

The Advanced Race Statistics of the Greyhound Data

The GD advanced statistics is used by a great many greyhound people around the globe. While most people know that our statistics are "live" and calculated for you on the spot when you access the page - not everybody will know the exact calculation behind them. We are happy to tell you that we have revised the calculation to be more precise and to take better the higher competition on the big tracks better into account.(Dec.2006)

Question: Which dogs are the best racing dogs?

When you ask a dog man what makes a great racing dog, he will name dogs that can win or compete in the best races of a country. Others may name dogs that run extremely fast.

Both aspects are important and are reflected in our statistic.

The reason for the complex GD advanced stat is, that one simple stat does not represent what the 'dog men' say.

1) To measure competitive dogs we give points for dogs that can win and compete in the best races of the country.

The best races are the Group and Feature races.

Group One - these are the top races of a country with very high purse

Group Two - very big major races mostly with several rounds and very high purse

Group Three - big major races, high purse

Feature - Open races with higher purse than average (e.g. in IE >1000 Euro)

Everything lower - these races will receive no points. To say it clearly: we do not give points for winning just an open or for graded races even with high pricemoney.

With rare excemptions for exceptional 'Group One' races

we give only points for the FINALS of Group and Feature races.

Final of:...**Winner - Second - Other**

Group One - 15 - 10 - 5

Group Two - 9 - 6 - 3

Group Three - 4,5 - 3 -..... 1,5

Feature - 3 - 2 - 1

Only for exceptional Group One races we will give points for Semis and quarters as well. The FINAL will be classified as Group 1, the semi final as Group 3, and the quarter final as Feature race. Because of this, WESTMEAD HAWK did receive a sum of 22.5 points for the UK DERBY 2006. 15.0 pts for winning the Final, 4.5 pts for winning the semi final, 3.0 pts for winning the quarter final.

The purse criteria for the Group and Feature races is different for each country. The idea is that the race classes will give a pyramid with the graded races and low purse opens on the bottom and the feature races above, then Group 3, Group 2, and on top Group 1. We know that we can not please everbody, but everybody can see how the points are given for the best dogs in the best races of a country.

2) To measure the fastest dogs we give points for Best Times of a Quarter, Best Times of a Year and for Track Records.

All these points are given independently of the grade of the race.

A real fast time in a graded race will get points when it matches our rules. If a dog could get points in the same race for the competition (Group or Feature Race) and Best Times and Track Record, then he will get only the highest points for either competition or times, but not the sum.

2a) How we calculate points for Best Times of a Quarter?

We calculate quarterly, because the track and weather conditions change and the best dog in a difficult quarter should get points, too. Since December 2006, we calculate the points for the Best Times only at the end of a quarter. Before, we calculated on a daily basis and had too many complaints when dogs lost points because other dogs run faster.

Depending on how many dogs run on a track in a certain distance per quarter, some of the fastest dogs in this quarter will receive points. The idea is that not the number of races, but the number of different runners is the benchmark for contest. If always the same dozen of dogs run a thousand races, the number of races certainly is not a benchmark for competition. With the 'number of different runners' it is possible to compare US tracks with up to 5500 races over one distance p.a. with other countries. If a very low number of dogs run on a track then no dog will get points.

The Best Times of a Quarter get two points.

How many **different dogs run** on a track in that distance in a quarter?

less than 50 - NO quarterly points are given
less than 150 - the FASTEST run will get quarterly points
less than 300 - the TWO fastest runs will get quarterly points
less than 500 - the THREE fastest runs will get quarterly points
more than 500 - the FOUR fastest runs will get quarterly points

2b) How we calculate points for the Best Times of a Year

The Best Times of a Year get two points.

How many **different dogs run** on a track in that distance in a year?

less than 50 - NO yearly points are given
less than 100 - the FASTEST run will get yearly points
less than 150 - the THREE fastest runs will get yearly points
less than 300 - the SIX fastest runs will get yearly points
less than 500 - the NINE fastest runs will get yearly points
less than 1000 - the TWELVE fastest runs will get yearly points
less than 3000 - the FIFTEEN fastest runs will get yearly points
more than 3000 - the EIGHTEEN fastest runs will get yearly points

When a dog has already received 2 points for the Best Times of a Quarter, then he will get no additional points for the Best Times of a Year.

2c) We double the points for the upper THIRD of the Best Times of a Year. This dogs get FOUR points, when more than 150 different dogs run on a track in that distance in a year.

2d) How we calculate the points for Track Records

We look at the number of different dogs that run in this distance this year and last year, the higher number counts.

Points for Track Records

How many **different dogs** run in this distance at this track?

less than 150 - 3 points are given for a Track Record

less than 500 - 6 points are given for a Track Record

more than 500 - 9 points are given for a Track Record

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...dogs that can win or compete in the best races of a country or dogs that run extremely fast.

Both aspects are important and are reflected in our statistic.

We make the greatest efforts to make the best greyhound statistics in the world, which measures the performance of the best racing dogs (Top Dogs) in a better way than most other statistics do.

Assumed that the ability to win and compete in big races and speed are hereditary, then we have the best sire statistics as well (Top Sires).

A sire statistic 'only' sums up the points of his offspring that are racing in that year.

Your Greyhound-Data team