gate, or pre-purchase a \$65 ticket that includes a two course buffet luncheon in the Terrace View Restaurant through the Tasmanian Racing Club. There will also be a silent-auction fundraiser for Epilepsy Tasmania.

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Photo Opportunity:

Logan will meet the race horses at the Elwick Race Course on Tuesday 20th March at 11am.



MORE INFORMATION: Claire Burnet 0448 585 947 / www.epilepsytasmania.org.au

ABOUT EPILEPSY:

- Epilepsy is a common brain condition that takes the form of recurring seizures.
- It can develop at any age regardless of ethnicity or gender.
- One in 10 people will experience a seizure during their life.
- 20,000 Tasmanians develop epilepsy during their lifetime.
- 80,000 family members, friends, colleagues and carers are also affected.

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SPOKESPEOPLE:

Epilepsy Tasmania CEO - Ms Wendy Groot.

ABOUT EPILEPSY TASMANIA:

Epilepsy Tasmania is a not-for-profit, community organisation providing a broad range of resources and services across Tasmania to improve the quality of life and community participation of Tasmanians living with or affected by epilepsy:



Become a Friend of Epilepsy Tasmania

Your support enhances our ability to speak for and advocate on behalf of Tasmanians who are living with or affected by epilepsy.



Donate to the Lavender

Assurance that your donation will stay in Tasmania and be used to help Tasmanians.



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