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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – AUGUST 2010

“STEPPING STONE”

AGRA's Run of the Month for August 2010 has been awarded to Victorian sprinter Stepping Stone, after his amazing performance to get up off the deck and win at the Meadows on August 28th.



Stepping Stone gets up to win easily at the Meadows (Pic Paul Munt)

The black dog certainly had not used his red box to advantage and was almost down and out at the first turn when he narrowly missed becoming a fallen dog. He had begun okay but got buried back along the fence and copped a couple of checks and missing the fallen dog he was forced wide and again was checked between runners. However chasing hard Stepping Stone got past a couple more in the field and raced to third albeit some six lengths from the leaders, from that point he really got motoring.

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As leaders started to get tied turning for home Stepping Stone raced between the leading pair got to the lead and recorded a brilliant win.

Raced by Sandown Chairman Geoff "Smokey" Dawson Stepping Stone has been a model of consistency since he started racing in August 09 and has won five city races at both the Meadows and Sandown. His come from behind win on August 28 was his fourth win on the trot after winning a heat and final at Shepparton and a win at Sandown. Starting a \$2.60 favourite he was strongly supported in the Adelaide Casino where his owner watched the win with several other "doggies" who had been at Angle Park for the National Championships earlier in the night.

Stepping Stone is a Black dog whelped December 2007 by Bombastic Shiraz from Omega Brook (Waterview Star x Moral Girl) he is owned by Geoff Dawson and trained by Maureen Stephens from Yuroke in Victoria. Stepping Stone has raced only 23 times for seven wins and seven placings and his prizemoney earnings stand at \$28,420.

As usual we had some outstanding runs recorded in August but Stepping Stone got the nod for his hard chasing effort at the Meadows.

AGRA congratulates owner Geoff Dawson, trainer Maureen Stephens and Stepping Stone on being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for August 2010. He join's last month's winner Pedrosa and the previous months winners Velocity Cloud, Dashing Corsair, Nellie Noodles, Drill Em', Blue Lorian and Goodesy as this year's AGRA Runs of the Month for 2010.

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