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***“Superman all too easy with power
and speed in the Queensland Derby”***

SUPERMAN, the dog just an hour away from death as a pup after being bated, led throughout to win the Brandon Electrical Group 2 Queensland Derby (520m) at Albion Park on Thursday night.

The Brett Lee-I'm Puzzles dog scored by a length and a half over Winsome History with six lengths to Spring Gladiator in third. Superman ran 29.83 to break Roanokee's race record.

Owner Matthew Tabb said Superman and the two littermates he owned by Tabb with rat bate when they were just pups.

“We rushed Superman to the vet first. He was bleeding internally and externally,” said Tabb. “The vet said he had no more than an hour to live if we had not got him there when we did. His litter brother was saved also, but unfortunately we lost the bitch in the litter.

“That's how Superman got his name. “I realized then that he was special, to get over something like that. And he's just a little fella,” said Tabb. “The name suited him to a tee.” Superman, the Cannington track record holder, raced away with the Perth Cup earlier in the year.

Plans now are to bring him back to Brisbane for the Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup at Albion Park in July.

“Everything depends on just how the dog is,” said Tabb. “I have to give Emin Aydemir, his trainer, the highest praise. He is a fabulous trainer.

“Tabb bred the dog with his long-time mate Robbie Westworth who raced and owned the dam I'm Puzzles, a litter sister to champion stayer Bentley Babe and Zane's Girl dam of SA Oaks winner Tiarta.

While Superman has always shown his ability from the time he was broken in, all has not gone smoothly. “He cracked a fibula and was out for a while, and then we had an undescended testicle taken out,” said Tabb.

Tabb has also refused early offers of up to \$35,000 for the dog before he raced.

Runner-up Winsome History (\$10.00) was an enormous performance he was last at the first turn but chased home hard to be beaten a length and a half in a race record. Spring Gladiator (\$15.00) fought on gamely for third while favourite Winsome Lesson was in trouble early after missing the start slightly.

Tabb said he and Aydemir were extremely confident when Superman drew the rails for the final.

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After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Ashburn Express (\$51.00), 5th Kulu Spirit (\$21.00), 6th Kulu (\$41.00), 7th Winsome Lesson (\$1.70 fav) and Inner Speed (\$12.00).

Superman is a Black dog whelped November 2003 by Brett Lee from I'm Puzzles (Head Honcho x Malawi Blue) he has now raced on 26 occasions for nine wins and 14 placings and the \$25,000 first prize for the Derby took his over all stake earnings to \$165,110.



The Queensland Derby was first run at the Gabba in 1972 and it is one the state's time honoured events. The feature event was sponsored by Ardath in 83, 84 & 85 and by the ANZ Bank 86, 87 & 88. The race is currently sponsored by Brandon Electrics and has been since 1999, Brandon Electrics is Queensland's largest electrical contractor and is operated by greyhound racing icon Paul Felgate. The popular owner-trainer-breeder has supported the industry in numerous ways over a 30 year period and the name Brandon is synonymous with the sport in Queensland. The Derby has been won by some notable sprinters over the years with the best being Iron Hawk (78), Tangleshell (83), Your Attention (91), Jurassic Vapour (94), Dallas Man (95), Fear No Judge (96), Melbourne Cup winner Roanokee (97), Top Gun - National Sprint Champion Placard (2000), Winter Cup winner Awesome Machine (02) and Top Gun Winner Black Enforcer in 2005. Listed below on page three is the full honour roll of past winners.

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1972 **Dixie's First**, 1973 **Dan Meadow**, 1974 **Ben Hamilton**, 1975 **High Climax**, 1976 **Irish Outlaw**, 1977 **Rebel Attack**, 1978 **Iron Hawk**, 1979 **Smart Mission**, 1980 **Morayfield**, 1981 **Hatari Chief**, 1982 **Duration**, 1983 **Tangleshell**, 1984 **Magic Gull**, 1985 **Kismet Range**, 1986 **Raging Rajah**, 1987 **Track Trump**, 1988 **Markaboy**, 1989 **Nifty Business**, 1990 **Mr Alert**, 1991 **Your Attention**, 1992 **Tears Finito**, 1993 **Dagenham**, 1994 **Jurassic Vapour**, 1995 **Dallas Man**, 1996 **Fear No Judge**, 1997 **Roanokee**, 1998 **Mighty McClurg**, 1999 **Fiery Asset**, 2000 **Placard**, 2001 **Sorcerer**, 2002 **Awesome Machine**, 2003 **Road Closed**, 2004 **Art Mann**, 2005 **Black Enforcer**.

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