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# AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2012

## “DON’T KNOCKA HIM”

AGRA’s Greyhound of the Month for April 2012 is the brilliant New South Wales owned and Victorian trained sprinter Don’t Knocka Him. In April the talented chaser won three of his four starts including the semi-final and final of the Group 1 Easter Egg at Wentworth Park in Sydney.



*Don’t Knocka Him charges away with the Egg (Pic GRNSW Website)*

In front of a bumper crowd, leading Victorian trainer Jason Thompson claimed his maiden victory in the Group 1 feature with Don’t Knocka Him.

Ideally drawn from box one in the \$250,000 to-the-winner feature, the Reg Kay-owned race favourite Don’t Knocka Him - a son of Knocka Norris - defeated second favourite Dyna Bert by 1 ¼ lengths, with the Brendan Wheeler-trained Desalle Bale third another 1 ½ lengths away. It was a perfect finale to the series for Thompson, with the Golden Easter Egg one of the few Group 1 races that has eluded the Pearcedale mentor throughout his decorated training career.

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The old adage that 'boxes win big races' certainly rung true, with Don't Knocka Him using the fence to rail underneath Desalle Bale in running.

From there victory was never in doubt for the 15-race winner – not three years of age until November.

Time for the final was a race record run of 29.60 after sections of 5.38 (4) and 13.78.

The talented chaser had put the writing on the wall with an impressive semi-final win in 29.57 also from box one. Since his win in the Egg Don't Knocka Him won a Free For All at Warrnambool in 25.37 in preparation for a tilt at the Warrnambool Cup unfortunately he got mixed up in a tangle and fell in his heat of the Cup on April 24. He is certain to bounce back from that minor setback and looks on target to tackle the Group 2 Harrison-Dawson at Sandown on May 10 and 17.

Don't Knocka Him is raced by Reg Kay and is trained by Jason Thompson at Pearcedale in Victoria. By Knocka Norris form Surf Queen (Surf Lorian x Queen Size). He is a Blue Brindle Dog whelped November 2009 he has won 15 of his 32 starts and has been placed on 12 occasions, his current stake earnings to \$287,733.

The month of April saw nine group races decided. Don't Knocka Him beat Group 1 winner Miata and Group 2 winners Oaks Road and Peggy May for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates the owner Reg Kay, trainer Jason Thompson and Don't Knocka Him on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for April 2012. He joins January Greyhound of the Month Oaks Road, February winner Miata and March winner Katie Merry.

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