

A few months ago, I sent a gift basket to a very dear friend of mine, Marian, for her 70th Birthday.

I had no idea that this small gift would make such an impact on both our lives.

This is Marian's letter which led me to create an official A.W.A.R.E. range to support the work of A.W.A.R.E. Dogs Australia.

I had not heard of the organization but Marian told me that they supply support dogs for people with a variety of problems or in many instances just as a companion. Marian told me she would love to have one but was afraid to because of her mobility issues and so she decided to call the teddy bear Stuffie her Aware Dog.

This basket is the perfect gift for someone who is not well, or to say Happy Birthday or to simply say Thank you. And remember \$10 from the sale of every AWARE Basket goes to support the work of A.W.A.R.E. Dogs Australia.

Marian's letter:

"Receiving the aware basket from you my dearest friend, gave me so much joy that I put the basket away until our oldest daughter Della arrived on the twenty second of July. As soon as Della arrived Lynn got out the Aware Basket and he brought it to our kitchen table, which I had put one of my best tablecloths on. When all our family was present then Lynn undid the paper which was wrapped around the basket and Lynn began to unpack the basket, he took out the lovely copper coloured tea tin, then there was the little flower, then there was the boney coloured teddy bear or stuffie the dog like I call him, well I didn't take Stuffie out of the Aware Basket until one day when my youngest daughter Tracey skyped me to show me she had someone she wanted to introduce to me so I was already to meet this person she wanted me to meet, when all of a sudden she produced a dog and she said Mum this is Mac my new dog and with that I thought quickly and I turned around to the AWARE basket and I saw Stuffie and with that I reached over to the Aware basket and picked up Stuffie and I took him over to our computer and I introduced Stuffie to Tracey and then I introduced Lynn to Stuffie and then the following Friday I took Stuffie into the Cairns Mental Health Unit to introduce Stuffie to meet the staff and the patients, then brought him home and placed him in my second shelf in our bedroom and I give him plenty of hugs and cuddles when I go into our bedroom, so that is why I think the Aware basket is a most important gift lots of love Marian"

Aware Gift Basket includes

1 x 8" Teddy Bear

1 x Teddy Nostalgia Tea Caddy with 10 Madame Flavour Tea Sachets and 3 x Cappuccino or Hot Chocolate sachets

1 x Teddy Ceramic Mug

1 x Teddy Nostalgia Tin with Chocolate and Pistachio Nougat

1 x Biscotti – locally produced in Cairns by Fiona from The Whole Food Company - www.thewholefoodco.com.au

Sunflower Posie

Lots of love and maybe a few little surprises

All beautifully displayed in a quality wire framed honey brown seagrass basket, cello wrapped with hand tied bows.

Cost \$79 (simply hampers will donate \$10 to support the work of A.W.A.R.E. Dogs Australia).

Can be posted anywhere in Australia for just \$15.00