

# **THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2012**

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## **PRESENTING**

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

ABN 25 515 310 063

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA), covering the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

This Annual Report reflects the financial status of this Council, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive 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 inestimable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and Secretaries and all Member Club Committee's for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling me to have this report completed in readiness for the GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Victoria.

**Val Moody**

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#### **PATRON**

N/A

#### **BANKERS**

Westpac Bank  
Glenelg SA

#### **AUDITORS**

Mr. G.K. Edwards  
PKF Chartered Accountants

#### **SOLICITORS**

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# **THE GSDCA Executive 2012**

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## **OFFICE BEARERS**

President	Vince Tantaro
Secretary	Val Moody
Treasurer	Jane Pike
National Breed Commission	Joylene Neddermeyer
Judges Committee	Barry O'Rourke
Obedience Committee	Julie Urie
Editor National Review	Yvonne Yun

## **POSITION HOLDERS**

Public Officer	Lenore Harris
Hereditary Diseases	Karen Hedberg
HD/ED Registrar	Doug West
Tattoo/Microchipping Registrar	Frank Moody
NBC Registrar	Jodie Davies/Gillian Cafari
Public Relations Officer	Jacqueline Fabian
Website Officer	Kim McGregor
National Show Liaison Officer	Ian Urie
Historian	Diane Ballantyne
Rules & Regulations Officer	Joylene Neddermeyer/Sharon Thorp
Trophy Officer	Terry Jarvis
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	Margaret Adams

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## **MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEE'S FOR 2012**

### **ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION**

President	Wolf Meffert
Vice President	Sasha Beljanski
Secretary	Veronica Fairbairn
Treasurer	Jenny Kenworthy
Training Coordinator	Rhonda Daley
Breed Affairs Administrator	Glenn Gregory

### **BROKEN HILL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB**

President	Tony Lines
Vice President	Dale Halling
Secretary	Joylene Neddermeyer
Treasurer	Donna Lines
Breed Affairs Liaison Officer	Joylene Neddermeyer

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE**

President	Graeme Stevenson
Vice President	Terry Jarvis
Secretary	Fay Stokes
Treasurer	Karen Eaton
Training Coordinator	Karen Eaton
Breed Affairs Administrator	Fay Stokes

### **NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GSDC**

President	Sean Lynch
Secretary	Leeanne Lynch
Treasurer	Annette Belic
Breed Affairs Administrator	Paul Murray

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

President	Margaret Adams
Vice President	Trudy Casey
Secretary	Haydn Andrews
Treasurer	Craig Whitford
Breed Affairs Administrator	Margaret Adams

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**

President	John Hansen
Vice President	Bob Anderson
Secretary	Lynda Friend
Treasurer	Sharon Thorp
Breed Affairs Administrator	Edward Verhoef

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

President	John DeLucia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Christine Collins
Secretary	Stephen Collins
Treasurer	Peter Flynn

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA**

President	Rob Doyle/Greg Priest
Vice President	Greg Priest
Secretary	Monica Stewart
Treasurer	Jeannie Priest
Breed Affairs Administrator	James Bell

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA**

President	Vince Ebejer
Vice President	Chris Hollingworth
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	N/A
Secretary	Val Moody
Treasurer	Graeme Jacobs
Breed Affairs Administrator	Ian Urie
Training Administrator	Marilyn Wrigley

### **GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

President	Keith Gilbert
Senior Vice President	Brian Lubbock
Junior Vice President	Jess McCowan
Secretary	Lucy Lubbock
Treasurer	Lucy Lubbock
State Breed Administrator	John Fenner
Training Supervisor	Honey Gross-Richardson

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Vince Tantaro**

Ladies, Gentleman and visitors I welcome you and look forward to your participation in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

In my first year as President I can assure the membership that the GSDCA Executive has worked effectively as a team where I encourage fearless open debate on all matters brought before it. The decisions of the Executive are made with full consultation of each member and by majority rule. My belief is that we can only go forward by ensuring each member is given the opportunity to add to the debate rather than any of us trying to stifle discussion or proceeding with hidden agendas.

I thank all the members of the Executive and Officers of the Council for their dedication and contribution to the work of the Council. It has been a busy year and many of our set goals have been achieved. The Executive can attest that I am proactive and like to push matters forward and therefore there has been little down time this year. Each member of the Executive has also fulfilled their responsibility to the Council by ensuring that matters were dealt with in a professional and timely manner.

The Member Clubs are the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. This is fact and whilst the Executive is seen as the "Council" by the majority of the membership, it's the work on the ground by the Member Clubs that ensures the GSDCA continues to function as the most progressive Breed Council in Australia with the end result being the continued welfare of the German Shepherd Dog (GSD). We can be very proud that as a Breed Council via our Member Clubs we have a long history of ensuring the welfare and development of the GSD in Australia. I am also pleased to report that the Executive and I have received very good support from the Club Presidents and Secretaries, who have been willing to engage and be positive in their approach to matters. I would like to thank the Club Presidents, members of their Committees and workers for their continued commitment to ensuring our breed is promoted and cared for.

The major highlight of the Council every year is the conduct of the National GSD Show & Trial which this year saw Newcastle & Hunter Region GSD Club host the event on behalf of the Council. I again note the work of this Club which is small club in numbers but still delivered an excellent venue and organisation that made for a memorable show. On behalf of the Council I again thank the Club for what was a great event that showcased the Breed in Regional Australia. The 'National' must continue to be developed and enhanced. It is most important that this event is used to promote the GSD in the area it is held in and also be used as a vehicle to promote the breed improvement schemes and the breed. The challenge is to ensure we can attract as many exhibitors and breed enthusiasts as possible from all over Australia. This is essential as it allows for an annual "state of the breed" to be assessed. We must also challenge ourselves on how best to enhance the event in order that it is used as a major promotional and marketing tool for the hosting Member Club and Council.

The Council conducted a number of meetings during the year and I will expand on these:

### **GSDCA Youth Group:**

A meeting of the GSDCA Youth Group was held at the National with Jessica Lynch taking the lead. A large group of children and teenagers held frank discussions regarding the perceived and real lack of interest by Member Clubs and Council in the way they are promoting involvement of their younger members. As a result of this and discussion at the last AGM I took it upon myself to act as mentor and drive change in the way the Council recognises the youth within our fraternity. As a result of this the GSDCA Executive appointed Miss Jessica Lynch as GSDCA Youth Officer. The introduction of GSDCA Junior Showmanship Awards as proposed and changes to the way Junior Handler Classes are conducted at Nationals are the first step towards ensuring the needs of the youth are listened to and catered for. The QNR has also highlighted Youth affairs by allowing space for reporting and photos. The real challenge is for the Member Clubs to ensure youth have a voice within their own clubs and encouraged to participate in Breed Affairs. In an initiative to ensure that the group is involved at Council level, the group was represented at the NBC meeting by Andrew O'Loughlin who also compiled a presentation (input was received from members of the group) which I delivered on their behalf to the GSDCA Forward Directions Workshop.

### **National Breed Commission and Judges Committee Meetings:**

These were held in Adelaide and were well attended. The agendas for both meetings were made up of discussion points regarding issues pertaining to breed improvement and conduct of the National. Much of the discussion resulted in motions being drawn up and sponsored to be placed on this meetings agenda. I saw this

as a positive way of progressing ideas forward with the full participation of the delegates, judges and surveyors. My belief is that we must continue to ensure that matters are discussed at member club level by the membership in first instance and then further considered by the peer group prior to formally returning items back to the membership for a decision via their member Clubs. It is only with ownership by all that true progress can be made. Of concern is the fact that we tend to get 100% turnout of resident judges and surveyors from where the meeting is held and spasmodic attendance from the others. I can only urge all GSDCA Judges and Breed Surveyors to make the effort and attend these annual meetings. As members of the peer group your attendance and input is, I believe essential to the work of the Council.

The matter of 6 Breed Surveyors resigning was discussed at these meetings and as a result a number of motions are listed on this AGM agenda. Whilst the motions as listed may change the future status of the individuals concerned, I believe it's appropriate of me at this time on behalf of the Council to acknowledge and thank Mr Louis Donald, Mr James Rodger, Mrs Fran Fraley, Mr Reg Bonello, Ms Melanie Groth, and Mr John Hugo for their dedication and work over many years as GSDCA Breed Surveyor's.

### **Obedience Committee Meeting:**

My call to conduct an Obedience Meeting in 2012 was approved at the last AGM and the meeting was held in Melbourne. I believe the holding of this type of meeting was long overdue. The meeting was very well attended and the agenda cantered around how better to run the obedience at the National. The meeting also provided an opportunity for all attendees to gain an appreciation of how each club conducts or hopes to conduct obedience and commence dialogue between each other in order to exchange educational material. I can only reiterate that Member Clubs that do not conduct obedience training should seriously consider its introduction ASAP. Member Clubs who do conduct this training have indicated they are willing to assist. I am certain it will increase membership, provide an essential service to the GSD owner and gain positive feedback when negotiating with governments and local government regarding breed specific legislation.

### **GSDCA Forward Directions Workshop: A Shared Vision for the GSDCA.**

The Forward Directions Workshop (FDW) was an initiative I proposed and its conduct was approved at the last AGM. The FDW was held in Melbourne and all bar one Member Club was represented. The focus area over the three days was Collective responsibility, Breed Affairs: a common approach and Communication. As it has already been reported on both in my quarterly reports I will limit my comment to what I believe were the important matters discussed over the three days.

- **Member Clubs:** The presentations by each member Club on how they conduct their affairs was most enlightening and demonstrated how diverse each is from each other. There are models that can be applied and I believe for the first time in the history of Council each Club has a better understanding of each other. The concept of collective responsibility is a key element in the way the Council conducts its affairs - it is only with the support of Member Clubs via their membership can we truly make any progress. I emphasise again the Council is the Member Clubs and not individuals that hold executive office.
- **Breed Affairs: a common approach**  
Discussion saw the issue of GSDCA Judges and Breed Surveyor accountability raised. This matter was also raised at the NBC & Judges Meetings and is a 'real' issue that can affect continuing membership and confidence in the Council. The NBC Executive is well aware of the concerns as raised and has started a process of reviewing how we do business.
- **Communication:**  
It was soon evident from discussion that communication is the one issue that affects all of us. The membership accuses their clubs of not communicating with them and then accuses the Council of not communicating directly with them. Hence it is imperative that Member Clubs disseminate information as received from Council ASAP and conduct open forums where GSDCA related business is called for and or to be discussed.

The future challenge for the Council is how to better utilise its Communication tools in order to maximise communication and do away with duplication which should reduce total cost for all of us. The QNR is an excellent publication but unfortunately comes at a high cost. Editors in the past have struggled to keep it financially viable in order it does not erode Council finances and ability of Member Clubs to subscribe to it. This effort involves much time and stress for the individual concerned.

The threat to change in this area, is to hold on to old fashioned views and keep the status quo - if we are to be viable and make better use of what is now available in this area we need to adopt change sooner rather than later.

It cannot be underestimated that the threat and realisation of oppressive, restrictive and discriminatory dog legislation is a reality. Unfortunately the canine fraternity seems to be the last to know of change that is enacted or ignorant of change that has been in place for years. It is most important that we work with the ANKC and Canine Controls collectively to ensure we are ahead of the game. Communication is essential and we must formulate a plan that will see member Clubs drive proactive dialogue with Government be it Local, State or Federal through their canine bodies to ensure we are considered in the legislative process.

In closing I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality as extended to my wife Frances and me during our visits. I would also like to 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

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Jane Pike**

It is with a sense of satisfaction that I present to the Members of Council and my fellow Executive, my first audited financial statement for the organisation for the financial year ending 30 September 2012. This year, with the support of Executive, I have instigated quarterly reports to Member Clubs which have been well received.

The financial report shows an operating deficit for the year of \$(13,273) compared to an operating surplus in 2010/2011 of \$7,474. This represents a turnaround of \$20,747 of surplus from the previous year.

This has been a result of:

**Annual General Meeting** – the cost was \$11,041 compared to \$3,921 the previous year. Travel costs were \$1,023 higher, Accommodation/Meals \$3,088 higher and Printing/Postage/Sundries \$3,009 higher, total \$7,120. Whilst the venue and the location were of high quality, the additional cost in accommodation and travel reflects the need to hold future annual meetings in capital cities preferably close to airports. The additional printing cost assigned to the production of the AGM Agenda will be significantly reduced this year due to the insert not being published in the quarterly magazine as has been the case in the past.

**National Review** – the review has run at a surplus of \$5,218, which appears to be down on the previous year by \$5,992, however in this financial year the income and expenditure reflects four quarterly magazines. The previous financial year reflects income for four issues and expenditure for three, therefore the 2010/2011 financial year reflects an **overstated** surplus due to the expenditure being understated.

**Breed Survey Year Book** – the cost to produce the 2011 book, as per the quote for 400 copies accepted by the previous Executive, was \$5,803 more than the previous year. Sales in this financial year are down by \$1,652. The number of copies ordered was increased and the cost of production went up significantly. The overall deficit compared to the previous year was \$7,455.

There have been many negative comments regarding the method of sale the 2011 book. Unfortunately, to keep the cost to the members at \$50 per copy, with little return to Council, the books were made available at the National and from Breed Surveyor's in each state. The only alternative would be to increase the cost of the book significantly to build in a profit margin for Clubs and Council. Quotes for the 2012 book have been received from three suppliers and PMG, the current publisher, is the most competitive.

Other income and expenditure that have contributed to the deficit:

- Interest received decreased by \$2,635 due to the accounts relating to the Golden Jubilee being closed at the completion of the project.
- Payment made relating to the Council Database \$2,500.
- Cost to hold Obedience Meeting \$1,112
- Medals \$2,797 more than previous period.
- Merchandise/Public Relations includes the sponsorship payment made to Elke Effler \$4,579.
- Tattooing - with the compulsory requirement to microchip, the figures reflect a downturn in breeders choosing to tattoo. The surplus from tattooing is down \$3,560 compared to previous year.

On a positive note:

**Golden Jubilee Historical Edition** – early in my term as Treasurer a credit amount of \$1,769 was identified on our Australia Post account relating back to April 2011. This was the result of an over charge made against the Golden Jubilee publication that had not been allocated and was subsequently returned to us. This has resulted in a surplus being reported of \$2,706 this financial year.

**General expenses** - Stationery expenses and general travel expenditure is down in comparison to last year.

**HD/ ED Control Scheme** - income was up by \$9,453 which has covered a back payment to readers, plaques and additional medals relating to the ED Scheme.

**Accounts Receivable** - of \$15,103 shown as outstanding as at the 30 September were paid in full by the end of November. This figure was made up of invoices primarily to Clubs relating to the September Review.

Moving forward, Council needs to embrace new technology to ensure that the day to day running cost of our organisation is cost effective. Whilst the “old school” may prefer paper based reference material, the costs to produce magazines and publications are ever increasing and alternatives need to be explored. Dissemination of information from the top down, bottom up and Club to Club is paramount to good communication and should be a focus of all members of the GSD world.

Being part of Executive has been challenging. I have learnt so much, particularly in relation to Obedience, human nature, public relations and Club members perceived expectations of the National Council Executive. I am surprised that so many members of Clubs do not realise that Clubs are the Council and the Executive are merely people elected to administer the day to day running of the organisation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sean Lynch, Bruce Knight and Fiona Henderson for their assistance in answering my questions relating to background information for previous financial years. Thank you to my fellow members of Executive, particularly Val Moody for their help, advice and assistance. Most importantly, thanks to all Club Treasurers, Secretaries and Presidents for their assistance and support over the start of my term as Treasurer.

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL CHARGES as from 1 October 2012 – GST INCLUSIVE

Service or Product	Charge to Clubs, Applicants, Subscribers	Charge to Members by Clubs (if blank, not applicable)
<b>TATTOO CHARGES</b>		
Tattoo per pup	\$2.00	Various (refer to your Club)
Tattoo Prefix	\$25.00	
AUS Number	\$25.00	
<b>TOOTH CERTIFICATE</b>		
Tooth Certificate	\$35.00	
<b>BREED SURVEY SCHEME</b>		
<b>Charge to Clubs</b>		
Breed Survey Pass	\$22.00	\$30.00
Breed Survey Fail	\$22.00	\$30.00
Breed Survey Year Book	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW</b>		
QNR Magazine cost to members per edition	\$4.40	Included in Club Memberships
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	\$50.00	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – New Zealand	\$58.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – SE Asia	\$60.00 AUD	
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – UK/Europe/ USA/Canada	\$65.00 AUD	
<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL MEDALS</b>		
Standard Conformation Excellent Medal (Round)	\$4.40	
Standard Obedience in Trial Excellent Medal (Round)	TBA	
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)	\$18.45	
National Show Memento (Octagonal)	\$9.50	
<b>GOLDEN JUBILIEE EDITION</b>		
Leather bound	\$175.00	
Soft Cover	\$75.00	
<b>HD &amp; ED CONTROL SCHEME</b>	<b>Charge to Members and payable to National Council</b>	<b>Paid to Readers by National Council</b>
HD/ED Appeal	\$100.00	\$76.00
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows	\$65.00	\$45.91
HD/ED Form – Hips only	\$47.00	\$28.70
HD/ED Form – Elbows only	\$30.00	\$17.20

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Val Moody**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) being held in Victoria.

I wish to present my Annual Report, along with the correspondence lists as sent to all Member Club Delegates prior to this meeting for your perusal.

This year has seen much being achieved in all areas of National Council. The Executive has continued to show its dedication and commitment to both the Member Clubs and the German Shepherd Dog.

In July of this year, I attended the Breed Surveyors Meeting, National Breed Commission Meeting and Judges Committee Meeting hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia Inc.

This important meeting is where direction for the improvement of our breed overall and our Breed Improvement Schemes is discussed at great length along with issues that endeavour to ensure all GSDCA Specialist Judges/Breed Surveyors are provided with information needed to enhance their capabilities and expertise.

My congratulations are extended to the Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club, which with a very small band of very hard workers achieved to host a most outstanding and successful National Show & Trial in a very delightful venue.

I sincerely thank the Newcastle Committee for making all Executive members very welcome and the hospitality extended to us all.

This event was well attended and it was very apparent that a lot of hard work had gone into the organization of this event. The GSDCA Executive congratulates the N & HR GSDCA for their tremendous effort and a special thank you to those members from other Clubs that took the time to be involved and help over the weekend. These events do need the support of the Member Clubs not only with entering the Conformation and/or Trials, but with the many tasks that need to be handled over the many months prior to the event and over a very tiring weekend.

Well done to everyone involved.

### **GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:**

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the "GSDCA Service Award" at the 40<sup>th</sup> National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2012 for their dedication, over long periods, to the German Shepherd Dog and its improvement of both body and mind along with the continued support and commitment at Club/Canine Control level.

- ❖ Dale Halling
- ❖ Sean & Leeanne Lynch
- ❖ Bruce Knight

*(The GSDCA Service Award was unable to be presented to Bruce as he was not in attendance at this event. The award will be presented at an appropriate event in the future).*

### **GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICE AWARDS:**

During 2012 the GSDCA presented the "GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award to : Police Dog "Bosun" and handler Senior Constable Wayne Algie.

Some items of interest dealt with by the Executive during the year were :

#### ➤ **Future Directions Workshop**

This important workshop was a great success with many things being discussed from all areas of our organization. Whilst no decisions could be made formally, many items have been considered and will hopefully be submitted to the Member Clubs in the future. However, all Member Clubs need to keep an open mind and consider the fact that we as an organization may need to make some necessary changes in order that we do not stagnate but look forward to a promising future.

➤ **Elke Effler & Jochen's Swiss Project**

It is with pleasure that Elke has provided a report covering aspects of the Redog Canine USAR Operational Test in Switzerland during the time Elke, Jochen and Peter were in Switzerland.

➤ **Microchipping**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, all breeders must microchip puppies prior to registration.

The GSDCA has accepted Microchipping as a form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes along with the Tattoo Scheme.

Breeders can either tattoo, microchip or both so that animals bred by them can go through the Breed Improvement Schemes.

➤ **ANKC**

❖ **Cancellation of the National Breed Council Conference**

Once advised of the cancellation, the GSDCA Executive expressed our concerns at this action and requested an understanding that items put forward by the GSDCA would be discussed at the ANKC October Conference.

❖ **GSD Long Stock Coat**

There has been a considerable amount of work completed with regard to this matter with the ANKC and the implementation of the GSD Long Stock Coat.

❖ **GSD Long Stock Coat – Extended Breed Standard**

Due to the implementation of the Long Stock Coat the GSDCA has worked with the ANKC to update the GSD Long Stock Coat Extended Breed Standard. The GSDCA has provided a power point presentation that is used for the Aspiring GSD Judges and for placement on the ANKC website. We wish to thank John Fenner for the work he put into preparing and completing the power point presentation on the Extended Breed Standard and the Long Stock Coat.

❖ **GSD Long Stock Coat – Verification Application Form and Verification Information Sheet**

The GSDCA has also provided to the ANKC in “draft” format the GSD Long Stock Coat Verification Application form and Verification Information Sheet. This has now been adopted by the ANKC and is available on the ANKC website. These forms are used to verify the coat of any Long Stock Coat.

I would like to express my appreciation to all Member Club Presidents and Secretaries for their continued support throughout the year, and again, express my sincere thanks to Honey Gross-Richardson for her valued service in dealing with the SV/WUSV. Thank you one and all

I wish to record my sincere appreciation to Louisa Rodger, for her valuable expertise in taking the minutes over this weekend. Thank you so much Louisa, I do appreciate your efforts once again.

A sincere thank you to my fellow Executive for their assistance and support over the year and I look forward to an excellent working relationship and that we all continue to work for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

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# **MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **President ACT GSDA – Wolf Meffert**

2012 was another year of little change for the Association. Our Wednesday training nights are well attended! This is regardless of the sometime harsh Canberra Winter. Our puppy socialisation classes are popular and very valuable ensuring that the young pups are quite well adjusted and ready to meet the rigours of the big wide world in a calm manner. It is therefore disappointing when we get mature dogs which are almost uncontrollable as owners have not been told by the breeder to join our club as soon as possible. We also get the dogs from other Obedience Clubs who use training techniques incompatible with large, perhaps boisterous dogs. We urge breeders to encourage puppy buyers to join a GSD Club; unfortunately we often appear to be talking to deaf ears.

Another issue which we assume is not unique to the ACT is the over- servicing by some Veterinarians. Penn Hip is a popular but useless service, particularly when it comes to GSD's. Just recently a GSD puppy owner was offered a Penn Hip x-ray, desex plus a hip reconstruction (without actually having taken an x-ray) – fortunately they came to see the club before proceeding. We see this as a serious problem. While we have asked our local breeders to alert puppy buyers to contact the breeder if a Vet offers anything out of the ordinary. This is of course difficult for pups not bred by local breeders, such as the example given above.

Membership has fluctuated a little, due to people moving out of the ACT, pups going interstate etc. However, attendance at training is very good.

Membership has remained relatively even, a fairly good result when considering the competing activities of the outside world. Our local breeders generally encourage puppy buyers to the Association in order to allow their precious new bundles of joy to take part in valuable socialisation and, with some luck, some basic obedience. The Association firmly believes that this early socialisation is critical in the development of these young puppies. This will largely minimise the potential misbehaviour problems associated with grown up dogs with little or no interaction with other dogs and people.

Again, as in previous years, our training school becomes involved with German Shepherd Dogs which are difficult to control thanks to this lack of initial socialisation. We also get the odd Shepherd which has failed to respond to the variety of ineffective training techniques used by other 'obedience' clubs. The most difficult part of course is teaching the owners how to manage their pets.

Once again, the Association has maintained its reputation for catering excellence and we receive quite a few catering contracts which help to boost the Association funds. Our appreciation goes to those members who regularly assist, often with dishes donated by them. Our 2012 Christmas Party for example again set a high standard of catering and another record turnout.

As in previous years the Association conducted 2 Championship Shows on the October 2012 long weekend (which made the show dates being 29 & 30 September). This is part of a big ACT 4 day canine event, the 'Canine Carnival'. This year we had contracted Dieter Oeser SV Germany and Francesco Capelli from Italy. These appointments very well received by exhibitors with a record entry. We express our appreciation to the dog showing fraternity for their support. This is the first time that we have had long coats being exhibited and this ran very well. The biggest issue however was the identification on the entry form that the exhibit was in fact a long coat. This required the production of an additional couple of trophies during the weekend, and the requirement of an additional first place sash which took a little longer.

For our 2013 show we have contracted Karl-Heinz Gladbach SV Germany and Jens Becker-Olsen from Spain.

This year we conducted only one breed survey utilising the services of Reg Bonello from Sydney. As usual this proved to be successful day with participants enjoying the event and the subsequent lunch put on by the Association. Reg has now retired as a breed surveyor and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to Reg for his support and guidance over the years. Our members also actively participate in the tattoo and HD/ED Schemes. We can also microchip if required.



We take this opportunity to repeat this reflection from last years report. The traditional obedience trials do not get very much support from the canine fraternity. We can only surmise that the continual process to make the obedience trials harder and harder over the last 25 or so years has led to a decline in participation. It is reminiscent of our own efforts to clamp down on the requirements to participate in our chosen sport of breeding and exhibiting German Shepherd Dogs. Here too the numbers have been diminishing to a shadow of the glory days of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

The ACT also operates a dog rescue service with regular contacts at the Pound and the RSPAC and, through the grace of the tattoo and microchip schemes we have been able to reunite a number of owners with their errant pets. The ACT Domestic Animal Control also operates a web site, which enables the public to directly list lost and found animals that often allows pets to be reunited with their owners without having to go through the pound or the RSPCA shelter.

We do not have many breeders in the ACT and the demand for puppies is such that we frequently have to direct enquiries to the GSD League Puppy Listing Officer. The use of the Internet to sell and purchase puppies appears to be increasingly popular, but sadly the outcomes are generally not particularly good.

The Association took part in the GSDCA Forum conducted over 3 days in October. While the gathering was informative and quite valuable, it lacked a clear definitive outcome. We are looking forward to some progress in this regard over the coming year or two.

The Association is located within the precincts of the Canberra Showgrounds (known as EPIC) which is owned by the ACT Government. There is currently a review of the area occupied by Dogs ACT which is considered to have a high commercial value. Included in this is our Association and the Belconnen Obedience Club which is located adjacent to EPIC. We will be having a meeting in this regard on 6 February so a verbal report will be provided in relation to this matter.

2012 saw the unfortunate resignation of a number of our senior and influential Breed Surveyors. It is unfortunate that the issues raised by the Surveyors involved have never been discussed by Council. These issues will need to be resolved sooner rather than later.

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### **President Broken Hill GSDC – Tony Lines**

I am pleased to report that in 2012 the Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club once again conducted two Championship Shows.

This is due to a few very hard working members that ensure the shows are held each year and are a must attend event for the fraternity especially from Victoria and South Australia.

The effort that the Committee contributes towards the running of the shows held in August of each year and the support given by the sister clubs from South Australia and Victoria is very much appreciated.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Judy O'Loughlin who prepared and printed the catalogue for both shows. Thank you once again your help is greatly appreciated.

This year we were fortunate to have Mr Bruce Knight, Western Australia and Mr Andrew Thor, New South Wales adjudicate at the shows and again it was a good entry considering the distance and some exhibitors travelling to the Sieger Show.

The show was once again held in Wentworth to save the exhibitors travel time and fuel costs.

A special mention to Dale Halling, Rachel Morgan, Jan and Lyle Strachan, long term members of the club for their continued effort to make the shows a success.

It was also great to see exhibitors travel from Sydney for the show and on behalf on the committee I thank them for their support.

The Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club has always supported Australian Judges and believes that our judges are a highly professional group who has a high degree of expertise, equal if not better to judges anywhere in the world.

Two championship shows are scheduled for 17 and 18 August 2013 however final details are yet to be determined.

I would like to thank Jo Edwards for her generosity for a number of years donating her airfares and accommodation to attend GSDCA AGMs and NBC Meeting on behalf of the club.

Dale Halling attended the Future Directions Workshop in October and we are hoping to travel to Broken Hill in February or March to promote membership in the local area.

To everyone, thank you for your support that you have shown the club over the past year and look forward to receiving that continued support into the future.

**Joylene Neddermeyer** (*Written by Secretary on behalf of Tony Lines President*).

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## **President GSD League – Graeme Stevenson**

Membership has grown from 511 in 2007 to 914 members in 2012 financial year. The introductory membership is proving a great success and many who joined with the introductory offer rejoined for the 2012-2013 year.

Whilst it seems that many breed clubs have reported decreases in membership numbers we have been able to increase our membership through innovative ideas such as our introductory memberships.

When I became President in 2007 the financial position of the club was in deficit however since my appointment we have made consistent profits each year.

We have continually listened to and met the needs and requests of the members. The following have all been proposed and voted upon by members.

General meetings are now held quarterly rather than monthly

Placement of minutes on the web has been discussed and this cannot take place until a members login can be developed to ensure privacy

The three-year rule was voted on and accepted by members to allow a continuum of office whilst people developed the skills to undertake the role efficiently and in acknowledgement that a year is a short time to implement change. All committee positions can be contested annually by nomination with voting at the AGM. Our point score was initially introduced many years ago for GSDL shows only. The placement of other clubs on the point score has been discussed vigorously and the current situation brings us back to the true intention of the scheme.

Additions to our club House building will hopefully be completed in 2013.

Our Conformation Shows have been successful financially. Show attendance is falling worldwide and is affecting all breeds of dog. It takes time, effort and passion to prepare a dog for the show ring, similar to obedience and people in today's society are not as enthused nowadays as there is much more to keep busy with in life than there was when I first started 30 or so years ago. The introduction of the showing of long coats is involving exhibitors who would otherwise not be involved.

We continue to acknowledge and promote obedience, tracking and all areas of utility of the GSD -

We hold four Obedience and two Tracking trials each year and are pleased to report that entries are growing steadily.

Having been personally instrumental a number of years back with ensuring the ongoing future of the Demonstration Team, it's wonderful to see that this dedicated team of people continue to do a tremendous job promoting our breed at many various public events.

We have established a Branch on the Central Coast, which will open in Feb 2013. It is important to acknowledge that growth and the opening of future branches is dependent upon interest from members and the availability of interested and appropriately qualified people who are willing to volunteer their time.

There are currently five members being assessed as instructors and a course for suitable applicants who wish to train as instructors will also run in 2013.

Obedience seminars have been discussed in the past at committee level and this was also addressed during our attendance at the National Obedience Committee meeting; historically without a comprehensive business and fiscal plan the costs were prohibitive. However the training coordinator is currently assessing proposals for seminars by Australian trainers. There is also the possibility of working together with the other affiliates and sharing the costs of seminars/speakers therefore increasing cost efficiency.

Obedience entries at our shows are increasing.

Rally O is in the process of being promoted with demonstrations planned.

Putting together a team to compete at the National is in the planning stage.



Also in the planning stage is instigating those that trial to practice on a Thursday night alongside Show Training.

We continue to support and promote the Breed Improvement Schemes of the GSDCA and these schemes are open to all members of affiliate organizations.

We are currently developing a plan to allow juniors to have a forum to provide their ideas and feedback as well as taking on responsibility for the running and promotion of Junior Handlers events at shows.

In summary, the GSDL has moved forward during my term of office. As mentioned, this is a gradual process, not an overnight procedure. Change takes time and the appropriate people that are willing to devote their time and expertise.

There is still more work to be done and a change in the continuum and harmony may not be the best option at this time in the development and progress of the GSDL.

**Graeme Stevenson**

### **Vice President**

Again as last year I would like to congratulate the Committee of 2012 and thank them for a job well done. It was a good year and all of you have played your part in this. As always with any committee we have had some difficult times but this has not affected the running of the club. All in all the year has been financially successful one.

I have been helping out with the merchandising side of things which we have gotten down to an acceptable level now so we can now look at other useful items for League members to purchase.

The League publicity package with display boards and photo's has been purchased and is in full swing now for demonstrations and display purposes.

We have of course would dearly like to engage another photography with dog photo expertise for our shows but these are few and far between these days. If you have any Photography experience and would like to try your hand have a talk to anyone on the committee about your interest and we will have a talk to you.

My position throughout the year was again to be backstop to Graeme in his position as President and he has steered the League again into calmer waters. It has been my pleasure to work with him and the rest of the team. The league has changed to three monthly General meetings due to the consistent lack of quorums and time wasted by the committee in attending these meetings but the committee meetings are going ahead on a monthly basis as always.

Graeme has now retired so his work commitments allow him more flexibility on the daytime and night shifts. As an executive Graeme, Fay, Karen and I worked well together and supported each other, which is essential for the smooth running of the committee and the League.

As I said before the committee has worked well together and look forward to another year of progress.

Last but not least I would like to thank you the members for your support of the League and hope that your support is ongoing, we can only prosper with a good committee and a supportive membership.

**Terry Jarvis**

### **Secretary**

I would like to thank the committee for their assistance one again through the past twelve months.

It has been a quiet year for the League not having had the responsibility of running the National Show and Trial.

The concept of giving toys to the Baby Puppies at our shows is proving successful and this practice will continue.

This year at the election of judges we elected only one judge to adjudicate at our shows as entries do not warrant two judges and this also assists with the smooth running of the show with exhibitors not having to dart from ring to ring it does create a much more relaxed atmosphere.

Our Annual General Meeting has been moved to the last Monday of November at the request of the auditors which gives them that little extra time to complete the audit.

I would like to thank the committee and members for their assistance and co-operation when requested throughout the past twelve months.

**Fay Stokes**

### **Show Secretary**

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows. Obedience trial numbers are staying about the same. Hopefully with the introduction of the Long Stock Coats being able to be shown entry numbers may improve

The League has conducted 4 Obedience Trials & 8 shows this year, two Championship Shows, two Open Shows, 2 Sanction Shows and 2 Championship Shows at the Spring Fair which is held in conjunction with Dogs NSW.

Most of the shows made a small profit but the Spring Fair in August was very disappointing in numbers and at the time of writing this report I have no knowledge of the financial outcome.

The State Breed Assessment was held again in July with an increase in numbers on last year and was very well received by all who attended; hopefully we will see more exhibitors next year.

This year's committee has tried to reduce expenditure and keep entry prices down as much as possible.

Thank you to all our Exhibitors, Triallers, the stewards & Stenographers who have supported our Club this year

My Special Thank You to Judy Connors (Vest Controller) if you don't return your numbers after a show she will hunt you down. Fay Stokes for printing the catalogues your help is invaluable

**Ann Mackenzie**

### **Social Secretary**

My job as catering and looking after the canteen has been a learning experience but a lot of fun. It actually gives me the chance say "hello" to all you enthusiastic show people who come along to our shows. The aim is to provide scrumptious food to cater for your needs that is not expensive. Of course the aim is to make a profit for our hard work but always making sure you can afford to buy what we are selling.

We have finally purchased a new BBQ and Bruce is showing his cooking skills ready for your breakfast each morning.

A big thank you to Bruce, Fay, Pam and Lorna who look after the canteen on Saturday mornings while I am absent.

Finally, I hope you will all visit the canteen when you come to our shows, receive a grand welcome and see what we can offer you to keep your energy levels up as you show your shepherds.

Don't forget our Christmas Party on 8th December, 2012. I will be waiting to receive your names. Hope all those who have done well during the year in the "point score" will definitely contact me as you will need to be there to collect it unless your live "far, far, away".

**Sharon Laughlin**

### **Tattoo/Microchip**

During the current financial year, tattooing and microchipping has gone well. There is a noticeable drop in puppies being tattooed due to the introduction of Microchipping as an identification for the GSDCA breed improvement schemes.

The figures for this year are noticeably down on previous years. There is most likely a small increase as latent forms come in but it will not be of great increase.

Tattoo is still an alternative requirement for the Breed Improvement Schemes. With the introduction of compulsory

Microchipping prior to registration, the input of Tattoo Numbers into the database indicates that there are many breeders that have forgone tattooing. There are still a large number of breeders that are continuing to tattoo.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the Tattoo Officers and Tattoo/Microchip Officers who donate their time and expertise as a service for the breeders within the GSDL.

Graeme Stevenson

### **Webmaster**

During the year the GSDL web site has continued being developed as a useful tool for both the members as well as visitors to the site.

I would like to thank members and committee for providing me with information for the website.

**Frances McAdam**

### **Breed Affairs Chairman**

This year saw the introduction of Long Stock Coats and assessment days are held at each Breed Survey for those people wishing to have their dogs assessed.

I attended the Breed Commission Meeting in South Australia and certainly there are a lot of ideas coming through from that meeting with regard to the further training of Specialist Judges. Judges are to trial the Tick Sheet over the next 12 months. Open Classes at Nationals and the decline in entries was discussed, Memorial Trophies and the revamping of the scoring system due to the inclusion of Long Stock Coats, a Max Stokes Memorial Trophy to the winner of the Junior Bitch Class at Nationals, judging procedures for Junior

Showmanship classes and the National Junior Showmanship competition. All of these items I will elaborate on at the next General Meeting of the League and when the official Minutes are received.

The League will have held 4 Breed Survey days again this year. It was most unfortunate that National Council lost 6 of their Breed Surveyors during this year which did include 3 from N.S.W. i.e. Reg Bonello, Melanie Groth and John Hugo as well as Louis Donald (Qld), Fran Farley and James Rodger (Vic).

**Fay Stokes**

### **Puppy Listings**

The last twelve months has been again successful with members taking advantage of and enjoying the service provided by the G.S.D.L as backup to their own efforts to sell pups. This year the litters have been up and down with some weeks having a good number of litters on to perhaps just one! But the reality is the members using the listings are selling their pups and are happy with the results they get through the listings.

Puppy Listings is a job that is enjoyable to oversee. Being able to assist puppy enquirers with help and direction to the Breeders listed to the purchasing of their puppies being the pleasing aspect. I have again enjoyed the position of puppy listing over the last twelve months and look forward to another pleasing year. The Website is of great assistance this year, more than before because a lot of the enquiries are by direct contact through the Website as the general public become savvier with using the internet and it is pleasing to see new people and members taking advantage of it. The new purchaser is ringing the breeders direct and asking the right questions on most occasions as they are more conscious of what is needed to know prior to purchasing their new pup. This in the main is because they have been in touch with me through the website and are a lot wiser when they ring or email the breeder and are appreciative of this service. I have had feedback from breeders stating that when puppy buyers contact them they are well informed which I believe is a plus for the service.

Members using the older dog listing find that their animals do get placed through the service but we have had only a few listings throughout the year. And we now have a section on the website with information on tracing lost dogs.

The email "The Puppy Registrar" gets plenty of use and enquires are answered in detail in quick time.

Breeders using the listings are sent a courtesy email about one week prior to them coming off the listings to see how the pups are selling and if they need to extend their time. The majority of breeders do advise me when their litters are sold which is a condition of being on Puppy Listings and essential to the correct running of the listing service.

We do get a lot of calls for people wishing to re home their older Shepherd and to hear some of the stories where the animals are 8 & nine years old and have to go as a pair and sometimes have to be split up. We do what we can and sometimes we cannot help but when we get genuine enquiries our Welfare officer Hetty Choy and her merry band of helpers get out and about and work actively trying to place these animals and our thanks should go to them for the work they do.

Our Website manager Fran McAdam is another one that needs a thank you as the litters change and pups are sold she is the lady that does all the work taking them down and putting them up and she and I work well together in this effort, thank you Frances.

As I said previously that I have enjoyed the position of Puppy Listing Registrar and helping people who are not sure whether they should or should not own a shepherd, whether they have enough room to keep one, also about when and where to train.

I have quite a few people who buy from our listings, also ringing up to thank me and tell me all about their new pup.

**Pam Jarvis**

### **Shepherd News Editor**

Shepherd News is now developing into a well structured magazine. However to make this a more relevant publication for you the members I continue to need more feedback from you. I need to know what type of content you really want and what issues you would like me to address. Unfortunately such requests in the magazine for this feedback have had only limited responses from members. Wherever possible I have tried to comply with these requests.

I would like to remind everyone that advertising is available to members at \$50 for the cover and \$30 per page inside.

These advertisements can be for Dog or Commercial related content. Non member rates are Price on Application.

I would like to thank all those that have helped with articles and information to include in our magazine.

**Bruce Laughlin**



## **Training Co-Ordinator**

Firstly a big thanks to Judy and Alan Connors, Tony D'Arcy and the other instructors at Erskine Park for running obedience training on Tuesday nights.

Thanks to Norm Macdonald and all the stewards for running our obedience trials and also to Tikki Friezer and all the stewards/tracklayers that assists at our tracking trials.

2012 being my first year in this role has been a year of reviewing and planning and setting goals for the future in relation to obedience, tracking and related dog sports.

In August I attended the GSDCA National Obedience committee meeting – a great opportunity to network with other instructors interstate and share ideas and resources.

I have commenced revising our current GSDL NSW manual and currently have four members undertaking instructors training; they will all hopefully graduate end of 2012 and be able to offer some assistance to our current instructors.

I will be running another instructor's course mid 2013 – if interested please contact me

([kareneaton@bigpond.com](mailto:kareneaton@bigpond.com)) for an application form.

Moving forward into the New Year I'm pleased to announce that in February 2013 there will be a new branch opening on the Central Coast. This branch will initially offer training classes (puppy and adult) as well as assistance for those who'd like to trial.

### **TRACKING NEWS – UPDATE – EXCELLENT MEDALLIONS**

Following the 2012 GSDCA AGM : Effective 1st July 2012, where a pedigreed registered German Shepherd dog gains the grading of "excellent" at any ANKC approved tracking trial, and the owner is a member of a GSDCA member club, the owner may apply to their club for the award of a GSDCA Trial "Excellent" medallion. Applications must be in writing and accompanied by a copy of the relevant trial certificate.

If you've obtained an excellent pass at any tracking trial held during this season please send in your application to the Secretary.

If you'd like further information please contact Karen Eaton ([kareneaton@bigpond.com](mailto:kareneaton@bigpond.com)) of 4375 1211.

**Karen Eaton**

## **Publicity/Demonstration Team**

During 2012, members from the German Shepherd Dog League Demonstration Team have worked together to develop a new performance routine, with a new music sound track and with a number of new members.

The team members are:

Lyn & Ron Clark with Tessa. Tessa joined the team in 2011

Julie Delriego with Darius. Darius joined in 2010

Lynne & Tim Gehrke with Cali & Georgia. Cali (12 months) & Georgia (4 months) are both new young long stock coats

Irene Lawless with Jaz. Jaz is most experienced member & team matriarch

Tracey Lewis with Hunter who is 9 months & one of our new young long stock coats

Fay Samuel with Tasha. Tasha joined the team in 2011

Rachel Tucaliuc with Axum. Axum rejoined our team after a year's "sabbatical"

Annette Whiley with Boof. Now the oldest member & patriarch of the team

Rita Granata with Shilo. Shilo's first performance with the team in September was outstanding; a very enthusiastic team member

During 2012, the team has participated in all the established events as well as some new events booked through recommendations from people who have seen our performances. The team have performed at the following events: Pet Expo on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February at Rosehill Racecourse; "Woof Fest" at Bungarribee Reserve Doonside on Sunday 4th March; Newcastle Agricultural Show at Newcastle Show ground on Sunday 17th March; Dogs NSW Dogs Expo at Erskine Park in June; Richmond TAFE College Spring Open Day on Saturday 15th September; and Holroyd City Council Pet Fest at Holroyd Gardens on Sunday 16th September.

The events booked for the team from October to December 2012 are: Blacktown Council Pets' Festival on Saturday 21st October.

Camden Council's Dogs Day Out at Camden Show Ground on Sunday 28th October; Hills Shire Council's Paws in the Park at Castle

Hill Showground on Sunday 4th November; and Engadine Lions' Club Community Festival on Saturday 10th November.

The team was booked by the Moss Vale Agricultural Show Society to perform at their annual show on 17th March but the show was cancelled due to persistent inclement weather. The committees for next year's shows at Moss Vale, Newcastle and Holroyd have already booked us.



The number of invitations to participate in a wider variety of community and specific animal and/or pet events and festivals has increased markedly during the last two years. Fay Samuel has made a very significant contribution in recommending our participation in events in the southern suburbs. Other invitations have come from people who have seen our displays and recommended us to organisations in which they are involved. The more events we participate in, the more people are able to see our wonderful dogs and become better educated about the breed and the more inspired we are to continually improve what we do and how we do it.

Members of the public often comment on the beauty of our dogs and praise their achievements. After one performance at Erskine Park in June, one person commented that watching our dogs brought tears to her eyes. At Holroyd a young girl told us that after seeing the team in 2010, her family bought a German Shepherd puppy who she named after one of our team members. She and her mother came to see our display, to tell us about her puppy and to have more photos taken with the dogs in our team to hang in her bedroom. After every display we are asked about how to buy dogs "just like these".

Throughout 2012 all team members were committed to our almost weekly practice schedule, weather and ground conditions permitting, as we now have a relatively young team of dogs with three very young dogs and ages now ranging from four months to six years. Our aim is to be able to provide a quality, entertaining display of obedience and agility during which we show off the outstanding qualities of our German Shepherd breed, as well as the character and personalities of our individual, loveable and often unpredictable dogs.

We have extended our routine this year with additional obedience exercises, training the older dogs to show more advanced skills as well as introducing more off lead work. We plan to introduce more agility activities and equipment into the display too. We are confident that our current displays are proficient, pleasing and enjoyable to our audiences and lots of fun for us and our dogs.

Our new team uniforms look spectacular and we have made bandanas for our dogs to match our new uniforms and our puppies have "L" and "P" plate bibs to reflect their recent introduction into the team. We aim to have new bibs and bandanas for all our dogs and some spares and would like to have them embroidered with the NSW GSDL logo to match the team uniforms.

We are anxious to be able to provide more and better printed resources to the general public when we perform. In addition to the Team handout, we would like to have printed information about the GSDL website and services, especially Puppy Listings, German Shepherd Rescue, obedience training and breeders. We also want to investigate a range of 'Demo Team' merchandise that we could sell such as calendars, bookmarks, posters etc as well as other merchandise to promote the GSDL, the German Shepherd breed and the Demo Team. Sincere thanks to the Committee for their support and very special thanks to those members who have given their individual support and encouragement by attending our events and assisting with equipment. We are deeply indebted to Julie and Rodney who house and drive our agility equipment trailer to practice sessions and performances. And most importantly sincere and heartfelt thanks and congratulations go to every member of our team for their outstanding commitment, contribution and dedication throughout the year. We have the most superb leader in Tracey who has overseen the development of a group of like-minded people into an amazing, cohesive, supportive and very close-knit team of great friends who love and enjoy each other's dogs, all that we do and the time we spend together.

**Annette Whiley**

### **Welfare & Rescue**

Our Rescue Group has been very busy again this year rescuing and re-homing approximately 6 – 14 dogs per month. Owners no longer wanting their dogs for a variety of reasons have saved many from death row at various Sydney Pounds others have been surrendered to us.

We are concerned at the number of young males being handed in because their owners could not control them. On assessment these males were found to be very strong willed and in need of a firm hand. Breeders need to ensure that dogs are being sold to appropriate homes that have the time to train their dogs. Male pups have been sold by breeders to senior citizens in their eighties and nineties and this practice needs to stop.

Our group consists of Linda Pierce, President of the Hawkesbury Valley Branch of the AWL, Lyn Woods, AWL, Pauline Bellemore, GSD Rescue - Hunter Region, Jan Baker, Head Trainer at the Blacktown Dog Training Club and John Sadler, Jo Tucker and I from the league.

Some achievements and highlights of the year were

- Enlisting the assistance of AWL inspectors in situations where a member of the public have reported cases of cruelty or neglect to us resulting in the owners being forced to either surrender the dog or dogs or were forced to provide better living conditions.

Blacktown Pound - which takes in dogs from the following council areas - Ryde, Holroyd, Lane Cove and Blacktown, finally determined to adopt a compulsory desexing program for all dogs and cats sold from its facility. This was a major victory and only achieved after many years of hard work and lobbying on the part of

many animal rescue groups. Renbury Pound has had this policy in place for many years and action is in progress to bring pressure on the remaining large Sydney Pound, Hawkesbury Pound which serves the Hills Shire, Penrith and Windsor area, to adopt a compulsory desexing program This will go a long way to stop backyard breeding and eventually reduce the number of dogs ending up in pounds

We are delighted to have on board the services of Dr Robert Zammit who has kindly agreed to provide veterinary care for our rescue dogs. We are so grateful to Robert and his staff and very much appreciate the wonderful care they give our dogs. Robert is always there to give a hug to a tearful member of our team who has had to bring in an old or sick dog that has often suffered years of neglect, for its final journey. We thank Robert too for attending and addressing the meeting at the Blacktown Council Chambers on the night council voted in the mandatory desexing program

Forging relationships with the wonderful volunteers at a number of NSW country pounds, working together with them to save and re-home many GSDS

Finally I would like to thank the breeders who have assisted us in taking back a dog that they have bred until we were able to rehome it, Fran McAdam for keeping our welfare listing up to date, all the team for their dedication and hard work, our wonderful foster carers, Liz, Donna, Joyce and Geoff. You are amazing and to those who have helped with transport.

Thank you to the committee members for their support throughout the year and to all members who have made donations to welfare to assist us to pay vet bills etc

We have met so many wonderful people who had adopted our beautiful dogs and firm friendships have been established, thank you for taking a rescue dog into your home and heart

And finally our beautiful dogs, many of which have endured years of neglect, your gorgeous faces and pleading eyes are forever etched in my memory.

**Hetty Choy**

## **CLUB CONTACTS**

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President	Graeme Stevenson	Show Manager	Vince Panetta
Vice President	Terry Jarvis	Show Secretary	Ann Mackenzie
Secretary	Fay Stokes	Merchandising	TBA
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Training Coordinator	Karen Eaton	Shepherd News	Bruce Laughlin
Puppy Listing	Pam Jarvis	Membership Registrar	Jessica Kada
Web Master	Fran McAdam	State Tattoo Administrator	Graeme Stevenson
Social Secretary	Sharon Laughlin	Publicity Demo Team	Annette Whiley
HD Administrator	Jodie Carroll	Breed Affairs	Fay Stokes
Liaison Officer for Welfare & Shepherd Rescue	Hetty Choy		
<b>Other Contacts</b>			
Demo Team	Tracey Lewis	NSW Chief Surveyor	Karen Hedberg
Trail Manager	TBA		
<b>German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc Tattoo &amp; Micro Chip Officers</b>			
Terry Jarvis/Micro Chip	Liverpool	Graeme Stevenson/Micro Chip	Terrey Hills
Nadine McDonald/Micro Chip	Blacktown	Dr. Robert Zammit	Vineyard
Dr. Karen Hedberg	Richmond	Grant Morton	Mittagong
Deborah Muir	Lismore	Lyn Gregor	Grafton
Marnie Page	Bathurst	Les Francis	Congewai
Michelle Popowski	Singleton		

## **President N & HR GSDC – Sean Lynch**

The last year was one which was monumental in the history of the club and which saw a massive workload for our small committee and when one's looks back, our small club has a right to feel proud of our achievements.

The day to day running of a club was maintained over the year but honestly the National overshadowed all proceedings and did see the committee somewhat zapped of energy. Certainly 2013 is an opportunity to concentrate more on the running of extra club activities and focusing on the day to day betterment of the club. There are several trends at the moment which have the potential to impact not only on our club but all dog breeders throughout NSW and see a further downturn in membership across the board.

Our club maintained our involvement in all breed improvement schemes but there is a definite downturn in numbers that seems consistent across all clubs.

We hosted four (4) Breed Surveys in 2012 which saw a total of twenty animals being successfully classified, there were 14 class ones and six class two animals and one failure for the year.

A total of eight hip and elbow contracts were issued, and after the introduction of microchipping being recognised for positive identification, breeders have chosen not to tattoo. This has been further impacted by the fact that our club has only one tattooist and the need for travel at times to arrange tattooing.

Our club hosted our usual two weekends of showing and trailing but with changes brought about by Dogs NSW regulations and the fact that we also held the 40<sup>th</sup> GSDCA National. Our March show and trial saw good numbers of 131 in the conformation ring under the guidance of Vince Tantaró and 21 in the obedience ring under the scrutiny of Pauline Hartwell. Time streaked on and the National was here before we knew it. The conformation numbers were 386 and the obedience saw 62 competitors entered, the full National report will be tabled separately.

Our usual August show weekend saw a drop in our numbers and the need to host an open show with a trainee judge, followed by a sanctioned show which was judged by Jenny Yuen. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us this particular weekend resulting in Jenny's very late arrival due to high winds and then torrential rain for the start of the show on Saturday. But the show goes on and the weather cleared and people seemed to enjoy their weekend.

Our finances remain strong and it is our intention to change and introduce some new activities to see an improvement in both club numbers and finances.

Our club participated in the AGM in Queensland last February, along with the NBC meeting held in Adelaide and we feel it is imperative for club's to have involvement in these important meetings. We were saddened to miss the Future Directions meeting but with a small committee sometimes work and life commitments see an inability to attend all things.

The future plans for the club this year is to commence further training in Rally O obedience and commencement of offering Rally O trials in addition to our usual obedience. We are going to focus more fully on activities to retain members for a longer period.

The other area of concern is the proposed introduction of some Council's to introduce 'licensing' of kennels with the RSPCA to inspect and determine housing and rearing requirements for breeding. These licences are proposed to cost \$500. Obviously the major concern here is there is no regulation for backyard breeders. Given that our small club alone has been reduced to only a few breeders who are active members who show and breed measures like this will only see a greater burden on these members.

In short 2013 will be a year of consolidation for our club with greater attention to our membership and what we can offer our members.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our fellow enthusiasts who assisted in the running of the National, it is heartening to see people work together for the betterment of the breed and concentrate on what it is important. We look forward to working together and enjoying our wonderful breed.

Thank you

## President GSDC of the Northern Territory – Margaret Adams

It is my pleasure to present to you a report on the activities of the German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory for 2012.

First I thank the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia for their financial assistance which enabled us to have a delegate at the Future Directions Workshop. This provided an invaluable opportunity for our Club, in the early stages of re establishment and with a new somewhat inexperienced committee; to be an integral part of the discussions for the proposed national restructure. This weekend also allowed the development of networks as well as putting names to faces!

September 2012, we completed our first year since reforming and being granted re affiliation by Dogs NT, therefore we consider that we are still in the rebuilding stage. The past twelve months have really been not been easy, as many who attended the Club's April 2011 initial meeting with a promise of support did not follow through!

An interim committee was established, an obedience instructor sourced and weekly obedience classes were offered. Our sincere thanks and appreciation are expressed to Kim Johnston, who came on board as obedience coordinator/instructor. Thanks also to the members who came and participated in the classes.

The Club undertook an extensive publicity and promotion campaign including participation in a number of community events, Pet Expo and Million Paws Walk. This enabled highlighting the Club, its activities as well as the importance of Council's schemes, especially when purchasing a puppy.

A successful AGM was held in late September, with all positions being filled by a committee who have all become very involved, enthusiastic and so keen to get the Club up and going! Unfortunately some members of the interim committee chose not to continue with the Club, we thank them for their efforts. Kim Johnston resigned from the Club and we welcomed the return of Jenny Jettner who has taken responsibility for the obedience aspect of the Club, this continues to be the Club's principle activity. We have been able to purchase new equipment with the grant that was awarded to the Club. Jenny is doing a wonderful job, so good in fact that we are hoping to have club participants in obedience trials and agility something that has not happened in a long time. She is also working on a Demo Team which will be a real boost to our publicity efforts.

We now have few members keen on entering Conformation shows and as such show classes are being conducted.

We held a very successful sausage sizzle outside Bunning's on December 29, not only was it successful financially, more importantly the publicity and interest generated for the Club was excellent.

We are planning to have an open day around April, May to show off the Club highlight the breed, schemes etc. Associated with this will be services that have GSD's, Police, Defence etc, as well as associated dog services, kennels, pet food suppliers etc.

The weather plays a major part in the viability of outdoor activities in the Top End and as such the Club is in recess from the end of November till the beginning of February. This encompasses a majority of the 'wet season'. The successful inclusion of other working breeds training with us has assisted with the finances associated with ground hire and lighting costs.

The Club has enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Dogs NT under President Graeme Doyle and we are pleased that this continues with the incoming President Mel Hammett.

As mentioned at the FDW a majority of puppies coming to the NT are 'sourced' from 'Down South'! We depend on those breeders sending puppies to the NT and in particular Darwin recommending the Club to their puppy purchasers so we can build a club, educate and assist owners and avert the 'problem out of control older puppy' that has had no training or what's worse no socialising.

Technology has been embraced by our new committee with the establishment of a web page [www.GSDCNT.org](http://www.GSDCNT.org) as well as a facebook page **GSDC NT**. Both have been proven to be very successful in putting the Club 'out there!'

We have had a great few months since our AGM and I am really looking forwards to the rest of the year!



## **President GSDC of Queensland – Barry O’Keefe**

I am pleased to be asked to present a yearly report on the activities of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland. Some information, statistics and quotes have been obtained from the Club’s ‘Annual Report’.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Club finished the year with 270 members which is 42 less than last year. The majority of our members live in the South East corner of the State but both Zone 2 and 3 accounts for approximately 70 members between them. We also have a small number of interstate members.

### **FINANCES**

During the past twelve months the Club made a modest profit of \$1,584.57. The books have been audited and passed by members at the AGM in December. One of the reasons we managed to make this profit was due to a small band of members who conducted ‘Sausage Sizzles’ at Bunning’s Stores during the year. This profit of \$4,597.75 offset the loss of \$3,205 on our annual Championship Show & Trial in July. The fact that the Club made a profit is positive despite receiving almost \$20,000 less in income than the previous year.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA**

During the year the Club promoted the breed to the public via the ‘Queensland Country life’ newspaper and Dogs Queensland published the ‘Long Coat’ article by resident Judge Lou Donald. The Club presented a Bravery Award to ‘Police Dog Zac’ and Queensland ‘Police Dog Boson’ was awarded the GSDCA Service Award at the Newcastle National.

### **CLUB DELEGATES ATTENDANCES AT GSDCA MEETINGS**

2012 saw Queensland host the Annual General Meeting for the GSDCA in February 2012 on the Gold Coast. This was a first for Queensland and we are hopeful of hosting another meeting in the future. The Club also sent a Delegate to the GSDCA Breed Commission Meeting in July, the Obedience Seminar and the Future Directions Meeting in Melbourne.

### **CLUB ATTENDANCE AT DOGS QUEENSLAND ‘PRESIDENT & SECRETARIES’ MEETING**

The 2012 President and Secretary attended the meeting.

### **‘ADVANCE’ DRY FOOD SPONSORSHIP**

The Club entered into a 12 month agreement with Advance and sold dog food products to our members in exchange for free product to be handed out at shows plus \$2000 in cash if the Club sells an agreed number of bags. This agreement will be evaluated in 2013.

### **SHOWS**

The Club either staged or participated in nine conformation events during the year and entries remained comparative to previous years. The decision to have one overseas Judge and one Australian Judge at our July Championship show helped to further minimize the losses we historically make on this event. We continue to work with the Working Dog Club of Queensland and the Ipswich Kennel Club in joint ventures to provide opportunities for our members to show their dogs.

### **RESTRICTED TRIALS**

The Club ran one Obedience Trial this year in conjunction with the July Championship show and despite numbers being slightly down the standard was high and the trial was run very efficiently. The Trial which is normally held the same day as the State Breed Assessment was not conducted.

### **OBEDIENCE**

The Club does not run Obedience training classes but several of our members regularly attend and compete at ‘All Breeds’ Trials. Several members are interested in resuming some sort of obedience training at Durack and the Obedience Trial Secretary suggested Sunday mornings at Durack. The Club is hopeful this may come to fruition next year.

### **VAL BONNEY’S GSD ‘ALL STARS’**

The Club was advised during the year that the ‘GSD All Stars’ have ceased training and performing. During the many years the ‘All Stars’ were active they performed at countless venues throughout Brisbane and the

metropolitan area. The highlight was when they performed at the Royal Brisbane Show in front of several thousand people. The Club and its members salute and thank Val and Bruce Bonney and the 'GSD All Stars'.

## **BREED AFFAIRS**

Our resident Surveyors conducted six Breed Surveys during the year and 25 dogs were successfully classified. Five 'Long Coat' assessment days were provided for members. Our Surveyors also assisted Dogs Queensland by conducting two separate Judges Training nights at Durack.

## **HD-ED & TATTOO**

This year 99 HD-ED contracts were issued by the Club which is a slight increase from 2011. Members are continuing to abandon tattooing as a positive form of identification in favour of micro chipping. Statistics for Queensland are as follows:-

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>LITTERS TATTOOED</b>	<b>NUMBER PUPPIES</b>
2012	50	250
2011	101	567
2010	69	362
2009	71	462
2008	80	471
2007	84	484

## **CLUB MAGAZINE 'FIDELITY'**

The magazine has had some problems during the year due to a change in the way the magazine is created and a change of printer. Three editions were received during 2012. Hopefully 2013 will see the problems resolved. A motion for the magazine to be placed on the Club website in an electronic format was unsuccessful.

## **HERDING**

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland is the only Breed Club that conducts Herding Trials in Queensland. Our June trial had an entry of 53 dogs and included several German Shepherd Dogs. Currently there are about 10 German Shepherds being trained for 'Herding'. Our long serving Trial Secretary has been in the position for eight years and is the primary driver in this sport for the Club.

## **ZONE 2 ACTIVITIES**

Members in the Mackay area conducted fund raising during the year and they currently have just over \$4,400 in their Zone Account.

## **ZONE 3 ACTIVITIES**

The Club and the Townsville Kennel Club hosted a joint venture show in June this year. Greg Green from Victoria judged the show and he also conducted a Survey. Currently they have just over \$950 in their Zone Account.

## **SHOW TRAINING**

The Club conducted 'Show Training' at Durack on Wednesday nights during the year. Fees raised normally cover the cost of the lights.

## **MERCHANDISE & SHIRTS**

The Club still has stocks of T Shirts and greater effort is needed to clear these items. The Club still has old stocks of Breed Survey books to be sold plus copies of the Golden Jubilee.

## **PUPPY LISTINGS**

Members regularly take advantage of the free puppy listing the Club offers and this is available on the Club Website.

## **BREED RESCUE**

Approximately 65 German Shepherd Dogs were rehomed during 2012. Breed Rescue is advertised in the 'Dog World' and on the Club Website. Without this service many of these dogs would no doubt face an uncertain future.

## **WEBSITE**

The Club website is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year of operation and it continues to provide members and the public with a point of reference for the Club. Some changes are planned for 2013.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The Club held one social event during 2012. Surveyors attended a 'Fun Day out for the Fluffies'.

## **MAJOR CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF OUR CONTROLLING BODY "DOGS QUEENSLAND"**

Dogs Queensland has become a democratically elected body and changed their relationship with the RNA. The Australian Electoral Commission conducted a ballot in December and members have been advised of the names of the new Directors. Three GSDCQ members put their names up for consideration but unfortunately none of them were successful. A new constitution has been created and Dogs Queensland is now an incorporated body. The next 12 months should create a window of opportunity for the GSDCQ to further cement relationships with the new Directors.

## **REVOKING APPROVAL TO CONDUCT DOUBLE HANDLING AT OPEN SHOWS**

2012 saw the Club receive advice that we could no longer offer double handling at our February Open Show. The Club strenuously objected to this decision as double handling has been normal practice at Queensland shows for over 20 years. We are hopeful of reversing this decision in 2013.

## **2013 NATIONAL SHOW & TRIAL**

This has been a hotly debated topic during the year and it has been voted upon more than once with different outcomes. In November 2012 the Club wrote to the GSDCA advising them that the Club could not host the 2013 National.

This decision was revisited by the incoming 2013 Committee immediately after the Annual General Meeting in December. After consultation with the President of the Council, the Queensland Club will be again asking members at the January 2013 meeting to confirm that Queensland hosts this event. By the time member Clubs receive this report the Club will have had that meeting and the decision will be made once and for all.

On behalf of the outgoing President Mr. John Hansen and the incoming President of the Club Mr. Barry O'Keefe I extend thanks to GSDCA President Mr. Vince Tantaró and his Executive for their support during the year and for their continuing guidance and assistance during the coming year.

## **Mrs. Diane Ballantyne**

*Report written by Queensland Delegate – February 2013 GSDCA AGM*

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## **President GSDC of South Australia – John DeLucia**

It is my pleasure to present to you a brief report on the activities of the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia. Our club has continued to perform well throughout the year.

Once again our membership is in a healthy position with a steady increase; we have finished the year with money in the bank which is always a good sign.

Our grounds will be extensively modified in the year to come, this is a work in progress with Adelaide Shores redeveloping the area, but we are still in the dark on certain aspects of this but we will adjust and move forward with the changes.

Our Obedience has grown from strength to strength with a large number of members utilizing this invaluable service. We have moved away from the main stream of trialing and concentrated more on the socialization aspect and I believe this has been a positive approach given the general behavior of the animals that attend. The highlight of the year for the obedience was the beach walk along the foreshore. A fantastic day with over 50 handlers and their dogs enjoying the sand and surf, the looks by the passerby was a sight to behold and we look forward to capitalizing on this further. We conducted our usual Agility, Obedience and Et Trials this year.

Breed Affairs had a busy year with two Championship shows and four Members Completions, an Open Show and the puppy days which were well attended over the holiday period. We also conducted a Long Coat day which was also well received. Our Breed Surveys which we conducted 4 of were well attended with participation still high.

Our major sponsor Advance (Mars) has continued their financial support and our club is extremely grateful for their continued support of the club along with all our other club sponsors.

We have been fortunate that one of our club breeders has supplied some puppies to the RSB to train as guide dogs. There have been some fantastic German shepherd photos published in the media which is also a great promotional advantage and we look forward to more of this.

Our club will host the 2013 National on May 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and all going well we be an enjoyable event with planning well under way.

### **CONFORMATION**

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes Herr Richard Brauch (SV)

All Stock Coat Dog classes Herr Richard Brauch (SV)

All Stock Coat Bitch classes Herr Christoph Ludwig (SV)

### **OBEDIENCE**

UDX & Utility Mrs Val Bonney (Qld)

Open Mr Brian Fielder (SA)

Novice & CCD Mr John Fenner (WA)

Winner of Winners All Obedience Judges

### **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

All Classes Ms Sharon Ballantyne (Qld)

The accommodation has been nearly all booked out at this stage at Adelaide Shores. Tent hire for the rings is moving along with most bookings by the dog ring but it is first in best dressed. We will have the usual meet and greet on the Thursday evening at the club grounds.

The President's Dinner will be across the road from the cabins, along with a band booked for Saturday night at the club grounds and I look forward to seeing as many enthusiasts as possible at our National.

In closing thank you to all my committee and members that have assisted in the previous year and look forward too many more to come.



## **President GSDC of Tasmania – Rob Doyle & Greg Priest**

It has been another busy year for our club. Our February show was a huge success with it being the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The Ruby themed show was excellent and very well received especially with the Spit Roast on the Saturday night which was enjoyed by all.

Terry Jarvis did a beautiful job arranging the table with the trophies and sashes, a very big thank you to him for his help. We had a lot of interstate competitors and visitors which made it a very enjoyable weekend.

The judges were Mike Bradley from New Zealand and Bruce Knight from Western Australia. In total over the 2 days we had 69 exhibits entered for Saturday and 64 for Sunday.

In May 2012 our Championship Show was held at Longford and judged by Mrs. Christine Collins from South Australia. We had a total of 46 exhibits entered. Again another successful day.

Fundraising continues with great support from the members. The donations are greatly appreciated. This is a very important area, to keep the clubs coffers topped up. It has also enabled the club to buy much needed equipment. None of this would have been achievable had it not been for the outstanding efforts of the fundraising team

There have been fewer litters tattooed this year due to breeders opting for microchips only, this now being an accepted identification for the GSDCA Breed Schemes.

We currently have 64 memberships made up of 99 members plus children. Included in this was one associate member.

24 Hip & Elbow contracts were issued for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2012

I would like to thank all those who helped me in my role as President; your support was greatly appreciated. It was with deep regret that I had to tender my resignation at short notice: it was purely for business reasons that this had to be done.

In closing I would like to wish everybody success with our chosen breed in the next 12 months.

### **Rob Doyle**

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*Please note:*

The GSDCT Inc. Financial Year is 1st July - 30<sup>th</sup> June and the above report covers that particular period.

Upon Rob's resignation, V/President Greg Priest took up the reins and steered the club through to its AGM in September 2012. Greg was elected President (unopposed) for the 2012/2013 year.

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### The following is Greg's addition to Rob's Annual Report:-

I wish to thank the following members for their tireless work over the past twelve months:

- Past President Rob Doyle and his wife Denise. Their support and involvement in club affairs will certainly be missed and members hope it won't be long before they're once again able to join us in club activities.
- Monica Stewart, our Secretary, who has put her time in over and above the call of duty.
- Jeanie Priest, our Treasurer, Puppy Listing Officer, and Fundraising Organiser. Fund raising activities during the last 12 months were outstanding, enabling the club to purchase further worthwhile equipment for its members. Jeanie and a dedicated band of workers were also responsible for planning and organising the very successful 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations weekend in February. This special event was greatly enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.



- Membership Secretary & Magazine Editor Kellie Fahey. Kellie supports the club in many ways and her assistance is greatly valued. Her commitment to producing the club's excellent quarterly magazine is particularly noteworthy as it was sometimes done in difficult circumstances.
- James Bell (Breed Affairs Administrator) and Russell Lowery (Show Secretary). Their positions are the most complicated ones to hold down due to the many TCA and GSDCA rules /regulations that must be observed. James and Russell proved more than capable of handling their duties and made outstanding contributions throughout the year.

Thanks must also go to Tattoo Officers Garry Cullen, Graeme Perkins and Patricia Butler for giving up their time to assist the club. Garry and Graeme also microchip and so provide an added service for the membership.

In conclusion, I extend sincere thanks to the Committee and to the club's team of willing helpers: their commitment, advice, enthusiasm, good humour and teamwork has been outstanding. It was a pleasure to work with such dedicated German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts.

**Greg Priest**

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## **President GSDC of Victoria – Vince Ebejer**

I am pleased to present my report to the GSDCA.

2012 has seen the GSDCV build on the progress made in 2011 with further implementation of its strategic plan with key milestones being achieved through the hard work of its members. Further work was done on Instructor growth with the first phase of our new Instructor training program being achieved, an entirely new training regime with additional modules to enable our Instructors to deal with the changing needs of our members in the current society as well as maintaining the basic skills to produce good canine citizens. Further work was also carried out in the areas of promotion and sponsorship, membership awareness and retention.

Education of our members and the public continues through our website, and our magazine with the regular update of content and the inclusion of relevant material including articles by legal professionals relating to Canines and the law. This past year, we also implemented a series of handouts for the provision of our Branches covering all aspects of the GSDCV, Council and the various disciplines available to our members.

The GSDCV again took part in various Dog and Pet expos, such as the Caulfield Pet Expo, Royal Agricultural Show of Victoria, Dogs Victoria Big Dog Day Out, and various non traditional events, with the most public being the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. As 2013 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> year of participation, the GSDCV plans to raise significantly more than in other years, and pass the \$500,000 dollars in total money raised.

Continuing the long term relationship with its major sponsor Royal Canin, the GSDCV has through its Branch structure enabled value added benefits for the members by enabling the purchase of Royal Canin's premium German Shepherd Specific dog food at significant savings to its members. The next step in the process will take place during 2013 with Branches purchasing direct from our sponsor, that will enable more significant savings and increasing the benefits for Royal Canin themselves.

The continuation of projects which will enable the GSDCV to move forward and meet the demands of the future are invariably intertwined with our core values, the protection of the GSD. With that in mind the GSDCV was pleased to take part in the Future Directions Workshop during the year, It clearly showed that we are all willing to work together, drawing on each others strengths and again working towards a common goal.

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## **President GSDA of Western Australia – Ian Marr**

### **Club**

It gives me very great pleasure to submit this report to the GSDCA AGM on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc). We have had a large turnover of Management Committee Members this year with five of the seven positions having a change of personnel. The changes involved the positions of – President, Secretary, Treasurer, Breed Affairs & Show Chair. The only two positions that didn't change were Vice-President & Obedience Chair. I offer my thanks to the outgoing committee members for the time, effort and work that they have put in over the past year. I do appreciate the work done by all of our volunteers without whom our club could not exist. It is getting harder and harder to find members who are prepared to commit to working for our organisation and this is a worrying trend throughout most clubs today.

I called a meeting of the new Management Committee, straight after the AGM, as an introduction to the new members and put to them the theme that I intend to follow for the next Year. The theme is “**We CAN make a difference if we put aside our personal likes and dislikes and ALL WORK TOGETHER for the sake of our Breed**”.

Unfortunately we have lost another two of our long time members, this of course goes to emphasise the fact that we are an aging population and confirms the need to encourage newer, younger members to step up and get involved in the running of our organisations.

Rob Crawford passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Rob was a dedicated long time member and Breeder who bred under the pre-fix of Cherylton with his wife Ros. He was always willing to help around the grounds and will be sadly missed.

Betty Gardiner passed away on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Betty was also a long time member and obedience Instructor who specialised in taking the pre-kindly classes for many years. Betty will also be sadly missed by all her friends at the club.

We supplied a German Shepherd Dog guard of honour at both of these services and it is truly a memorable sight to see these beautiful, very well trained German Shepherds taking part in the lead up to the service and much appreciated by the deceased relatives.

### **Memberships**

We have had a small increase in our membership during the past year and our membership during that time has risen to 470 which is an increase of 16 on the previous year. It is always rewarding when the membership increases rather than falls. The total of 470 is made up as follows:

Single members = 111,

Double members = 166 (332),

Life Members = 27 - giving the total of 470 members.

We have two training grounds and the majority of our members train at our Southern River HQ with a small but very dedicated and active group at our Otago Park ground in the Northern Suburbs in Craigie.

We are very fortunate that we are able to obtain Advance biscuits at a very competitive rate which we then sell to our members at a good price. If they purchase two bags per year from us, the money they save pays for their membership for the following year. The biscuits can only be purchased by a member of the GSDA of WA.

This is thanks to some of our sponsors and I will go into more details later in this report.

### **Shows and Trials**

We have held 9 shows during the past twelve months plus two Working Dog Club Shows using specialist judges. We held two Championship shows – The Walter Martin Memorial Championship Show, Judged by Carol O'Rourke, and the West Coast Challenge Championship Show, Judged by Rudiger Mai, for an average entry of 70.

We held four Members Competitions, Judged by our local panel of judges, for an average entry of 52.

We held two Open Shows using trainee judges for an average entry of 30.

Our State Breed Exhibition was this year judged by a member of the GSDCA NBC, Joylene Neddermeyer. This was a departure from our usual practice of using our local panel of judges. Show entries for this event were 71 entries. The SBE encompasses all aspects of our breed and we had an overall entry of about 146 entries which included entries in Obedience Trials, Graduations, Rally-O and of course Show. The big

disappointment was no entries for Agility for the first time caused by an Agility trial being approved by DogsWest on the same week-end.

Three Obedience trials during the past year attracted 100 entries giving us an average of about 34 per trial and the three Agility/Jumping trials attracted about 461 entries for an average of 154 per trial. We only held one Endurance Trial in 2012 and this attracted an entry of 14 animals, we also held one Rally-O trial which attracted 39 entries. Rally-O and Dancing Dogs seem to be the growth sports in the dog world at present and I have no doubt that we will see a huge increase in numbers competing in these events in 2013.

We have a small but very active group of Obedience Instructors who take classes every Sunday morning at both of our training grounds. At our Gosnells HQ grounds we have 2 instructors for the Pre-Kindy class, 1 for the Advanced Pre-Kindy class, 1 for the Kindy class, 1 for the class one class and 1 for the senior classes who are training for trials.

At our Northern Suburbs ground at Otago Park in Craigie we are very light on numbers of instructors. We have a couple of trainee instructors under the very capable guidance of Honey Gross-Richardson. It will be easier when the trainees have completed their training and can become fully qualified instructors. Mark Wellock takes a group of members in Agility Training on a Thursday Night with emphasis on having fun whilst providing a challenge.

### **Special Events run by the GSDA of WA**

We were involved in three very special events in 2011/12:-

- 1 Margaret Adams arranged for the collection and posting of donations to our dog handler troops in Afghanistan particularly for the Explosive Detection Dogs and their handlers over there. This brought a little Christmas cheer to the troops who wouldn't be home for Christmas. We have had some correspondence and photos from them and we have decided to make this an Annual event for the GSDA of WA. The response for this year's collection has been phenomenal and it looks like this event will grow from year to year.
- 2 We have been actively involved in the Jane McGrath Foundation Cancer Fund Raiser for a number of years now and it has been yet another successful fund raiser on November 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012. It is a very simple day when we hold a BBQ, Raffles and accept donations for the Foundation; we raised over \$750 on the day.
- 3 The third of our special community events is the Special Needs Children's Christmas Party. We make a donation every year to this charity and send a representative to attend the party and witness the benefits these children and their parents receive. This is a great cause and one we are proud to have been involved in for a number of years now.

### **HD/ED Registrar**

A total of 70 HD/ED contracts were issued for the year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 to 30 September 2012. This figure is up on last year's numbers which is very pleasing.

### **Breed Survey Registrar**

In the 12 months listed above we had 35 animals presented for Survey, from 6 Breed Surveys, with the following results:-

Class 1 Males - 11,  
Class 2 Males - 2,  
Class 1 Females - 20,  
Class 2 Females - 1.

One animal was unsuccessful. Once again these figures are up on last year. Let us hope that this is an ongoing trend.

We have four Surveyors again, now that Robyn Knuckey has returned from her time in Paris. Robyn is a very welcome addition to our list of surveyors.

### **Sponsorship**

Our major sponsor is **Mars pet Care (Advance Biscuits)** who has been our major sponsor for many years now and we hope will be for many more years to come. This has been a mutually rewarding sponsorship partnership. A new part of the sponsorship has been the agreement between the two parties for Mars Pet Care





to supply twelve 20kg bags of Advance biscuits, to our Rescue Service members, free of charge and we match this offer by foregoing part of our small profit to match the offer to the rescue service. We also micro-chip all rescued animals before they are rehoused.

Another sponsor is our biscuit supplier – **Bio-John** who give us such a great deal that we are able to sell to our members at a very competitive rate and this helps us to maintain our membership numbers because they have to be a member to purchase the biscuits at the price we can offer. If a member buys 2 bags of biscuits per year they save enough to pay their membership for the next year. Bio-John along with another sponsor – **Better Pets and Gardens**, sponsors our child handlers to the tune of \$250 each for a total of \$500 to the Senior Child Handler. This is to help pay for their airfare to the National so that they can compete in the National Child Handler competition at very little cost to them. There is also a sponsorship of our Junior Child Handler to the tune of \$50 each for a total of \$100 which is presented to the junior winner in the form of a Gift Voucher from a local sports store. Both Bio-John and Better Pets and Gardens also supply goods and/or vouchers for raffles and prizes during the year.

**Scarboro Toyota** has been a great supporter of our club for many years and makes a regular cash donation to us which is shared between the Show Committee, the State breed Committee and the Trials committee.

**Armada Mower World** is our newest sponsor. They gave us a great deal on our new ride on mower and have come on board as a regular sponsor. I am happy to welcome them onto our list of sponsors. I am truly appreciative of the ongoing support of all of the above sponsors. Without this support we really would struggle to offer the Shows and Trials the ongoing financial help they need to continue to promote these shows and trials in the manner that we currently do.

### **Club Magazine and website**

The magazine remains a very effective form of communication and source of information, whilst the website has had a makeover by our new Webmaster – Rob Pritchard. It has a very modern look about it. Rob has done a super job so far and the upgrading is an ongoing project. The website now has a Facebook link (not that I know a lot about Facebook) but evidently it is a great advertising tool for the club and what events are upcoming. I am sure that the website will eventually become the major source of communication in the near future.

### **Financial situation**

Once again the GSDA of WA (Inc.) is in a very healthy financial position. We have a steady stream of income from memberships and in addition we have \$11,000 (inc. GST) every two years from Greyhounds WA who use a strip of land along our fence line at our HQ grounds. They use this as a straight track for training purposes. Added to the above is of course the cash element of our various sponsors.

Our latest Balance of accounts is listed below:-

Cheque Account	\$28,301.45
Business Cash reserve account	\$20,151.27
Term Deposit	\$11,475.40
Petty Cash (all Committees)	<u>\$ 2,712.63</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$62,640.75</u>

We have, of course, had our accounts audited and a full audited account has been forwarded to DogsWest to be kept on file. The books were audited by Robin Wallace, Honorary Auditor. A copy of this financial statement is available for viewing if required.

### **Litters 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 to 30 June 2012**

Because we rely on information from the data base now for our list of puppies born on WA and because of the need to send in this report by early December we were unable to supply the figures from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 to the 30 September 2012 which is the GSDCA Financial year. We have supplied the figures for our financial year which is the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>2011/12</b>
Litters	81	72	58	58	71
Whelps	468	414	310	310	377
Kennels	19	18	13	19	23
Sires Used	33	32	21	31	Not available
Dams Used	69	64	53	73	Not available

### **Awards**

Our ground manager at Gosnells, Maurie Reid, received a Certificate of Appreciation for the tremendous amount of time and effort that he puts in looking after the grounds at our HQ. He does so much work behind the scenes that he was most deserving of this recognition. Maurie has also been put forward to the National Review Editor for recognition in the National Review. He was also presented with a Silver Service Pin for 10 years of service to the club. Margaret Adams and Rob Pritchard were presented with a special trophy of appreciation for the exceptional work that they do over and above their normal work for their portfolio. Our club is very fortunate to have voluntary workers of this type and the awards were a way of showing them that we do appreciate their work. Margaret was also presented with a Gold Service Pin for 25 years of service to the GSDA of WA.

### **Future Directions Workshop**

A full report, of the workshop, was submitted to the members at our recent Quarterly General Meeting and the general consensus was that it was money well spent sending a delegate to this workshop. The members have been informed that the minutes from the workshop are available electronically if they wish to have a look at them. The members are watching with keen interest to see if anything concrete comes out of the workshop.

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## **NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Joylene Neddermeyer**

I have much pleasure in presenting my report as National Breed Commission (NBC) Chairman to the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA).

My position as National Breed Commission Chairman is greatly assisted by the time and effort that each of the Registrars contributes and donates to their portfolio, ensures 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.

The competency of the Registrars has ensured that all areas under the direction of the NBC Chairman have run smoothly and within the rules and regulations as laid down the GSDCA. Adherence to the rules and regulations of the GSDCA are paramount to ensure that 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.

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### **Hereditary Diseases/Haemophilia Committee Report - Dr. Karen Hedberg. BVsc.**

Unfortunately, I could not make the NBC Meeting due to an accident. I am now almost back to normal and catching up on various areas. Many thanks to all who wished me a speedy recovery.

#### **Long Stock Coats**

This area is still a concern that needs attention. While the issue has been sent to the SV, we should remember that the Australian situation is very different to the German one. We have a much smaller gene pool and that becomes vanishingly small within the long coat population. This in reality is too small to give enough genetic viability and vitality at this stage to produce enough healthy and sound dogs to breed on with. With restricting the gene pool to long coats only, there are very real concerns that this variety will go backwards in health areas in particular.

I am strongly of the opinion that there should be open interbreeding of the two varieties for a minimum of 10 years. This can be revisited at the end of this time. The impact on the coat quality and length should be assessed in the normal short coated variety as well.

#### **Tail Length**

A short comment here – there has been no correlation on the length of tail impacting on the incidence of tail chasing as far as I can find out. Certainly I would not consider this an issue with the older cases.

Excessive tail length, is in my opinion, more a cause of hooking and twisting of the tail as the dog tries to keep the tail off the ground. Equally, extra tail length generally leads to greater number of injuries to the tail.

#### **Abnormalities of L7 and instability of L7-S1** (Cauda Equina/DLS –degenerative lumbosacral stenosis)

As noted in the NBC report, the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) is over reported/heavily represented in this area. Quite a few HD x rays have transitional L7 noted upon HD X raying – it would be interesting to see if there is any correlation of increasing incidence of cauda equina in the affected dogs as they age.

#### **Hips**

The breed average is fluctuating upwards slightly as would be expected with the wide variety of bloodlines imported into the country, as well the different combinations developed within our country. If we as the GSDCA can maintain our breed average ideally under 8, the breed will I feel, remain fairly healthy in this area.

## **Elbows**

While elbow stats appear to move very slowly over time, we do have far better elbows across the breed than when we started. Our percentage of normal has steadily increased from around 70% in 1995-1999 to the current 2010-2012 figure of 78.6%. This may not sound like much, but basically 30% of the breed was affected when we started (i.e. around 1 in 3 dogs) and now it is approximately 1 in 5 dogs affected with a maximum of grade 1 (on the whole).

The numbers of the grade two, three and UAP will never be 100% accurate as some of these are moved out of the breeding population before twelve months of age. While these are distressing to the owners and breeders alike, they are all excluded from the registered breeding population.

While few of these cases are reported via the GSDCA Health Reports, I would urge owners and breeders to forward this information – this information is most important to tackling this problem. Every case reported helps us gain more realistic statistics on all bloodlines.

## **Haemophilia**

This area is running very smoothly with no reported cases. Having the Haemophilia test sheet available on the GSDCA Website makes the testing process easier. Emailing details of the dog and a copy of official laboratory results to me is good, however, filling in that form certainly helps in giving a return address for the completed certificate!!

## **DNA Tests – Dwarfism and DM**

There are two DNA tests available to the GSD at this time. More tests are being developed virtually every day. Some of these will cover obscure diseases or such things as dilution colour genes, while others may cover significant diseases within the breed.

We already have two reasonably significant DNA tests that are being under utilised at this stage.

The first for **dwarfism** has been available for quite a number of years. While we have few dwarfs being produced – the problem is again, the lack of reporting. The only good part of this condition is that it is fairly easy to separate the dwarfs out by six to eight weeks of age.

Certainly where reasonable numbers are being produced, if reported, it adds to our knowledge and allows breeders to make more informed decisions prior to choosing breeding partners (be they male or female).

**DM (degenerative myelopathy)** is a disease that occurs at the other end of the GSD life. Unfortunately it occurs usually after the age of breeding (usually eight to nine years and older, some as early as five to six years) and the numbers that occur would be in the order of between 2 - 5% of older GSD's.

It has been determined that this disease does have a genetic basis, however there appears to be some additional triggering factor that then allows the disease to manifest as the dogs age.

This is a devastating condition that gradually whittles away the mobility and effectiveness of the entire hindquarter. The disease course runs some twelve to eighteen months with affected dogs being euthanised due to inability to stand etc.

While I do not believe that we need to do extensive testing of breeding stock at this stage, it may be worth testing heavily used stud dogs or bitches that kennels are based on to give breeders more information when making breeding decisions.

## National Tattoo Scheme/Microchip Registrar - Mr. Frank Moody.

It is my pleasure to submit the National Tattoo Registrar Report to the 52<sup>nd</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting.

As you would all be aware, effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 microchipping is an acceptable form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes, along with our traditional Tattooing.

It is now mandatory to have puppy's microchipped and recorded with the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) at the time of Registration, however there are still a number of breeders that wish to continue tattooing their puppies as well.

### Symbol Applications processed

<u>Club</u>	<u>1 Oct'11 &gt; 30 Sep'12</u>		<u>1 Oct'10 &gt; 30 Sep'11</u>		<u>1 Oct'09 &gt; 30 Sep'10</u>		<u>1 Oct'08 &gt; 30 Sep'09</u>		<u>1 Oct'07 &gt; 30 Sep'08</u>	
	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS	Litter	AUS
QLD	1	8	7	12	5	3	5	5	3	2
NSW *	4	6	7	15	8	14	4	11	9	12
ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
VIC	6	-	6	3	2	3	2	6	5	1
TAS	-	-	3	3	1	2	-	1	2	-
SA	1	-	1	1	4	-	3	1	1	-
WA	1	-	2	1	1	-	2	3	2	5
NT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>

\* NSW includes GSDL, N&HR and BH

There have been no "AUS" applications since July 2012, which is to be expected, and I would not expect to receive any further applications.

However there are still a small number of litter applications being received from most states, the most recent being in December – We need to continue to support those breeders who still wish to tattoo their puppies as well as microchip – this is their choice!

I urge all Clubs to continue to support those breeders that wish to continue tattooing their puppies as well as the compulsory microchipping.

### Club Tattoo Results

The following table lists the number of litters and puppies tattooed between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, and already reported to me.

	<u>Comparison of 2010- 11to 2011-12</u>		<u>1 Oct'11 &gt; 30 Sep'12</u>		<u>1 Oct'10 &gt; 30 Sep'11</u>		<u>1 Oct'09 &gt; 30 Sep'10</u>	
<u>Club</u>	<u>Litters</u>	<u>ups</u>	<u>Litters</u>	<u>Pups</u>	<u>Litters</u>	<u>Pups</u>	<u>Litters</u>	<u>Pups</u>
QLD	63%	56%	33	165	52	293	69	392
NSW	66%	70%	86	535	130	760	172	1017
NC	Nil	Nil	-	-	18	108	10	61
BH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ACT	33%	36%	4	28	12	78	6	39
VIC	60%	65%	43	251	72	388	78	476
TAS	38%	34%	6	32	16	95	18	89
SA	20%	25%	12	73	61	298	74	371
WA	3%	4%	2	16	76	438	58	309
NT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Tattoos</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2,754</b>
<b>Total Regn's (DOB = Aug&gt;July)</b>		<b>106%</b>		<b>3,924</b>		<b>3,683</b>		<b>3,583</b>
<b>Percentage</b>				<b>31%</b>		<b>67%</b>		<b>77%</b>

*Note \* The "Total Registrations" does not perfectly align with the tattoos over that period; however this is a very close approximation. Registrations have been obtained from the GSDCA Database, and are based on date of birth from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July – Whereas tattoos are recorded in the month that the litter was tattooed (some 7-8 weeks later).*

This is certainly a significant decline from previous years (overall 50%), but it is interesting to compare the impact at the various clubs.

The column (in the table above) "Comparison of 2011 - 2012 of 2010-2011" expresses the number of litters/pups tattooed in 2011-12 as a percentage of those tattooed in 2010-11.

It is great to see that a number of breeders are still choosing to tattoo as well as microchip – the higher states are NSW (GSDL), VIC and QLD. The States most affected are Newcastle (appear to have ceased tattooing), and WA (appears only a couple of breeders continuing).

The introduction of microchipping and the subsequent decline in tattooing has seen a significant reduction in GSDCA revenue from this portfolio – I am sure this will be discussed in the GSDCA Treasurers Report.

### **Tattoo details in the Database**

It is still essential that the Club Tattoo Registrars enter the tattoo details into the GSDCA database; because some owners may chose to have their dogs x-rayed utilising the GSDCA Tattoo Number for identification. We have had a number of instances where not having this data entered has delayed the issuing of the GSDCA Hip Dysplasia (HD)/Elbow Dysplasia (ED) Certificates, as the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme results are now being entered into the database and verified against the tattoo data.

I urge **all** Clubs to reiterate the importance of this, to their breeders and registrars.

### **MICROCHIPPING**

I feel it is also necessary to report on the progress of microchipping within our Clubs since its introduction by the ANKC from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

There are currently only three (3) Clubs (ACT, GSDL, and SA) that are providing microchipping as a service to their members/breeders – All other states must be using their veterinarians.

From my investigation - each of these three states have differing requirements in regards to area of responsibility of registration, and which database is used to register these details:

- ACT – The breeder is responsible to register the microchip details with "Petsafe",
- GSDL – The microchip officer **must** register the microchip details with "NSW Companion Animal Register" within three days of microchipping,
- SA – There is no requirement to record the microchip details with any database.

Obviously a very disjointed approach – however because we obtain the microchip number from the ANKC Registration this does not affect us!

We have already had a few cases with mismatching microchip numbers, which have been successfully resolved, with minimal stress to all concerned.

We did experience similar issues with tattooing in the early days, but breeders and owners became a lot more diligent in recent years.

I cannot stress enough, that breeders **must** check the registration papers from the ANKC when returned, to ensure there has not been a data entry error at the ANKC – and also that the puppy and the correct microchip match the ANKC pedigree papers – This will avoid most of our future issues.

I have provided a notice for inclusion in the latest Quarterly National Review relating to the importance of ensuring that the recording of the microchip is totally accurate – please feed this back to your breeders, so that few if any issues occur as dogs come to GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme and/or GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.

Thank you again for the support I have received from the Club Tattoo Registrars, Joylene Neddermeyer, and the NBC Executive.

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

Mr Chairman, Council Executive, Delegates, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Once again, I am pleased to report on the activities and results of GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme. The following figures and statistics cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 to 30th September 2012.

Over this period **426 animals** were submitted to the scheme for Hips, 365 were successful in gaining the 'A' stamp a pass rate of 86%. A total of 424 were submitted for elbows, with 410 gaining the 'Z' a pass rate of 96.7% on Elbows, there were 14 failures (3.3%) which included 5 UAP (1.2%).

In addition I have included a chart below covering the last 15 years of hip & elbows, and the Willis Style charts with 10 to 19 and 20 + progeny the data in these have been extracted from the full data base comprising 8,447 animals.

Data from 1st Oct 2011 to 30 Sep 2012											
Yr	Table 1	HIPS					ELBOWS				
15	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total	
	2012	365	61	0		410	14	2	5	426	
	%	86%	14%	0%		96.7%	3.3%	0.5%	1.2%		
	% Based on	426	426	426		424	424	424	424		
14	Year	'A'	Fail	N/S		'Z'	Failed	N/S	UAP	Total	
	2011	342	39	0		370	11	0	2	381	
	%	89.80%	10.20%	0%		97.10%	2.90%	0.00%	0.50%		
	% Based on	381	381	381		381	381	381	381		
13	2010	377	25	4		400	4	0	2	406	
	%	92.90%	6.20%	1%		98.50%	1.00%	0.00%	0.50%		
	% Based on	406	406	406		406	406	406	406		
12	2009	380	36	0		406	10	0	4	416	
	%	91.30%	8.70%	0%		97.60%	2.40%	0.00%	1.00%		
	% Based on	416	416	416		416	416	416	416		
11	2008	455	42	0		479	17	1	1	497	
	%	92%	8%	0%		96%	3%	0.20%	0.20%		
	% Based on	497	497	497		497	497	497	497		
10	2007	408	57	0		446	18	1	5	465	
	%	87.74%	12.26%	0%		95.91%	3.87%	0%	1.08%		
	% Based on	465	465	465		465	465	465	465		
9	2006	420	49	1		462	8	0	2	470	
	%	89.30%	10.40%	0.20%		98.30%	1.70%	0%	0.43%		
	% Based on	470	470	470		470	470	470	470		
8	2005	421	51	5		468	8	1	5	477	
	%	88.30%	10.70%	1.00%		98.11%	1.68%	0%	1.05%		
	% Based on	477	477	477		477	477	477	477		
7	2004	401	66	7		464	9	1	9	474	
	%	84.60%	13.90%	1.48%		97.89%	1.90%	0.21%	1.90%		
	% Based on	474	474	474		474	474	474	474		
6	2003	442	89	11		532	8	2	7	542	
	%	81.60%	16.40%	2.03%		98.15%	1.48%	0.37%	1.29%		
	% Based on	542	542	542		542	542	542	542		



5	<b>2002</b>	<b>457</b>	81	9		545	1	1	1	<b>547</b>
	%	<b>83.60%</b>	<b>14.80%</b>	<b>1.65%</b>		<b>99.63%</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	
	% Based on	547	547	547		547	547	547	547	
4	<b>2001</b>	<b>434</b>	92	5		520	6	5	5	<b>531</b>
	%	<b>81.70%</b>	<b>17.30%</b>	<b>0.94%</b>		<b>97.93%</b>	<b>1.13%</b>	<b>0.94%</b>	<b>0.94%</b>	
	% Based on	531	531	531		531	531	531	531	
3	<b>2000</b>	<b>529</b>	106	7		632	5	5	3	<b>642</b>
	%	<b>82.40%</b>	<b>16.50%</b>	<b>1.09%</b>		<b>98.44%</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>0.78%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	
	% Based on	642	642	642		642	642	642	642	
2	<b>1999</b>	<b>568</b>	123	1		684	7	1	7	<b>692</b>
	%	<b>82.10%</b>	<b>17.80%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>		<b>98.84%</b>	<b>1.01%</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>1.01%</b>	
	% Based on	692	692	692		692	692	692	692	
1	<b>1998</b>	<b>410</b>	87	0		486	9	2	9	<b>497</b>
	%	<b>82.50%</b>	<b>17.50%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>		<b>97.79%</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	
	% Based on	497	497	497		497	497	497	497	
	<b>14 Yr Total:</b>	<b>6409</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>7304</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7,463</b>
	<b>14 Yr ave %</b>	<b>85.88%</b>	<b>13.45%</b>	<b>0.67%</b>		<b>97.87%</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>0.90%</b>	
	<b>% Based on</b>	<b>7,463</b>	<b>7,463</b>	<b>7,463</b>		<b>7,463</b>	<b>7,463</b>	<b>7,463</b>	<b>7,463</b>	

Table 1 above gives a snap shot picture over the past fifteen years, as can be seen the average pass rate is sitting at **85.88%** for Hips, with the current average pass rate for 2012 sitting at **86%** & based on 426 animals.

Table 2 ELBOWS							
Yr	Breakdown of Elbow Grades						
15	2012						
	Normal	Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	323	79	13	7	2	5	422
	77%	19%	3%	2%	0.47%	1%	
14	2011						
	Normal	Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	288	65	22	4	0	2	381
	75.59%	17.06%	5.77%	1.05%		0.52%	
13	2010						
	Normal	Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	337	39	24	6	0	2	408
	82.60%	9.56%	5.88%	1.47%		0.49%	
12	2009						
	Normal	Grade 1	Grade 2	Gr3/Fail	N/S	UAP	Total
	341	42	24	9	0	4	420
	81.19%	10.00%	5.71%	2.14%		0.95%	
11	2008						



10	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	382	64	36	14	1	1	<b>498</b>
	<b>76.71%</b>	12.85%	7.23%	2.81%	0.20%	0.20%	
9	<b>2007</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	347	66	36	15	1	5	<b>470</b>
8	<b>2006</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Gr3/Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	357	72	37	4	0	2	<b>472</b>
7	<b>2005</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	348	75	43	10	1	5	<b>482</b>
6	<b>2004</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	342	82	40	9	1	9	<b>483</b>
5	<b>2003</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	370	99	57	14	2	7	<b>549</b>
4	<b>2002</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	369	130	42	5	1	1	<b>548</b>
3	<b>2001</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	369	110	38	9	5	5	<b>536</b>
2	<b>2000</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	449	121	59	8	5	3	<b>645</b>
1	<b>1999</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	501	127	56	7	1	7	<b>699</b>
	<b>1998</b>						
	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>
	368	74	45	9	1	5	<b>502</b>
	73.31%	14.74%	8.96%	1.79%	0.20%	<b>1.00%</b>	

<b>13 Yr Total</b>							
<b>Normal</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Fail</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>UAP</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>5,491</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7,515</b>	
<b>73.07%</b>	<b>16.57%</b>	<b>7.61%</b>	<b>1.73%</b>	<b>0.28%</b>	<b>0.84%</b>		

Table 2 above compares the elbow results over fifteen years, this year normal has increased by 0.95% (+35), grade 1 has increased by 1.66% (+14), grade 2 is down by -2.69% (-9), grade 3 is up by 0.61% (+3) & UAP has increased by 0.66% (+3). Note N/S means not submitted.

The fourteen year average based on 7,515 animals, with 5,491 having gained normal elbows (73.07%), with a total of 63 animals being effected by UAP (0.84%).

### Table 3

Gives us a break down of the various State's participation for the last twelve months including New Zealand (NZ) which contributed (25) 6% of the national total. Queensland is leading with 102 animals or 24% of the national total, 82% went to Dr Lavelle, and 18% to Dr Richardson, NSW with 83 = 19% of the National total where 89% went to Dr Lavelle and 11% to Dr Richardson, Victoria with 62=15% of the national total, with Dr Lavelle assessing 73%, and Dr Richardson,27%, Western Australia with 60=14% of the national total, with Dr Lavelle assessing 75% and 25% to Dr Richardson.

**TABLE 3 Comparisons between Dr Lavelle & Dr Richardson by State Inc NZ.**  
1st Oct 2011 to 30 Sep 2012.

<b>Table 3</b>	<b>Lavelle</b>			<b>Richardson</b>			<b>State</b>	<b>National</b>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total; %</b>
<b>ACT</b>	0	8	8	0	1	1	9	
State %	0%	89%	50%	0%	50%	50%	100%	2.06%
<b>BH</b>	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
State %	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0.69%
<b>NT</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
State %	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0%
<b>NZ</b>	11	14	25	0	0	0	25	
State %	44%	56%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	6%
<b>NCHR</b>	4	7	11	0	0	0	11	
State %	36%	64%	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	3%
<b>NSW</b>	17	66	83	2	8	10	93	
State %	20%	80%	89%	0%	0%	11%	100%	21%
<b>QLD</b>	21	63	84	7	11	18	102	
State %	25%	75%	82%	39%	61%	18%	100%	23%
<b>SA</b>	10	34	44	1	7	8	52	
State %	23%	77%	85%	13%	88%	15%	100%	12%
<b>TAS</b>	3	8	11	2	5	7	18	
State %	27%	73%	61%	29%	71%	39%	100%	4%
<b>VIC</b>	16	29	45	6	11	17	62	
State %	36%	64%	73%	35%	65%	27%	100%	14%
<b>WA</b>	12	33	45	4	11	15	60	
State %	27%	73%	75%	27%	73%	25%	100%	14%

<b>Total:</b>	94	262	<b>356</b>		22	58	<b>76</b>	<b>436</b>	100%
<b>%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>82%</b>		<b>5%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Note with all these charts the numbers and percentages are taken at specific periods, and will vary in numbers and percentages to the charts I present at the NBC meeting, for example the AGM the numbers are taken 1st Oct 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012 and at the same dates each previous year. And for the NBC Meeting the numbers were taken 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and extracting figures at different dates will give different results.

Table 4 below, gives us a break down of Hip results by State for last 12 Months. This table shows the numbers from each State, the percentage is based on the total number of animals submitted 426. Queensland submitted 102 animals and is 24% of all the animals submitted.

Club	Submitted	%	'A'	'A' %	'Z'	'Z' %
<b>ACT:</b>	9	2%	6	1.41%	10	2.35%
<b>BH:</b>	3	1%	3	0.70%	3	0.70%
<b>NT:</b>	1	0%	0	0.00%	1	0.23%
<b>NZ:</b>	25	6%	23	5.40%	22	5.16%
<b>NCHR:</b>	11	3%	10	2.35%	11	19.25%
<b>NSW:</b>	83	19%	70	16.43%	82	19.25%
<b>QLD:</b>	102	24%	91	89.22%	96	22.54%
<b>SA:</b>	52	12%	44	10.33%	49	11.50%
<b>TAS:</b>	18	4%	13	3.05%	18	4.23%
<b>VIC:</b>	62	15%	53	12.44%	60	14.08%
<b>WA:</b>	60	14%	52	12.21%	59	13.85%
	<b>426</b>	100%	<b>365</b>	85.68%	<b>411</b>	96.48%

Table 4B Gives a break down by State for the Elbow grades for the last 12 Month Period, Queensland had 71 of the 323 submitted gain the “N” Elbow grade resulting in a 16.7% pass rate.

Overall 323 or 75.82% gained the “N”, 79 or 18.54% received GR1, 13 or 3.05% GR2, 7 or 1.64% GR3 & 5 or 1.17% UAP.

**Table 4B**

Club	“N” ELB		GR1 ELB		GR2 ELB		GR3 ELB		UAP	
<b>ACT:</b>	8	1.88%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>BH:</b>	2	0.47%	0	0.00%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NT:</b>	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NZ:</b>	15	3.52%	7	1.64%	1	0.23%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%
<b>NCHR:</b>	5	1.17%	6	1.41%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>NSW:</b>	66	15.49%	16	3.76%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	1	0.23%
<b>QLD:</b>	71	16.67%	24	5.63%	3	0.70%	4	0.94%	<b>2</b>	<b>0.47%</b>
<b>SA:</b>	41	9.62%	7	1.64%	1	0.23%	2	0.47%	0	0.00%
<b>TAS:</b>	17	3.99%	1	0.23%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>VIC:</b>	48	11.27%	9	2.11%	3	0.70%	0	0.00%	2	0.47%
<b>WA:</b>	49	11.50%	8	1.88%	3	0.70%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	<b>323</b>	75.82%	<b>79</b>	18.54%	<b>13</b>	3.05%	<b>7</b>	1.64%	<b>5</b>	1.17%

If members could please ensure they send a copy of their registration papers with the HSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Application form, this is needed to enable me to confirm all the details against the Application form.

Finally, I have prepared four Willis Style Charts, comprising 189 Sires, representing 5,555 progeny out of 3,264 dams. The figure 5,555 progeny is 66% of the total database (8,447).

Two of the charts have been sorted in mean order; two are sorted in alpha order.

It should be noted that sires with progeny of 20 or less are regarded as less reliable statistics and have been included to give an overall picture only, also the lower the mean score the better. The mean is achieved by dividing the total score of all the progeny for a sire by the total number of progeny.

There is one new sire that has come into the 10-19 group:-

- Gazza Tamaraspitze,

Two animals have moved from the 10-19 group into the 20+, they are:

- Jimmy Baruther Land has 20 progeny,
- Kardin Kruger has 26 progeny.

The Sire with the greatest number of progeny is Iwan Lechtal, with 287 off spring from 142 Dams, the best score recorded is 0, and the worst is 85 and he has a mean of 9.15, 43% of his progeny are in the 0 – 5 range, 39% of his progeny are in the 6-10, and 3% with 50+ recorded which relates to 12% that failed to gain an 'A' stamp.

I would like to thank the State Registrar's around Australia and New Zealand for their input, and to Joylene Neddermeyer, for her co-operation as well as Val Moody.

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### **National Breed Commission Chairman's Report - Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer**

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 2013.

This does mean that a number of issues in this report have been mentioned previously however I do feel it necessary to provide an update to the meeting on the current status of these issues and to keep them on the radar so to speak.

I have never taken being elected to this position for granted and have considered it an honour and a privilege. I have been fortunate that I have been able to gain a huge amount of information which has improved my knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog. I enjoy the work immensely and while it is time consuming it is also very rewarding.

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.

It has been a busy year for me with a promotion in the new job in Adelaide, selling a house in Mildura and buying another house in Adelaide.

In addition the year has not been an easy one with a number of issues that have required attention.

I am more than happy to talk to anyone at anytime about any concerns that they may have perceived or otherwise. I would much prefer to talk to people direct that via an email.

I have always maintained that the fraternity needs to have confidence that everything is dealt on an even playing field and meets the requirements laid down by the GSDCA.

The opportunity to talk and communicate with a large number of members at grass root level has been fantastic and has enabled me to be aware of their concerns relative to the future of the breed in Australia.

### **Hereditary Diseases Chairman's Report.**

Thank you once again to Dr Karen Hedberg for her work, time and commitment in the position of Hereditary Diseases Chairman.

In her report Dr Karen Hedberg alludes to the condition "Cauda Equina Syndrome/DLS –Degenerative Lumbosacral Stenosis".

It was announced in November 2012 that the SV in collaboration with the University of Giessen are offering a study into the condition. It is hoped to obtain information concerning heritability of the disease and may lead to a DNA test being developed in the future.

Dr Karen Hedberg, HDC Chairman has advised me that it is worthwhile to follow the progression of this study and a further update will be presented to the member clubs once details of the study becomes available.

I can only reiterate the request of Dr Karen Hedberg that the GSDCA Health Report forms are completed and forwarded to the HDC Chairman as this information is paramount in recording accurate information.

### **GSDCA National Tattoo Scheme.**

The National Tattoo Registrar Mr. Frank Moody is a very efficient registrar and handles his portfolio with a minimum of fuss.

As stated in his report with the acceptance of microchipping as a positive means of identification being introduced as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 the number of breeders actually tattooing their litters has drastically reduced.

The appropriate forms have been amended to reflect the introduction of micro-chipping and have been uploaded onto the GSDCA Website.

The GSDCA Tattoo Number/Microchip is recorded on the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate and will be recorded in the GSDCA Breed Survey Book.

It should be noted that the same requirements apply for the verification at breed survey for the micro-chip as for tattoo, so member clubs will be required to have a microchip scanner available at all breed surveys.

As detailed in the National Tattoo Registrar's report the requirements regarding microchip officers and the registering of microchips differs from state to state however the microchip information that we receive is from the ANKC database and forms the basis for the GSDCA Database.

### **GSDCA National Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme**

Once again Doug West has presented a very comprehensive report with a number of tables and statistics.

The GSDCA Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme is very well established and has been in operation for some thirty years and I believe is the envy of a number of other breeds.

I believe that it is imperative that this organisation remains in control of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme and that is not absorbed into any other scheme e.g. Australian Veterinary Association Scheme or an overall scheme introduced by the ANKC. This opinion was endorsed at the 2012 NBC meeting.

The GSDCA needs to be in control of these schemes so to be aware of the current hip and elbow status and to give breed direction and guidance directly relative to the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

The progeny statistics that this organisation produces have stood the German Shepherd Dog in good stead and have been invaluable when talking to the various government departments and other bodies dealing with breed specific legislation and responsible dog ownership.

We have been very fortunate that our successful sires in this country had produced excellent progeny results through the GSDCA however all breeders still need to be diligent when selecting a prospective sire for their bitch especially if that animal has a hip result on the upper limit.

In this day and age with the anti-dog lobby and the threat of litigation every endeavour must be undertaken to ensure that the puppies that we breed are sound in both body and mind.

The above comments have been recorded in previous GSDCA AGM and NBC reports however it must be stated that they are still very relevant today and their importance cannot be underestimated.

At the 2012 NBC Meeting it was agreed that the GSDCA HD/ED Registrar organise a sample of x-rays to be sent to both readers to assess the x-rays independently and to compare their results to ensure that the scoring from both readers consistent with each other.

X-rays have been sent to both readers for assessment and the results have been received and a report is being prepared for the GSDCA Executive.

During the year there has been some misunderstanding in regards to the re-issuing of GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Application Forms.

I refer everyone to Section 8.2.2 of the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Regulations which state:-

8.2.2 The forms must be paid for when purchased and the forms attached to that particular animal's x-rays.

**Forms cannot be transferred to another animal or any monies refunded under any circumstances.**

If the State HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar makes any error when filling out the form prior to giving to the owner, the form is to be returned to the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar with the banking return.

Should any State HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar have any questions do not hesitate to contact Doug West, the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar.

As advised at the 2012 NBC meeting Doug West has been steadily issuing the GSDCA Breeders Award for the GSDCA ED Control Scheme.

Thank you Doug for undertaking this large task, I am sure that it is very much appreciated by the breeders throughout the country.

### **GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Progeny Results.**

The updated progeny results to 30 November 2012 since the inception of the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme will be circulated by email to all member clubs and delegates for their information prior to the meeting. This information will be published in the GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR) and be available on the GSDCA website directly after the 2013 GSDCA AGM.

There is no doubt that elbow dysplasia has a very high degree of heritability and can be easily identified within particular bloodlines.

The importance of producing progeny results via sires cannot be underestimated and it 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.

Statistics from these tables clearly show the particular bloodlines that have had problems in this area and it can be seen to pass on from father to son, to grandson.

There is no doubt that breeding restrictions in regards to elbow dysplasia play a very important part in improving the soundness of the German Shepherd Dog in regards to this disease.



In addition to the sires progeny statistics at the NBC Meeting for the first time dam progeny statistics were prepared. I am pleased to report that I have received positive feedback from the members on these new charts. While the numbers are smaller compared to the sire's progeny charts I do believe that the information is beneficial to the fraternity as a whole.

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.

If any breeder requires any further explanation of the progeny results through the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme please do not hesitate to contact me.

Any animal that has a parent or grandparent with a Grade Two elbow grading an elbow warning is added under Section VI "Advice for selection of a breeding partner". This practice was discussed and agreed upon at the 2006 NBC Meeting in Adelaide and has been normal practice since that time. While this has been mentioned regularly over the past years I do believe it is important that it is recorded once again in my report.

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.

### **Changes to criteria to Breed Surveyor Status**

This item has once again been placed on the 2013 GSDCA AGM Agenda. The current NBC Executive reviewed the criteria and suggestions from the discussions held at either the NBC Meeting or GSDCA AGMs since 2010.

There is no doubt that the highest position that you can achieve in this organisation is to become a GSDCA Breed Surveyor. It is a position of huge responsibility not only to the GSD but also to the fraternity as a whole.

A GSDCA Breed Surveyor should have shown long years of dedication, time and effort to his local club, members and of course at all times supports and adheres to the GSDCA requirements and supports at all times the GSDCA breed improvement schemes.

It was agreed at the 2012 NBC meeting that this document had been reviewed and discussed numerous times and surely the recommendations from the NBC Executive and the Working Party should be considered.

The revised criteria has been placed on the 2013 GSDCA AGM Agenda and I do believe that it is important that the revised criteria is adopted.

### **2011 Breed Survey Book**

I am pleased to report that the 2011 Breed Survey Book was released at the 2012 National Show and Trial in Newcastle.

It was decided at the 2011 GSDCA AGM that the GSDCA Breed Survey Book would be sold directly to the fraternity at the National Show and Trial. I take this opportunity to thank Jane Pike for her assistance in the distribution of the Breed Survey Book.

Unfortunately sale of the books to club members since the National Show and Trial has been disappointing and a number of books are still available for sale from your State Breed Survey Coordinator.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Gill Cafari for her time and effort to ensure that the 2011 Breed Survey Book is a production that all of the German Shepherd fraternity can be very proud.

However of course this production comes at a price, and the printing costs have increased over recent years to the point that the amount of profit returned to the GSDCA has decreased or if any profit is recorded at all.

The future of the GSDCA Breed Survey Book was discussed at the NBC Meeting and the Future Directions Workshop and various options are being reviewed.

While I still prefer the option of producing a Breed Survey Book for sale one must be realistic and the books need to be purchased by the fraternity and to be profitable.

### **2012 Breed Survey Book**

The 2012 Breed Survey Book is currently being compiled and I must thank Gil Cafari and Dawn Evans for their efforts in preparing the pages for the 2012 Breed Survey Book.

This is a very time consuming task at a very busy time of the year.

Due to the reduction in sales of the 2012 Breed Survey a quote has been received from PMG Media for 250 copies. At the date of writing this report I had not received the revised report.

The continued work being undertaken by Mr Frank Moody, in regards to the GSDCA Database will provide another option to change the way that we can offer the breed survey information to the fraternity.

### **National Breed Survey Scheme.**

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.

This year saw the introduction of Long Stock Coats to be the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme. While the numbers are quite small, one expects that the numbers will steadily increase in the near future.

The number of animals presented to the National Breed Survey Scheme have been maintained at a level comparative to previous years. The breakdown of Class 1 and Class 11 and failures via states are outlined on the next page for your information,

The main reason for animals for failing breed survey is gun shyness. As noted previously there does also appear to be an increase in animals being marked as sufficiently firm on the gun and awarded a Class 11 classification.

The issue of size is well documented and has been discussed at length. While a number of animals stand on the upper limit of size it does appear that the “oversize” animals have slowly decreased in number in the show ring.

The charts for the breakdown of size, hip status and elbow status for animals presented to breed survey during 2012 will be circulated prior to the meeting with the progeny statistics from the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme.

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## Long Stock Coats

	Males		BS Cl.	Failures	Females			Total		
	Class I	Class II			Class I	Class II	Failures	Males	Females	Total
GSDCV	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
GSDA WA	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	3	5
GSDCSA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
ACT GSDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Hill GSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N & HR GSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GSD League	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GSDCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GSDCQ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
GSDC NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>

## Stock Coats

	Males		BS Cl.	Failures	Females			Total		
	Class I	Class II			Class I	Class II	Failures	Males	Females	Total
GSDAWA	9	2	0	0	22	1	3	11	26	37
GSDCV	7	2	0	0	19	5	2	9	26	35
GSD League	7	1	0	0	14	4	0	8	18	26
GSDCQ	4	0	0	0	14	4	2	4	21	25
GSDCSA	3	1	0	0	6	8	4	4	18	22
N & HR GSDC	4	0	1	0	12	3	0	5	15	20
GSDCT	4	0	0	2	5	1	1	6	7	13
ACT GSDA	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	5	6
B Hill GSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GSDCNT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>184</b>

### Visit to the Member Club Shows – Sires Progeny Class at the 2013 National Show and Trial.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Member Clubs for their hospitality shown to me during my travels throughout the year it is greatly appreciated.

I was indeed fortunate this year to view and/or adjudicate animals in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales and of course together with the NBC Executive reported on the Sires Progeny Class at the 2012 National Show and Trial.

The Sires Progeny Class is integral and is an important part of our National Show and Trial. Its development and acceptance over recent years is seen as a positive achievement by the fraternity.

The National Breed Commission Executive would like to thank all exhibitors for making their animals available for assessment in the Sires Progeny Class.

The NBC Executive suggested that all GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges attending the National Show and Trial view the Sires Progeny Class as a member of their state surveyor / judge panel. They were also requested to meet after the show to discuss their collective findings and the sires were discussed in detail at the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting held in Adelaide in July 2012.

The value of the Sires Progeny Class at National Shows and the subsequent report as published for GSD Breeders, GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Specialist Judges cannot be understated.

The NBC Executive believe that the improved standard of the GSD in Australia is a direct result of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes, and the assessment of the Sires Progeny Class at National Shows ensures information and breed direction is offered back to breeders in order for them to consider and make informed decisions with regard to their breeding program.

This year was the first year that the new requirements as agreed by the membership have been implemented: the age at which progeny are eligible to be presented was changed to nine months and over. This resulted in fewer groups being presented, in total fifteen groups were entered for assessment by the NBC Executive

Eleven dogs were presented for assessment in the Sires Progeny Class, Four were locally bred with seven being imported sires.

A copy of the Sires Progeny Class report has been printed in the National Quarterly Review and the 2012 Breed Survey Book and it a source of vital information for the fraternity.

I believe that the overall quality of our breeding animals continues to improve and I am sure that this is a direct result of our breed improvement schemes.

The Open Bitch Class at the 2012 National Show and Trial was a pleasure to watch and was certainly a showcase of our breed here in Australia.

We cannot be complacent however as there are a number of issues that require our attention and direction such as *over-angulations of the hindquarter, very loose hock joints, strength of upper and lower jaw, the overall strength of dentition and the length of lower chest.*

### **Photographs for Breed Survey.**

This area is still an area of concern and I spend a fair amount of time chasing photographs from owners for the Breed Survey Book. Once again please be reminded that providing a photograph is listed as part of the criteria to enter a 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.

### **National Breed Commission Meeting**

In conjunction with the NBC and Judges Committee meeting, a meeting of GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges was held to discuss the findings of the Sires Progeny Class at the 2012 National Show and Trial.

Club delegates and/or Club presidents were present as observers. The meeting was very productive with a valuable input from everyone present.

The National Breed Commission Meeting was held in Adelaide and was well attended by member clubs and GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges.

The meeting was not a particularly easy for me as Chair and I would like to thank the member clubs and GSDCA Breed Surveyors that placed their support for me on record

A number of issues were raised and discussed and the motions carried by the majority at the meeting have been placed on the GSDCA AGM Agenda.

### **GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status**

One application to be awarded GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status was received and placed on the 2012 NBC Agenda for approval at the meriting as per GSDCA requirements.

Ms Jane Pike made application to become a GSDCA Breed Surveyor in 2011 and the NBC Executive thought that at that time the application was premature. Jane Pike undertook a series of mock surveys during the year for further training and to broaden her knowledge of the GSD.

The NBC Executive, the South Australian State Breed Surveyor Panel and the NBC meeting endorsed her application.

I would like to congratulate Jane on her appointment and look forward to working with in the future.

### **2013 Sieger Show**

The date of the Sieger Show is Friday 30 August to Sunday 1 September 2013 in Kassel. The appointed judges are as follows:-

Open Dog	Lothar Quoll, LG 15	Open Bitch	Rüdiger Mai, LG 08
Intermediate Dog	Thomas Teubert, LG 17	Intermediate Bitch	Dieter Nitschke, LG 14
Junior Dog	Frank Goldlust, LG 02	Junior Bitch	Rainer Mast, LG 13
Herding Classes	Wilfried Scheld, LG 08	Courage Test – Males	Heinz Gerdes, LG 04
Breeders Group	Richard Brauch, LG 12	Courage Test – Females	Johann Mayer, LG 15
Long Stock Coat - Males	Wilfried Scheld, LG 08	Long Stock Coat – Females	Richard Brauch, LG 12
Reserve Judge for all Classes	Albrecht Woerner, LG 13		

I believe this is the first time that a Sieger Show has been held in Kassel, a very beautiful area in the centre of Germany.

I believe a number of Australians will once again attending the Sieger Show in 2013 and it is also my intention to attend the 2013 Sieger Show and I am looking forward to see firsthand the development of the breed in Germany since my last visit in 2008.

### **Legislation – sale of companion dogs and cats**

This is an area that the fraternity cannot be complacent. The anti-dog lobby is a powerful group and changes to legislation are always under review.

It is imperative that we as an organisation promote at all times responsible dog ownership and our responsible breeding practices and ethics.

### **Emails**

This issue was mentioned last year and I guess one could not say has not improved greatly, I must say that I have received and seen some emails over the past year, which I believe are not in the best interests of the GSD.

I urge all of the fraternity to think prior to pressing that “send” button or posting that comment on the facebook, and think about the impact that it will have on our breed.

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.

As I have mentioned in my previous Chairman’s reports my endeavour over the last eleven years has been to present information both **positive and negative** to enable the breeders in our country to make more informed decisions within their breeding program.

As you can see by the number of reports the position of National Breed Commission Chairman does cover a wide variety of areas. I must say that I enjoy the work immensely and it certainly allows one to obtain a huge amount of information and knowledge of the current status of the breed in Australia

I am very proud of the achievements of this Council and that in some way I have been able to contribute to the smooth running and development of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and more importantly the breed in Australia.

I have always made myself available either by email or by telephone to answer your queries to the best of my ability and I do believe that open lines of communication are paramount in this position.

Thank you for the support from the member clubs breed surveyors and the fraternity and of course to the support and friendship of my fellow Executive.

I am happy to answer any questions from any delegate in regards to my report.

# **JUDGES COMMITTEE REPORT – Barry O'Rourke**

## **OPENING**

This is my third report to the AGM as Chairman of the Judges Committee this time around. I take this opportunity of thanking my fellow Executive members, especially the National Breed Commission Chairperson with whom I have had the most contact.

It has been a year of change with a new President, Treasurer and Review Editor and for the first time in twenty years we held a Future Direction Workshop. The success of that meeting starts here this weekend because it is where we reflect on what was discussed.

I would especially like to thank Fay Stokes for her role as Secretary of this committee and my appreciation for all her assistance and commitment to me in the past three years.

## **ASPIRING SPECIALIST JUDGES & METHODOLOGY REPORT**

The Methodology Training is proving to be of great assistance as a major tool to the aspirant in obtaining knowledge and being able to assess and discuss in a passive environment without intimidation, this I believe will create and instill better judges for the future. During 2012 we have had two graduations I would sincerely like to thank those Judges who have acted as Tutors during this inaugural 12 months, their knowledge and experience I have no doubt created much enthusiasm which they would not have been totally achieved due to the time and commitment needed by the adjudicating judge at the event.

Due to the success of the methodology for our aspiring judges, I recommended at the Future Directions Workshop of 2012 which was agreed, that we incorporate this training format into the Breed Surveyors Training Scheme.

At the moment we have several aspiring judges at different stages of their training programme Peter Tjerkstra, Viv McCambridge, Jose Novelli and Andrew Thor and we are very pleased now to have Peter Cox back from a leave of absence and we wish him well for the future. I believe we will see an increase in applications as the Future Planning Programs are created and the ANKC reinstatement of the Specialist Judges Licence. (see below).

There has been an application for reinstatement by Sue Bruno, who has expressed her interest in becoming involved in a specialist manner again, I am personally very pleased she is taking this step as Sue has been involved in the showing and breeding of German Shepherds for many years in the past Sue graduated from our Specialist Judges Training and was awarded her Certificate and Badge in 1996.

## **JUDGES REPORTS**

Correspondence from the Chairman of the Judges Committee was sent to all Club Secretaries and GSDCA Specialist Judges in September, 2012, to reintroduce Judges Reports after each appointment over a twelve months trial period to collate information data on the faults and virtues of current bloodlines and the effect on the breed. These reports are to be submitted to the Chairman of the GSDCA Judges Committee within three weeks of the event for evaluation by the NBC Executive.

This information will be tabled in the GSDCA Chairman Judges Report for open discussion in conjunction with the Sires Progeny Report at the 2013 NBC Meeting.

It was considered that this information be completed on a critique pro forma by a nominee, trainee judge, aspiring judge or interested junior handler to assist the judge on the day as time would not permit this additional request.

With the club's support this project, I believe, to be of paramount importance that we create interest, knowledge and nurture our next generation of judges.



### **ANKC REGULATIONS FOR ASPIRING JUDGES**

At the ANKC Conference in October, the GSDCA's request for the reinstatement of the Specialist Judges Licence was moved by Christine Davis and Tom Couchman on behalf of Dogs NSW. You will remember Christine Davis was a guest at our Judges Meeting in 2010 and she received a Service Award from the GSDCA at the NSW National in 2011 for her contribution and Support of Council

In moving this motion which was originally drafted by Anne Mitchell and myself as Judges Committee Chairman on behalf of Council in 1994, it was then submitted to the ANKC Judges Training Committee Chairman, Marie Merchant, who is also Chairman of the Breeds Standard Committee. Marie Merchant was responsible for this motion being placed on the ANKC books in 1995, but recently when we found this regulation had been omitted we again turned to Marie for her assistance to correct this anomaly, as she has always been a great supporter of Council and its aims for the German Shepherd Dog for which we are eternally grateful.

I have requested the President of the GSDCA Mr Vince Tantaro and Council to recognise Marie's contribution to Council and our Judges Committee over the last twenty years, to be awarded the German Shepherd Dog Council Service Medal at the National in Adelaide in 2013.

**Australian National Kennel Council Ltd**  
**REGULATIONS**  
**PART 3**

**JUDGES TRAINING**  
**&**  
**EXAMINATION PROGRAM**

Amended  
November 1995  
May 1997  
October 1997  
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October 2006  
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October 2012

This Program is designed to assist members of an ANKC Member Body to become Championship Show Judges by graduating through specific stages of training applicable to levels known as Aspiring Judge and Trainee Judge.

**1. Terminology**

<b>1.1</b>	<b>Member Body</b>	The relevant authority in each State or Territory.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>ANKC</b>	Australian National Kennel Council Ltd
<b>1.3</b>	<b>CJTC</b>	The Member Body's Conformation Judges Training Committee
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Judges Education Program</b>	A Training Program for Conformation Judges conducted by the Member Body in accordance with the current ANKC Regulations and Member Body's Supplementary Regulations at the time of the commencement of the Program. <b>(Added 10/11)</b>
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Enrolment Form</b>	A form approved by the Member Body to be completed by the Aspiring and/or Trainee Judge which clearly indicates the date and time that the enrolment form is to be in the hands of the Member Body as well as the applicable enrolment fee.
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Aspiring Judge</b>	A person accepted into the Judges Education Program, for their 1 <sup>st</sup> Group or single breed, but not yet qualified to judge the relevant Breeds or Groups at any fixture.
<b>1.7</b>	<b>Trainee Judge</b>	A person having fulfilled the Aspiring Judge's syllabus and passed the relevant examinations is qualified to enter the Trainee Judge's phase of the Education Program.
<b>1.8</b>	<b>ANKC Championship Show Judge</b>	<b>A person who has successfully completed the required Trainee Judge Theory and Practical Examinations and, is qualified to apply to be elevated to ANKC status whereby they may then judge individual breeds and/or one or more Groups for which they are qualified at Championship Shows conducted anywhere in Australia and Overseas. (Amended 10/12 - 7.4.1)</b>
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Accredited Assessor</b>	A person licensed as a Judge by ANKC who complies with Section 8 of these Regulations.
<b>1.10</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	An ANKC Championship Show Judge who has completed the ANKC Assessor Accreditation Program as outlined in Section

8.1 of these regulations.

- 1.11 Learning modules** Refer 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3 6.1.4 and 6.1.5
- 1.12 Clerk of Examinations** A person approved by the Member Body to oversee all aspects of the Practical Examinations. **(Amended 10/09, 7.1)**

**2. Method of Education**

**2.1 Self-Education:** Trainee Judges will be required to educate themselves to examination standards by studying Breed Standards, ANKC approved Breed Standard Extensions, the ANKC Glossary of Canine Terms and other appropriate material, researching breeds and presenting their findings, attending appropriate Lectures, Seminars and Field Events as arranged by the Member Body CJTC, writing critiques, visiting kennels, discussing breeds with breeders and exhibitors, attending Group and Breed Championship Shows and stewarding, thereby acquiring as wide and as sound a knowledge as possible of the breed, or breeds in the relevant Group. Education and Examinations will incorporate the principles of Competency Based Training and the use of Mentors or Accredited Assessors.

(a) The competencies, which Trainees will be expected to achieve through the program are:

- 1 Demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the Breed Standards.
  - 2 Ability to identify characteristics in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
  - 3 Ability to recognise soundness in relation to the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
  - 4 Ability to use Breed specific language and apply it correctly in their description of the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
  - 5 Ability to approach and examine the exhibits correctly and appropriately for the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
  - 6 Ability to place the better dogs at the front of the class in the Breeds for the Group in which they are a Trainee.
  - 7 Demonstrate control, organisation and effective use of the judging ring.
  - 8 Demonstrate an ability to make decisions in an effective way and in an efficient time frame.
  - 9 Demonstrate a practical knowledge of stewarding.
  - 10 Demonstrate an ability to understand and apply the Regulations relevant to dog judging.
- (Amended 10/09 - 7.2)**

**2.2 State Controlling Body Contribution.** Each Member Body shall assist by providing Lectures, Field Events, equipment, teaching aids and examinations.

**2.3 Record Keeping.** Trainee Judges shall maintain their own records and submit signed originals of the applicable records when applying for an Examination.

**3. Teaching Aids and Materials**

**3.1 Rules and Regulations.** As authorised by the ANKC Regulations and the Member Body Rules & Regulations.

**3.2 Anatomy.** The publication/s approved by the ANKC shall be the references for Anatomy.

**3.3 Canine Terms.** The Glossary of Terms as published by the ANKC.

**3.4 Breed Standards** as approved by the ANKC.

**3.5 Extensions to Breed Standards** as approved by the ANKC, where available must form the basis of all lectures, but must not be used as the basis in Theory examinations, excepting for a Single Breed theory examination.

**3.6** Any other material as authorised by the ANKC from time to time.

**4.1 Aspiring Judge Entrance Program (1st Group or Single Breed)**

**4.1.1** To enrol in the Program as an Aspiring Judge, a member must fulfil the following criteria:

- 4.1.1.1** be 18 years of age or over;
- 4.1.1.2** Have been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
- 4.1.1.3** Have bred at least three (3) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.1.1.4** Have bred at least two (2) champions under their own or shared Prefix.
- 4.1.1.5** **The application shall be for the Group or Breed in which the requirements of 4.1.1.3 and 4.1.1.4 above have been met or partially met. (Amended 10/12 - 7.4.1)**

- 4.1.1.6 (a) Where a Member Body requires formal training to become a Steward, a Member must successfully complete that training in the two (2) years prior to applying to become an Aspiring Judge.
- (b) In any State where no formal training is required, in the two years prior to enrolling, an Aspiring Judge must officiate as a ring steward on no less than six (6) occasions of which three (3) must be full groups.
- 4.1.1.7 In the two years prior to enrolling, have successfully completed and have demonstrated a history of ongoing commitment to dog showing through the various aspect of the sport such as Show Management and other aspects of Affiliate and Show Administration. This commitment is to continue for the duration of training.
- 4.1.1.8 Complete and submit the approved enrolment form which must include evidence of the criteria of 4.1.1.1 – 4.1.1.7 above and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

#### 4.2 **Aspiring Judge Entrance Program (German Shepherd Dog as approved by GSDCA)**

- 4.2.1 To enrol in the Program as an Aspiring Judge for the Single Breed of German Shepherd Dog, a member must fulfil the following criteria:
  - 4.2.1.1 be 18 years of age or over;
  - 4.2.1.2 Have been a member of an ANKC Member Body for a minimum of eight (8) years during the ten (10) years immediately prior to the date of the application.
  - 4.2.1.3 Have bred at least five (5) litters under their own or shared Prefix.
  - 4.2.1.4 Have bred at least five (5) animals under their own or shared Prefix that have received the GSDCA grading of Excellent in the conformation ring.
  - 4.2.1.5 Have acted as a Steward on at least three (3) occasions at GSDCA Specialist judged events.
  - 4.2.1.6 Have acted as a Steward on at least three (3) occasions at "All Breeds" or "Group 5" Shows.
  - 4.2.1.7 In the previous two years prior to enrolling, have successfully completed and have demonstrated a history of ongoing commitment to dog showing through the various aspect of the sport such as Show Management and other aspects of Affiliate and Show Administration. This commitment is to continue for the duration of training.
  - 4.2.1.8 Complete and submit the approved enrolment form which must include evidence of the criteria of 4.2.1.1 – 4.2.1.7 above and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

#### 5. **Aspiring Judge Training Program**

- 5.1 Once accepted into the Program, the applicant must:
  - 5.1.1 Attend all lectures and pass the Theory Examination on Rules & Regulations, Anatomy, Glossary of Terms, Judging Procedure and Show Management.
  - 5.1.2 The Member Body shall have the option of including a practical examination which may be on the Aspiring Judges primary breed. The examination shall comprise one (1) class, consisting of a minimum of five (5) dogs of either sex and over the age of six (6) months. The Aspiring Judge is not to be examined on their own or co-owned dogs. There shall be no more than one (1) Practical Examination per calendar year for Aspiring Judges.
- 5.2 Successful completion of the training will qualify the Aspiring Judge to complete and submit the approved enrolment form, with the appropriate fee, for the Group Entrance Theory Examination on Breeds in the Group for which they are training. There shall be no more than one (1) Group Entrance Examination per calendar year for Aspiring Judges.
- 5.3 A pass in the Group Entrance Theory Examination will enable the Aspiring Judge to complete and submit the approved enrolment form to enter the Trainee Judge Program.

## **FORWARD PLANNING - COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

At the Future Directions Meeting as Chairman of the Judges Committee I accepted the role of creating a computer lecture programme for our judges, our trainees and our juniors. After investigating many current training programmes I have come up with a prospect outlined below which comes highly recommended.

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Meeting Centre with VOIP only is \$78.30 per month = \$939.60 p.a.

Meeting Centre with VOIP and audio card (similar to a prepaid card) is \$138.30 per month = \$1659.60 p.a.

With the 3rd option above people attending the meeting can choose to join the audio meeting via VOIP **or** their telephone. This is very effective if people have different connection speeds that can affect the clarity of VOIP. The audio card includes 410 minutes of toll free time per month.

You also mentioned that once a month a lecture is given. Webex has a solution called Event Centre which has been designed for this type of situation effectively providing a broadcast to viewers. The cost of this subscription I think would be cost prohibitive for your organisation as it runs into the 10's of thousands of dollars and is only used by large corporations.

To provide a cost effective solution I would suggest that the lecture be presented in Meeting Centre, recorded, and saved on to your Meeting Centre file page which comes with the subscription. Then any number of people (no restrictions on numbers) can visit your page and play back the lecture at a time that suits them. All the lectures can be archived for reference by your members at any time.

I hope this information has been of help. I am available to answer any questions you or any of the other members may have. If a live demonstration of the application would be of help I can conduct a video conference yourself and the Executive during your meeting on the 9th. Let me know.

BARRY O'ROURKE - *(NB – I have no pecuniary involvement with WebEx or their agents)*

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## **OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Julie Urie**

Another busy year has passed, with some notable and very positive events during this time.

I would like to thank Theresa Lewis and Andrew Macdonald for taking the time to write excellent articles for publication in the Quarterly National Review. With Herding and Tracking the subjects, I hope readers found them to be interesting and educational.

Again this year, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend some excellent training seminars. In January Mia Skogster, world IPO Champion from Finland, captivated her audience over two days, with everyone in attendance agreeing it was one of the best Obedience seminars they had been to. In April I attended another two day workshop. This time the speaker was Kris Kotsopoulos (Von Forell kennels) and the subject was "Training and mental tactics for working dogs. A complete guide on preparation and application". This I found to be extremely interesting, as the focus for the weekend was the dogs' drives. How to recognize, develop and utilize them effectively. In September Vicki Austin gave a very successful workshop titled "Puppy Socialisation – The Making of Great Dogs". This was very well attended and was also very well received. Another fairly complex subject, with more to it than some of us would think. As owners and trainers of working dogs, I would urge you all to continually seek opportunities to broaden your knowledge and understanding of our beautiful dogs and how to get the very best from them, no matter what your chosen discipline.

In February I attended the GSDCA AGM on the Gold Coast. As usual, the agenda was a very full one. Of interest to tracking enthusiasts, the motion put forward to allow the presentation of GSDCA Excellent medallions for this discipline was passed unanimously. The 2012 tracking season then saw three members and their GSD's achieve the coveted Excellent grading. Those of you who have tracked their dogs know this is no mean feat, so I offer my sincere congratulations to:

**Jolanda Naarding with Vicpol Kira (GSDCT)**

**Greg Bobbin with Von Forell Sagus 'AZ' (GSDCV)**

**Urs Rhyn with Killara Volcanic Lava CCD 'AZ' (GSDCV) 2 x Excellent**

The AGM also led to discussion on forming a GSDCA Obedience Committee, with the ideal seeing representatives from all clubs coming together to promote and advance the working aspects of the GSD. I was very pleased at the response from clubs, with all of them subsequently supporting this idea.

In March I attended the GSDCV Championship Show/Trial. As always, this was a very well run event, with good attendance. After a request from the GSDCT, I put together an article summarizing the workshops/seminars I had attended last year. This was subsequently distributed to all clubs, for publication/distribution to their members and I received some positive feedback from this.

May saw the NHRGSDC host the GSDCA National Show/Trial in the beautiful Hunter Valley. This club, with its small, but hugely dedicated committee certainly did us all proud. The Obedience Trial was run under the guidance of Peter Belic, who had an excellent support crew. The genuinely warm welcome extended not only to myself, but to all competitors set the tone for a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. The trial ran smoothly and was well organized. The judges and stewards were well received by the competitors and performed their tasks in a very professional manner. The conformation stewards worked well to accommodate the Dual Performance competitors. Sometimes this can be a little tricky, but on this occasion it was achieved very smoothly. There were a total of 62 dogs entered, with 9 of those being Dual Performance competitors. Congratulations to the winners of the major awards.

### **GOLD MEDAL and RICK RICHARDSON TROPHY WINNER**

Singha Grey Mist (Novice Class) N. Nahas Excellent

### **SILVER MEDAL**

TCH OC Rhakhani Odyssey AZ (Open Class) G. Mavromichalis Excellent

### **BRONZE MEDAL**

OC Ramorra Montgomery (Utility Class) N. Nahas



## **DUAL PERFORMANCE TROPHY and DAVID O'ROURKE TROPHY WINNER**

\*Lashadas Amber (Novice Class) I. and J. Urie

I offer hearty congratulations and many thanks to the Newcastle team on a job very well done. I also attended the GSDCV State Breed Show/Trial. A smaller event than their Champ Show, but still very enjoyable.

I spent time in June and July finalising details for the GSDCA Obedience Committee meeting, which was set for August 4<sup>th</sup>.

I attended the NBC meeting, which was held in Adelaide in July. Another busy meeting with a very full agenda.

August saw the holding of the GSDCA Obedience Committee meeting. This was a very fruitful day and I was heartened by the support shown by member clubs. Discussion centred on the provision of quality obedience/lifestyle training, education of instructors/members and promotion of all training aspects. This resulted in 13 related motions, which will go to the AGM to be voted upon.

In October I attended the ACTGSDC Championship Shows. As always, this was a very well run event, with good attendance. This month also saw the holding of the Future Directions Workshop. Although I was unable to attend, due to a prior personal commitment, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to John Fenner, who stepped in to take my place. John's knowledge and passion for training/obedience is undeniable and I am told by many that the ideas he put forward were well received.

In closing, I would like to say that I have very much enjoyed my first term in this position. It has been a big learning curve for me in some ways and I thank my fellow Executive for their support. I would also like to thank the members who have shown their support and who have taken the time to air their views and discuss various topics with me.

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## **EDITOR NATIONAL REVIEW REPORT – Yvonne Yun**

### **Introduction**

Unlike other portfolios, it could be said that the efforts of the Editor of the Quarterly National Review are regularly scrutinized and obviously have timed deadlines to be met. However, there is much that goes on behind the scenes that may come as a surprise to member clubs and it is on these items that I would like to focus this report.

Since resuming the role, there have been a number of highly visible changes made to the magazine. This is in no way a reflection on previous editors, merely a stylistic change to freshen up the magazine. It is more issues of substance that should be addressed here and of course, the most important, cost containment.

### **Financial**

Before addressing this issue, I would like to suggest that our current accounting practice does not allow members to analyse effectively the results of each production run. In the current set of accounts, it is noted that there are four lots of income and four lots of expense. However, if you were to try and match the expenses to revenues, in at least two instances, you would not be matching the correct numbers i.e. you would be comparing December income with September costs. The way things are recorded now is not wrong and at least we see four lots of income and expenditure in the accounts. However, what I would like to propose is that for 2013 Financial Year we bring to account 5 lots of expenditure and 4 lots of income to align all future accounts so that we capture in a financial year the costs of each edition for that year. This is an accounting adjustment, but one that more accurately reflects magazine performance in a more timely fashion. This recommendation aside, I have prepared, with the assistance of the Treasurer the accounts by edition for the four magazines produced this year.

It should be noted that preparing the accounts in this manner does not radically change the financial result; what it does allow is member clubs to understand how each edition has traveled in terms of surplus / deficit and some of the factors that contribute to a shifting financial picture.

Just before moving on to the numbers, I would like to thank those wonderful people who have the faith to advertise in the magazine each time we produce it! Without their support I am confident that the whole picture would be quite different.

<b>QNR REVENUES</b>	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	ANNUAL TOTAL
PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$300.94	\$300.94	\$300.94	\$300.94	\$1,203.76
CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$9,276.00	\$7,532.00	\$8,740.00	\$8,940.00	\$34,488.00
ADVERTISING	\$4,068.18	\$1,790.91	\$4,335.01	\$3,611.38	\$13,805.48
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,645.12</b>	<b>\$9,623.85</b>	<b>\$13,375.95</b>	<b>\$12,852.32</b>	<b>\$49,497.24</b>

<b>QNR EXPENSES</b>					
PRINTING	\$6,344.61	\$7,043.63	\$8,544.97	\$6,695.00	\$28,628.21
POSTAGE	\$3,866.41	\$3,330.02	\$4,132.00	\$4,056.69	\$15,385.12
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,211.02</b>	<b>\$10,373.65</b>	<b>\$12,676.97</b>	<b>\$10,151.69</b>	<b>\$44,013.33</b>

<b>EDITION SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	\$3,434.10	-\$749.80	\$698.98	\$2,700.63	\$6083.91
Number of pages	52 incl cover	52 incl cover	64 incl cover	48 incl cover	
Number of advertising pages	11.50	3.00	12.25	9.75	
Therefore average return per page of advertising	\$353.75	\$596.97	\$353.88	\$370.40	

On resuming the role of Editor in February last year I was extremely grateful that the former Editor had put the March edition to bed.

Just one note - in terms of how much it costs us to print each page, we need to allow \$.034951 per A4 page in production. This means that if we add 4 pages to 2450 copies, we need to add \$342.51 to our costs as well as additional design costs plus potential for additional postage.

### **Advertising**

As members will be aware, a new strategy has been adopted this year with regard to advertising. There was a standing perception that some advertisers were receiving favorable access to discounted advertising and it is the editor's view that this perception has been addressed this year, through offering discounted rates for pre-booking the advertising. In order to avail themselves of the discounted rates, advertisers need to pre-pay their ad, in some cases, three months in advance.

An added benefit of this strategy is that it reduces the risk of bad debt and the collection burden on the Treasurer.

The table above would seem to indicate that despite the discounting, a consistent return has been realized. Where a higher return is reported, the edition ran at a deficit. The results reported would also seem to indicate that a minimum number of pages of advertising needs to be booked for each edition to show a surplus. This needs to be borne in mind when clubs or sectors of the sport wish to mandate content, particularly for the National edition, which already spills over into one 64 page magazine and takes up considerable space in several other editions.

There has been a suggestion that a specific number of pages should be dedicated for obedience winners and LSC winners and that these additions should be included in one single edition. Extreme caution needs to be exercised when making these directives; as an indicative position, it seems that approximately one additional page of advertising needs to be sold to cover 8 pages of copy, unless member clubs are prepared to subsidise the resulting production cost increases. The issue of actually finding a willing advertiser is also to be borne in mind – stud dog owners and commercial advertisers have finite budgets and when stud fees are diminishing and advertising is not forthcoming from the areas of our sport that would most benefit from these additional pages, it is hard to see how the result can be achieved without the clubs paying more for that edition.

These factors should also be considered in line with the fact that for many individual members, this material holds no interest. Whilst the National is our hallmark event, it is surely not all that defines us and I would recommend that we strive for balance.

One further point for the consideration of member clubs is that perhaps, given the average return per page for advertising, the listed advertising rates are perhaps no longer viable and are in need of adjustment. By far, the greatest support by way of advertising comes from within our ranks with the owners of stud dogs. Throughout the year, they have been outstanding in their support of the QNR and I would like their generosity acknowledged and applauded here. Most have been exceptionally easy to deal with and it has been a pleasure working with them. I hope that they are as pleased with the publication as possible and that it has assisted them to market their dogs.

### **Sponsorship**

Member clubs will be only too aware of the fact that large corporate organisations are shifting their advertising dollar away from organisations such as ours. This is no less the case with Proctor and Gamble, the Council's major sponsor. Cash sponsorship this year was halved and a new agreement was reached whereby the Council receives \$5000 in annual sponsorship with \$500 of these funds being passed on to the Obedience portfolio for their major meeting, \$ 1000 being allocated for website maintenance and development and \$3500 allocated for the magazine advertising. In addition, the Council received 40 product vouchers for various competitions to be run throughout the year.

The Council no longer receives any sponsorship for the National, leaving members clubs that host the National free to offer this prestigious event to their existing sponsors.

Mavlab, the manufacturers of Pernease Powder have declined any further advertising.

Naturally, increased sponsorship would be welcome, but there are some restrictions with this. Our deal with Eukanuba is for exclusive sponsorship of the magazine and website as far as dog food companies are concerned. This being said, the Council could accept sponsorship from pet carrying companies, accommodation, dog trailer companies – the list is quite open, so if any member club has any contacts or ideas, they would be very welcome.

### **Content**

On resuming the role, I was urged to re-introduce the Club News section for the magazine. This has been done and met with very limited success. Aside from being a real chore chasing the contributions, it seems that some clubs are not as supportive of the return as others. Perseverance for the next two editions will allow the initiative adequate time to prove its worth or otherwise. If support for this section does not improve, then I would be seriously considering deleting it again.

In the most recent edition and coming out of the FDW, we have introduced a couple of new little features – recognition of our volunteers and a feature on some of the activities of other clubs.

It is amazing how much some of our clubs achieve and as these achievements actually help promote our dogs and clubs into the mainstream of community, it is only fitting that we celebrate their wins – perhaps others could pick up on the initiatives and clone the ideas. And of course, no idea gets off the ground in our world without the volunteer!

Within the past two editions, the Council has run some competitions sponsored by Eukanuba and our local Foto Urma representatives. The first of these have not been well supported, but we will keep trying. After all, it is a way for any reader to, not just those on the pegs, to win some premium dog food. For the current photographic competition, the promotion has also been placed on the website, so hopefully, we will get a good response from this one.

For the past three editions, there has been an inclusion from the Youth sector. Obviously, young people have competing demands on their time and sometimes, obtaining copy for this section is a little challenging.

Working with the Youth Group will be a key objective for the coming year to make ensure inclusion and encouragement for our younger members.

### **Production**

As most members will appreciate the magazine is now designed and artwork finalized in Australia, but the actual production is completed offshore in China. This was introduced as a cost cutting exercise, but comes at a cost. The lead time for productions and shipping is now in the regions of six weeks. Usually, design work for the following edition commences immediately one magazine is sent to print, but quite frequently, material is not ready until the last possible moment, so design is generally achieved with much stress and very unreasonable deadlines.

Add to this issue is the fact that we are required to commit to publication numbers some two months before the actual labels are available and it becomes evident that there are a number of pitfalls in this process. Just



recently, we needed to delay the release date of one issue because the Chinese had a national holiday that had not been considered, delaying shipping and leading to a backlog in Botany Bay. In terms of production over supply, the Council has reduced the number of magazines ordered and this has considerably reduced the surplus number of magazines available. However, stocks of past magazines are available and it should be noted that storage of these has the inherent problem of damage and deterioration.

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### **Recommendations**

Based on this report, it is recommended that:

- The GSDCA considers a transition from paper based publication of a Quarterly magazine to and electronic based publication and that a timeline be developed for this to occur.

#### **Rationale:**

*The current magazine is costly – currently around \$50,000 per annum.*

*As a communication tool with members, publication is frequently poorly timed to carry urgent information to members or to have the information contained therein contemporary.*

- That the members of the GSDCA considers very carefully the full impacts of any editorial directives it may make with regard to mandated coverage of the National results and perhaps, as an alternative, considers publication of these through the website.

#### **Rationale:**

*As detailed above, the costs of such directives would need to be borne and there is no guarantee of the editor being able to secure advertising in the ratio required to cover additional costs.*

- That a stocktake be undertaken of magazines older than twelve months and that, aside from retaining say 5%, these are then distributed at no cost, aside from postage, to member clubs in the ratio of their September 2012 membership numbers. These magazines could then be used for promotional activities within member clubs.

#### **Rationale:**

*These magazines deteriorate over time and it would be better for clubs to be able to use them whilst they remain in good condition and are relatively recent. This way, any member of the public seeing one could conceivably make contact with current club contacts.*

- That accounting practices be modified to align the same four sets of revenues and expense in the same accounting period. If adopted, this will quite likely lead to a loss for the magazine in this financial year, but this will mean that going forward, this will mean that expense / revenue matching by edition can be easily achieved.

#### **Rationale:**

*Bringing matching expense and revenue items to account in the same period is the accepted accounting practice and adopting this practice would allow more accurate monitoring of performance on a quarterly basis.*

In closing, I would like to offer my thanks to those who have supported my return to this role and to those who have been there when there was a need to ventilate! This has been an interesting twelve months and one where I hope I have been able to make a positive contribution. Thank you.

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## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **National Show Liaison Officer – Ian Urie**

#### **40<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SHOW AND TRIAL, 18 – 20 May 2012**

I am very pleased to congratulate the Newcastle and Hunter Region GSDC on the result that they were able to achieve in conducting the 40<sup>th</sup> National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial on behalf of the Member Clubs of the GSDCA. This small Club has always been short on manpower but full of enthusiasm, and once again they showed what can be done when a united team pulls together. The bar was set rather high from the beginning, when they announced they intended to make this a National to remember, and I am sure you will all agree they succeeded in that regard. The magnificent venue at Hunter Valley Gardens in Pokolbin NSW was somewhat different to what we are used to, and was certainly an amenable location for the event.

The ring set-up worked well and the running of the classes was well managed by two experienced ring stewards, and all in all the show ran very smoothly with very few problems. The catering was of a very good standard and the coffee tent, VIP and merchandising tents added significantly to the atmosphere of the event. There were ample portable toilet facilities provided, and the ground held up very well over the weekend. The social events, including the President's Dinner and after show presentations, was all conducted with the appropriate ceremony and were catered for exceptionally well, in very attractive surroundings. The Obedience Trial (which will be reported on separately by the National Obedience Chair) appeared to be well run, and the location of the rings alongside the show area contributed to the overall atmosphere and success of the event as a whole. Entries this year were 386 in show classes and 62 in the trial. There were 9 dual competitors, and 3 Breeder's Groups. It was also the first time we have had Long Stock Coat GSDs exhibited (9 entries).

The Club experienced some problems and headaches leading up to the show, when one of the chosen judges could not officiate due to being contracted for the 2012 Sieger Show, and a replacement had to be found at short notice. In the end they contracted Herr Albrecht Woerner, who officiated for the Dog Classes and his Gold Medal winner was one of the youngest in the class, Kazkiri Xavi the Junior winner from the last National. Herr Heinz Scheerer as always did a very professional job judging the Bitches, and his winner was Sannjesa Electra, who won her second consecutive Gold Medal.

There were a few "teething problems" on the first day, when the sponsors product was not able to be placed on the pegs for the first few classes due to a shortage of manpower to move it, but this was rectified as soon as possible and the recipients were able to collect their prizes from the official tent later. It was also difficult to convince the judges that we wanted the class placegetters critiqued on the pegs rather than at the bottom of the ring, but this also fell into place as we got into the swing of things. The PA system was certainly effective, but perhaps uncomfortably loud if you happened to be standing under a speaker, and was also a minor distraction for the obedience competitors. It was a problem for some exhibitors getting multiple dogs to and from their trailers, which unfortunately needed to be parked some distance from the rings, but overall the atmosphere at the lovely venue and its setting amongst the vineyards was appreciated by all who attended I am sure.

One disappointing aspect was that very few photographs of placegetters from this show appeared in the Quarterly Review alongside the critiques. I am not sure of the reason for this, but I urge all exhibitors to heed the photography requirements at future Nationals, to assist the Editor to include these in the magazine.

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## National Database Working Party Report – Frank Moody

It is my pleasure to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 52<sup>nd</sup> GSDCA AGM.

The GSDCA Database has been designed to:

- Provide a centralised database of all of the GSDCA Schemes.
- Validate results from previous GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes as each dog moves through the Schemes, thereby ensuring consistency and accuracy of data.
- In addition it will also reduce and/or share the workload

I will address below the progress that has been made since last year.

- **Dog Database**

Is fully operational and currently we have 275,470 dogs listed on the database, with all dogs registered with the ANKC since 1972 and up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012, via quarterly updates from the ANKC.

We have now implemented the two (2) varieties (German Shepherd Dog & German Shepherd Dog (LSC)) as per the ANKC registrations.

As part of the quarterly updates we are also advised of any “transfers” by the ANKC between the 2 varieties, and these are manually updated (due to the small numbers) into the database.

**We have encountered a couple of issues:**

Originally it was agreed that the GSDCA Database would adopt the exact same name format as the ANKC.

- The ANKC have made a resolution to use the Country Codes as set by ISO, when recording the country of origin – i.e. What has previously been (IMP GER) or (IMP GMY) for German dogs, are now being recorded as (IMP DEU).
- The ANKC have always used ALL CAPITALS when typing the dog’s name, and this is exactly what is on the ANKC pedigrees.  
The German spelling for “von der” and “vom” is lower case; however this does not carry through into the ANKC database.
- Working titles are shown by the ANKC as “SCHHHIII” and “SCHH3” – but the correct German way is “SchH3”.

I have always maintained the GSDCA Database should be exactly the same as the ANKC Database in spelling etc, and therefore have religiously maintained the ANKC “spelling” – if we allow deviations to this, where do we stop?

However, this is an issue that the GSDCA needs to address – either with the ANKC (in some cases), or within our own procedures – and agree upon a standardised process.

- **Kennel & Owner Database**

We have now combined / merged the KENNEL database (which was originally for recording Tattoo Symbol applications only) and the OWNER database (which originated from Doug’s HD/ED data). The details are now maintained in a combined database which removes the duplication of maintaining 2 databases, and ensures consistency.

We are incorporating the ANKC Membership Number of the Breeder or Owner as we get them (via HD/ED or Breed Survey applications). This is a “key” piece of data that is maintained even as addresses change.

This section will also be shared by the Breed Survey database as this is introduced, along with Tattoo, and HD/ED scheme.

- **Tattoo/Microchip Database**

This has now been renamed “Tattoos/Microchips”, as it now incorporates both.

- We are now getting Microchip Numbers from the ANKC for all dogs registered since 1/1/2012, and these are being loaded against the Dog’s details – along with Tattoos where the ANKC provides them, or as Club Tattoo Registrars input that information.

- It is possible to search the database by Tattoo Number or Microchip, (or Name or Registration Number).

It is still essential that Club Tattoo Registrars enter **ALL** Tattoo details ASAP, as some dogs are going for HD/ED x-ray using their Tattoo Number as the permanent identification. If the tattoo details are not in the GSDCA Database this causes unnecessary delays, as this information is verified before issuing of the certificates.

- **HD/ED Database**

We currently have a total of 8,447 HD/ED records on the system, and the HD/ED certificates have been issued from the database for approximately 18 months now.

After quite a lot of hard work from the programmer (Daryl) Doug now has a report which he can run which provides all information against each of the dogs in the database, that have gone through the HD/ED scheme.

This report now enables Doug to generate all of his reports for the AGM and NBC meetings.

Doug has been very constructive and cooperative during the implementation process, and I know at times also quite frustrated. However I think we have now overcome most issues.

- **Breed Survey Database**

There have been a number of “hiccups” during the development and testing of this section, however we are now EXTREMELY close to final testing, and implementation.

This will enable all animals Breed Surveyed in the 2013 Breed Survey Year to be the first to go into the database.

The Breed Survey Certificates will be produced from the database, once the details as input are checked and confirmed.

There will be provision for a Photo within the Breed Survey report for each animal, and the Breed Survey Book can be prepared direct from this database, saving additional work.

Whilst other sections have been extremely valuable, I am excited by reaching this point as it is really the culmination of the work so far on the database, and will bring much of the data together.

Once the Breed Survey section is fully operational we will need to key the data from the past Breed Survey books into the Database. This will require proof reading and validation against existing information already in the database and any discrepancies investigated prior to loading.

This will be an ongoing task, but will not hold up the programming work.

## **DECISIONS TO BE MADE**

We are getting towards the day when the GSDCA needs to consider whether (and how) this information should be made available to the Club Membership.

I envisage that Club Members could be provided “limited” access to the data via the GSDCA Website. To do this would require a “Members Only” section on the website to be established, from where Club Members could access data (possibly for a fee) that the GSDCA decides will be made available to members.

I raise this now because we are approaching a time when this could be available, and we all need to seriously consider this and establish guidelines before we get there.

For example:

- Currently we do NOT print HD/ED “Failures”,
- Members do not see individual dogs results,
- Members only have access to “established” statistics twice a year,

We need to think very carefully about the impact any changes to the availability of data may have on the future of our schemes.

Whilst a lot of data is currently available in printed form, the ability to analyse this data increases in electronic form. Also how this data may be used for productive or malicious purposes, needs to be considered – Whilst I

feel sure there will be people around that want “full” access, we have a duty to safeguard our schemes and membership from abuse.

There is also another factor to consider.

If the members are given access to obtain Breed Statistics and Breed Survey information “on-line” this will probably reduce the demand for the printed format. However there will always be those that want to have this information in the printed format – As subscription drops, the ability to provide printed format at economical prices also declines. This needs to be seriously investigated as I believe the GSDCA has a responsibility to make this information available to ALL members.

Personally I believe we should hasten slowly, and initially just enable the existing information that is available, to be accessible in a more timely manner – and of course electronically rather than the printed format.

### **FURTHER WORK THAT IS PLANNED**

There is still additional functionality that we will be looking at in the future – which includes:

- Haemophilia
- Overseas Title Verification
- National Show & Trial Results

I would especially like to thank Daryl Bourke (the programmer) for his ongoing commitment to this project (which has grown considerably in its complexity from the original concept).

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## **Breed Specific Legislation Report – Margaret Adams**

I stated last year that I was disappointed that I have not received regular communications from clubs and members but I recently discovered that my email address on the GSDCA website was incorrect and that email address has not been used since July 2009 – so if you have sent me anything and I have not responded I humbly apologise – it must be floating around somewhere in cyber space. It has now been changed on the website – thank you.

I was pleased to hear that at the F.D.W. it had been suggested that we have a Communications Officer who will be responsible to act as liaison for various areas such as the B.S.L., Website, PRO etc. I believe this is a great idea and I have already been in touch with Yvonne and sent through some of the good and not so good dog stories. If we can keep ahead of these types of stories which promote the good things that all dogs do maybe it will minimise the impact that some of the more nasty stories we read about.

I understand that in Victoria, two of the “death” verdicts have been overturned in the Supreme Court. Hopefully this will make those in authority make sure of their facts before pursuing such orders.

Hopefully, we will not have any more use of photographs of our beautiful breed, sadly for Channel 9 in Perth they copped my wrath after showing a German Shepherd Dog in a story relating to Staffies.



One local abolition of BSL group has a fabulous motto - "It's not the breed, it's the one who holds the lead" and I think that sums up the situation in many cases. This group has promoted the abolition of any B.S.L. are mainly from the Pit Bull side of things but we circulated their W.A. petition at our recent closed club trail and I was pleased with the response.

A couple of items of interest which I have received are:

The A.N.K.C. circulated their stand on B.S.L.

### ***DANGEROUS DOGS CONTROL LEGISLATION***

*The Australian National Kennel Council Limited and its Member Bodies support legislation which seeks to establish objective and clear criteria for determining whether a dog, irrespective of its breed, is dangerous. We also support action for controlling dogs which are proven to be dangerous according to that criteria. We will not support legislation which determines the "dangerousness" of a dog on the basis of breed alone.*

Referring to W.A. (again) - the Government have been reviewing their dog legislation this year and quite strict measures will be in place if your dog attacks and kills or endangers life. The legislation if passed may include expanding the dangerous dogs to include commercial security dogs. The RSPCA in WA supports the mandatory micro-chipping and courts forcing offending dog owners to participate in training courses and penalties) but does not support specific breed laws as it is felt the temperament is shaped by many factors. Once again I highlight that our vigilance is required at all times and we should continue to raise our profile within the community. If local government or councils are considering making changes then we must be alerted so we can monitor and act. We can all do this with small efforts in co-ordination with our P.R.O.s. I will be contacting the Review Editor with some of the ways W.A. has promoted our breed recently by working with and for the community.

Hopefully, 2013 will not bring us any headaches, but if it does, we must be ready to defend any actions proposed that will affect our breed.

Wishing all members and their dogs every good wish and success in all you wish to achieve in 2013.

Attached this article on dog licences – great idea!!!

*Austrian Times*

### **Vienna launches driving licence for dog owners**

Viennese dog owners can now get a "driving licence for dogs" under a new initiative by city officials who thought man's best-friend's best friend could do with a bit of brushing up on canine conduct.

Though voluntary, this new licence, which takes about two hours to obtain and costs a modest €25, has both written and practical "driving" tests to assess the owner's competence.

For the written part of the exam, candidates must answer multiple-choice questions that check whether they know their responsibilities concerning their pet's health and behaviour.

"When your dog wags its tail, does it mean it is happy, excited or bored?" is a typical question

The practical part simulates a spin -- in this case a "walk" -- through town, testing the owner in a variety of predicaments such as putting a muzzle on the dog in the tram or underground or picking up droppings.

"The Viennese are real dog-lovers," said the capital's environment councillor Ulli Sima, who initiated the licence project.

"But they believe strict measures are necessary so that peaceful cohabitation between man and dog is possible in this city."

Those happy owners who pass their "licence" -- or Hundefuehrerschein -- will be exempt from the annual dog tax of €43,60 and will receive a few goodies for their pets, from vouchers for a new leash to bags for their pet's droppings.

The initiative was triggered by a survey of 500 Viennese residents in September 2004, in which a surprising 85% backed the idea of instituting a "driving licence for dogs".

Vienna officially counts about 47 000 canines -- meaning those subject to a city dog tax -- but estimates say there could be up to 150 000 hounds for a population of 1,7-million humans.

"This is not about pure obedience, but rather about social tolerance of the dog-owner team in the city," said Sima's deputy Karl Woegerer.

This Viennese initiative "is unique in this form, although licences exist in several German states," he said.

A licence, following a test, is already required for guard dogs for security reasons, a measure in place in many countries.

The new licence is for the average street pooch, which many still find intimidating.

In the 2004 survey, 34% of those questioned said they felt "personally in danger" in the presence of dogs, and 92% said dogs should always be kept on a leash and wear a muzzle.

Thousands of parents have also signed a petition to force the city to find a solution to the five to 10 tonnes of dog excrement produced daily. Vienna's Mayor Michael Haeupl has promised personally to look into the matter.

Twenty veterinary examiners have been accredited to carry out testing for the new dog driving licence, which was set up in January.

According to the Vienna-based non-profit organisation Animals as Therapy (TAT), at least 15 people are known to have passed the test but no official figures have been released yet.

Elisabeth Karsai, a medical student associated with TAT who took the driving test with her big two-year-old grey poodle, told Agence France-Presse she "felt like a pioneer and wanted to ensure that more people pass this licence".

According to TAT director Gabi Glaser, the point of the Vienna driving test is to know the basic rules of how to lead a dog and to make life with canines as pleasant as possible in a city.

"Dogs' social tolerance and ability to deal with a big city will be improved and in this way people's safety needs will also be satisfied," Sima was quoted as saying on the city's website.

Dogs are proving to be less stressed than their owners during the testing, notably with a bit of bribing -- in the form of doggie treats -- as they're put through the paces, including claw and ear inspections.

For their two-legged owners not yet up to the challenge, the city of Vienna provides information and schedules for dog-training schools to help them overcome their hesitation.

*Austrian Times*



## **Rules & Regulations Officer Report – Sharon Thorp**

At the NBC meeting in July 2012, the following persons and myself were asked to be part of a committee to finalise the Rules and Regulations Manual for the Member Clubs. This committee consists of Frank Moody (VIC), Dale Haling (SA), Steve Collins (SA), Ian Urie (VIC) and Graeme Stevenson (NSW). We have subsequently been joined by John Crace from WA.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the calibre of the work that has been completed so far by Joylene Neddermeyer, Jo Edwards and Jenny Kenworthy.

I would also like to thank Frank Moody for updating the motions so they are now current.

Ian Urie is completing the section on Awards which is a large task.

In October we received most of the sections, and are awaiting the last couple of sections.

The aim of the committee now the Christmas festivities are behind us is to update each section, and evaluate each section and make recommendations to the clubs to simplify the rules and regulations, with the aim of making the manual current and easy to understand.

The process will be one of teamwork and collaboration, as each section is completed it will be presented to the council and the clubs for their approval.

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## **Webmaster Report**

As most members will be aware, Council has received a resignation from the incumbent, Kim McGregor. Unfortunately, Kim will be unable to continue fulfilling the role, due to other commitments. The Council wishes to recognize her efforts for the 2012/13 period and thank her for her contribution.

At the Future Directions Workshop, it was identified that the Website will increasingly become a cornerstone to Council's communications with members and the general community. Following Kim's resignation, Council prevailed upon Jacinta Poole from the GSDCV to step in and keep matters ticking over. Jacinta has done an outstanding job and members will be aware that due to her efforts several updates have been placed on the website, as has the Agenda for this meeting. The Council Executive would like to commend her efforts and thank her for a job well done.

Members clubs will be aware that at present, we do not hold a nomination for this portfolio. Helen Galbraith, who had originally taken up the role after Kim McGregor resigned, finds that she is unable to fulfill the role envisaged by the Council.

In order to cover the needs of this position, a detailed proposal will be presented by the Editor.

Yvonne Yun, *(Written by Editor, Quarterly National Review.*

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## **Public Relations Officer Report – Jacqueline Fabian**

No report received.

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## **Trophy Officer Report – Terry Jarvis**

The trophy portfolio has been running smoothly over the last twelve months with support from the usual suspects for the Ex/ Merit plaques which are appreciated by the recipients of the award. As I have said in my previous report not all clubs have taken to this but it has been available since 1980 so that is a lot of water under the bridge to get on board.

The Newcastle National was supplied with their Plaques for the Breed class's and also the obedience class's as well as special awards for Police dogs and handlers that have been in the frontline of policing and doing what we expect from them keeping the peace and keeping us safe. Also a very nice glass Trophy table was produced by me which was similar to the Sydney Handlers table for the junior handlers which were appreciated by the handlers that had the privilege of coming in at first, second or third place in their particular category at the show. A big thank you is needed for Colin and Shirley Ford for the donation for the cost of the trophies as they did for the 2011 National in Sydney. We talk about the children being left out of things as we roll along and I feel that more prominence should be shown to the event at the Nationals by the Clubs that are running them but that is up to the individual clubs that make this part of the show and not just a hang off.

We have now a new plaque initiated for the junior bitch class at the National from the 2013 onwards; this will be the Max Stokes Memorial Trophy for first place in junior bitch a much belated recognition of Max's services to the German Shepherd Dog and to National Council.

We now have the National in Adelaide coming up in 2013 and as soon as the Christmas and New Year festivities are over I will be organizing the table for that show. If they would like me to organize the Trophies for the Junior Showmanship classes I would be glad to do so but let me know ASAP so it is not a last minute thing.

One thing to keep in mind is that the three major awards at the National should be of the same value as each other e.g. Open Dog, Open Bitch and Winner of Winners if that award is peculiar to the State holding it.

I would like to thank the National Council Executive for their support throughout the year and also the Member Clubs for theirs.

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## **Historian Report – Diane Ballantyne**

My second year in this position has seen more photos and data being added to the coffers of the Historian's treasure chest. The previous Historian James Rodger and I are continuing to work together and we communicate on a regular basis.

Discussions are ongoing regarding the most convenient place for storing the large volume of plastic tubs of GSDCA Historical property which are still in James and Louisa Rodger's home. The logistics of relocating these tubs each time a new Historian is appointed is really in my opinion not feasible and would also be quite expensive. Council perhaps could consider finding a permanent home for these tubs plus other significant historical documents being held by other Executive position holders.

Thank you to the Editor of the Quarterly Review Ms. Yvonne Yun for sending me the copies of the Review and photos from the National Show & Trial. Thank you also to the President Mr. Vince Tantaró, his Executive and the Member Clubs for their support during the year.

I look forward to another year working for the German Shepherd Dog here in Australia.

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# **NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2012 – Host – N & HR GSDC**

## **40<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SHOW AND TRAIL REPORT**

Firstly it is important to understand the team behind the organisation of the National and remember it was the first time that any members of the committee had ever run a National Show and Trial. The planning and organising of the National was carried out by Sean and Leeanne Lynch, Pete and Annette Belic and Julie O'sullivan in the main with assistance in the final stages by Paul & Kay York, John Finlay, Jess Lynch and Paul Murray.

Held in the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens near Newcastle, the 40<sup>th</sup> National was a high light for the Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Club and its members. It has been a long time dream for the club to host a second National, the first being in 1994 nearly 18 years earlier and something that our club is very proud of.

Planning began more than 2 years earlier with the club starting to look at ways to fund raise, knowing that without additional funds it could have been an expensive dream and one that could set the club back years. At this point, I would like to thank all club members that got behind the fund raising, little things go a long way such as the cups cakes that were sold first training day of the month, the obedience weekend that raised over \$2,000.00, the extra raffles, the members that visited the local businesses and asked for a donation and of course the very generous State Clubs and members that sponsored the class ribbons and trophy's, this fund raising was the back bone to the success of the National.

### **Venue**

We decided to look for a venue that would not only give the show a special setting but we were looking for additional things such as – a highly visible area to showcase our breed to the public, a place that you as spectators could enjoy, reduce travelling between functions, the show and accommodation. The Hunter Valley Gardens was the perfect place and the next step was trying to convince them that it would be worthwhile for them to agree. After many meetings we came to an agreement that benefited both parties, unfortunately it meant we could not do any of the catering and this meant more fund raising to cover the loss of income from this. We did gain an event coordinator that made life much easier for us and I believe she did a wonderful job adding to the success of the National. This venue was unique in so many ways and we believe it delivered our aim to add prestige and visibility of the event and although there was a little walk to the car park due to the change in date for another major event at the Gardens that weekend, all in all there was little to grumble about. The walk certainly gave the dogs a chance to warm up a little prior to going into the ring which is customary.

### **President's Dinner**

This was the high light of the functions; it was very well attended with a beautiful setting, lovely meals and a great fun band and most importantly a great crowd that seemed to really enjoy themselves. It is great to see each year more people attend this very important dinner, we need to encourage as many as possible to attend as I believe it is a vital part of the National Show.

### **Saturday Night BBQ**

Again a great fun night, we did have a few people turn up without booking which made sitting every tight but that didn't stop everyone having a ball. The band played some good sing-along music, the food was great and the beer was cold – great night.

### **Sunday Presentation**

Firstly I would like to thank Vince for taking over for me. Due to the show finishing slightly earlier than we anticipated the hor d'oeuvres were not quite ready and we still had trophies to name so we had a short delay which was a great opportunity for some of us to explore the wonderful gardens. The setting against a back drop of the lake was beautiful and I believe this to be the perfect setting to finish what was a wonderful show.

### **Entries**

With an entry of 386 in the conformation and 62 in the obedience, we were a little disappointed as we were hoping to get around 500, we fell just a little short. In saying that, the quality of dogs was super, it is always wonderful to watch lovely dogs move around a ring or working in the trial ring. Now that we have had a

National in Newcastle I believe we would attract more entries now that people have experienced the ease of getting to Newcastle either by car or plane.

### **Judges**

To Heinz Scheerer and Alberct Woener I say thank you, every easy to look after nothing was a problem, both seemed to enjoy meeting new and old friends, both interacted well with everyone. It was a pleasure to host both these well respected judges, thank you also must go to Paul York who looked after both men during the time at Newcastle.

I would also like to thank our Obedience judges, Dawn Howard, Tiki Friezer and Judy Van Der Vegt who did wonderful jobs in the obedience side of the show.

### **Thank You**

With a small committee such as ours, we received much outside assistance and expertise from other enthusiasts throughout Australia and their help was invaluable, I apologise if I missed anyone but thanks goes to stewards especially Jenny Kenworthy and John Fenner and all their helpers, Mike and Jo Edwards who helped all over the event, Margaret Barnes and Louisa Rodger for their expertise in stenographing, Ingo Kahl and Elke Effler for their wonderful translation work, the GSDCA Executive and Ian Urie for his advice and assistance. Lastly to our major sponsors Eukanuba who without their significant contribution an event such as this would not have been possible. Our thanks also go to Jacqui Hitchings who provided all the merchandise at very good prices to assist the club in doing well at the National.

### **Special Highlights**

Our thanks goes to the Police force, namely the Queensland Police Commissioner and his crew for coming to Newcastle to receive their presentation and also to the fabulous NSW team of Luke and Police Dog “Chuck” and team who did a wonderful demonstration and also received a NHRGSDC club Award.

### **Financial Result**

Only due to allot of fund raisings, special deals on clothing and cash donations we were able to make a small profit of \$2,635.00. Doesn't seem much after all the work but it was a great result to be in the black.

### **In conclusion**

Our club was very proud to showcase our wonderful breed and area to all in attendance. With all major events, there were some hiccups along the way but from the positive feedback we have had since the National, it appears that people enjoyed their stay, the National and our wonderful breed which was the ultimate outcome. We thank National Council and our fellow sister clubs for the opportunity to host such an event and wish the South Australian club every success with the 41st National this year.

**Sean Lynch (*President N & HR GSDC*).**

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## **GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2012**

Congratulations are extended to the following people as the recipients of the 2012 GSDCA Service Award, which took place at the 40<sup>th</sup> National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial and presented by the GSDCA President, Mr. Vince Tantaró.

- Mr. Bruce Knight
  - Mr. Dale Halling
  - Mr. Sean & Mrs. Leeanne Lynch
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## **ELKE & JOCHEN's SWISS PROJECT REPORT – Elke Effler**

The idea of taking my German Shepherd Dog, Jochen to Switzerland last year arose after we successfully passed the Advanced Level Canine USAR Operational Test according to the Australian National Standard and Best Practice Guidelines.

In passing this test, Jochen and I had gone as far as we could in this country and as I had always dreamed of perhaps one day being able to participate in the highest canine USAR test globally, the possibility of realising this dream took hold. As my husband and I were not in a position to fund such a project ourselves, I applied to the German Shepherd National Council and my application was considered and accepted at Council's AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

Knowing the complexities of the Swiss disaster sites, particularly the disaster village in Les Epeisses where the test was to be held, I decided that Jochen and I would need about three months to familiarise ourselves, increase Jochen's fitness and increase our level of training to have an even chance of passing the REDOG canine disaster search test.

### **COST**

My husband Peter and I consider ourselves very fortunate that the German Shepherd Community nationally supported this venture. In my initial proposal I put in a quote for \$15,000. Through the National Council I received close to \$10,000. Some private persons were very generous and in total I received about \$14,000.

My initial quote was short as a pet carrier company had grossly underquoted. The final cost for the venture was about close to \$21,000 with the cost for Jochen being about \$11,000. The rest of the costs were my airfare, travel insurance, public transport – which is horrendously expensive in Switzerland, food (I paid for most of my, and all of Jochen's food so as not to be a burden on our friends), accommodation when not staying with them near Chur, plus incidentals and equipment replacement, and two visits to the dentist.

### **WHY THIS PROJECT?**

Just to recap, there were several reasons for wishing to undertake such a project.

- As Jochen and I passed at a very high level at the Australian Advanced Test in Adelaide in October 2011 at a very high level, I could justify taking this dog to Switzerland and test ourselves against the highest standard.
- This would be an excellent opportunity to highlight the Australian German Shepherd Breed internationally in an emergency services capacity. As Jochen is also a handsome dog besides being an excellent working dog, I saw him as being a very good ambassador for the breed from this country.
- The experience and knowledge gained in taking part with my dog in exercises, training days, workshops and the ultimate test in Switzerland instead of always and only being an observer, would be invaluable for the canine USAR world in this country, and by logical extension, the broader community in case of need.
- Had we passed the Swiss canine USAR test, we would have been the most highly qualified disaster search team in the southern hemisphere. As it is, we are arguably still the most experienced.

### **HOW DID JOCHEN COPE?**

As Jochen has always been a very steady and calm dog, I felt that he would cope well with such a journey. After about 30 hours in the crate, he arrived in Zurich completely unfazed. He settled into life as a largely itinerant traveller with ease. He very quickly learned how to travel in trains, buses, gondolas, cable cars and escalators as if he had done this all his life. 98% of our travel was by public transport and the longest journey was always the five-hour train journey to Geneva. Jumping into and out of trains, rushing from one platform to another to catch the next train or bus was part of our daily life. He had no choice but to do as was expected, and he did so without hesitation.

He had to squash himself into crates that were too small for him, he had to spend many hours tied up at training regardless of the weather because we did not have a car and then he still had to work when it was our turn to search. We stayed with numerous friends and acquaintances as well as in hotels. One room was like another for him and he simply adapted to wherever we were and whatever situation we found ourselves in. I could not have wished for a better canine travelling companion and though I knew he would be good, even I was astonished how good he really was.

We trekked countless kilometres in the mountains in a bid to have him as fit as possible so that he would have the stamina to cope with eleven searches. We both became remarkably fit and trekking up to and beyond 2,000 meters in height became quite easy. Sun, snow and rain did not deter us.

## **TRAINING**

### **Workshop in Austria**

Our first training experience was a four-day workshop in Kühteil, Austria, high up in the mountains amongst a massive and ancient rockslide. This was hard going and he struggled with the sheer physical demands of this site. It was warm (summer) and Jochen had his Melbourne winter coat on and this did not help. However, even here, so early in our stay, he did very well and once he adjusted to the terrain, he held his own and did beautiful searches, finds and alerts. I was justifiably proud of him.

### **Normal training**

Back in Chur at the first training session after the holidays, I dropped my bundle and this had a detrimental effect on Jochen (as is always the case when the handler loses the plot) and so we both hit rock bottom. Jochen had to carry me for a while until I had figured out what was expected of me and how to deal with the greater complexities of their disaster sites. Gradually we again became the team we have always been and his skills as a search dog became clearly evident. About halfway through our stay at an exercise near Geneva he was proclaimed a very good dog with a very fine nose. At this stage I was still not quite up to his level but getting there.

Following advice, I chased training days all over Switzerland to get as much experience in as wide range of disaster sites and recycling centres as possible; also to get as wide a range of training advice as possible.

### **Deployment Exercise**

At the big 38-hour deployment exercise held near Geneva, we were part of a three-team equipe under the leadership of a trainee equipe (or team) leader. The other two teams are operational (11-search test) whilst Jochen and I are of course operational to the Australian standard (7-search test). However, Jochen very quickly demonstrated his search skills, his ability to focus, his mental endurance and above all, his capacity to fine-search. As a team we easily held our own and contributed equally with the other two teams to the very high success our equipe had. By now Jochen had fully justified the expense and effort of taking him to Switzerland.

### **THE CANINE OPERATIONAL TEST, GENEVA, 25-27/10/12**

My husband Peter arrived a few days before the test both as moral support for me and to refresh his assessor skills and knowledge so that he too could bring new learning back to Australia. Peter had hired a car and we were able to spend three days together on our way to Geneva, the only real holiday days as such on this entire trip. By the way, Peter's trip was entirely self-funded.

By now I was impatient for the test to start. I reviewed all that I had learned, felt that I could not have done any more to prepare and that we would be as ready as we would ever be.

We started the first search well with Jochen finding the first 'victim' very quickly. I then made a basic and classic mistake and we did not get the 2<sup>nd</sup> person. The second search was almost copy-book and had almost full points. After that, my lack of experience having to work under time-pressure started to show. In Australia I rarely need the allotted time allowed per search as Jochen has always found very quickly. Whilst my tactical decisions were good, not always carrying them out and getting bogged down instead of moving on and saving Jochen's energy became a big problem as the searches progressed.

### **Pre-test**

The sites in the Les Epeisses disaster village are so much more complex than anything we have here in Australia and I realised that the one thing missing in our preparation was what REDOG calls a 'pre-test' each team must pass before being admitted to the operational test. This test is 6 – 7 searches under test conditions. Had I been able to do a pre-test, I would have learned very quickly how to deal with the greater complexities pertaining in Les Epeisses. The pre-tests are held earlier in the year and so we had no hope of adding that to our training program.

### **Veterinary control**

REDOG has introduced a veterinary control and all dogs must be presented prior to commencing the test and at set times throughout it. After the four searches on the first day, the vet thought that Jochen had a back problem (I will address this issue in more detail later) and that I should keep him warm and rested. The temperature went down to 4° during the night and he, like all the dogs, had to sleep in the car.

We then did the three night searches starting at 1.30 am and when he was presented for the next vet check the following morning, he was diagnosed with a back spasm and was not allowed to continue. Needless to say, this was a major shock and it took me a while to come to grips with this outcome. I had no illusions regarding the test. There was always going to be the possibility that we would not pass, but I never considered that Jochen would not pass the vet check.

Jochen is a large but fairly light dog (I make sure that he is slim) who during the test squashed himself into shafts, holes and pancake spaces in his determination to follow human scent as close to the source as possible. So it is conceivable that he may have pulled a muscle.



### **What did I gain from this result?**

As I was now free to follow the other candidates (two others were not allowed to continue as their scores were too low) I wore both my candidate and assessor hats. Having been a candidate just a few short hours ago, I was easily able to put myself into their shoes. Being also a trained assessor, I was able to assess their work as such. This gave me a unique insight into the demands, complexities and ultimately how doable, such a test really is given the experience I now have.

Whilst observing, the importance and significance of the pre-test hit home. I suddenly understood that the seven searches Jochen and I had done were in fact our 'pre-test' and NOW we were ready to do the test proper. Unfortunately I do not have that option and that is the only thing that really upset me. Jochen is now too old for such a journey, we do not have the funds to make such an attempt again and even if we did, I would not put Jochen through the quarantine experience again.

### **WAS IT WORTH IT?**

Yes, in every way possible, it was worth it. For someone who is not involved with canine disaster search training, it may be very difficult to understand how important the experience of training with my own dog in Switzerland and Austria, and participating in the test whatever the outcome, has actually been.

Of course it would have been fantastic to pass however, in hindsight I now understand that in not being able to continue, I gained insights, knowledge and understanding that I would not otherwise have done. I now know how to adjust our training in Australia and how to better prepare our teams for our tests even though our sites will never be as complex as those in Switzerland.

Whilst all the courses and periods of being an observer in Switzerland have helped us to achieve a high standard, nothing compares with the experience of fully participating with my own dog; and of course, the most learning is done when making mistakes, adjusting and improving. The level of learning my dog and I experienced because we participated in the training and testing life of the Swiss disaster search dog world fully confirmed my instinct that this project had been necessary.

### **PROMOTION OF AUSTRALIAN GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG BREEDING ABROAD**

A blog was to be established through National Council but this did not happen and not long before we were due to leave, I took matters into my own hands and with the help of my husband, we created a website/blog [www.jochenswisschallenge.weebly.com](http://www.jochenswisschallenge.weebly.com) that I kept up almost on a daily basis.

I wrote to the secretaries of all the participating German Shepherd Dog member clubs asking that they place a link on their websites to my blog. Many did, some did not. Whilst in Switzerland I wrote to those club secretaries again and one club did then create a link.

Whilst I was in Switzerland I considered getting in touch with their German Shepherd Club but then decided against this. I will come back to this point.

Prior to leaving for Switzerland I managed to talk to Macca on 'Australia All Over'. I emailed him the link to my blog.

Richard Stubbs, presenter on the afternoon show on ABC Radio in Melbourne, gave Jochen and me an interview a few weeks before we flew out. I also emailed his producer the blog link. The producer passed all the information on to 'Australian Story' but I never heard from them.

Whilst we were in Switzerland, Christian Froelicher, presenter of the German Language program on SBS radio in Melbourne, discovered my blog and we organised an interview for after our return to Australia. This segment went to air in early January 2013. A photo plus the interview is also on their podcast <http://goo.gl/ocCij>

I also contacted a number of general dog forums overseas informing them of the project and my blog.

### **Jochen in Switzerland – double edged sword**

#### **General**

The general Swiss population fell in love with Jochen. Almost daily I was informed at great length from somebody how handsome, beautiful, magnificent, large, regal etc. he is. Whilst we were on the deployment exercise I was told that some people watching our work said that he was the most handsome German Shepherd Dog they had seen in years and what made him even more handsome was the fact that he was such a good worker.

People looking at him sometimes spoke in terms of awe how magnificent he is. Swiss, Italian, French and German people alike spoke to me at great length about him and when they discovered that he was Australian-bred and why we were in Switzerland, they were utterly astonished.

During the three months we were in Switzerland I hardly saw any German Shepherd Dogs and I learned that the breed does not have a good reputation in that country. The finger was very squarely pointed at the Swiss breed club people that



they do not breed sound dogs for daily living. There were two main complaints –unsound temperament and unsound health.

### **Search dog people**

Jochen was immediately recognised as being a show dog because he is so handsome. However, I learned very quickly that this was a negative and noticed that there was a prejudice against him because -

- (a) he is a German Shepherd Dog (it is the way Shepherds are built, too long, too this, too that... get yourself a Czech dog who is square!) and
- (b) because he is from show lines. I tried to explain that so many 'working' dogs have such long backs that they break down and that their upper arms are often so short and steep that this creates problems, but saw very quickly that I was wasting my breath.

Almost from the beginning I had to be very clear and firm in my mind that I made this journey because he is such a good dog and that I could not allow myself to be swamped by this fairly constant negativity. So I had a third job – protect Jochen and make sure that I did not at any stage fall into the negativity trap.

It seemed that not only did Jochen and I have to acclimatise and come to grips with far more complex search sites, I now also had to 'prove' his worth as a German Shepherd Dog capable of serious work. I decided that in fact Jochen had nothing to prove and that his working qualities would speak for themselves – which they did. Nonetheless, this was a pressure I had not anticipated.

When it became obvious that he could work, then his size became a 'problem'. I was told that he had a back problem, that he moves strangely (he has always had a tendency to pace and then of course his movement does look odd, but no-one wanted to know or understand. Again, I was wasting my breath.) Once when he was sitting he had his front legs bridged which flattens out the feet. I was told that he has flat feet and that most likely already has arthritis in his toes. He does not have a back problem and does not have arthritis and when he gaits he looks good.

Because of this negativity and prejudice, I did not contact the Swiss German Shepherd Dog club of our presence and our project.

### **Size does matter in a working dog breed**

At one point I addressed a post in my blog to the German Shepherd Dog community. You can read it in full on <http://goo.gl/xCXPu>

Essentially I wrote that as much as I am a devotee of the specialist show scene and believe in the standard, it cannot be denied that large, heavy, oversize, or standing at the upper limit in size, over-angulated, long dogs are NOT capable of sustained work at a high level such as wilderness and disaster search dogs are required to do. Whether we like it or not, our breed is too large and too heavy. Our dogs are not agile, lean or fit enough even for the show ring, never mind the many overweight obedience dogs that lumber around the training ground on a Sunday morning.

The disaster search dogs I saw were generally medium size, medium strong and light on their feet. They use mainly Border Collies, Malinois, Labradors and Golden Retrievers although other breeds and mixed breeds are represented. Watching their dogs tripping lightly over the disaster objects it becomes easy to understand why the search dog people are not interested in a large, heavy dog that cannot sustain high level performance on a rubble pile because they tire too quickly. Longevity also becomes an issue.

Our wonderful breed has lost its place as the best all-round working dog and is more often than not looked on with pity for what it once was and I experienced the full brunt of that general attitude. It is up to those who breed, show, judge, train and survey to improve the working qualities of our German Shepherd Dogs. This breed is supposed to be medium size, medium strong. Providing everything else is in place, such a dog or bitch is more than capable of holding its own in the working arena. Jochen did. He demonstrated what a German Shepherd Dog can do. The fact that he pulled a muscle in his back can happen to any dog.

Despite all this negativity, there was one ray of sunshine. The lead assessor on the first search in the test is a German Shepherd Dog devotee having had the breed all his life. When Jochen barked at the first find, he turned to the other assessor and said, 'Now THERE is a voice!' He and his wife had had to put their Shepherd bitch down two weeks earlier and were undecided whether to risk getting another Shepherd. They liked Jochen so much that after the test they decided another Shepherd was the only option.

### **What will I now do?**

On my return I was asked what I would now do (to compensate for the money donated). Was I now qualified to teach? How did we do in the competition?

I have been qualified to teach for many years. The test was an assessment, not a competition. Prior to leaving for Switzerland I offered to give demonstrations, put a simple program together, teach some basic search work so that Shepherd club members could be offered something different. I even submitted a plan. So far, there are no takers. I wonder if perhaps the question should be what the German Shepherd Dog community will do with the promotional opportunity that Jochen has provided? He has very ably represented the Australian German Shepherd Dog breed overseas. He can do no more - unless there is a call-out to a disaster.

I will continue to do what I have always done – teach anyone who is interested in becoming disaster search deployable with their dog. I am available for presentations and talks if there is enough interest in the German Shepherd Dog community.

I have made further attempts to promote the project with various media outlets but have only had one nibble from New Idea.

Despite my gratitude for the generosity the German Shepherd Community showed me, I must also voice my disappointment that it appeared largely not to take the project to heart and promote it in ways that I could not. From the German Shepherd Dog community's perspective, the project was not so much about me, but rather more about a German Shepherd Dog who was going to Switzerland for further training and assessment at the highest level and who happened to be my dog.

We are all in the Shepherd community because of the breed. This is one dog who by his working ability combined with good looks is worthy of being promoted. We all watch 'Inspector Rex' and like the fact that he is a German Shepherd Dog. Jochen can be viewed as the Australian disaster search dog version of that image. I would like to think that this is worth promoting by all.

Despite my surprise at the search dog world's attitude to the German Shepherd Dog breed, I need to make it very clear that REDOG management & members bent over backwards to take us under their wing and to assist Jochen and me in my quest to do their disaster search test. Their teaching, coaching and support in every way possible, was enormous. We were included in their organisational life and friendship was freely given. Their attitude to the German Shepherd Dog has arisen out of poor experiences with it. I met enough people who would still like to have a Shepherd as their working dog if only they could get a good one.

We, the German Shepherd Dog community, need to take heed of working dog people's valid complaints about our breed and make adjustments; that is, if it is important enough to us to continue promoting our breed as the best all-round working dog.

In closing, I would like to thank Jenny Kenworthy who worked very hard to help in promoting the project and seeking further funding. We worked very well together and did our best. I am proud of what we achieved.

The final word must be about my dog Jochen, a dog who travel to the other side of the globe with me, who criss-crossed Switzerland with me, who worked his heart out for me and walked his legs off on endless treks into the high Swiss mountains with me. He was a wonderful canine travelling companion and together we experienced the highs and lows of disaster search training in Switzerland. I am proud of him as my canine partner and I am proud that he is a German Shepherd Dog.

*Photo of Jochen with his reward after he had found a 'victim' at the Serbeco recycling centre near Geneva.*



*Waiting for the next search!*

## GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>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
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012

### **GSDCA Canine Outstanding Service Award Presented During 2012**



*Police Dog  
"Bosun"*



Police dog Boson turned 6 in May this year [2011]. He has been with his handler Senior Constable Wayne Algie since he was 2 months of age. He was later acquired by the Queensland Police Force and has been an active member of the Queensland Police Squad for nearly 4 years. Boson was bred by Kovacs GSD kennel in Victoria.

Boson and Wayne are stationed at Coomera Dog Squad and from his resume he is a very important part of the unit.

Boson is a General Duties dog which involves tracking and protection but he has also been cross trained in Marijuana. Over the course of his career he had had over 80 successful tracks and location of drugs.

Boson first came to the public's attention after a track in November 2010. A person had driven at Police after leaving the scene of a Break and Enter. The perpetrator then absconded on foot and entered a canal. Boson tracked him into the canal, and Wayne laden with his police equipment was having a lot of trouble, his dog assisted him to the banks, after this Boson continued the track and located the offender in the water near a pontoon.

Each and every day the members of the Queensland Police force including their dogs risk their lives for the safety of the Queensland community. Detective Senior Constable Damian Leeding was shot and killed at the Gold Coast leaving behind his wife Sonja [also a member of the Queensland Police Force and two young children Hudson and Grace.

Boson was involved in apprehending the alleged offenders shortly after the incident. This matter is now before the courts. Boson and the Coomera Dog squad were part of the Guard of Honour at Damian's funeral

It is with pleasure that the German Shepherd Council of Australia present our most prestigious award, the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award to Police Dog "Boson" and handler Constable Wayne Algie.

This presentation was made by the GSDCA President Mr. Vince Tantaro along with Queensland Police Commissioner Robert Atkinson and Dr. Glenda Atkins, Patroness Qld Dog Squad at the 40<sup>th</sup> German Shepherd National Show & Trial held in Newcastle over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## **GSDCA “NATIONAL” WINNERS**

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> National 1967 – North Sydney NSW</u></b> <b>Ch ALMARK BLACK PRINCE</b> S: La Salle Avalon Raja D: Redwood Lady Star	<b>Ch GLEN ANGUS TONI</b> S: Fair Haven Mateo D: Ch Bieder Della CD
<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> National 1972 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch HORAND PRINCE HUZZAR</b> S: Bratara Lord Huzzar D: Bratara Miss Gypsy	<b>BRATARA ADELE</b> S: Ch Horand Prince Huzzar D: Ch Glen Angus Toni
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> National 1974 – Dandenong Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch SHOOTERSWAY URBANUS</b> S: Rossfort Premonition D: Shootersway Europa	<b>Ch KINGSMENS WITCHCRAFT</b> S: Hendrawens Sirius Norge D: Kingmens Naomi of Jugoland
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> National 1976 – Nurioopta SA</u></b> <b>Ch INGO v HAFENLOHRTAL</b> (Imp Gmy) S: Lido vd Allmannspforte D: Gitta v Hafenlohtal	<b>Ch TANDINA MOLLIE</b> S: Ch Shootersway Urbanus D: Rossfort Sahara
<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> National 1977 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch INGO v HAFENLOHRTAL</b> (Imp Gmy) S: Lido vd Allmannspforte D: Gitta v Hafenlohtal	<b>Ch GOLDSTEINS ORLINDE</b> S: Ch Ingo v Hafenlohtal D: Delicia of Krakatoa
<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> National 1978 – Camden NSW</u></b> <b>Ch VOLSCAIN JESTER</b> S: Hendrawens Saggitarius D: Brydel August Sunset of Volscain	<b>Ch EDENSMUIR VITAL SPARK</b> S: Rossfort Premonition D: Edensmuir Aurora
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> National 1979 – Ballarat - Victoria</u></b> <b>BARRY v BERTELSDORFER HANG</b> (Imp Gmy) S: Xanto v Coburger Rosengarten D: Cora v Hauterberg	<b>EDENSMUIR LIZ’S GIRL OF BEDWIN</b> S: Rossfort Premonition D: Amulrees Michaela
<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> National 1980 – Nurioopta SA</u></b> <b>Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER</b> S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus D: Dunmonaidh Branda	<b>TANDINA JENNI</b> S: Jacco v Steigerhof D: Heike v Steigerhof
<b><u>9<sup>th</sup> National 1981 – Sydney NSW</u></b> <b>Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER</b> S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus D: Dunmonaidh Branda	<b>Ch BRATARA JOLA</b> S: Nico di Val del Tiepido D: Silvy Dell’Alta Quercia
<b><u>10<sup>th</sup> National 1982 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch DUNMONAIDH JUNKER</b> S: Elan v Michelstadter Rathaus D: Dunmonaidh Branda	<b>Ch DINA v RESTRAUCH</b> (Imp Gmy) S: Argus v Aducht D: Alfa v Restrauch



<b><u>11<sup>th</sup> National 1983 – Dandenong Victoria</u></b> <b>BESCHUTZ BENHEIM</b> S: Feger v Grunen Teufel D: Xarra Graf Edelmann	<b>TANDINA MATCHMAKER</b> S: Bedwins Reza D: Sadira Petit Fleur of Bedwin
<b><u>12<sup>th</sup> National 1984 – Nurioopta SA</u></b> <b>FIDELITAS KAISER A</b> S: Voirlich Amigus D: Fidelitas Flora	<b>CELLY v OLFENER KIRCHSPIEL a</b> <i>(Imp Gmy)</i> S: Lasso di Val Sole D: Sara v Olfener Kirchspiel
<b><u>13<sup>th</sup> National 1985 – Penrith NSW</u></b> <b>Ch KARLRACH SATANS RITES A</b> S: Liakar Satan of Fuhren D: Fairycross Clickety Click	<b>EIKE v MONS TABOR a (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Quai vd Boxhochburg D: Anja v Mons Tabor
<b><u>14<sup>th</sup> National 1986 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch AMOR v DREIBIRKENHAUS a</b> <i>(Imp Gmy)</i> S: Igor v Hylligen Born D: Viola v Dreibirkenhaus	<b>Ch KARLRACH WYOMING BELLE A</b> S: Liakar Satan of Fuhren D: Kurtlee Minnisota
<b><u>15<sup>th</sup> National 1987 – Dandenong Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch HASENWAY PUTZ A</b> S: Condor v Arminius a (Imp Gmy) D: Dina v Restrauch a (Imp Gmy)	<b>Ch LANDRINA MAJIC MELODY A</b> S: Karlrach Kentucky Lad A D: Duval Royal Velvet
<b><u>16<sup>th</sup> National 1988 – Nurioopta SA</u></b> <b>Ch QUINCITO AWOL A Z</b> S: Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark	<b>Ch ALDERHAUS YONNI A Z</b> S: Karlstadt Tumblin Dice A D: Alderhaus Lara
<b><u>17<sup>th</sup> National 1989 – Richmond NSW</u></b> <b>Ch QUINCITO AWOL A Z</b> S: Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark	<b>Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z</b> S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A
<b><u>18<sup>th</sup> National 1990 – Durack Queensland</u></b> <b>Ch PRIMA ZORBA A Z</b> S: Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A D: Prima Tiffany A	<b>Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z</b> S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A
<b><u>19<sup>th</sup> National 1991 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z</b> S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	<b>Ch DARKANA KALANI A Z</b> S: Ch Hasenway Putz A D: Karlstadt Hot To Trot A
<b><u>20<sup>th</sup> National 1992 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch INIFF VAGRANT A Z</b> S: Ch Baccara Red Beret A Z D: Iniff Majesta A	<b>Ch INIFF TAPESTRY A Z</b> S: Karlstadt Tumblin Dice A D: Karlrach Wyoming Belle A

<b><u>21<sup>st</sup> National 1993 – Nuriootpa SA</u></b> <b>Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z</b> S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	<b>Ch HAGENSTOLZ DRAW CARD A Z</b> S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Landrina Majic Melody A
<b><u>22<sup>nd</sup> National 1994 – Newcastle NSW</u></b> <b>KARDIN CHATS CHAMPION A Z</b> S: Ch Prima Zorba A Z D: Hasburn Back Chat A	<b>HASENWAY TRULY RULY A Z</b> S: Iso v Friedenspark a (Imp Gmy) D: Hasenway Rina A
<b><u>23<sup>rd</sup> National 1995 – Durack Queensland</u></b> <b>Ch HASENWAY WILD KNIGHT A Z</b> S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Darkana Nerida A	<b>Ch HAGENSTOLZ DRAW CARD A Z</b> S: Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z D: Landrina Majic Melody A
<b><u>24<sup>th</sup> National 1996 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch DORSTEN MONTE CITO A Z</b> S: Hasenway Putz A D: Ambala Lovely Lady A	<b>Ch SAN RANCHO CINNAMON A Z</b> S: Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z D: Randinka Gitta A
<b><u>25<sup>th</sup> National 1997 – Castle Hill NSW</u></b> <b>Ch LESKO v WILDSTEIGER LAND a (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Unto v Loherstein a D: Rita di Casa Mary a	<b>Ch ASTASIA YANA A Z</b> S: Alk v Domenica a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Astasia Lola A
<b><u>26<sup>th</sup> National 1998 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch IWAN v LECHTAL a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Immo v Batu a D: Kimba v Lechtal a	<b>Ch TURNBERRY HONDA A Z</b> S: Bedwins Siegfried A Z (Imp UK) D: Turnberry Topaz A
<b><u>27<sup>th</sup> National 1999 – West Beach SA</u></b> <b>Ch TURNBERRY STANDS ALONE A Z</b> S: Adam aus Wattenscheid a (Imp Gmy) D: Turnberry Nicolette A Z	<b>Ch SAN RANCHO CINNAMON A Z</b> S: Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z D: Randinka Gitta A
<b><u>28<sup>th</sup> National 2000 – Durack Queensland</u></b> <b>Ch DENARGUN BROWNE OFF A Z</b> S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z	<b>Ch TURNBERRY SMARTY PANTS A Z</b> S: Eng Ch Bedwins Siegaro A Z (Imp UK) D: Turnberry Nicolette A Z
<b><u>29<sup>th</sup> National 2001 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch DENARGUN BROWNE OFF A Z</b> S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z	<b>SALVIKO MONTANA A Z</b> S: Eng Ch Bedwins Siegaro A Z (Imp UK) D: Aimsway Raving Poser A
<b><u>30<sup>th</sup> National 2002 – Erskine Park NSW</u></b> <b>DEMTORI ANALIZE THIS A Z</b> S: Ch Turnberry Stands Alone A Z D: Zenrista Tabriz A Z	<b>Ch EISENLAND ZILLI A Z</b> S: Ch Triumphs Kazan a ED (Imp Swd) D: Eisenland Persuasion A Z
<b><u>31<sup>st</sup> National 2003 – Canberra ACT</u></b> <b>Ch AMBALA CAPRIO A Z</b>	<b>Ch KANTENNA NUTMEG A Z</b>



S: Tacko vd Felsen-Grotte a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Trissi v Wildsteiger Land a (Imp Gmy)	S: Ch Troy vd Noriswand A Z (Imp Gmy) D: Kantenna Ally McBeal A Z
<b><u>32<sup>nd</sup> National 2004 – West Beach SA</u></b> <b>Ch LEISHJACLYN ZPARTACUS A Z</b> S: Ch Leishjaclyn Rain Dancer A Z D: Leishjaclyn Livin Doll A Z	<b>Ch ICCARA VEGAS SHOWOFF A Z</b> S: Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z SchH3 (Imp Gmy) D: Iccara Dirty Dancer A Z
<b><u>33<sup>rd</sup> National 2005 – DSurack Queensland</u></b> <b>Ch UNOX v ADUCHT a Z (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Mack v Aducht a D: Brenda v Aducht a	<b>Ch BHUACHAILLE JAZZ LEADER A Z</b> S: Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z D: Bhuachaille Xpectations Z
<b><u>34<sup>th</sup> National 2006 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>Ch UNOX v ADUCHT a Z (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Mack v Aducht a D: Brenda v Aducht a	<b>Ch SUNHAZE INTRIGUE A Z</b> S: Ch Ambala Caprio A Z D: Sunhaze Luv on the Rocks A Z
<b><u>35<sup>th</sup> National 2007 – Erskine Park NSW</u></b> <b>Ch AIMSWAY ABACUS A Z</b> S: Balou v Eppelein a Z (Imp Gmy) D: Rakishka Ali A Z	<b>AIMSWAY KOODA-TA A Z</b> S: Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z D: Aimsway Santa Fe A
<b><u>36<sup>th</sup> National 2008 – West Beach SA</u></b> <b>*VIMO vd HOPFENHALLE a ED (Imp Gmy)</b> S: Zeppo v Klebinger Schloss a D: Chandra v Arline a	*Grand Champion <b>VONPETA TAYKALL BY STORM A Z</b> S: *Vonpeta Questor AZ D: *Ch. Eisenland B Witched AZ
<b><u>37<sup>th</sup> National 2009 – Durack Queensland</u></b> <b>*ITURNA NOBLE KNIGHT A Z</b> S: *Ch. Sannjesa Crusty Demon A Z D: *Randinka Yana AZ	<b>*Ch. VOITLANDER PINA COLADA A Z</b> S: *Cayos vd Noriswand a ED (Imp. Gmy) D: *Stunadel Olympia AZ
<b><u>38<sup>th</sup> National 2010 – Lyndhurst Victoria</u></b> <b>*Ch. KWINT v JEURIKSTALL a ED (Ndl)</b> S: *Levis di Fossombrone a ED D: *Perry v Arjakjo a ED	<b>*LAGO BIANCA A Z</b> S: *Ch. Kwint v Jeurikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Adelora Zena A Z
<b><u>39<sup>th</sup> National 2011 – Erskine Park NSW</u></b> <b>*Ch. Jimmy vom Baruther Land a ED (Imp Gmy)</b> S: *Naxos vom Holtkamper See D: *Yenti vom Baruther Land	<b>*Ch. Sannjesa Electra AZ</b> S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Sannjesa Copy Cat AZ
<b><u>40<sup>th</sup> National 2012 – Newcastle NSW</u></b> <b>*Kazkiri Xavi AZ</b> S: *Mika vom Overledingerland a (Imp Gmy) D: *Jannire Black Betty AZ	<b>*Ch. Sannjesa Electra AZ</b> S: *Ch. Kwint v Juerikstall a ED (Ndl) D: *Sannjesa Copy Cat AZ

## **GSDCA "MAIN BREED EXHIBITION" WINNERS**

<b>SIEGER</b>	<b>SIEGERIN</b>
<b><u>RICHMOND NSW 1987</u></b> <b>*Ch Edlenblut Orkan A Hneg</b> S: *Ch Edlenblut Fedo (Imp UK) D: *Ch Brackenbrae DiscoD	<b>*Ch Landrina Magic Melody A</b> S: *Ch Karlrach Kentucky Lad A *Ch Duval Royal Velvet A
<b><u>CANBERRA ACT 1988</u></b> <b>*Ch Edlenblut Orkan A Hneg</b> S: *Ch Edlenblut Fedo (Imp UK) D: *Ch Brackenbrae Disco	<b>*Ch Landrina Magic Melody A</b> S: *Ch Karlrach Kentucky Lad A D: *Ch Duval Royal Velvet A
<b><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1989</u></b> <b>*Ch Prima Zorba A Hneg</b> S: *Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A Hneg D: *Prima Tiffany A	<b>*Ch Darkana Kalani A</b> S: *Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D: *Karlstadt Hot to Trot A
<b><u>WEST BEACH SA 1990</u></b> <b>*Ch Prima Zorba A Hneg</b> S: *Ch Erntemond Gold Lancer A Hneg D: *Prima Tiffany A	<b>*Ch Bluemax Flare A</b> S: *Masuta Piaute (Imp UK) D: *Bluemax Geisha A
<b><u>CASTLE HILL NSW 1991</u></b> <b>*Ch Quincito Awol A Hneg (Imp NZ)</b> S: *Ch Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: Hella v Staark	<b>*Ch Darkana Kalani A</b> S: *Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D: *Karlstadt Hot to Trot A
<b><u>CANBERRA ACT 1992</u></b> <b>*Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg</b> S: *Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D: *Ambala Lovely Lady A	<b>*Ch Kantenna Love Match A</b> S: *Ch Heiko vd Burg Hausbrunn a (Imp Gmy) D: *Cabernae Inspired A
<b><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1993</u></b> <b>*Ch Iniff Vagrant A Z CDX TD Hneg</b> S: *Ch Baccara Red Beret A Hneg D: *Iniff Majesta A	<b>*Hasenway Truly Ruly A</b> S: *Iso v Friedensspark a (Imp Gmy) D: *Hasenway Rina A
<b><u>WEST BEACH SA 1994</u></b> <b>*Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg</b> S: *Ch Hasenway Putz A Hneg D: *Ambala Lovely Lady A	<b>*Ch Denargun Flying Colours A Z</b> S: *Vasall v Kirschental a CDX Hneg (Imp Gmy) D: *Denargun Charisma A
<b><u>ERSKINE PARK NSW 1996</u></b> <b>*Ch Hasenway Wild Knight A Z Hneg</b> S: *Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg D: *Darkana Nerida A Z	<b>*Ch Hagenstolz Draw Card A Z</b> S: *Ch Dorsten Monte Cito A Z Hneg D: *Ch Landrina Magic Melody A
<b><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 1998</u></b> <b>*Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)</b> S: *Immo v Batu a D: *Kimba v Lechtal a	<b>*Ch Turnberry Honda A Z</b> S: *Bedwins Siegfried A Z (Imp UK) D: *Turnberry Topaz A

<p><b><u>WEST BEACH SA 2001</u></b>  <b>*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg</b> (Imp Gmy)  S:*Hinnerk v Kiemoor a  D:*Jenny v Falltor a</p>	<p><b>*Ch Bronacre Ramoth A Z</b>  S:*Ch Hasenway Wild Knight A Z Hneg  D:*Hagenstolz Hi Noon A</p>
<p><b><u>ERSKINE PARK NSW 2003</u></b>  <b>*Ch Denargun Brownd Off A Z Hneg</b>  S:*Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Ch Denargun Blue Print A Z</p>	<p><b>*Kantenna Nutmeg A Z</b>  S:*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Kantenna Ally McBeal A Z</p>
<p><b><u>LYNDHURST VICTORIA 2005</u></b>  <b>*Ch Aimsway Abacus A Z Hneg</b>  S:*Balou v Eppelein a Z (Imp Sing)  D:*Rakishka Ali A Z</p>	<p><b>*Ch Denargun Moz On You A Z</b>  S:* Ch Iwan v Lechtal a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Ch Denargun Flying Colours A Z</p>
<p><b><u>NEWCASTLE NSW 2006</u></b>  <b>*Ch Astasia Heico A Z Hneg</b>  S:*Troy vd Noriswand a Z Hneg (Imp Gmy)  D:*Astasia Xcess A Z</p>	<p><b>*Sunhaze Intrigue A Z</b>  S:* Ch Ambala Caprio A Z Hneg  D:*Sunhaze Luv On The Rocks A Z</p>
<p><b><u>WEST BEACH SA 2007</u></b>  <b>*Ch. Sanjessa Crusty Demon A Z</b>  S:*Jasso vd Bimsgrube a Z  D:*Kronika Arni A Z</p>	<p><b>*Ch. Iccara Vegas Showoff A Z</b>  S:Ch.*Iwan v Lechtal a ED  D:*Iccara Dirty Dancer A Z</p>
<p><b>2 0 0 8</b></p>	<p>As approved at the 2009 GSDCA AGM  <i>"As at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 the Main Breed Exhibition is to be held in abeyance.</i></p>
<p><b>2 0 1 1</b></p>	<p>As approved at the 2011 GSDCA AGM under a  "60 day" Motion.  <i>"That the Main Breed Exhibition be terminated".</i></p>

## **GSDCA - SERVICE AWARDS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>YEAR OF PRESENTATION</b>	<b>VENUE OF PRESENTATION</b>	<b>AWARDED BY</b>
Dr Harry Spira	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bob Curtis	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Terry Jarvis	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Max Stokes	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Fay Stokes	New South Wales	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Tom Luxton	Victoria	1987	MBE - Sydney	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Joylene Neddermeyer	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ivor Snaith	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Rae West	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Riley Wing	South Australia	1988	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Malcolm Willis	United Kingdom	1988	English National Show	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bill Kinsman	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Roger Lavelle	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Fran Farley	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Anita Pettenhofer	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Louisa Roger	Victoria	1989	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Doug West	South Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Jan Strachan	South Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. John Cowdroy	New South Wales	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Harold Ireland	Queensland	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Phil Ireland	Queensland	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Barry O'Rourke	Western Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Carol O'Rourke	Western Australia	1990	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Mary Davidson	New South Wales	1991	Sydney - Royal Easter Show	Mr. Sam Bonifacio (GSDCA Judges Sub-Committee Chair)
Mr. Ray Stephens	ACT	1992	MBE - ACT	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Wolf Meffert	ACT	1992	MBE - ACT	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)

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Mr. Louis Donald	ACT	1992	MBE - ACT	Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer & Mr. Max Stokes (Distinguished & Meritorious Service Award)
Mrs. Jean Butterfield	South Australia	1993	National - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Myra Smith	South Australia	1994	MBE - South Australia	Mr. Louis Donald (GSDCA President)
Mr. Lance Young	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Dianne Ballantyne	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Col. Underwood	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Pearle Weise	Queensland	1995	National - Queensland	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Louis Donald	ACT	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Jurgen Neddermeyer	South Australia	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ron Orchard	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ian Cameron	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bill Dunn	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Vince Tantaró	Victoria	1996	National - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Anne Mitchell	Western Australia	1997	45th SA Championship Show	Mrs. Carol O'Rourke (GSDCA Public Relations Officer)
Mrs. Marilyn Wrigley	Victoria	1998	National - Canberra	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Margot Haines	Victoria	1998	National - Canberra	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Christine Collins	South Australia	1998	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Steve Collins	South Australia	1998	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Max Stokes (GSDCA President)
Mr. Ron Donaldson	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Nancy Croston	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Coralie Kirkpatrick	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Alan Christie	Queensland	2000	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. James Rodger	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Chris Hollingworth	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Frank Moody	Victoria	2001	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Sandy O'Rourke	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Ann McKenzie	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mr. Peter Worthing	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Gay Worthing	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)
Dr. Eva Francis	New South Wales	2002	National - Sydney	Mr. Vince Tantaró (GSDCA President)

NAME	STATE	YEAR OF PRESENTATION	VENUE OF PRESENTATION	AWARDED BY
Ms. Veronica Fairbairn	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Jenny Kenworthy	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Gillian Oats	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Paul Oats	ACT	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Fay Christie	Queensland	2003	National - Canberra	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. John DeLucia	South Australia	2004	National - South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Lyle Strachan	South Australia	2004	National - South Australia	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Glen Hickey	Queensland	2005	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Prof. Robert Wyburn	Western Australia	2005	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson	Western Australia	2005	National - Queensland	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mrs Elke Effler	Victoria	2005	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Hon. Don Chipp	Victoria	2005	MBE - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Rick Richardson	Western Australia	2006	National - Melbourne	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Roy Brabham	South Australia	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. David O'Rourke	New South Wales	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Dr. Karen Hedberg	New South Wales	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President) (Special Presentation Large Medallion)
Mr. Robert Zammit	New South Wales	2006	MBE - Newcastle	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. John Fenner	Western Australia	2007	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Dawn Howard	Victoria	2008	National - South Australia	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. Graeme Stevenson	New South Wales	2009	National - Queensland	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Yvonne Yun	New South Wales	2009	ACT Championship Show	Mrs. Jenny Kenworthy (GSDCA Treasurer)
Mrs. Helen Galbraith	New South Wales	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mrs. Christine Davis	New South Wales	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. David Kilner	New South Wales	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. Greg & Mrs. Jeannie Priest	Tasmania	2011	National - Sydney	Mr. Bruce Knight (GSDCA President)
Mr. Bruce Knight	Western Australia	2012		Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr. Dale Halling	South Australia	2012	National - Newcastle	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)
Mr Sean & Mrs Leeanne Lynch	Newcastle	2012	National - Newcastle	Mr. Vince Tantaro (GSDCA President)



## **GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS HISTORY**

<u><b>YEAR</b></u>	<u><b>PATRON</b></u>	<u><b>PRESIDENT</b></u>	<u><b>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</b></u>	<u><b>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</b></u>	<u><b>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</b></u>	<u><b>SECRETARY</b></u>	<u><b>TREASURER</b></u>	<u><b>EDITOR REVIEW</b></u>
1960	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1961	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr V Huth	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1962	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr K Stubbs	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1963	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr D Carnegie	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	Mr R Brabham
1964	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Dr G Giles	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Miss J Atkinson	Miss J Atkinson	Mr R Brabham
1965	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Mrs J Brabham (nee J Atkinson)	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1966	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1967	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1968	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1969	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1970	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Wing	Mr R Brabham	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1971	Judge Mitchell	Mr B Cooper	Mr E Van Bael	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1972	Judge Mitchell	Mr V Atkinson	Dr I Upton	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1973	Judge Mitchell	Mr I Murrell	Mr G Hallinan	Mr S Beeton	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1974	Mr D Chipp	Mr I Murrell	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1975	Mr D Chipp	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	Mr G Hallinan	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1976	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr W Reimann
1977	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1978	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1979	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann



1980	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1981	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>PATRON</u></b>	<b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u></b>	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b>	<b><u>TREASURER</u></b>	<b><u>EDITOR REVIEW</u></b>
1982	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1983	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mrs F Farley (nee Moody)	Mr M Stokes	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
<i>*In 1983, the AGM approved an Executive recommendation that the Vice Presidential system be abolished and be replaced on a functional basis as described below.</i>								
<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>PATRON</u></b>	<b><u>PRESIDENT</u></b>	<b>* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION</b>	<b>* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b>	<b><u>TREASURER</u></b>	<b><u>EDITOR QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW</u></b>
1984	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr P Burrett	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1985	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1986	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1987	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1988	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1989	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1990	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1991	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1992	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1993	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1994	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs F Farley	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1995	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr V Tantaro	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr N Richardson	Ms F Gehring	Mr R Stephens
1996	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1997	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1998	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr L Donald	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr J Rodger	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1999	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs F Farley	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding

2000	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaró	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2001	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Collins	Mr A Christie
2002	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2003	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2004	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2005	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2006	Mr D Chipp (Deceased)	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Ms Y Yun
2007	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2008	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2009	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2010	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2011	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2012	Vacant	Mr V Tantaró	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Yvonne Yun