

Introducing at stud  
**Glenquin Blackie**  
black dog Dec 1995  
Some Whisper - Hillan Blue




Prolific Open Race winner 19 wins out of 45 races  
which includes:  
★ 1998 Golden Sprint winner Romford (£6000)  
★ Runner up 1999 Golden Sprint  
★ Runner up Staffordshire Knot  
★ Broke track records at Monmore and Swindon and has the unique feat of winning open races out of every trap

"Glenquin Blackie possesses awesome early pace".  
(quote Jim Austin Racing Post)

So if you want early pace Blackie is the dog for you

Standing at Stud with G De Mulder  
Tel: 01676 522548 or owner 0850 209898  
Fee £200 less luck

Introducing At Stud - The Incomparable  
**Heres Andy**



Polnoon Chief  
Minnies Nikita

★ Finalist 1996 Scottish Derby (ante post fav)  
★ Winter favourite 1996 English Derby  
★ Finalist 1997 English Derby

Date: 5 July 1996	Date: 4 July 1997
Venue: Monmore Green	Venue: Monmore Green
Distance: 484m	Distance: 480m
Winner: Heres Andy	Winner: Heres Andy
Time: 29.00TR	Time: 28.16TR

Heres Andy, one of the fastest dogs of his generation, sets a new track record of 29.00 for the standard 484 metre trip when coming home nine lengths clear in the first round of the Midland Gold Cup. Darragh Commet's previous record of 29.08 had stood for eight years.

Heres Andy breaks the WORLD RECORD for the standard four bend trip when taking his first round heat of the 1997 Midland Gold Cup by five lengths.

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1950s  
**All Our Yesterdays**

When the Greyhound Owner & Breeder closed, a large amount of memorabilia was sold. Leading owner John Guilford bought a sizeable amount including a couple of scrap books. Mr Guilford recently donated the books to Greyhound Star believing we might like to publish some of the findings. We are delighted to do so. Here are some of the clippings painstakingly recorded from the early 1950s. Some bits are fascinating, some funny, others act as a reminder of the sport's obsession with skulduggery.

**Hardpad Outbreak**  
Sep 1951 Work was proceeding at Beoley in the Midlands in an attempt to beat the relatively new form of distemper called hardpad. Midlands breeder Fred Jeffcott who had lost 70 pups reckoned "unless something is done to abate hardpad there will be no more greyhounds to race."

**The World's Most Patient Fraudster**  
BRIGHTON man Rosslyn James Coleman was fined £25 after attempting to defraud Brighton & Hove Greyhound Racing Stadium Ltd.

The court heard that in the previous five years the punter had collected almost 2,600 losing tote tickets and had filed them according to their colour code.  
After five years he finally achieved a match between the ticket colour code, the race number and winning traps.  
A few days after the meeting the track received two tickets, a £1 win and a two shilling forecast.  
Although records said all tickets had been paid out, a cheque for £5 5s 9d was sent to Mr Coleman.  
But the alarm was raised when it was discovered that the tote machine that issued the two shilling forecast ticket was now issuing 10 shilling tickets.

**POWDERHALL WOE**  
GRA failed in its bid to get Powderhall's rent reduced from £2,000 per annum from £4,826. Between 1945 and 1953 tote turnover had fallen from £879 per meeting to £296.

**Cat Thrown Onto Track To Void race**  
Two men were jailed for four months each after throwing a cat onto a track during a race.  
John Tracey and Thomas Malone had heavily backed their dog in a race at Watford.  
But it had hit the fence at the first bend.  
As the dogs were coming around the last bend the cat was thrown in front of the leading dog. He hesitated and the race was declared void. The cat was unharmed.  
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**Policeman Foils Suicide Attempt**  
FRENCH breeder Leon Fontaine, had a nervous breakdown after the greyhound track at Carbisville closed. He shot his 13 dogs but was overcome as he turned the gun on himself.

**THE ELEPHANT DOG?**  
The number of open tracks more than doubled between the years of 1944 and 1951. In 1944 there were 507, or roughly ten a week. By 1951 that had risen to 1,278 (roughly four per day).  
The GRA's breeding kennel in Kildare, which had been created in 1934 due to the rapid increase in the price of greyhounds was producing 320 pups per year by the early 1950s.  
After harvesting, farmer R Slagg discovered a greyhound bitch living wild in a hedgerow den on a farm near Sudbury.  
With her were a litter of nine pups.  
Following checks, RSPCA inspectors reported no greyhound was reported missing. When finally caught, the bitch and her pups were found to be in excellent shape with the remains of several rabbits and chickens found in the den.  
In 1952 there were a total of 212 tracks, of which 117 were licensed.  
The Australian Prime Minister was forced to issue a statement denying knowing a member of the New South Wales Control Board.  
In Parliament a member of the opposition alleged that the Premier Mr McGirr had used his influence in obtaining a position on the Board for Mr Victor N Peters.  
It was further alleged that 15 years previously Mr Peters had been banned for life for his part in a 'ringer' scam.

**TOTE figures for the 17 tracks in the London area in 1950 were:** 'a mere' £25,624, 614. In 1946 they had topped £99,526,624.  
Greyhound authorities apply to the Government for a reduction in on-course betting tax of 10%.  
In the five years since its introduction by the 1948 Labour Government, the tracks have paid over £38m.

**BEATING THE DIRTY DOPERS**


THE early 1950s saw great efforts made by the National Greyhound Racing Society (a predecessor of the NGRC) in stamping out doping.  
Indeed they were so successful that the Society's president, Sir Louis Greig informed horse racing's hierarchy that greyhound racing had "booted the dopers over to the older sport."  
He continued: "Those practising doping have been caught and dealt with. In a very short time with their friends in prison, the rest of the 'wide boys' moved on, unfortunately to make a pest of themselves on the horserace course."  
One of the people who had investigated greyhound racing's problems was Jockey Club detective John Walsh.  
In February 1953 he wrote an article about his experiences. It implies the occurrences were in the long distant past, but by his own timescale they were still quite recent events.  
"Big as their rake-off undoubtedly was from the turf, the gang-dopers, I am sure, never made the same 'good thing' out of horseracing that they did from their tyranny over the dogs."  
Coups  
They were at work in the golden age of the sport - the boom days just after the war - and the dopers really did pull off some incredible coups. They worked the kennels for nearly seven years before their game was tumbled and during that time no greyhound in the country was safe from their interference.  
There was one course they visited so often that the dogs almost became on tail-wagging terms with them.  
One dog in particular appears to have become so friendly that I am assured it would actually lick the doper's faces and try to 'shake hands' every time they arrived to carry out their dirty work.  
It was an era of big betting on the dogs and the track authorities decided for a long time that only kennel employees could be in a position to interfere with racing on such a scale. Scores of kennel lads lost their jobs as a result.  
But as I now know, the big doping jobs were ALL done from outside!  
The gangs began as one but they soon split after a row over betting odds. Both worked to the same pattern. Individual dogs were seldom, if ever, tampered with. The practice was of 'block' doping.  
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gangs and once it led to an extraordinary clash between them.  
One gang decided to work a track in the Midlands; to break into the kennels at night and 'stop' all the male dogs whatever their colour.  
The other gang decided to 'do' the same kennels the same night and stop all the brindle greyhounds - irrespective of sex.  
The result was that all the brindle males were given two lots of dope within an hour and a half.  
Many were taken seriously ill. Some died. The kennel veterinary staff diagnosed chronic gastro-enteritis with resulting hysteria. Racing had to be abandoned and both gangs got nothing for their pains.  
Gulp  
It was not until long afterwards that the double doping plot was discovered and because of it the gangs decided that in future that would tip each other off as to its plans.  
Dogs are far easier to dope than horses. The horse is a finicky feeder. The average dog isn't. A piece of treated sausage-meat would be swallowed as a gulp - often the dog would wag its tail for more.  
The drugs used to 'stop' dogs - there is no known 'pep' drug for them - would be easier to get and less costly than those used in horse racing.  
One gang often used Luminal, a sleeping drug which gave the appearance of the dog being outwardly bright but which in fact caused dizziness.  
The effects were noticeable as the dogs rounded bends at the track. Luminal-doped dogs would lose yards at the bends in cornering because their brains would be in a whirl.  
If they thought that vomit tests were likely to be made on dogs before a race, the gang would change their tactics.  
I have evidence that on one occasion an attempt was made to stop dogs at Reading by smearing four traps with rabbits blood.  
The gang hoped that these dogs would be more interested in the smell of rabbit than in racing and would break slower from the traps.

**Theory**  
But their theory didn't work out. The four dogs all came out in a rush - doubly eager to get at the hare.  
When the existence of doping on a large scale became apparent and the authorities seemed powerless to stop it, two tracks decided on desperate measures of their own.  
One nearly caused a riot amongst its patrons one night by deliberately declaring the wrong placings in a forecast result. They realised that some dogs must have been got at by the hulk sums that were plastered on one two-dog forecast.  
The dopers, angry and frustrated, began to create a disturbance in the crowd. Unsuspecting

patrons joined in the protest.  
There were threats of violence until the police restored order.  
For every occasional failure the dopers had literally scores of successes. And as they prospered they grew increasingly more daring in their plans.  
The usual practice when a coup was on the stocks, was to place big bets with several provincial bookmakers to reduce the chance of the bookies re-investing on the track and so bringing down the starting price.  
Then there came the night when the dopers had invested so heavily on a dog running at Catford that to keep the price up they cut all wires leading to the public telephones on the course.  
Confusion broke out among the course bookies and near-panic among the staffs in their West End offices when they found they were unable to keep in touch with current betting.  
But the dopers' daring paid off. Their dog won at 100-8!  
Tests  
It was the enormous amount of late betting on unfancied dogs at Hendon Stadium that led to the final clean-up of the gangs. For track officials found that the same thing was happening at Hackney Wick, and both Hendon and Hackney Wick dogs are quartered in the same kennels.  
When tests were made on six dogs about to run in a race at Hackney, four of them coughed up undissolved capsules containing dope.  
Walthamstow was the next to receive the dopers' attention.  
Running soon became so uncertain that the late Mr. Bill Chandler - one of the biggest bookmakers in the business - and the track's managing director - finally refused to do business with his West End colleagues when they tried to lay off bets they had taken on dogs running on his own track.  
Then Mr. Chandler wisely called in the Police - and from that moment the hunt was on in earnest.  
The National Greyhound Racing Club soon threw a vast new security net over every licensed track. Scotland Yard detectives were engaged as security officers.  
Kennels were rebuilt, many of them with false ceilings, to prevent any attempt to throw doped meatballs through ventilators.  
Thousands of pounds were spent in rooting out the menace that was threatening dog racing. Slowly but surely the dopers were squeezed out and it was not long before they moved to the race-courses. Their reign there too, is now at an end.

**SENT FOR VIVISECTION**  
A storm breaks out among greyhound owners when it is revealed that a large number of greyhounds, apparently heading for re-homing, are being sold to vivisection laboratories. The dogs are bought by the multi-national Wellcome organisation from dog dealers. It is estimated that 5,000 dogs a year - the percentage of greyhounds is not known - are being used.  
(Left - press pictures of the greyhounds being collected at Kings Cross Station en route to the laboratories)



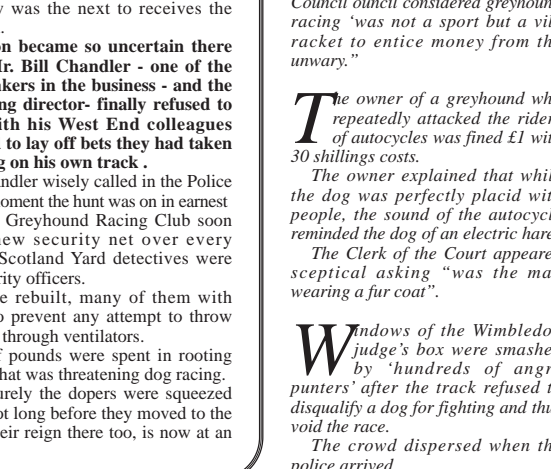
**HERE THE GANGS 'DID' DOGS FOR WEEKS**

Scottish owner Frank Johnson requested a sample be taken from his dogs Rushion Spot and Rushion Mac after they ran poorly in a race at White City.  
Mr Johnson believed his dogs had been doped and paid the 20 guineas to have the dogs dope tested.  
At the resulting enquiry the stewards confirmed that the dogs had indeed been doped.  
However - they saw no way that the dogs could have been doped while within the White City kennels.  
They considered that the dogs must have been doped while in Mr Johnson's care.  
They duly cautioned him to exercise more care and fined him £20.

Local businessman AF Evans received less than full support from the local council for his plans to build a greyhound track at Ynlyn Penyaer.  
Refusing to sanction 'an open air gambling den' the Llanelly Borough Council council considered greyhound racing 'was not a sport but a vile racket to entice money from the unwary.'

The owner of a greyhound who repeatedly attacked the riders of autocycles was fined £1 with 30 shillings costs.  
The owner explained that while the dog was perfectly placid with people, the sound of the autocycle reminded the dog of an electric hare.  
The Clerk of the Court appeared sceptical asking "was the man wearing a fur coat".  
Windows of the Wimbledon judge's box were smashed by 'hundreds of angry punters' after the track refused to disqualify a dog for fighting and thus void the race.  
The crowd dispersed when the police arrived.

**Dirty Diggers Down Under**  
It was simple for the man to push up the hinged flap and grab the dog's tail or leg.



AN elaborate fraud was discovered in Gracedale Park greyhound track in Australia. Special trapdoors had been fitted to traps one and two and tunnels dug underneath the traps.  
It seems that once the dogs were in the traps someone would reach up through a hole in the floor and grab either the dogs feet or tail causing it to trap slowly.  
Nobody had any idea how long the scam had been operating. But when the scheme was accidentally discovered by workmen looking to replace the wood floors, the trap doors appeared quite old with rusted hinges.

**PROVEN SIRE**  
At stud for a short period the fabulous  
**BLUE MURLLEN**



38 kilo blue dog

Won over £30,000 even emulated his illustrious sire Murlens Abbey

Sporting Life: "The dog that runs away from TR holders  
The Irish called him: "the English wonder dog".  
Money could not buy him over £100,000 refused.  
Given the highest ever rating "Racing Post" since records began.  
In only his third race this pup took on great dogs like Decoy Panther TR holders Lots Of Jolly dual TR holder and won going away.  
At 19 months he took on the best all aged in the Tom Fines Memorial (Cat 2) £3,000 and won.  
Won his only sprint open by 8l. (first look round the Stow OR)  
WINNER: Styfield Law at stud 1st 1st 1st £1,500.  
WINNER: Stow The Arc 1st 1st 1st £5,000 f.t.o.y  
9 straight wins first look Blue Riband Wembley 490 1st 1st 1st £7,500 f.t.o.y  
First look Reading Masters Smashed 465m TR 1st 1st 1st.  
11 straight Category 1 wins.  
Category 1 Bolton Derby smashed TR.

Awarded best British Bred Greyhound of the Year in only 4½ months racing - out of Dam of the Year Lovely Lovely

Won East Anglian Derby by 5/2L going away Cat 1 £10,000. Only British bred in 50yrs to win it f.t.o.y.  
The press described his early pace & bend running as 'truly awesome' i.e. Blue Riband Final msd brk crd 1d 1st  
Broke his own TR Ockendon 3 times 24.80TR 24.71TR 24.64TR 24.61TR Nothing every got near it!  
After another 4 month layoff through injuries went for his 2nd Arc 1st round beat track record holder noted for his blistering pace Tullaboy Cash by 6L. Second round msd brk v. b blk finish lame with a number of injuries including cracked hock.  
Not the best of trappers - but look at his times on normal going all a few spots outside the clock.  
STOW 28.54 (N) TR 28.49 + 30  
WEMBLEY 490 28.54 (N) TR 28.52 (+ 30)  
RYE HOUSE 28.54 (N) 4.64 up time fastest ever recorded (N)  
RYE HOUSE 16.02 (N)  
RYE HOUSE 26.62 (N) and so many more.  
Injury curtailed his short career but even so we challenged any dog anywhere, any track to a 2 dog match No Takers!

WHAT A DOG!!  
**A Breeders Dream**  
(Stud Dogs)  
the Romford show and winning 1st and 2nd in the same puppy class. Oh What Lookers!  
Of course like any dream sometimes logic creeps in and you have to sell 3 pups.  
English bred at 19 months for a measly £15,000 and some of the others at 8 weeks for £1,000 - £1,500.  
And then my dreams start to turn into a nightmare. I've got this good bitch but the guy they call the Essex Spoilsport keeps turning breeders down except for a few friends.  
He wanted to prove his dog is as good at stud as he was on the track.  
If I could wish for a dream to come true it would be for him to advertise the dog at Stud so we could sell some real British Breds to those bloody Irish - god they're dear.  
Re article 'A Breeders Dream' your breeder dream is unreal, that's exactly the story of my first litter and looks like it could be a repeat with the second litter a carbon copy of the first. Just started schooling.  
No wonder my stud fees is a £1,000  
BLUE MURLLEN

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