



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Greyhound Adoption Day touching down in Bendigo on February 25

Central Victorians will get their chance to take home a former track star when the Greyhound Adoption Program's Adoption Day arrives in Bendigo on Sunday 25 February.

About 40 greyhounds will be looking for their forever home during adoption day which will be held at the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association, Lords Raceway, Junortoun, from 11am – 1pm.

We are taking registrations for the day now. To find out more and to register visit our GAP website: [gap.grv.org.au/events/greyhound-adoption-day/](http://gap.grv.org.au/events/greyhound-adoption-day/)

This is only the second time that GAP has brought its travelling adoption day to Bendigo. Last year 24 dogs found new homes and organisers believe they will easily top that mark this month.

Three year old Judd is one of the greyhounds who will be making the trip to Bendigo. With a name like Judd, and the racing name Colden Blue Boy, this dog could only have been named after one of the Carlton Football Club's favourite champions. Judd is a gentle greyhound, suitable for many lifestyles, happy with or without a canine buddy, and with his beautiful blue-grey colouring he is sure to quickly find a new home.

GAP's Adoption Manager Larissa Darragh said greyhounds are terrific pets because they are friendly, loyal, docile dogs

"Contrary to some assumptions, they don't need a lot of exercise," Ms Darragh said. "They need a 15 minute walk a day, which is average for a pet dog. They really are couch potatoes, they are happy to sleep most of the day," she said.

"Some of the greyhounds are former racing greyhounds while others never made it to the track. All are desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and they come with a lead, collar and coat. They also go through a detailed assessment to check their temperament and suitability for re-homing before they can graduate to wear the green GAP collar."

GAP takes greyhounds on the road to regional and metropolitan areas for adoption days about every two months, but visitors are welcome to come to our kennels at Seymour and Baxter to adopt or find out more about the breed. Visit our website to find out more about locations and open hours: [gap.grv.org.au/gap-locations/](http://gap.grv.org.au/gap-locations/)

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- A high-res photo of our featured greyhound Judd is available on request.