

NEWS HOUNDS



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter August 2024

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 for a variety of reasons have not made the track.

GAP GREYS STEAL THE SHOW AT THE GOLD COAST ULTRASOUND WORKSHOP



Last month, our GAP greyhounds travelled to the Gold Coast to be willing participants and demonstration dogs for an Ultrasound Workshop run by the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. The workshop participants were all so impressed with how well-behaved our greyhounds were, and rewarded them with plenty of love, cuddles and of course treats. Many of the greys even decided to enjoy a nap while they received an ultrasound.

A MOMENT'S PAWS 🐾🐾

Take a moment to meet our newest GAP greyhound looking for a retirement home...



Ruby girl is a sweet, rare gem that is an absolute pleasure to have around. She is a dream to walk on a lead and is playful and engaging.

DOB: 9 February 2020

Colour: Fawn White

- ✓ She could live with a small/medium/large breed dog
- ✓ Would love a home with a yard to sunbake in and play with her toys
- ✓ She could live with kids 6+

[View Ruby's profile here.](#)

WHAT'S ON

Homeward Hounds – 3rd Saturday of each month

Meet and pat GAP greyhounds that are available for adoption. If you find a pup that's impawssible to walk away from, same-day adoptions are available, as well as dog collections for finalised applicants.

📅 Saturday 17 August

🕒 10am - 1pm

📍 Albion Park Harness Racing Club, Yulestar Street, Albion 4010

[Register your attendance to Homeward Hounds](#)

Townsville Shopping Centre Pup-up

📅 Saturday 24 August

🕒 10am – 2pm

📍 Townsville Shopping Centre, 310-334 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale 4814

Bunnings Townsville Father's Day Special Event

📅 Thursday 29 August

🕒 5pm – 7pm

📍 Bunnings Warehouse Townsville North, Corner Nexus Drive & North Shore Boulevard, Burdell 4818

Great Global Greyhound Walk



Join us for the Great Global Greyhound Walk on Sunday 29 September in Brisbane and Townsville. This event unites greyhound lovers from around the world for a day of fun, community, and, of course, walking with our beautiful greyhounds and sighthounds.

In 2023, there was a record-breaking 11,818 sighthounds who walked around the globe across 458 walks in 36 countries! Whether you're a greyhound owner, fan, or just curious about these gentle giants, everyone is welcome to come along. Let's all come together to celebrate and raise awareness about how amazing greyhounds are as pets 🐕

📅 Sunday 29 September

🕒 9am – 11am

📍 BRISBANE: Rocks Riverside Park, 531 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks

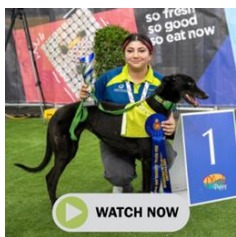
📍 TOWNSVILLE: The Strand, North Ward

Register your dog's attendance here:

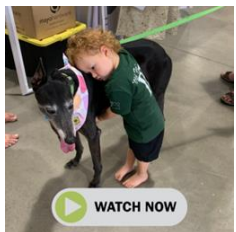
📅 [Brisbane event](#)

📅 [Townsville event](#)

EVENTS FLASHBACK



Our GAP greyhounds made a memorable appearance at the Ekka Royal Queensland Show Greyhound Sweepstakes. The stunning [Jam](#) stood out, earning the prestigious first place trophy and ribbon 🏆🏆. The event was a resounding success, drawing considerable attention to our greyhounds as they received an abundance of pats and cuddles from Ekka patrons, with lots of queries raised about the benefits of adopting a greyhound.



Our Townsville greys Zack, Chloe, and Flo Jo had a blast at the recent Bunnings Stores for Paws event. Our greyhounds enjoyed watching and interacting with the kids who were busy doing arts and crafts, but jumped at the opportunity for snuggles and cuddles with them each time they came over for a break.

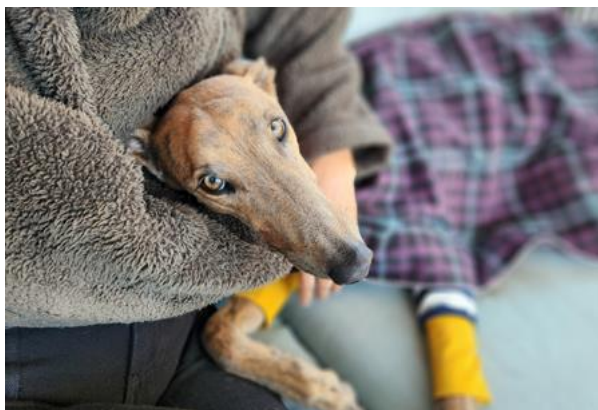
BECOME A FOSTER PAW-RENT ❤️

Foster carers play a vital role in caring for greyhounds, offering them essential care and engaging them in enrichment activities like walks and exposure to new objects and experiences. Our dedicated GAP team provides continuous support and advice to our foster families throughout the entire process.

What is provided:

- Foster Carer Training Manual
- Skills sessions may be held periodically throughout the year
- Foster carers providing behavioural rehabilitation may be provided one-on-one training sessions
- Supplies of dry dog kibble and any medication required for the duration of the foster period
- Dog equipment including lead, muzzle, blanket, dog bed, clam shell, toys and a dog coat
- 24-hour access to out-of-hours phone number in case of emergencies

[Interested in learning more about fostering?](#)



GREYT-UBE TV

Catch up on some of our recent GAP videos!

Our GAP team and greyhounds have had Olympic fever this month, where they have been participating in their own Greyt Greyhound Games. Check out their videos below:


 [Team Green](#) 

 [Team Orange](#) 

 [Team Pink](#) 

 [Team Yellow](#) 

WHAT'S UP, DOG?

"I have had Rosie since 2019 and she will be 11 this month. I wanted a greyhound who had energy to burn, because I run and wanted a running companion (who has been the perfect match, as she is always up for a run!). Everyone loves Rosie at Parkrun , we always get people coming up to us to pat Rosie. Rosie gets super excited when she sees me in my running gear as she knows she is coming out for a run. Most people admire her running style as she does a light trot beside me. We try and do a sprint finish although to be honest I am doing my best to run fast, but she hardly busts out into a sprint, which is probably a good thing!

I run with Rosie about 2-3 times a week, otherwise she gets a walk, because if not, she barks at the door to go out for a walk, so she keeps me accountable."

- Rosie's Paw-rent



You can host a Greyhound Adoption Program pop-up IN YOUR WORKPLACE!



Scan to learn more!



Flexible visits from GAP
greyhounds to your workplace



Free pats for your team &
customers



Raise awareness about
adopting/fostering with GAP

An initiative of the
Queensland Racing
Integrity Commission

A visit from a dog makes every workday better! Invite GAP greyhounds to visit your workplace - you and your team can interact with retired racing greyhounds and learn more about how to adopt or foster a GAP dog.

Our passionate team is flexible and will work with you to organise a pop-up that is suitable for your workplace. Take a break and inject some fun into your workday with free pats for staff and customers and help us to promote the importance of rehoming retired racing dogs!

For more information, contact communication@qric.qld.gov.au.

A DOG'S TAIL 🐕

Every greyhound paw-rent loves to talk about their pet. If you have adopted or are fostering a GAP greyhound, we want to hear from you!

Send your photos, updates and any questions about greyhound care or behaviour to 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.

