

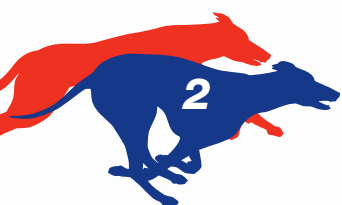


Annual Report & Accounts **2017**

Greyhound Board
 of Great Britain

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Mission Statement

“The role of the GBGB is to regulate and promote British Greyhound Racing, with greyhound welfare as our highest priority.”

Vision

That British Greyhound Racing is a successful and sustainable sport, commercially-viable and adequately funded to ensure its future prosperity. We are world-leading in welfare and integrity standards and support everyone involved in the sport to increase its popularity with our British and global audiences.

Values

Welfare

We will always put the welfare of greyhounds at the heart of all we do.

Integrity

We always act with honesty, impartiality and consistency to earn the trust of our stakeholders.

Professionalism

We pride ourselves on our commitment to quality and effective service delivery and the successful development of those working within the sport.

Good Governance

We will always act in the best interests of the sport as a whole and be accountable for our actions.

Respect

We value all those involved in the sport highly – no matter their role – and will always give consideration and due regard to every stakeholder.



Managing Director's Report

By Mark Bird

2017 saw several headline pieces of news for Greyhound Racing in the UK, the first being the closure of Wimbledon Stadium in March 2017 and then the further loss of Hall Green Stadium in July. The running of the English Derby for 2017 thereby moved from Wimbledon, who had hosted the English Derby since 1985 to the most recently licenced track being Towcester. Towcester's running of the Derby provided a perfect vista and flagship spectacle for the event and was widely applauded by all in the sport.

This year also saw the first GBGB release of track injury and retirement data as agreed with the House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee (EFRA) back in 2015.

Racing

As usual our esteemed racing pundit and sportswriter, Jonathan Hobbs delivers his comprehensive racing review of the year further within our report.

As previously mentioned, Wimbledon Stadium closing its doors in March after 89 years as major greyhound track, was a huge loss to the sport as was its iconic status amongst the greyhound racing community. Supporters to keep it open fought a long and determined battle but in September 2016,

Savid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government allowed planning consent for the site to go forward.

In June and into July, with the attention now focused on Towcester's first hosting of the Derby, many watched the heats and realised that the track was a worthy successor to Wimbledon. In the final itself, it was Astute Missile who delivered on the night for Seamus Cahill and team and owner Geoff Hill, scooping the top prize of £175,000 and at odds of 28/1, becoming the biggest priced Derby winner in the history of the event.

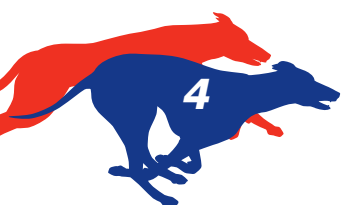
Also in July, and as if the loss of Wimbledon Stadium was not enough, we also saw the closure of Hall Green Stadium, again for redevelopment. Hall Green opened in August 1927 and was in its 90th year of racing when it closed. Hall Green hosted a number of main competitions over the years, most lately the British Breeders Forum Produce Stakes, TV Trophy, Gymcrack, Blue Riband and the Prestige.

Political

The first-ever release of GBGB track injury and retirement data dispelled many of the myths as to what happens to greyhounds at the end of their racing careers, with 87% being homed. Overall track injuries were also far less than many expected. There is, however, no room for complacency on these figures and the GBGB will work extremely hard with stakeholders to drive the figures in the right direction over the forthcoming years. I've recently been delighted to work with some of the major animal welfare charities, including the Dogs Trust, RSPCA and of course the Retired Greyhound Trust, in order to look at initiatives and methods in which we can all collectively push greyhound welfare to the top of our agendas.

The total number of greyhounds being euthanised on economic grounds because they are deemed unsuitable for homing is both unacceptable and unnecessary and the GBGB will focus on these figures over the next 12 months.

In most cases, many of our welfare ambitions require significant and sustained funding and this remains a challenge for the industry. I am therefore pleased to see that the Sports Minister





Tracey Crouch MP has appointed Lord David Lipsey to mediate between the sport and the bookmakers to include voluntary levy contributions to the British Greyhound Racing Fund for their on-line business as well as for their current retail contributions.

Welfare and Integrity

Throughout 2017, the GBGB responded to EFRA requests to create a Publicly Available Specification (PAS) for residential greyhound kennels, through the British Standards Institute (BSI). A dedicated working group was formed representing greyhound racing professionals (GBGB, Racecourse Promoters Association and Trainers), together with animal welfare charities and stakeholders including the Dogs Trust, RSCPA, Kennel Club and Battersea Dogs Home. The GBGB is extremely grateful for everyone's input into this core reference material.

Subsequently, the PAS 251:2017 came into effect on 29th December 2017. The GBGB are now additionally developing a Code of Practice for Trainers and Owners to run alongside the PAS.

The Greyhound Board

Barry Faulkner

Barry stepped down as Chief Executive in November, having served as GBGB Chief Executive for 6 years and previous to that was a senior executive at Bookmakers Afternoon

Greyhound Service (BAGS). Throughout his time as CEO, Barry oversaw the continued development away from the former British Greyhound Racing Board (BGRB) and National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC) into the GBGB. A keen on-course horse punter, Barry retired from his role to concentrate on life with his grandchildren, wife and family.

Robert Griffiths QC

Robert took over as Interim Chairman after Tom Kelly stepped down from the position. Robert will continue to act as the Greyhound Regulatory Board Chairman until such time as a permanent Chairman is appointed.

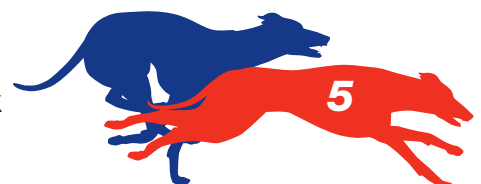
Paul Ephremesen

Paul stepped down as the Board Owners Practitioner owing to having to concentrate more fully on his own business ventures. In the relatively short time that Paul was on the Board he had a determined vision for owners, especially increased syndicated ownership within the sport. An owners' focus group provided a good representative forum for owners.

Bob Boswell

Following Paul's departure, Bob took up an interim position on the Board to represent greyhound owners' interests. Bob already served on a number of Committees and is a devoted fundraiser for greyhound homing charities.

Mark Bird, Managing Director





“The evening was generously sponsored by a notable number of sponsors...”

Greyhound of the year Awards **2017**

Held at:

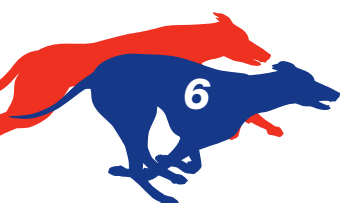
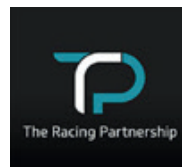
The Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London

Sunday 28th January 2018

The awards gala evening was attended by 400 people. The evening celebrated not just the achievements of our canine athletes, but, also those people who look after them; trainers, kennel-hands, owners & homers.



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The Winners

**GBGB Greyhound of the Year,
Betfred Newcomer of the Year,
Coral Standard Distance Performer
of the Year and Racing Post
Greyhound TV British Bred
Greyhound of the Year**

KING ELVIS

Tullymurry Act - Skate On

Trainer: Liz McNair

Owner(s): K.S.S. Syndicate

2017 Achievements:

Winner: British Bred Produce Stakes,

Swindon,

Winner: RPGTV Henlow Derby.

Winner: Servoca Nursing & Care British
Bred Derby, Towcester

Winner: Gentleman George Curtis

Trafalgar Cup, Monmore.

16 Open Race Wins



William Hill Bitch of the Year

GEELO SAPPHIRE

Ace Hi Rumble - Droopys Raeh

Trainer: Carl Perry

Owner(s): Geelo Racing

2017 Achievements:

Winner: Molson Coors 3 Steps To Victory,
Sheffield

Winner: Lowther Stakes, Towcester

8 Open Race Wins



SIS Marathon Performer of the Year

GOLDIES HOTSPUR

Aero Majestic - Slick Sapphire

Trainer: Patrick Janssens

Owner(s): Andrew Pelley

2017 Achievements:

Winner: Colossus Bets TV

Trophy, Towcester

Finalist: William Hill St Leger,

Perry Barr

8 Open Race Wins



GBGB Hurdler of the Year

RAZLDAZL RAIDIO

Razldazl Rioga - Razldazl Marilyn

Trainer: Ricky Holloway

Owner(s): Stella Wilson, David Jensen

2017 Achievements:

Winner: John Smiths Grand National,
Central Park

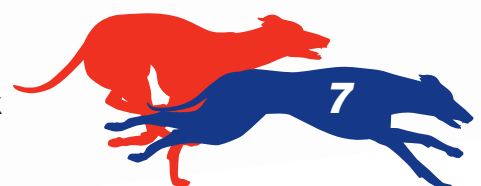
Winner: Chief Ramsbottom Hurdle,
Crayford

Track Record: Crayford

Track Record: Sheffield

Track Record: Wimbledon

22 Open Race Wins



Greyhound of the year Awards **2017**

The Racing Partnership Sprinter of the Year

ROXHOLME HAT

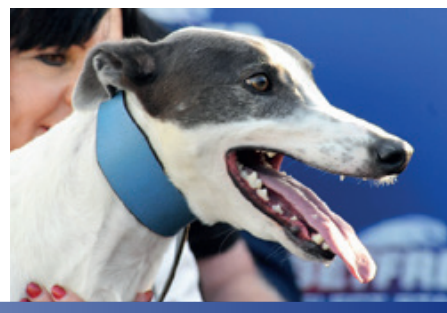
Ballymac Vic - Emma Honey

Trainer: Hayley Keightley

Owner(s): Hayley Keightley, Martin Green, Duncan Lambie

2017 Achievements:

Winner: BAPP Group of Companies
Scurry Cup,
Belle Vue
13 Open Race Wins



Press Association Stayer of the Year

RUBYS RASCAL

Razldazl George - Swift Eva

Trainer: Mark Wallis

Owner(s): John Clarke

2017 Achievements:

Winner: William Hill St Leger, Perry Barr
Runner up: Colossus Bets TV Trophy,
Towcester
Track Record: Perry Barr 710m
Track Record: Towcester 686m
17 Open Race Wins



GBGB Graded Greyhound of the Year

SWIFT MCHERNON

Godsend - Swift Passion

Trainer: Jane White

Owner(s): The Barton Flyers

2017 Achievements:

Swift McHernon raced 33 times in 2017 in A1, A2 and B1 grades, winning on ten occasions. He made his racecourse debut in August 2014 and won his first race, an A4, in December of that year. He raced 127 times, exclusively at Nottingham, winning 29 of his races.



GBGB Best Dam of British Bred

SKATE ON

Cashen Legend - Grannys Image

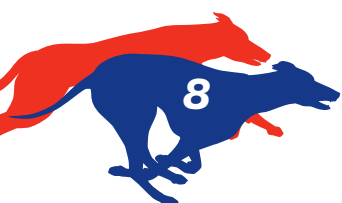
Trainer: Liz McNair

Owner(s): K.S.S. Syndicate

2017 Achievements:

The 2012 William Hill Oaks runner up Skate On had an October 2015 litter by Tullymurry Act on the ground in 2017. Leading the way was triple Category One Winner King Elvis, who won the 71st

Produce Stakes at Swindon, the Henlow Derby and the Servoca Nursing and Care British Bred Derby at Towcester. He also landed the Category Three Gentleman George Curtis Trafalgar Cup at Monmore. Litter sister Queen Anna won seven of her 15 races and went through the National Sprint at Nottingham unbeaten. Queen Adele didn't start racing until September 2017 and had already won two of her six races by the end of the year.



The Winners

Founders Award for Services to Retired Greyhounds

Joy Battley

Joy first became involved with the charity in the early years, working for the late Molly Redpath, one of the Greyhound Trust founders. From working in Wembley Racing Office to later running Walthamstow Owners Association, Joy is now the proud owner of Barley Kennels near Waltham Abbey.

Joy's energy and love for greyhounds keeps her involved with both the sport and greyhound homing, and her hope for the future is that "all owners, trainers, and track owners will ensure the welfare and long-term future of every dog they are involved with". One of her many nominators called her a "modern day saint for sighthounds."



GWA Harry Lloyd Award for Services to Greyhound Racing

Lord Hesketh

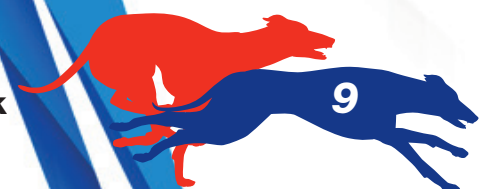
Lord Hesketh is the 2017 recipient of the GWA Harry Lloyd Services to Greyhound Racing award.



Charles Russell Speechlys Owner of the Year

K.S.S. Syndicate

The K.S.S. Syndicate were crowned Charles Russell Speechlys Owner of the Year 2017, the third time they had finished top of the table, having won in both 2014 and 2015 as well. They beat last year's winners the Conlon Family by 118 points with a total of 537 points. The Syndicate's highest scorer was the triple Category One winner and Greyhound of the Year King Elvis.



Greyhound of the year Awards **2017**

The Winners

BAGS Kennelhand of the Year

Anne Mahon

The 2017 BAGS Kennelhand of the Year was Anne Mahon Head Kennelhand to Hove and formerly Wimbledon attached handler Richard Rees.

A large number of nominations from owners, staff and others connected with the Rees kennel described Anne's dedication whilst working for three generations of the Rees family

over 50 plus years, her devotion to the greyhounds in her care and her willingness to help and support those working alongside her.



Ladbroke's Trainer of the Year

Mark Wallis

Mark Wallis was crowned Ladbroke's Trainer of the Year for the ninth time and the sixth year running.



2017 Roll of Honour

Racecourse	Event	Winner
Romford	Coronation Cup	Roswell Romanov
Hall Green	Prestige	Rubys Razzle
Crayford	Golden Jacket	Boylesports Star
Central Park	Springbok	Yassoo Martin
Central Park	Juvenile	Murrays Act
Romford	Golden Sprint	Clondoty Alex
Monmore Green	Monmore Puppy Derby	Forest Con
Swindon	Arc	Garryvoe Bobby
Sheffield	Three Steps to Victory	Geelo Sapphire
Sheffield	Northern Sprint	Mashmad Eyebrows
Brighton and Hove	Regency	Tyrapp Dragi
Shawfield	Scottish Derby	Dorotas Woo Hoo
Kinsley	Gymcrack	Cometwopass
Towcester	The Derby	Astute Missile
Towcester	Champion Hurdle	Ballymac Manix
Sunderland	The Classic	Droopys Country
Sunderland	Grand Prix	Cloran Paddy
Swindon	71st Produce Stakes	King Elvis
Nottingham	Select Stakes	Dorotas Wildcat
Brighton and Hove	Sussex Cup	Shaneboy Freddie
Monmore Green	Gold Cup	Droopys Buick
Monmore Green	Summer Stayers	Buckos Lass
Peterborough	Peterborough Derby	Hiya Butt
Towcester	Lowther Stakes	Geelo Saphire
Nottingham	Puppy Classic	Wildfire Lord
Romford	Champion Stakes	Murrays Act
Sheffield	Steel City Cup	Tynwald Baz
Doncaster	Yorkshire St Leger	Keplar Nine
Yarmouth	East Anglian Derby	Newinn Shadow
Crayford	Gold Collar	Mayshighlandreel
Romford	Puppy Cup	Roxholme Nidge
Central Park	Grand National	Razldazl Raidio
Central Park	Kent Derby	Bockos Alfie
Newcastle	Northern Puppy Derby	Droopys Zephyr
Newcastle	All England Cup	Droopys Expert
Belle Vue	Scurry	Roxholme Hat
Nottingham	British Breeders Stakes	Candlelight Fire
Henlow	Henlow Derby	King Elvis
Brighton and Hove	Brighton Belle	Away Shelly
Perry Barr	St Leger	Rubys Rascal
Towcester	Puppy Derby	Magical Bale
Nottingham	Eclipse Stakes	Bubbly Bluebird
Towcester	British Bred Derby	King Elvis
Towcester	TV Trophy	Goldies Hotspur
Belle Vue	Oaks	Wuheida
Newcastle	Laurels	The Other Reg
Nottingham	National Sprint	Queen Anna
Brighton and Hove	Olympic	Bruisers Bullet



2017 Regulatory Review

Introduction

Staff changes in 2017 saw the addition of Stipendiary Steward, Dave Baldwin, bringing the total number of Stewards to 7. Having moved into other GBGB roles, Sampling Stewards Chris Hufton and Hayley Huntley were replaced by Simon Storey and Gary Matthews respectively.

Complaints

A total of 59 complaints were received in 2017 (up 2 from 2016). The complaints data for 2016/17 is as follows:

	Tracks	Trainers	Welfare	Drugs	Licensing	Other
2017	21	23	9	1	1	4
2016	16	22	9	0	1	9

76% of all complaints were investigated within 30 days.



Sampling

A total of 8,389 post race samples were taken for analysis for the contract year 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017, with the breakdown as follows:

Race / Trial Samples

Type	Analysed	Not Analysed
Blood	114	1
Other	14	0
Hair	11	0
Urine	8179	70
	8318	71

Of these samples, 0.43% were confirmed by LGC as positive for banned substances. The breakdown of the 37 positive samples is assessed as:

	Number	% of total samples	% of total positive samples
Doping	9	0.11	24
Medication	12	0.14	33
Feed Contaminant	13	0.15	35
Contaminants (other)	3	0.04	8

Point of Registration Sampling

GBGB introduced a new Point of Registration (POR) scheme from 1st January 2017 whereby a POR sample is screened by LGC prior to the greyhound taking part in its first race. Any adverse analytical screen finding will render that greyhound ineligible to race until such time as it produces a negative POR screen. The breakdown of the POR samples for the contract year 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017 is as follows:

Type	Analysed	Not Analysed
Blood	80	1
Other	0	0
Hair	0	0
Urine	5375	22
	5455	23

68 screening positives were reported from POR samples, with the main screen finding being nandrolone.



Welfare Report

Welfare

In December 2017, a “Specification for greyhound trainers’ residential kennels” was published under licence from the British Standards Institute (BSI). This publicly available specification (PAS 251) was sponsored by GBGB and developed in conjunction with BSI to cover the requirements for the residential kenneling of racing greyhounds in Great Britain. The purpose of this document was to provide a consensus-based specification for residential greyhound kennels, based upon good welfare practice and the collaborative experience of animal welfare organisations, veterinarians, government and industry specialists. Furthermore, GBGB is currently developing a Code of Practice to supplement the welfare standards of the PAS, and to provide a comprehensive guide to kennel management and husbandry; while forming the basis for a revised kennel inspection programme and extension to the current UKAS accreditation.

Kennel Improvement Programme

In 2017, the Trainers Assistance Fund awarded £190,000 of development or kennel improvement grants to 59 professional trainers, while an additional 20 trainers benefitted from awards towards the costs of improving transport arrangements.

Injury and Retirement Data

Further to the Post Implementation Review of The Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations 2010, GBGB agreed to publish independently verified aggregated injury and retirement data from 2017 onwards. The interim data was published in March 2018 and the final data was published in July 2018. A summary of that data is as follows:



Injury Data 2017

Total Greyhound Runs 419,385

Type of injury	Recorded injuries	% of injuries against total runs
Hock Injuries	843	0.20
Wrist Injuries	707	0.17
Foot Injuries	833	0.20
Hind Long Bone	48	0.01
Fore Long Bone	100	0.02
Fore Limb Muscle	540	0.13
Hind Limb Muscle	1,110	0.26
Other	656	0.16
Total Injuries	4,837	1.15
Track Fatalities	257	0.06

Retirement Data 2017

Retained by owner/ trainer	1,037	12%
Greyhound Trust / Charity	5,184	59%
Rehomed by owner/ trainer / breeding	1,440	16%
Homed/retained	7,661	87.44%

Euthanasia

Treatment costs/ Poor prognosis	370	34%
No Home found	23	2%
Designated unsuitable for homing	307	28%
Sudden Death	56	5%
Humane grounds trackside	257	23%
Medical & Other	30	3%
Terminal illness	36	3%
Natural Causes	21	2%
Total	1100	12.56%



UKAS Report



GBGB achieved accreditation from the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) for its racecourse

licensing activities against the GBGB Rules of Racing in March 2010, ahead of the introduction of secondary legislation ‘the Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations (2010)’.

Within this legislation is the requirement for any greyhound track in England or Scotland to be licenced either by its local authority, or a body accredited by UKAS. In securing UKAS accreditation GBGB therefore ensured that all GBGB licensed tracks complied with this key legislation under the Animal Welfare Act.

GBGB continues to be the only sports Governing Body accredited by UKAS. Since 2010 GBGB has been subject to two inspections each year by UKAS (one at a licenced track, and one at GBGB’s Head Office), to ensure that our track inspection and licensing processes meet all aspects of ISO17065 - the international standard for licensing or ‘certification’ bodies, which GBGB is assessed against.

In gaining and maintaining accreditation GBGB continues to demonstrate to UKAS - an independent, government recognised external body - that our track licensing procedures are implemented in a consistent,

impartial manner for all tracks (and new applicants) by trained and competent personnel.

UKAS assess GBGB via two inspections per year. One at a GBGB licensed track where a UKAS inspector with animal welfare expertise shadows and assesses a GBGB Stipendiary Steward carrying out an annual racecourse inspection, and the second at our Head Office which involves UKAS reviewing all documented procedures, forms and records utilised or generated through the track licensing process.

The majority of UKAS audits are a sampling process, with UKAS assessing a number of areas of the international standard each time. Every fourth year, the entire standard is covered in a re-assessment audit. GBGB was subject to its latest re-assessment in 2017 and subsequently responded to all points raised by UKAS to ensure compliance with the standard.

2017 saw the publication of the Publicly Available Specification (PAS) for residential greyhound kennels (PAS 251:2017). GBGB will now work to gain UKAS accreditation for its kennel licensing process against this PAS, as agreed with Defra following the first review of the Welfare of Greyhounds Regulations in 2015.





Racing Review

By Jonathon Hobbs

“Tyrur Shay’s swashbuckling style of running had excited all and sundry...”

Greyhound racing entered a new era in 2017 with Towcester replacing Wimbledon as home of the Greyhound Derby.

The first time the premier Classic had been staged outside London since its first running at White City in 1926, the sport braced itself for change. Mourning the loss of the famous but ailing Plough Lane stadium on one hand, but welcoming change on the other.

Jaytee Jet had taken the Derby trophy back across the Irish Sea at Wimbledon in 2016 and the Emerald Isle now rallied its canine troops to defend the title - and for much of the six-round, £175,000-to-the-winner competition, another Irish success looked on the cards.

The combined forces of Graham Holland’s Clares Rocket and PJ Fahy’s Tyrur Shay wowed racegoers at the Northamptonshire venue on route to the Star Sports-backed final - both bringing huge stories and style to the table - particularly Clares Rocket.

Ireland’s fastest greyhound - a multiple big-race winner - had been the greyhound involved in a Shergar-style kidnapping saga the previous year. He was tagged the €1m greyhound before his safe return and made national headlines.

Tyrur Shay’s swashbuckling style of running had excited all and sundry, and he broke Clares Rocket’s first-round track record in the second round, thrilling racegoers with his last-to-first finishes - but come the Derby Final the home guard was strong also.

It included Hiya Butt, third in the previous year’s Derby at Wimbledon, bidding to help Hayley Keightley become the first woman to train a Greyhound Derby winner since Dolores Ruth struck gold with Shanless Slippy in 1996.

Kevin Boon fielded Murrys Act, a strong-running sort and later the Coral Champion Stakes winner at Romford, while Seamus Cahill capped a fantastic Derby campaign with two chances in the decider courtesy of Droopys Acrobat and Astute Missile.

And it was the man originally from Co. Tipperary but now based in Kent who struck with Astute Missile (28-1) becoming the biggest-priced winner of the Derby in its history as the Geoff Hill-owned runner broke well, turned handy, and was always in a position to strike.

Catching leader Hiya Butt at the third bend, this strong-running sort held the finish of Tyrur Shay up the run-in to win by three-quarters of a length to spark hugely emotional scenes given the Hove-based handler had suffered huge personal loss with the passing of his daughter Bridget.

The Classic year had started with history being made at Shawfield as Charlie Lister made it a seventh RPGTV Scottish Derby victory to match his record English Derby tally as Dorotas Woo Hoo took the £20,000 prize in runaway fashion with a show of pace and power.

Victory played its part in an incredible run of success before and after for the May 15 Ballymac Vic-Droopys Daneel litter which rewrote the record books - and it was a good Scottish Derby, too, given it included a Greyhound of the Year (Droopys Buick) and subsequent Irish Derby winner (Good News).

King Elvis was the major British-bred star of 2017 and landed two of the major British-bred prizes in the shape of the 71st Produce Stakes at Swindon and Servoca British Bred Derby at Towcester among a host of titles scooped in the year.

These included the George Curtis Trafalgar Cup and RPGTV Henlow Derby and enabled the Liz McNair-trained runner to later sweep the board at the GBGB Awards. He was named Best Newcomer, Best British-Bred, Standard Distance Performer of the Year and overall GBGB Greyhound of the Year.

King Elvis had earlier run-up to the Hayley Keightley-trained Roxholme Nidge in the Coral Romford Puppy Cup and the latter was one of the major young stars of the track, too, in 2017, with his Puppy Plate Final victory over Droopys Expert one of the highlights of Sunderland’s UK Festival of Racing, sponsored by William Hill.

The other major winners at the mid-season open-race





extravaganza were Charlie Lister's Cloran Paddy (William Hill Grand Prix), Angela Harrison's Droopys Country (William Hill Classic) and Debbie Calvert's Precisely (William Hill Festival Flyer).

North-east handler Harrison later also scooped the William Hill All England Cup at home track Newcastle with the aforementioned Droopys Expert and the same kennel also plundered the William Hill Northern Puppy Derby with Droopys Zephyr.

Roxholme Nidge's kennelmate Roxholme Hat was named Sprinter of the Year on the back of his BAPP Scurry Cup triumph at Belle Vue, while the first running of the revamped BresMed-backed Northern Sprint saw Kevin Hutton's Mashmad Eyebrows strike.

Hutton landed a third straight Gain Trainers' Championship meeting victory at Towcester and also enjoyed huge success at his home track with Magical Bale lifting the ECC Timber Puppy Derby. The same venue also hosted the Lowther Stakes, won by the Carl Perry-trained Geelo Sapphire.

The Sheffield bitch, later named Bitch of the Year at the GBGB Awards, also won the Molson Coors 3 Steps To Victory on home soil while, staying in Yorkshire, the Charlie Lister-trained Kepler Nine grabbed gold in the SIS Doncaster Yorkshire St Leger.

However, it was the Mark Wallis-trained Rubys Rascal who would become GBGB Stayer of the Year after a terrific run of success, including victory in the St Leger at Perry Barr. The former Wimbledon stayers' Classic moved to the Birmingham track for the first time in 2017.

Goldies Hotspur was third in the St Leger final but later landed Colossus Bets TV Trophy gold for Patrick Janssens at Towcester, which added to the same kennel's success with Bockos Alfie in the Cearnspart Kent Derby at Central Park. Goldies Hotspur was named Marathon Performer of the Year for 2017.

Bubbly Bluebird, the previous year's GBGB Newcomer of the Year, landed a superb end-of-season Betfred Eclipse as he came home strongly to edge out leader Dorotas Wildcat and close-up Bruisers Bullet, with the latter returning to win the Coral Olympic for the Wallis camp.

Razldazl Raidio was crowned GBGB Hurdler of the Year after success in the John Smiths Greyhound Grand National at Central Park - and Ricky Holloway's runner was once again the winning most open racer of 2017, as the case in 2016. He won 22 open races in 2017.

The George Andreas-trained Yassoo Martin was the leading novice hurdler given victory in the Cearnspart Springbok at Central Park, while an incredible finish for the Star Sports Champion Hurdle at Towcester saw Seamus Cahill's Ballymac Manix come from last to finish to lift the prize.

Success helped complete a fantastic night for the Hove handler, who would later land the sport's top prize with Astute Missile, and he enjoyed a good year with a host of successes including Forest Con's success in the Ladbrokes Puppy Derby at Monmore.

Ultimately, however, it was Mark Wallis who was crowned Ladbrokes Trainer of the Year for 2017 after the Imperial Kennels boss amassed 277 open-race wins during the year for a points tally of 1087, finishing 244 points clear of his nearest rival Cahill. He was winning the title for the ninth time.

Profit & Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover	4,426,636	4,138,917
Administrative expenses	(4,423,723)	(4,136,200)
Operating Profit	2,913	2,717
Interest receivable and similar income	305	1,502
Profit before tax	3,218	4,219

Company Information

The Greyhound Board of Great Britain limited (By Guarantee)

DIRECTORS

The Directors who served during the year were:

B Faulkner (*resigned 15 September 2017*)

R Corden

C Feltham (*resigned 13 December 2017*)

W Glass

Dr S Gower

J Curran (*resigned 19 October 2017*)

Dr P Webbon

T F Kelly (*resigned 23 March 2017*)

R Griffiths QC

P Harnden (*appointed 26 January 2017*)

M Bird (*appointed 18 September 2017*)

P Ephremson (*appointed 18 May 2017, resigned 25 January 2018*)

COMPANY SECRETARY

A Yilmaz

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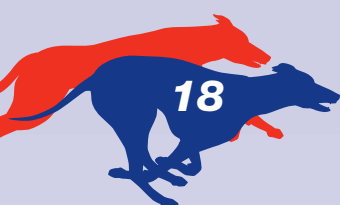
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017

	2017 £	2017 £	2016 £	2016 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		134,792		157,144
Current assets				
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	846,743		786,386	
Cash at bank and in hand	1,141,143		1,303,699	
	1,987,886		2,090,085	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,057,068)		(2,184,779)	
Net current liabilities		(69,182)		(94,694)
Net assets		65,610		62,450
Capital and reserves				
Profit and loss account		65,610		62,450
Members' funds		65,610		62,450

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime, in accordance with the Provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – small entities.

Approved by the Board for issue on 17 May 2018.



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