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## **GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD OCTOBER 2017**

# **“THIRTY TALKS”**

The GCA Run of the Month for October 2017 has been awarded to Queensland sprinter Thirty Talks for his win in the Geelong Cup at Geelong on October 27th.



**Thirty Talks a super effort to win the Geelong Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)**

It was a brilliant come-from-behind performance against all odds.

As he did in his heat, the Tony Brett-trained greyhound stormed over the top of his rivals in the home straight to snare the win, and the campaign was particularly satisfying considering Thirty Talks had endured a dropped back muscle in January, keeping him sidelined for six months.

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"It's a very sweet victory to win a big race like this against some of Victoria's best greyhounds on their home soil," Brett said after the race, in which Bewildering (\$2.90Fav) ran second and Aston Miley (\$4.40) third in the time of 25.377sec.

Brett, who thanked former Queenslander Vicki Wisener for housing Thirty Talks at her new home at Hazelwood in Victoria, likened a greyhound's back muscle injury to a person tearing a hamstring or quad muscle.

"Greyhounds almost always lose some time on the clock after returning from a back muscle injury, so who knows how good Thirty Talks could have been had the injury not happened," Brett said after his star claimed the \$47,000 first prize.

"When I first brought him back from injury he wasn't racing too well, so I decided to bring him to Melbourne to race him in the Speed Star at Sandown in September as I thought the one-on-one match racing would help him regain some confidence. I also thought that racing in this series (Geelong Gold Cup) would suit him as it's a one-turn track so he'd have plenty of galloping room. We don't have any one-turn tracks back home."

Brett said he will now set Thirty Talks for the world's richest greyhound race, the TAB Melbourne Cup (515m) at Sandown Park in November.

Thirty Talks is raced by Leonard Antonio and trained by Tony Brett of Grandchester in Queensland. Thirty Talks is a Brindle dog whelped June 2014 by Where's Pedro from Unfinished (Bombastic Shiraz x Stylish Scene). He has won 29 of his 48 starts and has been placed on five occasions and with his current stake earnings standing at \$366,127.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in October on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Thirty Talks went about his win, plus the company he beat, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

GCA congratulates owner Leonard Antonia, trainer Tony Brett and Thirty Talks after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for October 2017. He is the fourth winner this year joining last month's winner Billy's Bake, On and Off and Extreme Magic making up the winners in 2017-2018.

### **Checkout the GCA Website for a replay of the run of the Month**

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