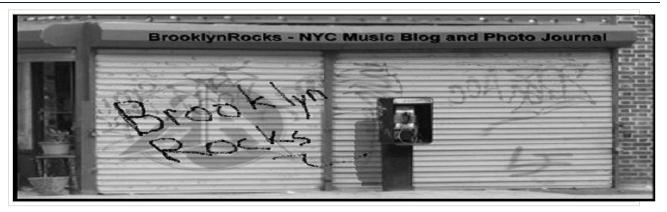
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Fastway - "Eat Dog, Eat" CD Review (out April 10th on MVD Audio)





Wow...I haven't thought about "Fast" Eddie Clarke in years so it is somewhat of a surprise to see a new Fastway disc drop in 2012. *Eat Dog, Eat* (MVD Audio), Fastway's seventh disc, is the band's first disc of new material since 1990's *Bad Bad Girls*. This disc wisely goes back to Clarke's hard-rock roots (completely skipping the AOR sound of the band's previous two albums).

This time out, Clarke is joined by bassist / vocalist Toby Jepson (Gun, Little Angels, Dio's Disciples) and drummer Matt Eldrige and trio has a sound that is comparable to FM-radio blues-rockers like early 80's Bad Company or Sykes-era Whitesnake and one can even hear a bit of Jimmy Page's guitar sound in some of the songs ("Deliver Me", "Sick as a Dog"). After doing some

research as to what "Fast" Eddie has been up to these past twenty year, I found that he reactivated Fastway in 2007 with Jepson joining on vocals shortly thereafter and the pair has been working on the material for the new disc these past few years. Toby said: "We have collaborated closely on all aspects of the recording, specifically wanting to create a performance based, un-apologetically raw album that was song driven and above all made with passion. This we did, eschewing multi layered, heavily edited recording in favour of the simple 'warts and all' dynamics. I think the results are real. We hope you do to."

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