

Rick has backed a winner

RICK Fall is the first to admit he had a few teething problems when a year ago he decided to breath fresh life into the greyhound breaking-in business.

“But you always get those sorts of things when you start anything new,” he said. “It took six months for the track surface to settle in, but we now have a consistent and safe surface.

“And we have been overwhelmed with the response to our operation.”

His breaking-in capacity is 40 dogs and he admits he reaches that regularly now he is up and running. “And we are now seeing the results of our initial break-ins coming to the track and winning all the time.”

Rick caters for three distances out of a new set of Bevan Williamson made starting boxes, 300m, 400m and 520m.



The short record is 17.34, the best over 400m is 22.04 and 520m is 30.53.

“The breaking in record is 18.03 run by a Go Wild Teddy pup being prepared now by Margaret Quarrell,” said Fall. The pup, named Exclusive High recently won on debut “It was the real reason behind me establishing the track,” he said. “The first litter I educated included Casual Encounter and he won the Ipswich Gold Cup. There was too much traveling involved going to other trial tracks. So I built my own.”



Rick Fall took a gamble ... and backed a winner. at Tweed Heads in a flying 23.53.

“If a pup runs under 18.50 on the track at breaking-in it will win races on South-east Queensland tracks. “Dogs from 18.50 to 19 seconds will win in the north for sure. Anything worse than 19 seconds will struggle to win a race.”

Fall is aware that races are won or lost at the start so box work is the premium at his track. “We concentrate on it the most. We would rather hold onto a dog for an extra week and see that it is boxing well than before sending it home.”

Fall said the Go Wild Teddy pup’s education was such a success that Margaret had recommended a number of pups be sent to Fall to educate.

Rick Fall might seem a novice in the breaking in game but he has been educating his own dogs since 1992.

