

NEWS HOUNDS



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter October 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.

FROM THE CANINE HEALTH OFFICERS 🩺



September was **Tick Awareness Month**, and it's essential to remember that there is no immunity to paralysis ticks. Whether your greyhound is an indoor pet, lives in a unit complex in the heart of Brisbane, or roams a rural property, they are still at risk of ticks. If you find a tick remove it immediately and complete a full body tick search in case there are others. [Click here](#) to view our instructional video.

Early stages of tick paralysis can appear as lethargy, reduced appetite and occasional vomiting. This can then lead to a change in the sound of their bark, them being unable to blink, difficulty breathing, change in heart rhythm, excessive drooling, wobbly gait, reluctance to move, and complete paralysis.

If you find a tick or if your greyhound is showing symptoms, please seek veterinary attention. The key is to remain constantly vigilant when it comes to your pet's health.

NEWS FROM THE KENNELS 🍀

Summer Preparations



The GAP kennel team are busy preparing for the summer months that are fast approaching. To get ready, the kennel attendants are getting out the shell pools and soaker hoses, ready to provide the dogs somewhere to cool off in the water during the day, as some of our greyhounds do love a good lounging session in their pools. With the soaker hoses, this provides some fun running through the water or simply trying to have a drink from the little jets of water, whatever our greyhounds feel like doing to keep cool and have some fun during the day.

For those warm afternoons, frozen treats/ice blocks will be on the menu, so the team are hard at work planning and prepping these treats to be ready for our greyhound's and coaching dogs.

NEWS FROM NORTH QUEENSLAND 🌈

Love at first sight



NQ greyhound Pippa has gone from living in Townsville to retirement in Tasmania. The lovely Pippa was spotted on social media by her new family while they were holidaying in Townsville. Whilst they were not expecting to adopt a greyhound on holidays and missing their last greyhound, it was love at first sight and they could not leave Pippa behind in Queensland.

BEHAVIOUR NEWS 🐕

Environmental Socialisation



We often talk about socialisation, focusing on getting our dogs comfortable with people and other dogs. But it's just as important to remember the environments and situations we introduce them to. This is the foundation of **Environmental Socialisation**.

When it comes to dog training and behaviour, the dog's comfort should always be the priority. We start small, with manageable tasks that the dog can easily succeed at, helping to build their confidence. Just like us, some dogs are naturally more adventurous, while others are more cautious. It's important to consider this when training, something as simple as walking a new route might be a challenge for some dogs.

A few ideas for Environmental Socialisation include visiting places like Bunnings, pet stores, or dog-friendly cafés. Always remember that your dog looks to you to make the best decisions for them, so be their advocate and guide them thoughtfully.





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 impawsible to walk away from, same-day adoptions are available, as well as dog collections for finalised applicants.

Saturday 19 October

 9am - 12pm

 10:30am: Canine Health Talk: Summer First Aid (we will discuss topics around heat stress, the importance of tick prevention, snake bites, can toad toxicity and what you should have in your greyhound first aid kit).


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

[Register your attendance here](#)

Townsville Canine Carnival

The Townsville Canine Carnival is a celebration of all things dog-related. With market stalls, expert trainer and handler demonstrations, kids' activities, and delicious food, there's something for all the family to enjoy!

Saturday 26 October

 9am - 1pm

 [Canine Obedience Club of Townsville, Heatley Park, Fulham Road, Heatley 4814](#)

[Click for more details](#)

Great Global Greyhound Walk Thanks for joining us!



It was a true delight to see so many wonderful greyhounds gathered at the recent Great Global Greyhound Walk (GGGW), enjoying a relaxed stroll and each other's company. We had 48 greyhounds who joined us in Brisbane, 30 in Townsville, and 55 greyhounds who participated in a kennel walk, contributing to a record-breaking total of 13,383 sighthounds participating globally, up from 11,818 in 2023!

Click below to check out our online gallery from the event 📷👉



HOST A HOUND FOR THE HOLIDAYS 🎄🎁

Is there space under your Christmas tree for a greyhound this summer?



We're inviting dog-lovers to open their hearts and homes by hosting a GAP greyhound over the Christmas season. As a Christmas foster carer, you'll receive everything you need to care for your greyhound, including food, bedding, vet care, collars, and leads, along with ongoing support from our dedicated GAP team.

If you've got some extra love to give this holiday season, why not share it with a GAP greyhound? Help them adjust to life in a family home and make this Christmas truly special for both you and them.

Ready to make a difference? This is your chance to welcome a greyhound into your home for the holidays!

[More details can be found here](#)

Christmas foster carers will be able to pick up their furry friends for the festive season at or before our Homeward Hounds event on Saturday 16 November. Applications close 10 November.

ADOPTION UPDATE ❤️



The GAP adoption team are busy reviewing adoption applications and matching greyhounds to their new families. Greyhounds can be at different stages of the adoption process. If you are interested in adopting more information including the adoption process can be found [here](#).

FOSTER FAMILIES ❤️

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

Our GAP team provide ongoing support and advice to our foster families. If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, more information can be found [here](#).

ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT 🐾



Denzel is a really fun boy. He contains his excitement and zest for life well and doesn't jump up. He likes a pat at nighttime before bed and enjoys learning.

DOB: 17 July 2019
Colour: Black

- ✅ He could live with children 6+
- ✅ Could live with a medium/large breed dog
- ✅ He would like a yard to play in

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

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



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GREYHOUND
ADOPTION PROGRAM QLD



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
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Last month, some of our beautiful greyhounds made special visits to offices across Queensland in celebration of R U OK Day. They helped spread smiles and brightened people's day, reminding everyone of the importance of checking in. Our greys loved meeting so many new friends and, of course, enjoyed their well-earned naps on the ride home (while some enjoyed a nap while 'on the job').

Click the below image to see our video from the visits 📺



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!

GAP UPDATE

From 1 July - 30 September 2024, 71 greyhounds have been adopted through the Greyhound Adoption Program.

We would like to welcome all our new GAP family members, we are very excited to watch our GAP family grow and don't forget to send us your updates to gap@qric.qld.gov.au or tag us @GAPQLD.



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.

