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# **AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD DECEMBER 2015**

## **“LITHGOW PANTHER”**

The AGRA'S Run of the Month for December 2015 has been awarded to smart Victorian trained stayer Lithgow Panther.

He won the award for his outstanding effort to win the Group 3 John Dillon Memorial over 595 metres at Sandown on December 10<sup>th</sup>.



*Lithgow Panther races away with the Group 3 John Dillon at Sandown Park*

The former New South Wales greyhound was near on last shortly after box rise, he then held his position on the rail with strength and gained an inside run approaching the back.

At the top of the home straight Lithgow Panther flew past early leader Secret Spell and excelled away to win by four lengths in a red hot 33.89sec.

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Handler and son of trainer Rob Britton, Tim, was delighted after Lithgow Panther's triumph.

"He's got a heap of ability – the way he ran home was really impressive," said Britton.

It was a breakthrough feature win for the son of Milldean Panther and Mrs Trickett, as it was his first taste of group success after falling short in five previous attempts.

Lithgow Panther spent the initial stages of his career under the guidance of John Chapman before transferring to Rob Britton's kennel.

"He's been in our kennel for a few months now and he's really starting to show what he's capable of."

He continued his top form finishing second to No Donuts in the final of the Group 1 Sale Cup on December 26th

Lithgow Panther is a Black dog whelped November 2012 by Milldean Panther from Mrs Trickett (Brett Lee x Thai Again). He is raced by M Inzitari & J Inzitari and trained by Rob Britton at Lara in Victoria. He has now won 19 races and been placed 22 times from her 56 starts. His overall prizemoney stands at \$152,566.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in December on various tracks around Australia. However given the quality of the John Dillon final and the way in which he won, Lithgow Panther got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owners the M & J Inzitari and trainer Rob Britton and Lithgow Panther after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for December 2015. He joints last month's winner Bourbski Fever, October winner Blazin' Bomber, September winner Brad Hill Billy, August winner Fantastic Dotty, July winner Lady Toy, June winner Dzeko, May winner Sweet It Is, April winner Fernando Bale, March winner Quasi Bale and Space Star the winner of the award in both January and February of 2015.

### **Checkout the AGRA Website for a replay of the run of the Month**

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