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# **GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD JULY 2018**

## **“FERNANDO EXPRESS”**

The GCA Run of the Month for July 2018 has been awarded to talented Victorian sprinter and middle-distance star Fernando Express for his record-breaking win in a mixed stake at Geelong on July 27th.



Fernando Express started favourite for the event over 520 metres at the Geelong track. Jumping from box 4 he took up the lead at the first turn and quickly opened up a winning break, a blistering second section of 17 seconds dead set up what was to be a new record for the 520 metre distance at the Geelong Circuit.

The powerful chaser raced to the line a big winner running 29.52.

The record was last set at 29.58 back on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 by Hostile he had recorded 17.24 for the middle section.

Fernando Express had taken more than a length off the four-year record and four lengths off the middle section of that run.

A very handy chaser at the top level he has lived in the shadow of his much-admired litter brothers Tornado Tears and Rippin' Sam.

He is a very fast dog as the Geelong win proved he has also recorded 29.45 at Sandown, 29.90 at the Meadows, 29.91 at Wentworth Park plus a fast 596 win at Geelong of 34.19.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in July on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Fernando Express smashed the five-year-old record, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

Fernando Express is a White & Black dog whelped February 2016 by Fernando Bale from Tears Siam (Bekim Bale x Tonto Tears). He is raced by Peter Lahey and trained by Robert Britton at Lara in Victoria. He has now won 15 races and been placed on 14 occasions from his 40 starts. His overall stake money stands at \$104,547.

GCA congratulates owner Peter Lahey, trainer Robert Britton and Fernando Express after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for July 2018. He is the first of the new year 2018-2019.

**Checkout the GCA Website for a replay of the run of the Month**

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