

MEDIA RELEASE

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GROUP 3 PET'S TUCKER GAWLER GOLD CUP BOX DRAW

There were five exciting heats conducted last night in front of good crowd at Gawler for the Group 3 Pet's Tucker Gawler Gold Cup all looking too qualify for this Sunday's \$38,500 Final.

The heats were dominated by the Troy Murray kennel taking out four of the five heats and he now looks to have a strangle hold on this Sunday's final.

The first heat was taken out by Aston Thomas for Murray who qualified the fastest for the final running a blistering 30.69 for the 531m journey leading throughout, defeating the Don Foster trained Rawson Reason who was gallant in defeat going down by 2 lengths.

The second heat was won in brilliant fashion by series favorite Kalden Mayhem again for Murray however after a very slow beginning and interference he looked in danger of missing a place however he showed his exceptional speed over the final sections claiming victory by 2½ lengths in 30.82 running away from Vanilla Gorilla for Craig Arthur who had attempted to lead all of the way.

Heat three was another victory for Murray with outsider Aston Usain leading for most of the trip in a solid 31.11 defeating the Murray Harvey trained Pea Shooter by ¾ lengths. Both favorites for this heat in Random Test and Crazy Heart didn't enjoy the best of luck in running and ended up finishing third and fourth respectively and missing a spot in the final.

Heat four was a keenly contested affair which went the way of the John McMillan trained Bad Boy Pedro who made it three wins in a row. He was able to run home solidly to claim victory in a slick 30.98 defeating Victorian Watch Out Pete for trainer Geoff Mitchell by 1¼ lengths who also ran home nicely.

The final heat was taken out by the exciting Kalden Aurora again for Murray giving him four greyhounds into the final. She didn't begin that well and also looked in real trouble mid race however she showed her class to run down Airbag for Murray Harvey in the shadows of the post and claim victory by 1¼ lengths in a handy 31.08.

The Box Draw for the 2011 Pet's Tucker Gawler Gold Cup was conducted on course last night at Gawler.

The Final field in Box Draw order is:

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| 1. Watch Out Pete | Geoff Mitchell |
| 2. Aston Thomas | Troy Murray |
| 3. Aston Usain | Troy Murray |
| 4. Kalden Mayhem | Troy Murray |
| 5. Kalden Aurora | Troy Murray |
| 6. Vanilla Gorilla | Craig Arthur |
| 7. Bad Boy Pedro | John McMillan |
| 8. Rawson Reason | Don Foster |
| 9. Pea Shooter (1 st Res) | Murray Harvey |
| 10. Airbag (2 nd Res) | Murray Harvey |

The \$38,500 Group 3 Final will be run this Sunday night 6th November. The race is listed to jump at 7.22pm (SA time) and the full fields will be released on Wednesday.

As an added bonus for the club the Pet's Tucker Gawler Gold Cup final meeting will be covered on Sky Racing 1 providing extra exposure for their Group 3 feature.

The \$1,000 bonus on offer for the series if a track record should be broken on either heat night or final night over any distance was not won last night so not only will there be great interest in the winners this Sunday night but also the time they run.

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