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## Todd McKenney commits to a third year as National Adoption Day Ambassador

For the third year, film and theatre star and TV personality Todd McKenney has signed on to be the official ambassador for the National Greyhound Adoption Day.

To promote the suitability of greyhounds as pets nationally, every Australian state will host an adoption day on April 19 to rehome former racing dogs. It's the third of its kind and each year results in hundreds of former racing greyhounds successfully rehomed.

McKenney has two pet greyhounds of his own and said he fell in love with the breed after hearing about greyhound adoption from a friend.

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

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

"They really are the best dogs. They are playful, cheeky and fiercely loyal but it is their loving nature that I love the most. I just want to spread the word; I want greyhounds in every household I know of."

Todd is currently playing Lord Farquaad in the production of Shrek – The Musical.

Victoria's adoption day will be held at The Meadows racetrack, 80 Northcorp Boulevard, Broadmeadows.

Greyhound Racing Victoria's adoption program found homes for a record 2631 dogs in 2018-19, doubling the record set the previous year of 1314.

GRV CEO Alan Clayton said the National Adoption Day was another initiative that fits with GRV's focus on animal welfare as its overriding priority. "We want to ensure the best possible life for every Victorian greyhound before, during and after their racing careers," Mr Clayton said.

"It is wonderful to be able to unite with the greyhound racing governing bodies of every other state in Australia to present what will be a momentous day for greyhound adoption in this country."

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