

Greyhound Adoption Program News

Qld dog finds home in Japan



A Queensland greyhound has found a new life in the Japanese city of Nagoya through the adoption program.

It took a year for Mr Takeshi to take delivery of Shelley after many problems with translation, export paperwork, transport and vet requirements.

But in February this year Shelley arrived in Japan at her new home (pictured).

The Queensland division of GAP received the first application from Mr Takeshi back in February 2003. It came via GAP's excellent website.

Mr Takeshi already had two pets dogs from other breeds but was enthusiastic about adopting a greyhound.

At first it was almost impossible to communicate with Mr Takeshi as his English was limited and obviously the GAP program's requirements did not include a knowledge of Japanese.

But after much correspondence, a working relationship was developed and Mr Takeshi utilised a friend in South Australia to liaise with the GAP leaders.

Mr Takeshi was adamant Shelley was the greyhound he wanted to adopt.

The application took so long because GAP co-ordinator Sheree Buckley is a shift worker and could only work on his details when she had time off.

But he proved very patient and understanding and Shelley arrived in Japan on February 7. So proud of Shelley is he that Mr Takeshi has immediately started working on her own webpage. He sent photos to GAP the day the bitch arrived at her new home showing just how easily she had settled in.

Mr Takeshi plans to spread the word among his friends about GAP, to enable others to adopt a greyhound and receive the same pleasure he has. Shelley was a perfect greyhound for adoption, calm and gentle. She touched the hearts of those in Australia who worked with her before she left for Japan. It also proves that in today's world, nothing is impossible.

