



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter

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The Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) QLD is run by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) and is dedicated to finding homes for greyhounds that have retired from racing.

Helpful greyhound care tips

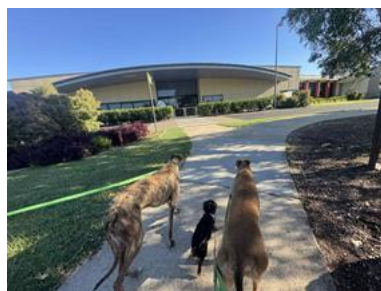
Preparing greyhounds for home life

At GAP, our greyhounds regularly enjoy time outside the kennels through fun and enriching outings with the team. These adventures give them the chance to explore new environments while building important socialisation skills in preparation for their future homes.

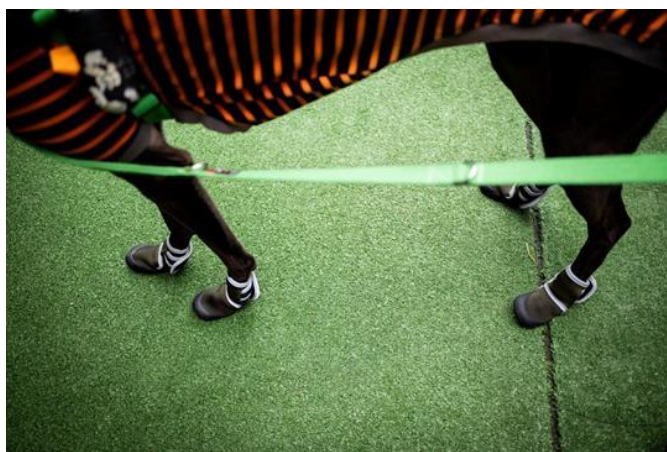
From visiting Bunnings and local lakes and dams, to strolling along the rail trail or simply walking around suburban streets, each outing helps our greyhounds experience everyday life. Meanwhile, watching children play and seeing traffic, hearing new sounds, and meeting other dogs in different settings all help them grow in confidence.

These positive experiences play a vital role in preparing our greyhounds for a smooth transition into family life and the joys of living in suburbia.

Learn more about mental stimulation for your greyhound, and some enrichment ideas and tips [here](#).



Greyhounds and corns



Corns are a unique condition to greyhounds and are rarely seen in breeds. They are a common cause of lameness both when racing and into retirement.

Corns are found in the paw pads of greyhounds, usually appearing as a circular area on the base of the pad.

Keep an eye out for corns on your greyhound and learn more about corns about how to treat them [here](#).

Kennel capers 🐶

Our greyhounds at the Churchable Kennels get daily exercise and enrichment. Greyhounds are very sensitive to the heat so on a hot summer day their exercise is limited to prevent heat stress. Instead, we provide alternative activities to keep them happy and cool. One of the activities we provide them is walks through a 'soaker hose' in the shade. Most of the dogs love the gentle sprays of water, however the ones that aren't fond of it instead like a play with a toy, or enjoy a training activity with treats.

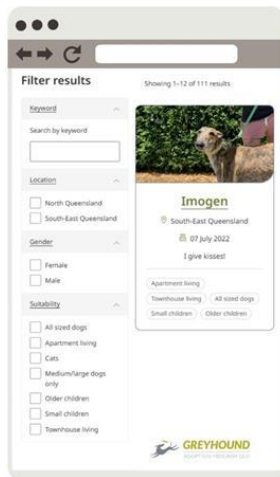


National Greyhound Adoption Month is coming... 🐶

National Greyhound Adoption Month is just around the corner, and we've got plenty to look forward to! Exciting events and special opportunities are on the way in March and April, with more details dropping soon, so stay tuned.



GAP QLD website update



Finding the right greyhound just got easier.

GAP QLD has introduced a new search function on its adoption listings, allowing prospective adopters to filter greyhounds based on suitability preferences, such as home type or location. The update makes it quicker and easier to find a greyhound that suits your lifestyle, bringing you one step closer to meeting your future companion.

Check out the filter option now on our [website](#).

Greyhound behaviour

If you are experiencing behavioural issues with your GAP greyhound, please reach out to the GAP team gap@qric.qld.gov.au.

More greyhound care and behaviour tips can be found [here](#).

Green collar assessment



If you didn't adopt your greyhound through GAP, did you know you can still have your retired racer assessed for a green collar?

Green collar accreditation provides an exemption from muzzling in a local council area where muzzling would otherwise be required under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

[Further information can be found here.](#)

Foster families

Fostering plays an important role in our retired greyhounds transitioning to pet life. Foster carers provide essential care through enrichment activities such as walking, making friends and everyday interactions – including discovering new sights and smells.

The GAP team provide ongoing support and advice to foster families. If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, visit [here](#).

Adoption spotlight 🐾

Our adoption fee is \$100. All GAP greyhounds have a uniquely numbered green collar, are desexed, heartworm tested, receive a full dental assessment including a scale and polish, are vaccinated, microchipped, and they come to you with up-to-date flea, tick and worming treatments and a Greyhound starter kit to assist you on your adoption journey.

All GAP greyhounds receive lifetime registration with Central Animal Records microchip registry.

More information on our adoption process can be found [here](#).



Stacey

Date of birth: 23 July 2020

Available in South-East Queensland

Super Stacey is a gentle, soft-natured girl who's looking for a calm, quiet home that matches her peaceful energy. Check out her profile [here](#).



Eddie

Date of birth: 1 July 2021

Available in North Queensland

Eddie is a beautiful big boy with striking eyeliner anyone would envy, and a personality to match. Check out his profile [here](#).

If Stacey or Eddie are not your perfect match, check out all GAP greyhounds looking for their retirement home [on our website](#).

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GAP update 🐶

We are very excited to watch our GAP family grow. We would like to welcome all our new GAP family members. Don't forget to send us your updates: gap@qric.qld.gov.au.



All your greyhound questions answered 🙋

Do you have questions on our adoption process, behaviour, or health? Check out our website that is jammed-packed with fact sheets.

A topic not covered? Want more information? Reach out to our GAP team at gap@qric.qld.gov.au.

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Our team are here to help you.

Bark about us! 🗣️

We have greyhounds available now who are looking for their 'retirement homes'. Can you help?

Follow and share the GAP's updates on social media, forward this newsletter to your friends and tell the dog lovers in your life about the GAP! Help us to match our greyhounds with a happy home.

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