

NEWS HOUNDS



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter May 2025

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 or are otherwise in need of a family.

HELPFUL GREYHOUND CARE TIPS

Osteoarthritis in greyhounds



Greyhounds have thin skin and very little body fat making them more susceptible to cold weather. This means their body often has to 'work harder' to keep warm, that more energy is required during the winter months so, their diet may need to be adjusted. Your greyhound may also be more at risk of injury when cold.

What can you do to help?

- Ensure your greyhound is kept warm when the weather gets cold.
- If sleeping outside, provide a raised bed that is not on the ground, and appropriate shelter free from leaks and draughts.
- Provide your greyhound with a warm coat or jacket, especially in the evenings and overnight. If your greyhound isn't used to wearing a jacket, we recommend starting with a simple coat that just slips over their head and ties around their waist. This is also helpful for greyhounds that don't enjoy having their feet or legs touched. Giving lots of treats and encouraging them to wear a coat can be a positive experience.
- Monitor your greyhound's weight, body condition and skin/coat health.



If you notice a decline in any of the above, you may need to increase your greyhound's daily food intake. This may still occur even if you are keeping your greyhound warm.

NEWS FROM THE SEQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑



With the cooler mornings approaching it's always a reminder to our kennel staff that it's time to start preparing for those chilly winter mornings out here in the Lockyer Valley. Time to get out the coats, the extra warm blankets and throws especially for our senior dogs.

Not only is it fun to cover up the dogs in the winter months but it creates extra washing to do and boy do our Kennel Attendants love to do the washing! The greyhounds do show us their appreciation though with lots of cuddles.

If you love greyhounds and don't mind doing the washing maybe you would like to apply to become a casual GAP Kennel Attendant, click here for more [information](#).

NEWS FROM THE NQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑

Coaching dogs play an important role in helping retired greyhounds transition to pet life. We would like to introduce the current North Queensland coaching team, Argos and Winston. Argos is a 5-year-old Dogue De Bordeaux and Winston is a 9-year-old Chihuahua x Mini Foxy. They have both been working side by side as assessor dogs for at least 3 years now.

Both dogs love their job and look forward, each morning, to getting fitted in their uniforms (collars and harnesses). Winston and Argos are well-mannered, calm dogs who help retired racers earn their GAP green collars – through building their confidence so GAP greyhounds are ready for their new homes.



GREYHOUND BEHAVIOUR 🏆

Adopt milestones: the 3-3-3 rule



Every greyhound is unique and adjusting to life as a pet takes time. GAP greyhounds are retired athletes and bringing one home can feel a bit like welcoming a puppy — it's a time of discovery, patience and new routines.

That's where the 3-3-3 rule comes in:

Three days. Your greyhound is likely feeling overwhelmed and unsure. Give them time to decompress, explore their new space and start to feel safe.

Three weeks. By now, your greyhound will begin to settle in, learn your household routine and understand some basic boundaries.

Three months. This is when your greyhound will truly begin to feel at home. Their personality will emerge and a strong bond will start to form.

Remember, patience and consistency go a long way. The rewards are well worth it.

Information on settling your new greyhound can be found [here](#).

If you are experiencing behavioural issues with your GAP greyhound, please reach out to the [GAP team](#).

WHAT'S ON 🗨️

Homeward Hounds

Thinking of adopting a GAP greyhound? Then Homeward Hounds is the event for you! Head along and chat to the GAP team about adopting, fostering, behaviour and greyhound health. For more information and to register your attendance, visit our [website](#).

📅 Saturday 17 May

🕒 9am – 12pm

📍 [Albion Park Harness Racing Club, Yulestar Street, Albion 4010](#)

99.7 Bridge FM Pop-up event

Join us at the GAP pop-up event at 99.7 Bridge FM Radio HQ, where you can meet and pat an adorable greyhound in need of a home. It's a great chance to chat with the GAP team about adoption, fostering, and finding your new best fur-iend.

📅 Tuesday 20 May

🕒 11am – 12pm

📍 [99.7 Bridge FM HQ, 75 Anzac Ave \(next to the Museum\), Redcliffe 4020](#)

MONTHLY FUN FACT 🦉

The greyhound is such an ancient breed that images of them can be found in paintings on the walls of Egyptian tombs.

MONTHLY JOKE 😄

Q. Why did the greyhound get adopted right away?
A. Because he ran away with everyone's hearts.

GREEN COLLAR ASSESSMENT



If you didn't adopt your greyhound with 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 - with 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](#).

Meet Kona and Rusty.

These two boys have been in foster care together and have bonded as BFFs. They would love to find a home together and are located in south east Queensland.



[View Rusty's profile](#) (L) and [view Kona's profile](#) (R)

ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT

Meet Dan.

Dan is a big softie at heart. He can be a little shy when meeting new people which hides his beautiful personality.

DOB: 24 October 2019

Location: South-East Queensland

-  Children over 10yrs
-  Would love a small dog friend
-  Can live in an apartment/townhouse



[View Dan's profile](#)



[View Patchy's profile](#)

Meet Patchy.

Patchy is looking for a fun retirement home where he could have a playmate and room for his zoomies.

DOB: 27 February 2022

Location: North Queensland

- ✓ Children over 6yrs
- ✓ Would love a small to large dog friend
- ✓ Can live in an apartment/townhouse

If Dan or Patchy aren't your perfect match, check out all our GAP greyhounds looking for their retirement home [here](#).

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

GAP UPDATES 🐕

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.



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.

