



MEDIA RELEASE

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GRV Media Release – New homes and smiles all round at Bendigo Adoption Day, except for one bubbly greyhound

There were smiles all round at Greyhound Adoption Program's Adoption Day on Sunday when 34 greyhounds walked out of the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association to their forever homes.

One greyhound was left behind, a playful three-year-old named Bubbles. GAP organisers were surprised that no-one claimed Bubbles, but they are confident that this friendly, lively little greyhound won't have long to wait before she finds her new home.

Like most youngsters she is boisterous and needs either a canine companion or someone who is home a lot to keep her company. Bubbles has returned to GAP's headquarters in Seymour and is still on the Available Dogs list gap.grv.org.au/available-dogs/

About 170 dog lovers from the Bendigo area and from further afield attended the adoption day. One of the first dogs to find a home was Judd, named after former AFL champion Chris Judd, who was snapped up by Erin Stebbins and David Steven. The couple, who both grew up near Ocean Grove and have known each other since Prep, decided it was time to get a pet together now that they have a home in Oakleigh with a secure backyard.

"She is obsessed with dogs. All her friends are getting married and adopting greyhounds," David said.

Peter Norman from Wedderburn arrived with his children Kaitlyn and Libby and their friend Chelsea, and chose a swift, sleek greyhound called Swallow.

"I was looking for a dog with lots of energy and this one is definitely friendly and lively." His girls aged 10 and 11 were already giving their new pet a good work out, walking Swallow in circles and up and down ramps.

Boisterous was the motto of the day. Jack Wild from Rowville was looking for "the most boisterous, rowdiest dog I can get", choosing Sable as a replacement for the family's elderly whippet who was recently laid to rest. Paul McDermott from Melton was also looking for a "boisterous dog with lots of character" to occupy his older children, aged 16, 18 and 21, and chose Tiger.

Alena Matthews, however, was looking for something more placid and chose Sweet, who will almost certainly be re-named Bella. Bella is going to spend time digging in the garden with Alena, enjoying inner city life half the time, then spending time in Euroa at their holiday house.

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