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# **GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD JUNE 2018**

## **“TORNADO TEARS”**

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for June and for the second consecutive month has been awarded to star Victorian stayer Tornado Tears. He had an outstanding win in the Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup and the Superstayers match race at Albion Park on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. On both occasions he set a new track record.



**Tornado Tears winning the Superstayers at Albion Park (Pic Box 1 Photography)**

Tornado Tears further entrenched his standing as Australia’s premier stayer when taking out the Group 1 Gold Cup (710m) at Albion Park on June 14 in a track record 41.33sec.

Trained in Victoria by Robert Britton, Tornado Tears won by four lengths over Queenslander Jalapeno and his litter brother and kennelmate, Rippin’ Sam, to claim a \$75,000 first prize.

Breeder and part-owner, Michael Ivers couldn’t have been more impressed by Tornado Tears.

“He’s a pretty good animal and he did us very proud. He took two lengths off Dashing Corsair’s track record, which stood for eight years, and he’s still only a youngster,” said Ivers, who lives in NSW and bred a host of top-class stayers including Kobble Creek, Space Star and Tip Top Tears.

“Tornado Tears is an excitement machine who reminds me a little bit of Space Star. One thing Tornado Tears has over Space Star though is that he is a bit smaller (31kg compared to 35kg), and when you’re running over long distances it’s a lot easier when you’re carrying less weight,” Ivers said. Ivers also praised Britton, who he said has become “an excellent trainer of stayers.”

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A week later in the Superstayers Invitation he won easily again in 41.20 by eight lengths over litter brother Rippin' Sam with three and a half lengths to Jalapeno in third. Triple track record holder Champagne Sally finished fourth in the four-dog invitation.

His Victorian trainer Robbie Britton summed the mighty effort.

"It was an awesome performance," said Britton. "He is improving all the time and getting stronger at the end of his races now.

"And he copped a slight check going into the first turn which could have cost him a tenth of a second in the run."

But Britton is a realist and was high in praise of the Albion Park track surface. "The track is very good at the moment and very fast," he said. "It makes for records."

Tornado Tears will now have two weeks off before eyeing the McKenna Memorial at Sandown over 595m.

Tornado Tears is a White & Black dog whelped February 2016 by Fernando Bale from Tears Siam (Bekim Bale x Tonto Tears). He is raced by Millmi Syndicate and trained by Robert Britton at Lara in Victoria. He has now won 12 races and been placed on four occasions from his 20 starts. His current prizemoney stands at \$336,320.

GCA congratulates owners, the Millmi Syndicate, trainer Robert Britton & Tornado Tears on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for May and now June. He joins Trouper Monelli, Up Hill Jill, Out Of Range and Ritza Lenny as the GCA Greyhounds of the Month winners for 2018.

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