



Spotlight on Breeding

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PETER Rose is the foremost statistician on greyhound bloodlines in the country.

For the past decade he has produced **Australian Winning Lines**, the bible for serious breeders throughout the country. He has just produced Volume 11 and there are some amazing facts and figures to be derived from it. Volume 11 covers racing in 2003.

The feature races on which they are based are all Group 1, 2 and 3 events plus some other features with lesser prizemoney that have been keenly contested over a number of years.

Sires

* The most successful sire of feature winners in Australia in 2003 was Just The Best with 15, followed by Awesome Assassin and Black Shiraz (both 14) and then Token Prince with 13. These were clearly the dominant stud dogs in the land as the next most successful were Big Ginger Boy and Light Of Fire who both had five.

* The Sires of Sires title went to Credibility (28 via Just The Best, Faithful Hawk, Nobody's Fool, History Lesson, Ballistic Jet, Bearability and Questions), from Ginger (24 via Black Shiraz, Big Ginger Boy, Oak Raider and Ginger Magee), Malawi's Prince (24 via Token Prince, Prince Of Tigers, Awesome McLaren, Placard, Mighty Glory and Royal Pilgrim), Light Of Fire (20 via Awesome Assassin, Solve The Puzzle, Elle's Dominator and Lilli Pilli Lad), Head Honcho (16 via Cry Havoc, Go Wild Teddy, Royal Assassin, Wild Season, Clearwater Boy, Go Diesel, Master Havoc and Mean Bean) and New Tears (12 via Light Of Fire, Proper Tears, Ultimate Wish and New Fox). These accounted for 68.1% of all feature winners.

* Following the sireline straight back to the stud dogs of around 15 years ago, we find that Brother Fox line sires produced 37.9% of feature winners in 2003.

The Pretty Short sireline accounted for 20.3%, Eaglehawk Star 14.3% and Malawi 14.3%.

Amazingly Chariot Supreme line stud dogs only sired two feature winners during the year. His future on the top line of pedigrees probably depends on one of Golden Currency's sons making the grade.

* Looking further back, the Temlee sireline provided 72.5% of feature winners while the Waverly Supreme sireline got 16.5%. The Thunder Lane sireline accounted for 2.2% and the remaining 8.8% came from an assortment of overseas based sirelines.

Dams

* The most successful broodbitch would have to be Mystery Bird (Farloe Melody*- Dollar Bird) who had five feature winning offspring in 2003, Cyrus The Virus, Lara Flynn, Twain and Unopposed (all in her sensational Black Shiraz litter) and Garland Green (by Go Wild Teddy).

The next best were 13 bitches who all had two feature winners; Caitlyn Fox, Courageous Joyce, Dakota Belle, Emily's Idol, Gotta Return, Hunter Tylo, Miss Gypsy, Miss Winsome, November Miss, Princess Rema, Tivoli Kelly, Tranquil Scene and Two Codes.

* 14.3% of Feature Race Winners in 2003 were out of bitches who were either feature winners or track record holders.

* Of the Feature Race Winners in Australia in 2003, 29% have dams or granddams that won a feature race or held a track record.

* 44.5% of Feature Winners in 2003 were out of bitches who had thrown other feature winners or track record holders

* 81.9% of Feature Winners were related to other feature winners or track record holders in their first two generations i.e. The dams or grand-dams had either won features, run track records or were the dams or granddams of greyhounds who had achieved this.

* 96.7% were related to other feature winners or track record holders in their first three generations.

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* The remaining 1.6% represents three feature winners. In two cases the fourth dam was a sister to a feature winner.

* Throughout the past 15 years, approximately one in four feature winning bitches became the dams of feature winners themselves.

* The most successful damline was Little Gorgeous (better known to many as the "Osti" line) with 14 feature winners followed by Gail's Beauty with 13, Marungi Girl (8), Mabel Alice (6), Tarado (6), Freckled Pick (5), Model Donna (5) and Sancerie (5).

Linebreeding

* There was only one feature winner with linebreeding closer than 3x3. This was the Chairmans Cup winner Somersby Faus who has a 2x3 cross of Malawi's Prince.

* Only 7.7% had linebreeding within three generations. Apart from the Malawi's Prince cross mentioned previously, the greyhounds doubled up this close were

Brother Fox (five times), Amerigo Man (twice), Acacia Ablaze, Eaglehawk Star, Malawi, New Tears, Shining Chariot and Wee Sal.

* 65.9% had linebreeding within four generations.

The most common was to Brother Fox who was doubled-up in an amazing 36.3% of feature winners. This does not count a few other occasions in which he appeared in a 4x5 pattern.

The next most successful was Chariot Supreme who is linebred in 11.5%.

Then follows Waverly Supreme 8.8%, Pretty Short 6% and Temlee 4.4%. Of course Temlee and Waverly Supreme will be found in the 5th and 6th of most successful Australian greyhounds.

Eaglehawk Star, Bowetzel, Chief Dingaan, New Tears, Tangaloo, World Acclaim, Nation Parade, Roy Trease, Daleys Gold and Sand Man were also all successfully doubled up in pedigrees of at least one feature winner. Not surprisingly Promises Free was the broodbitch who appears most often (3.3%).

Linebreeding to Sabby's Image, Shining Light, Osti Lee and Pitstock Park also appeared.

* Linebreeding within five generations was very common.

Some 97.3% of feature winners were bred this way. The five greyhounds (2.7%) with no linebreeding were Flying Fort, Happy Chappy and Just Tommy (all sired by an imported greyhound) and the Shirdon's Alarm-Dakota Belle littermates, Dakota Emily and Dakota Raider.

The latter two were out of a bitch with very heavy linebreeding, bordering on being inbred.

Overseas influence

* Late Show Lady's victory in the Lismore Classic was the only instance of a feature win to an import in 2003.

* In 2003 there were four feature race winning greyhounds who were sired by imports; Flying Fort and Fortified Flyer (by Fortified Speed), Happy Chappy (by Derryfoyle) and Just Tommy (by Droopys Zola).

* 19.8% of feature winners in 2003 had a greyhound whelped overseas within its first 2 generations.

* 37.4% had an overseas bred greyhound in the first three generations of its pedigree.

* 86.3% had an overseas bred greyhound within four generations.



Trainer Vicki Wisener with her smart galloper Real Attitude a Clem Jones Cup heat winner at Albion Park.

