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AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2011 “KILTY LAD”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for January 2011 is brilliant young Victorian sprinter Kilty Lad. In January the talented Kilty Lad has started 2011 with a bang winning two Group 1 features for the month. His first victory was in the Silver Chief at the Meadows. He then went to Adelaide where he won the Adelaide Cup at Angle Park.



Kilty Lad leads all the way in the final of the Silver Chief at the Meadows (Pic Paul Munt)

It was a remarkable month for the hard chasing Superman dog trained by Kellie Bravo for her dad Joseph Patterson. He has always shown he was a serious greyhound after winning the Group 3 Young Star Classic at Cannington in November. In December he made his first Group 1 final the Hobart 1000 finishing unplaced behind Octane Show.

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In the Silver Chief final Kilty Lad jumped perfectly from his awkward draw of five, sizzling to the first split in 5.07, with the well-supported Perfect Fancy moving into second position as they raced down the back.

In top gear, Kilty Lad extended his lead as he reached the second split (17.69), and as they turned for home, the \$50,000 winner's cheque was safely in his keeping, racing away to win by three and three quarter lengths over Perfect Fancy, stopping the clock just .05 outside Turanza Bale's 29.61 time standard at the track.

On January 13th in his semi-final of the Adelaide Cup Kilty Lad put the writing on the wall for many when he was an eye catching performance. Kilty Lad was in all sorts of bother early but rattled home behind Greywinds Doll in a top effort. A week later in the final he made no mistakes from box four jumping straight to the front and never looked challenged leading all the way to beat Perfect Fancy again with Penthouse third. Time for the final was 29.39 with sectional splits of 4.41 and a fast 16.67.

At his next start in the heat of the Group 1 Perth Cup last Saturday night he put in an extraordinary effort to win and has an excellent chance of bringing home another Group 1 trophy in the final this Saturday night from box three.



Kilty Lad in full stride winning the Adelaide Cup final (Pic Walter Bulyga)

Kilty Lad is raced by Joseph Patterson and is trained by Kelly Bravo at Lovely Banks in Victoria. He is a Black Dog whelped January 2009 by Superman from Sisco Train (Primo Uno x Full Streak). Kilty Lad has won 18 of his 28 starts and has been placed on five occasions. His current stake earnings stand at \$203,810.

The month of January has seen a number group races decided. Kilty Lad beat Group 1 winner Seek And Destroy. Plus group 2 winners Gold Heritage, Greta Bale, Tuiaki and El Grand Senior for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates the owner Joseph Patterson and trainer Kellie Bravo and Kilty Lad on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for January 2011.

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