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**GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD
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“QUICK JAGGER”

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for December 2017 has been awarded to West Australian sprinter / middle distance star Quick Jagger for his outstanding win in the Group 1 Sale Cup on December 26th.



Quick Jagger brilliant winner of the Sale Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)

Described by trainer Chris Halse as “dumb”, Quick Jagger continued WA’s excellent recent record in the Cup, following in the footsteps of Dyna Nalin in 2013 and Star Recall, which was also sent to Victoria by Halse and partner Linda Britton in 2014..

While the Cannington 520m record-holder had only had one unplaced middle-distance appearance in his home state, he won impressively over 595m at Sandown Park before winning his Sale Cup heat in 37.37sec, just .03 outside Chasin’ Crackers qualifying standard.

Melbourne Cup runner-up Chasin’ Crackers started \$3.10 favourite in the \$75,000 to-the-winner final, shading champion Fanta Bale at \$3.30, with Quick Jagger one of three finalists at \$7.50.

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Chasin' Crackers was best to begin, but Quick Jagger and Fanta Bale were in close attendance and in a memorable drive to the line, Quick Jagger finished best to defeat Fanta Bale by 1.29 lengths in 37.35sec, with Chasin' Crackers finishing third.

"The dog has loads of ability and he's always promised a lot, so to finally win a Group 1 was a great feeling," said Chris Halse, who watched the Cup in his car after trialling in WA.

"Deep down I knew I had the fastest dog in the race, which sounds funny when you look at Fanta Bale and the other dogs in the race.

"It was just a matter of luck, because if there's a way to get beaten, Quick Jagger will find it. If something can go wrong in a race, it will go wrong with him. The best way to put it is that he's a dumb dog, which probably makes sense because he's owned by a group of Irishmen!

"When he got around the first corner safely and was out wide I was really happy. I thought he had Chasin' Crackers covered, but Fanta Bale is just a great chaser and you never know you've beaten her. But he was strong to the line and put them away in the straight.

"We won the Sale Cup with Star Recall. She was a very good bitch, but Quick Jagger is quicker than she was and he's stronger too."

It was a fairy-tale result for Quick Jagger's three owners, Irishmen Declan Edmonds and Eamonn Fitzpatrick and friend Geoff Chatfield, with first-time owner Edmonds telling GRV in the lead-up to the Cup that prior to owning Quick Jagger he "didn't know what a Group 1 was!"

"I'm still shaking. Best day of my life. I'm on cloud nine," an ecstatic Edmonds said moments after Quick Jagger's triumph.

"It was always the plan to go to 700m with him down the track, but he can run the hands off the clock over 500m, so you try to pick up the good sprint races as well," Halse said.

"After the way he went at Sale we'll have to step him up now. We've got a race called The Miata coming up over here in a couple of weeks that we'll look at for sure."

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in December on various tracks around Australia. However, given the fact Quick Jagger won three starts including a Sandown 595 and his Sale Cup heat and final plus he was runner-up in the Group 3 Shoot Out on the first of January, and the company he beat, he got the nod as the Greyhound of the Month.

Quick Jagger is raced by the Edmonds Fitzpatrick Syndicate and trained by Chris Halse at Nambeelup in Western Australia. He is a Black & White dog whelped July 2015 by 2013 Sale Cup winner Dyna Nalin from Saving Bundles (High Earner x Eggs On Legs). Quick Jagger has won 12 of his 28 starts and has been placed on 10 occasions his current stake earnings stand at \$135,055.

GCA congratulates owners Edmonds Fitzpatrick Syndicate, trainer Chris Halse and Quick Jagger on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for December 2017. He joins last month's winner Aston Dee Bee plus the previous months winners Up Hill Jill, Aqua Cheetah, Jury, Fast Times, Mister Twister, Fanta Bale (2), Falcon's Fury and Lightning Frank as the GCA Greyhound of the Month winners for 2017.

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