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Adelaide Greyhound Racing

*Puppy Auction
Sunday 25th October 2015*

Adelaide Greyhound Racing Club in conjunction with Greyhound Racing SA will be conducting a Greyhound Puppy Auction in October 2015.

This is a unique opportunity to attend and perhaps secure an unraced greyhound pup from a selection of breeders from SA and Interstate.

Mark this date in you calendar & get involved in this action fast paced sport. Log on to agrc.org.au for more details.

Note: more details will come to hand online in the next few months as pups are registered for the auction.

*Save
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Angle Park
Greyhound Track,
55 Cardigan Street,
Angle Park SA 5010

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Important things to know when buying a racing Greyhound pup

It is great to be caught up with all the action of Greyhound Racing and the excitement of purchasing a potential champion, but there are some important aspects that you should be aware of before you purchase.

Information is available at two websites -
adelaidepuppyauction.org
sa.thedogs.com.au

But we have answered some simple questions here. Like:

1. How much should I expect to pay for a Greyhound Pup?

It all depends on the age, breeding and the history of both the parents (sire) & (bitch). But as a guide at the Puppy Auction conducted in 2014 (same event), prices range from \$800 to \$8,500 for pups, the average was \$3,000.

2. What is the cost for boarding, breaking in, rearing & training as the pup ages ready for racing?

Boarding/rearing – as a guide most rearing establishments charge \$50 to \$70 per week per pup, so if you buy a pup at say 5 months of age it will cost you about \$2,000 before they are ready to be educated at a track at 12 to 14 months.

Breaking in, is when they are educated to come out of boxes and chase an artificial lure – As a guide this is usually \$125 per week for 4 to 6 weeks. Plus transport of about \$150 to \$250 to freight the greyhound to the breaking in establishment and back.

Pre-training – as a guide this usually costs from \$75 to \$100 per week for a 8 to 16 week period depending on the dog before they are ready to race at around 18 months to 24 months of age.

3. Are there any other costs?

You need to allow for veterinarian costs to worm, and immunise the greyhound. There may be additional vet bills depending on the overall health of the animal. There are also costs to register your greyhound with its race name – which costs up to \$55.

4. When can my greyhound race?

They cannot officially race in South Australia until they are 16 months old. However because they are considered “pups” this may take longer depending on their ability to mature to race standard.

5. What do I need to do to become an owner?

You must be a licensed owner and registered with your local governing body. This means that there is paperwork and information you must provide to Greyhound Racing SA. There is no cost involved. However in doing so, you must then abide by all rules as documented by the governing body.

6. How much does it cost to have a greyhound trained?

Once a greyhound is ready to race, many trainers will not charge a fee but will go 50:50, that is they share half the prize money. Others will train your greyhound for \$70 per week and only have 25% of any prize money generated by the greyhound. The owner is responsible for any Vet fees.

7. What are the rewards?

It is a great thrill to watch your greyhound race and share the enjoyment with friends. The advantages of owning a greyhound rather than a horse apart from it being less expensive, is that you get to see them race more often, many race every week or every 10 days, they do not need to be spelled for several months and at the end of their career, they make a great pet or you can have them adopted through the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP). On Thursday nights in Adelaide, greyhounds race for prize money of around \$2,500 for the winner, but some of the group races around Australia are as much as \$100,000 to the winner and the Melbourne Cup is worth \$250,000 to the winner. Local greyhound Luna Jinx has won \$170,000 in prize money so far in her career.

Greyhound Racing is fast, action packed and we invite you to “take the punt” and get involved. You don’t have to be the sole purchaser, there are other ways; joint owners and syndicates! Don’t miss this exciting opportunity on the 25th of October 2015.

For more details, log on to agrc.org.au or grsa.com.au

