

NEWS HOUNDS



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter July 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

Greyhound Fibrinolytic Syndrome... what does it really mean?



It has been reported that up to 30 per cent of greyhounds suffer from a bleeding disorder that can be potentially life threatening. Greyhound fibrinolytic syndrome is also known as “delayed bleeding” as bleeding generally occurs 36 to 48 hours after a surgical procedure or injury. Bleeding problems can range in severity from bruising, bleeding from wounds to severe, life-threatening internal bleeding. It often manifests as skin bruising, extending from a surgical wound to surrounding areas, which can persist for days. In some cases, this can be associated with active bleeding from wounds and delayed sloughing of skin and underlying tissues.

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

NEWS FROM THE SEQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑

During the week, as part of our normal daily cleaning routine, one section in a revolving roster in our kennels is chosen to be given a full scrub down. Floors, walls and the kennels metal frames are all given a thorough scrub with a broom and soapy water, then the whole block is given a spray of F10 Veterinary disinfectant.

Working in kennels isn't always the most glamorous of jobs but the greyhound's health and living conditions are the number one priority of our amazing Kennel Attendants.



NEWS FROM THE NQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑



The NQ GAP team have been out and about with retired greyhounds that are looking for their new home. If you see them, don't hesitate to stop and have a chat.

They also had so much fun shooting a segment with Channel 7 chatting about all things GAP greyhounds.

[Check it out here.](#)

The team also hosted a Homeward Hounds on Saturday 21 June, and was great to see so many people interested in the terrific work the GAP team does in transition retired greyhounds to pet life. 16 greyhounds attended looking for their retirement homes with two GAP greyhounds heading off on their new adventures.

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](#).

SEQ GAP COACHING TEAM 🐕

GAP coaching dogs play an important role in helping retired greyhounds transition to pet life. We would like to introduce the South-East Queensland coaching team:



Left to right: Freya, Minnie, Ralph, Sam (greyhound)

They love their job and look forward to going to work every morning. Freya, Minnie and Ralph are the assessment dogs that help during the green collar assessments. They also continue their coaching duties with GAP greyhounds to understand that there are other breeds of dogs in the world.

For some of our greyhounds, it can be a bit harder for them in realising that small dogs aren't that exciting. This is where Sam comes in, we go on walks with his stepsister Freya and bring Sam with us and he provides that little extra assistance in showing the other greyhounds that small dogs are just like any other dog.

Ralph and Minnie are adoptive siblings and are learning and growing together from their mentor Freya. They're both high energy, love to play, and have a big love for food and treats.

These guys are a big part of getting GAP greyhounds ready for their new homes.

WHAT'S ON 🗨️

RQ Greyhound Sweepstakes at the Ekka

Join us at the Ekka Royal Queensland Show as we showcase greyhounds to the public. It's the perfect family day out, filled with excitement, furry pats and cuddles with our GAP greyhounds, and a chance to chat with the GAP team. Cheer on all the GAP greyhounds as they take to the ring, from those looking for their forever homes, to those who have already found their happily ever after. For more details about the event, [visit our website](#).

📅 Saturday 9 August

🕒 9am open, with judging from 12pm

📍 [Canine Pavillion, Ekka Royal Queensland Show, Bowen Hills 4006](#)

Homeward Hounds

Thinking of adopting a GAP greyhound? Our next Homeward Hound's event is coming up. 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 16 August

🕒 9am – 12pm

📍 [Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club, 16 Old Cleveland Road, Capalaba 4157](#)



MONTHLY FUN FACT 🐾

Unique sleep habits: Some greyhounds sleep with their eyes open, which is quite unusual for dogs. Check out how to manage sleep startle in greyhounds [here](#).



TRAVELLING HOME WITH YOUR NEWLY ADOPTED GREYHOUND 🚗

Greyhounds love to curl up on the softest of beds. You can help make their first car journey with you more comfortable by placing a dog bed in the backseat or boot of your car. If you have the greyhound in the backseat area, a dog car seat hammock is also highly recommended.

When you adopt a GAP greyhound as part of your starter kit, a doggy seat belt is supplied for your newest fur-mily's safety.

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](#).

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](#).



Meet River.

Location: South-East Queensland

Our staff favourite, River has been waiting for her new home. Do you love water sports? Well so does River. She is very excited to find her new home that will take her on all sorts of adventures.

[View River's profile.](#)

Meet Birdie.

Location: North Queensland

Birdie is a great match for someone who works from home or is retired, as she thrives on companionship and being part of a steady routine. She enjoys her daily walks, relaxing in the sunshine, and curling up nearby while you go about your day. With her lovely manners and warm, gentle energy, Birdie is well on her way to becoming someone's perfect lifelong companion.

[View Birdie's profile.](#)



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

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.



ALL YOUR GREYHOUND QUESTIONS ANSWERED 🙋

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

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

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

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.

