#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Grand Shock: Champion out of Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee

Champion sprinter El Grand Senor has been withdrawn from Saturday night's Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee after injuring a fibula, leaving brilliant two-time Group 1 winning sprinter Kilty Lad as the greyhound to beat in the \$50,000-to-the-winner final at The Meadows.

In further disappointment for trainer Carolyn Jones, El Grand Senor drew box one for the invitation-only final, with Meadows Manager Marg Long explaining why the son of Where's Pedro and Elgrando Gold was still drawn into the field despite his withdrawal.

"El Grand Senor was scratched from The Temlee prior to the box draw, however, under the conditions of the race, still had to be included in the draw. If no further scratchings are received, Up And Away will gain a start from box one. If any further scratchings are forthcoming, then a draw will be conducted to determine which box each of the reserves will begin from. It is still such an amazing field, with the finalists earning total prizemoney of almost \$1.7 million in their careers to date," said Long.

The Kellie Bravo-trained Kilty Lad has drawn well in box two, aiming for his third Group 1 win of the year. The son of Superman and Sisco Train has a super 29.66PB over the 525-metre journey at The Meadows.

High Earner – who will become Australia's highest prizemoney winner (\$553,795) if successful in the Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee – will start from box seven, aiming to go one better than his second-placed effort behind Fedex in last year's race.

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Master trainer Darren McDonald will put the polish on two finalists, including Group 1 Hobart Thousand winner Octane Show (box three) and the classy Perfect Fancy (box five), who is still looking to break his Group-winning duck after some handy placings in Group finals.

2010 Group 1 Silver Chief winner Enry Walt has drawn perfectly in box eight, Cranbourne Cup winner Gold Heritage (box six) will be looking to continue her impressive Group-race form, while West-Australian speedster Pedrosa will start from box four, looking to win his first race in Victoria. This Saturday's meeting at The Meadows is one of the best on the greyhound-racing calendar. The night will also see the running of the Group 2 Macro Meats Zoom Top (725m) and the Group 2 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel (600m), and preliminaries of the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup. Patrons will also enjoy music from a

live band, have access to free on-course TAB Big 6 vouchers and TAB Mystery Bet Combos, plus heaps of free entertainment for the kids, including the chance to win one of 25 bikes throughout the carnival.

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#### GROUP ONE – Macro Meats Temlee \$50,000 to the winner



## El Grand Senor (SCRATCHED) 34 starts 27-3-1 (\$469,450)

Where's Pedro – Elgrando Gold

Black Dog April '08 Owner / Trainer: Carolyn Jones

Meadows best: 29.83 (4) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Group Race Record: 5 starts: 4-0-1 Won Gr 1 Maturity, Gr 1 TOPGUN, Gr 1 Melbourne Cup, Gr 2 Warragul Cup, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 2 Ballarat Cup.

Will miss the Group 1 Temlee after a fibula injury.

## Kilty Lad

Superman – Sisco Train

Pure Octane – Black Chantilly

Owner: Tyron Whittington, G Sprod

Black Dog January '09 Owner: Joseph Patterson

Meadows best: 29.66 (5) (7 Starts 6-0-0)

Group Race Record: 6 starts: 3-0-1 Won Gr 1 Silver Chief, Gr 1 Adelaide Cup, Gr 3 WA Young Stars Classic, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 1 Perth Cup.

With the scratching of El Grand Senor, the brilliant Kilty Lad looks primed to win his second Group 1 at The Meadows. Has loads of early speed and his PB at the track is just .04 outside the

72 starts 31-10-8 (\$232,435)

28 starts 17-4-1 (\$223,645)

Trainer: Kellie Bravo

Trainer: Darren McDonald

Meadows best: 29.76 (3) (9 Starts 4-0-1) Group Race Record: 6 starts: 2-1-0 Won Gr 1 Hobart Thousand, Gr 2 Ipswich Gold Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 **Brisbane** Cup

Group 1 Hobart Thousand winner who has a very solid record at The Meadows. Has lots of speed drawn on his inside, so will have to begin cleanly to have a chance in this. Placed in eight of 10 from this box.

#### Pedrosa Big Daddy Cool – Brooklyn Rain

(WA)

(NSW)

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39 starts 24-6-1 (\$175,355)

White & Fawn Dog February '08 Owner / Trainer: Paul Stuart

Meadows best: NBT (525) (1 Starts 0-0-0)

Group Race Record: 5 starts: 1-1-0 Won Gr 2 WA Derby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 Vic Peters Classic

(NSW)

Speedy West Australian chaser who will be looking to win his first Group race outside of his home state. Has lots of early speed, but has lacked some stamina against top class greyhounds in big races. Long odds.



## **Perfect Fancy**

Black Enforcer – Flash Fancy Blue Doa August '08

Owner: Tracsan Syndicate

Meadows best: 29.80 (3) (4 Starts 2-1-1)

27 starts 14-5-7 (\$85,480)

Trainer: Darren McDonald

Group Race Record: 4 starts: 0-2-2 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 Adelaide Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 Silver Chief, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 1 Hobart Thousand, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 3 Magic Maiden Series.

Still looking to break his Group-winning duck after some very impressive placings, including the runner's up prize behind Kilty Lad in the Silver Chief and Adelaide Cup. Poorly boxed and will rely on luck.



## track record. **Octane Show**

Red Fawn Dog





# Gold Heritage

Texas Gold – Hot Heritage

Black Bitch May '08 Owner: **D Downing, Y Downing Meadows best:** 30.20 (1) (4 Starts 3-0-0) 22 starts 13-3-2 (\$95,980)

Trainer: Des Downing

Group Race Record: 2 starts: 1-1-0 Won Gr 2 Cranbourne Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 Perth Cup

Rose to fame with a very impressive win in the Cranbourne Cup in January, and backed that up with a great second behind High Earner in the Perth Cup final. Can begin, but does face her toughest test to date here.



### High Earner (Qld)

Collision – Double Guess Black Dog May '07 Owner: Christine Robartson Meadows best: 29.92 (2) (4 Starts 1-1-0) 63 starts 31-11-8 (\$503,795)

Trainer : Kelvyn Greenough

**Group Race Record:** 14 starts: 5-1-1 Won Gr 1 Perth Cup (2010, 11), Won Gr 1 WA Derby, Won Gr 2 Qld Derby, Won Gr 3 Vince Curry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 2 Gold Coast Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 Temlee,

Closing in on Rapid Journey's Australian prizemoney record, with victory here pushing him into the No.1 spot. Great win in the Perth Cup last month, and finished second in this race last year and well-drawn here.

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# Enry Walt

42 starts 13-10-5 (\$153,320)

Primo Uno – Awesome Saint Black Dog January'08 Owner/Trainer: Garry Ennis

Meadows best: 29.84 (7) (6 Starts 2-2-0)

March '09

**Group Race Record:** 9 starts: 1-3-1 Won Gr 1 Silver Chief, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 2 Launching Pad, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 2 Horsham Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 TOPGUN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr 3 Shootout.

The 2010 Silver Chief winner who is drawn perfectly out wide. From seven starts off this draw, Enry Walt has not missed a place. Has made eight Group finals since his Silver Chief win without a win. Keep safe.

18 starts 11-3-3 (\$120,830)

Trainer: Graeme Bate

Meadows best: 30.17 (2) (6 Starts 5-1-0) **Group Race Record:** 3 starts: 2-1-0 Won Gr 1 Laurels, Won Gr 2 Great Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 1 Futurity **Gains a start with the scratching of El Grand Senor. Unless there is another scratching, will have the privilege of starting off box one. Has loads of early speed, and despite rise in class, is not without a chance.** 



#### He Knows Uno (Qld)

Up And Away

Owner: Ann Sinnott

Fawn Bitch

Where's Pedro – On Shore

Primo Uno – Honeymoon's Over

20 starts 9-4-3 (\$76,885)

Group Race Record: 2 starts: 1-1-0 Won Gr 1 Brisbane Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr 2 Ipswich Cup Talented chaser who would face an uphill battle against some of the country's best in this. Local expert's selections for the Macro Meats Temlee are as follows.

<u>Ron Hawkswell</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Kilty Lad 2<sup>nd</sup> High Earner 3<sup>rd</sup> Enry Walt <u>Eddie Carauna</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Kilty Lad 2<sup>nd</sup> Octane Show 3<sup>rd</sup> Enry Walt <u>Rob Testa</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Kilty Lad 2<sup>nd</sup> Octane Show 3<sup>rd</sup> Up And Away

Local Market for the Macro Meats Temlee:

\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee (525m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	El Grand Senor	Carolyn Jones	SCR
2	Kilty Lad	Kellie Bravo	9/4
3	Octane Show	Darren McDonald	7/2
4	Pedrosa	Paul Stuart	12/1
5	Perfect Fancy	Darren McDonald	8/1
6	Gold Heritage	Des Downing	7/1
7	High Earner	Kelvyn Greenough	11/4
8	Enry Walt	Gary Ennis	7/1
(9)	Up And Away	Graeme Bate	5/1
10	He Knows Uno (RES)	Lillian Patterson	15/1



Last Year's Temlee Winner Fedex holds off Queenslander High Earner (Pic Paul Munt)

#### Fast facts for the 2011 Sky Racing Australian Cup Carnival at The Meadows.

\* The Zoom Top has three CURRENT metropolitan track record holders in the race (Pillow Torque, Bobby Boucheau and Nellie Noodles) and one former metropolitan track record holder (So Seductive), highlighting the quality of the field.

\* Jarvis Bale will be contesting his 29<sup>th</sup> Group race final in this year's Group 2 Zoom Top – an AUSTRALIAN record.

\* If High Earner wins the Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee, he will become Australia's highest prizemoney earner with \$553,795 – eclipsing Rapid Journey's current standard of \$530,995. \* Kel Greenough, with So Seductive, will be aiming for his second Group 2 Zoom Top victory after taking out the race in 2007 with Miss Grub.

\* Kilty Lad will be aiming to become the second greyhound (Fedex was the first) to win the Group 1 Silver Chief – Group 1 Temlee double, and the first greyhound to do it in the same calendar year.

\* The Robert-Britton trained Symmetry has made eight Group finals over distances between 515 metres and 725 metres, highlighting his versatility.

\* Five of the eight finalists of the Group 2 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel are by champion sire Bombastic Shiraz.

\* This year will be the first since 2007 that Jason Thompson has not trained the winner of the Group 1 Temlee, after wins with Whippy's Image, El Galo and Fedex between 2008 and 2010.

The Temlee became part of the Australian Cup Carnival in 2003 listed are the past winners.

2003 Excite Ability, 2004 Hotline Hero, 2005 Paua To Burn, 2006 Closing Argument, 2007 Slater, 2008 Whippy's Image, 2009 El Galo and 2010 Fedex.

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