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### Auction Classic Victor Shows No Mercy

South Australian Derby winner Merciless Lu added the Country Winnebago Puppy Classic to his resume at Dapto last Thursday night.

In late April 2006, 355 puppies were catalogued at Dapto's seventh Country Winnebago Puppy Auction.

And, after the dust settled, a record \$40,000 had been paid for a son of Big Daddy Cool. Despite 37 withdrawals, a new record average price of \$2330 was posted.

The \$40,000 pup (which races as Over The Edge) finished a luckless fourth to Roman Conquest in the third semi-final but his presence on heat night broke new ground.

It was the first time the highest-priced pup from an auction had contested the race series.

Unfortunately earlier in the night, Over The Edge suffered a career ending compound fracture to his near fore leg when he fell at the first turn in the Puppy Auction Consolation.

In this year's rich final at the famous Dapto Showgrounds track, four Victorian-trained sprinters, two from the Hunter Valley, one each from Appin, Bargo and a Tasmanian - which kicked off his career based at Thirlmere - did battle in the \$50,000-to-the-winner final.

A \$500 purchase at the 2006 auction, Merciless Lu (\$10.90) began very well from the four alley and, at the first turn, was racing outside his more fancied litter sister and kennelmate Beautiful Pearl (\$2.50fav) while Chevy Man (\$15.70) (box eight) made it a real contest when he joined in, three wide.

Mid-race, Beautiful Pearl held a narrow advantage but sibling rivalry found new meaning in the run home.

On the line, Merciless Lu had three quarters of a length to spare in 30.03 while Chevy Man was one length away in third place.

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With the victory, Merciless Lu gazumped Bazwill (2003) as the 'cheapest' winner of the Group 2 series since its inception in 2000.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Roman Conquest (\$4.00), 5<sup>th</sup> Suspect Action (\$35.40), 6<sup>th</sup> Chevy Miss (\$3.5) 7<sup>th</sup> Deaksey (\$49.60) and Country Bear (\$19.20).

Merciless Lu is raced and trained by the Marong Syndicate and trained by Derryn Harrison, he is a White & Black dog whelped July 2005 by Carnage from Lulu Magoo (Placard x Alight). Merciless Lu has won 11 of his 27 starts and has been placed on 11 occasions and with the \$50,000 first prize for the Dapto Auction Series it took her current stake earnings to \$87,210.

The Dapto Auction Series was first conducted in 2000 when sponsored by All Fab Constructions they remained the race sponsor until 2003 when the Glendon Motor Holden Company took over in 2004/05 while current sponsor Country Motor Company came on board last year. Listed below are the previous winners.

2000 **Electric Grace**, 2001 **Toll Security**, 2002 **Most Awesome**, 2003 **Bazwill**, 2004 **Miss Megastar**, 2005 **Here I Come** and 2006 **Adris Echo**

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