



MEDIA RELEASE

1st July 2013

AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2013 “PAW LICKING”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for June 2013 is Victorian trained speed machine Paw Licking. The winner of two feature events in June the Northern New South Wales owned performer has raced brilliantly since arriving in Victorian in January.



Paw Licking winning at Sale in June (Pic Daniel Gangur)

The Talented Paw Licking trained by Kelvyn Greenough started the month winning the \$7,000 to-the-winner El Grand Senor Classic at Sale in one of the quickest times ever recorded over the 440m journey, 24.48s.

Fittingly, the track-record of 24.45 at the venue is held by the greyhound the series was named after and Paw Licking proved himself a worthy winner.

Winning in best of the night 24.53 in his heat, Paw Licking was sent to the boxes a \$2.30 favourite from box six for the final. The son of Elite State and Kingbrae Di began fairly but mustered superb pace to take the lead before the first turn and run to a comfortable four length victory.

His next mission was the Traralgon Cup and again he qualified as the fastest heat winner 29.25 in his first run over 500 metres.

Sent to the boxes as a \$2.00 favourite from the five alley on the back of his tremendous heat performance, Paw Licking was afforded extra room early as Wayne Vassallo's Transcend Time was an unfortunate late scratching in box four.

Continued on Page 2...

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

In the race, Paw Licking was only fairly away but he was able to muster brilliant early speed - as he has throughout his career over all distances - to lead the field into the first corner.

General Destini (Box 2 - \$3.80), Gold Town (Box 3 - \$7.30) and Yoda Bale (Box 1 - \$28.00) jostled for position behind the leader as they entered the second section.

Despite being somewhat of a short-course specialist throughout his career, Paw Licking was able to hold off the chasing pack to win his first Group race in 29.40s with General Destini second and Gold Town third.

Paw Licking has shown high speed in most of his race starts since transferring to the Greenough kennel in January. The distinctively marked speedster arrived having won nine of his 12 starts with all but one in the best of the meeting. He had won six races at Casino over the 411 where he holds the track record at 22.48 and three over 420 at Lismore. The decision to send him to one of Australia's best trainers has proven a master-stroke.

Owner Allan Lang acting on the advice of fellow Northern Rivers owner-trainer Charlie Northfield who had raced the mighty Miss Grub with the Greenough's and Brisbane trainer John Dart, had no hesitation recommending the talented Greenough kennel to Lang.

The results have been stunning with nine wins from 13 starts and some blistering times recorded, plus four Group 2 appearances.

Kelvyn Greenough said he would be concentrating on a Maturity Classic start for Paw Licking. "He has had a hand slip at the Meadows but is yet to race there, we have him up to 500 now however his last section is his worst but he is getting stronger all the time.

He's a very nice dog with a heap of ability I'm lucky to have him I think there has plenty of upside to him." Greenough said.

Paw Licking is a White & Black dog whelped March 2011 by Elite Sate from Kingsbrea Di (Solve The Puzzle x Pretty Jacalyn). He is raced by Allan Lang and trained by Kelvyn Greenough at Pearcedale in Victoria. He has now won 18 races and been placed on three occasions from his 25 starts. Paw Licking's overall prizemoney stands at \$99,365.

The month of June has seen four group races decided. Paw Licking beat Group 1 winners Xylia Allen and Destini Fireball plus Group 2 winner Quiz Bale for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates owner Allan Lang, trainer Kelvyn Greenough and Paw Licking on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for June 2013. He Joins January winner Sheikha, February winner Destini Fireball, March winner Spud Regis, April winner Black Magic Opal, and May winner Irma Bale.

For more information please contact:

Neil Brown
AGRA Publicity Officer
Tel: 03 97691234
Mob: 0423 129 950
nbrown@agra.com.au

Howard Ashton
AGRA Executive Officer
Tel: 08 8243 7100
Mob: 0438 042 838
hashton@agra.com.au