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“Kiss” of success in Dapto Auction Classic

Vancouver Kiss (\$1.80) has brilliantly taken out the 2010 Group 2 Country Winnebago Dapto Auction Classic last Thursday night. Beginning well from box number one Vancouver Kiss took a prominent position vying for the lead to the first turn. At that point he surged to the front and showing a great turn of foot down the back straight opened up a winning break.

At the home turn he was in a race of his own and powering to the line winning as he liked by 10 and a quarter lengths in the fast time of 29.81 after sections of 5.44, 17.17 and a run home time of 12.64.

Ripped Jeans (28.50) had chased hard from mid race and finished second while Lizzy Banks (18.20) had been third throughout the final finished in that position.

Vancouver Kiss was always well fancied in betting after he drew the rails ally following a very impressive heat performance when he came from box five to narrowly be beaten a half-length by Lizzy Banks in 30.35 after he had experienced all sorts of trouble in the run and almost won the heat.

The Big Daddy Cool blue dog has always shown above average ability and had impressed coming into the series after posting wins at Bulli 22.63 and the Gardens 29.65.

A delighted owner-trainer Michael Edmunds knew he had a chance pre-race.

“I was very confident but not super confident once he drew the red. I thought he would be right, there were a couple of good dogs that had run quicker than he had but I thought he could be right in the finish. It’s terrific to win, he did a great job and the 50 thousand is very nice it’s a big night.” Edmunds said post-race.

“We paid \$2100 for him from our budget of \$3000, Jim and Margret Harrison reared him and Tony Rowland broke him in and that led to where we are tonight with a great result.” Edmunds said.

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Major sponsor Country Winnebago are delighted to stay on board in the years to come company manager Allan Bryant a greyhound man himself is pleased with his association with the race and the Dapto Club. Dapto's man in charge Paul Mack had a very important announcement to make on final night, next year's series would see an increase to first prize from \$50,000 to \$75,000 to the winner. The increase would make the Auction Classic the richest provincial race in the country.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Three Inch Nail (\$28.30), 5th Vintage Diva (\$15.60), 6th Dr. Rochelle (\$7.50) 7th Red Redemption (\$3.40) and Shad Star (\$44.70).

Vancouver Kiss is raced & trained by Michael Edmunds at Arncliffe. He is a Blue dog whelped October 2008 by Big Daddy Cool from Abbadale Gold (Token Prince x Sprinkles of Gold). Vancouver Kiss has won five of his nine starts and has been placed on three occasions and with the \$50,000 first prize for the Dapto Auction Series it took his current stake earnings to \$58,325.

The Dapto Auction Series was first conducted in 2000 when sponsored by All Fab Constructions they remained the race sponsor until 2003 when the Glendon Motor Holden Company took over in 2004/05 while current sponsor Country Motor Company came on board in 2006. Listed below are the previous winners.

2000 **Electric Grace**, 2001 **Toll Security**, 2002 **Most Awesome**, 2003 **Bazwill**, 2004 **Miss Megastar**, 2005 **Here I Come**, 2006 **Adris Echo**, 2007 **Merciless Lu**, 2008 **Never Quoted** and 2009 **Jedd Lion**.

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