

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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As evidence that not all greyhound trainers are heartless, That we keep far more greyhounds as pets than some groups would have you believe. Below I list greyhounds whom I have bred, owned and raced over the years, that have been retained as pet by us or family or entered in to the GAP (Greyhound Adoption Program) run by GRNSW.

Park Find (Daza) Whelped Jan 1990 - passed away 2004 (14 years) was given to friend as a pet. retained until passed of old age.

Hebe (Hebe) whelped Oct 1990 - Passed away Nov 2004 (14 years)

Cunning Cover (Eddie) whepled Oct 1996 - passed away Oct 2008 (12 years).

Reeta (Reeta) whepled Mar 1993 - Passed away Nov 2007. (14 years)

Here I Come (Martha) whelped Oct 2003 - passed away Aug 2013 (10 years).

Tolketna (Jimmy) whelped May 2001 - still alive

Track Diva (belinda) whelped May 2001 - still alive

Admire Me (Clare) Whelped Apr 2002 - still alive

Skinny Mark (Ray) Whelped Apr 2002 - Family members pet

Chop Bluey Whelped May 2007 - Family members pet

Here It Is (Mary)

Small Bit (Rose Lee)

Little Bad Girl (Onya)

All recent graduates of GAP run by GRNSW.

I strongly believe that i am not alone with the number of greyhounds retained as pets. I believe some of the euthanasia number being mentioned are quite ridiculous! I support my old greyhound with pleasure, I support the GRNSW GAP program. One thing the industry has as a whole is a love for the animal intself. Many trainers i have dealt with have compassion for their dogs that rival that for their children.