

Jurassic Vapour dead

FORMER star galloper and high class sire Jurassic Vapour (Bogenfel-Black Vapor) has been humanely put down just a few weeks short of his 12th birthday. Owner-trainer John Keep reported the grand old galloper, winner of 46 races and \$210,000 in stakes, had collapsed in the hind legs and the humane solution was taken.

Jurassic Vapour raced on 15 different tracks and won on 14, falling at Cairns to blot his perfect record.

He is the only dog to have raced in the Group 1 Adelaide Cup three years in a row, finishing first, second and third. Keep said he filled placings five times in feature races behind Flying Amy (3 times) and Toban Leah (twice). "If he had won those five races, he would have earned another \$200,000," he said.

He was a natural around Angle Park in Adelaide winning 12 of his first 13 starts there.

He held track records at Angle Park, Casino and Lismore.

At one stage Jurassic Vapour raced at Casino, Perth, Adelaide, Perth and Cairns all in the space of 12 days.



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He had 27 plane flights during his racing career.

As well as the Adelaide Cup, he also won the Qld Derby, Lismore Cup, Casino Cup and Publicans Cup at Albion Park.

As a sire he was outstanding but never received the credit he was due.

Among his best progeny were: Wentworth Park track record holder Platinum Prince, Call Collect, Just Unique, Jurassic's Image, Buncrana, Jurassic Prince, Bam Bam Bigelow, Planet Hollywood and recent Albion Park performers Chief Hanka and Matrix Reloaded.