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Another Cup for Paw Licking

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The Kel Greenough trained Paw Licking (\$1.60) produced yet another amazing performance to win the Group 2 P.P.K Mining Gold Cup (450m) Thursday night at Maitland, taking home the \$40,000 first-prize and celebrating his third birthday in style.

It was the thirteenth Group final of the distinctive white and black greyhound's career and his third Group 2 victory after winning the Traralgon and Shepparton Cups in 2013. Paw Licking has also won a Group 1 (Hobart Thousand) placed in a Group 1 (Temlee) and placed in five other Group 2's (Warragul Cup, Bendigo Cup, Healesville Cup, Geelong Cup, Warrnambool Cup and Ballarat Cup).

His career earnings are now at an astonishing \$381,850 without having won a Group 1 around a metropolitan two-turn circuit.

It's an outstanding effort from a greyhound highly regarded within the industry and recognised for being one of the hardest chasers on the circuit.

When asked about the best horseshoe greyhounds in history, Kel Greenough said that Paw Licking has to be considered as one of the best there has ever been.

"He is right up there," Greenough said "I remember how good Tempix was, a real Country Cups champ and was almost unbeatable around the horseshoe."

"Fans are lucky at the moment to have three greyhounds that are just outstanding around the u-turns, with Black Magic Opal, Ronan Izmir and Paw Licking all amazing to watch."

Greenough says that training the greyhound is all about making sure he's sound, there's no special techniques to his success with Paw Licking, because the dog does it all himself.

"Although I'm listed as the trainer I can't take the credit, it's all the dog's doing he is just a fierce chaser and an outstanding competitor, I'm very lucky to be training him."

"Most of his races are in free for all class and against top quality dogs, he never has an easy race but always does himself proud."

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Greenough also mentioned how hospitable the locals were at Maitland, showing how much they love the dog.

"It was a great experience at Maitland, the people up there were so welcoming and were so happy that I brought the greyhound up to contest the series."

"I really have to say a big thank you to all the people up there for such a great experience."

Having run a track record 24.87s in his heat Paw Licking was a raging favourite for the final from box eight, with the race going entirely to script, as the son of Elite State and Kingsbrae Di dashed to the front from the outset and was never headed.

Paw Licking beat locals, Natural Player (\$10.40) and Rose Sanette (\$7.70) in the run and clocked 25.05s on a heavily rain affected track.

Paw Licking will now target the rich Bendigo Cup series in April.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Gradence (\$19.00), 5th New Glean (\$25.10), 6th Miner's Moss (\$27.10) 7th Magic Diore (\$43.80) and Fire Elusive (\$5.80).

Paw Licking is a White & Black dog whelped March 2011 by Elite Sate from Kingsbrae Di (Solve The Puzzle x Pretty Jacalyn). He is raced by Allan Lang and trained by Kelvyn Greenough at Pearcedale in Victoria. He has now won 30 races and been placed on 14 occasions from his 52 starts. The Maitland Cup first prize of \$40,000 brings Paw Licking's overall prizemoney to \$381,850.

The Maitland Cup was first run in 2003 and was awarded Group 3 status, paying \$12,000 to the winner. Due to track conversion the race was not conducted in 2004, but every year it has been run it has been supported by the Maitland Supporters Club and in 2005 and 2006 the Maitland Branch of the GBOTA has joined the Supporters Club as co-sponsors. For the first year this year the cup has been sponsored by P.P.K Mining.

Maitland 457m - Grass Track **Thread Prince** 26.72, 2004 Track Conversion - not conducted, Maitland 450m - Loam Track 2005 **Whatuiria Banner** 25.46, 2006 **Needa Mint** 25.62, 2007 **Run The Risk** 25.09, 2008 **Awesome Hustler** 25.43, 2009 **Magnifique** 25.14, 2010 **Elite Blue Size** 24.93, 2011 **Elite Blue Size** 25.07, 2012 **Oaks Road** 25.16 and 2013 **Black Magic Opal** 24.92.

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