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Media Release – 212 greyhounds adopted at inaugural GAP National Adoption Day

In a national first, 212 greyhounds were re-homed across the country as part of the GAP National Adoption Day, sponsored by Sky Racing.

The Greyhound Adoption Programs in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania, and Greyhounds as Pets in Western Australia and New South Wales, each hosted an adoption day on the weekend; Tasmania on Saturday 28 April and the other states on Sunday 29 April.

Theatre star, radio host and TV personality Todd McKenney was the official ambassador for the nation-wide campaign which aimed to boost awareness of greyhounds as pets and the importance of re-homing retired racing greyhounds.

Todd, who has two pet greyhounds of his own, said he had fallen in love with the breed since learning about greyhound adoption from a friend.

“They are such a beautiful breed and often misunderstood. People’s perception of a greyhound and the reality of what a greyhound is actually like as a pet can often be two different things,” McKenney said.

“They’re lazy, they’re loving and they run like the wind – it’s amazing to watch. But they are just really relaxed dogs. They are chilled out, I love that energy around me, they’re just slow, lazy and gorgeous.”

Greyhound Racing Victoria Chairman Bernie Carolan thanked everyone at the event for their passion and dedication in assisting the retired racing dogs to find a home.

“The staff, the volunteers and the community all came together to make this an historic occasion. This is a combined effort and one that brings great pleasure to all involved,” Mr Carolan said.

Mr Carolan paid a special tribute to the National Adoption Day ambassador, theatre star Todd McKenney, who attended at The Meadows and was simply ‘blown away’ by the whole experience.



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