

# Media Release

**The Hon Jaclyn Symes MLC**

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Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Resources



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## **TAILS WAGGING WITH SEYMOUR GREYHOUND FUNDING BOOST**

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with delivering for much loved Greyhounds with funding announced today for the Greyhound Adoption Centre in Seymour.

Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes was in Seymour to announce the Labor Government's \$50,000 grant for the Greyhound Adoption Centre which will see the centre completely refurbished.

The funds will contribute towards a centre refurbishment, which will help the organisation continue to deliver its important work as it grows to meet the increasing demand for greyhounds as pets.

Today kick-started the first day of a three-day Greyhound Adoption Bonanza where about 115 greyhounds are expected to find their forever home.

The Greyhound Adoption Program has been operating for more than 22 years, rehabilitating and rehoming about 9000 greyhounds; making it one of the world's leading re-homing agencies for retired greyhounds.

Non-racing greyhounds do not need to be muzzled in public, thanks to changes that came into effect from 1 January this year initiated by the Labor Government.

Non-racing greyhounds however are still required to be leashed in public.

The Government is getting on with providing animal welfare grants to not-for-profit organisations and groups that improve the welfare of Victoria's companion animals.

For more information, visit [animalwelfare.vic.gov.au](http://animalwelfare.vic.gov.au)

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes**

*"As someone with a proud family history in racing greyhounds, I am even more delighted to join the pet adopter club today – providing a loving home to a retired greyhound."*

*"This grant will help the Seymour adoption centre enhance their work, and concentrate on delivering their great program."*

*"With more than 100 dogs available for adoption across the weekend, I'd encourage pet lovers to make their way to Seymour, enjoy all the region has to offer and just maybe go home with another family member."*

### **Quote attributable to Greyhound Racing Victoria Deputy Chair Peita Duncan**

*"Given the Minister's long family history in greyhound racing, I look forward to welcoming her at many more events like this and also at some of our premier race meetings."*

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