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# **GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD OCTOBER 2021**

## **“BANDIT NED”**

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for October 2021 has been awarded to one of the rising stars of greyhound racing consistent top line sprinter Bandit Ned. He was unbeaten in October winning three from three including the Group 1 Vic Peters Memorial Classic.



**Bandit Ned winning his heat of the Vic Peters at Wentworth Park**

Bandit Ned not only made it six starts for six wins at Wentworth Park when he bolted away with the group 1 Ladbrokes Vic Peters Classic on Saturday October 16 but shattered the race record for the 520m final in the process.

The Jodie Lord-trained dog notched his 15th win in 18 starts when he led throughout from box six, rocketing over the 520m in 29.47, well inside the race record set by Zambora Brockie at 29.58 in 2015.

After the race a pair of Bandit Ned's excited part-owners, solicitor Doug Lawman and former NRL star Corey Pearson, disclosed that the sensational youngster was just their third venture into greyhound racing.

Pearson, who played 174 NRL games with West Tigers, St George Dragons and Parramatta, said: "We are part of the Punters HQ Syndicate, managed by Joe Lannutti, and obviously this dog is by far the best we have owned.

"Doug and I are now so rapt up in this sport that we have shares in 16 greyhounds.

"My background is in thoroughbred racing as my father-in-law was the late Terry O'Leary, who was a highly successful racehorse trainer, while my wife Rebecca is also a former trainer of thoroughbreds."

Zippering Kansas ran a mighty race to finish second, with the Jason Magri-trained youngster, just 26 months old, recording a sizzling 29.66 in taking out the runner's up cheque.

Surprisingly Bandit Ned's race record run was not the fastest 520m time of the night, with last week's Sires On Ice Black Top winner Zippering Kyrgios winning the Free-For-All by over six lengths in 29.42.

Unbeaten in September and October his other wins for the month were the heat of the Vic Peters and a Grade 5 in a fast 29.55 both at Wenty his next mission will be the Top Gun at the Meadows on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bandit Ned is a Blue Brindle Dog whelped April 2019 by Fernando Bale from Bombshell Bandit (Collision x J's Robin). He is raced by the Punters Hq Syndicate and trained by Jodie Lord at Gunning in New South Wales. He has now won 15 races and been placed three times from 18 starts. Bandit Ned's overall prizemoney stands at \$180,410.

GCA congratulates owners the Punters Hq Syndicate, trainer Jodie Lord and Bandit Ned on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for October 2021. He joins Zippering Kyrgios, Aston Fastnet, Qwara Bale, Jungle Deuce, Tiggerlong Tonk, Zack Monelli, Ferdinand Boy, Tommy Shelby and Wow as the winners of the 2021 GCA Greyhound of the Monthly awards.

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