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**GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD**  
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**“ASTON DEE BEE”**

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for November 2017 has been awarded to Victorian sprinter Aston Dee Bee for his outstanding win in the Group 1 Melbourne Cup at Sandown on November 24th.



**Aston Dee Bee brilliant winner of the Melbourne Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)**

Aston Dee Bee secured his place in greyhound racing folklore after the brilliant victory in the \$600,000 group 1 TAB Melbourne Cup.

The hulking 36kg speedster took full advantage of his inside draw, railing powerfully through the first turn to take a lead he wouldn't relinquish, charging to the line three and half lengths clear of the fast finishing Chasin' Crackers in 29.36 and claim the world's richest greyhound race.

The win was an emotional one for trainer Seona Thompson, who struggled to hold back her tears after the race.

"I can't believe it, I'm just really proud, proud of the dog, proud of the whole family who worked so hard just to get him to the track," she said.

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"I'm so happy for Ray (Borda, owner), he was in dogs before I was born and this is his first Cup. My dad and step mother are here tonight, as I said it's a big family effort, everyone helps. My sisters and everybody, I'm sure they'll be bawling their eyes out wherever they are tonight.

"It's not something I thought would ever happen to me, I never thought I'd win a Melbourne Cup and thanks to this boy I have. We've had him since he was broken in, we pre-trained him and he's just a delight at home, he'll be with us forever now".

Having won 10 of his previous 14 starts with those four placings being at group level, Aston Dee Bee's win came as no surprise to many punters. He was sent to the boxes the \$2.40 favourite after qualifying fastest with a brilliant heat win in 29.12, and was unbeaten in four starts from box 1 at Sandown Park.

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in November on various tracks around Australia. However, given the fact Aston Dee Bee won all of his three starts at Sandown in November and the Melbourne Cup is of such importance, plus the company he beat, he got the nod as the Greyhound of the Month.

Aston Dee Bee is raced by Ray Borda and trained by Seona Thompson of Pearcedale in Victoria. Aston Dee Bee is a Black dog whelped April 2015 by Barcia Bale from Aston Elle (Bombastic Shiraz x Elite Oriental). He has won 27 of his 48 starts and has been placed on ten occasions. His current stake earnings stand at \$631,025.

GCA congratulates owner Ray Borda, trainer Seona Thompson and Aston Dee Bee on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for November 2017. He joins last month's winner Up Hill Jill, plus the previous months winners 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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