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### Amity Bale top dog at The Meadows in 2009

The Graeme Bate-trained Amity Bale has been crowned The Meadows Greyhound of the Year for 2009 after an outstanding season at the Broadmeadows circuit.

The daughter of Irish-based sire Sonic Flight and Evonne Bale raced 10 times at The Meadows in 2009 for eight wins and a second, including some outstanding Group race performances.

In July, Amity Bale blitzed her nearest rival by seven and a quarter lengths in a fast 42.56 to win the Group 2 AWM Distance Title over 725 metres, announcing herself as a genuine staying superstar. After further Group victories at Wentworth Park and Sandown Park, the black chaser returned to The Meadows, showcasing another display of utter dominance. In the final of the Group 2 Hume Cup in November, Amity Bale defeated Shadow Boxer by nine and a quarter lengths in a sizzling 42.27, setting a new track record in the process.

Wot Price Pink finished second in GOTY calculations after winning seven races and placing in another seven from just 20 starts at the track in 2009, while winner of The Temlee in 2009 and Australian Cup runner-up El Galo finished third. Lara's Andrea Dailly took out the 2009 Trainer of the Year with 80 wins at the track last year.

The Meadows GOTY award is based on a points system. Four points are awarded to a greyhound that wins a regular race at the track, 10 points are given for a Group 3 win, 12 points for a Group 2 victory and 16 points for Group 1 success. Points are also handed out for placegetters across all forms of racing.

#### 2009 Meadows Greyhound of the Year (top three)

1. Amity Bale 50 points
2. Wot Price Pink 40 points
3. El Galo 38 points

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