

# NEWS HOUNDS



## Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter March 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.*

## WHAT'S ON



### GAP Open Day at Churchable

 Saturday 29 March

 9am - 12pm

 [985 Atkinsons Dam Road, Churchable, Qld, 4311](#)

What to expect:

- Join the greyhound health and first aid informative session presented by our GAP healthcare team.
- Take a guided tour of our kennel facility to see firsthand what makes these dogs so special.
- Enjoy pats, cuddles and try walks on leash with adoptable greyhounds.
- View profiles of our adoptable greyhounds and find out which greyhound could be your perfect match.

Be one of the first 25 families to register to attend the event and receive a free GAP greyhound starter kit (to be collected on the day at the event).

**Bonus:** all adoptions during the GAP Open Day will receive a free bag of dog food and a GAP adoption bag!

Come along, learn more and you may even find your newest family member at GAP Churchable.

👉 [Click here for more details and to register your attendance](#)



### Townsville Homeward Hounds

Come along for plenty of greyhound cuddles and pats and, chat with our friendly GAP team about all things greyhounds. If you happen to meet a pup and it's just impawsible to leave without them, same-day adoptions are available! Just remember to bring photos of your backyard, fencing and gates so, the GAP team can assess your application on the spot. We'll also have dog collections available for approved applicants ready to take their new hound home.

📅 **Saturday 29 March**

🕒 9am - 12pm

📍 [Townsville Showgrounds, West End, Ingham Rd, Townsville, QLD 4812](#)

👉 [Register your attendance here](#)

## GREYHOUND HELPFUL CARE TIPS 📖



### Bathing your dog

If your dog is nervous about baths, start slowly to help them become accustomed to the water. Begin with a gentle stream of water on their feet, then gradually move up their legs and over their body. Using a lick mat with a tasty treat can also help create a positive distraction and make the experience more enjoyable.

### Setting your new dog up for success at home

- ✔ Set clear boundaries from day one.
- ✔ Close off any rooms that you don't want your dog to enter (use doors or baby gates if need be).
- ✔ Establish a consistent routine for feeding and walks.
- ✔ Reward only positive behaviour.
- ✔ Keep your furniture off-limits.
- ✔ Provide your dog with their own comfortable bed.

Be calm and confident with your commands and, avoid “babying” your new dog. The goal is to help them become secure, independent and well-adjusted. Over-reliance on you (your dog’s owner) can contribute to general and separation anxiety so, setting firm but fair expectations early on is key.

If you are experiencing behavioural issues with your GAP greyhound, [please reach out](#) to the GAP team. More helpful information can be found [here](#).

## CANINE HEALTH 🩺

Recent adverse weather across much of Queensland, including heavy rain and flooding, can pose health risks to your dog.

To help keep your dog safe and healthy:

- Avoid walking your dog through floodwater or muddy areas as water recedes.
- Ensure their intestinal worming, vaccinations and heartworm prevention are up to date.

After floods or heavy rain, dogs are at higher risk of exposure to:

- Intestinal parasites (especially hookworm).
- Bacterial infections such as leptospirosis.
- Viral infections such as parvovirus.
- Fungal infections.
- Heartworm (spread by mosquitoes).

If you're heading out with your dog, stick to clean, dry paths like concrete and prevent them from drinking any ground water. If you notice that your greyhound isn't well, please contact your vet.

## MONTHLY FUN FACT 🧠

Greyhounds are the only breed of dog mentioned in the bible.

## MONTHLY JOKE 😄

Q. Why did the greyhound sit in the shade?

A. Because it didn't want to be a hot dog.

## 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*.

[More 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.

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

## ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT 🐾🐾



[View Bandit's profile](#)

### Meet Bandit.

This older gentleman is looking for his very own family that will take their time to help him settle into pet life.

DOB: 12 December 2019

Colour: Black

Location: South-East QLD

- ✅ Bandit would like a home with no children
- ✅ Suited to a house with a yard
- ✅ Would like to be the only dog in the home

### Meet Clint.

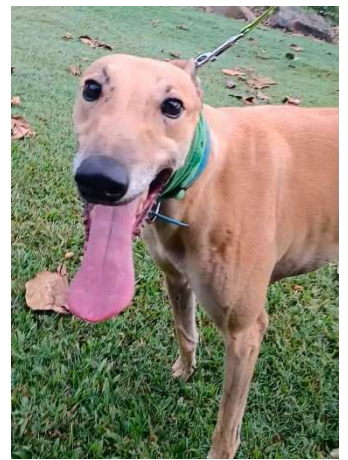
Clint is a big boy who has a heart of gold and happy to give it all to you. He is a confident boy who loves meeting people especially children. He is a huge cuddle bug and is looking for his retirement home.

DOB: 4 January 2019

Colour: Red Fawn

Location: North QLD

- ✅ Suitable with any aged children
- ✅ Can be indoors or outdoors
- ✅ Can live with another doggy companion



[View Clint's profile](#)

## GAP UPDATES 🐶

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

