

GCA HALL OF FAME

Fernando Bale (Inducted in 2025)

Breeding: "SIRE" Kelsos Fusileer "DAM" Chloe Allen

Whelped: March 2013

Trainer: Andrea Dailly

Owner: Paul Wheeler

Category: Stud Dog

Fernando Bale built a legacy that will endure for generations.

It all began on the track, where he amazed racing fans with his incredible speed and stamina. His greatness was solidified when he became one of the most impactful sires in the greyhound racing world.

Trained by Andrea Dailly and bred and raced by the Wheeler family, Fernando Bale (Kelsos Fusileer - Chloe Allen) dominated the Australian greyhound racing scene during an unprecedented career, winning thirty-five of his forty-four starts.



Fernando Bale achieved remarkable success on the track, securing eight Group One victories: the National Derby, Golden Easter Egg, Harrison-Dawson, Peter Mosman Classic, Maturity Classic, National Sprint Championship, Adelaide Cup, and Top Gun.

A total of eleven group victories were secured, including triumphs in the Traralgon and Bendigo Cups (both at Group 2 level) and the Group 3 Bill Collins Memorial. One of his most remarkable performances, however, came in defeat, narrowly losing to his kennel mate Dyna Double One in the 2015 Group 1 Melbourne Cup Final at Sandown Park – a race for the ages.



The 2015 Group 1 Adelaide Cup Final at Angle Park in South Australia was an historic event, as Fernando Bale claimed a remarkable victory and became the first greyhound in history to earn a career total of \$1 million in prize money.

Transitioning to breeding with Paul Westerveld as stud master, this legendary son of Kelsos Fusileer broke records, fulfilling the late Paul Wheeler's belief that he was their bloodline's finest. His progeny, including McInerney, Tommy Shelby, Tornado Tears, and Good Odds Cobber, have each earned over \$1 million. Since 2017, Fernando Bale's offspring have amassed an astonishing \$200 million in prize money, cementing his legacy as the sport's greatest sire.

His progeny have won at Group 1 level over sprint, middle and staying distances, including Cumbria Jack, Good Odds Cobber, Mepunga Tully, Gus The Jet, Excavation, Laura Keeping, Tornado Tears, Sennachie, My Redeemer, Poke The Bear, Dyna Patty, West On Augie, Hasten Slowly, Rippin' Sam, Hecton Bale, Out Of Range, Deliver, Blue Moon Rising, Veloce Nero, Trouper Monelli, Velocity Liberty and Rockstar Patriot.

Fernando Bale was the Victorian Greyhound of the Year in 2015/16, the Australian Greyhound Racing Association (AGRA) Australian Greyhound of the Year for 2014/2015 and was awarded AGRA's Run of the Year in 2015 for his performance in the Golden Easter Egg.

He was inducted into the Victorian Greyhound Hall of Fame in 2019, adding to his already impressive list of achievements.



Fernando Bale's list of progeny achievements:

- Group 1 Melbourne Cup;
My Redeemer (2018), Whiskey Riot (2019) & Koblenz (2021)
- Group 1 Australian Cup;
Hecton Bale (2018), Dyna Patty (2019), Fernando's Riot (2020), Tommy Shelby (2021), Fernando Mick (2023), Mepunga Tully (2025)
- Group 1 Top Gun;
Poke The Bear (2018), Excavation (2024)
- Group 1 Temlee;
Whiskey Riot (2020), Wow (2021)
- Group 1 Golden Easter Egg;
Tommy Shelby (2021)
- Group 1 Brisbane Cup;
Hasten Slowly (2018), Sennachie (2019)
- Group 1 Gold Bullion;
Sennachie (2020), Hello Mike (2023), Good Odds Cobber (2025)
- Group 1 Ipswich Cup;
Farmor Beach (2020), Louis Rumble (2021), Bear's Bullet (2023)
- Group 1 Perth Cup;
Trouper Monelli (2018)
- Group 1 Adelaide Cup;
Do It (2021), Excavation (2024)
- Group 1 Hobart Thousand;
Tommy Shelby (2020), Fernando Mick (2022), Crackerjack Bull (2023)
- Group 1 National Sprint Championship;

West On Augie (2018), Cumbria Jack (2025)

- Group 1 National Derby;

Out Of Range (2018), Oh Mickey (2020), Victa Damian (2023)

- Group 1 National Futurity;

Wyndra All Class (2023), Laura Keeping (2025)

- Group 1 Peter Mosman Opal;

Velocity Liberty (2018), Nangar Lucy (2023)

- Group 1 Vic Peters Classic;

Deliver (2018), Bandit Ned (2021), Gus The Jet (2025)

- Group 1 Maturity Classic;

Dyna Patty (2018), Sennachie (2019), Launch Code (2023)

- Group 1 Silver Chief Classic;

Out Of Range (2018), Lakeview Walter (2021)

- Group 1 Harrison-Dawson;

My Redeemer (2018)

- Group 1 Sapphire Crown;

Go Seek Heidi (2018)

- Group 1 Association Cup;

Veloce Nero (2019)

- Group 1 Garrard's Gold Cup;

Mepunga Ruby (2023)

- Group 1 Queensland Cup;

Tornado Tears (2018)

- Group 1 Sandown Cup;

Tornado Tears (2018), Bronski Beat (2020)

- Group 1 Bold Trease;

Tornado Tears (2019)

- Group 1 Perth Galaxy;

Rippin' Sam (2018), Rockstar Patriot (2019, 2020)

- Group 1 Rookie Rebel;

Deliver (2019), Fernando Cazz (2021), Dookie Devil (2023)

- Group 1 Zoom Top

Tornado Tears (2019)

- Group 1 Fanta Bale Stayers;

Blue Moon Rising (2019), Here's Tears (2020), Mepunga Ruby (2022)

- Group 1 Top Gun Stayers;

Blue Moon Rising (2019), Tornado Tears (2020)

- Group 1 National Distance Championship

Tornado Tears (2018), Super Estrella (2022)

Fernando Bale boasts an incredible record of 67 Group 1 winners, 47 Group 2 winners, and 97 Group 3 winners and it continues to grow.

For seven consecutive years, he claimed the GCA Australian Leading Sire of the Year title.

Across the nation, he led as sire seven times in Tasmania, five times in New South Wales, four times in Queensland, five times in South Australia, and four times each in Victoria and Western Australia.

In July 2025, Meticulous Lodge stud master Paul Westerveld announced that the legendary, once-in-a-generation sire Fernando Bale would retire from stud duties at the remarkable age of twelve.

Paul Westerveld remarked at the end of his remarkable career how influential Fernando Bale remained for so long, even after decades in the breeding scene.

"He's created a legacy that will shape the industry for generations," Westerveld said.

"It's been one heck of a ride, but the time is right to call time on his stud duties."

Fernando Bale is widely regarded as one of the greatest sires in greyhound racing history, and his legacy is now cemented with his induction into the GCA Australian Greyhound Hall of Fame.



By Brennan Ryan