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GRV Media Release - Geelong to host GAP's final Greyhound Adoption Day for 2017

Greyhound Racing Victoria's Adoption Program will hold its final Greyhound Adoption Day for 2017 at the Geelong Greyhound Racing Club on Sunday 3 December from 11am – 1pm.

About 30 greyhounds will travel from GAP's headquarters in Seymour in search of a new life as a household pet. This is just the second time that Geelong has hosted a GAP adoption day.

Some greyhounds available for adoption have raced, while others may never have made it to the racing track.

Corio resident Judy Wilson adopted her first greyhound Teddy from GAP in 2013 and is passionate about the breed.

She encourages Geelong residents to go along to the adoption day to find out more about greyhounds, and hopefully take one home. Judy will be one of many volunteers helping at the adoption day.

Teddy enjoyed a comfortable retirement with Judy before he passed away and Judy now has another two greyhounds, Sonic and Pammy.

"They are such beautiful, gentle dogs. They spend about 75 percent of the day sleeping, they don't need a lot of attention, which is good for me because I work during the week," Judy said.

Sonic and Pammy have the run of the house until her son's miniature dachshund comes to visit. The two greyhounds know not to question the pint-size pooch's authority.

Judy is so enthusiastic about the breed that she coordinates the Geelong Greyhound Walk which meets every third Sunday of the month at the main rotunda at Eastern Beach.

The walking group has 230 registered members and the walks attract about 50 dogs at a time, mostly greyhounds but other breeds are welcome too.

The next walk will take place on 10 December, then the group will take a break over summer except for an occasional twilight stroll. Judy also hosts the walking group's Facebook page where local greyhound owners can swap tips and share their greyhound stories.

GAP Adoption Manager Larissa Darragh said greyhounds make terrific pets as they are friendly, docile dogs and, contrary to some assumptions, they don't need a lot of exercise.

"They need about 15 minutes of exercise a day, which is average for a pet dog. It's fine to just take them for a walk," she said.

GAP re-homed a record 1314 greyhounds in the 2016-17 financial year, easily topping the 798 adoptions achieved the previous year.



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If you are interested in adopting on 3 December, please register by going to the GAP website and follow the links gap.grv.org.au/events/greyhound-adoption-day/

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What: Greyhound Adoption Day

When: Sunday 3 December, 11am – 1pm

Where: Geelong Greyhound Racing Club, Beckley Park, Broderick Rd, Corio