



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION (NBC) MEETING**

Date: Sunday 26th July 2015
Time: 8.15am for 8.30am start
Venue: Comfort Inn Haven Marina
6 – 10 Adelphi Terrace, Glenelg North SA 5045

AGENDA

8.00am	1	OPENING AND WELCOME	NBC Chairman
	1.1	Present/Apologies	NBC Chairman
	2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	
	2.1	Adoption of the Agenda for the Committee meeting as circulated on 17 th June 2015.	NBC Chairman
	3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	3.1	Draft minutes of the National Breed Commission Meeting held on 27 th July 2014.	NBC Chairman
	4.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
	4.1	Update on Actions discussed at the 2014 NBC Meeting.	NBC Chairman
	4.1.1	Update report on the progress of the proposed character and working ability test as discussed at the 2012 NBC Meeting.	GSDCA Obedience Chairman
	4.1.2	Revised GSDCA BS7 Worksheet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the revised GSDCA BS7 Worksheet after discussion at the 2014 NBC meeting to review and amend to make the document more user friendly. • Current GSDCA BS7 Worksheet – Attachment 1 • Revised GSDCA B S7 Worksheet – Attachment 2 • 	NBC Chairman and Working Party appointed at the 2014 NBC Meeting
	4.1.3	Update on the application to the ANKC for revised LRL's are per the motion carried at the 2015 GSDCA AGM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence and draft survey has been forwarded to the ANKC – awaiting confirmation of their approval from the ANKC Animal Health Committee. • 	NBC Chairman
	4.1.4	Updated GSDCA BS1 form to include Choice of Breed Surveyor selection and remove the reference to the GSDCA Breed Survey Book (Refer to Attachment 3).	NBC Chairman
	5.	NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORTS	
	5.1	National HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar's Report.	Mr D West
	5.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated progeny results of sires through the GSDCA HD Control Scheme. 	

	5.2	National Identification Registrar	Mr A Toretto
	5.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a procedure for the reporting of failed microchips. To develop a procedure if a microchip fails after hip and elbow x-ray and prior to being presented to Breed Survey. 	
	5.3	Hereditary Disease Committee Chair / Haemophilia Registrar's Report.	Dr K Hedberg
	5.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of the DNA testing procedure for Degenerative Myelopathy. 	Dr K Hedberg
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update to be provided on data sharing with the ANKC – referred from the 2015 GSDCA AGM. 	Dr K Hedberg
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Canine Research Grants and investigation into Haemangioma Sarcoma (Cancer) – referred from the GSDCA 2015 AGM. 	Dr K Hedberg
	5.3.2	DNA Testing for Hip Dysplasia	Dr R Zammit
		<p>Request from Dr Robert Zammit seeking GSDCA assistance in providing animals for a research program to establish a DNA test for hip dysplasia.</p> <p>Professor Dr Ottmar Distl is possibly the highest qualified geneticist/molecular biologist on the world stage. He works at the University of Veterinary Medicine, Hannover and has produced this paper on finding markers for Canine Hip Dysplasia:- Refer to Attachment 4</p> <p>To further validate the research that is now published, it is intended to examine the five SNP's that have been found along with five others. To do this against known results for two hundred plus dogs will certainly conclude if this research is as useful in the field as it appears to be on paper.</p> <p>Dr Zammit will need to collect bloods from dogs that have been positively identified and have been through the hip scheme, (both pass and fail) along with being able to copy their results. Dogs over five years old will also have cheek swabs to determine any somatic mutations. Dr Zammit will be processing these samples at The University of NSW. To achieve this, he will be working under Professor Ballard, an eminent world geneticist, who has held Chairs both here and in many universities in the USA.</p> <p>The bottom line, if we eventually determine this is a useful program, there will not be a need for hip radiographs and we will be able to have better predictions for any given breeding.</p> <p>To assist Dr Zammit with this research program the following points are suggested:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates are set for each Member Club- dependent on Dr Zammit's requirements and plenty of notice is given to 	

		<p>ensure max member participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permission form to be developed for accurate record keeping purposes. • State Breed Survey Coordinators be engaged to assist with 'collection' date and act as liaison officers with Member Clubs. • Copies of donors results are verified and animal that sample is to be taken from by SBSC and where possible another GSDCA Breed Surveyor. 	
	5.4	National Database Report	Mr F Moody
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on progress of the GSDCA Database. • Feedback on the current database, since the availability to members on 1st January 2015. • Open discussion on the next steps about future improvements and developments. 	
	5.5	Breed Specific Legislation Committee Report	Mrs M Adams
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to the meeting on the proposed amendments to the regulations in South Australia and Victoria. 	
	6.	NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
	6.1	<p>National Breed Commission Chairman's Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBC Executive assessment of the Sires Progeny at the 2015 National Show and Trial. • Revised GSDCA BS1 Form (Refer to Attachment 1). • Status of the breed currently in Australia. • Updated progeny results of sires from the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. • Supplying data to Bethany Wilson – Sydney University. • Update on the uniformity of conduct of breed surveys throughout the year. • Process of de-classification of animals suspended by the ANKC – State Canine Controls. • Prior to advertising the sale of imported semen in GSDCA Council publications the sire will need to meet GSDCA requirements and those requirements to be verified by the NBC Chairman. • Since the introduction of the GSDCA Database need to identify where the statistics that were previously printed in the GSDCA Breed Survey Book will be published or are required. 	NBC Chairman
	7.	MATTERS REFERRED TO THE 2015 NBC MEETING FROM GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS	
		No motions were received from GSDCA Member Clubs.	

8	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
8.1	Clarification of the rule in regards to the use of full pedigree names in the Quarterly National Review.	
1	<p>Motion: That in naming dogs in the QNR, if they are not surveyed, the only name to be used is the dog's call name. Only surveyed dogs or dogs being critiqued will have their Kennel name appear.</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <i>Whilst it is acknowledged that all dogs bred under GSDCA schemes will be bred from surveyed parents, not all animals from such parentage will then go on to achieve survey status. The breeding of these surveyed dogs has been tested and proven, whereas whilst those not surveyed may be equally meritorious, this has not been tested and proven publicly. As the QNR is our official magazine and survey is the desired standard, the organisation whilst acknowledging unsurveyed dogs as purebred GSDs, should not promote the breeding behind any animal unless it has been tested.</i></p>	QNR Editor
8.2	Suggestions of way forward for the GSDCA Database	GSDCA SA
	<p>Improve search options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HD and Elbow Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Search by Sire ◆ Search by Dam ➤ Breed Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Search by Sire ◆ Search by Dam ➤ Breed Surveyors To input their own Breed Surveys into database, where a Breed Surveyor does not wish to enter their own Breed Survey then State Breed Survey Registrar to input Breed Survey. <i>This would reduce the work load on the NBC Chairman, and also enable the Breed Survey Registrar to input previous years Breed Surveys.</i> 	
8.3	Progress Report on Research into Auto-immune deficiencies of the GSD	
	<p>Requesting a progress report on the 2014 NBC motion for research into auto-immune deficiencies of the GSD. Diseases such as atopy and/or systemic aspergillosis and research into the gene carrying the mutation that causes visceral and cutaneous haemangiosarcoma and the hereditary/genetic link involved in Bloat.</p> <p>W.A. is happy to be proactive and continue to do groundwork on this and hopes to bring further information to the meeting regarding potential researchers to do with or breed's poor immune system and associated problems. WA also request we investigate funding via the ANKC (Refer to Item 5.3.1)</p>	GSDA WA

	8.4	Update on progress of transfer of animals born prior to 1st of January 2012 between coat varieties register	
		WA is seeking an update in reference to the 2014 NBC motion requesting the ANKC rescinds the requirement that dogs born prior to the 1st January 2012 cannot be moved from the Stock Coat Register to the Long Stock Coat Register via the current verification process that was limited to a period ending on the 1st January 2014.	GSDA WA
	9.	MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE GSDCA BREED SURVEYORS/ JUDGES MEETING HELD – SATURDAY 26TH July 2015	
	10.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	11.	DATE AND VENUE FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 30th July and Sunday 31st July 2016 in Sydney 	NBC Chairman
4.30pm	12.	CLOSE OF MEETING	