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**GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD
JANUARY 2018**

“OUT OF RANGE”

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for January 2018 has been awarded to star young Victorian sprinter Out Of Range for his outstanding win in the Group 1 Silver Chief Classic at the Meadows on January 5th.



Out Of Range leads all the way in the Silver Chief Final (Pic Clint Anderson)

After a 30.17sec heat victory, Out Of Range ran second in his semi-final, but started \$2.40 favourite in 2018's first Group 1 event, courtesy of a rails draw and an imposing six from eight record over The Meadows' 525m course.

Out Of Range took full advantage of his prized inside alley to hold the lead in the all-important charge to the first turn.

While Out Of Range wasn't able to break clear, he kept kicking strongly to repel Degani by .79 of a length in 29.83sec, eclipsing his previous personal best of 29.90sec at The Meadows, with Fast Car Driving close up in third.

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Out Of Range's litter brother and kennelmate Poke The Bear was first reserve for the Silver Chief and while he missed a shot at the \$100,000 winner's purse, Poke The Bear set The Meadows alight earlier in the night when coming from the rear of the field to clock a scintillating 29.71sec in the free-for-all.

Out Of Range has now won nine of his 14 starts, while Poke The Bear has won 10 from 16.

"We named Out Of Range after Kelvin Jones, who is here tonight. Kelvin has been training for us for a lot of years (in conjunction with Gerry O'Keeffe), and he has had a bit to do with this dog. His phone is always out of range," Darren Puleio laughed.

"I only breed one or two litters a year because I work full-time running Ram Security, which sponsors the Cranbourne and Warragul greyhound clubs.

Out of Range's form continued last Saturday night at Wentworth Park with brilliant all the way win in his heat of the Group 1 National Derby. He recorded the equal fastest time of the night running 29.91.

He has drawn box four in this Saturday night's final and is sure to start the popular elect.

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in January on various tracks around Australia. However, given the fact Out Of Range won his only two starts a Group 1 final and a heat of a Group 1, he got the nod as the Greyhound of the Month.

Out Of Range is a White & Black dog whelped December 2015 by Fernando Bale from Nicki Fields (Knocka Norris x Misty Fields). He is raced by the Darren and Michael Puleio Syndicate and trained by Seona Thompson at Pearcedale in Victoria. He has now won 10 races and been placed on two occasions from his 15 starts. Out Of Range's overall prizemoney stands at \$146,520.

GCA congratulates owners the Darren and Michael Puleio Syndicate, trainer Seona Thompson and Out Of Range on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for January 2018. He is the first of the GCA Greyhound of the Month winners for 2018.

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