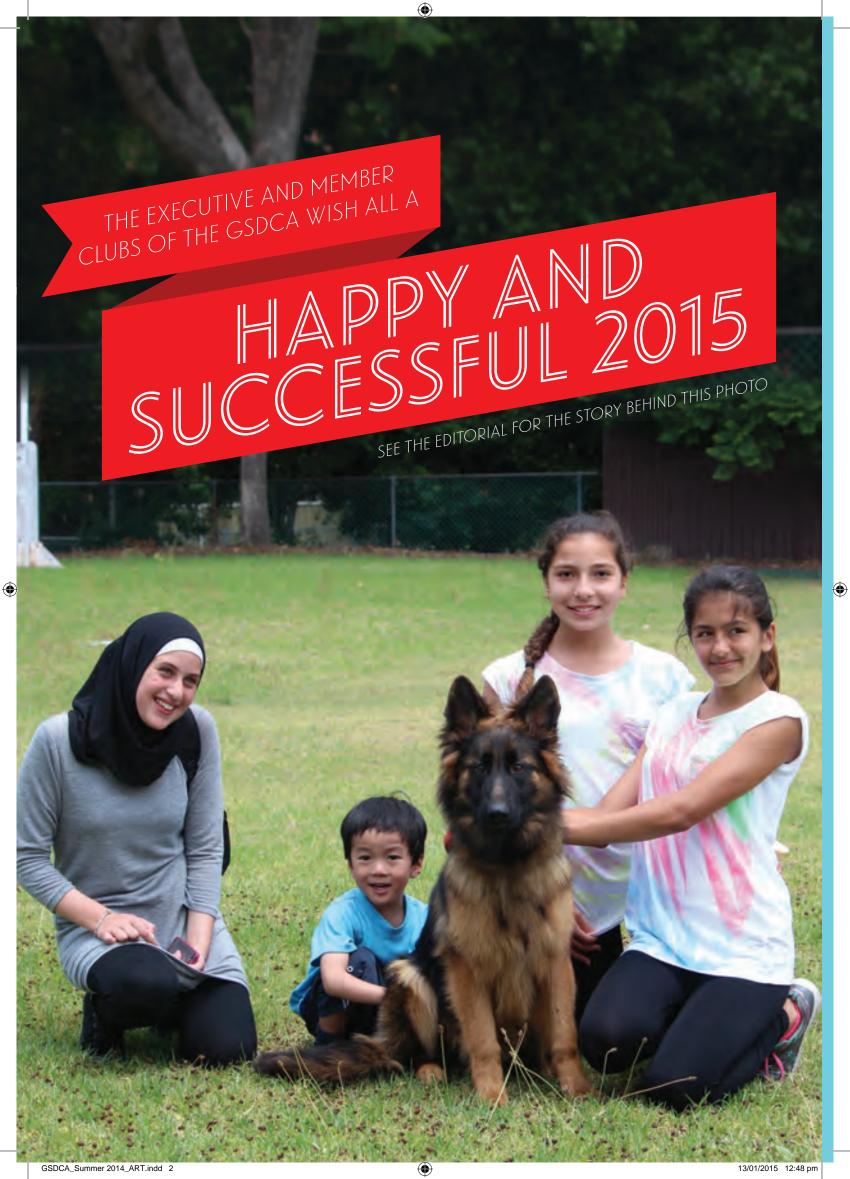


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PRESIDENT'S REPOR



Happy New Year, 2015 is here and we are off and running again.

Since the last issue I was as on past occasion fortunate to represent the Council and attend the GSDA of Western Australia premier show for the year: West Coast Challenge (WCC). This opportunity allowed me to meet the Clubs members and gain an appreciation of their work for the GSD. I was also very honored to be able to present on behalf of the Council a GSDCA Service Medal to Mr. Ian Marr, who as a long time worker for the club and current President has served, the Club, our Council and the breed with a selfless attitude that is most respected by all of us. The WCC was judged by Mr. Luciano Musolino, a highly respected breeder and judge who is President of the Societa Amatori Schaeferhunde, our equivalent body in Italy, and newly appointed to the WUSV Board. Luciano also judged in Victoria a week later with Mr. Louis Donald. As a fellow judge and breeder I was indeed heartened by the way both through their judgments, gave those present clear breed direction. It was a reality check: an honest attempt to highlight true virtues of each exhibit but more importantly not to ignore and or flower the faults. Some may say both judges were hard but in the end being 'soft and popular' does the breed little good and stifles real progress! The fact that we have had over the last 2 years an influx of imported dogs, that for whatever reason seem to be producing disparate type and not further cement desired type has seen the overall quality of our animals decline. This was most evident at these three shows.

As one who does not partake in Face Book, Twitter or other forms of Social Media, I am from time to time sent posts that are directed to what Council and or its officers are doing wrong. These posts are in the main offensive, insensitive, show ignorance

and or arrogance. I further understand the way we communicate is changing and unfortunately for an organisation such as ours that has a very diverse membership comprising of individuals who are more than willing to offer their opinion on all matters, the tendency is to be critical. We see side bar discussion occurring that are at best described as mischievous that do hurt the Council and or its Officers. I can only inform all again: that the business of Council is governed by due processes and whilst venting in public via social media may give some gratification it is only when issues are formally raised that Member clubs and the Council can act. We must also remember that directing blame via innuendo to Officers of Member Clubs and the Council is unappreciated. We are all volunteers who try and do the best we can for the GSD and the Council!

lust a reminder with the warm weather now and truly with us we need to ensure that we train and or exercise our dogs in the cool of the early morning and or evenings. Please make sure your dog has plenty of water close at hand and is not left in your car at any time.

If members wish to contact me then please ring: 0401711038 or email me president@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Kind Regards Vince Tantaro

President

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EDITORIAL

Well once again it is that time of year and we pause to reflect on the year that was.

I have very mixed reflections at this time, one of which relates to the photo on the inside cover of this edition.

In early December, the organisation I work with celebrated International Day of Disability with a great event at one of our Community Centres. It was open to all people with a disability and believe it or not, this group now makes up 20% of the population. In fact, the youngster pictured here, Justin (aged 3 years), has a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum. He is a beautiful little boy who is cut off from the communication and engagement we all take so much for granted. And yet, he was just absolutely smitten with my young female and was determined to be spend every moment he could with her. Included here is another photo of his contact with her, where a raspberry gelato was deemed an absolute must in her diet! It was an absolute delight to see their interaction.

The three young ladies also pictured are volunteers from a nearby high school who give up their free time to teach people with a disability to dance. They reminded me how we profile youth or anyone different to mainstream society in generalisations. Sad, but we do and these young people certainly fly in the face of stereotypes.

This photo and several others taken on the day gave me great pride in what we do - breed dogs that are not only beautiful to look at and fit for purpose, but more than anything else, able to cope with anything thrown at them, in any circumstance. This trait is no accident; it derives from years of painstaking work by our breeders to ensure that the German Shepherd dog is a credit to itself and all of those associated with it. And boy was I proud on this occasion. The delight this little girl bought to Justin is just so plain to see.

Other events since the last edition have not made me so proud. In a democracy, everyone has the right to express their views - more than any other freedom, this is fundamental. But with that right comes a responsibility to do no harm. Recently, the responsibility part of the equation seems to have been overlooked on social media. Recent criticism of the QNR has not really supported the claim by those making their comments that they want the QNR to thrive. In order to do so, people need to have the confidence that they can use it as a vehicle to celebrate and promote their animals without attracting hurtful comment about their dog. Many of them do not own multiple animals and they are very attached to their single "show dog". They have met the criteria for advertising and as such, their rights need to be respected. Contributors also need to feel that their efforts are appreciated and comments like have been made dismiss their efforts as having absolutely no worth. Truly a sad reflection on our ability to give credit where it is due.

So, if you don't like it by all means voice your criticism but please use the established channels for doing so. It is accepted that it is not always perfect or it misses the mark, so if you're not happy, let your club know.

The result of this last episode has been that neither myself nor those who assist me in selling advertising that supports the cost of this publication have had much joy trying to make these sales for this edition. Consequently, this edition is pretty light on in this regard and who can blame potential advertisers.

To those who have had the courage to lend this support this time out, a huge thankyou. And to those who were hurt previously, I can only say that I am exceedingly sorry that your support of the QNR placed you in such a spotlight. Perhaps people will think before they speak next time if you give us another chance.

This edition also reminds us that the National is not far away. This places this little black duck back on the push bike and hopefully, while training dogs, on the way to losing some weight. We can always live in hope.

As I mentioned at the opening of this piece, it is being written at Christmas time, a time to reflect on the year that has been. I am reminded that within our ranks there are a great number of people who are on the sick list. Perhaps we could all take a moment to spare a thought and give them a call. It can make a huge difference and costs nothing.

And it's Christmas. So to close, my thanks to all of those who have contributed material this year; your efforts and generosity are truly valued by the majority and we are indeed fortunate to have you. Thanks also to the brave souls who have advertised this year; your contribution helps to keep the magazine price steady. To Jess Lynch who carries sole responsibility for the Youth Reports and who juggles this with her study, exams and her own dogs, thanks. And to those members of the Executive who have provided articles throughout the year, to Val who gets her material in on time every time, to the President who always manages to get his message to me before the deadline thankyou.

Compliments of the Season to everyone and the very best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2015.

Kind Regards

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WHAT STUD

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The following article was published in the QNR in July, 1984 and was produced originally by the breed Advisory Panel for publication in the GSD League magazine. Sam Bonifacio was known for being forthright and extremely knowledgeable about GSDs.

The article being reproduced here resonates with some of the issues we face today and may challenge some world views. In part, it is pitched a little towards the new breeder, but the message is no less relevant to those of us who have been around a while. Hopefully, it will stimulate discussion and may well send us scurrying for reference books to see the animals he speaks of.

"The first question one must ask if one intends to breed seriously and successfully, ' Is the bitch worthy of being bred from?' She must be sound in both mind and body. She must be balanced in her construction, which will allow balanced movement, but also have a balanced character and temperament.

The ways in which you make sure of your bitch's breed worthiness is to present her for Breed Survey. There you attain an evaluation of Class 1, Class II or Failure. Obviously, failure implies the animal is not suitable to be bred from. A point of interest here is that both Class I and Class II animals should be bred from and there is no reason why a Class II animal cannot produce better than the Class I, if proper investigation for a suitable mate occurs.

The other method of evaluation of breed worthiness is to present the animal for exhibition at specialist shows under specialist judges. Here gradings will be handed out to all exhibits over 12 months of age. *The gradings are Excellent, Very Good, Good and Ungraded. Again, animals that are unable to be graded should not be bred from.

Once you have decided via the above avenues of your bitch's breed worthiness you should read all critiques of the stud dogs you might consider. The critiques may vary from judge to judge and Breed Surveyor but generally give you some idea of virtues and faults.

If possible, do not use a stud dog before you can see some of the resultant progeny. The only problem here is that someone has to be first so that we can observe the resultant progeny. Be very wary if the stud dog does not resemble the bloodline from which he comes. For example, if you wish to improve fronts and forequarter angulation and have decided through research "Quanto vd Wienerau" is the bloodline most likely to succeed, ONLY use a dog that is typical of Quanto and does excel in forequarter.

In other words the stud dog must look like the bloodline for which you intend to use him. If progeny of the stud dog have been shown and graded or breed surveyed you should look up critiques and note any common faults and virtues that he is throwing consistently to his progeny.

Of course you should be aware of the mechanics of breeding, that is, mating, whelping, care of pregnant and lactating bitches, rearing puppies, worming, immunisation, antibiotic treatment if necessary, advertising and finally, selling the litter. Information in this regard can be best obtained from the Breed Advisory Committee and your own veterinarian.

Read texts on German Shepherds to enhance your knowledge of them . Three invaluable texts that all GSD owners should have are: (1) "The German Shepherd Today", by W. Strickland (2) "The German Shepherd Dog - History, Development and Genetics" by M. Willis and "The German Shepherd Dog " by Captain Mark von Stephanitz. In your reading you must try to understand the BASIC IDEAL TYPE of GSD aimed for by the standard. Correct understanding through interpretation and discussion are essential if you are to become a successful breeder. Also in the knowledge acquisition area, one should read articles presented by breeders in magazine outlets such as State Club Shepherd News, National Review and State Club magazine.

Be aware of compatible bloodlines and the reasons behind why they are, e.g. Quanto and Canto and their line-breeding to the L litter Wienerau. Quanto was a substantial, very glamorous dog of ideal type. However, problems were encountered in pasterns and ligamentation, the length of croup (short) and width of thigh. Canto excels in correct croup length and width



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of thigh. Canto progeny are generally very balanced in overall construction with eagerness to move. Restrictions with Canto were chest and forequarter development and at times lacking glamour. For these few point (there are others) these two sires are said to be compatible.

Ask yourself the question "Is the sire pre-potent?" Does he throw his type to most bitches. Are his litters even in quality and type or are they a mixture of many types with quality varying from outstanding to defective. The best sires are always those who give an even quality litter. They are the ones from which the breed overall will improve. Those sires who occasionally sire a good animal purely because of excessive usage are worthless to the breed for they are the ones who will give more problems, which are ignored, if the breeder might get ONE world beater.

The sires of consistency are beneficial for overall breed improvement. Overuse of these sires could result in narrowing the gene pool available. This is not really a problem but should be a consideration e.g. Phal v Aegidiendamm.

If a stud dog is a major show winner, imported (especially from Germany) and is owned and promoted by the RIGHT people, it will inevitably get a great deal of usage. Unfortunate for any genuine breeding, so we breeders should be mystics so that we can see past the razzamatazz and sparkle of superb advertising promotions that go on.

















If a dog is being used extensively (owners rarely give full details) and there are not enough progeny growing on proportionately to usage to gain Excellent gradings and Breed Survey status, we should stop using him. A simple fact of every day life, but we don't do it. We use our hearts more than our minds.

All stud dogs should have statistics to back up what the promotion campaign might fantasise. We should as breeders, have access to 1) How many times has he been used2) How many registered progeny, 3) Number of Excellent graded progeny, 4) Number of Class i and Class II progeny and, 5) Number of Australian Champions -e.g. M Willis in his book discusses the use of Premonition. He gives statistics on how many litters were sired by him and how many gained their English titles, plus how many gained challenge certificates. Have we as Australian breeders, statistics on such an influential sire as say, Ingo v Hafenlohrtal?

Be wary of so called EXPERTS (especially stud dog owners) when derogatory comment about a particular stud dog is mentioned. Remember, YOU are the one who has to pay the stud fee, whelp the litter, raise and feed the pups and finally, sell them! It should be your decision shouldn't it? Too many people "jump on the bandwagon" and don't think for themselves. Did you know that all major literary art and music greats were not accepted in their own time? They were so individual, they did their own thing and were outcasts because of it. Beethoven's 9th Symphony was booed at its first performance. He, in this symphony, used singing which had not been done previously in this type of composition. A symphony was before then restricted to the use of instruments. The public did not like the symphony originally because it was not what they were used to. Human nature is renowned for its CONSERVATISM.

It must not be forgotten that the bitch contributes exactly 50% (no argument because it is proven genetic fact) of the genetic makeup of all progeny. The resultant phenotype (what you actually see) is influenced by the pre-potency of either sire or dam. She could complement, dominate or allow the stud dog tio dominate - e.g. Silvy Dell Alta Quercia allowed the sire to dominate in her respective litters to Ingo and Nico; Delicia of Krakatoa demonstrated the same phenotype dominance of the sire when mated to Ingo and Premonition.

In conclusion, it is the breeder's responsibility to find out the truth about any stud dog. The Breed Advisory Committee is willing to help anyone in search of breed improvement.



A SNAP SHOT OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG HEAD

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The strength and shape of the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) head, and it components, has been a point of robust discussion over the past year and especially in the latter half of 2014. So what are we looking for in a well-constructed, balanced GSD head?

What are we looking for?

- · The head is wedged shaped.
- Balance of skull and foreface, they should be of similar length, with parallel planes (though this has been deleted from the standard) and sloping, not sharply defined stop. The head should not be elongated or coarse.
- Good strength of upper and lower jaw, where the lips should be tight and well fitting
- The ears are erect and of MEDIUM size
- · Medium sized, almond shaped, dark eyes
- · Clear differentiation between males and females

What are we starting to see more?

- Elongated heads
- Weak underjaws
- Large and/or wide set ears
- · Round eyes, and at times, medium to light eyes
- Loss of balance between skull and foreface, this impacts on the wedge shape of the head
- Loose lips

What does it do?

- Elongated heads, impacts on the balance of the head and lose the wedge shaped appearance.
- Weak underjaws, the impact is on dentition, with incorrect spacing/underdevelopment of teeth. We are also seeing with this fault, an increase in over shot bites and missing teeth.
- Large ears, we start to see infirmness in the ears, especially in movement. With wide set ears, it alters the expression of the dog.
- Round eyes impacts on the expression, but more importantly impacts on the peripheral vision of the dog.
 Round eyes are more forward placed on the skull, so vision is forward. Almond shaped eyes are set slightly to the side of the skull allowing more side vision as well as forward.
- Loss of balance in the planes and proportions of the head, changes what is a correct head for a GSD. Loose lips are also foreign to the standard, with some health issues with dryness and cracking of the lips.



How do we fix it?

 We consider these various traits that make up the head in our breeding programs. [We need to critically review our breeding stock to see what are their virtues and faults and look to see which sire is the best available to help correct these areas in our bitch.

Please note, I have not discussed pigmentation/masking, this is the least important part of the structure of the head. It is cosmetic, the icing on the cake, if you will. There are a lot of different components to the head, this is just a snapshot.

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THE GSDCA DOG DATABASE IS GOING LIVE!



FROM THE IST JANUARY 2015 FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE GSDCA DOG DATABASE.

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Each Club will be supplied a "Username" and "Password" to supply to their financial members.

This "Password" will change each Financial Year of the State Club, so you will need to keep your membership current to continue to have access.

It is intended that access to this database is a privilege of financial Members only.

Once live the database will be accessible at database.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

The database enables quicker, and more readily available access to a lot of the information you have been used to in printed format.

This is the initial step, and over time it is anticipated that more information will be available.

The same GSDCA rules re confidentiality of information, have been maintained.

As new HD/ED and Breed Survey Certificates are issued to the owners, this information will be available on the database – no longer will you need to wait for the Breed Survey Year Book.

I hope you find the Database information interesting, and of value.

When you first log-in, there will be an "Instructions" page, and this will assist you in finding the information that you are looking for.

There are four (4) sections to the database, which are all integrated.

1. "DOGS" Section

Dogs registered with the ANKC since the early 1970's are included. New ANKC registrations are regularly updated (approx quarterly).

2. "TATTOO/MICROCHIP" Section

Tattoos from 2006 are available on the database, and are regularly updated by the Club Tattoo/Identification Registrars. Microchips have been loaded since 2012, and are regularly updated along with new ANKC registrations.

3. "HD/ED Results" Section:

The database contains results since the early 1990's. Earlier records were all kept manually and as such are not available on the database.

4. "Breed Survey Results" Section:

At this stage the database contains results from the 2013 Breed Survey year onwards, however we will be building more history in the future.

Errors and Omissions

A great level of care has been taken in collating the data within this database. If you believe there has been any error or omission, please email your concerns to <code>database@gsdcouncilaustralia.org</code> along with the appropriate supporting documentation.





SNAKE BITE TO THE

Summer approaches and unfortunately, it is the time when dogs in Australia die as a result of snake bite. Whilst this article relates to South Australia snake breeds, these are pretty widespread varieties throughout the country and a timely reminder, whether you are affected by these or another variety is important.

The snakes most commonly found in our area are the Eastern Brown snake and the Red Bellied Black snake. These snakes are both highly dangerous to your pet with the brown snake being one of the deadliest snakes known to man. Your pet's survival depends on you being vigilant. Snake bite in dogs is one of those emergencies where time is of the utmost importance, so do not delay getting your dog to a vet if you have any suspicions, or there is any signs of snake bite. All too often over my nursing career I have had the odd client who has seen the dog with a snake and wants to sit and wait to see if any symptoms develop. In my experience, your pet should be taken to the vet immediately for monitoring as sadly by the time symptoms develop, the chance of your pet surviving snake bite has greatly diminished without immediate treatment.

Symptoms of snake bite:

- Acute onset vomiting, salivation, urination, defecation, muscle tremors,
- · shallow respiration,
- hind limb weakness
- collapsing +/- vomiting and then gets up and walks away (pre-paralytic sign)

What to do if your pet is displaying any of the listed symptoms:

- Get your dog to veterinary assistance immediately (even if you are unsure that it is snake bite it's better to have the dog at the veterinary clinic) If symptoms progress they will progress very quickly your pet will have a better chance at survival if at a veterinary clinic.
- Limit movement as much as you can if this means you have to carry the dog or bring transport to them do so. Movement increases the speed and spread of the toxin to major organs.
- Keep your pet calm It's important that you also stay calm. Remember, your pet picks up on your stress and will also become more stressed.
- If it's a hot day, keep your pet cool with plenty of air flow around them to reduce panting. We want them to remain as clam as possible.



As with anything, safe guarding is better than cure and as a pet owner there are a few precautions you can take to minimize your pet's risk of snake bite

- Dogs love water however it's advisable not to allow them wander around in long grass near river and water areas.
- Keep your pet's yard clear of long grass, wood piles and leaf matter.
- Avoid your dog walking at dusk or early morning off leash in long grass - snakes are exothermic
- Use snake repellers or bird netting on your fence line borders. This helps to keep snakes out of certain areas but will in no way be 100%.
- · Always keep a watchful eye on what your dog is getting up to.

Vet Assistance:

Time! Is of the utmost importance so if your pet is displaying the symptoms of snake bite, get them to the closet vet clinic. Download the following app and keep it on your phone - if you are traveling or out for the day, this gives you the location of your closet vet as well as first aid tips for all types of emergencies.

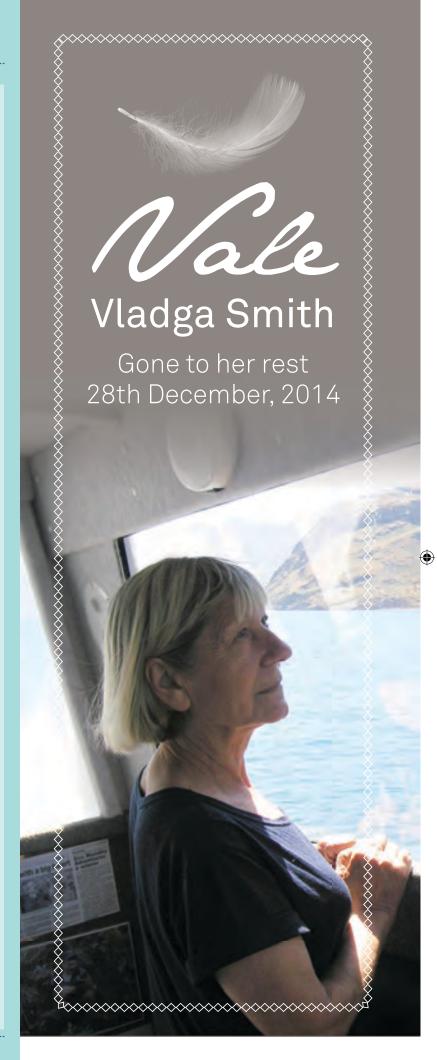
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Snake Facts



As much as they can be scary, being sensible in how we live and deal with them is important. Snakes do not attack humans, dogs or cats. They would prefer to slither away and be left alone. Remember, dogs and cats usually only get bitten because they have decided it would be a good idea to hunt and attack the snake. Dogs will often see the snake as either something that should not be in their yard or a play toy. Either way, often the snake is too quick for most dogs. Some dogs will have a natural respect and will just bark and carry on alerting the owner to go and investigate. Remove the pets from the area and then call a snake catcher to remove the snake. Snakes are a reptile, which means they are exothermic: they get their body heat from external sources. A snake's body temperature - and so its level of activity - is controlled by the temperature of the air and the ground. It will try to maximise body heat by basking in the sun or lying on or near warm surfaces. It's important to understand this as it gives us pet owners a better indication of when snakes are likely to be more active hence the comment about the time of day you need to be vigilant when walking or exercising your dogs. Snakes will not be found moving about when the temperature is extremely hot or cold. They will usually go to somewhere cooler when temperature goes over 32 degrees and leave their hunting and moving around till either morning or evening when the temperature is right for them to be able to hunt, eat and move. Often this is when man, snake and dog meet as often pet owners we walk our dogs at about that time in summer to also avoid the heat. So at this time of the day it's strongly suggested to keep your dogs on leash or exercise in an area that is clear and you can visibly see the ground were your pet is running.









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Well that is the million dollar question..... How do we select the correct sire for our females to produce that next class winner or Gold Medal winner at the National

I have had the opportunity to review the results from the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and GSDCA Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme at the end of this calendar

When reviewing the registrations over the past two years, it is interesting to see different trends nationally as well as in individual states. Why are some sires popular and others not? It is evident that the number of breeders utilising sires outside of their state has certainly diminished. Compare the cost in early 2000 of an airfare from Adelaide to Brisbane \$20.00 each way (excess baggage) to now \$200.00 each way one can understand the reason why we as breeders look closer to

At the same time due to the change in general working conditions it is harder to obtain holidays at short notice, so it is not so easy to suddenly fly/drive to the stud dog even if we are able to afford it.

Due to distance constraints breeders in outlaying areas are at a disadvantage. The cost inflicted on our breeders in Western Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Queensland to have access to the more successful sires has never been easy but I believe has become harder over recent times.

We also have additional veterinary costs whether it is progesterone testing, or the decision to have Artificial Insemination with frozen or chilled semen either vaginally or surgically is not cheap. Not really happy for nature to take its course so to speak!!!!!! The cost of caesarean sections has also increased. I personally cannot understand the practice of elected caesarean sections which seems to have increased; surely a natural birth is more beneficial for the mother and the puppies, even if it is during the night or on weekends.

For these reasons it does appear that some breeders are not selecting sires for individual animals within their kennel but select the sire that is living in the state is owned by their friends and are not taking into consideration some basic points when selecting a suitable partner.

Bitches entering the breeding program have successfully passed the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme and the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme. At the time of survey GSDCA Breed Surveyors have a responsibility to give guidance on the selection of a breeding partner. This should cover not only the recommendations on a perspective partner but also any

I have always been of the belief that it is important for the information relating to bloodlines here in Australia to be relayed to the breeders so that an informed decision can be made for their future breeding program.

This information is relayed through:-

- GSD National Show and Trial Sires Progeny by the NBC Executive. An opportunity to not only view the sires presented but also to view any upcoming sons which can be promoted in their own right.
- · Placings in the Open Dog Class at major shows throughout the country
- Various presentations and breed forums held by member clubs throughout the year which highlight the issues currently affecting the breed.
- NBC Chairman's report from the NBC Meeting and GSDCA

Breeders should be aware of the particular virtues and faults of their own animal and what can any sire give to that particular

In this day and age soundness in both body and mind is paramount as it is imperative that the German Shepherd Dog is promoted as a valuable and responsible pet for a family.

It is paramount that the factors below are considered for both the sire and dam:-

- Hip and elbow results not only for the sire and dam but also noting the family history
- Size of the individual animals within the pedigree
- · Character and temperament of the sire
- Reaction to the gun test of animal within the pedigree
- · That the pedigree of the resultant progeny is well constructed with no close inbreeding. It is preferred that linebreeding is no closer than (3-3)

Just because the animal is the "flavour of the month" or the



"newest import" it does not mean that it is the right animal for your female. Nor should a sire be used over all of the animals in a kennel, a breeding partner needs to be selected on a one on one basis. If for some reason a sire is not interested in mating your female then you must a backup plan or second sire chosen and this does not necessarily mean a sire from the same kennel.

So what questions do you ask as a breeder?

- Do you like the sire in question?
- Has the sire been exhibited in the show ring, if not why not?
- · Is this the best sire for my bitch?
- Do you want your puppies to look like this sire?
- Is the mating type to type?
- Degree of predictability?
- Do you feel good about the mating, what is your gut feeling?
- · What areas are you going to improve with this mating?
- Are you aware of any issues which may occur with this mating? E.g. missing testicles, missing teeth, paling colour, ears, etc?

As NBC Chairman I must say that currently recommending sires to be considered at breed survey as a breeding partner is not clear cut. The breed not only here in Australia but I believe in Germany is going through a difficult period.

As always there are issues affecting the breed become more relevant from time to time. Of course these issues are only be addressed by the sires and dams being utilised in the breeding program.

For a number of years I have mentioned a number of areas in my report to the NBC meeting and the GSDCA AGM and these concerns have been printed in the Quarterly National Review. Some of these areas have not improved and as the 2014 breed survey season has drawn to a close it is apparent that some of the concerns have deteriorated. The highlighted issues were discussed at length at the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Judges meeting and recorded as a major consideration for further development of the breed.

Sires like Prima Zorba, Quincito Awol, Iniff Vagrant were noted for having an above average angulation of the forequarter both in the length and lay of the shoulder blade and the upper arm. Since that time it has been well documented in the breed survey scheme that while the length of the upper arm was acceptable the upper arm should/could have been better laid. The problem of the forequarter is a world-wide problem including Germany. Maybe the desire for judges/breeders to promote animals with a pronounced high withers and one could say unnatural withers has compounded this problem. The animals that are restricted in the length and angle of the shoulder blade and the upper arm should not be promoted.

The issue of size is well documented again a world-wide issue but some of the issues that we are now trying to improve are a direct result of breeding for size alone. Yes we have a size standard for German Shepherd Dogs but it is important that all components of the GSD meet the required standard not just one area. A bitch that measures 61cms of very good type and of harmonious construction with very good movement is a better specimen of the GSD to a bitch that measures 58cms with a short, steep upper arm, short, steep croup and good

movement. As judges and breed surveyors it is important that the overall picture of the animal is considered.

For a number of years in fact since my visit to Germany in 2008 I have recorded the issue of deep and over-angulation of the hindquarter that has crept into our breed. This is a far more serious issue that size and to be perfectly frank impedes to the working ability of the dog. Some animals have recently been viewed at shows through the country where the hindquarter is so unstable the animal has difficult in standing or moving. This matter was discussed at length at the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Judges meeting in July 2014. Without question this is an area that needs to be addressed.

While the photographs below are extreme cases without some action by us, cases such as these could be seen here in Australia.









Since becoming NBC Chairman in 2001 I have made numerous comments regarding the length of the lower chest. The issue of the length of the lower chest has been well documented since the early 1990 and is firmly entrenched in our breeding program. As advised in 2014 on my recent visit to Germany this issue of the length of the lowerchest was also apparent but what was even more disappointing was the fact that not only was the lowerchest short but in fact was also deep and therefore giving the appearance of an extreme tuck up. A highly respected SV judge once told me that if the lowerchest is not of the required length that there is a tendency for that animal to fall on the forehand. This does make sense as I certainly believe that that deep, slightly short lowerchest impedes the lung capacity of the animal and the restriction becomes more apparent during movement. The problem is that I believe we see the slightly lower chest as normal and we have very few animals in our breeding program that have the correct length of lowerchest. The animals below all have restrictions in the length of the lowerchest.









After reviewing the breed survey worksheets for 2014 there are a number of animals recorded with undeveloped teeth, the lower jaw is only sufficiently strong and a number of animals are now being recorded as sufficiently strong in the upper jaw. I have been criticised for documenting issues in regards to the development of teeth however the standard states that the dentition should be healthy, strong, without gaps, scissor bite. At recent shows judges have been noting an increase in incorrect bites in some cases slightly overshoot and in a couple of cases level bites at a young age. A number of P1s are just visible above the gum line which is not correct. The strength of the lower jaw is a major issue and both the strength of the skull and foreface needs to be improved. Maybe we need a sire with a head like the one below on the left and not the lower jaw on the right which is common!!!!!!! In the middle of course is a correct scissor bite.







The other issue which is more apparent during the 2014 Breed Survey Season is the size and placement of ears. A number of females entering the breeding program display slightly wide set and or large ears. The set of ears was a problem with Cayos Noriswand progeny and has been further documented with progeny from Vegas Dongmiran and the lines of Vegas Haut Mansard. The other issue is slightly large ears which have been contributed through the lines Sanjessa Crusty Demon and Orrinshir Elton John. In my opinion linebreeding of any of the above animals is not advised. Photographs below from right to left, correct ear carriage, slightly infirm, slightly large and slightly wide set.







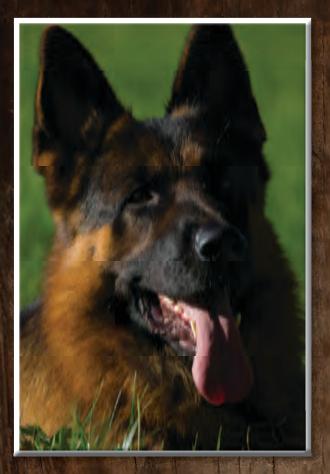
I must say that for small breeders with only one to two breeding females the correct choice of a breeding partner is crucial and if it is not successful at least six to twelve months is lost. For breeders with a number of breeding animals the choice is maybe not so crucial however I believe that all time the best possible dog should be selected for your bitch.

In conclusion please do not select the flavour of the month or select a sire just because it has imp after its name or is owned by your friends. In most cases our locally breed animals have at least four if not five generations of hip and elbow results recorded and available for everyone's information. A number of countries even those very close to Germany have not implemented until sometime later the breed improvement schemes that we have here in Australia. Germany only implemented a compulsory elbow dysplasia control scheme in 2004 and other countries such as Italy and the Netherlands much later.

Please select the dog that is the most suitable for your breeding program, weigh up all of the information and then make that decision wisely.

I do not have all of the answers and some may say I do not have any but I hope that this information has been interesting and beneficial and I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best in your future breeding program.

Good luck with your selection....



The Mann

Sensen Mann Yokon KKL IPO 3 a normal ED normal DNA proven – V

Breed Worth 73

Whelped 17/07/12

Sire: Enosch vom Amasis SchHIII KKl 1 a normal ED normal – VA

Dam: Flair vd Martinskapelle SchHI Kkl 1 a normal ED normal - SG

See the quality, type and predictability of Yokon's bloodline







Yokon

Enosch

Ober

Proudly owned by

Alastair Henderson – 0417 567 159

Greg Bobbin - 0419 381 813

Robyn Knuckey - 0435 789 442

Yokon will be arriving late May 2015 and will be standing at stud with Alastair in Melbourne. Please feel free to contact any of us for further details about Yokon.

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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND INC.

Contact: Club Secretary Diane Ballantyne: secretary@gsdcqld.org.au

The Club held its annual Championship Show and Trial at Durack on the 12th & 13th July 2014. Judges were John Lijffijt from Netherlands and Robyn Knuckey from WA. The rings looked great thanks to Rod Vernon and Kenny Hills who had been preparing the grounds for months before the event. In the conformation ring the results were as follows: Saturday John Lijffijt judged the SC Bitches and Robyn Knuckey judged the SC Dogs and the LSC Classes. In the SC Robyn Knuckey gave the Challenge Dog to *Ch. Bluemax Salt AZ and the Reserve Dog was *Hayo aus Agrigento aED. John Lijffijt gave the SC Bitch Challenge to *Bronacre Dark Diamond AZ and Reserve Bitch was *Ch. Bronacre Hokey Pokey AZ. In the LSC's the Best of Breed was *Ch. Awesamshep Cassia AZ and Runner Up was *Denargun Uncle Fester AZ. Sunday was a new day with Robyn Knuckey judging the SC Bitches. Robyn gave the Challenge Bitch to *Albata Yolee AZ and the Reserve to *Bronacre Dark Diamond AZ. John Lijffijt judged the SC Dogs and gave the Challenge to *Ch. Ustinov vom Romerland aED (Imp Gmy) with the Reserve Challenge going to *Andacht Uknow Imit AZ. Best LSC was again *Ch. Awesamshep Cassia AZ Runner up Best of Breed LSC went to Hillmagic Black Pepper. The Club held their July Trial on the Saturday. 1st UDX was Astasia Grantlee UD, 1st Open was Jaykri Kameko CCD CD, 1st Novice was Astasia Darlin CCD. Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters.

The GSDCQ State Breed Exhibition was held on 14th of September and was judged by Joylene Neddermeyer from South Australia. The 2014 Queensland Sieger was *Ch. Bluemax Salt AZ and the 2014

Queensland Siegerin was awarded to *Ch. Kantenna Coz I Can AZ. The LSC Siegerin was *Ch. Awesamshep Cassia AZ. On 18th of October the GSDCQ in joint venture with Ipswich Kennel Club held a show judged by Alastair Henderson (Vic). Best of Breed and Challenge Bitch was awarded to *Ch. Kantenna Coz I Can AZ and Challenge Dog and RU of Breed was awarded to *Xaro von der Plassenburg aED (Imp Gmy). Reserve Challenge Dog was awarded to *Ch. Indio di Casa Nobili aED (Imp Italy) and Reserve Challenge Bitch went to *Ch. Bronacre Hokey Pokey AZ.

The main showgrounds at Durack sustained damage from fallen trees and branches following a declared 'catastrophic weather event' in December. A working bee commenced immediately the following morning with Committee and members clearing the debris with chainsaws. The following Saturday Dogs Queensland organised another working bee and again members went out to clean up. Thanks everyone.

Dates for 2015 Shows and Trials are:

- · 21st February Open Show -Anthea Adamopoulos
- · 2nd May Working Dog Club Show Jane Pike
- · 11th July Obedience Trial -Warren Doyle
- · 11th & 12th July Champ Show Malcolm Griffiths & Jenny Yuen
- · 13th September Club Obedience Trial Tabitha Young
- · 13th September State Breed Exhibition Russell Wenham
- · 17th October Ipswich Kennel Club Carol O'Rourke

The GSDCQ AGM was held on 1st December 2014 and the office bearers for 2015 are as follows:

- · President: Rod Vernon
- · Vice President: Kenny Hills
- · Secretary: Diane Ballantyne
- · Treasurer: Michelle Hammond
- · Show Secretary: Nancy Hardie
- · HD-ED-Tattoo: Sue Robertson
- · Breed Affairs: Jay Brandon

- · Editor: Bronwyn Hurley
- · Obedience: Ann Clarkson
- · Minutes Sec: Diane Ballantyne



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

The start of a new year for the GSDCV is always exciting, and 2015 will be a BIG one. As hosts of the 43rd GSD National Show & Trial, we are well under way with plans for a fantastic event. Make sure you mark May 8-10, 2015 in your diaries, as the focus will be on Melbourne for the best show and obedience GSD's from around the country. But it's not all about the dogs... expect a great social scene too, both during the day catching up with everyone or at our night functions. At the Friday night dinner we'll have a special presentation from our dog judge Lothar Quoll, the current SV Breed Warden in Germany, on the Select groups at the 2014 Sieger Show, which he judged. We will be privileged to hear his comments and views. Not to be missed, so book early!

But let's look at how we finished 2014. Our biggest event was our Club Fun Day in November, held at our Eastern branch. Always a highlight, where members from our 11 training branches come together and compete in their classes. Nearly 200 dogs entered, and despite torrential rain prior to and during the morning, most turned up and did so well. Just goes to show we are a resilient lot, and our dogs come first - rain, hail or shine! There were obedience, trial and show classes and fun agility rings on offer for puppies through to veterans (dogs that is!) Every member on the day had a good time and the ribbon winners were chuffed. Highest scoring dog on the day went to our class 3 winner Valerie Tan and her dog Morpheus with a score of 198/200pts, and highest scoring bitch went to the class 1 winner Lynda Britten and her girl Jessie with a score of 200/200pts. WOW!



Around the branches it was a hive of activity. Northern held a groovy Halloween day in October, where spooky dress ups were a hit for both people and dogs. Western had a great night with the Police Dog Squad, which is always informative and a social night at the trots. Skye held a great seminar on scent discrimination with Steve Austin. Many of our club aspiring instructors completed their final practical assessment in running classes at branches. We're pleased to welcome at least 8 newly qualified obedience instructors. Well done to all. Pet Expos were also happening with Northern and Western branches providing great representation to the public. Our Bendigo branch officially opened a new offlead area at their grounds with a great day of activities. Skye then trumped all at their Christmas break up with a jumping castle for the kids and then Santa zoomed in on a sleigh pulled by two very strong good looking shepherds who were a great hit with all! Presentations and Christmas break ups were enjoyed at all branches. Always a fun time.

Welcome to the New Year. We can't wait to see what it brings for our members and dogs. Events for our club & breed promotion early this year will be the Melbourne Pet Expo in February, the Moomba parade in March and of course the Good Friday Children's Hospital Appeal.

See you in May at the National! Keep informed with all updates at www.gsdcv.org.au/2015National and for the social media fans www.facebook. com/2015NationalShowandTrial

My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility.



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

What a busy time we have had over here in the West.

Since the last edition the West Coast Challenge Trial and Show weekend has come and gone. It is a busy time for all our helpers and I expect they are enjoying the well-earned break. The week prior was our Busy Bee and it was a case of many hands made light work and kudos to our youth members who were exceptional.

Then came three busy weekends in November: firstly our closed club trial this was well attended and this is traditionally our "Remembering Jane Day" which is used as a fund-raiser for the McGrath Foundation. The usual breakfast and raffles raised a total of \$550 which was welcomed by the Foundation. Next was our Fun Day again well attended over 60 people came and fun was had by all. Lots of games and prizes - longest tail, shortest tail, fluffiest tail, fastest sausage eating dog, a very tricky agility course, limbo dancing (with dog!!!) and the best trick - this is a great way to let down your hair and have some fun. Then as a final wrap up for the year we had our Children's Christmas Party followed by the annual trophy presentations. We had a record 27 children waiting for the Big Man - all enjoyed themselves as they received a gift, lollies and a photo opportunity. At the presentations every table was filled (another record), trophies were handed out and everyone ate, drank and were merry.

Now we begin our evening socialisation classes until we begin formal training in February.

On behalf of the members here in the West may I hope you have a great Christmas filled with love and laughter and that 2015 is one of success and joy for you all.

Margaret Adams Editor G.S.D. A. of W.A. W.A. CLUB PROFILE

OUR TWINS Jess and Jean McCowan

The twins – Two Jays – joined the G.S.D.A. of W.A. in 1985. From the get go they immersed themselves in the association's activities. . It is only fitting that I speak of both ladies together and their commitment to our breed. They have been active as trainers at Headquarters for 25 years and between them they have held many positions on the Executive, Management, Trials and S.B.E. committees: Senior & Junior Vice President, Head Trainer, Ground Manager, Canteen Manager, Ground Manager, Trials Committee, Trophy Steward, Trials Chief Steward to name a few of the hats they have worn!! In their younger days we saw them trialling in Obedience and Agility whilst schooling the rest of us in these disciplines. All of this, as well as working with other dog clubs, particularly Southern River Obedience & Agility club. I am sure that Jess was the first one to get an agility title with a German Shepherd Dog in W.A. with her little Skye. I was fortunate to be in a class with Jean when she was training the lovely Chaka – as mild-mannered as Clark Kent. I and many others have been

extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to have these lovely ladies as our trainers. Jean used to come by after work to do extra training with Heath when he was 12 years old – no fee, no fanfare - just helping him achieve his dream at graduation – which he did.

The best story I can relate to you is a personal one and it refers to both Jess and Jean, as nurses the girls were highly respected and caring. My father-in-law was admitted to Hollywood Hospital in a bad way and was not expected to survive. After a few days he brightened up and when we were visiting he said "see that nurse there, she is such a hard worker - she is here when I have my tea, she is here when I go to sleep and she is still here in the morning". I laughed as he did not realise that the twins were looking after him and Jess would be there in the evening and Jean in the mornings.

We will always be grateful that their expert care they gave Dad they helped us to keep him for an extra 9 years that deserves a HUGE Thank you from the Adams Family.

Sadly after a long battle Jess has recently passed away and we will be saying farewell to Jess on Wednesday we cannot imagine how Jean will be feeling – together from the moment they drew breath. We have been blessed to have them as part of our G.S.D. family. Rest well dear friend we will not forget you.

Margaret Adams - on behalf of all who have trained with Jean and Jess.



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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SA INC.

President: Mr John De Lucia Hon. Secretary: Mr Stephen J Collins Hon. Treasurer: Mr Peter Flynn 1st Vice President: Mr Andrew Johnston 2nd Vice President: Mrs Christine Collins

The Club held its last conformation event on October 18th, judge by Mrs J Neddermeyer. The entry was very good for Stock coat animals, however, was down in numbers for Long Stock coat. Best Stock Dog was *Bluemax Shrek 'A' 'Z', Best Stock Female was *Ch Darkknight Ysadore 'A' 'Z', Best Long Stock Female was Ch*Vladimir Glad I Am 'A' 'Z', with the Best Long Stock coat male being Vondoussa Back to the Future.

The Presentation night was held on Saturday November 29th at the Sea Rescue Squadron rooms, the meal was excellent and the entertainment was superb. This was well attended and congratulations to All recipients of awards for the year.

The club's Annual General Meeting was very well attended, and we take this opportunity to welcome three (3) new members to the committee. As a committee we look forward to working as a team and continuing to move forward and progress the public's perception of our wonderful breed.

We have planned two (2) Puppy socialisation days over the Christmas break the first being on Sunday January 11th and the second on Sunday January 25th, these days are open to All enthusiasts of our breed members and non members. The Club will provide a free barbeque on both days.

The Club returns to training on Wednesday January 28th, night training and Sunday February 1st for our morning sessions. There is an Open meeting scheduled for January 30th to discuss the Agenda for the forthcoming GSDCA Annual General Meeting which will be held in Sydney on February 6th and 7th. All members are welcome and encouraged to come and have their say.

Our first Members Competition will be held on Sunday February 22nd to be judged by Mr Peter Cocks, and we wish Peter all the very best. To All members of the German Shepherd Dog Family, the Committee of the GSDC of SA Inc., wish everyone a very Merry Christmas a Safe and Prosperous New Year, and look forward to seeing everyone in the New year.



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF ACT

What a big year it's been for our club! We all survived the National in May, which ran successfully, but I can assure you we were all like ducks paddling madly underneath! Then there was our usual October long weekend show. As well, the club has been out and about at various locations including schools and pet produce stores to further promote our breed. Our Christmas party was held on the 10th December with a visit from Santa and presentation of awards. It's great to see more members getting involved in Obedience trials. Well done to all exhibitors and triallers.

We wish all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. ACTGSDA AWARDS 2014

BREEDERS OF EXCELLENT

CH UHLMSDORF BLUE JEANS 'A"Z' Uhlmsdorf Kennels

HILLMAGIC MISCHIEF 'A"Z' Peta Jones

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION TITLE

* CH UHLMSDORF BLUE JEANS 'A"Z' Jenny Kenworthy

CH HILLMAGIC PURPLE HAZE Raelene Koerber and Edwina Bevk

LONG STOCK COATS

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 LSC PUPPY BITCH UHLMSDORF PINK GIN Mona Wood

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 LSC PUPPY DOG

CH HILLMAGIC PURPLE HAZE Raelene Koerber and Edwina Bevk

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 LSC ADULT BITCH

CH HILLMAGIC WESTERN STAR 'A"Z' Peta Jones

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 PUPPY DOG

HILLMAGIC BLACK AVENGER Peta Jones

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 PUPPY BITCH HILLMAGIC BLACK CHERRY Peta Jones

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 ADULT DOG

* CH UHLMSDORF BLUE JEANS 'A"Z' Jenny Kenworthy

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 ADULT BITCH

HILLMAGIC MISCHIEF 'A"Z' Peta Jones

BOB KNIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY 2014 HILLMAGIC BLACK AVENGER Peta Jones

OBEDIENCE AWARDS

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG TITLE SUNHAZE CARTER Kim Kleeman

SUNHAZE TAMARIN Pen Cullen

HUNTERBLAZE ARCO Michael Smith

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 SUNHAZE CARTER

Kim Kleeman

OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR 2014 HUNTERBLAZE ARCO Michael Smith



NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB INC

The Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club has had a great year culminating in a Christmas break up night that saw the members enjoy each other's company along with the games with the dogs. The highlight of the night was a visit from Santa who arrived on a scooter towed by Munich. The Club had several social events during the year and our Christmas party saw the annual Club Awards announced, The Sportsperson of the Year was Tony Chomicki, The Rookie of the year was Peter Asquith and Junior Member was Callum Millington—both of these young guys have achieved so much with their dogs and its great to see their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the dogs. The Club Member of the Year was Anne Bertram who undertook the role of Chief Instructor and all the team did an excellent job keeping the obedience training running throughout the



Our club members performed admirably at the National with the highlight being the Lynch family winning the gold medal with Gerry Vom Schacher. The winners of the point score categories are as follows: Puppy Dog Winner, Fremont Livin the Dream, Puppy bitch winner, Kuirau Elegant Lady, The adult dog winner was Fremont Hells Bells, Adult bitch was Java von Santamar, the best sire was Gerry Vom Schacher and the best dam was Fremont Too Darn Hot. Congratulations goes to Fremont German Shepherds who were the Breeders of the Year. It was also great to see some of our north coast members feature in the places on the point score. Our club also offers a Versatility award which encompasses the dog having to complete various tasks such as gaining 100klms on back pack hikes, an ET title and various other club activities which take around three years to achieve, this year we had one handler and dog meet all the requirements and congratulations goes to Peter Belic and Fremont Valiant Prince achieving this coveted award.

The club will break over the festive season and normal classes resume 27th January 2015 where we look forward to everyone returning to enjoy their dogs and the club in the coming year.





THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE INC. OF NSW.

2014 was a very productive and exciting year for the League.

A new committee has taken over the reins and will strive to make 2015 an even better year for the club and its members. Firstly, the club would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their commitment and service in the last year. The club would not function without the

dedication and time that has been put in by the members that have donated their time and effort.

Congratulations to the incoming committee, let's take the club to new and greater heights in 2015.

Congratulations to the following members for being awarded LIFE MEMBERSHIP for the decades of dedication to the GSDL and the German Shepherd dog.

- Alan and Judy Connors
- · Graeme Stevenson

The GSDL now has its very own Facebook Page. The German Shepherd Dog League Inc. of NSW.

Please find us on Facebook and take a look. This will be used to keep everyone appraised of what is happening in the club and to relay timely and important information, in conjunction with the web page (WWW.GSDL.INFO) and Shepherd News.

The club held 5 shows over 2014, which were well attended and provided an easy and fun atmosphere for all concerned. The club also held 4 surveys throughout the year and congratulations to all those members that had animals successfully surveyed.

With the GSDCA Dog Database going live in January, can all members please ensure that the Shepherd News Editor has your current email address?

Important dates for 2015

- 26th January = Macarthur Lions Club Australia Day Street Parade. Contact the Publicity Officer for more info.
- 15th February = Breed Survey. 11.00am at club grounds.
- 9th March = General Meeting at Orchard Hills Club Room. Note: This is the Judges voting night. Please come and have your sav.

Please view the GSDL website for more important dates for the calendar year.

Lastly, the committee would like to wish all members of the German Shepherd Community a safe and happy holidays and a Fantastic 2015.

Bret Adams Shepherd News Editor.





YOUTH REPORTS.

WHAT THE KIDS GOT UP TO IN MELBOURNE!

We are grateful to John Fenner and Jacinta Poole for the great photos of our young handlers in action.















The Master Class is for youth handlers and will be at KCC Park, Melbourne, on Thursday 7 May 2015 (the Day before the National starts) at 4.00pm. We have the top handlers in Australia and overseas to give you some lessons and tips on how to present your dog in stance and in movement. If you have a dog you show, then bring it along for the class, as it is a very hands on practical session. It is important you RSVP by Thursday 23 April if you are interested in coming, so we have the right number of handlers to provide coaching for you.

RSVP to Jess Lynch by email on jess_lynch@hotmail.com"

COMPETITION TIME! NAME THAT DOG

As we have been delving into the vaults to get a perspective from the past, we have decided to test some memories. There are 5 x 12kg bags for correct entries that name each dog.

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NAME THIS DOG!

Quanto von der Wienerau Sch H II (Gmy)
Reza vom haus Beck Sch H III (Gmy)
Flora vom Konigsbruch Sch I (Gmy)
SIRE: ZAMBO VON KONIGSBRUCH (GMY)
Boss von Amalienhof Sch H II (Gmy)
Biene von Entlebruch Sch H I (Gmy)
Resi von der Maineiche Sch H I (Gmy)

Lasso di val Sole Sch H III (Gmy)
German Sieger Axel von der Hainsterbach (Gmy)
Paet Blue Iris (Gmy)
DAM: MASUTA PETITE ETOILE OF RINTILLOCH (UK)
Kuno v Weltweg (Imp Singapore)
Henni Allemania (Gmy)
Afra Allemania (Gmy)





NAME THIS DOG!

Reza vom Haus Beck
Zambo vom Konigsbruch
Biene vom Entlebruch
SIRE: RINTILLOCH ROGUE (IMP UK)
German Sieger Axel vd Hainsterbach
Masuta Petite Etoile
Henni Allemania

Elan vom Michelstadter Rathaus of Dunmonaldh Dunmonaldh Junker Dunmonaldh Branda DAM: DALTA VON ERNTE MOND (IMP NZ) Volkerson Blacky CDX Bena von Ernte Mond (Imp NZ) Valdisahn Fanda (Imp NZ)

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NAME THIS DOG!

Kai v Silberbrand Sch H III V
Casar vom Lohnerring Sch H III (Gmy) BSCI 1 'A'
Erka v Flemerick Sch H I (Siegerin) VA
SIRE: ' V' AMBALA KARU BSCI 1

Phal v Aegidiendamm Sch H J (Imp Gmy) 'V'
'V' Tarmeeko Nadine BSCl 1
Tandina Juliette CD SG

Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus (Imp Gmy)
'V' NZ Ch Dunmonaldh Junker
Dunmonaldh Branda
DAM: VINBERG GREY NINA BSCI 11
Hendrawens Sagittarius of Aeroken
Aerokens Zenita (Imp UK)
Eng Ch Aerokens Debonair





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NAME THIS DOG!

Junior in Show, Newcastle Specialty, August 1985

EngiNZ/Aust Ch Rossfort Premonition (UK)
Hendrawens Sagittarius of Aeroken (UK)
Filicka of Brinton (UK)
SIRE: AUST CH VOLSCAIN JESTER (Imp UK)
Eng Ch Sparticist of Hendrawen (UK)
Byrdel August Sun Set of Volscain (UK)
Chanida of Stranmillis (UK)

Aust Ch Emmevale Zarroff (UK)
Rintilloch Hurricane Higins of Bedwin (UK)
Listondene Fancy Pants (UK)
DAM: GLENAWLY NOCTURNE (Imp Aust)
Unko von der Murrenhuette Sch H III (Imp Gmy)
Engelsburg Donna CD
Anni vom Neuburger Zollhoff (Imp Gmy)



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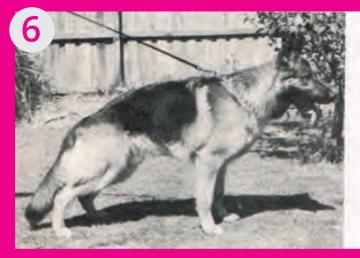
NAME THIS DOG!

3rd Open Dog, 13th National "Top Show Dog of the Year 1985 GSDA of WA"

Lasso di val Sole Sch H III VA
Axel von der Hainsterbach Sch H III
Paet Blue Iris Sch H I SG
SIRE; MASUTA PIAUTE (Imp UK) BSCI 1 "V" BVA 2-3
Kuno vom Wiedtweg Sch H III V
Henni Allemania (Imp Ger) Sch H I
Afra Allemania Sch H II V

Eng Ch Hendrawens Sagittarius of Aeroken
Aust Ch Voiscain Jester (Imp UK) BSCI 1 V
Byrdei August Sun Set of Voiscain
DAM: AUST CH TANDINA RED STAR BSCI I V
Aust/NZ/Eng Ch Rossfort Premonition (Imp UK)
Aust Ch Edensmuir Vital Spark of Bedwin (UK) BSCI 1 V
Edensmuir Aurora





NAME THIS DOG!

Argus vom Klammie Sch H III
Argus von Aducht Sch H III
Hella vom Eldechsbrunnen Sch H I
SIRE: QUAI VON DER BOXHOCHBURG Sch H III FH 'a' y
Quando von der Netten Ecke Sch H II
Hetty von der Boxhochburg Sch H I
Sara vom Tollensestrand Sch H I

Frei vom Holtkamper See Sch H III
Zorro vom Haus Beck Sch H III
Gitta vom Haus Muhlenberg Sch H I
DAM: CARLA VOM HUHNEGRAB Sch H II a V
Irk von der Wienerau Sch H III
Seffe vom Huhnegrab Sch H I
Nickl vom Huhnegrab Sch H I

Entries must be received no later than 28th February, 2015. Good luck and just a hint, many of the people who owned these dogs are still around today!

You entry must be accompanied by your name and address and the name of your club.

Please send to: revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org.



BY JOYLENE NEDDERMEYER 🐆

IMPORTATION AND REGISTRATION OF IMPORTED SEMEN — ANKC REGULATIONS

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Over recent times a number of breeders especially long stock coat breeders have been investigating the option of importing semen from overseas.

As previously advised by the GSDCA the importation of semen from sires resident in Germany is not permitted by the SV. The regulation has been in place for some time and a number of opinions have been expressed to the reason why.

This does not preclude animals resident outside from Germany making semen available to breeders in other countries including Australia.

The ANKC have adopted procedures for registration of imported frozen semen. For your information please find the following information below:-

- Frozen semen for local or imported dogs must be registered prior to application for registration of a litter from that semen
- The owners of the semen will be issued with Certificate of Registration of Semen if they apply for it, much the same as the current Registrations Certificates.
- The registration of semen makes it easier to facilitate paperwork in relation to registering puppies and selling of semen,
- The procedure for registration of puppies from frozen semen will be simplified and will require the owner of the semen to sign the stud certificate as would be the case in a normal mating
- Owners of registered semen have the opportunity to officially trade in semen
- Transfer of semen will occur in the same way as the sale of a puppy, by the simple transfer of semen on the reverse side of the semen certificate

The following documentation is required to be supplied at the time of registration of local or imported frozen semen:-

- 1. Copy of the ownership certificate
- 2. Copy of the semen collection certificate (ANKC form Semen 1)

- 3. Application to register semen (ANKC form Semen 2) *OR IF IMPORTED* –
- 4. Application form to re-register the dog/ semen (ANKC Form 2A)
- 5 Original or certified copy of three generation pedigree issued by the controlling body in the country of resident of the dog at the time of semen collection (not necessarily country of birth)
- 6. Copy of AQIS final clearance certificate

Puppies from artificial insemination by frozen local or imported overseas semen are not required to the letters Al after their name. Instead the words Semen and the country of origin of the semen will be shown after the name of the sire on all documentation.

Breeders should note that the Limited Litter Registrations for German Shepherd Dogs also apply to frozen semen. The current ANKC LRLs for German Shepherd Dogs (stock coat and long stock coat) are:-

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

- Effective 16.10.2005 litters, resulting from the mating of German Shepherd dogs under the age of 18 months (either the Sire or Dam) at the time of mating, are eligible to be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged 'NOT TO BE UPGRADED'. (Amended 10/07, 6.3.1)
- Effective September 1, 2004, the following requirements will apply: -
 - All imported GSD males must have an Australian H. Neg certificate prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia
 - 2. All sons of imported GSD bitches must be in possession of an H Neg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.
- 3. All GSD males born from litters imported in whelp must be in possession of an H.Neg certificate

- prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia.
- 4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have an H.Neg. Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (05/04)

(Please note the Hneg certificate is a certificate issued by the GSDCA.)

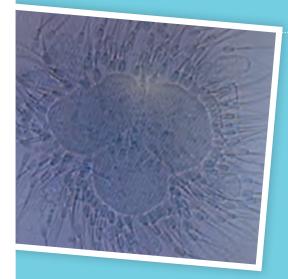
- For all German Shepherd litters born from 1 June 2011:-
- 1. Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after 1.1.10, they must record a score of no more than 12 on either hip, or in the case of imported animals, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.

2. Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the 1.1.10, they must record a grading of Normal, Grade One or Grade Two on both elbows, and be free from the condition of UAP (Ununited Anconeal Process).

Breeders of litters whelped on or after 1 June 2011, will be required to comply as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the ANKC Main Register. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip or tattoo prior to being x-rayed. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded. (01/11)

As stated in my article 'Selection of a Breeding Partner' it is important that the best available sire is selected for your female and that does not necessarily mean imported animal or imported





semen for that matter. It is apparent that there has been an increase in breeders importing semen from oversea countries especially semen from long stock coat males.

A word of warning breeders need to be aware of the genetic makeup of the ancestors of that animal. It must be noted that a number European countries even those very close to Germany have not *implemented the same breed improvement* requirements as the GSDCA has implemented here in Australia. You may be purchasing semen from an imported source however the background information especially to relative to size, breed survey and hip and elbow status, of the animals within that pedigree do not meet the requirements that parentage and relatives of the long stock coat males in this country have achieved.

It may be a case of introducing issues that will not benefit or enhance your breeding program at all. I am sure that the importation of semen is an expensive exercise and I urge all breeders to be diligent in obtaining background information on the pedigree of these animals prior to financially committing to the purchase of any semen.

If any breeder requires any assistance in researching a pedigree please do not hesitate to contact me via email nbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org or on 0402 800 163 as I am always happy to be of any assistance. All requests would be kept confidential.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone every success in 2015 and all the best for your future breeding program.

EUKANUBA WINNERS



Answers to last editions quiz were as follows:

- Q.1 Name the two conformation judges for the GSDCA National in 2015?
- A: Lothar Quoll and Heinz Scheerer
- Q.2 How many bones are found in a complete canine skeleton?A: 319 bones
- Q3. In a complete set of scent discrimination articles, how many are leather?

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And the winners are **Karen Glasheen from Skye Branch** and **Rhonda Daley from Canberra**. They will receive their voucher in the mail soon.

Sadly, there was only one entry for our summer fun photo competition and it appears below. A voucher is going to the photographer, Bruce Fitzgerald in Queensland.



THESE PHOTOS WERE SUBMITTED BY
KIM LEONARD AND WIN HER A BAG OF EUKANUBA







FROM THE VAULT...

In the history of Zeitung, there have only ever been three editions produced in English. The first was published in May 1962 and with the publisher's kind permission, we are reproducing some excerpts from that edition. The text is verbatim and some minor corrections are occasionally suggested.

Purpose and aim of directives pertaining to breeding and breed survey by H. Kremhelmer

When the SV was founded in 1899, it defied its tasks wit he intention to breed a working dog breed from existing herding dogs; i named this bred "German Shepherd Dog" and it fixed the aim by the thesis expressed by the founder of the SV, Cavalry Captain v. Stephanitz: "Shepherd Dog Breeding is Working Dog Breeding, otherwise the bred dogs are no longer Shepherd Dogs". The standard of the breed was established and the criteria fixed, so from the very beginning the breeding activity was guided by directives, requesting to use only such dogs for breeding purposes which according to character and body build raised hopes to make on stride forward to the aim of breeding the "ideal dog".

Then the Stud Book for German Shepherd Dogs (SZ) was initiated, in which all dogs which seemed of value for reaching the breeding aim were registered. In this manner the foundation stone for planned breeding was laid.

During the first dece3nnium of the SV's existence German Shepherd Dogs still were preponderatly (predominantly?) used for sheep herding, but later on training and utilization of German Shepherd Dog as general working and service dogs prevailed, because the value

of this dog was recognised soon after planful (planned?) breeding started and its excellent attributes made the dog thereafter one of the most deserving helpers of mankind.

Due to the fact that the German Shepherd Dog not only possesses wonderful character and temperament but also is a beautiful dog with lively play of features , powerful, well muscled, harmonious and unspoilt, natural body, a very great demand from all countries of the world set in, which bought about the danger that greedy speculation and ambitious but ignorant fanciers might meddle with the breed. The then Board of the SV, headed by Cavalry Captain v. Stephanitz, firmly adhered to the initial intention to promote a working dog only, but one that may be subject to dandyism. Therefore they prepared the so-called Breeding Directives, which at the beginning were not yet very severe because the breed itself was still in development. However, if someone wanted to breed German Shepherd Dogs, it was a requirement to keep to these directives, which mainly settled that puppies could only be registered in the SV Book if they were according to standard.

In order to locally control the observance of the Breeding Directives, to be in a position to disperse instruction and advice, to ensure provision of suitable training grounds and expert schooling in training, the SV a part of already existing Provincial

and District branches founded local branches for the conduction (conduct?) of independent shows and trials, and to be able to supervise and direct the development of the breed. Breeding and Training Committees, in conjunction with the Board, an in co-operation with well known scientists made investigations exchanged experiences and issued further directives for the future development of the breed, which lastly combined in the Breeding Directives published for members and breeders.

As everywhere in nature, so also in the breed of German Shepherd Dogs some deficiencies cropped up which could be remedied or alleviated only by significant advice and pertaining regulations. Of course, as the breed improved, the control exercised by the SV had to become tenser and the requirements requested from an animal intended for breeding, had to become more and more severe. So, judges were requested to judge more severe (severely?), dogs showing faults which might prove unfavourable to the breed were banned from breeding e.g. their progeny could not be registered in the Stud Book, which meant that no pedigrees were issued to them.

To exclude unsuitable dogs as soon as possible, the Young Dog evaluation Tests were arranged, the lowest age for breeding was fixed, and , in the intention to keep the breed healthy, the directive was issued that dams may only raise a



limited number of puppies, and foster mothers raising any excess puppies should correspond to certain prescribed conditions.

Already twenty years after the foundation of the SV an average standard of the breed was reached with the most sprightly of optimists had not expected. This was the result of guided breeding according to directives and of the fat that breeders, conscious of their responsibility, kept conscientiously to these directives, acting according to the advice of Local Breed Wardens. The breed had by then reached a standard which provided responsible leaders with new duties, forced them to find new methods, not alone to maintain the reached success but to even improve it. This required intensified cooperation of the breeders.

It was realised that breeders and Local Branches should be put in a position to learn to known of (about?) dogs which lived in adjacent neighbourhood by means of providing a special kind of information index for which a new system of registering of specially promising breeding material had to be found. In 1922 this method had been established by the installation of Breed Survey sand the publication of the

required the SV to prepare guides to train these Survey Officers. The larger the number of Survey Officers became, the more care had to be taken to ensure uniformity of procedure, to make certain that all dogs were evaluated and graded similarly and according to equal principles and equal standards. When Dr Funk became 1st Chairman of the SV, he undertook to install periodical Breed Survey Schooling Courses in alternating areas, in which Breed Surveyors, on a routine schedule gathered for training purposes. In these courses Breed Survey Officers are taught uniform evaluation for Breed Survey purposes on the living object.

The passing of a dog at Breed Survey in effect means that it is being recommended for breeding purposes according to special principles (e.g. the directives pertaining to Breed Survey). Dogs passed in Breed Survey are animals which in character and body are above the average and which it is assumed they should prove valuable for breeding purposes. The owner of a passed dog receives a Breed Survey Certificate, in which body build and character are fully described and simultaneously advice and hints are for which points special care should be taken in the selection of a

In spite of the fact that in the course of time directives pertaining to breeding and to Breed Survey have been modified and adapted to the generally improving standard of the breed, and in spite of the fact that also in the future they most probably will be modified from time to time, their importance and their purpose have remained e.g. to represent guide an help to breeders which realise that the SV approves breeding only if according to all acquired knowledge it may be assumed that not only will by it the present high standard be maintained, and preferably even surpassed, without the SV requiring to deviate from its principles and the thesis of "Shepherd dog breeding IS working dog breeding".

Results achieved up to now have proved the SV has been on the right way even though the directives may have meant hardship for one or other of its members. The past success furthermore has proved that healthy breeding of dogs can only be carried out and developed if the breeder is guided by proper directives which teach him that by the intended multiplication of living creatures such as dogs who live close contact with humans, and especially German Shepherd Dogs, which are intended as valuable helpers of mankind, he takes on himself a not to be denied responsibility.

In free nature elimination of the unfit is an iron law of maintenance of the species. The fittest specimen generate, while weaklings and sick individuals die out. Not due to great fondness for animals, but mostly from egoistic reasons, man occasionally tries to raise and promote generation by all kinds of means of creatures which according to the intents of nature never would survive. If a breeding club, whose task is to maintain the breed in health and strength, furthers the intentions of breeders, whose task it is to acting according to the abovementioned principles, it would forfeit its name. By issuing of significant measures and required resolutions, a breeding club has to provide for the balance which free nature reaches by elimination of the unfit. It has to furnish precise and effective directives for the maintenance of soundness in the breed and it has to enforce that these directives are adhered

By its directives for breeding and Breed Survey the SV hs always acted in accordance with its responsibilities.

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Breed Survey Book (Koerbuch). At first this method was tried out with dogs only, but very soon it was extended also to bitches. Under the leadership of Cavalry Captain v Stephanitz, schooling courses were held for Survey Officers, during which specially efficient show judges were made familiar with tendency and purpose of Breed Survey and purpose of Breed Survey and its accomplishment. Directives pertaining to Breed Survey were prepared and Breed Survey was carried out in all German breeding areas.

In the beginning only a few Breed Survey Officers (Kormeister) were elected and appointed, but due to the fact that the Breed Survey became more and more valued by breeders who realised how important it was for breeding, it became necessary to select and appoint a larger number of Breed Survey Officers. This

breeding partner After conclusion of the yearly Breed Survey circle all certificates of dogs and bitches which had passed in this particular yea are being published in the Breed Survey Book, which is furnished to every Local Branch of the SV in Germany (e.g. 1,437 each (units?)). By this method, every breeder, after studying the book and with the advice offered by his local Breed Warden may select a breeding partner for his bitch, which he has probably never seen or of which he has never heard before. Puppies whose parents were passed in Breed Survey are provided with a red pedigree, while progeny from pare3nts which have not passed receive a white pedigree. In this manner, we can see at a glance whether the dog came from parents which have been considered as valuable for the improvement of the breed or not



LSC GROOMING

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There has recently been a lot of discussion about grooming of dogs and it occurred to me that being a good groomer is not a given, much like being able to style your own hair is an acquired skill. So given that I have a long stock coat who receives some very special attention from her breeder before she enters the ring, I thought I would ask two people whose skills I respect in this area for some tips on dog grooming.

The first, Karen Johnson runs her own grooming business in the Southern Highlands of NSW and the second is my personal backstop, Kurt Morton. Karen has also agreed to answer your grooming questions as a regular feature in the magazine and I would like to thank both and I hope everyone can find at least one valuable tip in their undoubted knowledge.

LET'S BEGIN

Firstly what we should all do is brush out any dead coat in the dog. But we all know that.

THE BATHING PROCEDURE

Whether you have a hydrobath or you are washing your dog in the bath at home, the number one rule in grooming to achieve the perfect finish is the bathing process. You must hand wash the dog - this means wetting the dog down and putting the shampoo on the skin. Rinsing the dog with running water then conditioning the coat then rinsing again until the water runs clear. Using a high quality dog shampoo and conditioner is a must; never use human shampoo. If you rinse thoroughly you should not get that dandruff coming through on your dog's coat.

THE DRYING PROCEDURE

Take the moisture from the dogs coat by towelling, the best way to get that show dog finish is to use a blowdryer, training your dog to stand on a grooming table is the best idea, you can then have the dog on a level that saves your back and this also makes it easier to blow the water out of the coat. Most dogs will happily adapt to being on a grooming table. Blowdrying will also give you that perfect finish, brush the coat in the direction that it lays, I normally use a pin brush

and a comb and finish with a nylon pin bristle brush. Most blowdryers can be bought on line starting from about \$100.00 once you have purchased one you will wonder why you had not done it before.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD GROOMING TOOLS

What should I buy? Good quality brushes and combs are a must you don't need to spend a fortune the dog shops at your local dog shows are an excellent place to purchase these. A comb without a handle fine/course is the way to go, a pin brush, a slicker brush to remove some of that dead coat, a finishing brush which is a Mason Pearson junior pin/bristle if your are wealthy but there are good quality look alike to the Mason Pearson that do the job just as well. My favourite saying at a dog show when friends ask me to help groom their dogs are what tools do you have? And no that's not a brush. Grooming your dogs before any show is a must. So on the day of the show you can just give them a touch up before going into ring, making your day more enjoyable. You should at all times be able to comb your show dogs through to the skin on show days it makes for the perfect coat finish. Hopefully this will become a regular segment in our magazine with new articles about products, tools, and question and answers re the problems people are having with their dog's coats.etc Hopefully next time we will discuss grooming the

CHEERS, KAREN







TOP TIPS FOR GROOMING YOUR TOP LONG STOCK:

COAT MAINTENANCE

The work required in order exhibit your LSC to a high standard starts weeks before any show. In order to exhibit your animal to a high level you need to maintain the coat regularly. After all, it is a definitive feature of the breed. Pertinently get to know your dogs coat type, texture and yearly rhythms. The best way to learn is by trial and error. This will help you discover what works well for your dog's coat. To groom your LSC correctly here are some general tips;

Get your dog used to being groomed, by starting from an early age.

- This includes brushing, washing (yes, in order to have a clean dog and clean coat, you need to wash them), blow drying and using the right tools on a regular basis.

REGULAR BRUSHING

- This helps to remove knots, remove dead coat and promotes new coat growth. Use a pin, slicker and comb brush to maintain coat, between and at shows. Brush your dog at least every second day and brush from the skin towards the end of the hair follicle
- Don't forget to brush the hock hair!

WASHING THE DOG ON A SEMI REGULAR BASIS

- Using the right shampoo and conditioner is vital, human products should always be avoided.
- A semi regular basis is ideal as required for the specialty show scene. This will remove knots, dead coat and promote new coat growth as well as leaving the coat shiny and smelling pleasant.
- For more regular showing, such as the All-breeds ring, washing can occur every week providing that the coat and skin is receiving enough moisture and conditioning..Your dog requires a thorough shampoo for an effective clean

and always rinse using fresh water.

It is beneficial for your dog's skin to shampoo and rinse thoroughly after a show if you have used a lot of grooming product (ie; mousse, hair spray etc)

CORRECT DRYING PROCEDURES ARE IMPERATIVE.

- If you correctly wash your dog's coat down to the skin, you're leaving a lot of moisture. In order to avoid any unwanted repercussions of doing so, proper drying is required. Blow-drying, towel drying or a combination of the two can achieve this.
- Thicker coats will take longer to dry, spend the time making the commitment, ensuring the skin is clean and dry.

WORK TO THE STRENGTHS OF YOUR DOG'S COAT TYPE & TEXTURE &OVERALL CONDITION

- Know where your dogs coat cycle and overall condition is at – if they're out of coat or out of condition (skinny), wash them as close to the show as possible. If they're in full coat, or heavy condition/out of condition make sure that you don't over "fluff" them (not that I condone showing a dog out of condition).
- Understanding your dogs coat will help to show them at their best. Obviously just as stock coated (short coated) German Shepherds vary in coat length or plush-ness, long stock coats vary too. Subsequently, there is no ideal day for a dog to be washed before a show and varies amongst dogs and their coat and condition. Knowing the amount of grooming that is required at each stage of your dogs condition and coat cycle and will help your LSC be exhibited to the best of your ability.

PROVIDE A NUTRITIOUS AND ADEQUATE DIET

- Subsequently this will also aid in producing a healthy and lusciouscoat.

Understanding your animal's coat may change what I have said, these are just general statements I have learnt from personal experience. Always remember the breed standard, it will help you groom your LSC to the correct type.



OXYTO(IN COULD THIS BE A SOLUTION?

We are all familiar with *Oxytocin* and its use for the induction of labour in whelping bitches. But now there is research and observational evidence to suggest that it may be very useful in promoting bonding between a bitch that has undergone a caesarean delivery and her whelps.

What follows is a record of an interview with Dr Stuart Mason BVSc at Monash Veterinary Clinic in Victoria following his recent overseas lecture on the use of intranasal Oxytocin therapy with maiden bitches that have undergone a caesarean delivery.



But first, a bit about this hormone and its uses.

Oxytocin is a peptide of made up of nine amino acids. It is produced in mammals, including humans and is produced in the hypothalamus, travelling to the pituitary gland for blood stream release or moving to other parts of the brain where it binds to like receptors that influence behaviour and physiology. It is a hormone. Various roles for Oxytocin have been identified in both genders and there is currently a great deal of research being undertaken to identify and evidence the benefits of Oxytocin in therapeutic situations. Some of the research currently being done includes:

- The use of Oxytocin in treatment of Autism. Oxytocin is being considered in the treatment of repetitive and affiliation behaviours in those affected with this spectrum disorder.
- Its role in developing trust and reduction of fear. Researchers have found that when administered nasally, there was a significant increase in trust shown by the research subjects when compared to a control group.
- How Oxytocin influences social behaviours. For example, when administered, it reduces the distance between males and females in social settings.
- The extent to which Oxytocin can influence human sexual response.
 Clues exist to suggest it may be very important terms of female sexual arousal, but this is in the early stages of research.

There is also evidence that the drug can make us more generous, help us lose weight, it acts as an anti depressant, is a great stress reliever and through its anti inflammatory properties, aids healing and pain relief.

So, all in all, it seems like an absolute miracle drug. But, many of these findings remain in the research stages and have little to do with dogs!

As mentioned earlier, Dr Stuart Mason recently delivered his observations at a recent gathering of veterinarians and whilst he has not published his observations as yet, he was happy to provide us with some of his observations about the use of *Oxytocin* administered intranasally, after a canine caesarean section. The Q & A is as follows:

Q.Is the failure to bond with whelps in this situation universal or are some breeds more adversely represented?

As a specialist in animal reproduction, we see a fair number of bitches in this situation. Some breeds appear to have more of a problem in accepting their puppies and not uncommonly will savage their puppies. American Pit Bull Terriers, Amstaffs, Rottweilers and GSDs have been observed to manifest this behaviour more frequently. This is observational data, rather than statistical record.

Q. Traditionally, how did we deal with these situations?

Many a breeder will recount stories of endless sleepless days where they have either resorted to muzzling the bitch and supervising her every moment in the day, or hand rearing puppies. Other methods used have been muzzling the mother, forcing her to feed her litter, a very stressful situation that can lead to loss of milk or milk being slowed from being let down

As in humans, the benefits of mother's milk over any commercially available product are well established and will always be preferable for the health and wellbeing of the puppy.

Q. So, Stuart, aside from the obvious stress and loss of sleep for the breeder, what is the problem with hand rearing of puppies?

Hand rearing and supplementary feeding are not ideal for puppies. There are many brands of supplementary milk sold in the market, none of which available in Australia are equivalent to canine milk. They lack the key nutritional elements and biological complexity of mother's milk which lead to a healthy gut and good growth in a puppy. There is also the issue of a developing immune system which benefits significantly from a mother's milk. Hand feeding a puppy can give rise to so many problems, such as over / under feeding, diarrhoea or poor nutrition. Added to this is the cost and time demands on the breeder. It could also be argued that many behavioural traits are passed to whelps in the mothering process, which may also suffer if the mother is unable to form the necessary attachment to her litter. If at all possible, it is better to avoid these risks by having the bitch mother well from

birth.

Q. In lay man's terms, what have you observed in your work?

Basically, for the past two years, I have been administering Oxytocin intranasally to maiden bitches after elective caesarean delivery. This is done either every 2 hours This equates with 127 post operative cases and when compared to bitches that had received no treatment in the past or had been sedated or restrained until mothering behaviour developed, the mothering behaviour developed more hastily through the administration of this therapy than it had previously.

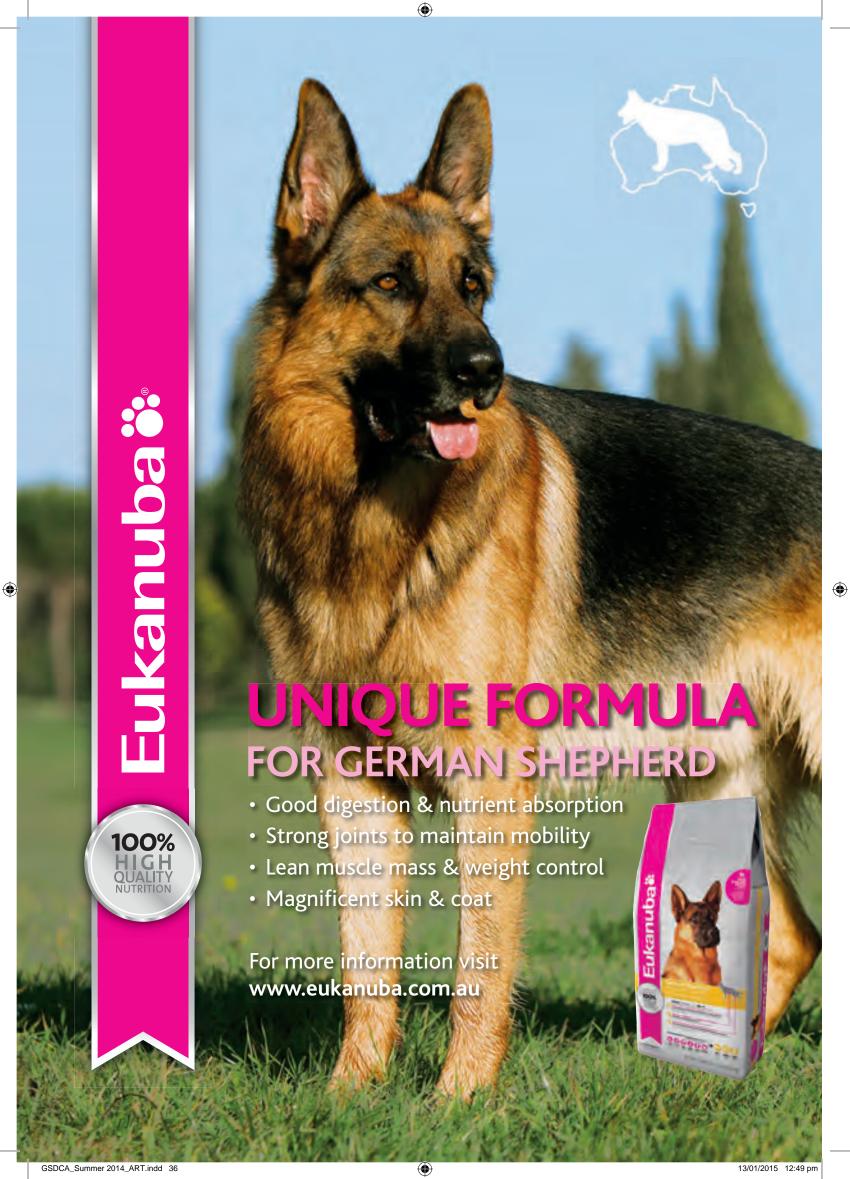
In that two year period since I began using this approach, none of the bitches treated have harmed a puppy. Usually, the desired behaviour will start to develop within 12-24 hours from the whelping. To date, clinical trials have not been undertaken to support these observational findings. Clinical experience and the body of literature does suggest that there is significant promise for this approach.

To conclude, I would say that the management of a bitch and her puppies in this situation is challenging for both the veterinarian and the breeder and that the use of this therapy shows promise for the support and welfare of the bitch and her puppies.

Q. Given these promising results, what would be the next stage in proving the link between the therapy and the result?

There is scope for researchers to perform CSF fluid analysis of bitches receiving oxytocin intranasally, to show that as in other species, intranasal administration either allows passage into the CSF or endogenous activation of cerebral oxytocin. Unfortunately there will never be the opportunity to undertake a clinical trial to prove that the therapy works, as each litter is different, and we can't administer the oxytocin to part of the bitch to see what would happen if she doesn't receive it. We, and other theriogenologists now using the therapy will continue to collate data on incidences of poor maternal behaviour despite the use of intranasal oxytocin and continueto document the time of onset of maternal behaviour subsequent to its administration to attempt to attain some good guidelines with treatment.

Thanks Stuart for providing this insight into your work.







GSDCA BREED SURVEYOR

The National Breed Commission Executive congratulates Mr Peter Flynn on being awarded GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status at the National Breed Commission (NBC) Meeting in July. This appointment is required to be ratified at the GSDCA AGM which will be held in the Sydney, in February 2015.

Mr Peter Flynn - South Australia

At the 2013 NBC Meeting Mr Peter Flynn was approved as a GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyor. Since that time Mr Peter Flynn has completed a series of mock breed surveys in South Australia and it is the opinion of the NBC Executive that he has displayed a high degree of knowledge not only the anatomical requirements of the GSD but also a sound knowledge of bloodlines of the current stud dog in Australia and overseas. Therefore the NBC Executive endorsed his application to become a GSDCA Breed Surveyor. Mr Peter Flynn has met all of the requirements needed to be considered to become a GSDCA Breed Surveyor and they are listed opposite;



- Owned and exhibited German Shepherd Dogs since 1986
- Has breed 10 animal presented ten animals to the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme
- Has been presented with the bronze GSDCA Breeders
 Achievement Award for having bred more than 20 animals
 that have achieved the GSDCA 'A' and 'Z' stamp
- Bred eighteen litters under the Siegerheims prefix many being placed at GSDCA National Show and Trial
- Member of the GSDC Victoria in 1986
- · Member of the GDSDC South Australia in 1989
- Committee/Treasurer of GSDC Victoria Eastern Branch 1986-1987
- Obedience Instructor of GSDC Victoria Eastern Branch 1987, 1990 – 1992
- Obedience Instructor of GSDC South Australia 1989
- Chief Instructor of GSDC Victoria Eastern Branch 1991 & 1992
- Show Manager for GSDC South Australia 1998-2000
- Show Manager for GSDC Victoria 2007-2009
- Show Instructor for GSDC Victoria 2006-2009
- Show Instructor for GSDC SA 2009-2010
- Currently the Treasurer for the GSDC South Australia since November 2011
- Obtained his ANKC Group 5 Judges License in 2000
- Completed the GSDCA Judges Extension Course in 2007
- From 2001 2006 my involvement with the German Shepherd Dog world in Australia was limited as was living Italy for work.
 His interest in the GSD was maintained with the opportunity to visit many shows in Germany and surrounding countries.
- Has judged the required number of shows with critiques and gradings for Junior and above.
- Completed a twelve month period of completing mock breed surveys in South Australia



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Melbourne 2015

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015

CONFORMATION: Herr Lothar Quoll (SV, Germany) - all Dogs (Stock Coat)

JUDGES: and all Dogs & Bitches (Long Stock Coat)

Herr Heinz Scheerer (SV, Germany) - all Bitches (Stock Coat)

Ms. Dawn Ayton (VIC) - Novice Obedience and Rally Novice **OBEDIENCE:**

JUDGES: Ms. Amanda Houston (WA) - Open, Rally Advanced A, Rally Excellent A

Ms. Jill Houston (WA) - Utility, Rally Advanced B, Rally Excellent B

Mr. Ross Carlson (VIC) - UDX and CCD



ENTRY FEES

CONFORMATION (all classes): Initial entry \$46.00, subsequent \$36.00 per class. (Baby Puppies only \$39 initial/ \$29 subsequent)
Send show entries to Show Secretary Vicki Dobson, PO Box 192

Send show entries to Show Secretary, Vicki Dobson, PO Box 192 Beveridge Vic. 3753, Ph. (03) 9745 2738 or mobile 0438 231861.

Please specify if LSC when entering and include the following information on entry forms – Titles, Breed Survey status, Hip & Elbow status ('A', 'Z' or recognized overseas schemes).

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY (all classes): Initial entry \$39.00,

subsequent \$29.00 per class.

Send Trial entries to Trial Secretary, Dearne Jackson, PO Box 397 Ashburton Vic. 3147, Ph. 0413 278042

Include all titles, and HAS for Open and Utility obedience classes. Initial entry fees include charge for Catalogue, and VCA levy. No entries accepted without fees. Please use separate entry form for each class/exhibit and enclose SAE if receipt required.

ONLINE ENTRIES for Show and Trials and payments for social events available at www.gsdcv.org.au/nationalshop

BREED SURVEY

If required, to be held on Thursday 7th May at 3.00pm at KCC Park. (Note: BS4 Form is required for animals not resident in Victoria.) Enquiries: Gillian (03) 54207385.

Applications close 30th April.

JUDGING TIMES: FRIDAY 8TH MAY

CONFORMATION: Vest Collection from 7.00am, judging commences at 8.00am with Baby Puppy Dog & Bitch (LSC and SC), followed by Minor Puppy Dog & Bitch (LSC and SC) and Junior Dog & Bitch (LSC and SC).

LSC classes (dog and bitch) will be judged in the Dog ring prior to corresponding SC Dog class, each day.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Classes will be judged by Ms Candy Baker (WA) during the lunch break.

RALLY TRIAL: Vetting/check in from 8.15am to 8.45am. Exhibitors must wear vest and attend photography ring at check-in. Judging commences 9.00am. Place sashes and mementos will be presented at conclusion of Trial.

Class winners must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday 10th May.

SATURDAY 9TH MAY:

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CONFORMATION: Sires Progeny assembly at 7.15am, to commence at 8.00am sharp, to be followed by Breeders' Groups, Puppy Dog & Bitch (LSC and SC), and Intermediate Dog and Bitch (LSC and SC). Judging in all rings will cease at 12.00 noon, for Official Opening ceremony.

OBEDIENCE: Vetting/check in from 8.15am to 8.45am. Exhibitors must wear vest and attend photography ring at check-in. Judging commences 9.00am. Place sashes and mementos will be presented at conclusion of Trial. Winner of Winners judged on Sunday (from Novice, Open, UD & UDX class winners with qualifying scores).

All class winners must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday 10th May.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY:

CONFORMATION: Commencing at 8.00am with Open Dog & Bitch (LSC) followed by Open Bitch (SC) and Open Dog (SC), followed by all Challenges. *No inter-sex or inter-variety judging*. 43rd National Show & Trial trophy presentations will be held following completion of judging.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure you are ready when called to enter the ring. There will be no exceptions made and all exhibitors will need to enter the ring when called to either present for an individual and or compete in the run-off of the class. Classes will not be held up due to exhibitors who may for whatever reason not be ready to compete when called.

Overseas handlers must be eligible to handle under the rules of the canine control in their country of residence.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

CONFORMATION: Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat (ANKC classes 1,2,3,4,5,11dogs / 1a,2a,3a,4a,5a,11a bitches): Baby Puppy - 3 mths and under 6 mths, Minor Puppy - 6 mths & under 9 mths, Puppy - 6 mths & under 12 mths, Junior - 9 mths & under 18 mths, Intermediate - 18 mths & under 36 mths, Open - 6 months and over. (Ages apply from the first day of the show.)

SPECIAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

SIRE'S PROGENY PARADE: Entry is automatic. A minimum of five progeny aged nine months or over and entered in the Conformation classes, both SC and LSC, will be automatically catalogued with the Sire's name and exhibit number. The Sire need not be present or entered in the Show.

The classes are non-competitive but will receive a commentary. Only Sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme are eligible.

BREEDERS GROUPS: Each comprising five animals, from at least 2 Sires and 2 Dams. Breeders may enter more than one group if desired. A separate entry form must be received by the closing date – no entry fee.

Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary before the completion of judging on Friday 30th April.

GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE: Teams of four exhibits, exhibits can be mixed from different classes of obedience – Names of teams, handlers and dogs' names must be provided to the Trial Manager prior to the commencement of the Trial. At least three of the exhibits must qualify, exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored.

SPECIAL PRIZES

CONFORMATION: "Walter Reimann Trophy" for Open Dog (SC) Winner, "Roy Brabham Trophy" for Open Bitch (SC) Winner, "Max Stokes Trophy" for Junior Bitch (SC) winner, Trophy and sash for all class winners and Breeders Group Winner. Sash and memento for second to tenth place. Sashes for Challenge Winners. (No inter-sex or inter-variety competition at this show.) "Sam Bonifacio

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Trophy" awarded to most successful kennel at the National, scored on results over the three days. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place exhibits graded Excellent in Open classes (SC and LSC).

OBEDIENCE: "Rick Richardson Trophy" for Winner of Winners. Trophy and sash for all class winners (qualifying scores only), sash and memento for second to fifth place. "David O'Rourke Trophy" and sash for Best Dual Performance exhibit in show & trial. (Rules for the Dual Performance Trophy may be viewed at the Show Secretary's Office.) Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in Winner of Winners.

GRADINGS

CONFORMATION: Gradings will be awarded at the Judge's discretion: 'Promising' and 'Very Promising' in Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes. 'Good' & 'Very Good' to animals over 12 mths in Junior, Intermediate & Open Classes.

The grading of 'Excellent', and National Excellent medallion will be awarded as per GSDCA rules only to exhibits 2 years of age or over, entered in the Open Classes and classified Cl.1 or Cl.11 under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme (or other GSDCA approved scheme.)

OBEDIENCE: Gradings will be awarded to those exhibits achieving the following scores in Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes: 'Good' 170 – 179 points, 'Very Good' 180 – 189 points, and 'Excellent' 190 – 200 points, and in CCD class and Rally classes: 'Good' 85 – 89 points, 'Very Good' 90 – 94 points, and 'Excellent' 95 – 100 points. 'Pass' certificate for Rally scores of 70 to 84.

The National Excellent (triangular) medal will be awarded as per GSDCA rules only to exhibits in the Obedience classes scoring 190 – 200 points (or 95 – 100 in CCD). 'Excellent in Trial' (round) medallion will be awarded for scores of 95 – 100 in the Rally Trial.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL PLACE-GETTERS

are required for publication in the Quarterly National Review (places 1 – 10 Conformation and 1 – 5 Obedience and Rally). An official photographer will be present at the venue, and will photograph place-getters at no charge. Exhibitors may supply their own photographs to the Editor within 14 days.

Please refer to Editor's requirements for photographs, which will be printed in the catalogue.)

CORPORATE TENTS

Pre-erected "Corporate" Tents can be reserved through the Show Secretary before close of entries, subject to payment of fee of \$260 per tent.

Limited numbers available.

Note: No cooking in hired tents. Hirers shall be responsible for any damage to hired tents.

Please note: Exhibitor's tents may only be erected after 3.00pm on Thursday 7th April.

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING:

Advertising in the show catalogue at \$100 per page (B&W) or \$150 colour - can be booked with Ian Urie, email ian.urie@ bigpond.com Copy must be provided (in Word or PDF format, A5 page size) by 20th March 2015.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

MEET AND GREET AND WELCOME BBQ: (5.00pm to 8.00pm) following Breed Survey on Thursday. Free sausage sizzle for all, with steaks and drinks available for purchase.

Please advise numbers attending on your booking slip, for catering purposes.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER DANCE: All welcome. Three course meal, live music, drinks at bar prices. To be held at Sandhurst Club, 75 Sandhurst Blvd (off Thompsons Road, approx 2km from KCC Park ground) at 7.30pm on Friday evening 8th May. (Tickets, @ \$65.00 per head, must be paid by close of entries.)

Book early and don't miss out! There will be a presentation given by our Dog Judge and SV Breed Warden Herr Lothar Quoll, on the Select groups at the 2014 Sieger Show, following dinner.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AND PARTY: at grounds, after completion of judging - \$35.00 per head (2 course meal) Bar facilities available. After dinner music and dancing! (Payment must be received with entries.)

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS: at completion of judging on Sunday. No charge. Nibbles and bar facilities available.

43RD NATIONAL MERCHANDISE & MEMORABILIA

Only a few selected items will be available for sale at the event. (Orders will be taken on the weekend, for delivery at a later date.) Items pre-ordered, and with payment received before 10th April 2015, will be available for collection at the National. Products can be viewed at www.gsdcv.org.au/2015merchandise

ONLINE PAYMENT

and booking for Show and Trial entries, Social events and Merchandise is available at www.gsdcv.org.au/nationalshop . (General information and updates for all news about the National can be found at our dedicated 43rd National webpage: www.gsdcv.org.au/2015National

FUNDRAISING

The 43rd National GSD Show and Trial will be supporting the E.J. Whitten Foundation for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Men's Health. EJ "Teddy" Whitten was a well known Victorian AFL footballer and legendary stalwart of the Western Bulldogs (formerly Footscray) Club, who sadly succumbed to prostate cancer. The foundation was set up in his memory. Fundraising at the show will contribute to this charity and GSDCA Member Clubs are encouraged to conduct fundraising prior to the National and/ or make donations to the cause.



ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015

SHOW ENTRIES TO: VICKI DOBSON, PO BOX 192, BEVERIDGE, VIC. 3753 ENQUIRIES: PH. (03) 9745 2738, OR 0438 231861 (AFTER 11AM PLEASE)

TRIAL ENTRIES TO: DEARNE JACKSON, PO BOX 397 ASHBURTON, VIC. 3147 ENQUIRIES: PH. 0413 278042 (BEFORE 9PM PLEASE)

BOOKING SLIP 43RD NATIONAL

Name					
Phone No.			E-Mail		
*Mobile number (f	or contact at Show)				
Conformation:		Initial entry @ \$46.00 (includes catalogue and VCA levy)			
		(* Baby Pi	uppies only: \$39 if ini	tial entry, inc. cat. & levy)	\$
		Subseque	ent entries		
		@ \$36.00 per class			
		(* Baby P	(* Baby Puppies only: \$29 per subsequent entry)		\$
Obedience and Rally:		Initial enti	y @ \$39.00 (includes	catalogue and VCA levy)	
		Subseque	ent entries		
			@ \$29.00 per class		\$
Catalogue only:		@ \$10.00 each		\$	
Social events:		Meet & G	reet (Free Sausage Siz	zzle)	
		*Please a	dvise no. attending _		\$
President's Dinne	r Dance:	No	@ \$65.00 per p	person	\$
Saturday night Pa	rty (incl. Meal)	No	@ \$35.00 per p	person	\$
Donations:					\$
Merchandise:					
Quantity	Code/description		Colour	Size	\$

TOTAL: (Cheques to be made payable to GSDCV Inc.)

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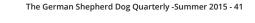
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