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### Find your future racing greyhound star in Bendigo

For as little as \$500 you can buy a competitive racing greyhound at the annual Ready 2 Race (R2R) Sales this Saturday 28 November from 10am at Lords Raceway on Mclvor Highway.

Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, R2R is presented by Greyhound Racing Victoria and hosted by the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association. This year, around 80 greyhounds are up for auction at R2R, all ready to race and eligible to run in speciality races for those bought through R2R.

In most cases, there are no training fees involved in racing a greyhound as prize money is generally split on a 50/50 basis between trainers and owners. And the industry's renewed focus on animal welfare means there is more support, advice and options for owners throughout their greyhound's racing career and beyond.

The Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association's Manager, Troy Harley, said R2R was a great introduction to the exciting world of greyhound racing.

"You get see the dogs race before they go up for auction and to meet experienced greyhound trainers and owners who can advise you on the day's best bargains," Mr Harley said.

"There are certainly great bargains out there and around 80 per cent of greyhounds sold at last year's sales have gone on to win at least one race and earned an average of well over \$6,000. And there are many opportunities to win even more with Victoria hosting around 1100 greyhound races each year with over \$40 million in prize money."

Outstanding greyhounds bought at R2R include Kiss Me Ketut (bought for \$21,000), who won \$250,000 before retiring to stud, To The Galo's (\$6,000), who has won \$63,530 so far and Cut Loose Max (\$6,250), with \$62,215 in prize money.

Other attractions on the day include the top rating sports radio show, Off the Bench with hosts Craig Hutchison, Liam Pickering and Dr Turf, broadcasting live from the R2R Sales.

For more information visit: [www.grv.org.au/events/ready-2-race](http://www.grv.org.au/events/ready-2-race).

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