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27th - 29th April 2018	46th National Show & Trial	Adelaide
21st – 22nd July 2018	GSDCA National Breed Commission meeting	Melbourne

Member Club Shows

Date	Event	Location	Judge
16-December-2017	GSDL Open Show	Sydney	Robert Zammit (NSW)
4-February-2018	Ballarat Dog Club	Ballarat, Victoria	Ian Urie (Vic)
18-February-2018	GSDCTas Championship Show PM	Tasmania	Salvatore Pittelli (SA)
18-February-2018	GSDCTas Championship Show AM	Tasmania	Greg Green (Vic)
10-March-2018	GSDCV Championship Show	Melbourne	Malcolm Griffith (UK)
20-April-2018	GSDAWA SBE	Perth	Melanie Groth (NSW)
27-April-2018	National - Males & LSCs	Adelaide	Christoph Ludwig (SV)
27-April-2018	National - Females	Adelaide	Rainer Mast (SV)
5-May-2018	WDC of Qld	Brisbane	Pieter Tjerkstra (Qld)
6-May-2018	GSDAWA Members Competition	Perth	John Fenner (WA)
9-June-2018	GSDCQ Members Comp	Brisbane	Jo Cathie (NSW)
1-July-2018	GSDAWA Members Competition	Perth	Robyn Knuckey (WA)
14-July-2018	GSDCQ Championship Show	Brisbane	Heather MacDonald (UK)
15-July-2018	GSDCQ Championship Show	Brisbane	Melanie Groth (NSW)
22-July-2018	GSDAWA Members Competition	Perth	Jessica Kada (NSW)
29-July-2018	NHRGSDC Championship Show	Newcastle	Karen Hedberg (NSW)

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PRESIDENT'S report



Yes, it's that time of the year again! Whoa, where has 2017 gone?

To say the Council has been more than active this year is an understatement: one of the actions from the SGM held in July was for the GSDCA Dogs Sport Working Party to compile a submission with regard to the acceptance of IPO by the ANKC as a sanctioned activity for members to participate in. The GSDCA IPO Submission was considered by the meeting of the ANKC Board in October

and we were emphatically informed that the submission was rejected and that IPO would not be approved now or in the future. (Copy of our submission and subsequent ANKC responses are posted on our website).

I ask all to please note that as the ANKC has reaffirmed its policy with regard to IPO that the GSDCA, its member clubs, and their members are duty bound by that policy.

I would like to thank Sanne Pederson, Jacinta Poole, Karen Eaton, John Fenner, Louis Donald and Julie Urie for their work that saw us able to provide a most credible and substantial submission in time for the ANKC meeting to decide on. With regard to other matters regarding the WUSV Harmonisation program, I am pleased to report that what has been provided to the WUSV has seen little concern expressed by the WUSV Board with regard to implementation. The only point of concern is the possible recognition of a 'blue helmet' organisation under WUSV structure: currently no such membership category exists and in my opinion would require the WUSV Annual General Meeting to endorse such a proposal before it can be put in place.

There is no doubt that the 'harmonisation' is causing much angst amongst the fraternity, and noting passions could easily split our organisation, I ask all to please stay calm and essentially it is 'watch this space' as we grapple to introduce the 23 schedules as agreed to. I have called for a Presidents' Meeting to be held prior to the AGM. The main issue to be discussed is our current and required capabilities that need to be put in place, viz Schedules 1, 2 & 3 as directed by the SGM.

On a sad note I would like to note the contribution of Mr James Rodger who has decided due to health concerns, to resign as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor and Judge. As someone who worked with James, I like many others can attest to James' passion and commitment for and to the GSD, the Council and his home club the GSDCV. He has over the past 40 years served all three organisations with enthusiasm and has a record of sustained and notable contributions that have made a difference and helped shape his Club and this Council. His drive and vision saw the birth of the modern QNR and 2 histories of this Council produced. These in themselves are great achievements, let alone the model he fashioned for the GSDCV that sees this Club outreach directly into the communities it serves! His love of the breed and breeding saw him become a judge and breed surveyor. James we wish you well in your retirement and thank you again for a lifelong job done extremely well!

I have noted that the positions of President, Judges Committee Chair and Treasurer are being contested at the AGM. I therefore ask members to please consider all candidates and exercise your vote at coming Member Club meetings that will not only direct their delegate on who to vote for, but also on the many agenda items that will be decided on.

The executive and I wish you all a most joyous festive and holiday season. I trust you all enjoy the break and again remind you to please ensure your dogs do have shade and plenty of water handy in what will be a long hot summer.

Kind Regards

Vince Tantara

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President

EDITORIAL

Time flies and this is our 4th and last edition for the year. I hope across the year you have found the cross section of articles in each of the Quarterly Reviews interesting, relevant or thought provoking. Maybe you've gained an insight into what others and their dogs do and some of the activities and disciplines available to you and your dog. Or better still you've learnt a little more about your dog and how they think! At the very least, I hope some of you look forward to ripping open the packet when each edition arrives. That will be an achievement in itself. 😊

This has to have been one of the more challenging years for the GSD fraternity in Australia with the WUSV Harmonisation Program and many people are raising an eyebrow to the future. It's important to work together, even if some aspects are not to your liking. There is a long way to go, more changes will occur and we cannot lose our way. Easier said than done. But at the end of the day, you still must enjoy what you do with your dog. For some that means tackling more challenges, gaining titles and learning new events. For others, it will be enjoying the show ring and the 'sport' that goes with it. But for many members, nothing will change. Your dog will still be your pet, trained and a well behaved member of the family. Maybe lying on the couch or at your feet now. If that's the case, don't worry – nothing will stop that from being the case into the future !!

Thankyou to our advertisers who have and continue to support the magazine. Your support is much appreciated for our magazine. Thanks also to those who have provided articles when asked, sometimes it is onerous, but I hope the broad topics we've covered have provided for interesting reading. This edition we wrap up Alexa McGauran's herding trip to Germany and her dog Bear's achievements, and we also hear firsthand from Jess Lynch of 'living and breathing' with a kennel in the lead up to the sieger show. Not to be outdone, Trinity and Stephanie Jones provide their experiences as young handlers at the sieger show. What a thrill and just shows what's possible for our young members these days. The countdown is on for the 2018 National Show & Trial, and the schedule in this edition provides all the details you need.

So as we all wind down for Christmas and the New Year, take a moment to reflect on what you and your dogs have done this year – and what you might plan for 2018. It's not that far away 😊 My best wishes for a safe and happy festive season. Travel safely, stay safe, and be vigilant with your dogs in the hot weather.

Enjoy your reading,

Cheers

Jacinta

CAMERAS LIGHTS ACTION!

It is with great pleasure that we present to you three gorgeous long stock coat German Shepherd Dogs.



Kaiser (Seigen Go Go Gadget)
bred by Hannah and Jason Kelly
(Derharv Kennels-Vic)



Hamish (Steinhiger Hamish)
bred by Stephen Triggs - Vic



Hunter (Ch. Khayem Karbon AZ CCD)
bred by Kim McGregor
(Khayem Kennels-NSW)

Kaiser, Hunter and Hamish are three working dogs, but not as it usually applies to our magnificent and versatile breed. These three boys, which we have nicknamed the "Three Amigos" have all had a working career that has had them involved being in front of cameras in the media business in one way or another! Kaiser is also known as Mr. Clooney, and Hunter is also known as Mr. Pitt.

Hunter's career started when he was discovered by Pro Plan dog food. As a puppy he attended a photo shoot run by the company. They were looking for handsome responsive pups who still had their ears down. Hunter was just what they were looking for and he got the job. Looking at him it is easy to see why!



Hamish began his film career when he scored a very substantial role as Archie in a feature film called the "Comet Kids". Comet Kids is being released in cinemas on 18th November 2017 and will be out on DVD/Blu-ray/Digital Download on December 20th, 2017. Session information can be found www.facebook.com/cometkids. The role required a very well-trained dog who could work comfortably with children and bark on command, amongst many other things. Hamish is owned by Stephen Triggs whose talented two-legged son (Glenn Triggs) is the writer, director and producer of this wonderful independent film.

Kaiser's career began when a developing animal talent agent put out a request via the Sun Herald newspaper in Melbourne for animals to work as extras. They did not necessarily have to be gorgeous, but they had to be well trained and calm. Kaiser had been in a recent photo shoot at the time, so a lovely head and body shot was sent in to the agent and he was put on the books immediately. Everything took off from there for him and the job offers have been consistent ever since.

We three owners, would all say that working with our dogs on set is not as glamorous as it first appears. It is hard work and the hours can be horrendous. There are always unexpected events and sometimes there are even changes to the original ideas for the shoot. Just when you think you have it sorted, you find out you haven't! Nothing is ever set in concrete until the final take and you hear the magic word, cut! To say that calmness is important is an understatement. That applies to both dog and owner, because we know how much they take their cues from our body language. They know what we are doing before we do! Simply, if we feel stressed then so are they. A stressed dog cannot work and in the media business that means time and money is wasted. Nobody wants that to happen.

It is essential that the dog can deal with bright lights, people standing over them with cameras and audio equipment, unusual noise, hustle and bustle, strangers, hanging around and doing very little, distractions, especially if filming outside, they may have to work with unfamiliar dogs or even different species and be comfortable with it. They also need to be responsive and can change their focus from their usual handler to an actor. Mostly they won't know the actor at all. German shepherds are known to be "velcro" dogs with a great love and commitment to their family members, so it is not at all easy for them to transfer their interest to another person or persons. There are other breeds who find that much easier.

Obedience is naturally very important. The basics must be well established, sit, stay, stand, drop and come. Additional to this, speaking and growling on command, backing up, catching balls, spinning around,

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food refusal and running to a marker are all good things to have as a basic repertoire for dogs in this line of work. Frequently the dog will need to respond to commands given by hand signals only, with the handler obviously being out of the shot and sometimes at quite a distance. As handlers we can find ourselves in some very unusual positions giving direction to our dogs in one way or another. It may be hiding in a bush, up a ladder, under a bed, squashed behind a piano, or under a table. The dogs can't be too fazed or curious about the weirdness of it all either. They just need to "think" well that is my mum or dad up that tree or under that bed and I have just been told to "drop" so I will do it and with confidence! It is solid obedience with a difference if you like. It is a very big ask when you put it all together. Our three boys are quite special in their own way even if they don't know it!

It is always best to know as much as you can about a shoot and prepare for it. From experience, what the client's think is an easy task, usually is not. As with any training you break down what needs to be done into the smallest parts. To make this point I can use a recent film shoot for Kaiser (Some Happy Day 2018). I was told he just had to sleep on the floor in a small bedroom with his owner, an actor he had never met. A smoke machine was being used to set the scene in the room, a noisy fan was blowing the smoke around, a loud alarm clock was set, it was daylight outside, but the room was darkened to make it look like it was night time. No big deal? For a human, maybe! To add to this the scene had to be done without voice direction from me or the actor.

Kaiser was to enter the room (ignoring me), the actor was already in bed, he had to go to a mat and drop, and then put his head down and look as though he was relaxed and ready to sleep. He had to do all this with strangers around, the camera was set for closeup shots in a space that was very confined making it most intrusive. At one count there were five people in the room, including me. I was almost curled up in a ball behind the camera out of sight.

For this scene I needed to train him to drop his head and keep his head down until he heard the "free" command, which means "off job" for him. Free means he can come straight to me for his high reward treat. He learnt that one so quickly! Sometimes we have had a little issue with drooling because he knows that cameras, lights, action means cooked steak treats for him at some point.

He learnt to put his "head down" quite quickly. As I mentioned he responds well to treats, so he followed my hands without a problem. I used both hands together, to make the signal look quite different from the usual drop signal. I knelt in front of him, using the words "head down" and the both hands down action. Once he got the idea I stopped the voice command and used just the hand signal.

To add to it, he learnt "right down", which required a different hand signal. I wanted him to lie on his side to look even "more relaxed". He didn't have enough time to feel comfortable to do this and he wouldn't hold it for long, so we left that out on the day. We are still working on it even though we may never use it, the challenges keep an old working dog thinking!

Stunning Hunter, (German Shepherd Dog League NSW.) originally had his puppy photo used for Pro Plan Puppy Food. As he grew so did his reputation, he was sought after and he has been used by other companies such as, Genesis Adult Premium Dog Food, Toyota Dealership Insurance, Toyota (YouTube ad), and a most recent TV commercial for Claratyne. Hunter's other credits include being part of the GSDL Demo team and attending publicity events such as the Sydney



Royal Easter Show and the Dog Lovers Show. Hunter is owned by Tracey Lewis and is managed by Animal Talent Time (Sydney)

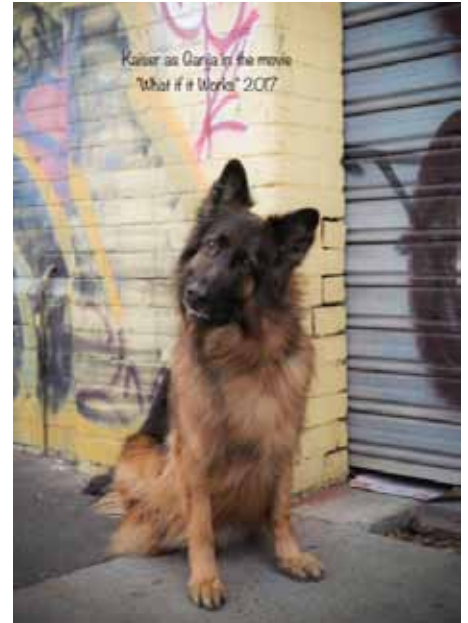
Handsome Hamish, (Eastern Branch GSD Club of Vic) plays Archie in the Comet Kids. He was just amazing in this role and his excellent training is evident in



the strong performance that he gives. We hope you get to see the film very soon. Without a doubt and without bias, it is a film that everyone will enjoy, and its pre-Christmas release is timely. Hamish is owned and managed by Stephen Triggs.

Gorgeous Kaiser, (Malvern Branch GSD Club of Vic) Kaiser has many credits to his name. He has featured in two short films, Match (2014), A Hungry Man (2014) both filmed by The Victorian College of the Arts Film and Television graduates, a Kmart online commercial for their Pet products (2016), three Independent feature films, "What if it Works" (2017) which is showing in cinemas at the time of writing. What if it Works will be released on DVD, Blu-ray, and online streaming at the end of the year. What if it Works has won and been nominated for many film festival awards here and in the USA and Canada. It was up to eight

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at last count and that is a wonderful achievement for an Aussie Indie film. It is also in contention for an award at the prestigious AACTA awards 2017. Kaiser plays Ganja the Dog in this film alongside Luke Ford, Anna Samson, Wade Briggs (his owner) and Brooke Satchwell. Mutt (2018) is complete and due for release next year. Kaiser is in the forest scene for that film. Some Happy Day (in progress) Kaiser has a few scenes in this film which is filming in St Kilda and Daylesford Victoria. He will be on location in Daylesford in November for the final scenes before the final wrap for this film. He is in a video filmed at the now notorious Pentridge Prison for Reignier tough guy clothing. Kaiser has been part of the team who represented the GSD club Vic in the Moomba Parade on two occasions. Kaiser is owned by Merran Hamilton and managed by Merran and Animal Extras Talent Agency. (Australia)



As owners we are very proud of our beautiful animals and we are sure that they have represented the German Shepherd breed in the best way possible. Kaiser, Hunter and Hamish show the beauty of the breed, the versatility of the breed, the super intelligence of the breed in the way they can learn to get the job done, whatever that job may be. In their case, they are media stars which means they have found themselves in some unusual situations for dogs and they have handled themselves beautifully. Well done boys!

*Merran Hamilton,
Stephen Triggs and
Tracey Lewis.*



HERDING in Germany

LIVING THE DREAM PART 2

By

Alexa McSauran

To briefly recap

I have spent April-September with my GSD in the Schwabische Alb, Germany sheep herding with a professional MeisterSchäfer Herr Georg Krieg.

I came to experience this traditional German style of stock management. I brought my dog along as company and a focus for learning over the many months.

I had no expectations of him. I honestly did not know what the nature of his contribution to my learning would be. But I felt certain that come what may it would enrich the experience. I went to Germany with a very open mind about what I would experience and learn. And I wanted to imbibe, rather than learn in any structured way. And by electing to stay many months I gave myself time to adjust and respond to the rhythms of the days and seasons.

SO,

Who am I?

Obviously a mad keen GSD owner who has chosen sheep herding as her particular passion. My previous dog Gus (Aiesha's Gypsy's Ghost HSAs HXCs) was the first Advanced Herding GSD (C Course) in Australia. C Course is based on the German style of shepherding, called **Tending**. Gus was a brilliant tending dog and it was through him that I learnt the value of herding to many of our dogs.

And who is Bear?

Ch Followtrek USS Enterprise PT HGH, Bear (Grylls) is a very talented, particularly smart GSD. Now five years old he has a lot of drive. But he is also a very cooperative, non-demanding dog.

Before we left Australia Bear had started herding but he had not gone far. Due to many and varied personal (mine) circumstances his herding training was interrupted and problematic.

Taking him to Germany I knew he had the talent to do the job. I had believed he had it from day 1. What I did not know was exactly to what degree he would participate in working life.

But Bear's ability to learn quickly has been a delight for me to watch. I cannot stress too much how we are in Herr Krieg's workplace. Herr Krieg cannot afford to hold up his work to focus on an unresponsive dog who cannot learn, and learn quickly.

Herr Krieg is an intuitive dog trainer who is both patient and supportive of the dog while insisting upon correct working behaviour. He has that wonderful insight that delights our dogs. The timing is right, the pressure is right and the corrections/rewards are right. Bear has blossomed.

What and how have we learnt?

Well I guess you could say we have learnt by immersion. For the first month we worked every second day. Then we switched to 6 days a week. Half days mostly. While some days may have been tough for Bear, I had come believing that he could cope with a reasonably difficult workload. The first month was a huge wake up for my pampered pooch. But at the same time, every morning he rushed to the car, full of enthusiasm and totally joyful about the experience of being in Germany doing what GSDs do.

At first we often had to show Bear what to do. Literally. There were times when I had to walk him through an activity – mainly finding a non-existent border to patrol. We would have to repeat new instructions and be beside him so that we could indicate the correct responses. (And please note that this is not on a nicely graded sports field – this is in the wilds of the Alb - and could involve steep hills and very dodgy ground. Herr Krieg wisely left all that to me!)





Then we had to show Bear which of his instincts were appropriate. This involved praise and encouragement when he was on song and correcting/stopping certain behaviours eg wanting to turn into the sheep rather than hold a straight line that passed them --- technical and important in a practical sense. Herr Krieg's experience meant that there was little confusion and Bear enjoyed knowing when he was doing the right thing.



I have learnt a great deal by watching as well as asking questions. My German is not good enough for subtle conversation so I am glad that I have given myself the time to observe, reflect and start to act. I found I needed to do, not just once, but repeatedly over time. Like our dogs I need to learn and then proof my learning!



I am glad also that I have given myself time to prove that Bear and I are "reliable". It was a tremendous thrill to be left in charge of the flock while Herr Krieg attended to another matter. Albeit he set us up in undemanding environments and did not go for long (an hour was the longest) but we were nonetheless in a position to create havoc if I had lost my nerve and control over my dog. And we do not always work alongside Herr Krieg. We are often some distance away managing another section of the grazing area.

The exciting thing for me teaching a GSD to herd as he is meant to (forget the Australian style) is that you are working with a dog who has all the key ingredients in his DNA. You just need to mould them into working efficiently in the workplace. This particular working environment in the Schwabische Alb has been significantly varied and often confusing for Bear. It was clear that when we mimicked what he had already learnt (eg using the road as a border) he felt relief and went for it. But when I did the Second Review of Bear's progress in my Blog** I realised what we had achieved in an incredibly short time. It was after that review that I fully appreciated that my belief in Bear's talents were well founded. Such a clever, fast learner.



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How far have we come?

Further than I could have imagined.

I am quite confident in reporting that Bear is now a true working dog in Germany. He pulls his weight and contributes to the "Krieg Team".

In July we decided to go for Bear's Prüfungsstufe, the **HGH**. This is the herding test that the SV recognises as a test of breed worthiness (the other being a Schutzhund title). Herr Krieg believed we should aim for it. I was so shocked I immediately gave Bear and myself a break! He went to stay with his canine mates and I went off to the bright lights of Berlin for a week.

I had not expected to aim for the HGH and I was still a little doubtful if we had the time to train Bear up to the level required for a formal test of his ability. The HGH can be undertaken with 200 sheep and a single dog, the dog being tested. The elements of the test are the same as the national competition and all other regional competitions. The skills required are the same and points awarded are the same. The national competition (**BLH**) though is 400 sheep and two dogs. Definitely up a level.

Because this is a test not a competition, although it is scored the same way competitions are, it can be done in situ with your own flock. Bear was tested with Herr Krieg's 500 sheep, which included bucks and all the lambs. Another dog, the lovely Dana, was used as the helper. The second dog is used sparingly as she cannot interfere with the test dog being assessed. He has to show his abilities. So the Beihund does not work with the grazing sheep, only on the road as needed to keep such a large flock together.

The German judges are experienced shepherds who know exactly what is needed for the job. On the day our judge was Herr Manfred Voigt, the chief judge...scary.

At the end of August Herr Krieg and I went into the test knowing that Bear had the talent but had the learning time to handle a test which ended up being close to one and half hours long?

Well, he had.

.....91 points and an EXCELLENT grading later I was the ecstatic owner of a HGH dog.....

We had a day off and then back to work—in the rain.

What an adventure Bear and I have had. How much we have shared together. All because I had a crazy idea to find the "real" GSD experience in Germany.

But there are so many ways for anyone and their dog to undertake an adventure together. It's about **experiencing together**.

It does not have to be an overseas trip but believe me, if you are thinking of it do not worry. No matter what your activity is here in Australia your dog can do it overseas. Our dogs are GOOD. They are world class and up to it all. We might have more to learn when we arrive, but our dogs have as much talent and enthusiasm as any here in Europe.

By the time you read this both Bear and I will be home. I have no idea how I am going to break it to him that we are leaving the Schwabische Alb for good. He is such a true worker now. He so joyfully rises to the challenges of the difficult mountain environment that I fear my Australian offer is going to be but a pale imitation.

But at least there will be sheep and work----for us both.

*****herdingingermany.blogspot.au***

I recommend a look. It has photos and videos that give a great insight. Three posts I recommend if you are in a hurry

1. Bear's Second Report Card 25/5
2. Bear's Idea of a Good Time 17/6. It's fun.
3. Enjoying the Work 11/8. The music is great.

We asked Alexa one last question for herself and Bear.....

Obviously you would do it all again if you had the chance, but what was the highlight or most memorable experience for you both?

A: You ask an impossible question !

Obviously Bear's 91 is an outstanding experience. Georg was delighted and thrilled. He is in the top bracket the Bear boy is.

I remember clearly one warm day when Bear and I were at the top of the hill, with a lovely field behind us, and Georg and his dogs were down at the bottom. It was particularly picturesque and relaxing standing alone with just my working dog as company. I turned to Bear who was taking a brief pause next to me and unthinkingly said "isn't it amazing Bear but we are here, in Germany, actually looking after sheep. Here in Germany".

I felt marvellous and totally at one with everything. Including having meaningful conversation with my dog!!

But the truth is that Bear and I had so many memorable moments. Truly memorable.

Alexa McSuaran



The BH [Begleithund] Test

In July the GSDCA Member Clubs voted to undertake many of the proposed schedules on the WUSV Harmonisation program. Schedules 1, 2 and 3 included the ZAP puppy test, the BH test and the Endurance test. The harmonisation program's overall aim is to improve the conduct and testing of the GSD's character and working traits and in the future ZAP, BH and the Endurance test will be a prerequisite before an animal is presented to Breed Survey.

Below are the schedules as approved, and the detail for the BH test is provided for those wanting a head start !

Schedule for Breed Harmonisation

1. Working Test ZAP (Part 1 – Puppy Test)

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.

2. Working Test ZAP plus BH

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.

- All dogs born after 30th December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.

3. Working Test ZAP plus BH plus AD (Endurance Test)

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) undertakes to implement Working Test ZAP plus BH, plus AD, effective 30 December 2021.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.

The BH Test

The BH test includes an obedience routine and a traffic test which assesses the dog's behaviour towards normal life situations (other dogs, joggers, bicyclist, cars, strangers etc.). The BH test is like the Canine Good Citizen test, with the addition of an extensive obedience routine. A dog needs to get a minimum of 70 to pass the obedience routine, which is a prerequisite to be eligible to perform Part B – the Traffic Test.

The minimum age requirement is 15 months. In order to conduct a BH test at least four dogs must participate in the trial.

Temperament test

Prior to the BH trial all participating dogs must undergo a temperament evaluation, whereby an identity check of the microchip is also to be done. The evaluation of temperament is carried out for the duration of the trial. Dogs which have not passed the temperament test are excluded from further participation in the trial. If a dog that initially passed the temperament test displays a weakness during the trial, the judge may exclude him from further trialing and makes a notation in the scorebook – "Temperament test/Behaviour test not passed".

A gun test is not conducted for the BH test.

Evaluation

Dogs that did not achieve the required 70% of the point value in level A, may not continue the traffic portion of the test of level B.

At the end of the trial, the point results are not given, but rather only a "pass" or "not passed" will be made known by the trial judge. The trial is passed if 70% of points are achieved for part A. And the judge states that an adequate level was reached in part B. It is up to the judge, at the request of the hosting club, to place the participants at the awards' ceremony.

A) Companion test on the training field. Total 60 points

Each Individual exercise begins and ends with the basic position. The dog sits at the left side in a straight, calm and attentive manner next to the handler with his right shoulder blade level with the handler's knee. Assuming the basic position is only once at the beginning of an exercise. The handler assumes the basic position in a sporty manner. The final basic position of the previous exercise may be used as the basic position for the start of the next exercise. Handler body help is not permitted, as this will lead to point deductions. Carrying of motivational articles or toys is not permitted. If a handler is physically handicapped and cannot correctly execute a portion of an exercise, he must bring this to the attention of the judge prior to the start of the trial. If a handicapped handler cannot heel his dog on the left side, then he may do so on the right side.

The judge signals the start of each exercise. Everything else, such as about turns, halts, changes of pace, etc., is done independently. However, it is permissible to ask the judge for instructions.

Praising a dog is permitted after each exercise is completed. After that the handler may assume a new basic position. There needs to be a definitive break between praise and a new start (approx. 3 seconds). The dog is to be in heel position between exercises.

Heeling on leash/Off-leash

The starting basic position "B" is also the basic position at the end of the exercise. In the group, the handler and his dog has to circle around one person from the left and one person from the right side.

Heeling on Leash (15 points)

Command "Heel" From the basic position, the dog, wearing a certified commercial collar is to follow the handler happily on lead. The collar may not be worn on the live ring. When the second handler, after taking his dog to the place for the exercise "down under distraction", is in the basic position for this exercise, the first handler has to be also in the basic position and from this moment the examination starts for both dogs.

DOG testing

At the beginning of the exercise, the handler goes out straight to 50 paces with his dog without stopping, does an about turn and after 10 to 15 paces shows fast and slow pace always with the voice command "Heel". The transition from fast pace to slow pace is to be performed without any transitional steps. At a normal pace at least two right turns, one left and two about turns are to be executed (see diagram). As well as halting after the second about turn.

The dog is to remain at the left side of the handler with his shoulder at the handler's knee height. The about turn is to be executed by the handler as a left about turn.

The halt is to be shown at least once at a normal pace according to the schematic after the second about turn.

The handler is permitted to use the verbal command "Heel" when beginning an exercise and when changing pace. When the handler stops the dog is to assume a quick sit without any help from the handler. The handler may not alter the basic position and not move closer to the dog if the dog is positioned away from the handler. The leash is to be held in the left hand during the heeling and must be carried loose. At the end of the exercise and upon instructions from the judge, the handler is to proceed through a group of a minimum of 4 people.

Lagging, forging, heeling wide, slowly sitting near the handler are considered faulty.

Group

Heeling through a group of moving people is to be shown both on- and off leash. The handler must go at least one time to the left and right (e.g. figure 8) around the people. Each time the handler goes through the group, he has to halt at least once near a person. It is up to the judge to request a repeat. On instruction of the judge, the handler and his dog leave the group and assume a basic position. Praising the dog is only permitted after leaving the group and in the final basic position.

About turn (180 degrees)

The about turn is to be demonstrated by the handler at a 180 degree turn in place to the left. There are two variables possible:

- The dog turns behind the handler to the right
- The dog shows a left about turn by turning 180 degrees in place.

Within a given trial only one of the two variables is permitted.

2. Off-Leash (15 points)

Verbal command “Heel”

Under the direction of the judge the dog is taken off-leash. The handler either hangs the leash over his shoulder or puts it in his pocket (in either case away from the side of the dog) and immediately goes back into the moving group of people in order to halt at least one time in the group. After leaving the group, the handler assumes the basic position once again and then begins the off-leash heeling exercise 1.

3. Sit exercise (10 points)

Verbal command “Sit”

From the basic position the handler goes with his free-heeling dog in a straight direction. After a minimum of 10 to 15 paces the handler assumes basic position and commands the dog to "sit" and goes another 15 paces and turns facing the dog. Under the direction of the judge, the handler returns to his dog and places himself on the right side of the dog. If the dog does anything other than sit, for instance lies down or stands, then 5 points are deducted.

4. Down in connection with recall (10 points)

Verbal command “Down – Heel”

From the basic position the handler goes out in a straight direction after giving his dog the heel command. After 10 to 15 paces the handler assumes the basic position and commands "Down". He continues another 30 paces and turns facing the dog. Under the direction of the judge the handler recalls the dog to him. The dog is to return happy and quickly and sit close in front of the handler. At the "Heel" command the dog is to finish by sitting close next to the handler.

If the dog stands or sits, but otherwise comes perfectly back to the handler, then 5 points will be deducted.

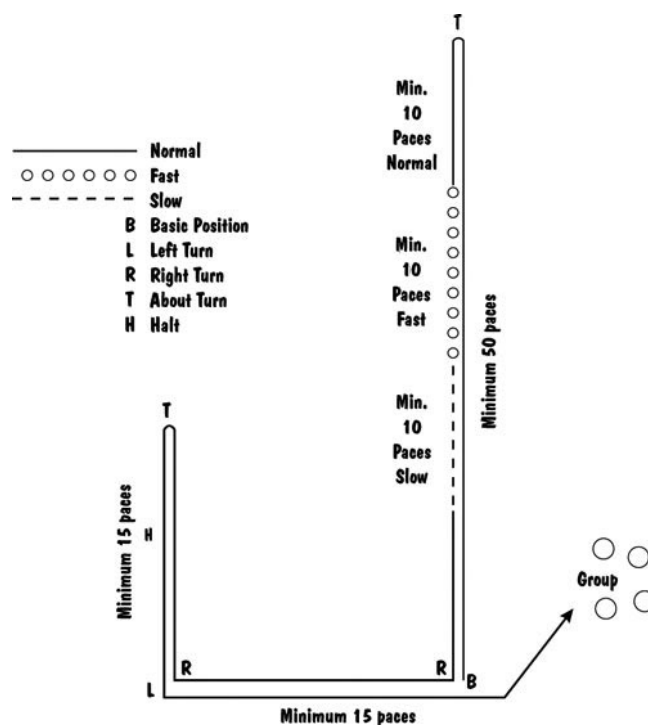
5. Down under distraction (10 points)

Verbal command "Heel", "Down", "Sit"

Prior to the beginning of phase “B” of the other dog and as per the judge’s instructions of a designated area, the handler takes his off-leashed dog and commands “Down” in a straight lying position and without leaving a leash or other object next to the dog. The handler leaves the dog without looking back and after at least 30 paces remains in sight of the dog with his back turned to him. The dog has to lie quietly without any influence of the handler while the other dog performs exercises 1 through 4. Under the direction of the judge, the handler returns to his dog and stands at his right side. After 3 seconds and at the instruction of the judge, the dog is to assume the sit position quickly and straight at the verbal command to do so.

Restless behaviour of the handler as well as any hidden handler help, restless behaviour of the dog as well as standing/sitting up at the time of pick up results in point deduction. If the dog sits or stands, but does remain in place then only partial point deduction will result.

If the dog leaves the designated area by more than 3 metre prior to the other dog completing exercise 2, then the exercise is evaluated with zero points. If the dog leaves the designated area after the end of exercise 2, it is given partial point for that exercise. If the dog goes towards the handler, when he goes to pick up the dog, there is an up to 3 point deduction.



B) Testing in Traffic

General provisions

The exercises listed below are conducted in a suitable public area. The judge will determine where and how the traffic exercises will be conducted (streets, walkways or squares). Public traffic may not be interfered with.

The execution of this part of the test requires a significant amount of time to complete. The performance requirements may not be reduced by superficially examining a substantial number of dogs.

Points are not awarded for individual exercises of part B. In order to pass this part of the test, the overall impression concerning the behaviour of the dog moving through the traffic and public areas is important.

The following noted exercises are examples and may be modified by the judge depending on the local conditions. The judge is authorized to repeat or modify exercises in questionable cases when evaluating the dog.

Trial execution

1. Encounter with a group of people

At the instruction of the judge the handler and his on-leashed dog walk a designated stretch of a sidewalk. The judge follows at an appropriate distance.

The dog follows the handler willingly at his left side with a loose hanging leash with his shoulder at knee height of the handler.

The dog is to remain indifferent to the pedestrians and traffic.

A passing pedestrian (previously assigned) will cut off the handler and the dog is to remain neutral and uninfluenced.

Handler and dog continue through the casual group of a minimum of 6 people, whereby one person addresses the handler and shakes his hand. The dog, who receives the "sit" or "down" command by the handler, is to remain calmly in place during the conversation.

2. Encounter with bicyclist

The on-leashed dog goes with his handler along a path and is overtaken by a bicyclist from behind, who rings a warning bell. After a good distance, the bicyclist turns around and approaches the handler and dog. Again the warning bell is sounded. Passing is done so that the dog is between the handler and the bicyclist.

The on-leashed dog is to remain neutral towards the bicyclist.

3. Encounter with cars

The handler goes passed several cars with his on-leashed dog. One of the car's engine will be started. With another the door will be slammed shut. While the dog and handler continue, a car will stop next to them. The window will be put down and the handler will be asked for information. The dog is to either "sit" or "down" at the command of the handler. The dog is to remain calm and neutral towards cars and all other traffic noises.

4. Encounter with joggers or inline skaters

The handler walks with his on-leashed dog along a quiet path. A minimum of two joggers pass him without slower down their speed. After the joggers are at a distance, another jogger runs towards the dog and handler and runs passed them without reducing his speed. The dog does not need to be in proper heel position may however not interfere

with the passing jogger. It is permitted to have the handler place his dog in a sit or down position.

Instead of joggers, it is permissible to use one or two inline skaters to pass the dog and handler and then approach them from the front.

5 Encounter with other dogs

In passing or encountering another dog and his handler, the dog is to remain neutral. The handler may give and repeat the command "Heel" or place the dog in a sit or down position.

6. Behaviour of the tethered dog towards other animals when left alone

Under the direction of the judge the handler walks with his on-leash dog along a relatively low traffic road. After a short distance the handler stops and at the direction of the judge tethers his dog with the leash to a fence, wall or something similar. The handler goes out of sight into a store or a house entrance.

The dog may stand, sit or lie down.

During the absence of the handler, a passing pedestrian walks past with his on-leashed dog at a side distance of approximately 5 paces.

The dog left alone has to remain calm during the absence of his handler. The dog passing by (no dog aggressive animal is to be used), he is to let pass by without showing aggressiveness (pulling strongly on the leash, constant barking). At the direction of the judge, the dog is picked up.

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Remarks

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What the judge is looking for:

As in all obedience exercises, the judge is looking for spirit balanced by accuracy and precision. Correct heeling position is important. Every exercise starts and ends with the dog at heel in the basic position. It is judged in every obedience exercise in one form or another. The dog must remain in a consistent position with its shoulder beside the handler's knee, and must be attentive to the handler at all times. The team must demonstrate normal, fast and slow heeling with smooth changes between paces. The dog must match its speed to that of the handler. Judges evaluate, in particular, the start, turns, changes of pace and the halts. The overall attitude of the dog is critical. The picture the handler wants to present is of a happy working dog pleasing its handler by staying exactly along side, regardless of what the handler does. The most common faults observed include inattentiveness, sullen attitudes, wide turns, lagging and forging in the changes of pace, and crooked, slow sits. Handlers can create a negative impression by failing to show the complete heeling pattern and by not taking enough steps in the fast, slow, etc. This often places the dog at a disadvantage when the handler tries to cut short the heeling between the turns and the halt.

Showtime in Germany

By

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In August I headed off to spend five weeks over in Germany helping to train and prepare for the Siegershow as well as heading to a number of big lead up shows. I was lucky enough to be able to spend this time with the most successful team in the world Kennel D'Ulmental. I have handled for them for a number of years but this was my first year spending the lead up to the siegershow in Germany so to say I was excited was an understatement!



I arrived and walked in the door greeted by the lovely Cronos del Seprio. Cronos is an amazing dog in every way, not just beautiful to look at but an excellent temperament. He is very relaxed in the house, loved to play outside, a machine in the ring and super bite work and as you may be able to tell, this dog completely stole my heart. The next day I got to know the dogs and along with Cronos at the house there was Hugo vom Radhaus, Gus vom Shepherdland, Danka di Casa Jose, Simba d'Ulmental, Darsy Team Falvavolgyi and Kronos od Zolike. Most of my days were spent with the dogs going for walks and playing and the afternoons and nights at training, with a little sight seeing thrown in. Bite work training was the absolute biggest part of preparing for the siegershow. We would spend a minimum of 3 nights a week training for bite work and any spare weekend days doing both ring and bite work training. At bite work training there was VA 1 Gary vom Huhnegrab, VA 4 Cronos del Seprio, VA 7 Quoran d'Ulmental, V 10 Lucka v. Buchenland, V 20 Larry vom Bierstadter Hof, V 25 Hugo v. Radhaus, last years SG 8 Gus v. Shepherdland, V 14 Danka di Casa Jose and V 28 Oxa v Gerianian Hoff. I got to do a lot of the ring training with most of the dogs especially the youngsters, which included SG 21 Days Team Falvavolgyi, SG 5 Goldie von der Karl-May Hohle, SG 12 Emma d'Ulmental and SG 42 Kronos od Zolike.

The first Sunday we went to the LG show in Burstadt that had 4 of the stock coat siegershow judges with 187 turning up to the show. The first class I saw was the 12-18 month females with the stand out winner being the Quoran daughter Goldie von der Karl-May Hohle, a very correct female with plenty of energy and willingness to move. She got better as she went and was never challenged. The 12-18 month

males was next being judged by the siegershow judge, SG 1 was the Arre son, Urso di Casa Caputi, who finished SG 9 at the siegershow. In 2nd and the winner for me was Omen von Hattorfer-Land, I liked his type and how he held his topline throughout the class better than the first dog, but both were very nice. Next was both of the 18-24 month classes which both had the siegershow judges, for both the quality was very high. In the females Diva della Antiche Muse started in the front, eventually losing her spot to Talina vom Schloss Rugland. Diva didn't put a foot wrong in her performance and I thought was very hard done by to lose her spot. I felt he had the class quite mixed with some other highlights being the SG 3 Amelie Di Casa Ardigo, SG 7 Michoco du Domaine du Parc and SG 9 Zandamor Carrera.

The next class again was of very high quality with 2 of the top 3 dogs from the siegershow in. The winner was the eventual young sieger Asap Aldamar winning the class with Max du Val d'Anzin in second, with most of the class being spent watching these 2 dogs. The other one that caught my eye was the Gary son Ugano von Hanness. The working classmates was next with only 12 dogs but 3 nice ones up the front. As always they were in the order from last years siegershow with Willy v Kuckucksland V1, Ares dei Verdi Colli in 2nd and Hugo Radhaus 3rd. I thought Hugo could have gone over Ares but with Ares higher ranking they stayed as they were. The final class of the day was the working females which had a number of potential VA females in. In front from start to finish was Baisha di Casa Caputi. Baisha owned the ring in every phase, she moves effortlessly at all speeds and off lead and really wasn't contested even with a number of very nice females. V 4 was the Cronos daughter Je Suis Charlie du Val d'Anzin, a very nice type of female which lost a place to the always exuberant Italian female behind her. The next stand out that should have been in the first 3 was V7 Fanta vom Team Huhnegrab and finally V 9 Korsika von Bad Boll who was unlucky not to gain a place during the gaiting.

The next weekend was a very busy one with the Austrian Siegershow and the last LG show on Sunday in Paderborn. The Austrian Siegershow was the absolute highlight for me, getting the opportunity to handle the super Cronos. Along with Cronos we also took Quoran d'Ulmental, Rustols Goliath, Hugo v Radhaus, Emma d'Ulmental, Goldie von der Karl-May Hohle and Kronos od Zolike. Thursday we arrived for bite work practice then headed



Cronos del Seprio



Cronos



Emma d'Ulmental



Emma d'Ulmental

home and returned on Friday for a very wet day of bite work and individuals in the morning followed by the puppy classes and then the progeny groups. With the terrible weather I didn't watch as much of the young classes getting just a quick look but was impressed by the young progeny of Lucka Buchenland. Not many people stuck around for progeny groups with only Quoran and Pepe Leithawald having groups and being exhibited in the show. Quoran had a small but good group with Goliath, Emma d'Ulmental and Goldie on the end who I was lucky to take in. On

Saturday the weather fined up a little which made for a much nicer day for the adults to be shown and I was much happier having to handle.

The 12-18 month female class was judged by new Austrian judge Thomas Fritsche. Called out first was the Groovy daughter, who finished SG 2 in Germany, Ivy von der Sulzbachwiese followed by Goldie. In stance Ivy is picture perfect however once she starts moving she just went through the motions and was no match for Goldie on the fast gait. The next class was the 12-18 month males with 2 of the top 3 males from the siegershow in. I didn't see a lot of this class as I was handling the SG 10 male, a Goran Bierstadterhof son Higgins v Frankengold. The next class was the highlight of the young classes, the 18-24 month females. Called out first was Emma d'Ulmental followed by Annie Team Colonna. The ring was split into 2 with there being some nice females in the second ring. Emma was another personal favourite of mine. She is a very easy female to train who just floats around at every speed, unfortunately she lost her spot I think due to the enthusiasm of Annie. Annie is a very striking female with wonderful colour and pigmentation and the ultimate performer, she catches your eye immediately, however she is very very tall. As I said the quality in this class extended all the way to the second group.

The next 2 classes were disappointing, compared to the rest of the adult classes the 18-24 month males was a very average class. Next was the working females where 4 VA were awarded. Again this was not the best class with the winner being German VA Tinkerbelle von der Baiertalerstrasse, she was not in the best coat condition but put in a good performance. The 3 other VAs were Aisha vom Aphrodite Kennel, Zaira no Bartas Krasta and Cora del Sito Reale. After the class was finished we headed over to prepare the boys for their class. At this stage I thought I was handling Hugo and once we had all the dogs groomed to go in Klaus told me I was handling Cronos. I was excited and a little

shocked but I was surprised I didn't feel nervous. The second ring was called out first so we got to go out and relax a little before heading back in.

We went back in and Cronos was called out first followed by Quoran d'Ulmental then Jax dei Precision. Once you are in the ring you really go into the auto pilot mode and focus on presenting the dog you have the best you can. Cronos is always like a machine in training and in the ring and didn't put a foot wrong during the whole class. Once the judging was finished we had the usual time with all the judges going through the class and the paparazzi taking a number of photos before the critiques being presented. Following the critiques myself with Cronos, Sabine with Quoran and Nathalie headed over to the podium, which is when I think it hit me that I had just had the absolute honour to handle an amazing dog to VA 1 in Europe. It had been a goal of mine to handle a dog in Europe to a VA but I never really thought I would be lucky enough to make it happen, so once I had realised this I had to try to contain the emotions while we were on the podium.



Cronos

The next day was a very early start to head to the final LG show in Paderborn with over 300 dogs entered and 80 in the working dog class. We had a lot more of a relaxing day getting to watch most of the classes and only having Lucka in the working dog class. The first class of the day was the 9-12 females with the winner being the Willy daughter who ended SG 8 at the siegershow. Flower was the clear winner, a female of very nice type a very clean topline and performed very well. The next class was the 12-18 month females which had 50 females presented. For the size of the class and the last chance to present to the Siegershow judge the quality of the class was a little disappointing. For me the standout was the SG3 Goran daughter Ninja Larchenahin who you can very much see has been stamped by the type of Goran. For me this stood her apart from the first few females who were a



Cronos del Seprio

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little plain. Next was the 12-18 month males where all eyes were on what would be the battle to see who would be the German Sieger. Called out first was Spencer di Casa Massarelli and second Nox v. Tiroler Unterland.



Cronos del Seprio

Spencer is a medium sized, very glamorous and substantial dog. He is very much his fathers son however a little deep and at times could present himself better. Nox is not quite as substantial as Spencer, has a good front and nice height of wither, he is not quite as clean over the topline and croup as Spencer, which put Spencer that little step ahead. Both the 18-24 classes were smaller in size with 9 and 10 each but both of very good quality. In the females Annie Team

Colonna was first followed by Oana Holtkamper Hof and Falkoens Vanta 4th all who finished in the top 30 at the Siegershow. The males was a class I was looking forward to seeing as the other contender for the 18-24 males at the Siegershow, Nero v Ghattas, was in and I was not disappointed. Nero was for sure my favourite young dog this year, very similar to his father Gary in type with a very good top and underline and a nice croup. He owned the ring and worked like he wanted to win. Next was Karats Kimbo who I think should of been 4th with the very nice Cronos son Larry v Bierstadter Hof in 3rd and a nice young Willas son Lex v. Waldfurter-Wald in 4th.

The working females class was again a smaller class with the standout being the winner Fanta von Team Huhnegrab. I only watched a small section of this, instead spending most of the time watching the male individuals. Finally was the main event of the day, the working males class with 62 males presented. Before they started they combined the class ring with the individuals ring to fit them all in and this class was almost like a mini siegershow. The second ring was in first which we spent keeping Lucka nice and relaxed before having to go in. The first 4 dogs were VA in Germany. Marlo in front and out in his usual good performance, in second was Willy who actually didn't run as well as usual, third was Vaiko who wasn't in the best of coat condition and fourth Finn von der Piste Trophe. For me the star of the class was Kaspar von Tronje in V6, last years 18-24 month Sieger, and he has developed as he promised into a beautiful young male. The next one that stood out was right behind him Henko von Holtkamper Hof, who had made



Higgins Frankengold

top places all year. Henko is a glamorous dog with very good movement holding himself nicely. Next was V11 Lucka v Buchenland a clone of his father Quoran who I think is just as good if not slightly better than his father. Lucka put in a very good performance and gained some spots which made the long trip worthwhile.

The next weekend was a smaller show but with good quality, with Quoran, Goldie and the Cronos daughter from Italy Susy d'Ulmental in the show. In the 12-18 males Nox was the winner again with a Netzer son in second and a Jax son third, both were good dogs but Nox was a class above. Next was the 18-24 females with Goldie called out first and the German Vice Siegerin Werao second. During the class he switched them around a little but in the end Goldie finished on top, she is a more correct female and was able to maintain her balance and sequence of step throughout the entire class but both very top females, was great to see them up close in the smaller ring. The next class was a smaller one so we took the time to enjoy some currywurst and take the pigeon pair Quoran and Lucka for a nice stroll in the nearby field. The working females had Cora del Sito Reale in front with Susy d'Ulmental second and Wogah Nurburgring third. Cora is a very nice type of female but tends to dig into the ground a little while she is moving, while Susy



Nathalie with Lucka and Quoran



Hugo Radhaus

held her wither well but could drive a little more through the hindquarters. The final class the working males was again a nice class with 2 German VAs on show. In first and second was the 2 half brothers Quoran and Jax. Both performed very well in muddy conditions and were a class above the rest of the dogs.

Finally it was the time for the German Sieger and we only had a short 1 and a half hour drive to head there on Thursday for the measuring commission. First we headed to get all the numbers and by the time we got out it was pouring rain. We spent the next couple of hours standing

in the rain bringing dogs back and forward to be measured. Friday morning was an early start meeting up with Craig and Hazy to complete the individuals for Cara and Cora. They were first cabs of the rank and both presented well. With the terrible weather we spent most of the time in the box watching the bite work between when needing to do some young dogs individuals and warming them up. The rain played havoc with the dogs for the bite work with lots slipping. Some notable dogs that didn't get through were Henko Holtkamper Hof, Xenja vom Treuenbrietzener Land, Je Suis Charlie du Val d'Anzin and unfortunately Gus couldn't get a grip on the sleeve which meant my Sunday afternoon was now going to be spent watching the working males. Saturday morning was an early start with a dash from the car straight into the ring to handle. The ring was split into 2 halves and I was in the end of the first half and worked up to the front. We then had some relaxing time before the progeny groups and watched a lot of the 18-24 month females which had some nice females in the lower rings. I didn't get to see a lot of the progeny groups while getting ready for Quoran's group. Quoran didn't have a massive group but it was of very good quality especially considering he has not had a lot of studs within Germany.

Behind Quoran were 3 very nice sons V10 Lucka, V15 Goliath and SG 13 Zambo v Turkenkopf, he also had 2 really top daughters SG 12 Emma d'Ulmental who I was lucky enough to take and SG 5 Goldie von der Karl May-Hohle. Next we headed back to the car to get the next group of dogs ready for Cronos and Gary progeny groups. I got to see the Marlo group while I was waiting to go in and was very disappointed. After I was done I quickly moved back into the stadium to catch the last couple of groups. I was lucky to see the Willy and Gary groups, Willy's group was of good quality all very father typical but could be stronger, but wouldn't say there were any superstars. The final group was of Gary which was a very large group, He had 4 very nice sons straight behind him especially Nero and Toro, which were very typey to their father. These males took your eye round the stadium and really didn't spend much time looking at the females.

Next was the big day and I headed over to meet Craig and Hazy to get Cara ready to go in. This year they scattered the starting which meant you could see a little of the class before. I kept an eye on the 12-18 females keen to see where the Karlos daughter was called out, and was very happy to see her called out in 14th. After the call out in the 18-24 class I was very happy to be in the top half of the first ring and we waited to go in. Called out first was Oana Holtkamper Hof, Talina called out second and Werao third. I thought he had this class a little all over the place, for me the winner was Goldie. I had been lucky to see her in the ring alot and get to train her and she is a female I liked more and more

every time I saw her, she reminds me of the Vegas daughter Faya and will be excited to see her next year. In the fast gait Gaby Feedback was in front of her group and the crowd booed as she went around, I'm not sure why this female was there she could of been

in the last ring. Cara put in a super performance and ended SG30 and I was very happy to see Goldie SG5 and Emma SG12. We then headed into the stadium which was very quick and didn't give the crowd much time to see the dogs.

The working females came in and we were all very interested to see who would be called out in the front. In first was Damina Fichtenschlag followed by Lila Haus Thalie, Xolly Pallas Athene and Baisha di Casa Caputi. Overall it was a very good VA group, for me the standout was Lila who put in a super performance, never put a foot wrong a really super female, however Damina had progeny in top places and that's why she kept her spot. For me some of the other VA females should have gone above Xolly with my favourites being Baisha and Fanta. Next was the working males and the excitement was building waiting to see who was called out where. There were a few surprises in the call out with Watson and Jax coming out higher than expected. Once the running came around we were interested to see if Gary could maintain his spot as last year his running was not the best, but he was able to control the group and hold off Willy who maybe didn't run quite as well as usual. There wasn't any major changes during the running and when the class finished 10 VAs were awarded. The star of the class was V1 Kaspar von Tronje a dog that is hard to criticise in any way and will be VA next year with a group and I think a future Sieger, if his progeny is of good quality. Queen von der Piste Trophe was V3, the best son of Ballack is a very nice dog but a little big. V4 was a Groovy son Cyrus Osterberger Land, a dog I had only seen in photographs previously and I must say he is much better than his photos show. He gives a great impression from the front with a lovely head, good size and very good reach. Unfortunately he didn't do a great offlead gait and lost a spot. I was also pleased to see Lucka V10 who made a couple of spots with a good performance.

With the Siegershow over it was time to head back to Australia. I am very grateful to Klaus and Nathalie for this amazing 5 weeks and the opportunity to spend this time with the best team in the GSD world.



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WAR ANIMAL MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN OPENING

By

Sharon Ballantyne

GSDCQ President



On Saturday morning the 21st October 2017 Sarah Gordon and I were very honoured to have represented the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia at the opening of the War Animal Memorial Rose Garden in Toowoomba.

Animals have played a very significant role in assisting our defence forces and the garden is to show support for the many Military Working Dogs, Horses, Mules, Donkeys, Camels and Pigeons. This includes all past

and present conflicts and operational roles. During World War II, German Shepherds were given the task of watching over valuable military equipment. In Vietnam, the Australian Task Force included dogs in combat tracker teams. Their mission was to search the jungle for the enemy and sadly eleven four legged diggers were left behind. Recent operations using dog teams have been deployed to Somalia as part of the UN, Bougainville and East Timor. Amongst the first troops to land were Military Working Dog teams of the RAAF to secure the Airfield. They remain there today as part of that security and stabilization force.

There are many types of working dogs across the globe - but few are more critical to human life than those that sniff out explosives today in Afghanistan. Whilst not an Australian military dog but still a German Shepherd, "Rex"

served his country in combat. LD Entertainment launched a recent movie based on the true story of this four legged soldier and his handler "Megan Leavey", a must watch. Just make sure you have the box of tissues next to you.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Nigel Allsopp who is the Deputy Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council and President of the Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation. Nigel is working towards promoting the placement at establishments of War Animal plaques at Parks, RSLs or local and Federal government sites. He is a very humble compassionate man who is very determined to ensure the contributions animals have made to our Nation are remembered.

The Rose Garden will act as Queensland's official war animal memorial as envisaged by the Queensland Premiers Office several years ago. Within the middle of the garden is a plinth mounting a bronze horse's head and plaque. The horse, called 'Soaring Spirit' is sculptured by international artist Susan Bahary who has made several Australian war animal artworks including Australia's official war animal memorial at Pozieres, France.

The GSDCA donated \$500 towards the statue and it was indeed a memorable day to be a part of and I thank the GSDCA for the opportunity to attend on behalf of the membership.



THE WAR ANIMAL ROSE GARDEN
HONOURS THE DEEDS AND SACRIFICES
OF ALL WAR ANIMALS THAT LEFT AUSTRALIA
AND NEVER RETURNED
THIS GARDEN INCLUDES THE OFFICIAL
AUSTRALIAN WAR ANIMAL PURPLE ROSE
(DAPHNE DE GAULLE)
'SOARING SPIRIT'
BY ARTIST SUSAN BAHARY
October 2017

The Wonderful World of Tracking Dogs (Part 2: How to)

The first of these articles (National Review Spring 2017) introduced tracking including an outline of its history in Australia and the ANKC Tracking and Track and Search rules. This part explores the training of a tracking dog in more detail.

Introduction

For most of us, our dogs are our pets. We use them for all sorts of purposes. But once they arrive in our home that is where they stay. While the services, which use dogs for serious purposes such as tracking criminals or searching for drugs and explosives, may try out hundreds of dogs before they accept one to train, we make do with what we have. If you have a particular interest in trialling you may take care to select a puppy from parents which have a demonstrated a will to work.

We like to start with a puppy, which has an insatiable urge to play and retrieve. While this urge can be developed or extinguished, it is present in some individual dogs more than others. Those that have that strong urge to play are much easier to teach to track.

The one thing that is certain, is that any dog at any age can track. It is far easier to teach a baby puppy than an older dog, but it is still possible to teach the older ones. It will usually just take longer. Also some individual dogs will be easier to train than others.

Tracking Training

Training a beginner

The first thing we must get clear is that we are not teaching the dog to track. He has been able to do that extremely well from birth. We are going to teach him to follow (track) a scent that we want him to track. If you plan to compete in ANKC tracking trials, you will be teaching the dog to track a human being for whom he has been given a scent. He will also be taught to indicate articles, which have been placed by the tracklayer. He will also be taught to ignore other scents such as other humans, dogs, stock or wildlife. Along this journey, We promise you that you will never fail to be amazed at the dog's ability to track under all types of conditions. The dog has ability many, many times greater than humans to perform this task. It is truly one of the opportunities that we can experience of gaining a small glimpse into the dog's world. Tracking is one field where we truly have to place our trust in the dog. We can train him as well as we are able but in the end, he is the only one who can track whatever we want him to track.

It must also be realised that the concentration required to complete a track is very tiring for the dog, especially if the terrain is polluted with stock or wildlife, or the weather is extreme eg hot, cold or windy. That is why equipment should be light and comfortable. It is also very important for the dog to be kept in a fit condition.

Tracking Training Methods

There are many different methods for training tracking dogs

Over many years, We have discovered several training methods and Dawn has actually used three of them. These are 1) using play drive, 2) using food on the track and 3) relying on the dog's natural urge to find its owner. This third method is the one we generally use. It works with most dogs and is a lot quicker to teach as it relies totally on the dog's basic drive.



The owner is used as the "bait", while an experienced handler tracks the dog to its owner, so that the dog gets the best reward possible.

We are also prepared to use any method that works, or most often a combination of all three when problems arise.

Using an experienced person as the first handler also minimises the chance for the dog to get uncertain/confused messages on its early tracks.

The key points

- Corners (turns) are introduced from the first track, saving lots of training time.
- The first tracklayer is the owner or the person the dog is most bonded to. The dog is handled by a stranger, who must be an experienced tracking handler.
- The first tracking experience for the dog should be a very positive one.

The first steps are as follows;

Equipment required:

- Owner/tracklayer
- Extra special toy which the dog only has access to at the end of a track
- Small food reward at end, extra special treat, again not given at other times

Food and toy are placed in a bag which the dog will eventually recognise as his end of track reward.

- Stranger/handler
- Dog wearing a fixed (flat) collar
- A line at least 10 metres long with a clip to attach to the collar.

The method relies on the following:

The first tracklayer is the owner, the dog is handled by a stranger, who must be an experienced handler. The dog is held by the stranger and watches the owner move away about 50 metres and then turn left or right. The handler will ask the owner to head for a certain marker point, eg a distinctive tree or a pole, then turn and head for another marker. While the owner is heading off on the first leg, the owner calls the dog several times and maybe shows a toy to attract its attention. The level of encouragement required depends on the enthusiasm of the dog. Some dogs will need little or no encouragement other than their owner

TRAINING notes

walking away from them. This is typical of the German Shepherd Dog which is why this method is very successful for them.

Most dogs will be very excited when they see their owner going off without them, so the handler needs to expect to be pulled along, especially with a German Shepherd. Make sure that the handler keeps a good hold on the dog, as the dog will often be desperate to get to its owner.

When the owner reaches the point where they are to turn, the dog is taken aside and hidden so he cannot see where his owner has disappeared to. When the owner is out of sight the handler then takes the dog back to the start and encourages the dog to find the owner. Most dogs will take off at a great rate and may have to work to find which way their owner went at the turn, but most work it out very easily. When they get to the end of the track they have their best reward of all time. Their owner, who they thought for a moment was lost.

When the dog finds the owner there must be a huge fuss. Lots of praise and maybe a treat. On the first lesson we would do 2 or 3 of these little tracks. Some dogs will progress to longer tracks very quickly. As in all dog training, it is important not to go too quickly for the dog.

The most important learning tool here is fun. It must be made fun for the dog. Also the owner must be enthusiastic when the dog finds them. Therefore, there must be lots of encouragement and praise.

Each step needs to be consolidated before you go to the next step. Firstly, two 50 metre legs. You must remember to do equal amounts of left and right turns. If the dog copes well, then you can lengthen the legs to 100 metres. We start with the dog following the track almost immediately the owner is out of sight, then as the dog gets more confident we gradually leave the track to age a little longer each time, we use 5 minute increments.

The next step is to fit the dog with a harness, as described below, so it is easier to manage.

This process is repeated until the dog has a firm grip on what it's all about and looks at tracking as a very positive event. This process can take a while depending on the dog and also the experience of the handler and owner.

We introduce articles as soon as the dog is confident in finding its owner. Maybe one at the start then one on each leg. More about articles later. Articles can be something like a sock or a glove.

Handling the dog over to the owner

The stranger/handler will carefully follow a process to hand the dog over to the owner. This part must not be rushed. If the owner is introduced too soon, the dog could get confused. If this part is done well, a good



sound foundation will be laid, resulting in a dog that is track sure and confident of his own ability to find a track.

This is done by having the owner go off as in the beginning. The owner then doubles back and stays out of sight behind the handler who is meanwhile, focusing the dog on the track.

The handler starts off with the dog and once it is tracking confidently, the owner moves up and takes over the line. Most dogs just keep working.

Once the dog has been handed over to the owner, the owner always lays the track,



places the dog's tracking bag at the end and comes back around the area of the track and handles the dog. In training, the owner/handler always lays the track and handles the dog. Hence, after the beginner tracks with the owner at the end, there is never a person at the end, just the dog's toy or treat preferably in a bag or small backpack.

The dog only follows a different person in a trial or maybe as a practice the week before a trial to make the handler feel better and perhaps get a timid dog used to a person at the end of the track.

It is also helpful to have that extra incentive to follow an interesting new scent at a trial when you want that extra attention.

We expect our dogs to follow a track as closely as possible, and the tracklayer is the only person who knows exactly where they went, and where the articles are placed.

We do not mark tracks on the ground in training (Dawn can remember trying this once, for Peter's sake, when he kept forgetting where he had gone with a very fast dog which he was struggling to handle). The dog indicated each flag by sitting at them as if they were articles. It did look funny with her sitting on each corner. Recently we have used markers, we call "butterflies". They are clothes pegs with bright tape tied to them. They are placed in bushes and trees to help the handler see exactly where they went when laying the track.



We vary tracks as much as possible, trying not to use same areas all the time and we provide challenges on tracks to make them interesting. Challenges could be as simple as crossing a road or a bridge or climbing through a fence.

The equipment required for further training is:

- Extra special toy which the dog only has access to at the end of a track;
 - Small food reward at end, extra special treat, again not given at other times
- Food and toy are placed in a bag which the dog will eventually recognise as his end of track reward. Chose an inconspicuous cheap bag, otherwise it is likely to get stolen;
- Tracking harness There are many different harnesses and various expert tracking handlers will have their favourites. In fact, we could write a whole chapter on the merits of the various types of harness. We use what is popularly known as a figure 8 harness, which we find is light, easy to make for yourself and most of all easy to for nervous fingers to put on at the start of a track. As long as the harness is comfortable for the dog and easy for the handler to put on, it is just a matter of personal choice.

Only rule is that any harness must fit snugly and be comfortable on the dog. Not too tight or loose, and especially not heavy. The dog has enough work in doing the actual track to tire him out. Unlike the collar, the harness is only on the dog while it is tracking. We strongly recommend that the harness is removed as soon as the dog reaches the end of its track. Hence, the presence of the harness is an important signal to the dog – while it is in harness it should be following a scent.

- Minimum 10 metre line with clip to attach to the harness.

The line should be as light as possible to still hold the dog. Avoid lines that are wide, heavy, or likely to get heavy when wet, or large enough to catch the wind.

Article Indication

Part of the challenge of competition tracking is that the dogs not only have to follow the track and find the tracklayer, they have to find and positively indicate articles placed on the track by the tracklayer.

Direct quote from the rulebook, "The dog must positively indicate the articles by either sitting, standing, downing, picking up or at least pausing (i.e. stationary) to the satisfaction of the judge to obtain a Pass."

In other words, they must at the very least, pause by standing with all four paws on the ground.

We expect our dogs to indicate articles clearly, so they must be taught to do that. In training, you need to know when articles are coming up so that you can put steady pressure on the lead so the dog does not overshoot the article. We like to make a huge fuss when the dog finds an article. Surely no other dog has ever been so clever! You can pick up the article and stroke the dog with it. This usually makes the dog sit or drop. It does not matter which, the dog will decide what they prefer. The article is then put in a pocket and a treat is presented. This has to become a ritual at every article. In an actual trial the dog then has some hope of at least stopping and indicating an article. Praise and play and treat at every article is very important.

In a trial situation, we sometimes get carried away with the occasion and the dog just sniffs and runs. By making the dog stop very definitely in practice we hope that they will at least pause in a trial. It also helps to practise starts, every time you find an article.

You can also practise articles off the track. The "ten sock game" is a fun game, which can be done on the nature strip or in a park. Place 10 socks in a line about 10 metres apart. With the dog on lead let him find each article and make a huge fuss when he stops at it. As usual, play and treat at each one.

We do a lot of practice under as many different conditions as possible to make the dogs track sure

In order to encourage learning and not confuse the dog, we increase time spans gradually.

To begin with, start out immediately the tracklayer is out of sight. Once the dog is successful with that, increase the age of the track by five minute intervals, slowly increasing both the length of the track and the number of turns.

Then we vary the places we go and the times we go. Also go out in all weather.

Problem Solving

When problems arise, as they will, go back to basics. Get an experienced handler to handle the dog with the owner at the end, just as at the beginning. You may only need to do this occasionally. It builds confidence and helps to give the dog incentive.

Golden Rules of Tracking for Dog and Handler

- The dog does not need to be shown how to track, he/she knew that from birth
- The dog has to be shown what we want him/her to do ie. follow a particular track
- The dog is the only one who knows where the track goes, (unless we have laid it in training) so we have to trust the dog in a trial
- The dog has to be allowed to learn at his own rate
- The dog needs lots of kilometres under its paws before it will be tracksure (confident)
- The handler has to learn from the dog
- The handler has to learn to be quiet and "listen" to the dog and not interfere
- The handler has to enjoy the experience of following the dog and letting the dog follow its natural instinct
- The handler has to ascertain when the dog is ready and not to be tempted to enter a trial too soon. The handler has to realize that a dog may be at a stage where it can easily pass a test where it is following a known person, Mum or Dad usually, for 400/800 metres with two turns, but that it is a different story when it has to follow an average one kilometre of track over differing time spans
- The handler has to realize that the dog has to work up to differing time spans and conditions
- The handler has to take the dog to as many places as possible so he/she can experience different challenges
- The handler has to ensure that the dog has had the opportunity to understand what is wanted in all sorts of different situations before putting a dog into a situation which may destroy its confidence

The handler must set the dog up for success every time. The value of praise, play and treats cannot be overestimated. This is one discipline where the dog must love tracking in order to do well. He must be excited when the harness appears.

Peter and Dawn Howard
(ANKC Tracking Judge)

UK CH ***CONBHAIREAN FREDDIE** IPO3 KKI Lbz (imp UK) 'a' normal ED normal (gmy)
V4 BSZS VA(N) Conbhairean Uno x VA(UK) Ch Conbhairean Quella



Brank, Chris, LEEANNE and Jo would like to take this opportunity to thank those breeders who have thus far chosen to add Freddie to their breeding plans and who intend to in future. The interest in him from our peers and his uptake as a stud dog has been better than we dared hope and as such his first Australian kids have already 'hit the rings'. To our great delight the kids are showing real uniformity in fred-type and quality and at the November Victorian Championship shows they dominated large baby classes across two days under Mnr Liffijt SV and R Knuckey (WA) following on from top placings in Sydney and Canberra. As owners of this lovely male we are humbled by each of the 'Club Fred' successes and yet feel very confident that the best is yet to come from our boy!

Our sincere thanks also to his breeder Heather Macdonald for allowing Freddie to join us down under. He remains resident in Melbourne with semen available nationwide thanks to our great friends at SIREN ON ICE. He is confidently offered at stud to approved bitches with NO SERVICE FEE, stud fee payable when litter achieved.

Please contact any of his 'parents' for more information or with stud enquiries. Freddie aims to please! We are delighted to showcase SOME of his early Australian progeny here, thanks to all owners and to Kylie Zimmerle and Jamie Murray for help with the pictures.

Brank and Chris Stobar GSD 0418 273 883 Jo & LEEANNE Cinderhof GSD 0423 700 293



Bronacre Samphrey



Blakngold Skateaway



Bronacre Blue Ice



Bronacre Tondra



Volscaro Play The Game



Cinderhof Vantaa



Bronacre Muckle Roe



Wildesholtz Delta Mist



Stobar Elouise



Thunderbolt Sirocco

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***GERRY VOM SCHACHER**

NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL 2014

BSZS SG23 2010

'a' normal ED normal (gmy) ZW 77

NATIONAL SILVER MEDAL 2012

AUSTRIAN YOUTH SIEGER 2010

Arex vd Wilhelmsharte x Zaskia v Schacher



Gerry needs no introduction to Australian enthusiasts being among the most consistent sires in the country since his arrival in 2011 as well as being a double national medalist. Sire of multiple national class winners, and multiple medal winners. He is recognised by the GSDCA as an excellent producer of hips, having the lowest average scores of any living mainstream sire. He is also recognised by anyone who knows him well as a truly laid back, consistent character who at home, is a pure joy to live with. Gerry has enjoyed a bit of a resurgence over the last year or so and we would like to thank the breeders who have trusted in Gerrys potential influence on their breeding plans.

Gerry is owned by Leeanne (with S & J Lynch) and is resident at stud with Cinderhof GSD, NSW. He is still confidently offered at limited stud to approved females with NO SERVICE FEE and stud fee payable when litter achieved. Semen is available nationwide thanks to SIRE ON ICE. Leeanne would personally like to thank everyone who has supported her main man over the years and wish his outstanding progeny continued success now and onward through the generations. With three Gerry sons now presenting progeny of their own his influence is guaranteed to continue. It is with real delight and the utmost pride that she now presents one of Gerrys awesome young sons alongside his dad.

FREINHAUF HANNIBAL AZ (2/3) (0/0)

Gerry x VA Pedra Degli Achei (imp Ity)



Hannibal (pictured aged 14 months) has enjoyed a fabulous start to his show career alongside his beautiful sister Freinlauf Havoc. Due in large part to their awesome training buddy Jamie Murray, his only defeat to date from 11 classes was into 2nd place at the 2017 national defeated by his brother 'Hasta' - Havoc placing 3rd in her class and the fourth sibling 'Houte Couture' also on the pegs. All four have achieved their AZ stamps and we are truly grateful to Robyn and Kevin Knuckey for trusting us with 'Pedra' and bringing about this giant turning point in all of our careers. Hannibal and his daddy congratulate each of Gerrys national winning progeny:

- *Ch Fremont Hells Bells AZ - 3x Silver Medal Winner
- *Ch Babanga Mr Anderson AZ - 2x Silver Medal Winner
- *Fremont I've Got The Magic AZ - Silver Medal Winner
- Freinlauf Hasta La Vista Baby AZ
- *Fremont Green Hornet AZ
- Jaknell Ruby Tuesday AZ
- *Ch Babanga Make My Day AZ
- and Fremont Kentucky Rain

Please contact Leeanne on 0417414285 with any stud enquiries for Gerry in what will most likely be his last year at general stud.

Obedience Training, Why Bother?

By

Ebony Aitken-Thorpe

"I just want him to stop chasing the cat, not to jump on visitors and to not bark throughout the night, I don't care if he is good at obedience or not!"

Often owners come to dog trainers as a last resort, desperately wanting their dogs to stop 'misbehaving'. Of course the recommendations change from dog to dog, depending on the dog's mental state, prior learning, cause of the behaviours, age, owner's capabilities etc., but more often than not, the recommendations are multi-faceted. Obedience training is often a considerable component of the recommendations. Owners are often perplexed as to why teaching a reliable down, leave-it or loose-lead walking will aid to address their specific behavioural concerns. What owners fail to understand initially, can lead to a lack of compliance with recommendations, therefore an inconsistency in training and a limited result for the dog.

If you are reading this with the hope of obtaining permission to not train your dog, you will be disappointed! The aim of this article is to emphasise the role of obedience training and its impact on addressing behavioural issues.

Obedience training teaches your dog how to learn. I know that sounds odd, but hear me out. Teaching your dog specific exercises teaches them that their behaviour has consequences. To put it simply, they learn that if they complete the behaviours as commanded they are rewarded, and if not they are punished. Again, this is a very simple way of putting this but I think it makes the concept clear. Once dogs are what we call operant, active, or receptive to learning, they then begin to understand that their behaviour has consequences, outside the context of obedience training. This is useful in the context of behavioural issues, as they can more effectively be taught that inappropriate behaviour has unpleasant consequences, so learn to avoid these consequences but not performing the inappropriate behaviour. On the contrary, they learn that obeying commands leads to pleasant consequences, and therefore strive to obtain these. Additionally, 'markers' can be added to clarify to the dog what exact behaviour leads to which particular consequences. I'm sure most of you hear us trainers saying "yes" and "ah" when training. Here we are marking "yes" to indicate to the dog that that exact behaviour is correct and they will lead to a pleasant consequence such as a reward. Visa versa, "ah" indicates that that exact behaviour is not wanted and will lead to an unpleasant consequence such as a correction. Using markers in a behavioural context ensures that the dog clearly understands that their behaviour lead to the consequence they received, rather than developing superstitious associations with aspects of their environment. Developing this simple communication system between yourself and your dog in an obedience training context, can then be transferred to addressing behavioural issues with great clarity.

Secondly obedience training teaches your dog to have what we trainers call impulse-control, or in other words, self-control to think before they act. The dog learns that even though that child walking past with an ice cream is really appealing, he must restrain himself and not knock them over and eat the ice-cream ! This concept inter-relates with them understanding that their behaviour leads to pleasant or unpleasant consequences. Exercises such as reliable positions, loose-lead walking,

recall and leave-it all use elements of impulse control, therefore teaching your dog to moderate their impulsive urges. Again, developing this skill in an obedience context makes it quite clear to the dog and it can therefore be applied with greater success in a behavioural context.

This leads me to discuss obedience training and incompatible behaviours. Teaching basic, but reliable behaviours means that these can be used as incompatible behaviours to inappropriate behaviours. Owners are often apprehensive about this concept as they would like the dog to know that certain behaviours aren't allowed, rather than avoiding them occurring by giving alternate commands, and this a very valid point. However, I like to look at incompatible behaviours as first teaching the dog what is expected of them. If the dog then chooses not to follow through with what they know to do, then of course this leads to an unpleasant consequence. For instance, again the child with the ice cream walks past. I have taught my dog to reliably walk on a loose-lead on command. I see the girl approaching and reiterate my loose-lead walking command 'close'. In this instance, the child is not within reach and I have told the dog to stay close to my left side. In order to knock the girl and eat the ice-cream, my dog would have to break the command, which he already knows leads to an unpleasant consequence, as this was previously taught in an obedience training context. Additionally, he knows that if he does choose to remain in position, he will receive a very enjoyable consequence. Teaching reliable, basic obedience teaches your dog what is expected of them.

This point closely relates to the context of coping skills. Put a dog in a stressful environment and often they don't know what to do with themselves. Depending on genetics, prior learning and early socialisation/habituation, every dog will have a different response; some take it with a grain of salt but others will become increasingly stressed, anxious or reactive. In this context, if we can give the dog something that they're familiar and confident doing, it can build their confidence and allow them to be more comfortable in that particular context. For instance, a dog goes to the groomers for the first time and is overwhelmed by all the unusual and unfamiliar stimuli such as the crates, dryers, new people, scissors, hydro-bath and tables. The dog is given well learned obedience commands such as his loose-lead walking command, and he knows to walk beside the handler into the grooming salon, he is given a place command to go into the hydro bath, then a stand command to be groomed. Using reliable obedience commands with predictable consequences can give the dog something familiar and reassuring to fall back on in potentially stressful situations.

One of the huge benefits of obedience training (and often under-valued), is that it greatly improves the relationship between the owner and the dog. For the first time since 'Fido' was adopted, rehomed or began training at 2 years old, the owner and the dog understand each other and are not in a constant state of conflict. Not only this, but it improves the dogs quality of life because he can now be included in the activities of every-day life, rather than never leaving the back yard. He can come to a friend's house for a BBQ and can come on holidays to the beach house as he follows reliable obedience commands, can cope in new environments and has a greater relationship with his owner.

Obedience training enables the dog to experience a greater sense of freedom and partnership. When given advice from a trainer, follow through with each aspect. If you are unsure as to why, ask for clarification. A behavioural modification plan is most successful when a multi-faceted approach is followed through with. If you pick and choose which pieces you like, the puzzle will never be complete. Owner's often question the value and relevance of developing reliable obedience when it should be the priority.

The Value Of Anticipation

By

Ebony Aitken-Thorpe

One person's interpretation of what dog training involves is often drastically different to the next person's. The concept of reinforcement and punishment is often discussed, however what many owners are unaware of, is that dog training is much more complex than this. The idea of anticipation in dog training is something often overlooked. Owner's often find their dog's anticipation of events to be quite a hindrance, when really it can be used knowingly, to become an asset. The concept of anticipation closely inter-relates with conditioning, development of behaviour chains, predicting outcomes and the development of various associations. I will discuss this concept, explaining how we can use our dog's ability to anticipate events and consequences, to our advantage.

Many training recommendations relate back to this topic, often without the owners realising. Dogs are intelligent creatures, often more so than we give them credit for. They read us well and quickly learn what gains them what they are after, whether the owner is aware of it or not. Dogs often develop behaviour chains; the performance of one behaviour reliably predicts the next and the next and the next. Therefore the dog reliably anticipates what comes next after each behaviour. For example, the door-bell rings, the dog knows that this means someone is here, they then bark and run to the door, jump on the person as they enter, the owner then says "no Fido, sit", the dog then sits and gets a reward. This then becomes the behaviour pattern practiced over and over when someone rings the doorbell. The owner thinks that because the dog is being reinforced for sitting, this will increase the likelihood of this behaviour reoccurring in the future. However, it does not address the behaviours performed prior to this, therefore it is likely to increase the likelihood of the whole pattern reoccurring in the future. Owner's often have dogs with well-practiced and established behaviour patterns that the owner is unaware of. It is far more effective to keep this concept in mind, and establish appropriate behaviour patterns before undesirable ones develop; it is up to us to anticipate the escalation of behaviour before it occurs. Addressing the first behaviour in the chain is far more effective to establish behaviour change, than allowing it to play out then trying to intervene at the end. As mentioned earlier, dog training is more complex than the basics of reinforcement and punishment. Trainers do not expect owners to understand the theory in great depths, however they do recommend practices often with many factors such as these in mind.

Similarly to this, dogs' often are aware of our behaviour patterns. They anticipate that brushing our teeth, leads to us leaving the house. We brush our teeth, have a shower, have breakfast, put on our shoes, pick up our bag then leave the house. But, we wonder why our dog becomes anxious and stressed when we brush our teeth in the mornings. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, be aware that dogs develop behaviour patterns and can anticipate events. Knowingly use this concept to develop and condition a more positive response in your dogs in the presence of such patterns. For example change the pattern to, brush your teeth, have a shower, have breakfast, send the dog to his bed, put on your shoes, pick up your bag, give your dog a chew then leave the house. This allows your dog to anticipate you leaving but also conditions this to be a positive experience for them.

Anxious or nervous dogs find great comfort in being able to reliably predict or anticipate events that are to unfold. I'm often cautious to liken dogs to humans as people tend anthropomorphise dogs more often than not these days, however in the context of anxiety I feel it is a relatively universal state regardless of the species. When humans become anxious it is often related to agonising over something unknown or over a lack of control of a situation. From experience dogs are much the same, they develop anxiety when they cannot anticipate the events unfolding or if they have no control over a situation they find themselves in. Where-ever possible developing patterns where the dog can anticipate the next event or behaviour, often relieves a lot of this anxiety, particularly if the events lead to an enjoyable experience for them.

The last point to mention in relation to using anticipation to address behavioural issues, discusses consequences. As mentioned above, dogs find reassurance in being able to predict events. Likewise to this, having reliable consequences to behaviour, whether appetitive or aversive is paramount to addressing behaviour change. Please note the key word here is reliable. If a dog can anticipate that every time he does abc behaviour the consequence of xyz occurs, the dog can consciously make the choice to perform the behaviour or not. However, if Fido jumps on the couch, and sometimes he is punished for this, other times it is ignored and other times it is rewarded because Sally likes cuddling with Fido on the couch, poor Fido cannot anticipate the consequences he receives if he jumps on the couch, and therefore his behaviour is unlikely to change. So again, in order for behaviour to change the dog must be able to RELIABLY anticipate the consequence he receives for his behaviours.

Now to the fun stuff! In the context of obedience training, particularly precision obedience training, handler's often use anticipation to their advantage. Reward placement and bridging behaviours are perfect examples of this. A simple and well known example of this is heeling; a dog that forges, is rewarded to the left and behind the handler, balancing their position in the heel. Similarly, dogs with lower drive that tend to lag, are rewarded ahead, such as throwing a toy forward, again balancing out their position. When practicing positions at a distance, throwing the toy behind the dog on release ensures they have no need to creep forward as they anticipate the reward to always come from behind. Additionally, developing bridge behaviours where the dog consistently anticipates a reward that follows the behaviour, can be used to maintain drive in trial scenarios. For example, reliably rewarding the dog after left turns conditions the emotional response of excitement with each left turn, occasionally changing the schedule of reinforcement from continuous to variable in this context ensures the conditioning remains 'charged' as such, but ensures the dog also performs the behaviour on variable reinforcement for trial scenarios. Therefore, if a heeling sequence goes for 5 mins in a trial, every left turn re-charges the dog's drive as such.

There are many more scenarios where anticipation is used to benefit the training goals in an obedience concept, but the above mentioned is a few to explain the concept.

In regards to anticipation building drive, it has been reported by Sapolsky, that the anticipation of reward, is often found to be more reinforcing than the reward itself. This was found scientifically by analysing the amount of Dopamine released by the brain when a behaviour was performed and when a reward was given. He found that dopamine is not about pleasure, but the anticipation of pleasure. The level of dopamine spiked when the animal was performing the behaviour and therefore anticipating reward, as opposed to when they actually received the reward. This pattern was maintained by introducing a variable schedule of reinforcement, as it added the concept of maybe, and therefore increased the amount of anticipation experienced increases the amount of dopamine released in the brain.

Building associations and anticipation has great value in either changing behaviour or building behaviours. Try not to get caught up with the basics of reinforcement and punishment when the answer may be neither. If you're experiencing behavioural issues, ask yourself what behaviour patterns have developed and how can I use anticipation to alter these behaviours to something more desirable. Or preferably think, how can I mould this awesome dog to be the best he can be? How can I improve our relationship? How can I make him less anxious? How can I build his desire to interact with me? Think anticipation.!



PHOTOGRAPHS: Exhibitors at the NATIONAL SHOW AND TRIAL

PLEASE NOTE:

Requirements for Printing of Photographs of Place-getters at the National Show and Trial For Publication purposes:

1. All conformation exhibits placed 1st to 10th, and all Excellent graded exhibit owners will be required to supply a photo of their animal as placed at the Show.
2. All obedience entrants are to be photographed at the time of vetting. The animal shall be in a sitting position alongside of the Handler.
3. The photo must be supplied as a high quality (min 1Mb) 'jpg' file
4. Failure by the owner to supply a photograph will see no photograph of their animal included in the QNR.

What do YOU need to do ?

- There will be an Official Photographer at the National Show and Trial. Conformation placegetters will be photographed at the conclusion of each class. Obedience exhibitors will be photographed at the time of check-in and vetting.
- It is the responsibility of exhibitors to view and approve the photograph taken at the event by the Official Photographer. All conformation placegetters and every obedience competitor should ask to view the photo taken by the Official Photographer, and if desired, authorise its provision to the QNR Editor on your behalf.
- If you wish to substitute your own image of your animal for that taken by the official photographer, it **MUST** be forwarded to the Editor by 10pm on 14h May, 2018.
- The format must be jpeg and with file size of 1MB or greater.
- The email accompanying the image must state in the subject line:
- Catalogue number# • Class: • Animal's name# • Placing:
- Submissions must contain the animal's information described above
- Exhibitors failing to use either the photo taken by the official photographer or provide their own image by the due date, will have their animals critique published **BUT WITHOUT** a photo L

The deadline for photo submissions is 10pm, 14th May 2018.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the supply of your animal's photo for the Review, please email the Editor (Jacinta) for help at revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

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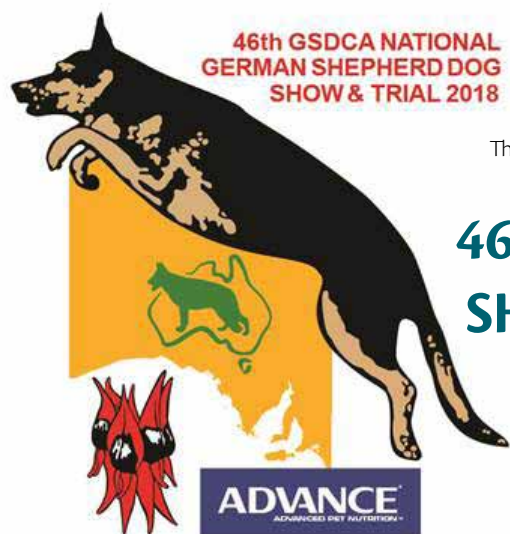
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46th GSDCA NATIONAL
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
SHOW & TRIAL 2018

No Late Entries Accepted Closing Date - 30th March 2018

The German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia Inc, on behalf of the GSDCA Inc,
is proud to host the

46th GSDCA NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL

27th, 28th & 29th April 2018
Barratt Reserve, West Beach SA

This event is proudly sponsored by



JUDGES

CONFORMATION –

All LSC Dog & Bitch classes, Challenge Dog & Bitch LSC,
All SC Dog classes, Challenge Dog SC
All SC Bitch classes, Challenge & Res Ch Bitch SC
Dogs SA Representative Mrs Marie Merchant

Herr Christoph Ludwig (SV)
Herr Rainer Mast (SV)

OBEDIENCE -

Utility Dog Excellent & Companion Dog (Ring 1)
Companion Dog Excellent (Ring 2)
Utility Dog & Community Companion Dog (Ring 3)
Winner of Winners
Reserve Obedience Judge
Dogs SA Representative

Mrs Dawn Howard (Vic)
Mrs Jan Brabham (SA)
Mr Peter Dynan (SA)
All Above Obedience Judges
Mr Michael Vigor (SA)
Mrs Gillian Smith

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP -

Mr Kurt Morton (NSW)

The GSDCA reserves the right to substitute judges, and to alter scheduled judging times if necessary. This Show & Trial will be held under the constitution & rules of "Dogs SA". No entry fees will be refunded.

ENTRY FEES

CONFORMATION –

Junior to Open class Initial entry \$50-00.
Sub \$40-00 per class.
All Puppy classes Initial entry \$40-00.
Sub \$30-00 per class.

OBEDIENCE –

Initial entry \$40-00.
Sub \$30-00 per class.

All initial entries include catalogue. A separate entry form is required for each animal for each class (one for conformation and one for obedience). Please specify SC or LSC on entries and include all titles, full pedigree names, registration numbers and complete details of sire & dam. No phoned, emailed or late entries will be accepted. Bitches in oestrus may be exhibited except in the Obedience classes.

BREED SURVEY – If required, will be held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 3.00pm at the venue. Entries close 19th April 2018 with The Secretary, GSDC of SA Inc, PO Box 714, Glenelg SA 5045. BS4 form required for animals not resident in SA.



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

JUDGING TIMES

FRIDAY 27TH April

CONFORMATION – Vest collection from 7.00am. Judging commences at 8.00am with Baby Puppy Dog & Bitch (LSC & SC) followed by Minor Puppy Dog & Bitch (LSC & SC) followed by Junior Dog & Bitch (LSC & SC).

Please Note - LSC classes will be judged in the Dog ring prior to commencement SC classes each day.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – will be judged during the lunch break. Classes are – Age 7 to under 10 years of age, Age 10 to under 13 years of age & Age 13 to under 18 years of age.

SATURDAY 28th April

CONFORMATION – Sires Progeny assembly from 7.15am in the bitch ring. Parade to commence at 8.00am SHARP. Breeders Group will be judged at conclusion of Sire's Progeny followed by Puppy Dog & Bitch (LSC & SC) followed by Intermediate Dog & Bitch (LSC & SC).

OBEDIENCE – Vetting (by committee) for bitches without proof of desexing from 8.15am to 8.45am. All exhibits to pass through checkpoint by 8.45am. Judging commences at 9.00am with UDX followed by CD in Ring 1, CDX in Ring 2 & UD followed by CCD in Ring 3. Winner of Winners will be judged during the lunch break on Sunday in the Dog Ring from all class winners with a qualifying score. GSDCA Inc rules apply to all awards & gradings. All awards, certificates & medallions will be presented on Sunday at the trophy presentation at the conclusion of the conformation judging.

Judging in all rings to cease at 12.00noon for the Official Opening ceremony & presentation of GSDCA awards.

SUNDAY 29th April

CONFORMATION – Commencing at 8.30am with Open Dog & Bitch (LSC) followed by open Bitch (SC) & Open Dog (SC). Open Bitch classes will be run off prior to Open Dog classes. All Challenges will be run off at the conclusion of Open Dog (SC) in the Dog ring.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

All ages taken as at 27/4/18.

CONFORMATION -

(ANKC classes : Dogs - 1,2,3,4,5,11; Bitches – 1a,2a,3a,4a,5a,11a)

Baby Puppy - 3 months & under 6 months;

Minor Puppy - 6 months & under 9 months;

Puppy - 6 months & under 12 months;

Junior - 9 months & under 18 months; Intermediate - 18 months & under 36 months; Open - 6 months & over.

OBEDIENCE – Utility Dog Excellent, Utility Dog, Open Dog, Novice Dog & Community Companion Dog.

SPECIAL CLASSES

SIRE'S PROGENY PARADE – Entry is automatic. A minimum of 5 progeny aged 9 months or over and entered in the conformation classes (both SC & LSC) will be automatically catalogued with the Sire's name. The Sire need not be present or entered in the show. This is a Parade and is non-competitive but will receive commentary. Only Sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme are eligible. German judges may be present for the parade.

BREEDER'S GROUP – Breeders may enter as many teams as desired. All animals must carry the breeder's prefix and be of one coat variety. Each team must consist of 5 animals over 9 months of age from at least 2 sires and 2 dams. A separate entry form for each team must be received by the closing date of entries - no entry fee. Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary by close of judging on Friday 27th April. All animals listed in a Breeder's Group must be entered in the show.

GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE – Teams must be of 4 exhibits and may come from any class. Names of teams, handlers and exhibits must be handed to the Trial Manager by close of vetting (8.45am) on Saturday 28th April. At least 3 of the exhibits must qualify; exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored. Team members must be financial members of a GSD Club.

EXHIBITORS/HANDLERS PLEASE NOTE –

- It is your responsibility to ensure you are ready when called to enter the ring.
- In line with ANKC regulations (Part 5, Section 8.1.3); If an overseas handler is handling your animal you are required to forward to the Show Secretary by close of entries (16/3/18) a hard copy of the following: Full name of handler & copy of current membership of a recognised FCI member organisation. This information will be kept in a confidential file and will only be referred to in the case of an official complaint being made and will be destroyed immediately after the show.
All Australian handlers must be financial members of their state body.
- The exhibitor will be held responsible for the return of their allocated vests. Any vests not returned within 7 days of the event will incur a \$50-00 fee per unreturned vest.
- Only persons with authorised passes will be permitted to enter the rings.

MEMORABILIA

Only a few selected items will be available for sale at the event. Please refer to the SA website www.gsdcas.org.au for details of what is available.

Items must be ordered and paid for by Friday 16th March to ensure they will be available for collection after 3pm on Thursday 26th April 2018.

GRADINGS

CONFORMATION – Gradings may be awarded at the Judge's discretion in all classes. "Very Promising" and "Promising" in the Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes. "Very Good" and "Good" in the Junior, Intermediate & Open classes. The "Excellent" grading and National Excellent medallion may only be awarded in the Open classes to exhibits that are 2 years of age or older and are Breed Survey classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme (or other approved GSDCA scheme).

OBEDIENCE – Gradings (in the UDX, UD, CDX & CD classes) will be awarded to exhibits achieving the following scores. "Good" 170–179; "Very Good" 180–189; "Excellent" 190+. Gradings for CCD class "Good" 85–89 & "Very Good" 90–94 & "Excellent" 95+. The National Obedience Excellent medallion will be awarded to qualifying "Excellent" graded exhibits (as per GSDCA rules).

AWARDS & PRIZES

CONFORMATION – The "Walter Henry Reimann Trophy" replica will be awarded to the Open Dog SC winner. The "Roy Brabham Trophy" replica will be awarded to the Open Bitch SC winner. The "Max Stokes Trophy" replica will be awarded to the Junior Bitch SC winner. Gold, Silver & Bronze medallions to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place exhibits in the Open classes (LSC & SC) that are graded Excellent. Plaque & sash for all class winners and Breeders Group winner. Sash & memento for 2nd to 10th place in each class where numbers permit. Trophy for all Challenge winners, sash for Reserve Challenge winners. The "Sam Bonifacio Trophy" replica awarded to the most successful kennel over the 3 days.

OBEDIENCE – The "Rick Richardson Trophy" replica will be awarded to the Winner of Winners. Plaque & sash for all class winners with a qualifying score. Sash & memento for 2nd to 5th places in each class with qualifying score. Gold, Silver & Bronze medallions awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Winner of Winners run off.

DUAL PERFORMANCE – The "David O'Rourke Trophy" replica and sash will be awarded to the best Dual Performance exhibit in the Show and Trial. (Rules may be viewed at the Show Secretary's office over the weekend).

CORPORATE TENTS

All pre-erected corporate tents must be reserved through the Show Secretary. Bookings open 10am on Tuesday 24/10/17 **BY EMAIL ONLY** to secretary@gsdcsa.org.au Limited to 70 tents only "First In, Best Dressed". No cooking is permitted in corporate tents. Exhibitors personal tents **CANNOT** be erected until after 3pm on Thursday 26/3/18.

PHOTOGRAPHS & CRITIQUES

Results and critiques will be published in the Quarterly National Review. An official photographer will be present at the venue and will photograph all conformation placegetters as well as all "Excellent" graded conformation exhibits.

All Obedience competitors are requested to present themselves and dogs for photos at time of vetting. Exhibitors may supply their own photograph to the National Review Editor within 15 days of the event. Please refer to the Editor's requirements which will be printed in the catalogue.

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

Advertising in the catalogue will be available at \$100-00 per page (black & white), and \$150-00 (colour). All advertising is to be emailed to arkahla@adam.com.au in Microsoft Word format (A4 size) together with any photographs in jpg format by Friday 16th March 2018. There will be no loose leaf advertising & the animals advertised must comply with GSDCA rules. Payment to be sent with entries to the Show Secretary.

NO PAYMENT – NO ADVERTISING

ACCOMODATION

A full list of accommodation is available on our website www.gsdcsa.org.au. The onus is on the exhibitor to find their own accommodation. Please respect the privilege of these establishments allowing dogs on their premises by keeping noise to a minimum and picking up after your dogs. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DOGS ALLOWED INTO ANY OF THE ROOMS.**

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

THURSDAY – Meet & Greet from 3pm to 6-30pm at GSDCSA clubrooms Barratt Reserve, West Beach. Food & Drinks available for purchase. Breed Survey (if required) will commence at 3pm and pre-ordered memorabilia and bibs will be available for collection.

FRIDAY – President's Dinner (all welcome) at "The Junction", Anzac Highway Camden Park. 6-30pm for 7pm start. \$55.00 per head. \$30-00 non-refundable deposit required at time of booking. Balance to be paid upon entry. Numbers must be finalised by Friday 13th April 2018. All enquiries to the Show Secretary phone 08 8556 2340 email secretary@gsdcsa.org.au

SATURDAY – "Party Nite" at the clubgrounds. Meal supplied. Entertainment by "Show Us Your Hits" (same band as 2013 National) 6-30pm till midnight. \$40.00 per head.

SUNDAY - Trophy presentation and finger food at the conclusion of judging.

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Show Manager

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Booking Slip – 46th National 2018

Send to – The Secretary, GSDC of SA Inc, PO Box 714, Glenelg SA 5045; secretary@gsdcsa.org.au

Name: Phone No

Email : Mobile

CONFORMATION

Initial entry (Adult) @ \$50.00 (includes catalogue)		\$
Subsequent entries (Adult) @ \$40.00 per class	\$
Initial entry (Puppy) @ \$40.00 (includes catalogue)		\$
Subsequent entries (Puppy) @ \$30.00 per class	\$

OBEDIENCE

Initial entry @ \$40.00 (includes catalogue)		\$
Subsequent entries @ \$30.00 per class	\$
Catalogue (extra) @ \$10.00 each	\$
Marked catalogue (includes postage) @ \$15.00 each	\$

CORPORATE TENT HIRE

\$275.00 per tent. Bookings taken from 24/10/17.

Please contact the Show Secretary (secretary@gsdcsa.org.au) for availability

DONATIONS

Class Trophy & Mementos @ \$150.00 per class	\$
Class Sashes @ \$100.00 per class	\$

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

\$

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday evening "Meet & Greet" (please advise number attending)

Friday Night President's Dinner @ \$55.00pp ((\$30.00pp non-refundable deposit required)	\$
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Saturday Night "Party Nite" @ \$40.00pp	\$
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MEMORABILIA

Please refer to the GSDCSA website www.gsdcsa.org.au for a full description of the memorabilia that is available. Orders received by entry closing date will be available for collection on Thursday 26th April 2018 after 3pm. Only a limited amount of stock will be available for purchase at the event.

Quantity	Code/Description	Colour	Size	
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TOTAL - \$				

CLUB spotlight

Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC NSW Inc

President – Sean Lynch

Secretary – Paul York

Treasurer – Julie O'Sullivan

Breed Affairs Chairman – Jess Lynch

Chief Instructor – Peter Belic



The Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC was found in 1974, the first president was Roy Mephram and with secretary Ron Fraser went about to build a successful club with a small band of enthusiast who wished to train and exhibit the German Shepherd Dog.

In the early years the focus was to establish the training clubhouse (which we still use today) this became the central hive of activity. During this period the club ideas got bigger and in 1994 Newcastle held it's first National.

The 22nd National was held at the club grounds and proved a small club can hold an event of this size and run it very successfully. The committee of that era

raised enough funds to build a new club house close to the current show rings, it has been updated slightly since 1994 but it's the focal point for all the club activities.

The next big event for Newcastle was the 2006 Main Breed Show; this highly successful event was hosted by a very small band of helpers that worked tirelessly to make sure it was not only run smoothly but everyone had a great time.

It was not till 2012 when Newcastle once again hosted a National – this time it was held at the Hunter Valley Gardens and it certainly had the WOW factor, awesome venue and the functions were first class. It was a great effort by the committee to put together such an event and is a National to remember.

Newcastle & Hunter Region has had its fair share of successful dogs at National and MBE level – these include –



Main Breed Show

1991 - Skefmora Jeorgia Excellent Select – owner Sue Moras

2003 – Demtori Gladiator Excellent Select – owner Charlie Lund

2005 – Sunhaze Intrigue Excellent Select 1 – owner Sunhaze Kennels

2005 – Michalands Calvin Excellent Select – owner Lynch / York

2007 – As Du Domaine Val D'Aulnoy – Excellent Select – owner Lynch/ York

National

1997 Bronze Medal – Pendragon Hot As Hell – owner Hinds/ Cameron

2001 Gold Medal – Salviko Montana – owner G Santi

2005 Gold Medal – Sunhaze Intrigue – owner Sunhaze Kennels

2009 Silver Medal – Fremont Too Hot To Handle – owner Lynch

2011 – Silver Medal – As Du Domaine Val D'Aulnoy – owner Lynch/ York

2011 – Bronze Medal – Fremont Too Darn Hot – owner Lynch

2012 – Silver Medal – Gerry Vom Schacher – owner Lynch

2014 – Gold Medal – Gerry Vom Schacher – owner Lynch

2015 – Silver Medal – Fremont Hells Bells – owner Lynch

2016 – Silver Medal – Fremont Hells Bells – owner Lynch

2017 – Silver Medal – Fremont Hell Bells – owner Lynch

2017 – Silver Medal – Fremont I've Got The Magic – owner Lynch

Over the 43 years the club has been going we have only had 4 presidents these include Roy Mephram, Neil Richardson, Keith Sneddon and our current President Sean Lynch. Also most of our committee members are long standing members including Julie O'Sullivan who has been treasurer for over 10 years and Peter Belic as Chief Instructor, his wife Annette has also held many positions.





Peter introduced the "Backpack Walks" to our club which are highly successful, it brings our club and the German Shepherd dog to the public, a few of our members have now achieved over 300 klm's on this walk.

Newcastle and the GSDCA

Over the years we have had three of our members serve on National Council. Neil Richardson served as secretary from 1995 to 1997 and Sean Lynch as treasurer from 2010 to 2012 and Jess Lynch as Youth Co-Coordinator for many years.

We also conduct regular Breed Survey's with visiting Breed surveyors three to four times a year always well attended.

Newcastle have many breeders receiving Bronze and silver awards for hip and elbow scheme with two kennels also receiving the Gold award these being Sunhaze Kennels and Fremont Kennels owned by Sean and Jess Lynch.

Currently at the Club

Each year we hold a Christmas party and awards night this is coming up on the 9th December so we are hoping for a big turnout. We also award 4 major club awards which are – Junior Member Of The Year, Sports Person Of The Year, Rookie Of The Year and Club Person Of The Year. These are very important awards that are highly prized by members of our club, good luck to you all.

At this point I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year; I hope everyone enjoys the break as 2018 is going to be huge.

Cheers,

Sean



YOUTH handlers

Youth handlers make their mark in Germany

Trinity and Stephanie Jones travelled to the German Sieger Show this year and were involved in handling dogs at the biggest GSD show in the world. We asked them to share their experiences.

Handling in Progeny Group

Handling in progeny group was AMAZING!

The weekend was a rainy and a tad boring. It started off with individuals on the Friday, Saturday was the run off for the lower groups, progeny group and breeders group and Sunday was the top groups and Open classes.

The Friday was boring, but on the Saturday my sister got to handle in Intermediate Bitch, group 3, and Junior Bitch, group 2. Once that was finished, it was a bit after lunch so we made our way to the stadium for the progeny group and breeders group.

Before progeny group started, we watched the zap test. The zap test was a bit confusing but I couldn't watch it all because I had to go to assemble for progeny group. Once I got to the progeny assembly point, I put on my tracksuit, received the dog and got ready and organised to go to the stadium. I entered the stadium and it was very cool to be in Germany at the Sieger show and about to handle while each side of the stadium was full. I stood the dog up for the judges to analyse, then went around the stadium walking, then at a fast gate.

Once I handled for Uranus, I had to quickly give the dog back to the owner and run all the way back to the meeting point to grab another dog for the progeny group. It was rushed for me to get ready because they were soon going to enter the stadium. And then the same process happened again.

I felt very privileged to be handling at the German Sieger show for the progeny group at the age of 12 for the dog's groups Uranus zum Gigelsfelsen and Freddie von Modithor.

The day went on then Sunday came to a start. On Sunday, it was much more entertaining. The open classes were on, and that was good to see German dogs which had a broader range of high quality dogs then what we have in Australia.



On the fast gait and off lead, many people were whistling because dogs were passing each other. That brightened up my day with a lot of laughing. Then the Male classes commenced. It was the same concept as the girls.

Once the siegerin was titled and the VA's were titled they opened the gates to everyone to see the VA's. My sister and I got a photo with Casper von Tronje, V1, which is a very beautiful and nice dog. We were looking for the winner, Gary vom Hünegrab, VA1, but so many people wanted a photo so we couldn't get near him.

The day came to a finish and I was still very privileged to have handled. I even wore the tracksuits from one of the groups out for dinner!

The seiger show is completely different to our shows and it was so amazing!

Stephanie



Handling at the Sieger Show

On the Thursday we arrived in Ulm after a long train trek and went to the stadium. As expected it was fairly busy with the measuring taking place. It was quite interesting to see the new measuring system and the animals entered in the show. As it was my second time attending the German Sieger Show, I knew what to expect of the weekend and couldn't wait to see the quality of dogs presented this year.

Friday began with a very early wake up, we hurried down to the stadium just in time to see the junior female's individual that I would be handling on the Saturday. It was the first official day of the German Sieger Show with individuals and younger classes taking place. The weather was definitely not holding up for us on the day, forcing us to walk into town in the pouring rain and buy a few coats and umbrellas. After returning, we watched the minor and puppy classes which was a new addition to the show for me. Last time I attended in 2015, only juniors, intermediate and open classes were judged so it was very interesting to see the quality of animals in the younger classes this time. The Friday definitely felt like the longest day out of the whole weekend mainly because of the rain. It almost felt like we brought the Melbourne weather with us.

YOUTH handlers

Saturday was another early morning with some class run offs taking place. I was fortunate enough to handle in a Sieger show class for the first time and it was amazing. Although it was quite a stressful and confusing experience, I 100% enjoyed it. I couldn't exactly understand German numbers when call out order was announced and then some handlers seemed a lot more pushy when it came to the judges looking at their animals but I definitely appreciated the opportunity. I am very thankful to Craig Rice and Hazel for allowing me to handle one of their junior females.

The day continued with some Junior Dog group run offs which was quite entertaining to watch. Luckily the weather held up on us this time and allowed everyone to enjoy the day a bit more. Later in the afternoon, the progeny groups were presented and I was fortunate enough to handle in Uranus vom Gigelsfelsen group, thanks to Richard Brausch providing me with a lovely female. The progeny groups were quite chaotic to sort out but running around the stadium ring was another unforgettable experience.

The Sunday was set to be the biggest day of the show with group 1 of Junior classes, Intermediate classes and open classes. I was given another massive opportunity to handle for the second time at the show in the female intermediate group 2 class. Thanks to Eric Bosl, I was able to make another memory and felt very privileged to be handling another lovely animal in the show. We then watched the Junior Males and Intermediate class run offs. There were several males and females that really stood out in the classes and would be interesting to see how they develop in the future.

Once all classes were finished we finally got to watch the Male and Female Open classes. The Female Class consisted of some very beautiful animals, especially the VA's. It was very entertaining to watch the class and a few dramas that came with it. There was definitely a number of females that really stood out. The male open class was another very impressive group to watch with a few dogs catching my eye, including Kasper von Tronje whom I thought was an outstanding dog and would do well in the future, and of course Gary vom Huhnegrab. There was a large amount of quality in the open class and I was amazed by the focus the dogs had when the off-lead gait was conducted.

Overall, the German Sieger Show was once again an amazing experience and definitely one to remember. I am now able to say that I have handled in a proper class at the show on two accounts and given another opportunity to go in a progeny group for the second time. Events like these come with so much entertainment that allows me to grow my knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog. I was able to catch up with many people from both Australia and overseas in the 'dog world' and truly enjoyed myself. Hopefully in the coming years I will be able to revisit the German Sieger show and experience it all over again.

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Hello from sunny Queensland – we can't give you a report on our winter activities, as we didn't have one – winter that is, not GSD Club activities, we always have those!

Since our last report we have conducted a sensational day on Saturday the 12th August with Club Zone 2 reps Karl and Sarah Maresh who organised a 'Breed Survey and Members Competition' at the Bundaberg Recreational centre. Several exhibitors and members travelled from the Brisbane area to spend the day with members up there. Lou Donald and Carol O'Rourke were our two Surveyors but after coat losses etc. only three dogs were presented on the day, all of which received their Breed Survey Classification – Congratulations to:-

Kantenna Karma Man AZ (*Juwika Destroyer HD-ED x *Ch Kantenna Coz I Can AZ)
Astasia Willemena AZ (*Xaro vd Plassenburg aED (Imp Gmy) x *Astasia Tiki AZ)
Havelock D'Haviland Dash AZ (Brando v Illsegrund x Haveloc Ziska)

The Members Competition was judged by Mr Louis Donald. Best SC Dog going to *Sundaneka Fleetwood Mac AZ. Best SC Bitch was *Kantenna Miss Understood AZ. Best LSC Dog went to Avahlee Hugo Boss, best LSC Bitch was *Ch Avahlee Girls Keep Secrets AZ. A great social day with Judges, Surveyors, exhibitors and members present. Thank you to all involved in the preparation and running of a wonderful day in Bundaberg. Another weekend planned in Zone 2 for 2018.

Talking of the Zone 2 team they deserve special mention. Our wonderful Zone 2 Representatives Karl and Sarah Maresh and their team of helpers are continually fund raising for their events. The most recent being yet another very successful Bunnings (North Mackay) day, assisted by Jackie Darnell & Kim

Challender which raised a whopping \$1260! Well done guys, you are amazing!

The Queensland Club would like to offer special congratulations to one of our members, who not only competes in herding, exhibits in the specialist ring but is also a constant competitor in the All Breeds ring. Nicole Hammond consistently promotes our beautiful breed and her lovely dogs in both rings, offering other breed exhibitors the chance to see some lovely GSDs in the All Breeds ring. Most recently, Nicole has had amazing success with a young female that she bred - Aust Ch Karham Know It All HT AZ (*Sup Ch Indio Di Casa Nobili HIT HD-ED H-neg x *Ch Karham Itzony Destiny AZ). Titled as a puppy bitch 'Kiah' has qualified for Dogs Queensland's Puppy of the Year nine times, yes nine times as well as the 2017 Dog of the Year, but at the recent Brisbane Royal Show (EKKA) 'Kiah' was placed 4th in the Best in Show line up and awarded Puppy in Show! All of this on and before the age of 11 months! What a wonderful effort! CONGRATULATIONS Nicole and 'Kiah' we are VERY proud of you.



Our State Breed Exhibition & Restricted Obedience Trial was held on September 16th and we would like to thank Greg Green (Vic) for making the long trip up to take his place at the helm. Unfortunately, the numbers were down a little but that didn't dampen the day, the enthusiasm or the sense of sportsmanship. Congratulations to three in a row, State Sieger *Xaro von der Plassenburg a ED (Imp Gmy) owned by Andrew and Rachel Jones (Vic) and presented by the Hersant family. Congratulations also to our State Siegerin *Ch Castastar Alexi AZ PT owned by Mandy Doyle. Both 'Xaro' and 'Lexi' presented lovely Progeny Groups, some of whom were also winners in their age classes – all results are available on our website. The Restricted Obedience trial was also held and thank you to Bill Patterson for stepping in to judge when our contracted Judge was unable to attend. Only one qualifying score this year, Laguardia Edin Burgh CD winning the Open Class. Congratulations

to his owner-handler Stephen Pitt.

The end of September saw the GSDCQ Herding Fun day and Instinct Test. What a wonderful day! - 20 GSDs in attendance... 19 passing their Herding Instinct (one had already done hers but she wanted to do it again because it is such fun!) - Congratulations to everyone who took part - full list on the Club Facebook page. The Judge's Encouragement Awards went to Astasia Frazza, Laguardia Edin Burgh and Tora Z Arnulovic. Huge thank you to Anne and Carl Mitchell for allowing the Club to use their property and sheep plus Anne's superb expertise and also to our Instinct Test Judge, Annette Luck. An awesome day with a lot of dogs looking forward to going further in their herding careers. Worthy of note, Vonambach Xcessive Force was only 6 months and 4 days old – a Super Baby!



As we are coming into what is shaping up to be a very hot Summer, please take even more special care than we usually do of our beautiful dogs – put as many containers out that you can, filled with clean fresh water, ensure they have shade and remember how quickly a closed-up car can turn into a torture/death chamber in the heat.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Qld would like to end our 2017 notes by again thanking all of you for helping make the 45th GSDCA National Show & Trial such an enormous success and wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season. Please always remember what brought us all together in the first place, our one common love – the German Shepherd Dog.

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Our show scene has been busy since our last review. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm has been excellent throughout this show year – kudos to all exhibitors. The Rick Richardson and Walter Martin Championship shows went off well just in time for our two judges (Robyn and Alastair) to wing their way to the Sieger show. Constructive and helpful comments on our dogs were given throughout the weekend. Jo Cathie came over at short notice to adjudicate our Members' Competition due to Honey's health problems – she is back on deck now – thank goodness. This was Jo's first judging appointment in W.A. - but I am certain she will be invited back soon as members responded to her lovely manner and positivity.

Earlier in October we had our West Coast Challenge Obedience and Rally trials. The grounds at Headquarters looked an absolute picture after our new look and hardworking Trials Committee spent the day organising it all. The trials went off well with great entries BUT after the evening ended W.A. went back to storms and winter rain and our beautiful grounds were covered in leaves and branches.

Recently we held our West Coast Challenge show – our visiting judge was John Lijffijt and his lovely wife, Lia - from the Netherlands. Very easy to speak with and engaged with all the members and guests – such great company. The atmosphere at the show was friendly and good-natured and the sportsmanship was excellent. Special guests were Terry Healy our local Member of Parliament, Deputy Mayor of Gosnells Theresa Lynes and the Scotts of the Purple Poppy group.

All in all the West Coast events were great successes. Congratulations to the Trials and Show Committees and all their helpers.

A message from our Soccer - After a long showing year and the pressure is off – nothing better than to put the West Coast behind me and relax in the pool reflecting on my winnings.



I realise we still have a few events to go. We are holding a Photo Day in November and I expect dozens of fabulous dogs having their photos taken with their owners. In the next weeks we hold our final Quarterly General Meeting, Breed Survey and Closed Club Trial and graduation for 2017. The C.C.T. and Graduation will again be a fund-raiser for the McGrath Foundation as we hold our "Remember Jane" day. The wrap up for formal time will be at our Fun Day – an entertaining day for all members to enjoy a social time with their friends – human and canine.

Our summertime socialisation begins at our training grounds held in the balmy evenings of Perth – these sessions continue right through the summer. We get to let our hair down at the Children's Christmas Party and our annual presentation evening in early December.

As I put my Sunday Roast, Apple Crumble and Trifles dishes to bed for 2017, it just leaves me to wish you on behalf of all the Western Australian G.S.D. fraternity - the VERY best of times with your family and friends at Christmas - my favourite time of the year.

Stay safe, drive carefully, eat and drink in moderation and we look forward to 2018 and all she will bring to the German Shepherd Community.

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Who can believe it's nearly Christmas? Things have been so busy it's hard to tell where the year has gone.

The prestigious Royal Melbourne Show came and went in September. Best of Breed LSC was won by the Murphy's Ch. Grundelhardt Circle Of Life. But this year's momentous achievement and the biggest shout out goes to BOB SC Stobar Quentin. On the first day of the show, Quentin and his dad Stuart McDonald won the Open ring in the Royal Obedience trial, and then went on the win Best in Trial !! Then 1 week later he backed it up in the show ring handled by his mum Megan to win BOB. BIT and BOB Royal Show sashes - definitely trophies for the pool room 😊

The back half of the year is full of events in the trial world, and we've held our Double open obedience trial, our restricted to Group 5 and our Track and Search Dog (TSD) Trial. The TSD trial produced several highlights by smart dogs tracking 4 hour old tracks around the local urban streets in the dark at night time. If you get the chance, head along to a TSD trial - the work the dogs do is impressive ! We saw Ian Woollard & Jake (TS.CH. T.CH O.GR.CH. Killara Winter Saturn UDX ET) gain his TSD Grand Champion title, making him a dual dual champ ! They have achieved what we believe to be only the third Australian double performance Grand Champion Title. The other highlight was Lin Milne & Echo (TS.Ch T.Ch Djenuen Triple Treat AZ) gaining their TSD Champion title with TSD test 8, but more importantly with an Excellent grading – the first Excellent medallion we've awarded in Victoria to a GSD for Track & Search. Echo was like a machine following the track at 10pm in the dark. Never waived and found her lost track layer 😊

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Our biggest weekend of the year with the Champ Show/trial and WDC show went off without a hitch. Judges John Lijffijt and Robyn Knuckey did a great job entertaining the exhibitors. A highlight was the presentations made to our retirees. James Rodger (retired as Surveyor and judge) and Fran Farley (retired as Surveyor). Both are long standing icons of the GSD fraternity were farewelled from their formal roles with a big round of applause.



In October we held our most recent GSDCA Character & Working Assessment on the same day as breed survey. 14 members and their dogs went through the test with great success. We hope more get involved and participate, it's not a hard test and great to give you dog a chance to do something different – so put them to the test. We'll hold 2 more next year. That day we also had 10 dogs succeed at Breed Survey. What a big day for all who participated in these schemes. Big clap!

Bear & Alexa are home from Germany! You will read elsewhere of their trip, but for anyone interested in herding, catch up with Alexa. She will have great stories to tell! Welcome home.

Everyone in Victoria is getting old – at least our training branches are anyway. Eastern have recently celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a party day and cake! And before the end of the year, Western and Ballarat branches will also celebrate 40 years and Skye branch their 30th anniversary. What a big year, and achievement. Our branches are our heartbeat, they do all the work with our members on the ground each week and all are going strong – so Happy Anniversary!

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The year is flying by and it's hard to believe summer is almost upon us again. The club has been a little quieter over the last few months, but training and breed surveys have gone ahead as usual and numbers have been pleasing.

In August we attended 2 full days at Moore Park for the Sydney Dog Lovers Show. This event is getting bigger each year. These days are extremely tiring for both 2 and 4 legged attendees. The constant flow of people that want to talk to you about our breed and to pat, cuddle and photograph the dogs is endless. Some just want to share about their beloved family member that they have recently lost and get comfort from our dogs. A few tears were shed, but so rewarding at the same time. The dogs that attend have to have extremely solid temperaments as it can be very overwhelming for them with the crowding, noise and constant touching. We spent a lot of time directing people through the correct channels of buying a German shepherd and explaining the benefits of doing so. Again, many comments were made about how "calm" and "good natured" our dogs were and how impressed the public were that German Shepherds aren't really aggressive. This is why we do what we do. A MASSIVE thank you to those members who attended both days with your incredible dogs. It is greatly appreciated.

Our 2 day show in October has come and gone. Karen Hedberg judged conformation and had 85 entries, obedience judged by Pauline Hartwell unfortunately only attracted 8 entries and the members' competition judged by Fran Farley had 87 entries. The weather held up over the weekend which made it comfortable for the dogs and handlers alike. Those that attended had a great weekend of showing and had the opportunity to catch up with friends.

We have a lecture on 10TH November with Melanie Groth on "The influence of the backline and hindquarter on movement" This should be a really informative lecture, so we hope that we get loads of people attending.

The last show of the year is our Christmas show on December 16 2017 and our judges are Mr. D Gilson (NSW) Open Show - All Classes and Dr R Zammit (NSW) Sanction Show - All Classes.

The GSDL are also pleased to advise that at our 2018 Easter Ch. Show & Trial we will have FRAU. NANCY HERMS SV judging in Australia for the first time - dates are Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April, 2018 - with Good Friday and Easter Monday to travel to and from the show - mark this in your calendars as a run up to the National.

Keep your eyes on the website or Facebook page for any additional information you may require. The GSDL would like to take this opportunity to wish all its members and those at other clubs throughout Australia a very merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy new year and 2018.

Until Next time
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August saw our Annual General Meeting where we welcomed a new committee and executive. Many thanks to our outgoing President, Dave Griffin, who's done a sterling job in his role and to Gordon Mathers for his ever sensible contributions to committee. We welcomed two new committee members, Lorraine Summers and Kristy Hall and look forward to a successful and productive 12 months.

Our Harmonisation workshop was held in July and saw members actively engaged in

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discussions about the future directions for our club and National Council. Subsequently obedience classes have been re instigated at our weekly training sessions. Thank you to Theresa for her willingness to share her expertise and lead the regular classes. Preparations are also underway to conduct a ZAP test in the new year.

Our September Show and Breed Survey was most successful and we thank our two judges, Sharon Ballantyne and Melanie Groth, for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the Breed in such a warm and approachable manner. The show is not possible with the organisation of Russell and Maureen Lowery. Many thanks must go to them.

The Saturday saw a dinner and informal presentations from Melanie Groth and Jo Cathie, assisted by Alastair Henderson. Their presentations provided a valuable insight into Breed Survey (Mel) and training and showing in Europe (Jo and Alastair). Thanks to Heather Mathers for arranging the evening, which will become a regular event at our shows.

The Breed Survey conducted prior to the show was our largest for sometime, with six animals being surveyed.

Congratulations to Kristy Hall on winning Puppy in Show at the Hobart Royal Show, and to the Tassie contingent for great results at the GSDCV and Working Dog shows in November.

Our next survey is being held on the 17th February followed by an AM/PM show on the 18th. Our judges are Greg Green and Jo Cathie. We look forward to welcoming both local and interstate visitors.



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Newcastle and Hunter Region GSDC continues to experience a resurrection of sorts.

Following on from the very successful Champ show weekend the members attended a wonderful weekend camp at the Barrington Tops. All reports were that both dogs and owners had a great time.

The Tuesday night obedience training has been very well attended even though some of the nights have been quiet cool. With the warmer weather now upon us the numbers attending training should continue to grow.

The next obedience trial for March should prove to be a turning point for the club.

This event will be open to all working dogs, with only registered GSD'S being eligible for excellent medals. The members look forward to the extra competition and the competition between the various breeds promises to be very interesting. This event will also see the introduction of Rally O.

The next event on the calendar is the club Christmas party and presentation night. This promises to be a great night with our resident DJ Gavin promising to rock the venue to the foundations.



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Movement of the German Shepherd Dog

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The focus for article is the movement of the German Shepherd Dog, which will hopefully be one of many educational articles posted in the Youth Section of the QNR in future editions. To start with, I refer to the previous article in which I asked "why we set the German Shepherd up with one hind leg forward under the pelvis, and one hind leg back behind the end of the body". Included with this article was a picture of a sprinter ready to take off. The reason we stand dogs this way is it is meant to be a natural position for them to take off from. Dogs don't move the same as humans – instead of leaning forwards like we do (and letting gravity pull as forward and then moving our legs to 'catch' ourselves), they have to start pushing themselves forward from the rear legs. This is of course a basic description and drives us into the movement section of this article.

When looking at the movement of a German Shepherd, what is it that judges are looking for? For this we can look to the breed standard and read the description given on 'gait/movement':

The German Shepherd Dog is a trotter. The limbs must be of such length and angulation that the hindquarter may be thrust well forward under the body and the forequarter reaches equally far forward without noticeable change in the backline. Any tendency towards over-angulation of the hindquarter decreases the firmness and endurance and therefore the dog's utmost working ability. Correct structural proportions and angulations result in a ground covering, low to the ground movement that gives the impression of effortless forward propulsion. With the head pushed forward and a slightly raised tail, an even, balanced and smooth trot, results in a gently curving and unbroken topline, running from the

tip of the ears and over the neck and back through to the end of the tail.

This may seem like a lot of boring words, so let's pick out some key words;

- trotter,
- equally,
- firmness,
- endurance,
- ground covering,
- low to the ground,
- effortless.

Now let's look at those words and what they might mean. First of all, what does trotter mean? In this case it is talking about how the limbs move in regards to each other. The German Shepherd moves the front and opposite hind-leg forward together, in what we commonly refer to as a gait. What is referred to as a pace, or pacing, is the front and hind-leg on the same side moving forward together.

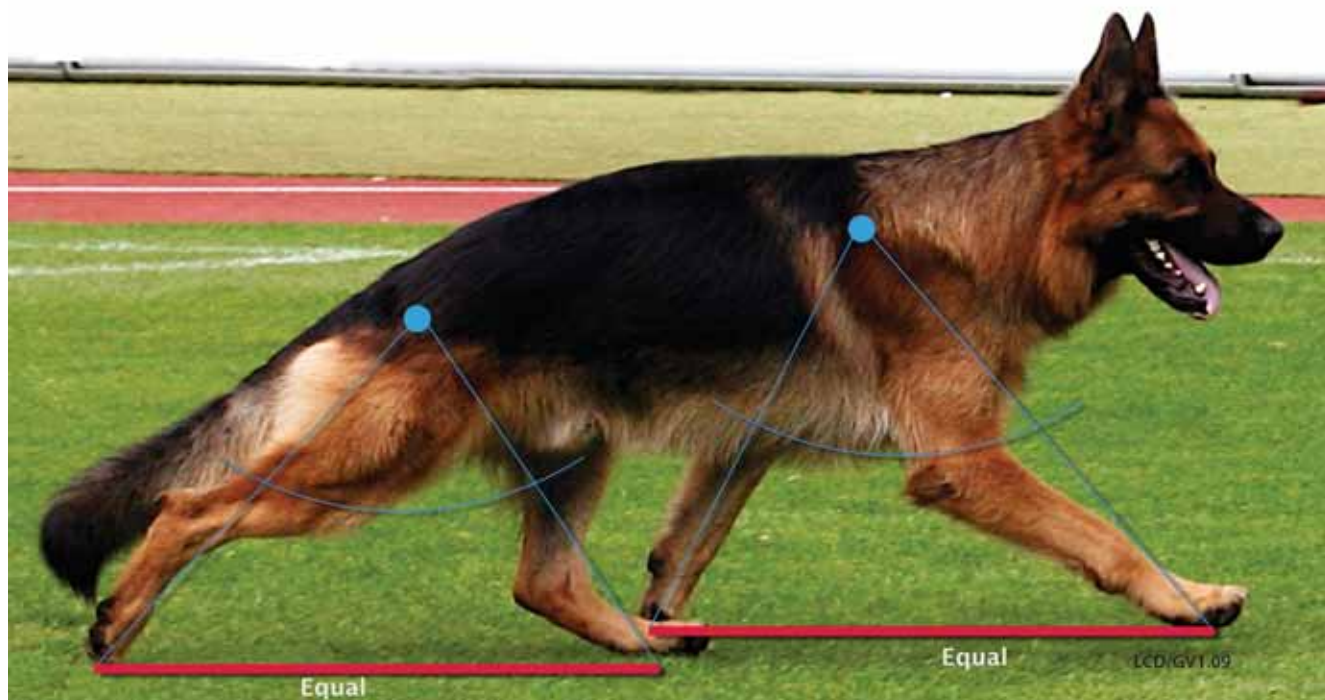
The word 'equally' is interesting– here equally means equal or same distance reached across the ground. Perhaps a better term would be balanced. This can best be seen in the following image.

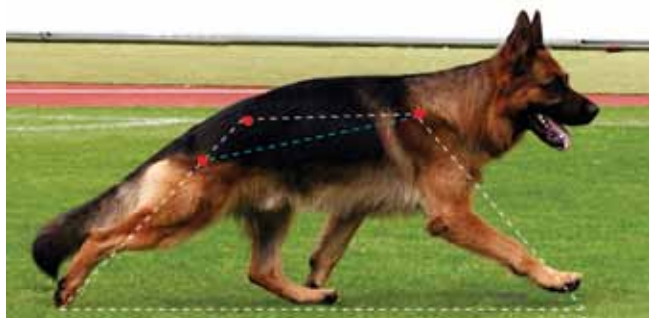
The next word - firmness. This can refer to several areas of the dog – the topline, hocks, elbows, ligaments or even skin. If a dog is not fit, they probably won't be firm. If you imagine an athlete competing, they look athletic, fit or firm. If you imagine someone who spends all day sitting on the couch competing against the athlete, they wouldn't look fit, or firm.

Endurance should be simple. Let's take one of the literal definitions from the dictionary: "the ability or strength to continue or last, especially despite fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions; stamina". This means the German Shepherd should show a willingness to continue working even when they are tired.

Ground covering is again quite literal in its meaning – the distance travelled across the ground. This links back to where equal and balanced was described.

Low to the ground also comes in to play when you talk about ground covering. For this, imagine someone doing the splits. The further apart





their feet get, the lower their body gets to the ground. This is the same for a German Shepherd moving – the further they reach/extend, the closer their body has to get to the ground to allow this to happen.

Finally, the word effortless. This encapsulates all that has been discussed above. The hind thrust well forward under the body equal to the far forward reaching forequarter must be ground covering, lower to the ground than when standing and must appear to be effortless. All while being firm, balanced/equal, and enduring.

The most important thing to remember from this is “no dog is perfect”. That means that every dog is going to be different. As a handler, you should always ask yourself “what can I do to show this animal to its best?” This can mean a variety of changes in the way you handle each dog. Running speed, walking speed, lead position and lead length are a couple of examples to think about. Below are another 2 pictures of the same dog shown earlier. The first one showing the pivot points front and rear (red dots connected by the dotted blue line), and a basic idea of where the energy is transferred through. The second picture is the same photo with nothing over the top, so you can get a clear image of what has been described.

Thank you to Mr Louis Donald for allowing me to use his images and information. If you would like any more information on what has been described above, please go to his website: www.louisdonald.com for more in-depth information.

To finish off, I would like to leave you with the description Mr Donald gives in his article “General Overview of the German Shepherd Dog” of this dog’s movement:

“This is correct movement – no exaggeration, balanced, harmonious, the withers have good height and the backline is at a slight not excessive slope, the feet are travelling at about wrist height from the ground, the forward extended foreleg is at the right angle to the ground.... The pasterns are firm, the front foot seen here at full extension is in a vertical line midway between the eyes and nose, there is moderate not excessive crossover between the rear and front feet, the hock at the fully extended forward position is well angled to the ground, and consequently not in contact with the ground....”

Judges Committee News

We are seeing a change of the guard, which has not been seen before within the GSDCA. In the last 12 months, we have seen several judges decide to ‘hang up their shingle’ as GSDCA Specialist Judges, for various reasons. The latest being James Rodger. I am very sad this has occurred, but understand why due his ongoing health concerns. I wish to extend to James and Louisa our collective very best for the future and to James our sincere thanks for all of your work in all facets of the German Shepherd Dog, not just as a judge. We all look forward to seeing you around the ring and continuing our discussions of the animals presented.

I would like to remind all clubs to send critiques through to me, to be distributed to all judges and placed on the GSDCA website for a central access point for all club critiques. I would ask clubs to ensure that judges have a chance to review critiques prior to being published. I understand in this world of social media, people are wishing to see these in real time, but it is unfair to publish without the right of revision.

Since the workshops on the NBC weekend, we have seen some different trends in critiques, especially on the structure of the head and they have been more detailed. This is a positive trend. To a lesser extent we have seen further comment on the pronounced slope of the topline. This could be a bit further expanded on into the future. The NBC Executive will review further topics for the meeting next year and would be happy to consider suggestions from clubs, breed surveyors and judges.

The participants in the GSDCA Extension Course are progressing and both Salvatore Pitelli and Jenny DeLucia are now awaiting their next judging appointment to complete their final assessment. Both of these judges will finish this in 2018. Jess Kada has completed her first mentor assessment with Mel Groth acting as her mentor judge with positive feedback. Congratulations to you all.

As an action from the GSDCA Judges Meeting, an information pack is to be sent to all participants in the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course. The information has been collated and reviewed by the NBC Executive, it is now to be formatted into a workbook as appropriate and separate forms for use. This should be finalised in the next couple of weeks. Once that is completed, it will be available for all to review and access on the GSDCA website to download.

At the time of writing this report we still have several shows to be completed in the 2017 show calendar. We are seeing clusters of shows that are very close together and this is having an adverse effect on the entries at these shows. The other impact is the frequency of some judges being contracted to judge shows. I suggest clubs review the website to see who is judging in the future or has recently judged, to help in the selection process of a judge. If you require more recent information, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the very best for the coming Festive Season and a safe and happy New Year.

Please feel free to contact me on judgescommittee@gsdcouncilaustralia.org or 0435 789 442 if anyone would like to discuss judging or the process. I am only too happy to help.

Robyn Kruckey

From the National Breed Commission

It's been a particularly busy year and an interim report is provided for members prior to the AGM to be held in February 2018.

In the last edition of the Review we celebrated the success of the Breed Commission Meeting in July with the new format and focus on education. Some clubs have followed on suit by offering seminars and workshops held during their show weekends for members and exhibitors. These occurred in Tasmania and Coffs Harbour in August and September.

A working party for the establishment of a new Breed Survey manual to incorporate the move to one classification was established in July and is being very capably led by Jane Pike. This is a very big task and will take time to ensure that years of reviews to the scheme and the manual, make sense and are aligned with the regulations.

Breed Survey Scheme

Please note: Dogs surveyed post July 1 2017 are to be known as Breed Survey Classified (BSC)

At the time of writing all clubs with the exception of Newcastle and the ACT have held surveys using the one classification introduced post July 1 2017. Since July and to date, 51 animals have been surveyed with the one classification and we still have surveys in NSW, Newcastle, Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria and ACT left to run in November and December. A count for the same period from July to the actual end of the survey year in December 2016, the number surveyed was 42. This result is encouraging given that we still have 6 surveys left this year. In talking to people, some like the new system and some don't. It is my view that competition should be left to the ring and that having a hierarchy within the survey system is damaging. The early data reflects this and anecdotal responses from general members would indicate that they feel it's a much more level playing field. It has removed the perception that favours were being done as to who owns the dog. Certainly, in Sydney the one classification has been very well received.

The concern has been raised among surveyors and some breeders that without the delineation between class 1 and 2 that members will not know which dogs they should use. It is our job as surveyors to make sure we are accurate in how we describe dogs at survey, using the virtues and faults and recommendations to ensure that we give expert advice based on what we believe to be the best breeding partners or attributes to highlight. Knowledge of what dogs are producing is absolutely imperative and how they blend with certain lines needs to be at the forefront of recommendations. Too many times surveyors are recommending the same dogs time after time. There is work to be done in this area. It will be helpful for some education at club level for members, so I am hopeful that our State Coordinators are considering this option. Some of our work over the next year will focus on these topics with our survey team.

Breed Survey Retirement/Resignations

This year has certainly been the year of change. At the 2017 AGM the organisation implemented the Breed Survey Contracts to take effect on July 1, in conjunction with Breed Survey Classification (BSC). Prior to the implementation of the contracts, Fran Farley had decided it was time to take a well-earned break after some 40 years of dedication to our survey scheme. Bruce Knight decided not to renew his judges licence and this in turn made him ineligible to remain as a surveyor, so his resignation was accepted by us with a great deal of regret given his service to the Council. James Rodger has recently decided to hand in his ANKC judges licence and thereby finish up as a surveyor also. James has not enjoyed good health over the past few years. We look forward to James being well enough to still be around at shows chatting, enjoying the dogs, the people and the shows. Joylene Neddermeyer notified the Council early in October that she had decided it was time to take a break after so many

dedicated years of service to the Breed. It has been a particularly rough year for Joylene with family loss and I for one hope that one day she may reconsider her decision to hand in her licence. We respect her decision and as such, Joylene joins Barry O'Rourke in finishing up at the end of the year on 31 December 2017. Barry was recognised for his years of service at the NBC meeting and he will be missed by the survey team.

It is with great sadness and regret that all of these very prominent people have decided that 2017 was their year to finish up. Collectively there are so many years of dedication, corporate knowledge and service to the German Shepherd Dog in Australia. It is important that we recognise their service to Council and the breed. It is hoped that they will all still be around at shows helping us make decisions about our breeding programs and passing on their knowledge.

Given the above it makes the decision to include three aspirants at this years' NBC meeting all the more important, as succession planning has never been more poignant for our organisation. I wish Andrew Jones, Natalie Humphries and Sharon Ballantyne every success as they work towards attaining their surveyor status over the next 8 months. I am certain the state survey teams are very happy to have all three joining the ranks.

The Database

I encourage members to use their logon and find their way around the database and do their homework as to which dog might be suitable to be used within their breeding program. Statistics from HDED can be looked at for sires, bearing in mind that if a dog has less than 10 progeny in a scheme it is not really statistically viable to judge the dog on that result. By using the filters you can find out all sorts of information.

Frank Moody the Database coordinator has worked with the programmers to set the database up for the one classification. This work takes time and our programmer has been on vacation and unable to set up the last piece in the process; the printing. So, that has meant we have a delay in being able to print surveys and post them out. The data has been entered by the surveyors and once the print process is active I will be able to process them. I apologise for this untimely delay.

Photographs remain an issue for about 10-15% of animals surveyed. A reminder that photographs should be sent to the Breed Survey registrar at the time of survey so that they can be uploaded as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we seem to be chasing many photos and as a result the survey does not appear up on the database even though the dog has been surveyed months prior. I have this month approved a backlog of 9 surveys that are more than one year old and their surveys now appear with a jpeg that indicates that a photo is unavailable. This is definitely not the preferred option. Please check your records. If this occurs for your dog, please send a photo with the name of the dog and the date of survey to nbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

HDED schemes

We are currently in the process of gathering information from the radiographers that work within our HDED schemes. This information will be shared with the SV's Dr Tellheim, from the University Clinic of Geissen so that our scheme can be validated and recognised as per Schedule 15 WUSV harmonisation. Our schemes will remain here in Australia and as part of harmonisation will be shared with the WUSV.

In closing I would like to thank the people who have worked closely with me this year to help me get my head around the portfolio. In particular, Frank Moody who has been very patient with me as I have learnt to be more efficient at using the database; Joylene Neddermeyer who has continued to provide advice and process the Title Verifications; Jane Pike, Val Moody and Jacinta Poole who keep me on track with reports and meeting management; Julie Urie, Robyn Knuckey and Vince Tantaró who provide a great platform for ideas and advice.

I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2018.

Mel Groth

NBC Chairperson

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