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A Perfect Partnership

THE benefits of a partnership between the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) and Corrections Victoria has proven to be two-fold, with the respective bodies working together to play an integral role in rehoming greyhounds that are no longer suitable for racing.

In 2007, the Prison Pet Partnership started at Dhurringile men's prison, where inmates help prepare hundreds of former racing greyhounds for life as a pet. Tarrengower women's prison adopted the same initiative in 2009, with around 70 greyhounds going through the prisons each year.

Four greyhounds at a time go into each prison for several weeks, with selected inmates assuming the important responsibility of greyhound foster carers.

Not only does this partnership provide an opportunity for dogs to be socialised, but it's a chance for the inmates to experience companionship, as well as the satisfaction of owning a pet.

Offender Management Supervisor at Tarrengower Prison, Sonya Pritchard said the inmates teach the dogs many new life skills including walking on a leash, climbing stairs and to sit.

The partnership featured in the Every Greyhound has a Story photographic exhibition, which was showcased around Victoria last year.

The Greyhound Adoption Program, with headquarters based in Seymour, is now in its 20th year and achieved a record 895 greyhound adoptions in 2015-16.

To find out more about this partnership and the Greyhound Adoption Program, head to <http://gap.grv.org.au> where you can also watch a newly-released video of this wonderful initiative.

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