

Jock asks 'how do you top that?'

By **DAVID BRASCH**

IN the aftermath of the hugely successful Q.L.D. Group Statewide Challenge final, successful owner-trainer Jock Campbell had time to sit and ponder his future.

He decided he couldn't top that.

"She's the best dog we've had," said Jock of his last-to-first final winner Jock's Girl.

"And I think she will be the last dog we have."

He and wife Jeanette admit to be getting a bit too old to keep going in the industry. Jock is 71 and while he will release Jeanette's age, it's not for publication.

"This will be our last dog," he said.

"I'm getting too old."

Jock's Girl (Bright Ebony-Deo Volente) landed the \$25,000 winner's cheque with an amazing 12.34sec final section coming from at least nine lengths from the leaders in the back straight to win.

She downed Four Way Fire and hot favourite Wetherby Streak getting up close to the line but actually winning by a length so fast was her final burst.

"We may breed with her," Campbell said of Jock's Girl. "But we will sell the pups and then we will keep her as a pet. "She's earned that." Campbell only ever has one greyhound in training at any one time but has had more than his share of success.

"But we didn't think we could win this one," he said of the Challenge final specially after drawing the eight box in the final.

"I thought they would all be blocking me at the corner. We were hoping for a place.

"It's our biggest thrill ... we are just calming down now," he said a few days after the race.

"The excitement is too much."

Campbell speaks in awe of his bitch.

"She's just so sound and easily the best dog I've trained," he said.

The bitch won the Statewide Challenge when



Jock and Jeanette Campbell with Jock's Girl.

only 23 months old.

"She's got plenty of time to keep racing and any thought about breeding with her will not happen at least for another couple of years," he said.

"That's why we will make her our last dog."

Campbell admitted he had refused a \$20,000 offer from a syndicate in New Zealand after the bitch finished third in the Puppy Classic final at Albion Park.

She ran second to Wetherby Streak in the Albion Park section of the Challenge and then went one better to win the Grand Final.

It was a fantastic final and attracted a quality line-up, and augurs well for the series in the next two years.

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| Bright Ebony | Bright Banner | Elle Shanty |
| JOCK'S GIRL | Ultimate Wish | Shining Chariot |
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| Deo Volente | | New Tears |
| | | Lauren's Desire |
| | | Amerigo Man |
| | | Trisha Glee |



The Q.L.D. Group Statewide Challenge presentation.

***Q.L.D. Group Statewide
Challenge (520m) Albion Pk***

- 1 **JOCK'S GIRL** \$5
(Bright Ebony-Deo Volente)
Owner-trainer: John Campbell
 - 2 **FOUR WAY FIRE** \$7
(Prince Of Tigers-Black Topsy)
 - 3 **WETHERBY STREAK** \$2.30
(Just The Best-Flip It Up)
- Others:*** 4 Tina Keroma \$5,
5 Speedy Sailor \$21,
6 Tropical Gent \$51,
7 SpiritOf Omar \$10,
8 Ascot One \$5.
Time: 30.36.