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# AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – JULY 2013 “PROVEN IMPALA”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for July 2013 is versatile Victorian multi distance star Proven Impala. In the month of July she started four times for three wins and a second including winning the Group 2 McKenna Memorial at Sandown and was runner up in the AWM Distance Championship at the Meadows.



**Proven Impala wins the McKenna (Pic Paul Munt)**

The Talented Proven Impala trained by Joe Borg started the month winning her heat of the McKenna in the fastest time of the night 34.13. A week later in the final she staged an amazing effort to run down superstar Irma Bale getting up in the last stride to win. It was her second middle distance group win this year having won the Rookie Rebel at the Meadows in February.

Proven Impala's next start was at the Meadows in a heat of the Group 2 AWM Distance Championship over 725 metres. The front runner made every post a winner racing away to go into the final as the fastest qualifier recording 42.64 defeating Dashing Red.

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In the final a week later Proven Impala lead until mid-race when she was passed by outstanding stayer Destini Fireball although he went on to win, Proven Impala stuck to her guns and battled on for second going down by a little less than a length in 42.72.

Proven Impala has been a model of consistency throughout her career and a great money spinner for connections, for many months now she has raced at the top level in her home state and around the country for some outstanding results. With 72 starts under her belt she is getting to the later part of her career and will now take on the best in the upcoming National Distance Championship. A distinct advantage will be the fact that the Championships will be held at one of her favourite tracks the Meadows. The State heats and final are on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and the National final will also be held at the Meadows on August 24.

Proven Impala is raced by Larissa Darragh and is trained by Joe Borg she is a Black bitch whelped October 2009 by Velocette from Thanks Blue (Go Wild Teddy x Queen Mint). Proven Impala has won 28 of her 72 starts and has been placed on 19 occasions and her current stake earnings stand at \$285,600.

The month of July has seen four group races decided. Proven Impala beat Group 1 winners Glen Gallon and Marcus Joe plus Group 2 winner Destini Fireball for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates owner Larissa Darragh, trainer Joe Borg and Proven Impala on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for July 2013. She Joins January winner Sheikha, February winner Destini Fireball, March winner Spud Regis, April winner Black Magic Opal, May winner Irma Bale and June winner Paw Licking.

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