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Local dog crowned Gippsland Carnival Sprint Champion

TRARALGON based trainer Terri Morris celebrated two massive wins at her local track on Saturday night when superstar greyhound Jesaulenko took out the Group Two \$67,000 Topcat Traralgon Cup and was later crowned the Gippsland Champion Sprinter.

Morris was quietly confident leading into the big race and held high hopes for the dog she said would be unbeatable with a good start.

That was exactly how the script played out and Morris took home just under \$62,000 from Saturday night.

The Traralgon Cup formed the last leg of the inaugural Gippsland Carnival which was launched in December last year, and encompassed the Sale, Warragul, Cranbourne and Traralgon Greyhound Racing Clubs. The dogs which tallied the most amount of points were announced as the Gippsland Champion Sprinter and Gippsland Champion Stayer at the conclusion of the carnival.

Jesaulenko, which contested three of the four Carnival legs, running second at Sale, being a reserve for the Warragul Cup and victorious at Traralgon, finished with 50 points, four points clear of Aqua Cheetah on 46, with Aston Bolero holding third with 44.

Stocktake, trained by Gary Peach from Cape Clear was announced as the Gippsland Champion Stayer.

Morris praised the inaugural Gippsland Carnival concept.

“Look at the crowd tonight...it’s huge. And they’re not just greyhound people, there’s people from this town who rarely come to the greyhounds,” Morris said.

“It’s been fantastic to be a part of this series. It looked like Aston Bolero had it (the sprint leg) in the bag, but it just goes to show that anything can happen in racing.

“Being the Gippsland Carnival champion is the icing on the cake, and the bonus prizemoney is amazing. I haven’t told my husband Scott yet but I’ve just put \$2000 on the bar.”

Fabregal, also trained by a local in Lyn Smith, put in a good fight and came a very close second to the newly crowned champ.

Greyhound Racing Victoria will now look forward to the Warrnambool Cup which is the next major event on the racing calendar.

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