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70 dogs find new homes in re-homing record

The Greyhound Adoption Program has set a new record with 70 dogs finding new homes in Sunday's adoption day at The Meadows race track.

Never before have so many greyhounds been re-homed in one day, with two separate sessions conducted by GAP's hard-working team doubling the previous Australian record of 35 greyhounds.

Of the 70 dogs, 48 were adopted out while 22 will go to foster homes with a view to adoption.

The previous record in a single day in Australia was 35.

Greyhound Adoption program Manager Larissa Hubbard said all numbers set around the day were unprecedented.

"To have more than 400 people come through the doors and for all 70 dogs to find new homes is a wonderful result," Ms Hubbard said.

"The popularity of the breed is definitely on the rise and why not? They are wonderful, docile animals and they make great pets."

The record number of adoptions was set a GAP goes from strength to strength in the year of its 20th anniversary.

In 2015, a record 847 greyhounds were re-homed through the program and Ms Hubbard said GAP was looking to better that mark this year.

"There is no reason why we can't improve on that number. Word is getting out about greyhounds as pets and there is more and more demand for them," Ms Hubbard said.
GRV chairman Bernie Carolan said the success of the program was crucial to Greyhound Racing Victoria's values.

"Animal welfare is a key priority for Greyhound Racing Victoria and drives all of our policies and procedures around racing," Mr Carolan said.

"This emphasis on animal welfare continues well after the dogs have finished their racing careers and we want to provide the best possible lives for them.

"Greyhounds really do make wonderful pets. They are affectionate, great with children and quite happy to lounge around all day and don't require a great deal of exercise."

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