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***“Go Makatam’s Auction Final”***

IT’S been a heady 12 months for Mal Dawson since he decided to take up greyhound training.

And his wife Kym and close friends Tracy and Michael Lunt have come along for the ride.

Their sprint star Go Makatam (Go Wild Teddy-Althorpe Miss) led throughout on Tuesday night to give the four victory in the Group 2 Highland Smash Repairs Ipswich Auction Final (520m).

A \$1400 auction buy as a pup, Go Makatam (\$5.90) ran 30.79 to score by three and a quarter lengths over Leica Picture (\$4.70) with a length and a quarter to Cruiser Moment (\$6) in third.

It was his fifth win in nine starts and he went through the Auction series undefeated.

The Dawsons, who have been in Queensland from WA since 2000, have been training their own dogs for the past year.



**Go Makatam wins Ipswich Auction Series** (All Pics Corey Pearce)

They and the Lunts first got into thoroughbreds but had no success and found that industry too costly.

They switched to greyhound racing.

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"We've had a few winners already but nothing like this," said Michael Lunt.

The Dawsons now have 40 greyhounds and are about to move to an Ebenezer property formerly run by Ian Hoggan.

Mal said he would now rest Go Makatam for the next two weeks before taking him to the Gold Coast for a few races.

The Group 2 Queensland Derby at Albion Park is also an option.

"We will bypass the Flying Amy Puppy Classic simply because he cannot go into everything and he has deserved a short break," said Dawson.

"He's been up for a long time."

Go Makatam was third in the Group 2 Vince Curry Maiden final earlier in the year.

"I've been wary about him being a 520m dog," said Mal. "But I gave him a great chance of winning if he led."

That's exactly how the Auction final worked out.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Absolute Classic (\$12.10), 5<sup>th</sup> Holley Blue (\$3.60), 6<sup>th</sup> Nickaliades (\$9.90), 7<sup>th</sup> Runaway Rev (\$13.50) and Just Country (\$10.20).

Go Makatam is a May 2005 black dog by Go Wild Teddy from Althorpe Miss (Just The Best x Mum's Gift) he has now raced on 10 occasions for five wins and four placings and the \$35,000 first prize for the Auction Series took his overall stake earnings to \$39,400.



**Happy Team after the win**

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It was the 19<sup>th</sup> staging of the Auction Series for the Ipswich Club and another successful one, the race has consistently uncovered talented pups that are given the opportunity to race for big prizemoney at the start of their race careers.

The Ipswich Auction Series has had a number of different sponsors since it commenced in 1989 it was called the Sci-Fleet Ford Auction series for three years, then from 1992 until 1994 it was the Celcast Auction Series. In 1995 for one year it was the Roofshield Auction Series and then the race was taken over by the Rob Lowe Car Company from 1997 until 2001 when the current sponsor Highland Smash Repairs became the sponsor. Listed below is the full honour roll of the past winners.

1989 **Milluna Miss**, 1990 **Our Gold Coin**, 1991 **Slick Myth**, 1992 **Impulsive Gamble**, 1993 **Marry Me Mary**, 1994 **Perro Star**, 1995 **Pride Of Stef**, 1996 **Nobody's Fool**, 1997 **Blazing Honour**, 1998 **Travel Train**, 1999 **Hypnotic Trans**, 2000 **Stylish Bandit** 2001 **Pacific Flash**, 2002 **Happy Chappy**, 2003 **Awesome Design**, 2004 **Fool's State**, 2005 **Don Paco** and 2006 **Rylee's Revenge**.

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