



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Record number of greyhounds adopted at GAP Seymour weekend**

The Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) has broken all records for the number greyhounds adopted in a single weekend with 104 greyhounds finding their forever homes last Friday and Saturday at Seymour.

What was to be the first ever three-day adoption weekend from Friday, 12 January to Sunday, 14 January, officially ended on Saturday after more than 1000 people turned up at GAP's Seymour facility to adopt the greyhounds on offer.

Greyhound Racing Victoria Chief Executive Officer Alan Clayton said the response to the Seymour weekend was unprecedented.

"The fact that 200 people on the Friday were queued before opening and a further 300 registered for the Saturday shows they are wonderful pets and it is great to see the Victorian community getting really enthusiastic about greyhounds," Mr Clayton said.

Mr Clayton said GAP would ensure that those people who turned up at Seymour and went home without a greyhound would have other opportunities to adopt.

"Every day is an adoption day at our GAP facilities at Seymour and Baxter and all you have to do is contact our GAP staff and they will assist you," Mr Clayton said.

"People don't have to wait, we have around 40 new dogs entering the Program this week alone."

GAP adoption days are held every 6-8 weeks across regional and metropolitan Victoria with the next adoption day scheduled for Sunday, 25 February at the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association.

For more information about adopting a greyhound please contact GAP on 03 5799 0166.

GAP Ambassador and AFLW player for Carlton Football Club, Laura Attard is a huge advocate for the breed and attended the Seymour event on Friday.

Ms Attard, who adopted a pet greyhound named Macer in 2015 claimed "the dogs are a very misunderstood breed, they are a warm loving animal with the best temperament".

GAP Adoptions Manager Larissa Darragh said "the program is continuing to go from strength to strength and I look forward to the next adoption day".



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More than 1300 greyhounds were rehomed by GAP last financial year and GAP aims to better that figure this year.

People who wish to attend the upcoming Bendigo adoption day should register their interest beforehand via the GAP website at <http://gap.grv.org.au/events/greyhound-adoption-day/>.

If you wish to adopt on the day, please click on the 'Adopt A Greyhound' button on the website and follow the links to complete an adoption application form. This will help GAP find the right dog for you.

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