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GRSA INCREASES FOCUS ON ANIMAL WELFARE Increased funding provided to GAP

Greyhound Racing SA has increased its focus on animal welfare by providing additional annual funding to the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP).

The funding has allowed the GAP to appoint a paid program coordinator, whose role it will be to manage the dogs entry into the re-training program and foster home system and oversee the delivery of dogs into new homes.

Former GAP volunteer Angela Webb will take on the role and she welcomed GRSA's commitment to animal welfare and the GAP program.

"This funding allows us to take GAP to a new level. With GRSA support we're on track to place more dogs in permanent homes than ever before this year," said Angela.

This year, the GAP program is aiming to house 70 dogs in South Australia, which represents an increase of more than 75% on the previous year.

In order to achieve our aim, they have increased the number of foster homes from 11 to 22.

Angela's comments were echoed by GAP Chairman Mick Launer, who also extended his thanks to the current GAP committee and the program's loyal supporters.

In announcing the funding, GRSA Chief Executive Officer Mr Peter Ali said, "We're extremely pleased with how the committee is steering the program and the significant contribution it has made in recent times."

"The GAP program plays an important role within the industry and it forms an integral part of our Animal Welfare Policy."

Animal welfare is one of the key pillars of the GRSA strategic plan and significant advancements in this area have been made over the last 12 months.

Last year, GRSA became the first greyhound racing authority in Australia to appoint a dedicated Animal Welfare Officer.

The authority has also made important revisions to its Code of Practice by establishing and implementing stringent breeding protocols and practices.

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Greyhound Adoption Program (SA)

The GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM is a non profit organization created by greyhound lovers dedicated to finding homes for greyhounds whose racing careers have ended.

Since formation the GAP program has found homes for more than 400 retired greyhounds in South Australia.

GAP ensures retired greyhounds are re-trained for a domestic environment and each dog is also de-sexed, wormed, vaccinated and heartworm tested.

Greyhounds make wonderful pets and are friendly, affectionate, gentle, good natured dogs.

For more information, visit www.gapsa.org.au