



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Field Surrenders to Galaxy Flyer**

By Daniel Meers Gold Coast Bulletin

BRISBANE flyer Never Surrender (\$3.20) proved he is one of the quickest dogs in the country to take out the \$30,000 Galaxy final (420m) in scintillating fashion at a soggy Border Park on Monday.

The black dog began solidly from box seven before he mustered blistering speed to have the race safely in his keeping as they rounded the home turn and held on to defeat the fast finishing Brad Rail (\$4.20) by 2 1/4 lengths, with Anarchy (\$15.00) a further 4 3/4 lengths away in third. Ecstatic trainer Tony Brett said he was elated to get a win with the dog who had taken time to come to hand.

"He's a great dog, he's taken a while but this race really suited him," said Brett.



**Never Surrender Wins the Galaxy**

It was Never Surrender's ninth win in 21 starts.

Brett was undecided where the dog would head next and said much would depend on whether he believed the dog could get 500m.

"I don't know if he'll get 500m. If he does we might take him to Albion Park (or) we might keep him to the provincial cups."

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The dog's owner Andrew Graham, 28, who has been around greyhounds since he was a toddler, said Monday's win was a dream come true.

"I went up to Tony's about two years ago and said if I ever had one good enough that's where I'd go," said Graham.

The proud owner admitted he was concerned whether the dog had enough petrol in the tank to back up after his heat win on Saturday.

"I knew he had the ability, I was just worried how much the race on Saturday would have taken out of him," he said.

Andrew said the Tweed Galaxy was the one race he had always wanted to win from the time he was old enough as a nine-year-old to come greyhound racing.

The son of Go Wild Teddy-Precious Angel scored in the moderate time of 23.58 churning through the rain on the heavy track.

It was also the first Galaxy victory for premier trainer Tony Brett and only the second starter he has had in the series.

He had finished seventh with Our Last Teah behind Bitability Bale in 2002.

Never Surrender has been a problem dog for his connections with niggling injuries restricting him to just 21 starts.

Graham bought Never Surrender for \$2000 as a three-month-old pup.

Never Surrender is a Black Dog whelped May 2005 by Go Wild Teddy from Precious Angel (West Cape x Victory Babe) he has raced 21 times for eight wins and seven placings and with the \$25,000 first prize for the Galaxy his overall stake earnings went to \$31,180.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Borat (\$3.50), 5<sup>th</sup> Assassin Factor (\$11.00), 6<sup>th</sup> Uno Midnight (\$4.00) 7<sup>th</sup> Tarawi Gem (\$15.00) and Suite Tahlia (\$15.00).



**Trainer Tony Brett with owners Andrew Graham & Tilaine Palmer & Never Surrender at the Presentation. (All Pics David Clark)**

It wrapped up yet another successful Galaxy weekend with big crowds attending the "Tweed" on both Saturday and Monday.

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The Border Park Galaxy was the brain child of legendary club administrator Harry Pledger, Pledger severed a record number of years as club secretary now in his 80's he is still Club president. The name of the race was conceived by Harry and meant a galaxy of stars racing under the stars. It has been a most sought after feature since it's inception in 1971 and has been won by a number of quick dogs over the horse shoe circuit of 420 metres. Not only do they need to have high speed but also the ability to back up on the Monday after winning their heat on the Saturday. The race is just as famous for its winners as it is for the cavalcade of top liners that have got beaten trying to win it. It remains the richest non TAB feature race in Australia a mantle it has held since King Doolittle won in 1971. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1971 **King Doolittle**, 1972 **Lass Come Home**, 1973 **Enduxi**, 1974 **Ebony King**, 1975 **Ebony King**, 1976 **Golden Spur**, 1977 **Romaro's Triumph**, 1978 **Kelowna Prince**, 1979 **Miss Perlita**, 1980 **Society Romeo**, 1981 **Kununurra**, 1982 **Border Tracker**, 1983 **Mister Biggles**, 1984 **Hallowed**, 1985 **November Prince**, 1986 **Gumangan**, 1987 **Lord Tanga**, 1988 **Yannick**, 1989 **Eastern Lad**, 1990 **Brutess**, 1991 **Go Series**, 1992 **Genesis**, 1993 **Winning Jim**, 1994 **Travelling Ghost**, 1995 **Mr Kent**, 1996 **Gotta Be Gold**, 1997 **Sobbing Sal**, 1998 **Golden Clover**, 1999 **Mint Magic**, 2000 **Mint Magic**, 2001 **Springtime Magic**, 2002 **Bitability Bale**, 2003 **Sootie Allover**, 2004 **Harvey Bale**, 2005 **Lilli Pilli Power**, 2006 **Cape Bruny** and 2007 **Singin The Blues**.

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