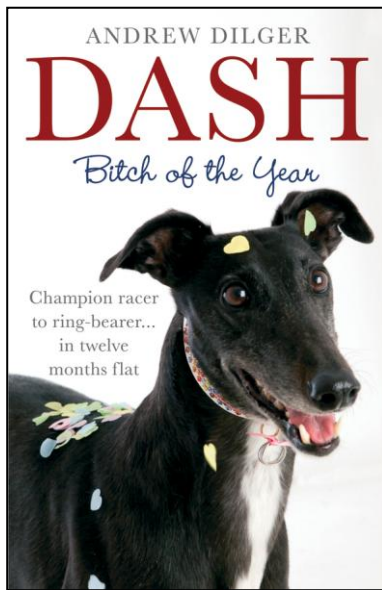


♥ Summersdale New Book Press Release ♥

For any man who's ever loved a dog. For any man who's ever loved a woman.
LOVE IS IN THE AIR – PERFECT READING FOR WEDDING FEVER THIS SPRING/SUMMER



DASH

Bitch of the Year

Champion racer to ring-bearer ...

in twelve months flat

Andrew Dilger

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How does an ordinary bloke cope with two females in his life?

Both are beautiful and both adore him.

All a chap can do is hope he never has to choose between them.

Here's the most romantic true-life story for anybody wondering how to pop the question or in the throes of planning a wedding. Touching, funny and joyful, it will also touch the heart of anyone who has ever been owned by a dog!

'Don't you think you're getting a bit obsessed with Dash generally?' She had a point. I'd talked about little else recently. 'Just mind you don't start singing her lullabies or getting too soppy,' Sarah remarked pointedly as she went upstairs to bed.



I sat and thought about it. Maybe I had gone too far. Was all this dog stuff just a big distraction, even from my own girlfriend? Sarah was the woman I wanted to share my life with. So what was I waiting for? I'd redress the balance by finally buying her something – an engagement ring.

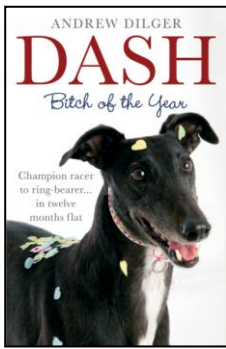


Andrew had always wanted a dog – the perfect playmate: tail going like a windscreen wiper, wet nosed, bright-eyed – what boy wouldn't want such a creature? But Andrew was thirty-seven and thinking about proposing to his girlfriend. Was this really the best time to bring an ex-champion racing greyhound into their lives? A dog that was not house trained; a dog that didn't respond to commands such as "sit", "stay" or "NO!"; a dog that only knew how to do one thing: run. And run. And run. And run



Here is a heart-warming memoir about Andrew and Sarah's romance; Andrew's attempts to plan and organise the perfect wedding – so many hitches on their way to 'getting hitched' – and the very special ring-bearer at their marriage ceremony: Dash, their adopted champion greyhound (former winner of Bitch of the Year), miraculously transformed into loving and (sometimes) well-behaved pet.

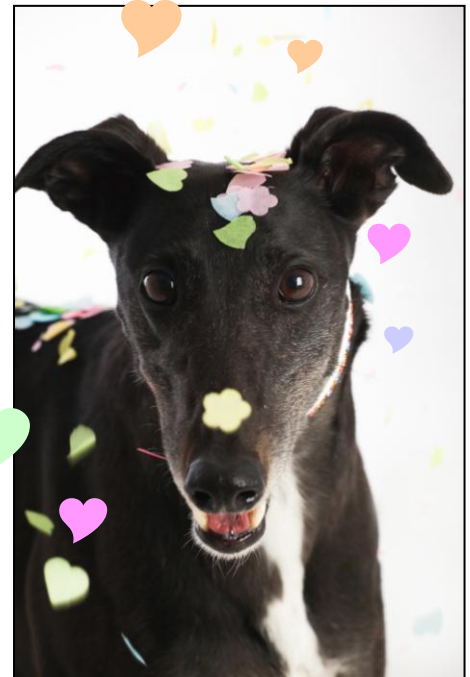
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< Dash, the ring-bearer, gets a big thank-you from the Newly-Weds

Feature ideas: ♥ Romantic, true-life story with a fairytale ending for two humans and a rescued greyhound – perfect for wedding features ♥ Will appeal to all dog-lovers and romantics everywhere ♥ Ideas for “popping the question” ♥ How to organise a wedding on a budget ♥ For Better or Worse? What happens when a man tries to organise a wedding? ♥ The life of a racing greyhound ♥ What happens to greyhounds who don't make the grade or are retired through old age or injury? ♥ How to turn an ex-racing greyhound into a well-behaved family pet ♥ How you could give a good home to a rescued dog ♥ More and more people are adopting ex-racing greyhounds. What makes them so attractive as pets? ♥ Famous celebrities who have rescued greyhounds ♥



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♥ Extracts / serialisations ♥ Review copies available ♥

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