





GSDCA DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (Inc) had its Inaugural meeting on the 13th April 1960 in Sydney.


Milestones and significant dates in terms of Council's progress.

DATE	DEVELOPMENT MILESTONE
1960	On April 13, the GSDCA is founded by Mr Roy Brabham and with Mr. Roy Brabham elected unopposed as first President at a meeting in Sydney. It should be noted that the initial members were NSW, SA and Vic, but with QLD and Newcastle attending the first meeting.
	German Shepherd Dog Association of New South Wales admitted as a Member.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia admitted as a Member.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria admitted as a Member.
1960 - 1969	Past Member Clubs – The Northern German Shepherd Dog Club.
1960 - 1987	Past Member Clubs – Geelong German Shepherd Dog Club.
1963	First "German Shepherd Review" published with Mr. Roy Brabham as Editor.
	Mr. Roy Brabham, in his capacity as the first Editor of the inaugural magazine conceived the idea of Council's logo i.e. a black silhouette GSD with an outline of Australia as a background.
1963 – 1965	Past Member Clubs – Murray Valley German Shepherd Dog Club
1963 – 1965	Past Member Clubs – Illawarra Club (did not join).
1964	New GSDCA Constitution adopted and incorporation in the ACT approved.
	Fundraising continues to fund National Press Cutting Service.
	GSDCA selected the 1st Patron, Judge Norman F Mitchell.
	ACT German Shepherd Dog Association admitted as a Member.
1965	GSDCA Press Cutting Service commenced to combat adverse media publicity.
	GSDCA becomes an Incorporated body on 9th July in the ACT.
1967	1st National Show and Obedience Trial on 19th March in Sydney, NSW (Judge: P Hutter).
	Specialist Judges List informally collated.
	Adoption of the German Standard was first sought from ANKC.
	GSDCA provided a standard GSD Pedigree Form.
	Development of the GSDCA Code of Ethics.

1968	National Review magazine production lapsed.
	Formal GSDCA decision to continue the battle to have the Federal Import Ban lifted as well as State legislation.
1970	GSDCA recognises the premature death of the GSDCA President Mr. Roy Brabham on 26 March 1970.
1970	GSDCA introduces "A progeny Class" at the 2 nd National.
	German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia admitted as a Member.
1971	GSDCA formed a National Working Party established from all member Clubs to work on the lifting of the import ban.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland admitted as a Member.
	German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory admitted as a Member.
1972	Initial "Trial" of one year for lifting of National GSD Importation Ban, apart from Western Australia.
1973	German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania admitted as a Member.
1974	GSDCA appointed the 2nd Patron, The Hon. Donald L. Chipp MP.
	Federal Import Ban lifted permanently on March 5 th .
	New imported dogs became available for breeding subsequent to the National GSD Importation Ban being lifted.
	National Review magazine (half foolscap format) was reintroduced with Editor, Mr. Walter H. Reimann who solely financed this endeavour.
1975	The Press Clipping Service discontinued.
1976	Start of a new era of GSD development with Mr. Louis C Donald elected as GSDCA President.
	Mr. L.C. Donald as the new GSDCA President decided that Council's logo needed updating using "Gauener vom Grundel" to reflect the ideal outline of the modern German Shepherd Dog.
	Repeal of the Alsatian Dog Act Western Australia.
	WA GSD Breeding Ban lifted by WA State Parliament on 24th December.
	Newcastle German Shepherd Dog Club admitted as a Member.
1977	GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme introduced Australia wide together with a formal Breed Survey Manual.
1978	Publication of the first GSDCA Breed Survey Year Book.
	Western Australia holds its First Speciality Show.
1979	GSDCA Tattoo Scheme introduced Australia wide.
	Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club admitted as a Member.
1980	Gold, Silver & Bronze medals introduced for National Obedience Trials.
1982	GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Scheme introduced Australia wide.
	New Editor of National Review magazine Mr. James W H Rodger.

1983	Acceptance of New Zealand survey system.
	Judges Committee introduced.
	Obedience Committee introduced.
	Only Breed Surveyed Class I or Class II animals can achieve the Excellent medallion at National shows.
1985	20th and last edition of the National Review magazine in the half foolscap format.
	GSDCA Tooth Certificate Scheme introduced Australia wide.
	GSDCA supports the Queensland Club in a dispute with their Kennel Control.
	GSDCA rewards breeders for HD results with Gold (50), Silver (25) and Bronze (10) medallions for animals that have passed the Scheme.
1986	GSDCA initiated new style for the Quarterly National Review Magazine (A4 format) with Editor Mr. James Rodger.
	GSDCA introduces Breed Survey status required for Excellent gradings at Speciality Shows.
1987	GSDCA Haemophilia Certificate Scheme introduced Australia wide.
	ANKC Affiliation - Recognition of National Breed Councils introduced.
	GSDCA held the 1st Main Breed Exhibition in Sydney with Sieger *Ch. Edlenblut Orkan "A" H. Neg and Siegerin *Ch. Landrina Majic Melody "A".
	Geelong German Shepherd & Obedience Club resigned as a GSDCA Member Club.
1988	GSDCA creates the NBC Executive consisting of the President, NBC Chairman and Judges Committee Chairman.
	GSDCA Special presentation to Dr. Malcolm Willis.
1989	GSDCA decides not to support Schutzhund in Australia.
	GSDCA Special presentation to Mr. T. Luxton, Dr. Beilharz and Dr. P. Wright for their efforts in assisting with the lifting of the Federal Import Ban.
1990	GSDCA Hereditary Diseases Committee introduced.
	GSDCA published "A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia" with Editor Mr. James Rodger.
1991	GSDCA initial introduction to Elbow Dysplasia Scheme.
	GSDCA Special presentation to Mr. James Rodger for the 1990 publication of "A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia".
1992	Australian flag sent to Germany for parading at their Sieger Show.
	GSDCA decides to award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the first three open animals to take effect at the 1994 National.
1993	GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Scheme introduced.
	Adoption by the ANKC of the official SV (country of origin) German Shepherd Dog standard for use in Australia.
	GSDCA established the Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy which became the "Breeders Trophy".

1994	GSDCA appoints Mr. James Rodger as GSDCA Historian.
	GSDCA Special presentation to "Roadsend Noble Avenger".
	Retrospective Award of Merit plaques introduced for breeders of Excellent Select animals at the Main Breed Exhibitions.
	GSDCA offer to ANKC re training of Specialist GSD Judges.
1995	GSDCA elects Mr. Max Stokes (NSW) as the GSDCA President.
	GSDCA Member Clubs formally approve and establish State Breed Exhibitions.
1996	GSDCA Canine Service Awards introduced.
	GSDCA adoption of the requirement that to receive Breed Survey Class I or Class II all animals must have a GSDCA "Z" stamp or its GSDCA approved equivalent.
1997	GSDCA appointed Mr. Ian Cameron to investigate Responsible Dog Ownership programs throughout the States and Territories.
1998	GSDCA Rules & Regulations position created.
	GSDCA introduced a Breeders Award for animals achieving an Excellent in Obedience, Agility or Tracking.
	GSDCA approves a special plaque for breeders achieving 100 dogs through the Hip Dysplasia Scheme.
1999	GSDCA elects Mr. Vince Tantaró (VIC) as the GSDCA President.
	GSDCA approves Restricted GSD Agility Trials to be held at all future Nationals and Main Breed Exhibitions.
2002	Alterations to Haemophilia Scheme to cover only imported males, sons of imported males and dogs from frozen semen.
	GSDCA Structural Assessment discontinued.
	GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. David O'Rourke, GSDCA Obedience Chairman.
	GSDCA decides that the Dual Performance Trophy for future National Shows be renamed the "David O'Rourke Memorial Dual Performance Trophy".
	GSDCA Official Website goes live.
2003	GSDCA recognises the passing of Mr. Neil Richardson, GSDCA Secretary.
2004	GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award introduced.
2005	Proposal to ANKC that GSDs assessed with a total hip score greater than 24 and/or assessed with Grade 3 Elbow Dysplasia or UAP are not registered.
2006	GSDCA elects Mr. Bruce Knight (WA) as the GSDCA President.
	GSDCA IT Project Sub Committee created.
	GSDCA in conjunction with ANKC Canine Research Foundation to investigate the incidence of bloat in the German Shepherd Dog.
	GSDCA Special recognition by the SV to Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer.
2007	GSDCA AGM decision to officially hold the Main Breed Exhibition in abeyance.

	GSDCA AGM decision to publish the “Golden Jubilee Edition” to celebrate the GSDCA’s 50 th Birthday in 2010.
	Revised criteria released for GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.
	GSDCA amendments to the acceptance of New Zealand surveys are passed.
	GSDCA introduced Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the Elbow Dysplasia Scheme.
2008	GSDCA decided that the National Obedience Awards be extended to include the UDX award. Awards will be for best Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes.
	GSDCA National Haemophilia Registrar replaces State Haemophilia Registrars.
2009	GSDCA agree to run a National raffle to help with funding of the publication of the Golden Jubilee Edition.
	GSDCA agreed to the design and used this logo for all celebrations of the GSDCA’s 50 th Anniversary.
2010	GSDCA presented a commemorative medallion to all Member Club members to celebrate the GSDCA’s Golden Jubilee (50 years).
	GSDCA published “Golden Jubilee Edition of “The Completely Updated and Revised A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia with Editor Mr. James Rodger.
2012	GSDCA created the position of GSDCA Youth Officer that saw Ms. Jess Lynch appointed.
	GSDCA AGM decision to support the fundraising effort for Elke Effler and Jochen to attend the USAR Operational Test in Switzerland.
	GSDCA elects Mr. Vince Tantaro (VIC) as the GSDCA President. As of 1 st January 2012 the GSDCA acceptance of the Long Stock Coat as a variety in the GSD Breed Standard.
	GSDCA accepted micro-chipping as a form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.
	GSDCA introduces the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award.
	GSDCA Future Directions Workshop – “A Shared Vision for the GSDCA” was held in October 2012 in Melbourne.
2013	GSDCA appointed the 3rd Patron, Mrs. Dawn Fraser.
2015	1 st January: The GSDCA Dog Database went online for Member Clubs and their members to access. 14 th April: The GSDCA Website was redesigned for the first time and launched.
	The GSDCA Regulations Manual (Version 07/02/2015) was adopted at the GSDCA AGM.
	15 th October: Letter received October: The Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club ceased to exist and as such withdrew its affiliation with the GSDCA.