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NICK Janjic reckons a change of kennel has made Big Daddy Cool a much more settled greyhound. It has also made him a superstar. Janjic has half a dozen dogs in work, has only been training for five months, but realises how lucky he is. "It might take another 50 years to get another one as good as Big Daddy Cool," he said. "This is a much smaller kennel than where he was. He barks during the day sometime and I'll go out and give him a pat. He'll settle down and go to sleep. "I've noticed the difference in him. He's a lot more settled now ... a lot happier."

Just how happy Big Daddy Cool is was never more evident when he smashed his own Meadows track record when scoring by more than eight lengths in the Group 1 Silver Chief just a few days into the start of the new year. "When I took over training Big Daddy Cool I was on a hiding to nothing. Things have worked out well," he understated. "We're looking at some good races, but he's got to stand up to the work and racing against open class. "Jeff Mitchell and Big Daddy Cool's breeders Gavin and Rubina Fitzpatrick have been very handy giving me some advice. That's been a great help," Janjic said. It's been advice well received. Owners Steven Janjic and Paul Damjanovic pulled the right rein when they decided to switch training camps and let Steve's brother Nick take over training duties last year.



A spell, adding a bit of weight and box manner improvements have turned the Just The Best-Sobbing Sal youngster from a quick but slow early chaser into a flying machine. Nick said a 29.24 second trial at Angle Park in early December showed him a change of environment could help Big Daddy Cool. "He missed it a bit, wobbled around the home turn and pulled up on three legs. I would expect him to go close to the record (Brett Lee's 29.88) on a good track," he said. The August 2001 chaser, a younger halfbrother to champion Brett Lee, has already taken the step up to open grade winning a sensational Interstate Challenge at Angle Park over Queensland star Bogie Leigh. The NSW Derby and Australian Cup are plums on Big Daddy Cool's agenda. Big Daddy Cool set two track records enroute to collecting \$50,000 in the

Silver Chief final at the Meadows. Hall's Northern's 29.80 mark was clipped to 29.71 in the heats, included a second section mark of 17.58, on December 20. Big Daddy Cool then managed a solid 29.93 semi-final win a week later before a stunning 29.62 in the final. It was Big Daddy Cool's 12th win from 23 starts and his stakemoney has reached \$74,536. Janjic also has Hobart Thousand runnerup Bubbaloa in work as well as Sounds Like Fun and Devil's Dare. Big Daddy Cool's litter brothers Lethal Weapon and Pay The Believer are also with Janjic. Lethal Weapon has won in the city, but 29.79 Traralgon winner Pay The Believer only has a 50 percent chance of recovering from hock problems. Janjic is looking forward to the future.