



MEDIA RELEASE

1st September 2010

AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2010

“SMOOTH FANCY”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for August 2010 is New South Wales sprinter Smooth Fancy. In August the talented Smooth Fancy had three starts for two wins and a second with the highlight a come from behind victory in the National Sprint Championship at Angle Park.



Smooth Fancy races to the lead in the final of the National Sprint Championship

Prepared by Anthony Azzopardi at Londonderry the hard chasing Collision dog has always shown he was a serious greyhound after recording 29.75 at Wentworth Park in May. He has also displayed a strong last section having scored over the 595 at Sandown in July running 34.44.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

Smooth Fancy started the month at Wentworth Park finishing second to Did I Entertain on the 7th in a heat of the National Sprint. A week later in an outstanding performance he won the state final in impressive fashion defeating Snozz in 30.19. Off to Adelaide and a trial between races at Angle Park running 30.04 solo.

On August 28 in the National final the powerhouse finisher was shunned by punters and, when race favourite Cosmic Chief drew past leader Pedrosa in the middle stages, this sprint title looked to be Victoria's.

But just as Cosmic Chief looked all over a winner, he moved a little away from the rails and Smooth Fancy took full toll.

Only a head separated the pair at the finish in a slashing 29.49 seconds. Given Smooth Fancy is a notoriously bad traveler who goes off his food it was a remarkable effort to win what was a stirring finish in a high quality final, a final most thought was the best for some years.



Smooth Fancy with the spoils after the National Sprint Championship final (All Pics Walter Bulyga)

Smooth Fancy is a Black dog whelped November 2007 by Collision from Flash Fancy (Brett Lee x Miss Fancy). He is raced by Terry Kingcott and trained by Anthony Azzopardi. He has now raced on 26 occasions for 13 wins and seven placings and his current stake earnings stand at \$96,040.

The month of August is dominated by the Nationals with only four group races decided. Smooth Fancy beat Group 1 winner and last month's AGRA greyhound of the month Blue Lorian. Plus group 3 winners Mr. Metz and Winsome Gun for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates the owner Terry Kingcott and trainer Anthony Azzopardi and Smooth Fancy on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for August 2010.

For more information please contact:

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

Brenton Scott
AGRA Executive Officer
Tel: 02 96497166
Mob: 0438 402 198
pscott@agra.com.au