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# AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2006

## “SLATER”



**Slater winning at the Meadows in his Silver Chief Semi (Pic Paul Munt)**

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for December 2006 is Victorian sprint sensation Slater. The Brindle dog is owned by Robert Jackson and trained by Darren Murray of Napoleons in Victoria.

Slater raced superbly in the month of December and in a close verdict just got the nod over some other well performed contenders. His month started on December 5<sup>th</sup> with a track record performance at Bendigo in a heat of the Great Chase he ran 23.61 for the 430 metres. His next start was in the final of the Great Chase on December 9<sup>th</sup> where he again lower the track record at Shepparton recording a brilliant 24.82 for 450 metres taking the final by nine lengths. His next mission has been the Silver Chief series at the Meadows in his heat he recorded a best of the night 29.74 when he won by 11-1/2 lengths on December the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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Then last week in his semi final he made it seven wins on end when scored in spectacular fashion recording the second fastest run ever for the 525 metres recording 29.63 only 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second outside Big Daddy Cool's Meadows record that has stood since the Final of the 2004 Silver Chief.

Other contenders for the December Greyhound of the Month included Superman winner of the Hobart Thousand, Pure Bust winner of the Brisbane Cup, Bim Bam Boom winner of the Christmas Gift, Witch Magic the Ballarat Cup winner and Elektra who won the Sale Cup.

Slater joins Miss Spicy, Mid City Mandy, Superman, Edie Beauchamp, Train A Journey, Pure Burst, Fenceline, Vapour Whirl, Genista Gemini, Jaimandy Coops and Betty's Angel as the previous winners of the AGRA Greyhounds of the Month. The above 12 greyhounds are the first group of contenders for the 2006 AGRA Greyhound of the Year. This list will be culled to the top three that will be put before the judging panel to select the ultimate winner.

Slater is raced by Robert Jackson and trained by Darren Murray at Napoleons he is a Brindle dog whelped December 2004 by Surf Lorian from Wipe Out (Fortress x Miss Bouchard). Slater has won 10 of his 15 starts and has been placed on three occasions, his current stake earnings stand at \$87,590.

Trainer Darren Murray is hoping his young superstar can win his first Group 1 in the final of the Silver Chief at the Meadows on Saturday night and he has no solid plans beyond this weekend.

AGRA congratulates Slater, owner Robert Jackson and trainer Darren Murray on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for December.

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