

MEDIA RELEASE

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FINALISTS FOR THE 2009 SA GREYHOUND OF THE YEAR



The Greyhound of the Year Selection Panel met this week to determine the Finalists for the 2009 SA Greyhound Of The Year. The panel members will now cast their individual votes on the title, with the winner announced at the Awards Dinner on Saturday 16th January.

All five finalists, were monthly winners during the year. The Finalists are:

AUNTY VICK

Starts 43-1sts 12, 2nds 13, 3rds 7

Tr. Michael Giniotis

Total Prizemoney \$29,500 (approx)

Greyhound of the Month – August

- (scored votes in 2 months)

Won – Heat Adelaide Cup

Feature 4/5 (600m) Final

Heat & State Final National Sprint Champ.

SA Heat Sister City Cup – represented in Auckland Grand Final

Best Time: 29.89 (515m Angle Park)

34.96 (600m Angle Park)

37.42 (643m Gawler)

DRINK DRIVER

Starts 29 - 1sts 10, 2nds 5, 3rds 5

Tr. Rob Harnas

Total Prizemoney \$66,600

Greyhound of the Month – February, March & April

- (scored votes in 4 months)

Won – Heat Perth Cup (finished third in Final)

Final West End Anniversary Cup (Group 3)

Also made Adelaide Cup Final (finished fourth)

Best Time: 29.83 (515m Angle Park)

He was also a Finalist in 2008.

GOLD

Starts 34-1sts 18, 2nds 6, 3rds 6

(SA Bred) Tr. Paul Barry

Total Prizemoney \$53,500

Greyhound of the Month – May & July

- (scored votes in 3 months)

Won – Heat, & Final SA Breeders Plate (Group 3)

Heat & Final Katakasi Vet Services Gawler Future Stars

Heat Gawler Breeders 2009 (third in Final)

Heat, Semi & Final Gawler Produce Stake
Heat SA Sprint Champ (third in Final)
Best Times: 30.02 (515m Angle Park)
30.79 (531m Gawler)

SCULL MURPHY

Starts 17-1sts 7, 2nds 6, 3rds -
Tr. Bob Isaacson
Total Prizemoney \$39,600 approx.
Greyhound of the Month –January
- (scored votes in 2 months)
Won – New Year Sprint (second win in the race)
Advertiser Interstate Challenge
St Patrick’s Day Sprint
Also Second Sky Channel Adelaide Cup
Second Anniversary Cup
Invited to run in the Temlee at The Meadows (finished 6th)
Best Time: 29.62 (515m Angle Park)

SPARKLING SPEAR

Starts 51-1sts 13, 2nds 11, 3rds 12
Tr. John McMillan
Total Prizemoney \$42,285
Greyhound of the Month –October
- (scored votes in 2 months)
Won – Heat & Final SA Sprint Champ (Group 3)
Heat Bunyip Gawler Gold Cup
Best Times: 30.02 (515m Angle Park)
35.64 (600m Angle Park)
30.96 (531m Gawler)

The Greyhound of the Year Panel members are also voting on the Inductomag SA Bred GOTY and the SA Distance GOTY, to be announced at the Awards Dinner.

Once again we are thankful to Des Peck from Inductomag who has sponsored the SA Bred GOTY. The winner of that award will receive an Inductomag magnetic therapy unit.

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