



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Healesville to host first ever Greyhound Family Fun Day**

The wider Victorian community of greyhound owners and their pets are invited to Healesville on Saturday, 12 November for the first ever Greyhound Family Fun Day.

The day will celebrate all things greyhound with dog-friendly activities including dog washing, vet checks and educational talks as well as a walk around the stunning Healesville Greyhound Racing Track property.

Families are also catered for with a free BBQ, ice-creams, giveaways and an endless amount of activities for the kids.

The Greyhound Family Fun Day isn't just for Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) pets, as all breeds are welcome.

Non-green collar greyhounds are required to be muzzled and all dogs are to be kept on the lead.

Fee tickets are strictly limited and can be booked by going to [gap.grv.org.au](http://gap.grv.org.au)

In 2015-16, a record 895 greyhound adoptions were made through Greyhound Racing Victoria's GAP.

With more and more people choosing to take on greyhounds as pets, a burgeoning community has evolved.

GAP Manager Larissa Darragh said there was little wonder greyhounds were becoming increasingly popular as pets.

"They really are friendly, affectionate and lazy dogs who don't require a lot of exercise," Ms Darragh said.

"We love the fact that people are taking them on as pets and we believe putting on a fun day like this is the perfect way for these beautiful re-homed greyhounds and their owners to come together and enjoy each other's company."

**WHERE:** Healesville Greyhound Racing Track

**WHEN:** Saturday, 12 November from 11am to 3pm

**COST:** Free

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