

NO LOYALTY

Winning big didn't save him from the Canidrome Hellhole: the story of Lochinvar Marlow



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Lochinvar Marlow was a champion greyhound who was whelped on 6 July 2007. His owner was Clare Gordon and his trainer was Robert Smith operating from Barnsley, just west of Newcastle. Lochinvar Marlow had a most impressive racing record.

His racing career commenced with his first race on 25 July 2009. He had 37 starts with 18 wins, placed 2nd five times and 3rd five times. He won a total of \$184,945 in prize money. His last race was on 18 December 2010.

But Lochinvar Marlow was more than this. He is the sire of my rescue greyhound Comet.

Lochinvar Marlow finished 2010 in a blaze of glory with victory in the Group One ROCK Energy Drinks Paws of Thunder.

Lochinvar Marlow's trainer, Robert Smith, was interviewed about Lochinvar Marlow in 2011. Smith stated "I did set him for the Christmas Gift purposely because I thought it was the right thing to

do. If he won two Group races, I thought it would have given him a better chance to compete in the Greyhound of the Year. But his Paws of Thunder effort was such a dominant win against brilliant dogs. I think that has to be the highlight of my career."

Owned by Clare Gordon and purchased by father Kevin, Lochinvar Marlow has helped forge a special bond between Smith and the Gordon family. Clare Gordon stated "Robert's such a great trainer and that's what it comes down to. He's done so well with all of our dogs and Lochinvar Marlow is just the proof of one of the dogs he's done such a good job with."

Over his racing career Lochinvar Marlow won \$184,945 in prize money. But Clare Gordon was not finished with Lochinvar Marlow just yet. Between 2011 and 2017 the Greyhound Racing NSW servicing statistics show that Lochinvar Marlow serviced 177 bitches either by natural mating, artificial insemination or frozen artificial insemination. An industry source advised that he paid \$1,100 to

have his bitch artificially inseminated by Lochinvar Marlow in 2013. Based on this figure Clare Gordon made another \$194,700 from Lochinvar Marlow. The combined earnings from Lochinvar Marlow was \$379,645.

You would expect that a greyhound that earned you \$379,645 from the beginning of his racing career in 2009 and the end of his servicing career would be retired and allowed to live out the rest of his natural life in luxury. Was Lochinvar Marlow destined to end his days in such a well-earned retirement?

The last recorded natural mating occurred in July 2015. The servicing after that was by frozen artificial insemination. So, can it be assumed that Lochinvar Marlow retired to his life of luxury in July 2015?

As of August 2019, the Greyhound Recorder is still advertising that Lochinvar Marlow is at stud. I rang the contact given in the Recorder and was advised that this was servicing by

artificial insemination only. I asked about Lochinvar Marlow's whereabouts. The contact did not know but advised me to ring Kevin Gordon. I rang Kevin Gordon. He advised me that he sold Lochinvar Marlow to Sam Cauchi and that he does not know what happened to Lochinvar Marlow after that.

On 31 May 2018 Greyhound Racing New South Wales (GRNSW) announced penalties for participants Sam and Patricia Cauchi as part of its ongoing Inquiry primarily into the unauthorised export of greyhounds to China and Macau. GRNSW stated "Sam and Patricia Cauchi have each been disqualified for three and a half years and fined \$22,000 for exporting 212 greyhounds to Macau in breach of Rule 124(1) of the GRNSW Greyhound Racing Rules.

Sam and Patricia Cauchi were initially charged with exporting 49 greyhounds to Macau. During the course of the Inquiry, following the receipt of additional information from the Department of Agriculture, the Cauchis made admissions that they had, in fact, exported a total of 212 greyhounds to Macau. The Cauchis also faced and pled guilty to one charge of misconduct under Rule 86(o).

The Steward determined that the Cauchis were aware of the rule requiring passports for greyhound exports because they had previously applied to GA for passports to export greyhounds to Macau. The last shipment of greyhounds from the Cauchis to Macau with passports took place on 6 March 2013.

After that date, the Cauchis continued to export greyhounds to Macau without passports. The greyhounds that were the subject of these charges were exported



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without passports in the period from 5 June 2013 to 10 December 2015. The Steward determined that the Cauchis committed deliberate and intentional breaches of Rule 124, which was taken into account on the question of penalty."

Greyhounds in Macau were housed and raced at the notorious Canidrome, a hellhole of cruelty and early death. Such was the terrible treatment of greyhounds

trapped in the Canidrome that the government of Macau was shamed into closing it down. A Macau-based animal welfare organisation, ANIMA, was instrumental in forcing the government of Macau to close the Canidrome and were also involved in the rescue of those greyhounds which survived the treatment meted out there.

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Despite his wins, Lochinvar Marlow was sent to the Canidrome hellhole

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In 2018 the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds was given a list by ANIMA showing some of the greyhounds sent from Australia to Macau. There on the list was Lochinvar Marlow.

In early July 2019 I received a list from Grey2K of the dogs found in the Canidrome when it closed. Lochinvar

Marlow was not on this list. This was the thanks he got from his Australian owner for earning all that money.

Even though we can safely conclude that Lochinvar Marlow died in the Canidrome, greyhound racing participants are still making money from him.

RIP Lochinvar Marlow.



Ivar is not impressed



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