



GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

Supporting Western Australian Retired Greyhounds



ABOUT GREYHOUNDS AS PETS

Greyhounds as Pets Western Australia (GAP) is a program of Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA). GAP's mission is to promote, encourage and facilitate greyhound pet ownership to the wider community through the provision of safe, healthy greyhounds to homes throughout Western Australia.

RWWA is committed to ensuring that the best levels of care are given to greyhounds throughout all stages of their lives, through a program of investment, education, monitoring and regulation. When a greyhound retires from the racing industry, at any age, RWWA will aim to achieve every healthy and behaviourally sound Greyhound being rehomed.

QUICK FACTS

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ADOPTIONS PER MONTH

During 2016/17, GAP has had an average adoption rate of 20 greyhounds per month, an 85% increase from the previous financial year.

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VOLUNTEERS PER MONTH

GAP has an average of 20 volunteers each month taking part in either the Animal Enrichment Program or other duties.

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KENNELS

In August 2015, GAP moved to a new kennel facility, which increased kennel capacity by 85%.

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GREYHOUNDS IN FOSTER CARE EACH MONTH

Not only does GAP have a 37 kennel facility, but it also has an average of 25 greyhounds in foster care each month.

x2.5

INVESTMENT

In 2015/16, RWWA's investment in the GAP program has more than doubled.

INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A GREYHOUND?

If you are interested in adopting or fostering a greyhound or would like more information about GAP visit:

www.greyhoundsaspets.com.au



DID YOU KNOW?

GAP'S ANIMAL BEHAVIOURIST

GAP has an Animal Behaviourist who helps the greyhounds adjust to pet life. Most greyhounds spend two to three weeks at the GAP kennels, but if a greyhound requires extra time, GAP will keep working with the greyhound until it can be successfully re-homed.

GAP IS THE ONLY WA REHOMING GROUP LICENSED TO ISSUE GREEN COLLARS

The Government of WA has enable appropriately retired racing greyhounds to return to the community as pets without having to wear a muzzle. Exempt greyhounds are granted a "green collar status" and issued with a green collar after passing the National Temperament Testing Assessment. GAP is the only re-homing group in WA able to issue muzzle exemptions. When you adopt a greyhound from GAP you will be issued a Green Collar and identification card, which proves your greyhound does not need to be muzzled in public.

NATIONAL TEMPERAMENT ASSESSMENT

All the greyhounds re-homed through GAP have successfully completed the National Temperament Assessment, a rigorous behavioural program developed jointly by all official GAP programs around Australia. It was written by a qualified Animal Behaviourist, in conjunction with each State GAP program and draws upon the collective decades of experience of these organisations. This helps to ensure that when you adopt a greyhound from GAP it will make a great pet and a wonderful addition to your family.

TAFE STUDENTS

GAP regularly welcomes students from South Metropolitan TAFE for a 12 week period to complete the work experience component of their Certificate III in Companion Animal Services. While at the GAP facility the students contribute to our Greyhound Enrichment Program, learning animal handling skills and basic kennel keep.

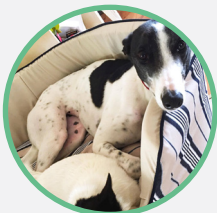
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

GAP has a partnership with Bunbury Prison placing greyhounds in the care of soon-to-be-released prisoners. The greyhounds are looked after by the prisoners for six weeks before they are either given to another foster home or taken by a family.

OTHER GAP BENEFITS

All greyhounds re-homed through GAP are sterilized, wormed, vaccinated and microchipped.

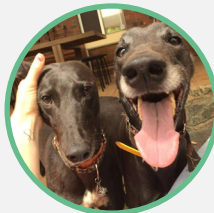
TESTIMONIALS



"From the moment we messaged GAP they were quick to respond and answer all my quirky questions and requests.

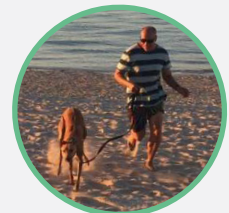
Five months on and we couldn't be happier. She is the perfect companion to our small elderly terrier too! We would highly recommend welcoming a greyhound into your home and hearts."

Dianne Smith,
adoptive owner of Zarni



"Gap have supported our family through two adoptions for our two beautiful greyhounds. The love and care they have for each dog is incredible. Every success can be attributed to their wonderful staff, volunteers, programs and foster carers."

Kelly Cracknell,
adoptive owner of Lorelli and Winston



"You have given us a beautiful grey in Bear! We love him to bits and he's fitted in perfectly with us. He surprised us with how quickly he adapted to us and our routine. He was toilet trained in a couple of days and has been friendly and gentle with children, adults and the many animals he's met in the two weeks we've had him."

Jill, adoptive owner of Bear