

NEWS HOUNDS



Greyhound Adoption Program QLD Newsletter September 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

Pannus Disease in Greyhounds



Greyhounds can sometimes develop a condition called pannus (also known as chronic superficial keratitis). It's an eye disease that usually appears in adulthood and, if left untreated, can cause blindness.

The good news? With early diagnosis and daily management (usually with eye drops), pannus is very treatable — meaning affected greyhounds can still enjoy long, happy lives.

Knowing the signs is key: look out for pink, cloudy, or pigmented patches in your greyhound's eyes, and always get them checked by a vet if you're unsure.

Want to learn more? We've put together a helpful fact sheet [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE NQ GAP TEAM 🧑 🧑



It has been a big couple of weeks for our North QLD team, with events at both **Petstock** and **Bunnings**. Across the two days, we celebrated multiple adoptions and foster-to-adopts, received plenty of enquiries and applications, and, of course, our greyhounds lapped up all the cuddles and pats from everyone who came by!

A huge thank you to everyone who stopped to say hi.

KENNEL KAPERS 🐶



28 students from the University of Queensland Animal Studies cohort joined the GAP team at our Churchable kennels to learn about hydrobathing, hygiene check, and animal enrichment. The greyhounds had a great time with extra pats and cuddles and the students learnt all about caring for greyhounds.

WHY GREYHOUNDS ARE THE PERFECT DOGS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND RETIREES 🧠



When people picture the ideal dog for retirement, they often think of a little lapdog, but in reality, greyhounds are one of the best fits.

Gentle and famously laid-back, these ‘couch potatoes’ sleep most of the day and need only short walks, making them perfect for slower-paced lifestyles. They walk calmly on a leash, are spatially aware (so less risk of tripping), and their height means no bending down for pats.

Greyhounds are affectionate ‘Velcro dogs’ who love being close, yet they’re wonderfully low-maintenance – no clipping, no constant brushing, and no strong doggy smell. They’re also excellent travellers, happily snoozing in the car or caravan, making them ideal for grey nomads.

What’s more, many Greyhounds are looking for retirement homes of their own. The GAP carefully assesses each dog before adoption, ensuring they’re well-suited to life as a pet. For just \$100, you receive a dog that is:

- Desexed
- Microchipped
- Vaccinated
- Received a ProHeart injection (protection against heartworm)
- Up to date with intestinal worming
- Has had a recent dental scale and polish

So, if you’re looking for a gentle, loyal companion that’s easy to live with, consider adopting a greyhound. There’s likely one waiting patiently for you.

WHAT'S ON 👁️

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 18 October

🕒 9am – 12pm

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

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](#).

MONTHLY FUN FACT 🦉

Greyhounds are known for their teeth chattering, and it's actually quite a normal behaviour. Some of the reasons they chatter their teeth is due to excitement and anticipation, affection and bonding, as a scent response, and other times less commonly due to a nervous reaction.

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](#).



Snickers

Date of birth: 11 March 2020

Available in North Queensland

This sweet boy is looking for his forever home – he is very special and available for adoption now. Check out his profile [here](#).



Clint

Date of birth: 4 September 2019

Available in North Queensland

This pretty fawn boy is a part time footy star with movie star looks and goofy grin. Check out his profile [here](#).



Roy

Date of birth: 6 August 2022

Available in South-East Queensland

This staff favourite is a big softie and is a chill master. Check out his profile [here](#).

If Snickers, Clint or Roy are not your perfect match, check out all GAP greyhounds looking for their retirement home [on our website](#).

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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.

