



The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

**ANNUAL REPORT
2016**

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PRESENTING

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

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It is with great pleasure that I present the 2016 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

This Annual Report includes the activities and involvement of the Council, including the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive, Position Holders and Member Clubs during the year.

All persons in charge of areas within a GSDCA portfolio were approached to submit a report and I very much appreciate those who have taken the time to provide the history of activities throughout the year. The historical importance of these reports will be of immeasurable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

On behalf of the Executive, I acknowledge our sincere appreciation to all those members of Member Clubs who have shown commitment and dedication with contributing towards the running of each Club and their events over the years. Your efforts help to showcase our beloved breed across the country.

I trust you will enjoy reading the information contained in this report and every effort was made to ensure all names are correct within this report and as such apologise for any errors that may have been overlooked.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and position holders for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling me to have this report completed in readiness for the 56th GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne, Victoria.

Val Moody
Honorary Secretary

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Mrs. Dawn Fraser AO MBE

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Regulations Officer	Sharon Thorp
Trophy Officer	Terry Jarvis
Database Coordinator	Frank Moody
Historian	N/A
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MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2016

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Treasurer	Peter Flynn
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President	Ken Millhouse/Dave Griffin
Vice President	Greg Priest
Secretary	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Carol Millhouse/Janet Haase

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

President	Vince Ebejer
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2 nd Vice President	Louisa Rodger
Secretary	Melissa Siktars
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Jenny Yuen
Training Administrator	Marilyn Wrigley

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

President	Ian Marr
Vice President	John Crace
Secretary	Anna Mitchell
Treasurer	Eric Herson/Joan McMulkin
Breed Affairs Chair	Natalie Humphries
Show Chair	Bronson Pereira
Obedience Chair	Honey Gross-Richardson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Vince Tantaro

Ladies, Gentleman and visitors, I again welcome you and look forward to your participation in the 56th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

I am happy to report that communication between Member Clubs, their members and the Executive has again been further improved and both direct dealings and use of technology has ensured all are informed sooner of decisions and or actions undertaken by the Executive. Further, my aim of seeing frank and open discussion has been achieved. The Council, as a whole, has become more professional in the way it conducts its business and fulfils its main mission: not only the caretaker of the GSD in Australia, but importantly a driver that sees continued development and ensuring the welfare of the breed continues.

The Executive is a team, and the past year has seen it work tirelessly in administering the affairs of the Council. It has demonstrated a level of professionalism that has further earned respect from the Member Clubs and their members. I can assure you that its decisions are made with full knowledge and owned as a whole by all of us. In the past I have mentioned that the level of respect between Club Presidents and the Executive had to improve in order for the Council to progress as a united team. I now feel that after 5 years at the helm that there is now a high degree of trust between us. I can only again reiterate the fact that when Council makes a decision it is owned by all Member Clubs. I thank the Club Presidents for their leadership and the many members who voluntarily devote much time and effort to ensure the German Shepherd Dog is well served and promoted throughout Australia. I would like to make special mention of the following Member Club officials who are no longer in the positions they once held:

- **Greg Jones** as immediate past President of the GSDL was a welcomed new face, who in a short time did contribute positively to the Council. It is indeed unfortunate that due to health concerns, he stepped down. We wish him good health for the future.
- **Ken Millhouse** as immediate past President and Carol Millhouse, as past Breed Affairs Administrator of the GSDC Tasmania, as relatively new faces, injected new found enthusiasm to a small club that was grappling with internal power struggles.
- **Leeanne Lynch**, as immediate past Secretary, NHRGSDC had been a long time position holder and very dedicated to the breed, her club and the Council. She was a proud supporter of the Council and I would on behalf of the Council note her work and contribution over the many years she has been involved with our breed.

I have made the following statement in one form or another in all of my reports over the years and again want to emphasise the fact that the GSDCA is the Member Clubs; the Executive is not the Council. The Executive, as elected, is in place to administer the business of the Council and is expected to show leadership by putting forward discussion items and or programs for the Member Clubs to consider, amend, reject and/or accept in order to progress the GSD in Australia. Further, it is important that the membership understands that the Council has no control over the way each Member Club conducts its affairs: that control is held by the Clubs' respective membership. What the Council does expect is that their members are kept informed and have a right to contribute and or initiate debate via their Club on matters related to breed welfare and improvement of national programs that serve the breed. I can only again reiterate how important it is that members ensure they voice their grievances, opinions, and/or put forward ideas at Member Club meetings.

I again thank all the Officers of the Council and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work for the Council in the past year. We have as a team achieved much. I again point out that many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles are praised for their continuing contribution to their Clubs.

I would personally like to thank my fellow Executive Members and note:

Joylene Neddermeyer, NBC Chairperson: Joylene, who has held this position for 16 years, administers what is a very large portfolio. She has, as we are all aware, decided to stand down from this position and later in the day we will celebrate her contribution to the breed, this council and the members it serves. She has, as in past years, administered a portfolio that requires much of her spare time and made freely available to the membership either by the phone or presenting her bloodline lectures to Member Clubs. As a member of the NBC Executive and together with Robyn Knuckey and me, she has seen many matters progressed and or resolved. The fact that Joylene fully supported and



accepted my approach which saw the NBC Executive as a collective decide on most NBC matters must be acknowledged. It is my belief in that this single step of having the NBC Executive, and not only the NBC Chairperson, own the decisions has seen NBC Executive as far more effective and its workings more transparent for all to see. As President I have been fortunate to have her hold this position during my 2 terms. Her idealism and approach has complemented not only the rest of the Executive during that time, but my own ideals and vision for the improvement of the breed and Council. I sincerely thank her for her friendship and dedication over the many years she has served this Council and Breed.

Val Moody, Secretary: Val as Secretary has held this position for 16 years and holds a wealth of corporate knowledge. She is most sharing and professional in all she does. We continue to work very well together and I, as does the rest of the Executive, value her well-considered advice on all matters. I am indeed pleased that she has decided to serve another term as Secretary.

Robyn Knuckey, Judges Committee Chairperson: Robyn has seen her work together with the NBC Executive in identifying and proposing changes to regulations with regard to judges training and conformation shows. Her approach has earned her the respect of her peers and her valued input on all matters is proactive and well considered.

John De Lucia, Obedience Committee Chairperson. John not only administers his portfolio but has another major role: that as President GSDCSA, and is able to not only contribute on obedience matters, but far wider issues. I would like to again congratulate John and all who played a part in finally seeing the GSDCA Character Working Assessment (CWA) conducted at some of our Member Clubs. It must be noted that the CWA is the only character working test this Council in its 50+ year history has approved and put in place! This is another, albeit very late, milestone for the Council, therefore we now have a test that can be promoted, conducted and if need be further enhanced.

Jane Pike, Treasurer: Jane as Treasurer has a wealth of experience in administration and continues to ensure accounts are up to date and Member clubs well informed regarding the financial health of our organisation. She provides valuable support to the rest of the Executive and continues to contribute positively with her proactive and practical approach to the business of Council.

Jacinta Poole, Editor: Quarterly National Review (QNR): Jacinta in her first year as Editor has made a notable impact. The QNR has a new look and feel about it. The added bonus is that Jacinta has, with her hard work, found savings that may help the magazine survive. The added bonus of having Jacinta on board is that she is involved at grass roots as an instructor and has IT skills that sees the council website continually updated. Jacinta has demonstrated she is most capable and able to positively contribute on all matters the executive considers.

I would again remind Member Clubs and their members that as volunteers, GSDCA Officers and members of the Executive do face other pressures and at times are unable to meet the instant demands of the membership. It must also be noted that at times circumstances outside the control of the Executive impact on services provided. In these cases I can only urge all to show patience.

The major highlight of the Council every year is the conduct of the National GSD Show & Trial which this year saw GSD League host the event on behalf of the Council. It must be noted that this Club has a proud history of conducting this showcase event. On behalf of the Council I again thank the Club for staging a memorable event.

With regard to this event, we must utilise the opportunity that this event offers the host club: It must be used to showcase the Breed. I urge Member Clubs which are to conduct this event in the future to start planning as soon as a year is allocated to you. We must find ways to further enhance the event as a promotional and marketing tool for the host Member Club and Council. We have in the past chosen a charity to donate to: this has had limited success in achieving attention. The main challenge is to ensure that the entry is maximised, as we have in recent years seen the entry at all Member Club shows dropping. We no longer see many enthusiasts travelling interstate to member club shows hence the 'National' must be promoted as the "must go to" show. The 'Trial' at this event presents even more challenges as the number of GSD's in Member Club Trials has been downward for quite a number of years. It is important that this event is held at or around the same time each year (May) and an earnest discussion is held as to where it is held and be mindful that 'hot' weather and showing / trialling dogs does little to promote the fact we have the welfare of our breed nor our aging handler pool at heart.



The first review of the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme since put in place was held prior to the 2016 NBC Meeting. The outcomes of the meeting have been well reported and as a result motions proposed that relate to accountability and compliance will, if passed, see GSDCA Service Agreements in place for all GSDCA Breed Surveyors. Noting the fact that the forum was conducted as a direct response to questions about the conduct of Breed Surveyors with regard to consistency and accountability and further driven by a web based survey of some 250+ members who expressed their concerns regarding Breed Survey, which was analysed and presented for all to see, I find it embarrassing and am extremely disappointed in learning from members who attended Club meetings that a small number of our Breed Surveyors and Judges voiced their opposition against and voted against the introduction of this Service Agreement at their Member Clubs meetings. I do not understand how anyone who is seen as a respected peer / leader amongst the fraternity and who promotes breed survey and its ideals would want to breed with unsurveyed animals. It must also be noted that the forum as a collective agreed to support the introduction of a service agreement to meet concerns regarding GSDCA Breed Surveyor accountability and compliance.

It is my intention to propose a similar service contract for the NBC Executive to consider, which will apply to our GSDCA Specialist Judges, as they too are members of the peer / leadership group and promote by their judging the ideals of the Council.

The forum reaffirmed what I proposed as an aspirational goal several years ago: the introduction of an ANKC Litter Registration Limitation that will only have GSD's that are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or recognised, to be bred with. The NBC Executive will discuss this and we hope to present a 5 year plan at the next NBC meeting.

The GSDCA Future Directions Forum held 4 years ago clearly identified a need across all Member Clubs for change and succession planning. In that time I have observed very little has changed and club committees have not had major changes. This coupled with fact that there is no 'next' generation that is willing and or inclined to take a hand in administering canine affairs, sees we have a real threat to our sport and serving the GSD. I can only urge our younger members to "have a go" and run for positions, and those of us that have been around for the past 30+ years to encourage and or mentor our younger members to take over. Structured change does work and will benefit the organisation.

Responsible Dog Ownership: We must not underestimate the threat and realisation of restrictive and discriminatory dog legislation. The recent debacle in Victoria which saw punitive measures taken against ALL breeders as opposed to targeting the 'puppy farms' the legislation was originally intended for, again demonstrates to us the need for each Member Club to be vigilant with regard to what legislation is in the pipeline, to work very closely with their Canine Control and have in place strategies which see the promotion of responsible dog ownership.

In closing, I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality as extended to my wife Frances and myself during our visits. I would like to thank Frances for her undying support and understanding. It is important to realise the sacrifice our partners and families make that allow us to follow a passion and do much work at their expense in our positions.

I again thank the membership and my fellow Executive, for their continued support and confidence in me.

I only trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

Thank You
Vince Tantaro
President



TREASURER'S REPORT – Ms. Jane Pike

I present to the Members of Council and my fellow Executive the audited financial statements for the organisation for the financial year ending 30 September 2016.

The financial report shows an operating deficit for the year of \$9,024 compared to 2014/2015 of \$10,443. The main contributing factor to the deficit is the National Breed Commission income is down by \$6,814 which is influenced by HD/ED income down from \$6,834 to \$1,970 and Breed Survey income down from \$4,972 to \$4,561.

The Registrars are reminded on a regular basis, and leading up to the end of the financial year, to ensure that all monies are banked however, \$1,963 has been banked by Clubs in October for HD/ED which more than likely relates to the 2015/2016 financial year. This will then reflect at the end of the new financial year as an increase.

Increase in travel expenses of approximately \$900 reflects the cost of sending a second surveyor to survey's that traditionally only had one surveyor. Thanks must go to the GSDC of Tasmania members for accommodating surveyors, at no cost to Council, when surveys are held.

Council spends significant money on Junior Showmanship, Service and Obedience awards which are presented each year at the GSDCA National Show & Trial. Medallions and plaques for the HD/ED Control Scheme Bronze, Silver, Gold medallions and plaques are also provided from Council funds annually.

Stock on hand – Below is a summary as at 30 September 2016

Details	2016
Golden Jubilee Book (Leather)	5
Golden Jubilee Book (Soft Cover)	197
Standard Excellent Conformation	400
Standard Excellent Obedience	65
National Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals	50
National Excellent	322
National Obedience Excellent	23
National Memento	465
National Service Award	2
National Medal Presentation Cases	18
Sitting GSD on base	3

GSDCA Polo Shirts have sold well with 70 being purchased since March this year. Whilst we are not making a huge profit the intent is more about exposure and I understand that the shirts were prominent in Europe at the Sieger shows in 2016.

If you have any enquires regarding the Financial Statements please contact me on mobile 0413 347 247 or email treasurer@gsdcouncilaustralia.org prior to the meeting so that I can ensure that I have the information available to answer questions at the meeting.

Thank you to all Member Club position holders for your assistance and prompt payment of accounts and to my fellow members of Executive for their assistance and support during the year.



GSDCA Scale of Charges as from 1 July 2016 – GST INCLUSIVE

Service or Product		Charge to Clubs/Applicant	Charge to Members by Clubs
TATTOO CHARGES			
Tattoo per pup		\$2.00	
Tattoo Prefix		\$25.00	
AUS Number		\$25.00	
TOOTH CERTIFICATE			
Tooth Certificate		\$40.00	
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION			
Breed Survey Pass		\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Fail		\$27.00	\$35.00
Breed Survey Book 2012 & 2013		\$50.00	
Breed Survey Book 2011		\$40.00	
Breed Survey Book 2010 and prior		\$20.00	
GSDCA Title Verification		\$25.00	
HD & ED CONTROL SCHEME			
Charge to Members and payable to National Council			
HD/ED Appeal		\$130.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows		\$68.00	
HD/ED Form – Hips only		\$50.00	
HD/ED Form – Elbows only		\$33.00	
Paid to Readers by National Council (*GST Exclusive)			
HD/ED – Readers Charge		\$49.74 *	
HD - Readers Charge		\$31.09 *	
ED - Readers Charge		\$18.63 *	
QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW			
QNR Magazine cost to members per edition		\$5.50	
QNR Advertising – Front Cover		\$300.00	
QNR Advertising – Back Cover		\$250.00	
QNR Advertising – Full Page		\$500.00	
QNR Advertising – Double Spread		\$900.00	
QNR Advertising – Half Page		\$275.00	
QNR Advertising – Quarter Page		\$115.00	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber - Australia		\$55.00	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – New Zealand		\$63.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – SE Asia		\$65.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – UK/Europe/ USA/Canada		\$70.00 AUD	
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEDALS/PLAQUES			
Standard Conformation Excellent Medal (Round)		\$4.40	
Standard Obedience in Trial Excellent Medal (Round)		\$15.00	
National Show Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals (Large Round)		\$7.50	
National Show National Conformation Excellent Medal (Large Round)		\$7.50	
National Show Obedience Excellent Medal (Triangle)		\$22.00	
National Show Memento (Octagonal)		\$9.50	
National Council Award of Merit Plaque Excellent Graded Animals		\$22.00	
GOLDEN JUBILEE EDITION			
Soft Cover		\$75.00	
GSDCA MEETING SUBSIDY based on KMs by air (maximum \$1,000.00 total)			
	Venue: Adelaide	Venue: Sydney	Venue: Melb
GSDC of Qld	\$220.00	\$126.00	\$226.00
N&HRGSDC	\$173.00	\$22.00	\$140.00
ACT GSDA	\$134.00	\$54.00	\$73.00
GSDC of Tasmania	\$174.00	\$192.00	\$99.00
GSDA of WA	\$299.00	\$606.00	\$462.00



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (the "Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2016, and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information to the financial report and the statement by the Committee of Management.

Responsibility of the Committee of Management for the financial report

The Committee of Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial report, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA) and the needs of the Members. This responsibility includes such internal controls as the Committee of Management determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

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In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the applicable independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion,

- a the financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc
 - i presents fairly, in all material respects, the Association's financial position as at 30 September 2016 and of its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1.

Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. meet the requirements of the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc and should not be distributed to parties other than German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

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S K Edwards
Partner - Audit & Assurance

Adelaide, 13 December 2016



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 8:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2016:

- (a) (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;
(ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
(iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;

has or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

- (b) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc has received directly or indirectly from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than those who are employees and remunerated under normal commercial terms.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:


.....
PRESIDENT


.....
TREASURER

Dated this 13th day of December 2016



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs. Val Moody

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 56th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) being held in Melbourne, Victoria and present to you my Annual Report.

In March of 2016 the GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, our most prestigious event held during the year, was hosted by the German Shepherd Dog League and was held at the Bill Spilstead Complex, Orchard Hills, New South Wales. It was with great pleasure that the GSDCA Patron, Mrs. Dawn Fraser AO MBE agreed once again to attend the National, and she was delighted to have the opportunity to meet all members over the weekend.

I extend my congratulations to the extremely efficient group of workers and those from other State Clubs and the Executive that lent a helping hand prior to and during the event.

As always, an extremely well run and most successful National.

As part of the National Show & Trial, the chosen charity by the German Shepherd Dog League was the St. Johns Ambulance Australia (NSW) and the total raised was \$388.50.

Congratulations to all those who contributed so generously to this great cause and a huge thank you to one and all for the support.

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received Awards at the 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2016.

HONOUR ROLL

Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS

GOLD	*Labo vom Schollweiher (Deu) aED	Owned by Alder/Ven Helvoort/Martens
SILVER	*Ch. Freemont Hells Bells AZ	Owned by S L & J Lynch
BRONZE	*Xaro von der Plessenburg (Deu) aED	Owned by Zandrac Kennels

Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES

GOLD	*Zicke vom Feuermelder (Deu) aED	Owned by Haase/Oar
SILVER	*Ch. Leberhine Umeeke AZ	Owned by R & D Evans & H Garvican
BRONZE	*Pedra Degli Achai (Ity) aED	Owned by KR, RT and CA Knuckey

Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS

GOLD	*Ch. Erioca Catch Me If You Can AZ	Owned by K. Leonard
SILVER	*Ch. Babanga Mr Anderson AZ	Owned by P & K York & C Craig
BRONZE	*Ch. Denargun Uncle Fester AZ	Owned by K. O'Brien

Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES

GOLD	*Ch. Avahlee Girls Keep Secrets AZ ET	Owned by J & I Hayton & D Mayne
SILVER	*Ch. Vladimir Insaisable AZ	Owned by D West
BRONZE	*Lawine Quira AZ	Owned by M Hornick

Medal Winners – Obedience

GOLD	Koonski Dash Of Pepper CDX	Owned by P Bailey
SILVER	*Harlerose Angel AZ	Owned by J M Urie
BRONZE	O GrdCh Koonski Just A Dash AZ UDX	Owned by K Minton

Breeders Group Trophy

Kuirau Kennels	Owned by P D & J Murray
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MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Walter Reimann Memorial Trophy <i>Open Dog Winner</i>	*Labo vom Schollweiher (Deu) aED	Owned by Alder/Ven Helvoort/Martens
Max Stokes Memorial Trophy <i>Junior Bitch Winner</i>	Sundaneka Inca Gold	Owned by G & K Stevenson
Roy Brabham Memorial Trophy <i>Open Bitch Winner</i>	*Zicke vom Feuermelder (Deu) aED	Owned by Haase/Oar
David O'Rourke Memorial Trophy <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	*Harlerose Angel AZ	Owned by J M Urie
Rick Richardson memorial Trophy <i>Winner of Winners</i>	Koonski Dash Of Pepper CDX	Owned by P Bailey
Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy <i>Most Successful Breeder</i>	Eroica Kennels	Owned by K Leonard (Eroica Kennels)

GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the "GSDCA Service Award" at the 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2016 for their dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and continued support and commitment at Club/Canine Control level.

- ❖ Ms. Tiki Friezer
- ❖ Mrs. Judy Connors
- ❖ Mr. Greg Jones
- ❖ Mr. Hugh Gent OAM (ANKC President)

GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations to Police Dog "Rumble" and handler Snr. Constable Muletta who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award presented posthumously in March 2016 at the 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2016.

GSDCA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD:

At the 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2016 the GSDCA Special Recognition Award was presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaró and congratulations are extended to:

- ❖ Mrs. Yvonne Yun Service to Council GSDCA QNR Editor
- ❖ Mr. Mobin Pour Nowrouz (Darwin) and GSD "Buddy"
(Protecting his home and owners from Burglars).

GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS:

The GSDCA President, Vince Tantaró and the GSDCA Obedience Chair Mr. John DeLucia presented the GSDCA Obedience Awards to:

Mrs. Julir Urie
"Best Community Companion Dog"
Harlesrose Angel "A" "Z"

Mrs. Kerrie Pearce
"Best Novice Dog"
T. Ch. Glenbala Bratsarefun CCD



During July of 2016, I attended the Breed Surveyors/Judges Meeting, National Breed Commission Meeting and Judges Committee Meeting hosted by the German Shepherd Dog League of New South Wales.

This weekend also encompassed the Breed Survey Forum which was most interesting with healthy debate taking place. I wish to thank Melanie Groth, Janet Haase and Vince Tantaró for the work and effort put into the preparation for the forum and a special thank you to Annette Whiley whose analysis of the edata and presentation of this data helped drive discussions. This was a most successful venture.

I wish to thank the GSD League for hosting these events and express my appreciation for the work undertaken by all those involved. Well done to all and thank you!

I would like to express my appreciation to all Member Club Presidents, Secretaries and Committee's for their continued support throughout this year.

My sincere appreciation is also extended to Barbara Blythe, for her valuable expertise in taking the minutes of the meetings held during the year and over the weekend of the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you so much Barbara, I and the Executive do appreciate the work and effort you put in.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Quarterly National Review Editor, Jacinta Poole, on her ability to undertake the production of a magazine that covers the many topics and aspects of this organisation and keep the membership interested in reading the final product. Well done Jacinta!

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to Joylene Neddermeyer, her dedication to the task of NBC Chair cannot be questioned. We have worked extremely well together during the 16 years Joylene has been in the position, with a strong friendship the outcome.

Joylene has shown extreme professionalism whilst in the position of NBC Chair and has shown over the years, no fear or favour. Everyone is treated the same, an even playing field, and her favourite saying is, "if there is a regulation" then it must be adhered to, no matter who or what the situation is. An admirable trait!

I hope that Joylene's decision to not restand will allow her time to reflect and move onto other things that will give her more life experiences and many pleasurable escapades in the future.

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome Melanie Groth as the NBC Chairperson for 2017/18. I look forward to working with her and offer my assistance at any time.

Many thanks to my fellow Executive and Position Holders for their assistance and support over the year and I look forward to ensuring that the foreseeable future of this organization and the German Shepherd Dog in Australia is maintained.



MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert

The association's membership has picked up again and this can largely be attributed to the performance and activities of our training school.

The association meets every Wednesday night on the grounds we lease from the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC). Our lease is for our training night only, plus a set number of days for other activities such as our Championship Show etc. This means that the grounds can be leased to other organisations and this has been a major issue during the year.

While the annual events Summernats, The Canberra Royal Agricultural Show and the Folk Festival impact on the standard of our grounds things were aggravated in 2016.

The African Circus was located on the grounds for a number of weeks we were also impacted by the National Caravan Rally and the National Motor-home Rally. The worst problem was the Caravan Rally as when it finished just a couple of days before our October Show and a dose of heavy rain, which left a couple of muddy tracks across the grounds and a large mud patch at the entrance. The weather did become fine for the weekend and we did manage to fit 2 rings into the remaining grassed area.

Our membership is in the order of 170 members including life members. As noted, our major activity is the obedience school with a turn-up of 45 to 60 members Wednesday night regardless of the weather. This says a lot for the management of the school and the participating instructors. It also reflects the initiative by puppy sellers to refer purchasers to the association. This is particularly important for the initial socialising of the pup and we keep the training school in action for the baby puppy classes through the Christmas recess area.

Our obedience classes cover the basics from baby puppy socialising and lessons on how to look after and manage the puppy all the way through to CCD, CD and CDX. We have also commenced to incorporate Rally-O as well as aspects of the CWA into our instructions.

With the increased interest into obedience we have also commenced to run a couple of obedience trials. In addition the association also hosts an annual Endurance Test on behalf of Dogs ACT. Members have completed CCD, CD and CDX titles – well done!

The participation of members in the area of Conformation Showing has brought success. The showing includes the specialty ring as well as local All Breeds events. The All Breeds scene tends to bring fluctuating fortunes and enables us to give the local judges an opportunity to see some quality GSDs. However, all too often the old style dogs are preferred at these shows.

Once again the Association conducted 2 Championship Shows on the October 2016 long weekend. While, as noted, the state of the grounds left a lot to be desired the show went well. Once again we managed to share our Italian judge with New Zealand.

We conducted one breed survey in November. I must note that for us the issue of the second surveyor is still of concern as we see it as a waste of money regardless of the concept of the GSDCA paying for the second surveyor.



President GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis

Having been elected to the position of President for the coming year I am pleased to present an overview report on the activities of the German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc. over the past twelve months and into 2017

The League has had a very successful year in regard to Membership in being able to finish the year some seven members ahead of the previous year and taking into account the League had sadly lost seven members who passed away during the past twelve months. To improve membership is a great achievement in today's climate. The League is also in the throes of opening a Branch to be known as The Taree Branch of the GSDL and we hope to extend our membership even more this coming twelve months.

As you are all aware the League hosted the 44th National Show & Trial which was a great success and we wish the Queensland Club all the best in hosting the 45th National Show & Trial. Many members came to the fore when required to ensure the smooth running of this show. I was able write and get two and a half pages with photos in the NSW Canine Journal which was well received.

The League was fortunate enough to have had a new cover put over the bitch ring to match the dog ring, plus a loud speaker system installed by Dogs NSW, and our awning across the front of the building proved a great asset. The League has a very good relationship with Dogs NSW which is of prime importance to us.

The League has attended several promotional events to keep the German Shepherd to for forefront of the public and will continue to embrace these events in the coming twelve months.

The League also offers judging appointments to all those people who have successfully passed their examinations and will continue to support those people.

During the coming twelve months the League will concentrate on improving the Obedience Section of our club as well as offering various fun events for members to be involved.

I will take this opportunity of thanking the 2016 GSDL Committee for their hard work and dedication over the past twelve months.

The new committee for 2017 has been elected with many old faces and several new ones.

The outgoing Breed Commission Chairperson, Joylene Neddermeyer is presenting a lecture on 28th January to our members which we know will be very well received and we take this opportunity of wishing the incoming Chair, Melanie Groth, all the best with her new position.

The League will continue to support the GSDCA and its schemes and we look forward to a very good 2017.



President N & HR GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch

2016 has been a challenging year in many respects, like all clubs we have struggled to get the numbers at shows and trials that were once the norm, yet we continue to have a core group that put the effort in every single week. These members are to be commended for the work and passion they show.

As you reflect on the year and its highs and lows, the stand out for me as President was the commitment of our obedience instructors that continued with all the hard work and is only now starting to show the results with some very strong numbers turning up on Tuesday for training, this certainly has shown me that patience and hard work does pay off. Well done to all the team!

Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC held two Championship shows and one Members Comp this year. We had excellent weather for both events and the show and trial was well organised. The show was well judged and had a lovely atmosphere, I am sure everyone who attended enjoyed the relax feel of the weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Show Committee on an excellent job and to all that helped over the two weekends; your contribution is very much appreciated.

Newcastle also held a number of breed surveys throughout the year, these were very well attended and the full results can be seen in Joylene's NBC report. Hip and Elbow x-ray applications have been steady.

On a bright note, financially the club has done very well this year. Even though the numbers at the shows were low we still made a very small profit, so on that count it was very positive. We have also held back pack walks and movie nights to help increase the income that is needed to run the club.

Our AGM was held on the 12th October, it was very well attend by nearly 70% of members, and this alone was the most people I have ever seen at a meeting. We also had a special guest, John Shepherd from Dogs NSW in attendance.

New Committee

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| ➤ President | Sean Lynch |
| ➤ Vice President | Peta Belic |
| ➤ Secretary | Peta Belic |
| ➤ Treasurer | Julie O'Sullivan |
| ➤ Chief Instructor | Peter Belic |
| ➤ Breed Affairs Officer | Jess Lynch |

General Committee:

Annette Belic, Tony Chomicki, Graham Robinson, Rosemary Vitullo, Ann Bertram, Keira York.

I would like to congratulate all the new members of the committee.

At this time I would like to thank all previous committee members for the effort they have shown during 2016, also a special mention to Leeanne Lynch for serving as Secretary for the past 16 years. Leeanne has done a fantastic job over these years and we wish her well for the future.

The last event for 2016 will be our Christmas Party to be held on the 26th November, our new committee member Rosemary Vitullo has been tasked with this job and as always we are all looking forward to the evening.

Looking forward to 2017, we will be holding two Championship Shows – our dates have been changed with the first to be held in April 8th and 9th. Alistair Henderson will be our conformation judge and Maria Wheeler will be officiating the Obedience Trial, our second show will now be held in September on the 16th and 17th.

We still have to confirm our Breed Survey dates so anyone interested in attending this will be available on our website and on facebook.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped the Newcastle and Hunter Region GSDC during the past 12 months and we are all looking forward to a very successful 2017.

President GSDC of the Northern Territory – Ms. Margaret Adams

The GSDCA NT has advised that as the Club is very small, at this stage there has been no activity that enables The NT President to provide a report.



President GSDC of Queensland – Ms. Sharon Ballantyne

Having held a variety of positions for our Club over the years including Vice President, Treasurer, Breed Affairs and Show Secretary, my decision to seek nomination for the President's position was one that seemed to be a natural progression for me, however it was not a decision I have taken lightly. Throughout the year, the Committee has worked well together in a team environment and whilst attendance at our General meetings has been not ideal, we have managed to get things done to ensure the year has finished with a healthy account balance and a positive atmosphere heading into 2017. I am pleased to advise that we made a profit of \$13,492.93 from 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016 and this is all due to the fundraising we have done towards the 45th GSDCA National Show & Trial being held in Queensland in 2017. At the end of our financial year our membership was 264 – a slight increase from last year.

The current climate within the fraternity and changes to the Queensland State Government dog legislation laws is already proving to be quite a challenge however we are encouraging all our members to get involved and attend meetings run by Dogs Qld regarding this matter. It is of the utmost importance that we need to voice our opinions and concerns that could affect all of us in the future with breeding and keeping of dogs and general pet ownership. Executive of our Club has been and will continue to attend the relative meetings and keep the membership and Member Clubs informed.

To summarise Club events, the Club held two Open Shows, two Championship Shows, two Members Competitions and two other Specialist shows in conjunction with the Working Dog Club of Queensland and the Sarina Kennel Club this year. As well as conformation shows the Club conducted two Restricted Obedience Trials at Durack and it was good to see a slight increase in the numbers of dogs exhibited. We also held six Breed Surveys including one in Rockhampton.

Fundraising for the National included two catering days at Dogs Queensland Sports Grounds, Durack and five Bunnings Sausage sizzles and one major raffle. The Club also collaborated with the Queensland GSD Rescue group 'GSD's In Need' and together we hosted the 'Honour & Privilege' Walk at Durack on the 15th November 2015. Approximately 350 GSDs walked the one kilometre track around the Canine Control grounds to raise funds and highlight the plight of abused, neglected and abandoned GSDs. The focus of the event was to try to educate the public not to buy GSDs from backyard breeders and while the day was a huge success hundreds of GSD puppies are still appearing on internet sites throughout Australia.

Our Team for 2016 included

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| • Vice President | Bob Reidy | |
| • Treasurer | Shelley McCammon | A new member to our team in 2016 |
| • Secretary | Diane Ballantyne | |
| • Show Secretary | Mandy Scrivens | A new member to our team for 2016 |
| • Breed Affairs | Sue Bruno | A new member to our team in 2016 |
| • Show Training Coordinator | Sue Bruno and Mandy Doyle | |
| • HD-ED/Tattoo Registrar | Michelle Hammond | |
| • Obedience Coordinator | Ann Clarkson | |
| • Editor of Fidelity & Newsletter | Diane Ballantyne | |

Sub-Committee positions:

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| • Zone 2 Rep | Irene Fitzgerald |
| • Zone 3 Rep | Bronwyn Hurley |
| • Website & Facebook | Sarah Gordon |
| • Breed Rescue | Jean Hansford |
| • Puppy Listing | Annie Tamblyn |

2017 is going to be a big year for our Club as we are hosting the National on behalf of the GSDCA. This is a huge challenge for such a small club but I am pleased to report that planning and progress in all areas is good. The schedule has been released and a full progress report on the 45th GSDCA National Show & Trial will be presented at the GSDCA AGM.

We look forward to working with the Executive and other State Member Clubs next year while continuing to support the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.



President GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia

The South Australian Club has once again had a good year. Our membership has increased again in 2016 with attendance at training a testament to this increase and we are in a healthy financial position also.

We did undertake some major works to the club that also attracted major expenses with the installation of a new twin septic pump station and new lighting.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our club sponsors, in particular our major sponsor, Advance.

The Club once again held numerous events at our facilities, which is also a great source of income for the Club.

The club continues to work in the local community with representation at local aged care facilities which is very well received by the residents. We also attend meetings regarding the updating of our State's Dog and Cat Legislation. This is one area that cannot be underestimated and we must be vigilant all the times, as this is something that will not go away and is evident all over Australia. Unfortunately, this is an area that is understated by certain groups that portray our organisation in poor light even to our overseas counterparts.

We have previously reported that our club may relocate but this will now not go ahead as the funds which were allocated for this to happen were no longer available to us and the precinct plan for Adelaide Shores has changed again.

Obedience

Entries at our obedience trials were good with our two Obedience Trials, Endurance Test and two Agility Trials. We also updated our existing Instructor's Manual and new training aids were implemented, we have also implemented obstacle training in the puppy class to expose different activities to the newer members and their dogs. Jenny DeLucia conducted an Instructor's course during the year which now has seen our Instructor pool increase with 4 new instructors; Sophie, Stewart, Zoran and Donna.

BREED AFFAIRS

We conducted two puppy days this year in January and September which were well received even though the weather kept numbers down in September.

We held four Members Competitions, one Open Show and two Championship Shows with very good entry numbers for all.

38 animals participated in four Breed Surveys held in 2016 which is pleasing. Five animals failed, eight animals obtained Class II and 25 animals obtained Class I.

We also had 66 forms purchased for the Hip and Elbow with support from Breeders great to see.

Our show classes are well attended and are conducted on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings and use a roster system to rotate the instructors and this too has been very well received and is working well.

In closing, we must ALL still be ever vigilant with regard to Government and Council Legislation.

I look forward to working with everyone in 2017.



President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Dave Griffin

It has been an unpredictable and eventful year for the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania (GSDCT) with unprecedented winter rain falls breaking records, resulting in severe flooding across the state, which in part impacted on the ability of the club to function as it had done so in the past, necessitating subtle changes to operating practices.

As a consequence, the club's committee has been very active in conducting fundraising activities, which together with the very generous donations from GSDCA state and territory clubs, has ensured that we have been able to formulate effective plans to repair the club building and replace damaged equipment.

A heartfelt thank you to one and all.

During the past 12 months, the GSDCT has held 3 Championship Shows, all held against the backdrop of the pristine River Derwent on the New Norfolk Esplanade. All these have been very successful due to the continued support from both intrastate and interstate exhibitors.

Our club appreciates the genuine enthusiasm and support from all the visiting Specialist judges who were exposed to either our extremely harsh winter, or the above average spring and early summer temperatures. They collectively brought both knowledge and passion to our dog rings, whilst actively promoting good sportsmanship.

Likewise the GSDCT acknowledges and thanks all our intrastate and interstate sponsors who have supported all our events. With organising any show, it is a team effort and a sincere thank you to all concerned.

This year has also seen an increase in the number of HD/ED contracts issued, compared to the same period last year, going from 15 to 27. All members are to be congratulated on supporting the scheme. Similarly, thanks are due for the timelines and turnaround, in receiving the results from our radiographers.

Club membership unfortunately is down on the previous year, with this year reflecting a total of 40 memberships equating to 5 Life, 18 Dual, 3 Family, 21 Singles and 3 Associate for a grand total of 65 members.

However, as the club moves forward into the 2017 year there is a strong feeling of optimism and passion within members, eager to put behind them the trials and tribulations of the past year in ensuring that the GSDCT remains an active and valued contributor to the promotion of the German Shepherd breed throughout Australia.

President GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Vince Ebejer

I am pleased to present my 6th report as President of the GSDCV to the GSDCA Executive and my fellow Presidents. The GSDCV has continued to grow with our final numbers of 2816 individual comprising 1337 units spread over the 11 Branch's. While getting the puppy purchasers to sign on the dotted line is the first step to increasing membership, once the initial euphoria is over and 'fido' does the basics of 'sit', 'stay', and 'come' it is the front line of our organisation, the instructors and committee that build the camaraderie, that keep the members coming back week after week and often year after year that are one of the main reasons for our growth. I cannot stress enough that importance of our Branch and committee structure, allowing GSD owners across Victoria the opportunity to train locally and the members to participate in some fashion in the organisation of our Club.

Both our premium sponsor Royal Canin and our major sponsor, Monash Veterinary Clinic continued their association with us in 2016. Even though the association between these two sponsors and our Club has been a long and mutually beneficial one, we cannot take these things for granted and careful negotiations must take place each year to ensure the association continues for the benefit of the Club, the members and the sponsors. I am pleased to say that Royal Canin has again agreed to sponsor the GSDCV for the 2017 year, where we can again provide premium dog food through our branch's and has in principal agreed to sponsor the GSDCA National when it is again held in Melbourne in 2019. At the time of this report we are still in negotiations with Monash Veterinary Clinic, and whatever happens I am sure we will still enjoy a very good professional relationship.

It seems like only yesterday Victoria hosted the GSDCA National, using 2016 to rest from such a labour intensive event, we focused on other Shows and Trials, establishing partnerships with additional All Breed Shows provided an avenue for further exposure without the workload of our holding our own events. Planning for the 2019 GSDCA National will start in early 2017, though knowing some of the people involved, I am sure they have ideas floating around their heads already.



Numerous Dog and Pet expos events are attended by the GSDCV, showcasing the breed and providing information to the general public. These events, which includes the Victoria Canine Association Big Dog Day out held at KCC Park, Caulfield Pet and Animal Expo, both widely publicised, attended by thousands of dog owner's and the general public. Our participation in two non dog related events, The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, which we have taken part in for the last 33 years, and the Moomba Parade held on Victoria's Labour Day weekend, in which the GSDCV participated in the parade allowed us to present the Breed at its best to a community that may not necessarily consider the GSD. The participation of the GSD in canine and pet friendly events is integral to the promotion of the breed. I cannot thank the team and the members enough for their efforts in this area.

Potentially, in Victoria at least, 2016 saw the greatest threat our sport/hobby has faced in recent years with the proposed 'puppy farm' legislation put forward by the Victorian Government. In addition to the devastating effect this may have had on us, significantly it highlighted that we have been complacent in our attitude towards the Government and more importantly our governing body, Dogs Victoria, whom we trusted to keep abreast of items such as this, rather we find out that they are no longer an organisation the Government consults with on canine issues. This would not have been a recent occurrence and the relationship between Dogs Victoria and the Government has slipped apart over many years. Moving forward, I urge our sister clubs to do the same, we will attempt to forge a closer relationship with Dogs Victoria. While they deal with all canine matters, I believe that our progressive thinking can benefit their approach to canine issues.

The years ahead will see numerous changes in our organisation with planned succession in numerous Executive positions providing for stable transition and growth. One of our long term projects should come to fruition in early 2017 with the updates to our constitution set for a Special General Meeting of the members in the first quarter. Our other long term project is well underway with a progressive update to our obedience manual, dealing with up to date training methods, nearing completion. Keeping in-line with progressive methods and to ensure ease of systematic update, the manual will be made available to our instructors threw a secure area on our website.

A more detailed report will be presented in our Annual Report, which will be sent to all Clubs and Council.

I thank you all for allowing me to present my report on behalf of the GSDCV.



President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Ian Marr

On behalf of the Members of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc) I am delighted to submit this report to the 2017 GSDCA AGM.

We have had just the one change to the Management Committee since last year's report. The Treasurer is now Joan McMulkin who has replaced Eric Herson after Eric decided not to stand for the position. We were aware last year that Eric was only going to do one more year and that gave us the opportunity to put in place the chance for Joan to attend all of our Management Committee meetings whilst working with Eric getting to know how the system works, which made the transition from Eric to Joan so easy. Eric did a wonderful job during his time as Treasurer and has left the club's finances in great shape. I thank him sincerely for his time on the committee.

We have had a very good 12 months that have been particularly pleasing to me because of the tremendous work done by all members of the management committee, everyone on the committee has worked exceptionally well as a team and I am especially pleased that everyone seems to have accepted the club motto and is endeavouring to work within the guidelines of the motto.

The theme of the motto is “**We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL WORK TOGETHER for the sake of the Breed**”.

My aim now is to encourage all club office bearers, and members, to embrace the motto and hopefully we can continue to improve the club and become an even better organisation in the future. I have had occasion to remind members that we all need to watch our behaviour as I have noticed a slight decline in the standard of behaviour being shown by what is a small minority of members. Hopefully I don't need to bring up this matter again.

Membership

I am delighted to say that we have once again increased our membership numbers on last year's figures and at the end of our financial year (30th June 2016) the membership had increased to 474, which is an overall increase of 5. This is a small increase but on top of last year's increase it is very pleasing. We are continually looking at ways to maintain and improve on these figures each year if at all possible. There is a full report from the Membership Officer later in this report.

We have overcome the problem of achieving a quorum at our General Meetings by changing the meetings to Sunday afternoons, straight after training, instead of Monday nights. We have had a strong attendance since we made the change.

I acknowledge and recognize the continuing hard work done by all of our hardworking volunteer workers who give many hours of their valuable time helping to run the club by being on various sub-committees, as Instructors at both of our grounds, as Judges and Surveyors, being on the Management Committee, running the club shop and canteen, helping maintain the grounds in excellent condition and helping in many other ways, not necessarily in an official capacity. One such person is Jean Jones who has been working in the club shop with Angela for many years and unfortunately this will be her last year as she is moving down South and will be unable to attend next year. She will be sadly missed and I wish her all the best for the future and hope that if she is ever in the area in the future she will call in and see us.

Well done to you all, without your input and commitment we would be unable to function as an organisation.

On the subject of looking after the grounds and clubrooms, I have to thank five of our members in particular for the work that they do for the club. The members are Ian Heard, John Crace, John Mitchell, Margaret Adams and Simon Maxwell.

The grounds are looking magnificent thanks to their work and the clubrooms are well looked after by Margaret and her crew of helpers. It is great to own our own grounds but of course with that comes the responsibility and cost of maintaining the grounds up to a high standard.



Special Events

Once again we had involvement in a number of special events in 2015/2016:-

1. As always we had our annual fundraiser for the Jane McGrath Foundation Cancer. We have supported this Foundation for a number of years now and we held another very successful fund raiser in November when we raised \$350 in just a few hours. It is a very simple day when we hold a BBQ, run a raffle and accept donations from members. The members continue to embrace this event and I am always grateful for their ongoing support.
2. We continue to support the Ted Whitton Men's Prostate Cancer Foundation. This ongoing event is run on very similar lines to the Jane McGrath Foundation and indeed we actually got involved in it to balance the ledger so to speak by supporting a cause for women's health and men's health. We had another successful day and raised \$180. This was very pleasing.
3. Once again our P.R Officer organised a great presence of German Shepherds at the Perth Royal Show. We had a good number of entries again this year and it was very pleasing to see the exhibitors once again encouraging the visitors to actually touch the dogs and interact with them.
We were the only club that actually encouraged people to touch the dogs and the feedback that we got was tremendous. There is a report on this event later in this report.
4. As usual, our end of year Fun Day was a huge success with even more members turning out than we had last year. Well done to Kym and her helpers who worked so hard to make this event the success it was.
5. We continued with the new style of Christmas Party for the kids this year offering the same as we had last year thanks to the support shown by the members purchasing numbers in a Lucky Number raffle that I ran to raise enough money to pay for the Party. Last year we had sponsorship for it but that wasn't forthcoming this year. Prior to the arrival of the Jolly Santa we had a bouncy castle, an animal farm where the kids were encouraged to get in and touch the animals, and we also had face painting. The kids had a super time and reserved the biggest cheer for the man himself. This was a great success again and I'm sure we will endeavour to do it again next year.
6. Immediately after the Children's Christmas Party we had the end of year presentation evening which was very well attended. This was our last event for the year and as always the club will be closed for the Christmas and New Year fortnight.

Sponsorship

We have a number of sponsors and they are:-

Mars Pet Care (Advance Biscuits),
Toyota,
Canning Vale Fish & Chips.

Animal Health/ Bio-John/Triangle Agencies, Scarborough
Armadale Mower World,

Most of these sponsors have been supporters of the GSDA for many years now and it is fair to say that without the continued support of these sponsors we would struggle to offer the Show and Trials Committees the ongoing financial help that they need to continue promoting the shows and trials in the manner that we currently do. I am truly appreciative of the help from all of our sponsors.

Mars Petcare - have been our major sponsor for many years now. This has been a mutually rewarding partnership which will hopefully continue for some time yet.

The supplier of our Advance biscuits is **Animal Health/Bio-John/Triangle Agencies** and their willingness to supply the biscuits at a very competitive rate helps us to sell them to our members at a great price which in turn helps us keep our members. If they buy two bags of biscuits per year the money they save pays for the following year's membership and of course they have to be a member to buy the biscuits.

One of our long serving sponsors is **Scarboro Toyota** who makes a regular cash donation to the GSDA of WA every year and also supplies a car to help when our German Judge comes over for the West Coast Challenge if required. Part of the Scarboro Toyota sponsorship helps with the upkeep and maintenance of the club grounds.

Armadale Mower World are into the third year as a sponsor of the club, they help the club by supplying a free service to our ride on mower twice a year and do many repairs to the mower when needed, usually at little or no cost to the club. In return we support the charity that they support in the Ride across Australia which is the Ted Whitton men's Prostate Cancer Foundation as mentioned earlier.



Canning Vale Fish & Chips have come on board as sponsors of our child handler prize, for this year, and gave us \$100 for the best Obedience child handler.

The sponsorship for the Best Child Handler in each age group in shows was kindly donated by **Animal Health Solution** and I thank them sincerely.

Ground Hire

We have two groups who pay to use our grounds on a regular basis; they are The Western Australian Greyhound Association who uses a straight track for training. Our members can use this track outside of the times that have been allocated to the Greyhound people. The AIM Archery Club is the second group that pay to use the grounds every Monday morning Thursday morning and Tuesday nights during summer. These two groups bring in much appreciated cash flow to the GSDA of WA.

I have once again invited all members of the Management Committee and Office Bearers of the club to submit a report on their portfolios for me to include in my report and these are listed below:-

Vice-President's Report

The year has been, once again, a busy one and I appreciate the help that I have been given during the past 12 months. My portfolio covers the Ground Managers, the Public Relations Officer as well as working closely with the President. As always, my main task has been to continue to look after our Sponsors and ensure that we look after their interests as they look after ours with their sponsorship. Having secured the sponsorship for next year, I look forward to continuing the relationship with all of our Sponsors during the next twelve months. The Children's party that I introduced last year working with one of our sponsors was a great success, which we repeated again this year without sponsorship. I am hoping one of our sponsors will pay some of the cost towards the running of the party in future years so that we can keep it going long term as it is greatly enjoyed by all the children that attend.

We set up a second food preparation area for when we are running shows, which takes the pressure off our canteen lady and becomes a second canteen area for the use of the show committee. This has been a great success.

This year we set up two smoking zones that have been very well accepted by the majority of our smoking members. These are now the only two areas on the grounds where members can smoke. It helps to control the problem that we were having regarding some smokers dropping their cigarette butts on the ground.

We appear to be getting more clubs wanting to hire our grounds for their functions and this is a steady stream of income over the year. So far everyone that has hired the grounds has left everything in good order at the end of the hire period. We had a problem with thieves entering the grounds and stealing from members' cars but since we put up warning signs reminding members to always lock their cars no theft has occurred. We also have signs warning that CCTV's are in operation on the grounds and this has helped.

To everyone that has helped out on the grounds during the past year I thank you and I particularly thank those members who are part of the Ground Working Party who are currently looking after the grounds while we continue to search for a Ground Manager for our Gosnells Grounds. The grounds are looking in great condition. The help offered by this dedicated group is appreciated. Thanks a million.

John Crace

The Public Relations Officer report is listed below from Kym Glenn.

Public Relations Officer Report

On Monday the 26th September 2016 the German Shepherds were exhibited at the Perth Royal Show there was a good entry of 19 of which 17 were exhibited on the day.

We had a table set up in the pavilion with information sheets from the GSDA of WA as well as Club and breeder business cards. These were very well received by the general public.

The German Shepherds were once again a crowd favourite because most of our breeders encouraged members of the public to interact with the GSDs and the dogs loved the attention.

The behaviour of the children seems to get better every year with most of them asking if they could pat the dog and not just rushing up to them.

Hundreds of people came through and at lunch time we had trouble shutting off the section because everyone just wanted to pat the dogs.

Well done to all the exhibitors on their dog's impeccable behaviour and for your placings in the show ring.

Thanks to Simon Maxwell, for helping me throughout the day. I look forward to another day next year.



It was good to see a number of club members come by and see the dogs on show and in particular it was pleasing to see our President in attendance with Dorothy. Many thanks to the exhibitors who entered the show and encouraged the public interaction on what was a very long day.

Many questions were answered on the day and several people said that their views on German Shepherds were changed to more positive views due to the excellent behaviour of our dogs.

We had a very successful Day at the East Kenwick Primary School where we put on a Demo for about 370 children. We had four young puppies interacting with the children, plus about 5 older dogs, one doing a tracking demonstration, two doing an agility demonstration, one doing Rally O obedience work and three doing an obedience demonstration for the youngsters. It was a great morning out enjoyed by all and a great PR success for the Breed. At the end of the demonstration all the older dogs and the puppies were lined up and the children were allowed to come up in their classes and interact with all the dogs. A great success for our Breed. Well done to everyone that took part. A report with photos of this event has been sent to Jacinta to be included in the Autumn edition of the National Review.

Kym Glenn

Secretary's Report

The club and I have survived another successful year with no major dramas to upset the applecart.

The management committee has been working together very well and everything is running very smoothly, we all help each other out if there is a problem, which is very easily solved when we all pull together. A positive team produces positive results.

Our memberships are up and lots of young puppies on the ground with their owners being socialized and trained, it is a great sight to see our new members with their new puppies having a wonderful and rewarding time.

We had our fund raisers again this year with great success, the Jane McGrath foundation and the Ride To The Other Side (or is it Beyond Blue, I am not quite sure Ian).

We had a lucky number board to raise funds for our Children's Christmas party so they could have their Bouncy Castle, Animal Farm and Face Painting again as it was a great success last year, and a wonderful time was had by all.

My portfolio requires me to keep in contact with the Membership Officer – Fay Ramsden,

Minute Secretary/Editor – Margaret Adams, Web Master – Rob Pritchard and Historian – Ian Marr who all do a great job.

Thank you all very much for your input into this portfolio.

Anna Mitchell

Membership Officer

All is working well with a slight increase in memberships from last year's figures. I contact all new members with a welcome to the club and they seem to appreciate this.

We will put out a reminder to all members that they must keep us informed of any change of their membership details and this will ensure that they get their National Review.

I have listed below the membership details for the past 10 years.

YEAR	VOTING NUMBERS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP	SINGLE MEMBERSHIP
2006/07	446	296	150	146
2007/08	402	257	145	112
2008/09	452	293	159	134
2009/10	466	287	159	128
2010/11	456	303	153	150
2011/12	470	301	169	132
2012/13	380	234	146	88
2013/14	445	274	171	103
2014/15	469	279	187	95
2015/16	474	284	184	106

Faye Ramsden



Minutes Secretary & Editor Report

These roles continue to be busy. The Minute Secretary's role actually works in quite well for me being Editor and doing the regular email Information Updates - we are able to keep the members as up to date as possible. Plus, being able to work closely with the Association Secretary makes life easier.

All members receive a set of reports from the committee chairs, minutes, correspondence list and the agenda prior to a meeting so they are fully aware of decisions and proposals being considered. The result is that our association business is conducted quickly and efficiently. Our Quarterly General Meetings have been held on Sunday lunchtimes after training – we cater a light lunch or sausage sizzle and they seem to be more popular than Monday nights for those who work or who have young children.

Identification Officer

As tattooing no longer appeals to WA breeders, I have very little to do apart from the odd lost dog and recently we had a gentleman who had rescued an old dog and wondered if we could give him a bit of background on the dog. Sadly the breeder had not supplied us with the required information we could at least give him the birth date and parentage.

Puppy Listing and Stud Dog Registrar

We have been very busy with the puppy listing recently and we have created small adverts for each kennel that is advertising their puppies – that contain all contact information. Once Rob is settled in the new house we will be placing a breeders' directory and stud dog page as a permanent page on the website.

Margaret Adams

Historian Report

In 2007 a suggestion was made at a Management Committee meeting that we should look at the possibility of publishing a book on the history of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA.

As the President of the GSDA of WA (Inc) at the time, I said that I would be interested in looking at the possibility of taking on this project as the Club Historian.

To put the book together, it was important to go through all the past records and minutes of all the Executive and Committee meetings, all the Quarterly General meetings, all the Annual General Meetings and any Special General Meetings, which was a very time consuming task. I also used the short history pages on the GSDA of WA Website and some of the information that was submitted to the GSDCA Golden Jubilee Edition by John Fenner.

I still have a substantial amount of information to collate but I can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. My aim is to have this task completed by the end of 2017. It would have been nice to have had it ready for the end of this year which marks the 40th Anniversary of the lifting of the ban in WA.

Ian Marr – Club Historian

Treasurers Report

Being relatively new (since August 2016) to the role of Treasurer I thank our past Treasurer, Eric Herson, for the fantastic job he has done over the past four years, and for the excellent condition the accounts were in when he handed them over to me. Thanks Eric, you have made my role a whole lot easier.

I would also take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Management Committee and sub-committees for being very welcoming and patient whilst I am settling into the role and learning where everything gets posted. When I am in doubt I will ask or check to see what Eric did last financial year.

Overall the clubs financial position is very sound and no doubt club members would like it to stay that way without having to increase fees, but it requires a team effort and everyone to be mindful of expenses as whilst we have a lot of trees on the club grounds, not one of them is a money tree.

We are in the unique position of owning our own grounds.

This presents our members with the task of maintaining and covering the costs associated with ownership.

An added bonus is that our grounds are now generating income through hiring.

The club President, Ian Marr, has a copy of the clubs financial statement if anyone wishes to view it.

Joan McMulkin

The club Finances were audited and the Auditors report is below:-

In my opinion, the financial records and statements attached, present fairly the financial position of the German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles

Regards

Lisa Holland

Lisa Holland

CPA ID: 1946787



Show Chair Report

Well the year has come and gone with ups and downs. But an overall great experience for me and the show committee. Thanks to all involved and a special thank you to Ian & Dorothy Marr and Margaret Adams. We have a great group of people on the committee and we talk about team effort but these guys just excelled.

We have a new ring set up thanks to John Glenny and John Crace. It makes the setting up of the rings even easier than before.

We have an exciting year next year with numbers on the increase hopefully we can see these increase again as we have had in previous years. I am pleased with the sportsmanship shown at our events this year the judges have been well received.

We held two Open Shows for trainee judges as a double header prior to two of our Members' Competitions - this method seems to be a winner for exhibitors while helping the trainees understand the specialist arena.

In April we held our State Breed Exhibition and through the Working of Club of W.A. we were able to have a specialist judge in Luis Pinto Teixeira.

In June we had two Members' Competitions with Andrew Jones & Bruce Knight adjudicating.

In August we had a double header for the Walter Martin and the Rick Richardson Memorial shows judged by Greg Green and Honey Gross-Richardson. In October we finished the year off with Natalie Humphries judging a Members' Competition and of course the West Coast Challenge. The West Coast Challenge was amazing - Harald & Nicole fitted in so well with us and I believe we gave them a great taste of West Aussie life in the few short days we hosted them. Thanks for the support and bring on next year.

In the period from the 1st October 2015 to the 30th September 2016, the Show Committee has conducted 3 Championship Shows (WCC Herr Erich Bosl SV Gmy, RRMCS Honey Gross-Richardson (WA) & WMMCS Greg Green (Vic) 3 Members Competitions (Andrew Jones (Vic), Bruce Knight (WA) & Natalie Humphries (WA) 1 State Breed Exhibition with a panel of WA judges and 2 Open Shows (Ambre Smith & Penny Kelly, trainee Group 5 judges) and 1 All Breeds Show with a Specialist Judge, Luis Pinto Teixeira, this show was run by the Working Dog Club of WA.

These shows have been well supported by our members but have been a little down on last year's figures

The entries for our Members Competitions this year have been 61, 65 & 50, our first Open Show had an entry of 37, and our second Open Show had an entry of 36.

The State Breed Exhibition (SBE) was a very successful weekend, judged by local Judges.

There was an entry of 58 for the Show part of the SBE. There were 11 entries for the critique only, 12 entries for the obedience trials and 23 entries for the closed club graduation. There were also three special obedience sections – Best Lady Handler, (1 entry only), SBE Top Show and Obedience – Junior (3 entries) and SBE Top Show and Obedience – Senior (4 entries) this gave us a total of 112 taking part in the SBE weekend.

There were a number of issues to be discussed at the SBE de-brief. The result of the de-brief was that the exhibitors asked for an Eastern State judge to be used at next year's SBE.

Show dates for Open & Specialist Shows for 2017 are

9 April 2017	First Members Competition – John Fenner (WA)
22 & 23 April 2017	SBE – Jenny Yuen (Vic)
7 May 2017	Second Members Competition - Jenny DeLucia (SA)
19, 20 & 21 May 2017	GSDCA National in Brisbane
2 July 2017	First Open Show - TBA
2 July 2017	Members Competition – Natalie Humphries (WA)
26 August 2017	Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show – Robyn Knuckey (WA)
27 August 2017	Walter Martin Memorial Championship Show – Alistair Henderson (Vic)
1 October 2017	Open Show - TBA
1 October 2017	Members Competition - Honey Gross-Richardson
29 October 2017	West Coast Challenge Championship Show – Mr John Lijffijt (NDL)

Bronson Pereira - Show Chair

Obedience Chair Report

It gives me great pleasure, to present the 2016 Obedience Report to the 2017 GSDCA AGM.

2016 has been an eventful year with large groups of dogs training at our HQ in Southern River and an equally enthusiastic smaller group at our Otago Park training ground in the Northern Suburbs.

Every year at this time we gradually wind down for the summer season, we brace ourselves to take one last stand in the heat of summer, with the Closed Club Trial starting at 8.30 to get a cool start, and the following week sees our Fun Day,



when we get together for the novel events and games, with the pups showing amazing sausage eating skills, and their handlers incredible agility as one or the other, it not both, negotiate a puppy safe course.

Our summer training starts on the last Wednesday/Thursday of November and runs through until the last Wednesday/Thursday in March 2017 with a two week break during the Christmas/New Year break. Formal classes re-start in February. We return to Sunday daytime training on the last Sunday in March 2017.

We held 3 C&WA Field Days in 2016 which were quite successful. The C&WA is strongly supported in the West as it has been for the past decade and hopefully it receives the same strong support nationally.

As the sport of agility trialling for GSD's has declined in WA over the past few years there has been an upsurge and great success in the newer sport of Rally O. We hope to change the rules for our Triple Crown Contest at future WCC & SBE to include results from Show, Obedience & Rally O. We also encourage out triallers to try for the President's Cup for the highest scoring Show & Performance Dog of the Year.

In this report we will have figures presented of titles gained; these will be included later in this report. The number of events, results, trends seen in some areas, the unity of the committee workers, the challenges of working with and in an organisation that encompasses so many aspects of dog ownership, seeing the new challenges that government restrictions place on us met, and difficulties overcome.

The trophies won at the all-important Closed Club Trial, followed by the perpetuals and the various title acknowledgments and honours; bring the finale to a very eventful year at the Presentation Evening which follows the Children's Christmas Party.

A number of our dedicated instructors have been taking classes for up to 30 years or more and of course offer much training experience developed over the many years of instructing. We are always on the look-out for new, younger trainers. I had invaluable help at Otago Park from trainee trainers Tina Ash & Gerald Lazdins along with Kathy & Eric Protti as Ground Manager and Ground Secretary. At our HQ our Head Trainer is John Glenny with his team of very experienced instructors – Assistant Head Trainer is Kerrie Pearce, Senior Instructor Jean McCowan and instructors Diane Webb, Iain McIntosh, Kym Glenny, our club President Ian Marr & Karen Westmacott. Kym and Karen donate much time to helping special needs dogs with Laurel Cowell working with the new puppies before passing them on the Ian after about four or five weeks.

My special thanks to the keen and highly motivated, very skilled, Instructors and trainee trainers, to Carol-Anne Davies and our Trials Committee, whose report is included below, to Karen Westmacott and trainers assisting her in compiling the Performance Dogs Report, and everyone from first to last, who give so much of their lives as breeders, show enthusiasts, triallers in any aspect and all of those who join us and work with us, all for the love of a German Shepherd Dog!

It is important to remember that the difference between a Pest and a Pet is training and for all of us it is Happy Training.

Honey Gross- Richardson

The report from the Trials Committee Chair, Carol-Anne Davies is below:-

Trials Committee Report – 1st October 2015 – 30th September 2016

The Trials that have been run by the committee this year have been very successful.

We ran a Rally O trial, a Trial at the SBE. An Obedience Trial, an Endurance Test, an Obedience and Rally O double header at the West Coast Challenge Trials and a Closed Club Trial, which had an excellent entry of 58 made up of a combination of entries from our HQ in Gosnells and our ground at Otago Park in the Northern Suburbs.

The test at the end of the ET is a disappointment with formal Obedience (Heeling and jumps with or without the dumbbell) being replaced with a "willingness Test" which consists of a few paces of heeling, an about turn and a sit. Really no test at all.

The Trials Committee consists of:- John Glenny, Chris Stone, Jean McCowan, Trish Latter, Cliff Warner, Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Karen Westmacott, Kym Glenny, Glenda Wellman (Secretary) Joan McMulkin (Treasurer) Mick Harrison, Rachael Laubsch, Kerry Leeder and Myself, Carol-Anne Davies as the committee Chair.

I thank Tamara Touzel for running the Canteen during the trials and also running the raffles for us.

All events in our club are run by volunteers and I would like to thank everyone who has helped in the running of the Trials, including those members who may not be on the committee but help out when required by taking down the rings at the end of the trial, or helping with Stewarding duties. Thank you everyone.

TITLES FOR 2015/16

CCD	1	CD	2	CDX	1		
UD	1	ET	2	HWTM.S	1	FSN	1
Rally O Novice	7						
Rally O Advance	4						
Rally O Excellent	1						



Rally O Masters	1					
TD	1	TDX	5	TDCH	3	
TSD	1	TSDX	2	TSDX	2	TSDCH 3 TSDGCH 2

A total of 41 titles for the year. A Great effort all round and good to see a number of show dogs participating.
Carol-Anne Davies.

Breed Affairs

Breed Affairs Chairperson report for GSDCA AGM 2017.

- The Breed Affairs Sub- committee is comprised of the following people.
Chairperson-Natalie Humphries, Minute Secretary Ian Marr, Veterinary Advisor-Dr Candice Baker, Honey Gross-Richardson, Robyn Knuckey, Bruce Knight, John Fenner (Judges/Surveyors) with Vicki Knight and Margaret Adams as Club Breed Registrars.
- Breed Affairs and Judges Sub-committee meetings are held on a regular basis to discuss items such as agenda items for NBC and AGM meetings and other issues relating to breed health and welfare judging appointments and matters referred to us by the management committee.

I need to start this report by recognising a very special event that took place at the 2016 State Breed Exhibition. We presented the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award to Senior Constable Mathew Mulette of the Western Australian Police Canine Operations. This recognition was awarded posthumously to Police Dog Rumble who had an extraordinary record of service to the WA community. Rumble was born on the 12th March 2007 and unfortunately passed away on the 2nd November 2015 after falling ill on 10th October 2015. The presentation was made on the Sunday of the SBE and was well attended by senior members of the WA Police and Canine section and also by members of Mathew's Family.

Mathew was presented with the GSDCA Service Award by Robyn Knuckey as the Representative of the GSDCA and he was also presented with a framed photograph montage of Rumble by the President of the GSDA of WA, Ian Marr. It was a great event and photos did appear in the National Review.

Several lectures have been organised and well attended by club members this year.

We were lucky to have Dr Nadine Gruenthal from The Pet Practice Veterinary Clinic give a lecture on Canine reproduction in the first half of the year.

We also had Dr Claire Sharpe from Murdoch University Veterinary Hospital do a talk on canine haemangiosarcoma including current research into this common cancer in our breed.

I am hoping to secure speakers for more lectures for our members next year.

As Breed Affairs Chair I represented GSDAWA at the NBC meeting in Sydney in July.

Natalie Humphries

The Club Registrar and the HD/ED Registrar comes under the Breed Affairs Portfolio and the report from Vicki Knight is listed below.

Club Registrar/ HD & ED Registrar

Survey Records 1st October 2015 – 30th September 2016:

Class 1 Males	6	
Class 2 Males	1	
Class 1 Females	14	
Class 2 Females	3	
Failures Female	1	
TOTAL NUMBER Class 1 animals	20	
TOTAL NUMBER Class 2 animals	4	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS PRESENTED FOR SURVEY INCLUDING FAILURES		25

Hip/Elbow Applications Received for the year 1st October 2015 – 30th September 2016:

(Sixty Five) **62** Contracts issued, of these 1 was for 'hips only' and 1 was for 'elbows only'

Vicki Knight



Closing statement from the President GSDA of WA

I am delighted that the members of the GSDA of WA have once again shown faith in me by electing me to the position of President for a further term of 12 months.

We had quite a good year in 2015/2016 and, as I said at the start of this report, that was thanks to the very hard working committee that I had. They worked together, as a team, all year and I have nothing but praise for the way that they performed during the year. They followed the club motto to the letter and it made for a very productive year. Well done Guys!

I still enjoy the position of President although there have been times when I have seriously considered not standing again, however the role does give me the opportunity to give something back to the club and particularly to the members and our beautiful breed.

I also enjoy my role as an obedience instructor, taking the young puppies in the Pre-Kindy class followed by the Kindy class later in the morning. This is my most enjoyable role that I hope to continue in for many more years.



NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Mrs. JOYLENE NEDDERMEYER

I have much pleasure in presenting my last report as National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairman to the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

Well my tenure is coming to a close. A decision that I did not make lightly, and I strongly believe that it was the right decision for me at this stage in my life.

Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair (BHWC) / Haemophilia Registrar's Report. Dr C Baker

Dr Candy Baker was appointed to this position after the 2015 NBC meeting.

Dr Baker attended the 2016 NBC meeting and gave a very interesting and informative presentation to the meeting which highlighted what was considered to be the expectations within the role of Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair.

Again, Dr Baker stressed the importance that members should communicate any breed health issues to the BHWC Chair and for members to complete the health profile form available on the GSDCA Website. This was important for record keeping purposes and also for her to offer guidance to the GSDCA, but most importantly breeders in their future breeding programs.

An update was provided to the NBC meeting on Dr Claire Sharp's of Gastric Dilation Volvulus (GDV) research (or more commonly known as bloat) and the meeting was advised that Dr Sharp would be happy to attend a future meeting to discuss about the incidence of bloat within our breed and the information compiled from data of animals in the USA and Australia. Bloat is a disease that has affected a number of animals owned by a number of us and for breeders to understand the reasons why it occurs can only be beneficial for all of us.

The NBC Executive will be suggesting that Dr Sharp be invited to the 2017 NBC meeting to be held in Adelaide in July to present and discuss the condition, the data collected to date and the proposed outcome of research.

The invitation to the 2017 NBC meeting will be discussed with Ms Melanie Groth as the incoming NBC Chair at our handover meeting.

GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme

During the past twelve months there has been some confusion regarding the correct procedure for the taking of blood and the issuing of the GSDCA Hneg certificate. The GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Testing Form has been available on the GSDCA Website.

Animals to be tested for haemophilia through the GSDCA Hneg Scheme are as follows:-

- All imported males and all male progeny from imported bitches must have a GSDCA Hneg certificate prior to being submitted to Breed Survey and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC.
- Any male sired by imported semen must possess a GSDCA Hneg certificate prior to being submitted to Breed Survey and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC.

Owners should note that the following procedure must be followed for the test results to be accepted by the GSDCA.

- A GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Testing Sheet is available by downloading from the GSDCA Website. (www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org), or can be obtained from the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar.
- Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample.
 - a) Plus the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication;
 - b) Signature of owner;
 - c) Signature of Veterinary Surgeon;
 - d) Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number.
- The test result together with the testing sheet is forwarded to the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Registrar, who will forward a numbered GSDCA Hneg certificate to the owner and retain a copy for GSDCA records.



- The GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme is the only scheme recognised by the GSDCA.
(*In fact I believe the GSDCA is the only GSD body to conduct and control an official Haemophilia Scheme*).

During the year the GSDCA Hneg certificate was updated (to include microchip information) and have been reprinted and forwarded to the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar, Dr Candy Baker to issue in the future.

With the increase of imported semen being brought into the country by individual breeders and also for sale to breeders this will see an increase in the number of animals that will be required to be tested for Haemophilia.

Please Note: That only a GSDCA Hneg certificate signed by the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar will be accepted by the GSDCA.

I would like to thank Dr Candy Baker for taking on the position over the past eighteen months and I would like to wish her all the very best for the future. I have no doubt that she will make a significant contribution to this position in the future.

It would be remiss of me if I did acknowledge the work of Dr Karen Hedberg in this position during my term as NBC Chair. Dr Hedberg's professionalism and expertise was a great help to me in dealing with a number of significant health issues and was also a very important contact at ANKC level.

Thank you to both of you for your assistance during my term.

National Identification Scheme Registrar submitted by Mr. Adam Toretto

Mr Adam Toretto, National identification Registrar has presented his report under separate cover.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some dot points in regards to this portfolio which may require further discussion at the meeting and the future in regards to microchipping and tattooing of our animals.

- It should be noted that Member Clubs that are still tattooing that the Registrars are very slow with data entry and recording the tattoo number into the GSDCA Database. It is indeed disappointing that once again the GSDC of Victoria and the ACT GSDA have not provided any data to the National identification Scheme Registrar at the time of writing his report. Hopefully this will be rectified prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- At the NBC meeting it was requested that further information be obtained by the GSDCA in regards to a promotion of equipment that is capable of rewriting a microchip number. The National Tattoo Registrar has been investigating this issue since the NBC meeting.
- Some breeders have continued to tattoo their puppies through the GSDCA Tattoo Scheme. Interestingly one animal presented to Breed Survey during the year actually requested an AUS number.
- State Government department responsible for dog and cat management in their state are now setting up their own database of microchips.
- There is increased pressure from a number of agencies and even within our fraternity that tattooing is to be disbanded.

During my term as NBC Chair I have had the pleasure originally working with Mr Terry Jarvis as National Tattoo Registrar followed by Mr Frank Moody and finally Mr Adam Toretto.

It has been a pleasure to work with all of these gentlemen and their competency has ensured that this scheme has run smoothly and within the Regulations as laid down by the GSDCA.

Thank you, your support is very much appreciated.



GSDCA Breed Surveyor Applications, Reinstatement and Retirement.

An application for reinstatement as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor was received from Ms Melanie Groth, which was discussed at the 2016 NBC meeting. The application for reinstatement was carried unanimously. It is indeed a pleasure to welcome back Melanie as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.

Mr Russell Wenham has also advised the NBC Executive that he has decided not to renew his Judges License for 2017. This unfortunately means that Russell will also be handing in his GSDCA Breed Surveyor status as from the beginning of 2017.

Russell has played an important part of the Breed Survey panel in Queensland for a number of years and his opinion and breed direction has been very well respected by the fraternity in Queensland. His opinion and knowledge will be sorely missed not only by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland but by his fellow GSDCA Breed Surveyors and the breeders throughout Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Russell for his time and dedication to the breed and wish him all the very best for his future endeavours.

The NBC Chair did not receive any applications to become a GSDCA Aspirant Breed Surveyor during 2016.

Checking of Identification when animals are presented to Breed Survey.

As a reminder it is imperative that the positive means of identification is verified when animals are being presented to the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes. Incorrect Identification found at Breed Survey or identified on the x-ray for submission to the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme is still an issue.

I ask that everyone is more diligent in checking paperwork. Every endeavour is given to the benefit of the animal however if the incorrect identification is on the x-ray plate, the animal will be required to be re-xrayed. In the first instance the breeder has the responsibility to ensure that the correct identification is displayed on the paperwork and as mentioned in the report above it is the responsibility of the Registrars and Breed Surveyors that the identification of the animal is correct.

This does mean at Breed Survey the animal is required to be checked to see if there is a GSDCA Tattoo Number or no tattoo and the full microchip number (15 digits is verified against the paperwork).

This issue is time consuming and can be avoided if paperwork is checked and any error amended prior to the animal being presented to the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.

Animals suspended by the ANKC for “Aggressive” behavior.

I am disappointed to report to the meeting that a number of German Shepherd Dogs have been suspended by the ANKC for aggressive behavior.

On the ANKC website there is a list of animals currently under suspension by the ANKC. The list currently consists of 43 animals of ***which 8 are German Shepherd Dogs of which four have been presented and classified at Breed Survey.***

The GSDCA has in place the following regulation:-

- Any dog deemed aggressive and suspended by a Canine Control shall have its breed survey status removed. At the end of the period of suspension, when the dog has been re-instated by the Canine Control, the said dog must be represented to their State Breed Survey Panel for character and temperament testing in order to get the animals breed survey status re-instated.

All owners of suspended animals have been contacted and advised of the above regulation.

I must admit the reporting system does not appear to be consistent across the board, however it currently does not reflect well on our breed. It is imperative that we as a group take responsibility to ensure that our animals are under effective control at all times.



It was discussed at the NBC meeting over the past couple of years that GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Breed Surveyors need to be more diligent when assessing the character and temperament of animals. It should be noted that for an animal to successfully pass breed survey the animal must be ***firm and self-assured*** in character and temperament. Any deviation shown in regards to shyness or sufficiently firm in nerves or aggressive behavior to dogs and/or people should be deemed to fail breed survey and are not recommended for breeding.

GSDCA Hip Dysplasia/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme

Mr Doug West, National GSDCA HD/ED Control Registrar has presented his report under separate cover.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some dot points in regards to this portfolio which may require further discussion at the meeting in regards to the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme.

- Progeny statistics from sires with more than 10 progeny through the GSDCA HD Control Scheme will be tabled at the meeting.
- Currently statistics are presented as an average score. It was suggested at the NBC meeting that the progeny statistics should be shown in future that the statistics should be shown in the mean instead of average or indeed both. The NBC Chair will present a report at the AGM. It should be said that breeders are very familiar with the way we have presented out statistics for a number of years as per the statistics prepared by the late Dr Malcolm Willis.
- *“Mean” is the average (arithmetic mean) of the range of numbers.*
- *“Median” is the number in the middle of a set of given numbers (i.e. the scores of progeny from a Sire).*
- Motion relative to the GSDCA Breed Achievement Awards to change the medallion to a joint medallion. While the gold medallions are in short supply it should be noted that we have a number of Silver and Bronze medallions in stock to last several years.

As previously holding the position of the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar from 1987 to 1996 I have some insight into the work and commitment required by the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar.

Mr Doug West has held this position during all of the time that I have been NBC Chair. One thing that is paramount in this position is confidentiality and there has never been any question that Doug has not adhered to this requirement. I believe that Doug was appointed to the position in 1998 and has always undertaken this position with a high level of professionalism. Thank you Doug!

Comment from the NBC regarding Participation of New Zealand animals in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme - NBC Chair.

- At the 2015 NBC meeting and the GSDCA AGM the meeting was advised that the regulation for New Zealand dogs to participate in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme has not been amended.
- *At the 2016 NBC meeting it was agreed that until microchipping at point of registration with the NZKC is mandatory, then New Zealand bred dogs must be tattooed through the NZ German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (NZGSDAC) system and that the tattoo is verified by the NZGSDAC.*
- The NZGSDAC are not necessarily pleased with this advice.
The NBC Chair will update further at the AGM.

GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Progeny Statistics

When I was appointed in 2001, the progeny statistics had not been printed for a significant time. With the assistance of Dr Eva Francis all elbow data from the introduction of the scheme was provided to me and progeny results have been printed on a regular basis. This of course now involves a large number of sires with 10 or more progeny since 1993.

Recently I have been instructed to prepare charts with sires that have registered progeny in the last seven years. These charts will be tabled at the meeting.

I will also update prior to the meeting the total progeny charts for sires with 10 or more progeny since the introduction of the scheme. These charts will be shown according to bloodlines and also to the percentage of normal elbows received. Once the charts have been tabled, I would suggest that they are uploaded onto the GSDCA Website for the information of breeders. This will ensure that all of the information collected will be available by the incoming NBC Chair.



The incidence of elbow dysplasia has dramatically improved since 1993 and it again should be noted that the GSDCA introduced an Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme at least ten years prior to the SV. Some countries still do not have an official scheme for the control of Elbow Dysplasia and indeed have it as a prerequisite for Breed Survey.

I have always been proactive in ensuring that the information relative to this condition is conveyed to the fraternity. As per direction of the 2006 NBC meeting a warning is required under breed advice for all animals presented to Breed Survey that carry a Grade Two elbow grading or carry a parent or grandparent with a Grade Two elbow grading.

The importance of producing progeny results via sires cannot be underestimated and is a very significant tool to advise breeders of the result of sires and bloodlines to show them as excellent, very good, good or poor elbow producers. I do feel it is necessary to draw to the attention of all members that when considering the progeny results breeders must consider the whole breakdown of elbow results by any sire.

I need to reiterate that breeders should view the number of normal, grade one, grade two, grade three and UAP results overall and then compare to the number of animals submitted and from the number of dams to have a clear understanding of the results of any sire.

I am very pleased to report for at least two years animals assessed with a Grade Two elbow grading are deemed to have failed to achieve a 'Z' stamp and therefore are not suitable for breeding.

We cannot however rest on our laurels and as a fraternity we must be very pro-active in ensuring that the GSDCA leads the way in adhering to responsible breeding practices.

GSDCA Tooth Certificates issued during 2016.

GSDCA Tooth Certificate No:	Name of Animal	Dentition
164	Freevale Crazy Beautiful	Missing P1 lower right due to injury.

Series of Lectures delivered to members at various Club Breed Forums.

Since 2006 I have been invited by a number of Member Clubs to provide a presentation to their breeders forum. While I originally concentrated on the German VA animals, this presentation has grown over the past to include the issues affecting the breed, the top 20 males at the previous National Show and Trial, Sires Progeny at the National Show and Trial and VA males at the German Sieger Show.

I have always believed that it is paramount that information from our breeding schemes is available to all breeders both old and new for consideration in their breeding programs. I believe these talks play an integral part in achieving this goal.

During the last twelve months I have presented to the GSDCV members and in January 2017 will again be presenting to the GSDL members. I believe that the members appreciate this information and certainly the feedback by the members has been very positive.

It should be noted that not everyone likes the information distributed especially if it is about their stud dog, but no one can say that factual data is not readily available to all.

Due to circumstances, I requested a legal opinion prior to be presenting my talk in May in Victoria. For this reason a disclaimer is now included with any of my presentations. It is disappointing that this disclaimer was necessary but this does seem the way that society has been headed over recent times.

I do stress during my presentation I do not accept any responsibility should anyone act on the opinions I express and you should make your own enquiries and investigations if you intend to act on any of the information I present.

I do urge breeders and owners to take on board both positive and negative of sires for the betterment and continued development of the breed here in Australia. The same should be said when animals presented to Breed Survey are denied classification.

Presenting an animal for assessment does not necessarily mean automatic classification. The major reason for animals being denied classification is gun shyness.



I do believe however in the future the number of animals with incorrect bites both overshot and level bites may be presenting to Breed Survey and as per the Breed Survey Manual will be deemed to be unsuitable for breeding.

GSDCA Title Verifications

All GSDCA Title Verifications have been processed during the year as per the GSDCA Regulations.

GSDCA Database

As originally advised the database is continually being developed and I refer to the database report for discussion at the GSDCA AGM to highlight the current status of the GSDCA Database.

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the time and effort that Mr Frank Moody has contributed to the development and maintenance of the GSDCA Database. His willingness to deal with my many questions in a professional and timely manner has been incredible to say the least.

Thank you Frank your assistance and your support has been very much appreciated.

2016 Sires Progeny at the National Show and Trial

The Sires Progeny is an important part of the National Show and Trial and the way that it has been developed over recent years I believe is seen as a positive achievement and very well accepted by the fraternity. The value of the Sires Progeny at the National and the subsequent report as published for the fraternity cannot be understated.

In total eighteen groups were eligible but only thirteen groups were presented and assessed by the NBC Executive. Amazingly of the sires only two were locally bred with eleven being from imported sires. Five sires presented a group for the first time.

It should be noted that nine of the thirteen sires presented carry the Quanto Wienerau bloodline, and four sires carry the Mutz Pelztierfarm bloodline.

As stated last year, the NBC Executive felt that the overall quality of the groups was not as good as previous years and uniformity within the groups in some cases is not evident. However, the groups of Toby Plassenburg, Xaro Plassenburg and Yester Feuermelder were very impressive with a number of high quality animals presented of the desired type and overall harmonious construction.

It is disappointing that the number of Australian bred animals being able to present a group has decreased with this year with only two locally bred sires. Orrinshir Elton John and Schaeferhund Xesko being able to present a group. Once again this confirms the NBC Executive's opinion that a number of Australian bred sires have not been seriously considered by the breeders and have been overlooked as having the ability to positively further add to the development of the breed in Australia.

Again the NBC Executive would stress it is essential that we look at what we have in our own "backyard" before heading off on the unknown path of using the latest 'import'.

The National Breed Commission Executive would like to thank all exhibitors for making their animals available for assessment in the Sires Progeny at this year's National.

As the Sires Progeny is no longer printed in the GSDCA Breed Survey Book I would like to make the suggestion that a copies of the Sires Progeny report for the past three years are placed on the GSDCA Website.

Uniformity of Conduct of Breed Survey and Classification at Breed Survey

While these issues have been discussed at length at past NBC meetings and at the Breed Forum held in Sydney in July, this is one area of my portfolio which is a disappointment to me. I do not believe that any major improvement has been achieved as GSDCA Breed Surveyors have not taken on board the comments of the NBC Chair or more importantly the membership in this regard.

- Any improvement in this area is the sole responsibility of the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and it is imperative for the integrity of the Breed Survey scheme to achieve uniformity and consistency, everyone is required to work as a team.



- The other area that was highlighted at the Breed Forum in July was the vast difference in the bloodline knowledge and advice given by the GSDCA Breed Surveyors.
- I urge all GSDCA Breed Surveyors to make themselves more aware of the “positives” and “warnings” needed for the animals being utilized in the breeding program here in Australia.
- I have also stressed that the most important section on the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate is Section VI Advice for Selection of a Breeding Partner (recommendation and warnings). I am contacted on numerous occasions by owners expressing their disappointment in the quality of the advice recorded. This is an area without question that the GSDCA Breed Surveyors need to work to improve and broaden their knowledge.

GSDCA Breed Surveyor's support of the ideals and aims of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes.

Several years ago the GSDCA wanted to introduce a contract for GSDCA Breed Surveyors to sign to acknowledge their support for the aims and ideals of the GSDCA.

I stress, I supported these contracts at the time and I could see no reason why a GSDCA Breed Surveyor would not sign the contracts as approved by the Member Clubs.

I will stress again that any GSDCA Breed Surveyor or in fact any person wanting to be a GSDCA Breed Surveyor should adhere to these ideals.

It should be without question that any GSDCA Breed Surveyor should only breed with successfully classified breed survey animals, and in fact I strongly believe an owner of a stud dog should only be available to successfully classified breed surveyed females.

If we wish to promote our schemes our breed direction and further development of the breed this requirement is without question or maybe one should ask why you would want to be a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.

I will go so far as to say that really I do not require a signed piece of paper to adhere to this requirement and actions speak louder than words.

Size

It would appear there has been some improvement in this area. However, there is no doubt that the majority of animals, especially our females, stand at the upper level of the desired standard of size. The change to the size requirement in 2008 in my opinion has been beneficial and also there is a degree of responsibility from the breeders as well to take some hard decisions on animals that are clearly well outside the standard and not include these animals in their breeding program.

In regards to breed survey it is imperative that the measurements are carried out in a uniform manner and it would appear that this could still be an area of inconsistency.

Again, I remind all Breed Surveyors of the only acceptable description of size at Breed Survey.

This of course should be used by judges in their critiques when officiating at shows so that there is uniformity of terminology for all animals.

Dogs (cms) :	Bitches (cms) :	Description :
60 -61	55 -56	Small
61-62	56-57	Under medium size
62-63	57-58	Medium size
63-64	58-59	Above medium size
64-65	59-60	Large
65-66	60-61	Very large*
Above 66	Above 61	Oversize **

* Under Particular Virtues and Faults (Standing on the upper limit of size)

** Under Particular Virtues and Faults (Oversize and breed warnings)

As per the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual the criteria **relative to size is not open-ended**. The GSDCA Breed Survey Manual clearly states animals standing outside the limitations of size and are considered to be of above average anatomical worth *may be considered for Class 11. Animals that do not meet this criteria should be denied classification.*



While this chart has been circulated to all GSDCA Breed Surveyors on numerous occasions it does appear that not all GSDCA Breed Surveyors seem to be aware of this requirement.

Breed Survey Statistics for 2016.

The breakdown of statistics will be circulated under separate cover. At the time of writing the report I have just received worksheets from Member Clubs for Breed Surveys conducted later in the year.

Photographs for Breed Survey

Thank you to the owners that have supplied photographs in the first instance and thank you to the owners that have responded to my repeated requests.

Some of the photographs are not of the same quality as others and it goes without saying that an adult photograph in a show stance is required. Happy shots are not acceptable.

Just remember that the photograph remains with your animal forever and I cannot imagine anyone not wanting to show their animal to the best advantage.

This is still an issue and I would draw your attention to the fact that a suitable photograph is to be supplied to the NBC Chair within seven days of the Breed Survey.

The Major Concerns affecting the Breed

Over-angulation of the hindquarter - very loose hock joints;

It is apparent that this is a major issue affecting the breed. While we have had loose hock joints in the breed since the lifting of the importation ban, the number of animals that display an unstable hindquarter and actually impedes the working capability of the animal is increasing and in some cases not being penalised. ***It is also a trait that the general public find offensive.***

There are now a number of bloodlines throughout the world which produce slightly deep to over-angulated animals and linebreeding of these animals will see this problem ingrained in the breed for years to come.

The over-angulation of the hindquarter ***impedes the working capability and affects the endurance and versatility of the dog.*** It was highlighted at the meeting that this is not only a major problem for us as Breed Surveyors, Judges or breeders ***but more importantly for the public that wish to buy a German Shepherd Dog as their family pet, which of course is the majority of the animals that we breed.***

These animals are from current sires in our breeding program. One can see why the public talk about sloping backs and veterinarians express the opinion that the GSD has major problems with looseness and instability of the hindquarter. I urge breeders to consider very carefully selection of a suitable breeding partner for the wellbeing of the breed.

Breeders certainly need to address the following issues in their breeding program but currently I am not sure that this is the case and in some cases they are receiving mixed messages from GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges. Just take some time at shows to watch experienced handlers having trouble standing exhibits in the ring.

One of my concerns however is that GSDCA Specialist Judges, GSDCA Breed Surveyors are not listening to my concerns regarding this matter. Of course the problem is really not being addressed in Germany either.

Whilst I have been expressing my concern since 2008, to be blunt my concerns have been falling on deaf ears.

GSDCA Breed Surveyors need to take more care when finalising the GSDCA BS7 worksheet and more consistency is required in describing animals being breed surveyed, especially in the identified areas affecting the breed.

The identified areas include:-

- Over-angulation of the hindquarter;
- Instability of the hindquarter – extreme looseness of hock joints and overall ligamentation;
- Peaking over the back;
- Steep Croup;
- Strength of dentition – incorrect scissor bite (slightly overshot and very close scissor bite);



- Strength of upper and lower jaws;
- Depth of chest proportions – slightly short to short lowerchest – extreme tuckup;
- Set and carriage of ears.

The bending of the back displays, in some cases, like the animal is bent in two. Hopefully this area will be addressed by breeders in their future breeding program.

Correct paperwork at Breed Survey.

I must say once again that only the correct paperwork is accepted and no breed survey certificate can be issued until all of the required paperwork is received. It is disappointing that in the past six months there has been a decline in the required paperwork being received.

Only the GSDCA Breed Survey forms are acceptable and these are to be completed and signed by the owners at least seven days prior to Breed Survey.

As a reminder the officiating GSDCA Breed Surveyor needs to sight the official paperwork and to sign off on the GSDCA BS7 Worksheet. It is important that this information is checked accurately and not given just a quick glance as done by some GSDCA Breed Surveyors.

GSDCA Executive decision regarding two Breed Surveyors at all future Breed Surveys.

The GSDCA Executive unanimously agreed to ensure that in future at least two Breed Surveyors will be in attendance at all Breed Surveys. This decision was not taken lightly but it was felt that it was time to make this decision for all future Breed Surveys.

This will mean that a minimum of two GSDCA Breed Surveyors will officiate at all Breed Surveys throughout Australia. The additional cost of the second Breed Surveyor will be borne by the Council as the GSDCA Executive is aware of the extra cost imposed on the smaller clubs. ***It should also be noted that the second Breed Surveyor is appoint by the NBC Executive.*** Of course it goes without saying that the additional Breed Surveyor will be appointed based on ensuring that costs are kept to a minimum.

Please note that the State Breed Surveyor Co-ordinator for non-surveying state is the National Breed Commission Chair. All clubs are to notify the NBC Chair of the dates of the Breed Surveys at the commencement of the Breed Survey year.

While some clubs expressed their concern at this action the GSDCA Executive believes that this is a positive and proactive step to restore uniformity of conduct and consistency of classification at Breed Survey and should assist in removing the innuendo associated with only one surveyor signing off on character, gun test, dentition, measuring and importantly for the membership, choice of surveyor when there was none.

As previously stated all GSDCA Breed Surveyors present on the day participate in the preliminaries whether they have been selected to complete a worksheet on a particular animal or not.

Conclusion

I was very privileged to be elected to the position of National Breed Commission Chairman in February 2001 and with the support of the fraternity have been elected in that position until February 2017.

During that period there have been a number of changes implemented for the further development and improvement of the breed. Of course these changes would not have been possible without the approval of the membership and I appreciate their support for these changes and the implementation.

My position as National Breed Commission Chairman is greatly assisted by the time and effort that each of the Registrars contribute and donate to their portfolio, to ensure that this area of Council runs efficiently.

In addition to the GSDCA Registrars I would like to take the opportunity to thank the position holders of the member clubs whether it is the Breed Survey Registrars, HD/ED Registrars, Tattoo Registrars and last but not least the GSDCA Breed Surveyors.

I would however like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Barbara Blythe who has acted as the Minute Secretary for the National Breed Commission Meetings over recent times. Barbara is a very experienced minute taker and certainly has



ensured that decisions made at the NBC meetings are recorded accurately. Thank you Barbara for your assistance and expertise which is very much appreciated.

The competency of the registrars has ensured that all areas under the direction of the NBC Chairman have run smoothly and within the regulations as laid down by the GSDCA. Adherence to the regulations of the GSDCA is paramount to ensure the integrity of the schemes is maintained and to ensure uniformity and equity for all members.

I am very proud and have a great belief in the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and the influence that these schemes have had in shaping the breed here in Australia.

As advised previously my decision not to stand for re-election was not taken lightly but after taking everything into account considered that most likely the time has come to step aside.

I will ensure that the handover to the newly elected NBC Chair Ms Melanie Groth will be as smooth as possible. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Melanie on her appointment and wish her all the very best for the future in this position.

I have a number of people to thank for their support during my tenure and I have decided that I will write to them all individually.

I am not sure if the fraternity is aware of the time and commitment that the GSDCA Executive gives not only to their individual portfolios but their contribution to the GSDCA Executive as a whole. I believe that the current GSDCA Executive have only the best in mind for the breed and work tirelessly to that aim.

I do have some concerns for the future of the breed not only in Australia but world-wide. The anti-dog lobby cannot be underestimated and I am sure that the changes to the dog and cat management in numerous states without question will effect in the future how we keep and breed our animals.

More importantly of course is that the general public want to have a German Shepherd Dog as their family pet.

The GSDCA need to be united in dealing with these changes to legislation and certainly need to be very proactive in this area.

Breeding and showing German Shepherd Dogs is not only a hobby I enjoy but we must remember that individuals, clubs and this Council are secondary to the reason why we are here the *"German Shepherd Dog"*.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the breeders and owners of German Shepherds throughout Australia for their support not only to me personally but to the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, its breed improvement schemes and most importantly to the breed.

Once again, thank you for the support from my fellow Executive, GSDCA Member Clubs GSDCA Breed Surveyors and the fraternity.

Well that is all folks and I am happy to answer any questions from any delegate in regards to my report.

Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair & Haemophilia Registrar - Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS

Since taking over the role of Breed Health and Welfare Chairperson, I have made regular contact with Dr Claire Sharp with her GDV research and new information on haemangiosarcoma. Both of these diseases prominently affect our breed. I have also had communication with neurologists about degenerative myelopathy and been discussing UAP and HD issues with specialists from time to time. Things have slowed down a little for me since giving birth to my first child in October, but hopefully as time goes on I can re-group a bit better and continue to keep my finger on the pulse with new information and updates on diseases related to our breed. With the aim to not only keep our members as informed as possible but also make progress for the health and welfare of our breed.

1. Degenerative Myelopathy – where are we at? Australia and World Wide

Degenerative Myelopathy is a term used to describe a progressive neurodegenerative disease in dogs. It typically affects the pelvic limbs to start with, whereby causing a hind limb ataxia that is slowly progressive in an ascending fashion, over months to a year. It is a non painful disease and the age of onset is typically >8 years old (can be as young as 4/5, or as late as 12/13 years). Due to a variety of other spinal cord lesions, definitive diagnosis is made



on post mortem examination of the spinal cord. The DNA/genetic identification of an animal homozygous for the A allele of SOD1 missense mutation, SOD1:c.118G> A, which predicts a p.E40K amino acid substitution in superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) was confirmed with post mortem examination. However, there have been eight confirmed cases of heterozygous SOD1 on post mortem examination (Zeng, Coates *et al*, 2014).

Orivet in Victoria appears to be the main point of contact for most Australian breeders to have DNA testing performed for Degenerative Myelopathy. Other laboratories listed are as follows :

- ASAP laboratories
- Animal Network
- DCC Veterinary
- VetNostic Laboratories
- Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
- DOGenes
- DDC DNA Diagnostics Centre

On the topic of laboratory usage, it would be beneficial to consider an overseas laboratory, in both Karen and my opinion. Such as, the larger firms in the USA, UK (AHT) or Antagene in France. If breeders are willing to spend some extra money and use Orivet, or another Australian laboratory as well as an international laboratory and compare the results, this may be advantageous to assess which laboratory is better to use long term.

Main concerns at this point in time with regards to Australia wide testing of GSDs is the appropriate advice to be given to breeders for selection of breeding partners. We want to avoid a bottle neck approach to breeding, whereby selecting dogs that are “clear” for breeding and encouraging other diseases through those animals. The GSD has a complex number of breed related diseases that are and can be far more devastating than degenerative myelopathy, so a common sense practical approach to interpretation of those results should be considered, in my professional opinion.

2. DNA profiling/Importation of Semen

It could be considered to use the empty straws (semen) for DNA collection, using ISAG markers as they are internationally recognised. However, there would need to be a central storage of DNA information in Australia that is agreed upon (University vs private laboratory). This could be combined with other DNA information for later use for research into diseases that involve our breed.

An update on this is that DNA testing will be considered in the near future as a prerequisite for breeding, it is likely we will go through the WUSV to do this and it is on the “to-do” list to contact the SV.

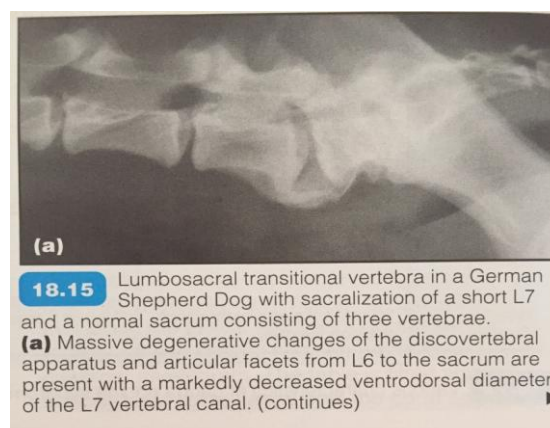
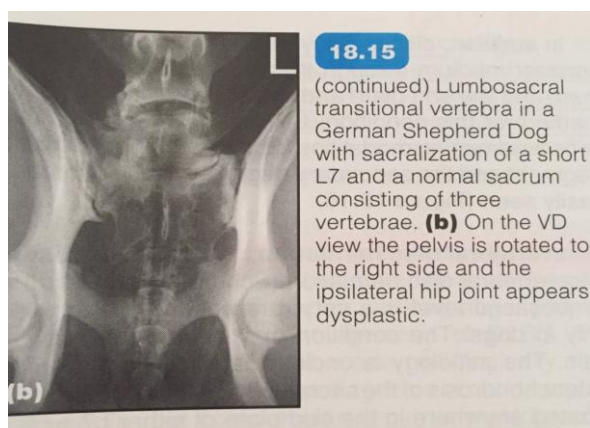
3. Lumbosacral Vertebrae/ Transitional Vertebrae, Cauda Equina/L-S stenosis

Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae (LTV) in the GSD in a Swiss study was as high as 29%, however no correlation with canine hip dysplasia was found in this study. The current concern with LTVs are that they can cause difficulties in obtaining a straight extended VD hip radiographs, this is then taken into account by the scrutineer with regards to the degree of subluxation for scoring.

Both Lavelle, and after discussing with Dr Stander (radiologist at WAVES), it is felt that there is minimal correlation between LTV and hip dysplasia although some very unilateral cases do have issues from what Lavelle has seen. Lavelle wrote that he would much prefer that we lowered the A stamp score.

It must be understood though that GSDs appear to be predisposed to LTVs, which itself predispose to a narrowing of the vertebral canal at the aspect of the lumbo-sacral junction.

Photo – LTV (VD & lat) – BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Musculoskeletal Imaging.



Cauda equina– typically caused by degenerative lumbosacral stenosis. Signs result from compression of the spinal cord or the nerve roots at this location (through the pelvis). Back pain is noticeable during jumping, climbing or any kind of hyperextension on the back. The tail may be weak in advanced cases and compression will lead to weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs, finally faecal and urinary incontinence will follow. Osteochondrosis of S1 (occasionally L7) is also a predisposing factor to DLSS and German Shepherd Dogs appear to be over represented for this condition. We should probably be considering this condition as a main differential in the common diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy for somewhat similar presenting signs – weakness, limp tail, uncoordinated hind limb gait etc.

At this point in time the best diagnostic tool is MRI +/- myelography, only to be used as a diagnostic tool and absolutely not practical as a screening tool for breeding animals.

4. Gastric Dilation Volvulus (Bloat)

A common condition we are all aware of. Presentation given by Dr Claire Sharp to the GSDA of WA was very informative and insightful for future research and hopeful outcomes. Dr Sharp continues her research based through Tufts University in Boston USA. Her current research is as follows:

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, with the support of dozens of breed clubs including the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, recently funded 2 research proposals (January 2014). These studies will be the largest of their kind ever undertaken to investigate GDV in dogs. These studies are designed to gain a better understanding of what causes GDV in dogs. The study that I am involved in is entitled “Application of genomic and molecular methods to understanding the pathophysiology of gastric dilatation and volvulus in purebred dogs; a systems biology approach.”

This is, in essence, collection of DNA from animals (both affected and not affected by GDV) to look for a genetic link/predisposition to GDV, as well as the collection of stomach and faecal samples of dogs to look at their microbiome (what makes up the contents of the fluid/material, its pH and so on). Research goals are to aim to identify genes that increase GDV risk (and work out why), develop genetic tests, make genetic tests available to breeders, counsel breeders on how to use genetic tests to eradicate GDV from their bloodlines (this will take time).

5. Haemangiosarcoma

This is a truly devastating cancer that our breed succumbs to frequently, it is not uncommon to have a 6-8 year old dog present with life threatening shock and bleeding from a haemangiosarcoma on the heart base or on the spleen. Treatment is always palliative, median survival after removal of a splenic tumour is as little as three months. Current research in Australia through the University of QLD is looking at genetic markers in haemangiosarcoma affected dogs. Claire Sharp was generous with her time and wrote an article for our GSDCA review, she also gave up a Sunday afternoon to talk about the disease at the GSDA of WA. It was also very informative and well received by those who attended.

6. Atopy and other immune related diseases in the GSD

Major research in Sweden has used the GSD as an example for human atopy (allergies), there appears to be a correlation between immuno-globulin deficiencies and atopy. This can be applied to other disease that affect mucosal surfaces, like disseminated aspergillosis, chronic antibiotic responsive diarrhoea, inflammatory bowel disease etc. These diseases are devastating, expensive to treat, and affect young animals. Unfortunately there is no current research in Australia with regards to these particular diseases, but I am continuing to watch worldwide for updates.

7. Breed Health Profile Form

It is encouraged that members complete this form as a way of tracking disease in our breed, science and research is largely about data collection and if we don't have data, we don't have progress.

8. Haemophilia Testing

The following animals have been presented to the haemophilia testing scheme since taking over the roll, both are not affected by Factor VIII deficiency.

- Giotto di Fossombrone (IMP ITY)
- Babenberg Nero
- Haveloc Chanz
- Brando vom Ilsegrund (IMP GMY)
- Hasenway Montgomery (IID DEU)
- Vac-Vagvolgyi Jenky (IMP DEU)



- Hasenway Macho Man (IID DEU)

It is encouraged that the paperwork is sent to myself for the completion of H Neg Certificate.

9. Early Desexing

It should be reminded to all owners of German Shepherd puppies from our reputable breeders that making a well informed decision about when is the right time to desex their puppy. In my opinion, health benefits in delaying desexing until maturity in large breed dogs include; decreased likelihood and reduction in severity of joint diseases, avoidance of urinary incontinence in females, reduced incidence of cancers, etc. Leaving animals in-tact well into middle to older ages also carries health risks, this is where having a well informed discussion with a trusted veterinarian is important. I believe that if owners have an appropriate discussion with their veterinarian, they should be respected to make their own decision for the best interests of the dog.

National Identification Registrar - Mr. Adam Toretto

It is my pleasure to submit my report to the GSDCA AGM 2017.

TATTOOING

As we all know there has been a massive drop in tattooing since January 2012 with the introduction of microchipping, however, as per the chart below I am still receiving a number of requests from new breeders for Tattoo Symbols.

Symbol Applications processed

<u>Club</u>	<u>1 Oct'15 > 30 Sept 16</u>		<u>1 Oct'14 > 30 Sep'15</u>		<u>1 Oct'13 > 30 Sep'14</u>		<u>1 Oct'12 > 30 Sep'13</u>	
	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter
QLD	1	-	1	1	-		1	1
NSW *	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VIC	-	3	-	4	-	3	-	4
TAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SA	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	4
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	5	1	10	0	5	1	10

* NSW includes GSDL, N&HR

Club Tattoo Results

The biggest concern and rather disappointing is the lack of Club Tattoo Registrars updating the GSDCA Database.

A number of Club Tattoo Registrars **STILL DO NOT** enter the Tattoo details into the GSDCA database, let alone passing on TS forms.

1 Oct'15 > 30 Sept'16			1 Oct'14 > 30 Sept'15		1 Oct'10 > 30 Sept'11	
Club	Litters	Pups	Litters	Pups	Litters	Pups
QLD	28	182 (704)	43	249	52	293
NSW	42	251 (1192)	72	382	139	807
NC&HR	-	-	-	-	18	108
ACT	2	9 (9)	6	23	12	78
VIC	15	85 (748)	45	253	80	414
TAS	-	0 (116)	1	4	16	95
SA	13	76 (464)	61	76	61	298
WA	0	0 (406)	-	-	76	438
NT		-	-	-	-	-



Total Tattoos	100	603	175	967	454	2,531
Total Reg'ns		3639		3,782		3,862
Percentage		17%		25%		65%

The numbers you see in brackets eg (131) are the total number of microchipped reg's for that state.

****These figures are as of the most current update****

*****No reports received from Victoria or ACT*****

I'm yet to receive TS4 forms from some clubs for this past year and previous years.

From this year when a report or update to the database is needed I will also be including the Club Sec in the email for the "non responders".

Whilst most puppies are now microchipped only, when the breeder does tattoo we need to ensure that this is captured on the database. This information is still vital when the dog progresses through the GSDCA HD/ED and Breed Survey schemes.

If the Tattoo information is NOT in the Database, the HD/ED Certificates and Breed Survey Certificates WILL NOT be issued until this is entered.

Can all Presidents please reiterate the importance of this, to their Breeders and Registrars within their Clubs.

There is a need for all clubs to remind their Tattoo Officers that "All puppies MUST be tattooed at the same time".

There continues to be a slight decline in tattooing since the introduction of microchipping.

With this in mind, and the number of new applications, it is therefore very important for **ALL** Clubs to continue to support those Breeders that wish to continue tattooing their puppies.

MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping has been an acceptable form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes since 1st January 2012.

We have had a few cases with mis-matching Microchip Numbers, due to:

- Breeders not verifying the microchip number with the Name/Registration Number of the puppy when it is sold.
- Breeders not checking the Microchip numbers recorded on the ANKC Registration papers.
- Microchips have **15** numbers.

I cannot stress enough, that Breeders can avoid most of our future issues by:

- checking the Registration papers when they get them back, to ensure there has not been a data entry error at the Canine Control, and also
- checking that the puppy goes with the correct Microchip that matches its Pedigree papers

It would also be desirable if owners had the microchip scanned just before coming to survey, and noting where the microchip is found (as we hear regularly of chips moving).

I would like to thank Ms Joylene Neddermeyer for her continued support, knowledge shared and genuine nature, you really will be missed.

I wish you all the best in your retirement from NBC Chair and still look forward to picking your brain.



National Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar - Mr. Doug West.

To date there is 10,302 Hip & Elbow results in the Council database, comprising of 3,033 Males and 7,269 Females. 8,954 has been tattooed with 3521 microchipped. 8,855 gained the 'A' stamp from the 10,234 that were submitted resulting in a 86.5% pass rate on Hips, with 1,380 missing out.

10,235 were submitted for elbows, 10,007 has gained the 'Z' 97.8% pass rate, with 7,607 of those being "Normal" 74.3%, and 112 having "UAP" 1.1%.

State Participation to date is:

NSW = 2,499	'A'= 2,199 = 87.99% pass rate	'Z' 2,461 = 98.5% pass rate
Vic = 1,992	'A'= 1,727 = 86.70% pass rate	'Z' 1,927 = 96.7% pass rate
Qld = 1,610	'A'= 1,330 = 82.60% pass rate	'Z' 1,557 = 96.7% pass rate
W A = 1,284	'A'= 1,044 = 81.30% pass rate	'Z' 1,258 = 98.0% pass rate
S A = 1,192	'A'= 1,118 = 81.30% pass rate	'Z' 1,153 = 96.73% pass rate
N Z = 638	'A'= 501 = 78.53% pass rate	'Z' 589 = 92.3% pass rate
NCHR = 444	'A'= 400 = 90.09% pass rate	'Z' 437 = 98.42% pass rate
TAS = 347	'A'= 293 = 84.44% pass rate	'Z' 330 = 100% pass rate
ACT = 183	'A'= 153 = 83.61% pass rate	'Z' 179 = 97.81% pass rate
B H = 36	'A'= 28 = 77.78% pass rate	'Z' 34 = 94.44% pass rate

As can be seen from the numbers above NSW has had the largest amount of dogs submitted to the scheme with a total of 2,499.

Kennel Participation:

Iccara	WA	174
Seigen	WA	154
Vonrauten	SA	127
Astasia	QLD	125
Denargun	VIC	124
Jentol	WA	124
Andacht	NSW	117

All the above figures relates to the whole data base.

In regards to GSDCA email for position holders, problem I find with this is one needs to constantly check to see if there is any new mail. I would have thought that an automatic redirection would have been set up so every time something goes into the inbox it would be redirected to that persons actual email address, which is constantly being checked.

The above is a snap shot of the data base as at 21/12/2016, a more detailed report is presented annually to the NBC meeting.



JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has given me support over the past 12 months. It has been a very busy time, with changes to my professional role that has impacted with increased workplace commitments. I have appreciated the support provided by my fellow executive members and other judges with support of this portfolio.

The past year has been consistent, with bursts of activity around and after meetings, as well as supporting participants in the Extension Course. Actions from the past 2 GSDCA Judges Committee Meetings are finalised apart from two.

One from the 2015 GSDCA Committee Meeting is an Agenda item for the AGM this weekend around new Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions. I would like to thank Jane Pike, Andrew Jones and Ian Urie for the work they have done to bring these designs to the members for consideration.

An action from the 2016 Judges Committee was for a working party consisting of Louis Donald, Jo Cathie and Robyn Knuckey to review learning materials and produce educational modules on the breed. This action was deemed no longer required with outcomes from the Breed Forum the following day, where a number of working parties were formed to develop various areas including education on the German Shepherd Dog.

All actions from the 2016 GSDCA Judges Committee are listed as agenda items for this meeting.

Towards the end of 2016, I sadly received the resignation of Russell Wenham from Specialist Judging. Russell has had some health issues during the past 12 months, he still wishes to be involved as an exhibitor. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Russell the very best and thank you for your ongoing support of the German Shepherd Dog for so many years. As a handler, trainer, breeder, exhibitor, judge and breed surveyor.

Peter Flynn has been managing the GSDCA Size Database, Peter has been inputting the size data from the critiques of our Specialist Shows. It is a labour intensive task and I truly thank Peter for his ongoing commitment to do this, as a part of the GSDCA Judges Committee portfolio. A full report will be provided at the 2017 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting.

2016 GSDCA National

The GSDCA National was held in Sydney over the Easter weekend at the end of March. The GSDL of NSW did a very good job overall, amazingly lead by their then President Greg Jones.

The National Report, prepared by Ian Urie, as the GSDCA National Liaison Officer, is under separate cover in the AGM booklet.

A breakdown of the excellent graded animals is presented as Tail Male charts for both males and females for the 2016 GSDCA National. Thank you again to Stephen Collins for his continued support and assistance in presenting these charts. These charts have been presented at the 2016 Judges Committee Meeting and printed in the National Quarterly Review.

At the 2016 GSDCA AGM, as a part of the report, clubs were asked for feedback on the discussion paper on future GSDCA Nationals and the potential growth of the Long Stock Coat entry and impact on time management. There clubs responded, thank you to the GSDCSA, GSDCQ and GSDCV for your responses, with additional input from the GSDCA Executive.

After lengthy discussion at the Judges Committee Meeting and the feedback provided by the clubs, the following suggestions are to be trialled.

- Cut down the size of the ring for individuals, to half the ring. (This was the case in Italy, the Open Class individual were in the same ring. One tent in the middle of the ring, dividers across. Cuts down on the distance to travel for handlers and double handlers between rings, therefore cut down on the time taken for individual and no waiting for exhibitors
- Changes to the social functions, is the Presidents' Dinner still appropriate. Make more of the Thursday Night Meet and Greet. The GSDCQ is going to trial this in May 2017 and then look at feedback on the attendance of members to functions.



Database of GSDCA National Entries since the First National.

	BABY MALE		BABY FEMALE		MINOR MALE		MINOR FEMALE		PUPPY MALE		PUPPY FEMALE		JUNIOR MALE		JUNIOR FEMALE		INTER MALE		INTER FEMALE		OPEN MALE			OPEN FEMALE		
JUDGES	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED
	15	19	12	15	16	19		15	17	12	16	12	15	18	17	17	24	27	25	27	34	0	38	22	0	31
	15	19	15	17	11	14	19	20	10	13	15	15	16	18	22	22	16	20	7	10	32	2	27	24	4	30
H.Jochmann	0	0	0	0	24	28	16	29	18	24	23	30	23	36	20	44	26	31	31	44	25	6	35	28	3	38
Fauser/Jochmann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	95	37	168	43	59	51	66	45	70	69	88	29	11	43	28	7	38
Hengmuth/Donald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	101	85	143	43	58	46	62	56	81	60	90	49	10	64	49	8	56
W.Martin/Koellges/M Stokes	0	0	0	0	34	62	52	81	21	27	24	45	62	73	83	104	88	111	96	132	48	10	59	52	15	74
H.Martin/Beck/Pettenhofer	0	0	0	0	44	83	64	103	30	58	48	75	72	97	83	120	97	124	90	128	42	12	74	53	14	79
Fauser/Wieser/Moody	0	0	0	0	49	93	29	113	28	49	34	51	46	64	70	101	83	102	88	116	51	15	67	45	16	74
Jochman/Kaspar/Cowdroy/Doyle	0	0	0	0	42	78	47	98	17	35	33	55	56	90	79	124	65	89	76	121	49	16	76	64	18	85
Beck/Koellges	0	0	0	0	37	66	55	90	16	37	24	48	37	59	67	99	62	93	69	110	40	15	60	43	15	81
Orschler/W.Martin	0	0	0	0	38	60	54	91	29	45	44	76	41	55	67	78	47	74	68	97	44	16	66	54	18	78
Fauser/Jochmann	0	0	0	0	45	86	50	106	25	41	41	66	33	42	44	67	52	75	73	103	52	25	65	70	27	94
W.Martin/Kasper	0	0	0	0	47	84	66	110	28	43	34	68	32	53	57	82	55	85	60	95	48	20	68	52	30	91
Dexel/Wieneke	0	0	0	0	44	86	59	120	21	38	43	66	37	56	54	89	51	75	67	111	39	25	78	59	16	95
Koellges/Fauser	0	0	0	0	28	49	39	59	23	32	32	43	39	53	65	93	60	80	78	111	48	28	68	60	37	104
Kasper/Humberdros	0	0	0	0	19	31	32	58	24	34	39	56	37	44	54	74	45	56	51	75	49	27	64	63	41	101
Wieser/Orschler	34	48	40	53	34	49	40	72	10	23	20	31	28	40	51	79	32	39	39	73	51	25	72	65	46	106
W.Martin	16	28	36	49	19	32	31	52	16	29	28	48	27	41	32	64	33	46	45	66	35	23	52	50	39	90
Schweikert/Kirchhoff	31	46	39	63	21	47	46	83	24	43	31	52	31	37	49	67	47	52	37	59	51	28	77	70	33	104
Orschler/ Meyer	30	51	37	52	30	44	40	64	18	21	25	33	51	57	54	81	29	39	42	65	44	31	59	63	43	101
Dexel/Kasper	10	28	10	39	29	47	30	53	8	13	13	24	53	70	63	86	4	7	2	7	52	34	62	48	31	75
Wieser/Humberdros	20	30	28	48	24	43	31	61	17	27	32	43	34	52	64	85	5	6	7	10	51	38	62	44	28	72
Kasper/Fauser	25	35	33	45	16	29	21	42	12	19	28	40	16	26	25	35	24	26	21	34	43	29	54	43	40	65
Orschler/Griffiths	26	42	32	50	13	29	22	42	19	26	26	48	32	39	50	73	30	39	35	52	44	29	61	65	54	95
Lugbauer/Meyer	18	24	24	35	27	43	36	52	17	21	26	31	29	36	41	51	21	23	35	44	44	30	58	55	41	85
Janke/ Wieneke	18	32	36	50	29	38	52	69	12	19	32	39	23	29	40	49	36	38	45	53	48	38	62	71	63	91
Schweikert/Scheerer	21	28	10	52	22	28	44	64	15	19	25	37	20	25	42	61	26	32	41	48	47	43	53	74	69	94
Humberdros/Ruckert	19	27	15	23	17	23	22	33	8	12	21	27	22	28	28	42	26	34	37	53	30	20	47	55	32	83
Siefert/Mai	24	37	38	48	15	24	24	34	12	18	27	32	27	37	41	54	29	39	28	44	43	40	58	60	52	96
Brauch/Lugbauer	21	28	25	31	10	18	30	39	14	17	28	33	28	37	36	48	25	26	27	35	43	33	52	56	43	84
Orschler/Tantaro	18	22	24	39	27	39	40	56	18	21	31	42	24	39	29	41	29	33	46	56	50	43	64	64	55	82
Mueller/Goeke	9	15	19	26	22	32	39	51	13	18	16	21	19	0	25	36	21	27	29	37	64	56	73	56	47	76
Woerner/Begier	13	19	28	36	12	18	32	42	9	12	15	21	10	13	24	36	24	30	33	47	40	37	53	47	44	69
Knau/Bosl	19	25	34	45	29	34	23	30	11	13	22	30	17	23	47	55	25	27	35	49	46	42	62	52	46	76
Mai/Brauch	15	20	36	50	25	28	35	49	12	15	23	30	23	27	35	44	32	36	39	47	34	29	56	41	37	60
Fetten/Schweikert	21	24	39	49	17	20	30	37	12	15	19	25	22	27	39	45	23	27	22	40	35	31	49	53	47	65
Mueller/Scheerer	10	11	17	19	16	19	34	41	9	10	22	26	16	19	28	35	24	31	32	46	39	35	51	49	64	64
Goeke/Goldlust	13	20	32	38	13	18	26	43	10	13	28	33	14	15	44	57	25	33	45	72	24	24	61	56	55	78
Quoll / Wettlauffer	20	30	54	66	15	27	41	65	23	26	30	32	13	17	27	32	23	29	46	66	38	38	47	57	57	72
Scheerer/Woerner	16	18	31	38	11	22	20	32	12	13	19	25	11	13	32	37	24	27	42	54	28	28	34	44	44	64
Brauch/Ludwig	16	20	40	47	13	21	31	47	11	17	30	35	11	13	39	43	22	24	39	50	37	33	45	60	57	80
Goldlust/Steigler	21	24	40	47	16	23	39	51	7	12	29	37	15	18	41	48	26	27	54	69	36	36	46	68	68	79
Quoll/Sheerer	9	12	27	37	12	17	42	57	5	7	21	27	17	20	50	65	22	30	53	70	34	34	45	61	61	83
Brauch/Van Dorssen	8	18	40	53	14	20	34	45	5	11	22	30	10	12	37	55	16	18	40	50	34	31	45	49	46	66

Database for Long Stock Coat GSDCA National Entries

		BABY MALE		BABY FEMALE		MINOR MALE		MINOR FEMALE		PUPPY MALE		PUPPY FEMALE		JUNIOR MALE		JUNIOR FEMALE		INTER MALE		INTER FEMALE		OPEN MALE			OPEN FEMALE			TOTAL	
JUDGES	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	EX GRADE	ENTERED	SHOWN	ENTERED	
Woerner	0	0	2	2	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9
Brauch	0	0	2	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	6	6	2	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	2	4	1	1	1	30	33	
Steigler	3	4	5	5	4	5	9	9	2	2	5	5	2	2	7	8	1	1	10	10	4	2	4	3	2	3	55	58	
Quoll	4	7	11	12	3	4	5	10	1	2	4	6	4	4	8	10	5	6	9	9	3	3	5	6	6	9	63	84	
Brauch	4	6	11	14	4	7	4	5	1	1	3	3	4	6	9	11	2	5	6	7	7	7	8	16	15	17	71	90	

GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course

During the previous 12 months, Sharon Ballantyne has completed her Extension Course. Sharon was the first participant to complete her Examinations with the final assessment being when she was judging. The feedback on her performance was very positive, well done Sharon.

Jenny DeLucia has completed Stage 1 Mentoring and has a couple of judging appointments for 2017 and will commence Stage 2 Examinations during 2017.

Salvatore Pittelli only has his final examination when he is judging to do to complete. I will be working with Salvatore to set this up when it is appropriate.

Jess Kada has recently passed her practical examination for her Championship Show judging for GSDs, congratulations Jess.

We have another three of our fraternity at various stages of progressing through the ANKC Trainee Scheme, Edwina Neale (Vic) and Nicky McDermott (Vic) doing GSDs only and Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) doing Group 5. I wish them all the very best in their endeavours.



I continue to ask that clubs provide opportunities for ANKC GSD trainee judges to be offered an Open Show to judge, as soon as practicable on entering the ANKC scheme. This enables them to gain some valuable experience. As this may be the only opportunity for our trainee judges in the ANKC scheme, to get some experience in handling of dogs and ringcraft, prior to completing their Practical Examination to be a Championship Show Judge.

I would like to thank all the GSDCA specialist judges that have supported the participants in the scheme, it is quite a commitment and your support has been greatly appreciated, by me and the participants in the Extension Course. The Mentor/Assessor Judge requirements for the day are now available on the GSDCA website under the Conformation Judging Section, so clubs, participants and assessors are all aware of what is required.

It is often difficult to get judges to act as mentor/assessor judges, as there is an expectation that they do not exhibit at the show. This really does cut down on the availability of suitable judges to support participants doing assessments. A decision needs to be made if assessors can exhibit or not when doing a voluntary role. This will be an agenda item for the 2017 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting.

Social Media

This continues to be an issue for the dog world. This was again discussed at the Judges Committee Meeting, as Social Media has been used as a strong forum for criticism. A member of our fraternity has asked for a member club to take action regarding comments on social media that were derogatory, so members are starting to ask for action to take place.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind all that negative comments about judges or others around a dog show can lead to suspension from your canine control if the case is submitted and proven. Social Media is not a private discussion between two people it is there for the world to see.

Each Canine Control now has Social Media Policies and rules pertaining to use of same. State canine controls do take action if members are found guilty. The ANKC Social Media Policy was distributed to judges at the Judges Committee Meeting. I strongly suggest that club presidents also review their state canine control social media policies and remind members of their responsibilities.

Shows for 2016

We currently have 44 judges able to award GSDCA gradings, of these, two are trainee GSDCA specialist judges. The GSDCA show calendar has 45 specialist shows for 2016, this is 6 more than 2015, and an additional 3 more than 2014. These consist of the GSDCA National, 5 SBEs by a various number of judges, from 1 to 4, 25 Championship Shows and 9 Members Competitions. There are an additional 6 shows where Australian GSDCA Judges officiated at shows in New Zealand. This shows that 22 Australian Judges have judged at least once this year.

We are seeing a continued growth in the overall number of GSDCA Specialist Shows available throughout the year over the last two years. This growth is attributed to clubs collaborating with more Group 5 or All Breeds Clubs to have additional shows in a number of states. With this we are seeing a marked increase in Australian Judges officiating.

We are also seeing a decline in entries in some states, most obviously in Queensland and Western Australia. For WA, this can be attributed a large breeder moving to Victoria and another large breeder taking a year off from exhibiting, although numbers did increase again towards the end of the year.

In Queensland, I am not sure of the reasons for their decline in entries, but could be partially attributed to no International Judges and an increase in the number of shows available.

With this increase in shows available, we had one weekend this year with 4 states holding Specialist Shows, and other occasions of clashes with shows held on the same weekend or consecutive weekends that could decrease desire for exhibitors to travel.

We are also seeing some judges officiating at shows reasonably close together that again could impact on entries. I believe this is an area we need to look at, with the table presented below it shows the changes from 2015 to 2016, by each club.

The contact list for Specialist Judges is updated at least twice a year, or if an additional judge becomes available as a trainee in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course.



The breakups of the 45 shows are as follows:

CLUB	INTER JUDGES 2015	INTER JUDGES 2016	AUST JUDGES 2015	AUST JUDGES 2016
ACT GSDA	2	1	0	1
GSDA WA	2	2	7	6
GSDCQ	1	0	4	7
GSDC SA	1	0	4	6
GSDCT	0	0	4	4
GSDL	2	National	3	4
GSDCV	1 + National	1	5	7
NHRGSDC	0	0	2	5
Totals	9 + National	4+ National	29	40

WUSV Judging Accreditation – SV Ausland

At the 2016 WUSV Meeting, Herr Messler presented that a new SV judging process for WUSV members will be available. Appropriate judges will need to attend a seminar in Germany, then complete 1-3 assessments with SV Judges. There will be levels of this new Judging process, were it may be possible for an examination to occur in Australia, once the Seminar has been attended. For full endorsement, then an examination needs to be completed in Europe also. The first of these Seminars is scheduled to be held at the end of May 2017, the final date is yet to be set by the WUSV.

At present, it appears the requirements to participate in this judging scheme, will be similar to the requirements to the previous WUSV Judges requirements.

Judges for 2019 National

As is a standing item at each GSDCA Judges Commit, were examinations can be completed tee Meeting is to suggest 4 judges to be considered to be put forward to clubs holding a GSDCA National, from which to choose 2. These judges are to be ratified at the next GSDCA AGM.

The judges from 2014 are listed so all are aware of the SV judges that have judged the recent GSDCA Nationals for rotations with sexes and time since last judged a GSDCA National.

An additional judge that could be added to the list, is Herr Harald Hohmann, as he judged in WA and Victoria in late 2016 and in Sydney several years ago. The feedback that I have received from exhibitors and judges has been positive. He certainly demonstrated a genuine interest in the breed in Australia and was very engaged when speaking to exhibitors and members in both states.

Confirmed and proposed list of judges for GSDCA Nationals:	
2014 Canberra	Herr Joachim Stiegler (D) and Herr Frank Goldlust (B)
2015 Melbourne	Herr L. Quoll (LSC Dogs & Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs) Herr H. Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)
2016 Sydney	Herr H. Buss (LSCS & SC Dogs)& Frau M. Van Dorssen (SC Bitches)
2017 Queensland	Herr J Stiegler (B), Herr F. Goldlust, (D) contracted Reserves Herr E Bosl
2018 South Australia	Herr C. Ludwig (males and LSCs) Herr Mast (females) contracted Reserves Herr E. Bosl, Herr Quoll
2019	Herr Quoll, Herr Bosl, two other judges to be added

In conclusion, thank you for taking the time to read this report. I am looking forward to a productive weekend.



OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mr. John DeLucia

Once again I hope that you all achieved your goals in 2016 and continue to aim high in 2017.

I would like to congratulate our National Magazine Editor, Jacinta Poole on all the Obedience articles that have appeared in the Magazine. The feedback from the Obedience fraternity has been very positive.

The one major disappointment for me was that the Obedience Meeting was cancelled due to the inability of a number of clubs to attend and lack of discussion points. I hope this was a once off and we can get this meeting back on track.

I have once again received numerous phone calls regarding obedience matters and I trust that I have passed on the required information to you. I would stress to all however, that your club should still be your first point of contact as they are the main 'go to' people to correct and deal with some of the issues that you have raised with me.

The major high has been the Character & Working Assessment (C&WA), which now has been implemented and a number of clubs have taken this activity on board. Victoria, Queensland and South Australia have all had a trial run and a number of other clubs are very interested and just waiting to implement this, with 2017 being the year to get this fully up and running hopefully. Victoria has advised their dates for this year in April and October, South Australia will hold theirs in June and October.

We must once again thank the WA club for their continued push to have the C&WA implemented. As with any project, this is a work in progress and will be discussed at this AGM with some changes being put forward by clubs in general discussion. I am aware of some but not all of the changes but I hope that these changes are looked upon favourably. I cannot stress enough the importance of the C&WA to the wellbeing and general improvement of the breed. We really do need to have this assessment in place all over Australia.

With the help of Honey Gross-Richardson, we did contact the SV in regard to the temperament test that they have started but they are still in the process of having this documented. We need to be open and responsive to all avenues that can progress the temperament testing of the German Shepherd Dog here in Australia. We need to look at this carefully as any form of activity still needs to be accepted by all not just our membership but also governing bodies and what may be accepted overseas may not necessarily be socially accepted here in Australia.

I wish to once again congratulate all those that entered and attended obedience at the 2016 National Show & Trial. I look forward to the 2017 National in Queensland and hope that you will once again enter your dogs.

In closing, I wish to thank all those that helped me throughout 2016 and I would like to thank the Executive for their support and help.

I wish all of you the best for 2017.



EDITOR NATIONAL REVIEW – Ms. Jacinta Poole

This report represents my first as the GSDCA Quarterly National Review Editor and member of Council Executive. When I took on this role I came with a view to provide a magazine that was of interest, value and was educational to the broader general membership with balanced and diverse content. That in itself is quite a task, given the diversity of our membership base throughout the states.

The Quarterly National Review is the cornerstone of Council's communication with members and is a historical document within itself, recording all areas of interest for the German Shepherd Dog in Australia and the major events that we are involved in, most specifically the National Show and Trial each year. So irrespective of whether in the future the magazine continues in print or digital, the importance of the publication is of paramount consideration. We cannot forget that the Quarterly National Review magazine is the only connection that National Council directly has with all members of the fraternity. So our focus should be on using the magazine to reach and engage with them.

I came to this role having quite some experience in magazine production from a similar role with the GSDCV, and my involvement with the development of the new GSDCA website also meant I was well across our business requirements. Whilst the Quarterly National Review was a step up, it was not unfamiliar territory!

Following the publication of the 2016 National (Autumn) edition, when handover of the role to myself was completed, I undertook several changes to the production of the magazine. We engaged a new printer and designer, welcoming Maroondah Printing, based in Melbourne on board. They undertook all aspects of the magazine production through to bag and post, simplifying and optimising our production processes. We also now only have a very small overrun of about 30 magazines, simply to ensure we have extra copies for our own use and meaning we no longer pay for and stockpile excess magazines. Unfortunately Australia Post is not the service it once was, and often magazines take up to 3 weeks from date of lodgement to arrive in members' mail boxes. To negate this, we have tried to reduce the turnaround time from close of content for design and printing to less than 3 weeks. Everyone's cooperation with deadlines is assisting with this tight timeframe. This has been especially effective given that due to the lateness of the first edition of 2016 (the National edition) it meant that the remaining 3 editions had to be created, designed, completed and delivered in 5 months. And we did it! ☺

Magazine advertising by breeders and stud dog owners is always welcomed. Those who own stud dogs are welcome to take the opportunity to promote their dogs and their progeny. Marketing is a core part of any business and stud dogs by their very nature, provide breed direction by their presence and availability. To encourage this, we have reworked our advertising fees and reduced the cost of each type of advertisement. We hope members will take the opportunity to publish with us in the future.

Hopefully readers have noticed a slight change in the focus of the content and the types of articles presented. A conscious effort has been made to ensure the range of articles in each edition includes something for every member. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we all own dogs that are primarily our pets – even those we breed with, show, trial with or simply train as our companion and family member. We are all interested in the dog itself, but it's also about our members too. So this gives us 'licence' to cover and promote a whole range of content. I look forward to bringing you a continued melting pot of interesting stories!

The feedback to date about the new direction has been positive, with a number of members contacting me with regards to the broader and more diverse content now making the magazine a valuable read for the majority of members.

Thankyou to those who have provided articles of general interest, those who have written articles when asked and member clubs who regularly contribute to the Club News section. The addition of photos from clubs to their news is also adding another element to personalising the content and making it more relevant for members.

Thankyou to everyone who has supported the magazine in the last year, especially the members of the Executive. A special thanks to Val Moody as GSDCA Secretary who has taken on the role of proof reader as part of a new sign off process for each edition. A thankless task, but so important. Thanks to those who have provided feedback and suggestions. I look forward to another busy year with four bumper editions to produce.

Articles, photos and suggestions are always welcomed, please contact me anytime. revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie

I congratulate the German Shepherd Dog League (GSDL) on the running of the 44th National Show and Trial in partnership with the Council. As per my official report which is below, the Sydney National was again a great success, and I thank everyone who was involved in any capacity including members of the Executive and volunteers from the host Club. Arrangements are well underway for the next National in Queensland and I have been communicating with that club's organising committee.

During the year I attended the NBC and Judges Meetings and GSDCA Breed Survey Forum in Sydney. Since the updated and reformatted National Show Manual was approved at the last AGM, the next project is, in conjunction with the Obedience Chair, to do the same with the Trial Manual and possibly combine the two documents as the 'GSDCA National Show and Trial Manual'. I also thank Jane Pike for her continued work in updating the judge's database on the website. Finally I thank those Clubs which have nominated me to continue in the NSLO position this year, and look forward to working with the GSDCQ for the coming 45th National.

44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial, Erskine Park NSW - 25th – 27th March 2016

I wish to congratulate the German Shepherd Dog League of NSW on their hosting of the 44th National on behalf of the Member Clubs of the GSDCA. Their committee led by President Greg Jones conducted a very well organised and successful event. The weather at times was rather warm, but due care was exercised and neither judge overworked the classes due to the conditions, although some classes (such as the lower group of the Open Bitches) were possibly run rather less than the exhibitors might have expected for a show of this calibre. Stewards, ring staff and PA announcers worked well together, and the running of the conformation rings was very efficient throughout the weekend, and results were posted promptly. The show judges Herr Richard Brauch and Frau Margit Van Dorssen seemed popular, and the ring set-up worked well. The presentation of the progeny and breeders groups ran smoothly with few problems. Youth Handlers workshop and Junior Showmanship Classes were conducted by Craig Rice from UK and were well attended, but perhaps ran a little too long during the lunch break.

Entries were 513 in conformation classes (including 69 LSC) plus 59 in the obedience trial, with 13 dual competitors. Congratulations to all the winners, and for the second time an imported German VA male was entered and took out the Gold Medal at an Australian National.

Appropriate consultation was made with me regarding the schedule and catalogue requirements prior to the event. Canteen catering, official's luncheons and merchandise were also managed very well, and there were ample portable toilet facilities provided. The social events did not appear to be as well attended as in the past, including the President's Dinner and Saturday night function on the ground. The after show presentations were conducted with the appropriate ceremony and were catered for very well. The trophy table was impressive, although the seven major trophies should ideally have been of equal stature and value as specified in the National Manual (i.e. 5 Gold medal winners plus David O'Rourke and Sam Bonifacio recipients.)

A disappointing aspect was that although it was advertised in the schedule that (other than the hired tents) exhibitors tents could not be erected until 3pm on the Thursday, interstate visitors arrived to find that others had already erected tents around both rings before that time, and very few spaces were left.

The sheep herding activities were quite popular with some of the working fraternity, who took advantage of the opportunity to do a herding instinct test with their dogs.

In summary, a very memorable National once again, and well done to the host club GSDL.



National Database – Mr. Frank Moody

It is my pleasure to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 56th GSDCA AGM.

Access for Breed Surveyors

From 1st September 2016 all Breed Surveyors were provided unique passwords so that they can enter details of any dogs surveyed by them, since that date. Most surveyors have undertaken to enter their own data.

The NBC Chair still needs to review this information prior to the Certificates being issued, and once this is done the information is also available to the Members on the database.

It is envisaged that this will reduce the workload on the NBC Chair, and make the data more readily available.

Database Program Upgrade

As previously reported, the version of programming language the database is written in (PHP version 5.2) urgently required upgrade to the latest versions, as these older versions are being phased out by web hosts.

This upgrade has been completed and tested, and at the time of writing this report still needs to be implemented into the “live” database. It is envisaged this should be completed prior to the AGM.

This has been a very long task, which has meant that other changes/modifications have been put on hold until this is completed. We will now be able to progress with these items – especially:

- The changes to the Breed Survey Worksheet – as approved at the 2016 AGM.
- The addition of Member access to search options for Sire and Dam in the HD/ED and Breed Survey sections of the database – as approved at the 2016 AGM.

The value of the Database is in providing easy and rapid access to information, statistics and analysis that are meaningful and of value to our Breeders and Members.

Currently there is a lot more potential within the Database to provide Breeders (in particular) with valuable information to assist them in their breeding programs and selection of breeding partners.

I urge all Clubs and Members to send me an email with ideas for the information that they would like to see from the Database and how this should be presented – these ideas will then be considered for future planning.

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR DATABASE.

In closing, it would be very remiss of me not to thank Joylene for her tremendous help over the years that we have been developing this database. Her expertise and knowledge has been of enormous assistance to me in ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the data in the database, and I sincerely thank her for her contribution.

Regulations Officer – Ms. Sharon Thorp

The motions from 2016 were updated in a timely manner.

To recap:

Within the regulations manual a new section has been added titled - Database

This has been formulated based on the motions passed in 2016 and previously passed motions.

Pertaining to other motions that were passed at the 2016 GSDCA AGM

18.4 The amendment to the **GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course**, it was decided to add an explanation of Mentoring within the regulation for clarity. Robyn Knuckey, Judges Chair has kindly provided.

21.2 Motion

Rather than add the scale of charges for Member Club's subsidy to the regulations when it will be amended, we have referenced the scale (Regulation 2.7.2) and the Treasurer Jane Pike has agreed to include within the printed “Scale of Charges”.

Conclusion

Again, I would like clubs to view the manual for any motions that might already be in place, before placing a motion on the agenda for the GSDCA AGM.

Again, thank you to the subcommittee for the work in finalizing the Regulation Manual. A big THANK YOU to Frank Moody with his wonderful formatting skills, and patience.



Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis

It has been another busy year for me with the 44th National being held in NSW and along with other duties become quite cramped for time. My health has improved this year with good reports from the specialists and all looks good for the future.

The National took a great deal of my time but the finished product put on show would probably have been the best presentation yet and as a member of the GSDL as well as Trophy Officer, the GSDL was proud to present a table of such quality to the members of the Shepherd fraternity.

The Excellent Merit plaques to Breeders attaining an excellent with a dog or bitch they have bred in breed and obedience is proving more popular with Clubs and members. My contact details for Show Secretaries is mobile 0407 271 418 or email tepe@bigpond.net.au to place orders. Those Clubs having presentation nights this year do not leave it to the last minute as it does make it more difficult for me but if you are a little late make the phone call as I would like to accommodate all if I can.

The Queensland National coming up in 2017 is under way. I have been in touch with the Show Secretary and we are conversing on this at the moment.

Those people that have the responsibility of collating the Handlers Trophies from each State and also the Obedience awards and Obedience handlers awards and any special Council Awards could you please contact the State reps and see if we can get these in a bit earlier otherwise again it makes it harder on me not forgetting that I will make the effort for the odd late one if I can.

Historian – N/A

Youth Coordinator – Jess Lynch

The youth in 2016 main focus and events were around the National and the magazine. At this years National we held the handling Masterclass once again and the Junior Handlers on the Friday. We also featured articles in each of the magazines.

On the Thursday of the National we held the handling Masterclass with the help of Hazel Docherty of the UK, Trent Bray from NZ and Andrew O'Loughlin. It was great to see some new young faces in attendance. It was great to see these youngsters the next day implementing some of the things they had been shown. Junior Handlers was judged by Craig Rice from the UK with the 13-18 years group with the most participants. Craig brought over the format they have been using in the UK for the young handlers where they were asked more questions about the dogs to encourage them to learn about the GSD aswell as spending time on the handling side.

We were able to have articles in all the magazines this year. It was great to see some of the younger members put there hands up to write them at different stages and I hope this will continue in the coming year.

Looking forward, I hope some of the younger guys would be interested in stepping forward and building on this role. I hope that we can continue to have a number of different people contributing to the magazine.



COMMUNICATIONS – Jacinta Poole

We recognise how important it is to promote and publicise our dogs, our breed and our organisation and what we stand for. The recent focus during 2016 by many of our State governments on legislation around dogs, registrations, breeding restrictions and indeed puppy farming means that now as much as ever being proactive and vigilant across all activities is of paramount importance. Or it will impact negatively on us.

Margaret Adams' report below highlights many of these issues and Margaret has kept well informed about how each state government is managing their approach to change. Not all member clubs have had an opportunity to provide input to proposed changes, but having information readily available ensures we can be proactive when required. If any member reads or hears reports in the open published media please provide us with a copy, and we can act if necessary.

Proactivity rather than reactivity when promoting and publicising our breed ensures we remain in the public's eye and the more positive and informed comment we can provide the better.

Every one of our members in every state is part of our communications team – so let's work together ! The GSDCA has the ability to promote and market nationally, but we need your story or dog's achievement details in order to do so. Then we can use our media channels and be on the front foot with promotion.

We've ticked over the 40+ year anniversary of the ban on GSD's being lifted, but now as much as ever we need to ensure that our breed is promoted and viewed by the public in the most positive light, as a companion pet and as a well bred and healthy example of the successes of our breed improvement schemes. We can't become complacent, so communication, marketing, consulting and promotion through every possible avenue should be our aim.

Social media is a powerful tool with a massive reach to the public when used in a positive manner. Our members Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts of our adorable puppies, our dogs achieving and just dogs being dogs ensures we keep our breed visible and presented in a positive light. So don't stop this great publicity!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in promotion at the grass roots level with their dog and/or club. Please take every opportunity to promote our breed, and don't forget to tell the GSDCA about it, so we can share your story. Please remain vigilant when it comes to legislation, changes to regulations and ensure you comply and always act in the best interests of our breed.

Breed Specific Legislation – Mrs. Margaret Adams

It appears that 2016/2017 have heralded suggestions which would/could have influence on many of us who are breeders. From my personal perspective I love whelping and raising puppies and seeing them join new families and be good members of the community. However, we are all aware of people who breed for profit and, at times, do not give the proper care to the dam or her puppies. These are the people, the puppy farmers, that we would like to see monitored and if necessary banned from breeding or in extreme cases even banned from owning dogs.

These quotes are taken from *The German Shepherd Dog in Word and Picture*, written by the founder of our breed Max v Stephanitz in 1925.

"The world-wide clamor for the Big Bank Account has been a curse for the shepherd dog as well as for other things".

"Breeding on a large scale and in a kennel is the ruin of all sound shepherd dog breeding".

"When it comes to breeding for business – which is never effected by dealers, at least not by official dealers -, the dog is only a business commodity and nothing more, and is bred and treated as such. There again we encounter another danger for the race. The dog is no longer bred from the point of view of his services to the race, but only because he has a certain market value. In other words, the direction of the breed is influenced no longer by the experts, but by the buyers. The buyer, however, is mostly an unsuspecting novice....."

It is not a right to own a dog it is a privilege and a pleasure. Sadly in this day and age too many things are disposable, too many want a quick fix and would prefer to pick up an 8 week old puppy fully trained and free of any disorder!!!!



Shortly after the last NBC meeting I was made aware of the South Australian Dog and Cat Management laws were overhauled in an effort to help end puppy farms etc. Matters included were de-sexing, micro-chipping and breeder registrations. Since then there have been sweeping changes proposed by the Victorian and Queensland governments. We have formulated a letter which demonstrates our proactivity and expectations we have in our breeders.

Western Australia will go to the polls in March and puppy farms will be an issue also – I have spoken with my local member of Parliament and asked that he keeps me informed and I am aware that DogsWest have been in meetings with government in an effort to be inclusive of any decision-making.

I sometimes wonder if some governments – state, territory and local – see dogs as a nuisance and not as the valuable companions we know them to be. I do take heart in my local council who has implemented a no-kill policy and will make every attempt to find forever homes for those abandoned at the pounds.

I know we say it every year BUT I cannot emphasise enough the need for vigilance on all fronts either from the implementation outside breeding restrictions or the perception of our breed as vicious or untrustworthy. It is our responsibility to ensure our breed is sound in body and mind and should be our friend and protector.

I wish to thank all of those who keep the GSDCA updated with any happenings which could have a negative effect on our beautiful breed.

Webmaster – Ms. Jacinta Poole

The GSDCA's website has continued to develop and evolve its content since redevelopment. Simple and rapid posting of various news and articles of interest to members and the general public ensure that our website continues to lead our online presence. Together with the use of our facebook page, the two media go hand in hand for promoting and marketing the GSD and the GSDCA.

There is still plenty of scope for broadening our range of information available and using our online presence to increase engagement and education of our members and the general public about our breed and fraternity.

We were able to host the Breed Survey Forum survey on the website, giving us maximum control around its promotion. The website is also the quickest portal to access the GSDCA Dog Database, which is ever increasing in its use by members. The website in 2017 will also be the first place members will be able to view the National Show critiques, even before they are printed in the Quarterly National Review magazine. So the website will be a popular GSDCA asset around this time!

The GSDCA facebook page has also been a key component to enable us to get our news out and to aid breed promotion. Our posts have been shared and read by a very broad cross section. We will continue to use social media to promote our messages and to engage with our online readers.

Visits to the GSDCA website in the January -December period increased vs year on year. These visitors access on average 4 different pages per visit, indicating those who visit navigate around our variety of information.

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website incurs minimal fees. Our website hosting, which also includes hosting the Dog Database, costs \$192/year. Domain registration per year is \$12.00. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally, so there have been no expenses incurred or the further use of the paid web developer required. Our total expenditure relating to the website is less than \$210 per year.

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www.facebook.com/GSDCA

Any suggestions for improvements, contributions of content or other suggestions is always most welcome.



NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2016 – Host – GSD League

GSD League Report – 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial conducted in New South Wales on 25th, 26th & 27th March 2016

Overview 44th National Sydney 2016

Easter weekend saw the German Shepherd Dog League NSW host the 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

The show drew an excellent entry with over 550 dogs entered. The weather turned it on for the German Shepherd fraternity over the three days of the Easter break with the weather great for exhibitors and dogs. The grounds were in excellent shape thanks to Dogs NSW and head Groundsman Steve Hadfield and his helpers (Thank you all!), who presented us with well manicured show rings, which looked a picture with all the corporate tents and signage and not forgetting our Sponsors Advance who were generous with their sponsorship of the show. All the rings and Signage were put up on the Wednesday by our hard working group of helpers which without we don't have a show.

Large classes were the order of the day and the Judges from Germany Frau Margit van Dorssen (SV) and Herr Richard Brauch (SV) doing the honours in the Breed rings and our three equally hard working Obedience judges from NSW Vicki Etherington OAM, Maryanne Fazekas and Tiki Friezer judging on the Saturday Obedience Trials.

Dogs were entered from all States of Australia and imported Shepherds were well represented especially in the Open classes on the Sunday.

The weekend started off with a welcome sausage sizzle on the Thursday afternoon with around 150 people turning up to meet and greet friends that they had not seen for some time and discuss the program over the three days to come and finally wrapped up around 8.30 pm.

Friday morning the big start with the introduction of the judges and the running of the Baby Puppy Bitch classes and the biggest class of the day being the Junior Bitch class with 55 entered and the next closest was the Baby Puppy Bitch stock coat with 53 entered and with all classes up to Junior dog and bitch and LSCs judged that day totalled 252 judged on the Friday by the two Judges.

Saturday! Again an early start with the Progeny Groups with 18 groups presented all with good numbers in them, it was quite a sight to see the Sires leading their groups in for presentation. Some of the best Sires in the country were presented in these groups all in all the 18 groups presented 191 animals for viewing at this wonder full spectacle, then came the Breeders Group with two groups entered and judged.

The Official Opening of the show was held just before lunch on the Saturday with Mr Vince Tantaro President of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia doing the honours with welcoming and thanking the GSDL for putting on another memorable National and also thanking our special guests Mr Hugh Gent OAM President ANKC, our National Council Patron Dawn Fraser AO MBE who in her usual way was very popular with the exhibitors. GSDL President Mr Greg Jones presented a Silver Medallion struck especially for the show to Dawn for her ongoing support to the German Shepherd fraternity. Various members of the clubs were awarded gifts of recognition for work and dedication to the Breed and awards of Bravery were awarded to two dogs that had excelled in their job as a protector of its owners one a Police dog killed in the line of duty. Judging continued after the formalities and lunch and went on till around 5 pm. A Pizza night held on the grounds that night, where everyone enjoyed their night.

Sunday, another early morning with the judging of the Open class Dog and Bitches, the big day where all the big guns came out to play. The individual assessments were done during the morning period and the runoffs in the afternoon with all animals competing for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in each category indicating their excellence in their respective variety of Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat Open classes. There was much excitement and anticipation as the classes reached their climax with the dogs and bitches taking out the major challenge awards in their respective varieties. The highs and lows started to sink in at that time with the winners on that special moment when the finger was pointed at them and they realized that the award was theirs.

The GSDL Inc National Show Committee put in a lot of time and effort into pulling the show together and it is a credit to all who helped make it a show to remember.



The presentation was next in the clubhouse where Champagne and Chicken were laid out for all attending to partake, in which they did of course.

The GSDL Inc prides itself with its Trophy table, this one was one of the best that we have presented. It was really something to see and was appreciated by all who viewed it and of course the recipients of these magnificent awards.

The champagne gone, Chicken done and dusted, the Committee, Judges, Exhibitors the helpers cleaning up and taking the show down just drifted away and it was all over. One more year to wait for another crack at the best show in Australia, next year in Queensland.

Mr. Terry Jarvis (*President GSD League*).

GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2016

Congratulations are extended to the following people as the recipients of the 2016 GSDCA Service Award, which took place at the 44th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial and presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaro.

Ms. Tiki Friezer
Mrs. Judy Connors
Mr. Greg Jones
Mr. Hugh Gent OAM (ANKC President)

GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED</u>
2005	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
2005	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES	June 2005
2006	Police Dog "Silky" (Vic)	March 2006
2006	Police Dog "Duke" (Qld)	September 2006
2007	Police Dog "Tyson" (Qld)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Hutch" (Qld)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
2008	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
2008	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
2009	Police Dog "Ike" (Qld)	June 2009
2010	Police Dog "Salem" (Vic)	May 2010
2010	Police Dog "Zac" (Qld)	July 2010
2011	No Awards Given	-
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog "Riggs" (May 2013
2014	No Awards Given	-
2015	Police Bitch "Angel"	May 2015
2016	Police Dog "Rumble"	March 2016



GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award

	<p>POLICE DOG “RUMBLE”</p> <p>Born: 12th March 2007</p> <p><i>HANDLER SNR. CONSTABLE MATHEW MULETTA</i></p> <p>Western Australian Canine Operations</p>	
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In July 2010 PD Rumble was purchased from Queensland. He was sourced by Vendo VINCENT who helps supply WA Police with quality dogs. Rumble commenced on a WA Canine Operations General Purpose Dog Course in July 2010, along with his new handler Senior Constable MULETTA.

Rumble completed this course in September 2010 and was deployed to the Western Australian Metro region (Perth).

Rumble has tracked and apprehended numerous offenders for a wide range of offences including Stealing offences through to apprehending offenders wanted for Armed Robbery. Rumble also attended numerous Public Order, Crowd Control and Disorder incidents.

Rumble also attended schools, daycare centres and community events promoting the WA Police. He featured in an episode of “The Force” capturing one of his first arrests on the road.

On the 19th of July 2011 Rumble assisted two Police Officers, including his handler at an address in Kenwick. Officers had been called to the address and whilst there had been mobbed by a large crowd of people at the residence. They requested urgent back up with PD Rumble and myself attending the address. PD Rumble was deployed and was used to keep the crowd back with fellow officers behind us and being protected by PD Rumble as the crowd became violent towards Police and had armed themselves with weapons.

As we awaited further back up persons at the address have released two pit bulls from the rear of the residence and PD Rumble has taken these dogs on protecting the two Police Officers and his handler. The dogs violently mauled PD Rumble with Police Firearms being discharged to save PD Rumbles life.

PD Rumble suffered severe puncture wounds to his neck and front legs. PD Rumble required numerous surgery to repair muscles torn from the bone in his front leg. He required 14 weeks off the road to recover from his injuries.

Rumble’s efforts on the night prevented any serious or fatal injuries to police officers.

In the first week returning to duty on the 4th of November 2011, PD Rumble apprehended two males for Robbery. The males had pulled a knife on a member of the public taking money out of an ATM. The offenders had taken off on foot with attending units cordoning the area for PD Rumbles arrival.



Rumble was deployed and located a scent into a Primary School and located the two males hiding within. Both males were charged and put before the courts and found guilty of Robbery.

There have also been other numerous instances where Rumble has apprehended violent and unpredictable offenders, which if not for Rumble could have resulted in serious injury to Rumbles handler and/or other police officers attending these incidences.

Notable occurrences

5th October 2015

Multiple Armed Robbery Offences: Apprehension of the “Porsche Kid” who was wanted on a crime spree over a week in the Perth area. He was wanted on multiple Armed Robbery offences, Stealing with violence, Steal Motor Vehicles and Pursuits. Officers had cornered the offender into a bush area and called in PD Rumble. Rumble was deployed and located a scent into the bush area with the offender sighting the Dog Team approaching and immediately came out of his concealment and gave up to the dog team without incident.

2nd September 2015

Abduction/Assault/Firearms: A male was abducted from a vehicle in the early hours of the morning in Mandurah. He was taken at gun point by two males wearing balaclavas. Dog Team attended the scene with PD Rumble deployed and locating a scent and track into bush area. After approx. 750 metres located the abducted male under a tree semi-conscious with severe facial injuries after being beaten the butts of the firearms. Back up attended and assisted in getting the victim medical assistance.

22nd August 2015

Prison Escapee: A forklift has rammed through gates at the Rangeview Prison with 4 prisoners taking off on foot dressed in prison greens. A Hot Burg at 29 Bainton Road in Leeming was called through soon after. The Escapees have broken into the residence stealing clothing and dumping their prison greens. They have stolen numerous items with the home owner coming home and locating the Escapees in the house who have threatened the victim and his family before taking off on foot. Dog Team attended the last sighting and deployed Police Dog Rumble who located a scent and tracked to number 25 Heatherlea Pkwy and indicated the Escapee nearby by barking. All Police vehicles immediately cordoned the area and locked it down. The dog team was unable to enter the yard and flagged down Gang Crime Detectives who entered the rear yard and located the Escapee and took him into custody.

21st of July 2015

Commercial Burglary: 3 males on a secure building site with scarves on their faces and carrying torches are being captured on CCTV. Offenders have bags on their shoulders are inside the secure compound. Dog Team attended and deployed Police Dog Rumble into the business through a hole in the fence. He immediately picked up a scent heading in a southerly direction through the business and onto Forsyth Street through another hole in the fence. Rumble tracked over a kilometre to a cul-de-sac on Mooney Place where he indicated to a bush area by barking. The handler issued a challenge with the offender coming out of his concealment under the bushes.

15th of July 2015

Vehicle pursuit: Police have pursued a vehicle that has failed to stop. Vehicle has taken a bush track near the Port Kennedy Golf Course into the sands dunes with pursuing Police vehicles unable to continue. Vehicle has been located dumped with the Dog Team attending the scene. Police Dog Rumble deployed and has located a scent and tracked through the sand dunes and into residential streets. Rumble tracked east bound onto Dunns Way and has indicated the offender in the street. He tracked to the front of 12 Dunns Way and started barking at a boat in the front yard. Handler has issued a challenge with the offender located concealed under the boats trailer. The offender complied with the handler and was taken into custody.



11th of July 2015

Burglary: Caller has interrupted a male who has broken her front gate and entered her courtyard. The male has run off with local Police conducting patrols in the area. Business premises have been broken into nearby after further inquiries. Police sighted a male around 133 South Terrace, South Fremantle matching the description of the offender. They have cordoned the area as the offender has taken off on foot. Dog Team attended the scene and deployed Police Dog Rumble who conducted yard searches of the area and after a short time located the offender concealed in the front yard of 141 South Terrace.

22nd of May 2015

Burglary: Two males smashed the window of the Telstra shop situated on High Street, Fremantle. The two males made off on foot. Dog Team attended and deployed Police Dog Rumble who located a scent and tracked to 28 Holdsworth Street locating a male concealed in the front yard. Dog Team also located a discarded black backpack. The backpack contained 10 mobile phones and one tablet. Some of the phones were still in their display cradles from Telstra shop. Second offender was located by the local Police.

21st of April 2015

Aggravated Burglary: Caller states that she can hear what sounds like someone trying to break into her house. The caller is "96" years of age. Dog team arrived at scene with local Police and heard a banging noise from the rear of the property. Police Dog Rumble deployed down a laneway and covered the rear of the property which backs onto South Street. Rumble has indicated the offender nearby with the offender attempting to jump over the back fence were Police Dog Rumble has attempted to apprehend him. The offender has retreated and jumped onto the roof and made off on foot where he has jumped off the roof and hidden out of view. Police Dog Rumble re-deployed into the rear yard of 12 Park Lane where he has located a scent and pulled to the back corner of the property. The offender has been located by Rumble concealed next to the fence. The offender had a large quantity of jewellery, cash and other items stolen from the victims address.

Above are significant arrests Rumble has been involved in during the last 6 months, he has many other notable achievements that have occurred during this period and also extend past this period and he epitomises the working ability of the GSD. During his service he was involved in 620 arrests and in over 200 of those Rumble single-handedly tracked and located the offenders.

On the 10th of October 2015 after working night shift PD Rumble was rushed to the Murdoch Veterinary Hospital for a twisted stomach. He suffered further complications including Meningitis, Pneumonia and Myasthenia Gravis. He lost his battle for life on the 2nd of November 2015 and was cremated and returned home to his partner Senior Constable Mathew MULETTA and his family. Rumble made an exceptional contribution to policing in Western Australia and keeping the community safe. You could say he was loved by the public and loathed by the crooks.

On behalf of the GSDCA Executive, Robyn Knuckey (GSDCA Judges Committee Chair) presented the GSDCA Service Award to Rumble's handler Mathew Muletta at the WA Championship Show.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following information can be found on the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) website www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

- The GSDCA National Winners
- The GSDCA Main Breed Exhibition Winners
- The GSDCA Service Awards List
- The GSDCA Executive Officials History
- The GSDCA Development Milestones

