

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RAGING ASSOCIATION

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Frosty Jay Jay's Cup

As Melbourne sweltered, Healesville received a cool change early as Frosty Jay Jay (Box 8 - \$4.30) produced a red hot 18.81s track-record run to win the Group 2 Lion Quality Products Healesville Cup (350m).

It was a kennel quinella for Pearcedale mentor Kelvyn Greenough, with Paw Licking (Box 2 - \$2.70) running second while Jason Thompson's Zulu Zircon (Box 5 - \$16.00) completed the placings.

Former Queenslander Frosty Jay Jay is no stranger to straight-tracks having won two races at Capalaba in Queensland.



Frosty Jay Jay holds off kennelmate Paw Licking (Pic Clint Anderson)

The son of Knocka Norris and Slick Hannah used box eight to his full advantage as he stayed out wide affording himself a clear run in today's Cup, something he was tipped to do by experts in the lead up to the race.

Frosty Jay Jay ran down Paw Licking in the shadows of the finishing post with Jason Thompson's Zulu Zircon navigating his way through the field to finish third.

The distinctive white chaser's career record now stands at 17 wins and eight placings from 43 career starts, with the \$43,750 first-prize taking his career earnings to \$98,000.

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After the race, Kel Greenough thanked his family for their efforts in helping to train the greyhound and paid tribute to a recently passed kennel star.

"This is a tremendous result for us and it is the result of a lot of hard-work," he said "I am so grateful to my family for all they do with the greyhounds; it's a real team effort."

"I would like to dedicate this win to Dolores Ruth and her greyhound Razldazl Bonnie, who we tragically lost recently in difficult circumstances."

Another healthy crowd was in attendance at the picturesque straight track in the Yarra Valley to witness the all white greyhound's victory, as they enjoyed the sunshine and revelled in the wonderful spectacle of greyhound racing.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Nic Nat Nui (\$17.70), 5th Coco Benz (\$10.30), 6th Walk Hard (\$3.10) 7th Transcend Time (\$35.10) and Vapourash (\$79.80).



Trainer Kel Greenough with members of team Jay Jay after his Healesville Cup win.

Pics: Clint Anderson, BlueStream Pictures

Frosty Jay Jay is a White dog whelped June 2011 by Knocka Norris from Slick Hannah (Lindale Blue x Montana Sky) he is raced by Renald Attard and trained by Kelvyn Greenough at Pearcedale in Victoria. Frosty Jay Jay has raced 44 times for 17 wins and nine placings, adding the Cup first prize of 43,750 his overall stake earnings went to \$98,035.

The Healesville Cup was first run in 1990 on Victoria's only grass and straight track up the challenging 340 metres incline in the foothills of the Dandenong Rangers. The first Cup was won by Victorian Greyhound of the Year Eureka Man. He won the title that year in controversial circumstances defeating Hall of Fame Superstar Highly Blessed. The award in those days was a points system and although she had won the four major events in Australia somehow she hadn't race enough at the two Victorian City tracks.

However Eureka Man was a wonderful performer an iron dog, he was raced and trained by the late Ken Patterson a long-time resident and stalwart of the Healesville Club it's fair to say the club would not be racing today without the voluntary hard work and dedication of Ken Patterson and his wife Pauline. Sadly Ken passed away in September 2011 after a short illness. The Cup was granted Group 3 status in 2010 when the winner Gardam Prince won \$20,000 first prize for trainer Darren MacDonald.

After a major renovation in 2011 following the inclusion of Healesville as a TAB and SKY fixture the track in now a sand surface of 350 metres that can also conduct races over 300 metres. The new surface will allow the club to race all year round something it was unable to do due to weather conditions in the winter months on the grass track. With the support of the GRV all Victorian Country Cups became Group 2 events in 2011 paying \$40,000 to the winner.

Healesville 340 metres - Grass Track 1990 Eureka Man, 1991 Manzanita, 1992 Bramp, 1993 Arnie's Charm, 1994 Heading West, 1995 Vintage Oak, 1996 Flinders Magic, 1997 Koutafidamedes, 1998 Koutafidamedes, 1999 Sprint Car, 2000 Imperial Gold, 2001 Guru Jackson, 2002 Smoky's Chance, 2003 Where's Boz, 2004 Kid Chill, 2005 George's Folly, 2006 Schwartzanager, 2007 Schwartzanager, 2008 Taipan Bale, 2009 Holy Moley and 2010 Gardam Prince, 2011 Sand-Loam 350 metres Marbro Man 2012 Not Run, 2013 El Brooklyn.

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