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**Ritza Hattie Caps off a Great Win at Gosford**

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Ritza Hattie took her prizemoney earnings to more than \$200,000 by taking out the Group 2 Woy Woy Poultry Supplies Gosford Gold Cup on Friday night.

Trained by Mark Gatt, Ritza Hattie (\$7.90) stalked the early pace set by Jewel Action and Rue De Kahn (\$10.90) before taking the lead in the final straight to win in 29.58.

Ritza Hattie finished a length in front of a gallant Rue De Kahn, with Queenslander Farmer's Gold (\$15.30) making up huge ground late - coming from near last to be a further quarter of a length in third.



***Ritza Hattie gets home hard to win Gosford Cup official Photo Finish***

Zippling Willow, the odds-on favourite, could not get into the race after a tardy beginning and finished in fifth.

Ritza Hattie's handler Daniel Gatt said she would likely be entered into the heats of the Ladbrokes Paws Of Thunder at Wentworth Park on Saturday, provided she pulled up from her win in good order.

The win took Ritza Hattie's career record to 17 wins from 41 starts. It was also her fourth Group race win, having previously won the Group 2 Sandown Laurels and the Group 3 Nowra Spring Puppy Classic in 2013 and the Group 3 Sprint Series at Wentworth Park in 2014. The daughter of Bombastic Shiraz also finished second to Tommy Brislane in last year's Group 1 Sportingbet Megastar at Dapto.

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Like the Megastar, the Gosford Gold Cup was a leg of the new Thank Dog It's Friday series which showcases the best provincial racing in NSW in a primetime Friday night slot.

As such, a great crowd was trackside to witness what was a terrific night's racing.

In other results, the Anthony Azzopardi-trained My Boy Snoop caused an upset when he took out the Gosford Cup Consolation, while the Ian Morgan-trained Raramuri came within 0.03 seconds of Dusty Moonshine's 731m Gosford track record to win the night's staying event.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Jewel Action (\$11.00), 5th Zipping Willow (\$1.70), 6th Magic Display (\$26.00) 7th Zipping Angel (\$21.00) and Are Jip (\$7.00) fell.

Ritza Hattie is raced and trained by Mark Gatt at Thirlmere in New South Wales, she is a Black bitch whelped November 2011 by Bombastic Shiraz from Midnight Flare (Spiral Nikita x Midnight Drama). Ritza Hattie has won 17 and been placed 20 times from her 41 starts and with the \$40,000 first prize for the Gosford Cup it took her current stake earnings to \$226,765.

The greyhound industry is fortunate to have such a generous sponsor as greyhound lover, owner and trainer Laurie Refalo, the owner of Woy Woy Poultry Supplies. Not only does his company Woy Woy Poultry Supplies sponsor The Gosford Cup (\$40,000 to the winner) but also the Gardens Young Guns (\$10,000 to the winner).

The Gosford Cup became the clubs feature race for the year when they changed their surface to loam in 2003. At the same time a circuit of NSW Country Cups was started. It was a Group three race worth \$10,000 to the winner to start with and has risen in status and profile to Group two in 2006 and in 2007 prizemoney increased to \$40,000 to the winner. Loyal sponsors Woy Woy Poultry Supplies has being with the race in all of its 13 years.

Listed are the past winners. 2003 **Thai Flame**, 2004 **Addis Boy**, 2005 **Cheeky Sprite**, 2006 **Cool Matt**, 2007 **Prey For Mercy**, 2008 **Suave Fella**, 2009 **Miss Elly Mint**, 2010 **Elite Blue Size**, 2011 **Tuiaki** 2012, **Prince Diablo**, 2013 **Free Will** and 2014 **Awesome Project**.

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