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## **Aqua Cheetah's Adelaide Cup**

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Another outstanding field was assembled for Friday nights Group 1 Adelaide Cup final where the Jason Thompson trained Aqua Cheetah stamped himself as a real star of the future with a brilliant victory in SA's feature race.

History shows when Jason Thompson travels to Adelaide for the Cup series he doesn't normally miss out highlighted by his past Adelaide Cup winners in Whippy's Image in 2008 and El Galo in 2009 and Aqua Cheetah (\$8) didn't disappoint on the big stage Friday night.



**Aqua Cheetah races away with his first Group 1 the Adelaide Cup**  
(All Pics Walter Bulyga)

Local champion Worm Burner (\$3) for Cameron Butcher and Weekend Binge for Kel Greenough were both sent out as the equal favourites but it was Aqua Cheetah who got the jump on his rivals as the boxes flew open. Worm Burner began better than expected from his inside box and was pushing through on the inside as a wall of four or five went to the first turn together.

Aqua Cheetah accelerated and took control out the front straight however Worm Burner who looked like being positioned beautifully just behind the speed shifted out on the first turn causing trouble to most of his competitors and also cost himself many lengths.

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Weekend Binge dove back to the inside to chase out after the leader while Worm Burner balanced back up and set off after the leading pair. Dyna Boomer (\$6.50) for Andrea Dailly who began very slowly on dispatch got a lovely run through on the first turn due to the interference and moved into fourth.



Racing down the back straight Aqua Cheetah cleared out from his rivals running a blistering 16.64 of the back straight setting up a race winning break. Weekend Binge chased hard while Worm Burner out wide and Dyna Boomer on the rails both began making ground powerfully. Entering the front straight Aqua Cheetah was in no danger going on to win in a sizzling 29.41 for the 515m journey.

He defeated Worm Burner by 2 lengths who flashed home for second and surely cost himself a chance at glory on the first turn while Dyna Boomer was able to charge home on the rails into third place one length away just ahead of a gallant Weekend Binge.

Aqua Cheetah is a son of Cosmic Rumble and Dalta Bale and with his outstanding win Friday

night takes his career earnings close to \$150,000 with a record of 12 wins and 11 placings from his 30 starts.

There is no doubt Aqua Cheetah looks a bright prospect in the making but one can't help but think what might have been had local star Worm Burner got around the first turn better. With more Group racing coming up on the National stage its exciting times ahead for all greyhound fans.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Boomer (\$2.80), 5<sup>th</sup> Shima Song (\$16), 6<sup>th</sup> Benteke (\$8), 7<sup>th</sup> One For Me (\$16) and 8<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bubbles (\$41).

Aqua Cheetah is raced by Mark Morgan and trained by Jason Thompson he is a Red Fawn dog whelped March 2014 by Cosmic Rumble from Dalta Bale (Pure Octane x Cynthia Bale). Aqua Cheetah has won 12 of his 25 starts and has been placed on 11 occasions after the first prize of \$75,000 for the Adelaide Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$148,113.

## Adelaide Cup Honour Roll

1972 **Bristol Miss 31.52**, 1973 **Valjuka 31.48**, 1974 **Bristol Sue 31.84**, 1975 **Turn Pillage 30.93**, 1976 **Golden Spur 30.80**, 1977 **Cavalier Queen 30.64**, 1978 **Riviera Tiger 30.49**, 1979 **Encanto 30.83**, 1980 **Youthful Prince 30.72**, 1981 **Lady Tornquest 30.45**, 1982 **Smithy's Belle 30.89**, 1983 **Superstar 30.36**, 1984 **Knocklaun Gold 30.24**, 1985 **Thundering Two 30.13**, 1986 **Farquhar 30.28**, 1987 **Club Edition 29.94**, 1988 **High Wonder 30.44**, 1989 **Kuriarkin 30.35**, 1990 **Sandi's Me Mum 30.23**, 1991 **Highly Blessed 29.95**, 1992 **South Road Sid 29.83**, 1993 **Croatian Star 30.19**, 1994 **Perplexed 29.49**, 1995 **Forest Fin 29.33**, 1996 **Jurassic Vapour 29.55**, 1997 **Rare Deceit 30.12**, 1998 **Rapid Journey 29.34**, 1999 **Young Harrison 29.56**, 2000 **Jack Junior 29.32**, 2001 **Brett Lee 28.88**, 2002 **Brookside Bear 29.67**, 2003 **Waterview Star 29.34**, 2004 **Hotline Hero 29.56**, 2005 **Collide 29.52**, 2006 **Miss Spicy 29.46**, 2007 **Big Time Max 29.30**, 2008 **Whippy's Image 29.39**, 2009 **El Galo 29.45**, 2010 **Dyna Lachlan 29.48** and 2011-1 **Kilty Lad 29.39**, 2011-2 **Mepunga Nicky 29.45**, 2012 **Spud Regis 29.75**, 2013 **Ernie Bung Arrow 29.70**, 2014 **Allen Deed 29.48** and 2015 **Fernando Bale 29.20**.

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