

Doc's the showman of greyhound racing

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DOC Jamieson describes himself as a showman. The 44-year-old canine chiropractor and muscle manipulator appears to have an eccentric side as well ... at least when it comes to naming his large kennel of greyhounds.

Or should that be a propensity for self promotion.

Doc has 14 greyhounds, all by his own admission country prospects, and most with the prefix "Doc Jamieson".

There's Doc Jamieson Who, Run, Fly, Low, Toy, Pro, Liz, Way and Doc Jamieson All. Also in the kennel are Squad Security and China King Best ... most are maidens.

The kennel can almost be described as a "traveling circus", but Doc is very serious about his dogs. He has a four-wheel drive which carts four dogs and pulls a lavish 10-dog trailer (heated and airconditioned) all painted in the Aussie colours of green and gold.



Doc Jamieson and his star of the show ring Doc Jamieson Who a winner in the past two greyhound sections at the Ekka.



The distinctive four-wheel drive and lavish 10-dog trailer the Doc uses to transport his large kennel of greyhound

He has also just bought a second-hand Cadillac stretch limo which he plans to paint in the Aussie colours as well and head to the shows with his dogs ... for that is where Doc's passion is, in the show ring.

Doc's dogs swamped the greyhound section at the Ekka in Brisbane last year with his standout performers DJ Who (dog) and DJ Way (bitch). He won four of the five classes and was second in the other.

It was the second year in a row that DJ Who has dominated the Ekka.

But Doc is no stranger to the show, or greyhound, world. He sees sometimes 40 domestic and show quality dogs a day at his Loganholme shop which doubles as a surgery and home.

“The show and domestic dog world is my biggest clientele,” he told *The Journal*.

“I get show and domestic dogs sent to me from all over the eastern states.”

Doc has been tripping north of late with his large team racing but also establishing a clinic in Townsville and will split his time between the two cities from now.

He was at Belmont for three years and has been at his present set-up for the same time.

“I learned about dogs and their set-up right from an early age,” said Doc. “My mum Thelma bought me a greyhound as a pet when I was 14 and I started studying the makeup of dogs immediately.”

He has spent time in Darwin and leading South Australian trainer Colin Wachtel got him to regularly check over his dogs in the late 90s. While he has a team of 14 greyhounds, Doc is the first to admit they are not good enough to compete around Albion Park.

“But I’m in this game for the love of the animal,” he said. “I race them, but they are also to be entered for shows around the state.”

Generally the dogs compete in the hound classes at shows. Doc also has a Rottweiler which he takes with him and shows as well.



Doc Jamieson prepares for clients at his Loganholme clinic.