



MEDIA RELEASE

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Greyhound Adoption Day races to the finish line at Sandown

Melbourne's final Greyhound Adoption Day for 2017 will be held at the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club on Saturday 21 October, from 1pm – 3pm.

The Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) will take about 30 retired and non-racing greyhounds that are seeking their forever homes to the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club at 6 View Rd, Springvale.

While this is the final adoption day for Melbourne, there is another scheduled for Geelong in December, and people are always welcome to visit GAP's centres at Seymour and Baxter.

GAP manager Larissa Darragh said the mobile adoption days, which are held at metropolitan and country greyhound race tracks around Victoria, gave more people the chance to meet and adopt these wonderful dogs.

Every dog making the trip to Sandown has been thoroughly temperament tested, desexed, wormed, microchipped and vaccinated, Ms Darragh said. For a \$75 fee it is an economical way to adopt a pooch.

Registration is essential so if you do intend coming along or you need more information please go to our Adoption Day page at gap.grv.org.au/events/greyhound-adoption-day/

"GAP Victoria has re-homed more than 1300 greyhounds in a 12-month period which is a record for us, and we believe it is also an Australian record," Ms Darragh said. "More and more people are realising that these gentle and loyal dogs can readily adapt to a new life as a pet.

"Greyhounds are well-known known for their racing ability, but if they're not racing they can adapt really well to a normal home environment. They don't need a lot of space or exercise – just a 15-minute walk once a day, which is average for a pet dog.

"We call them the 70kmh couch potato because they sleep for most of the day and are well known for choosing a nice soft couch as their favourite spot. Even if you're not ready to adopt a greyhound on 21 October you are welcome to come along to find out more about the breed."

If you can't make it to Adoption Day you can visit greyhounds at our GAP centres in Seymour and Baxter. Seymour GAP is open Monday to Friday, and Saturdays by appointment Tel: (03) 5799 0166, Email: gap@grv.org.au. Baxter GAP is open on weekends by appointment only Tel: (03) 5799 0166.

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