

NEWS HOUNDS



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter August 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.

HELPFUL GREYHOUND CARE TIPS

Dental Disease



Dental disease is the most common health issue in greyhounds. They are genetically predisposed to periodontitis, with at least 40% of greyhounds reported to have some form of dental disease throughout their lifespan. It is vital to implement a routine dental care plan to ensure the health and welfare of your greyhound. Poor dental health has been linked to other systemic issues including heart, liver and kidney disease.

[Click here](#) to learn more about good and bad oral health, and how to prevent dental disease.

NEWS FROM THE SEQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑

Making Friends: Easy Tips to Socialise Your Greyhound



Above: Adoptable greyhound [Howie](#) enjoying some socialisation time with other dogs

Socialising your greyhound is one of the best gifts you can give them — it helps build confidence, reduces anxiety, and creates a happy, well-adjusted pup. Whether your grey is a curious dog or a gentle giant, these simple tips will make meeting new friends a breeze!

- Start early: Begin socialising your greyhound as soon as you can.
- Introduce gradually: Let your greyhound approach new people at their own pace using calm, gentle interactions.
- Safe dog meetings: Arrange introductions with calm dogs in controlled, quiet spaces and watch for signs of stress.
- Positive reinforcement: Reward calm behaviour around new people and dogs with treats and praise.
- Keep it short: Limit new experiences to short, positive sessions to avoid overwhelming your dog.
- Join meetups and greyhound walks: Participate in greyhound-specific groups to socialise them with similar dogs.
- Explore new places: Expose your greyhound to varied environments to boost confidence.
- Be patient: Consistency and patience are key—every greyhound adjusts at their own pace.

Remember, every greyhound is unique, and socialisation is a journey, not a race. With patience, kindness, and a few tasty treats, your greyhound will soon be happily wagging tails and making new friends everywhere you go!

NEWS FROM THE NQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑

Our NQ GAP team are out and about with retired greyhounds that are looking for their home, if you see us don't hesitate to stop and have a chat with us.

We have an exciting calendar of events planned for Townsville – keep an eye on our social media for updates.

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](#).

WHAT'S ON 🐾

Bunnings Father's Day Pup-up Event

Meet some of the Townsville team and our greyhounds at the upcoming Bunnings Father's Day pup-up event. Bring the family along to enjoy pats and cuddles with our long noodles, we hope to see you there!

📅 Sunday 7 September

🕒 9am – 1pm

📍 [Bunnings Townsville North, Corner Nexus Drive & North Shore Boulevard, Burdell 4818](#)

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 20 September

🕒 9am – 12pm

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



Great Global Greyhound Walk: Brisbane & Townsville

The Great Global Greyhound Walk is a worldwide event held annually to celebrate and promote greyhounds and other sighthound breeds as wonderful pets. On Sunday 28 September, globally, thousands of greyhound owners and enthusiasts unite to walk their hounds in local communities, creating visibility, encouraging adoption, and fostering a sense of global unity.

📅 Sunday 28 September

Brisbane

📍 [Leslie Patrick Park, 135 Olearia Street West, Arana Hills 4054](#)

🕒 9am

📄 [Register your attendance here](#)

Townsville

📍 [The Strand, Townsville](#)

🕒 8am

📄 [Register your attendance here](#)



MONTHLY FUN FACT 🐾

Along with Lurchers, Deerhounds and Afghan Hounds, Greyhounds are sighthounds and have incredible range of vision. They can see 270 degrees and they can see motion behind them and over 800 metres in front of them.

GREEN COLLAR ASSESSMENT 💚



If you didn't adopt your greyhound through 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 Buttercup.

Location: South-East Queensland

This small bundle of joy loves neck scratches and cuddles and is looking for a family to take her on amazing adventures together.

- ✅ Great for apartment or townhouse living
- ✅ Can live with a small polite dog
- ✅ Suitable for older children 6+ years

[View her profile.](#)

Meet Daisy

Location: North Queensland

Daisy loves affection and enjoys a good pat, in fact her whole body melts into you when she's getting a pat.

- ✓ Great for apartment or townhouse living
- ✓ Can live with medium to large breeds
- ✓ Suitable for older children 10+ years

[View her profile.](#)



If Buttercup and Daisy 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.

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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.

