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# Allkel To Excel's Cup

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Allkel To Excel made it 12 wins from 13 starts when winning the Group 2 All 4 Paws and Claws Healesville Cup (350m) in track record time of 18.799 secs on Sunday.

A full brother to short-course phenomenon, Paw Licking, Allkel to Excel already achieved something his brother couldn't do and that is to win the straight track feature. His win in the Healesville Cup is the first group triumph of his burgeoning career.

Taking home \$47,000 for the win, the black greyhound took his career earnings to \$80,405.



**Size Does Matter wins the Healesville Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)**

Following the race, trainer Kel Greenough said that the race was run as expected with his greyhound heading to the rails from box seven and giving Kayda Shae a great run into the race.

"The race panned out pretty much how I thought it would... It's a little hard to tell when you're behind the boxes so I didn't know how he was going.

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“I saw that Kayda Shae was right behind him and Shared Bonus was getting up on the inside so I knew it would be a battle.”

That battle was something that Allkel to Excel was up to and it is a trait that Greenough has seen before.

“He and Roger (Paw Licking’s kennel name) seem to thrive on competition. In any sport that is a great trait to have. The dog dug really deep just like his brother did.

“He appears to be a Country Cups type greyhound. The Country Cups are very lucrative now so I’ll keep targeting them.”

Allkel to Excel justified his \$2.40 favouritism for the race and won in front of Kayda Shae (box eight – \$4.20) and Shared Bonus (box two – \$10.10).

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th La Grand Logie (\$7.60), 5th Senor Grumpy (\$23.30), 6th Pud (\$46.00) 7th Billo’s Pick (\$5.30) and Ronray Spirit (\$20.10).

Allkel To Excel is a Black dog whelped February 2013 by Elite State from Kingsbrae Di (Solve The Puzzle x Pretty Jacalyn) he is raced by the Bigger Tan Life Syndicate and trained by Kelvyn Greenough at Pearcedale in Victoria. Allkel To Excel has raced 13 times for 12 wins and one placing, adding the Cup first prize of 47,000 his overall stake earnings went to \$80,450.

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.

### Honour Roll:

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, **2014 February** Frosty Jay Jay and **September** Size Does Matter.

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