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James Rodger

1946 - 2018

'We recognise the significant contribution James has made to the German Shepherd Dog in Australia'

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Date

27th - 29th April 2018

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Event

46th National Show & Trial

GSDCA National Breed Commission Meeting

GSDCA Annual General Meeting

Location

Adelaide

Melbourne

Adelaide

Member Club Shows

Date

10/03/2018

31/03/2018

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Event

GSDCV Championship Show

GSDL Championship Show

GSDAWA SBE

GSDCSA National - Females

GSDCSA National - Males & LSCs

Other Qld WDC of Qld

GSDCTas SBE

GSDAWA Members Competition

GSDCQ Members Comp

GSDL Open Show

GSDAWA Members Competition

GSDCQ Championship Show

GSDCQ Championship Show

GSDAWA Members Competition

NHRGSDC Championship Show

NHRGSDC Championship Show

GSDCV Exhibition

GSDAWA Rick Richardson Mem Show

GSDAWA Walter Martin Mem Show

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Melbourne

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Perth

Adelaide

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Brisbane

Hobart

Perth

Brisbane

Sydney

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Hermes Nancy Germany

Groth Melanie NSW

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VALE: James William Henry Rodger

27 November 1946 to 15 January 2018

James, sadly after a long time battling prostate cancer, passed away on 15th January 2018.

James was born in Stawell, Victoria on 27th November 1946. He was the eldest of three boys who relished playing sport, both cricket and Australian Rules football. He captained the 2nd 11 at Footscray Cricket Club to a premiership. He continued to play into his 30's and in doing mentored many younger players. His other love was football and as a talented young man, played for the AFL Footscray Football Club Reserves. His love of the 'Bulldogs' finally paid off again when he witnessed their 2nd AFL Premiership win in 2016.

James studied part time for an accounting degree at Ballarat School of Mines Business Studies. He married Louisa in 1969 and undertook full time studies and qualified in 1971. He was recruited by Arthur Andersen, a respected firm of that day and started work in Melbourne in 1972. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1974 and established his own practise in 1984 and became accredited as a Chartered Practising Accountant.

His love of dogs and in particular the German Shepherd Dog started in 1971 when, as newlyweds, James and Louisa's house was burgled! They decided best course of action was to buy a German Shepherd Dog! They joined the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria and their love affair with the breed began and within a short time, became involved in Club, breed affairs and both became Club Obedience Instructors

James work saw him move to Ballarat where he took the initiative and decided to call a series of public meetings to gauge the need for a training branch. Despite the prejudice against the breed at that time, it was agreed that there was a real need to dispel the fears of the GSD within the community and ensure training was offered. The GSDCV reached out to the community in 1977 and established: Ballarat, Eastern & Western Branches. James was the inaugural Ballarat Branch Manager.

A highlight of James time as Branch Manager was to see Ballarat chosen as the venue for the 7th GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial held in 1979. This show remains on record as the largest single breed show ever held in Australia with an entry of 1349. The work done by exploiting this event ensured the promotion of the GSD, dispelling fears about the breed in country Victoria and was indeed most successful.

James and his family returned to Melbourne in 1980 and in 1981, when he took over as German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Editor National Review from the then Editor and his mentor; Walter Riemann. This was the start of many years of work for the Council.

In the same year he was elected Club Treasurer and a year later President. It was obvious to many of us in the Club, and the Kennel Control Council that he would take our Club to the next level - the qualities others and I admired about James at the helm were: he was a visionary, strategic, honest and forthright: his passion for the breed and his club drove him, there was no self-interest or promotion. His idealism, leadership and direction gave the Club the sound base from which, even to this day, it

benefits from: the need to serve the GSD in the community it lives in. In recognition of his significant contribution to the GSDCV and breed, he was awarded life membership in 1988

James' contribution to the work of the GSDCA over a 10 year period cannot be overstated! As the new editor of the bi annual National Review he saw what was really needed; a magazine that would be far reaching, rather than the then current format that saw only the diehard enthusiast purchase it. The new magazine was based on all the Member Clubs sending it out to their members. The introduction in 1983 of the GSDCA Quarterly National Review, a high quality colour magazine, saw the magazine content aimed to educate all GSD owners.

As stated, James was a visionary! He gained approval in 1990 to produce the 'Condensed History of the GSD in Australia 1929-1990. He again convinced the GSDCA that it was imperative that it commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the GSDCA. Four years of work saw him compile, edit and write and produce the completely updated and revised edition of 'A Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.' This book, like the first, was a comprehensive history of the Breed and the Council over its 50 years and like the first edition saw it delivered to every member's house. The book received much awe, critical acclaim and congratulations from all. James was presented with a GSDCA Special Award in recognition his work in producing the 1990 publication and the GSDCA Service Medallion in 2001 for his long and sustained contribution the Council and the GSD.

Whilst James was heavily involved in the administration of Council, GSDCV and other canine matters, he was very much hands on with the breed. Together with Louisa they established Rodatt Kennels and bred quality GSD's from a very small breeding program and supported and promoted with fervor all GSDCA breed improvement schemes. They, together with others, imported a cornerstone of our Breed: Iwan von Lechtal and another German import: Lafer Von Batu. His idealism, passion for breeding and showing lead him to gain ANKC GSD Judges license in 1990, GSDCA Specialist Judge and GSDCA Breed Surveyor status.

James contribution to the wider canine community must also be noted. His record of achievement and business acumen saw him as a trusted and valued person who was truly interested in the betterment of canine affairs in this country.

James was the founding Secretary/ Treasurer of the Canine Research Foundation. He was most passionate about breeders being responsible with regard to the breeding of all dogs and that by supporting research into breed health both breeders and consumers would be better served.

James was also a trustee of the Canine Museum Foundation whose work has seen Australia's only Canine Museum established at KCC Park, Victoria.



James was an honourable, forthright, passionate, and respected member of our fraternity. His ability to move forward, when the debate was lost and not seek vengeance or retribution was his main strength allowing him to achieve so much. He was supported in all he did by his wife Louisa and his children Daniel, Briana, Jarrod & Sam

His lifelong dedication and notable work for the German Shepherd Dog, GSDCV, GSDCA and wider canine community in Australia will not be forgotten and is now etched in our history.

He will be sadly missed by all of us, but knowing he is finally at rest after a long battle with illness, gives us all some solace at this time of loss.

Rest in Peace our dear friend.

Vince Santaro,

President GSDCA & Life Member GSDCV

EDITORIAL

This Edition begins with the passing of James Rodger, a previous editor of the Quarterly National Review from 1982-1993. It was early in James' editorship that the QNR began being sent to all members, with content inclusive for all who owned a GSD, not just show results. It is a privilege to continue the work of the early QNR Editors, especially James who took the magazine 'to the people'.

James Rodger was a man I had great respect for. I worked extensively with him on the obedience section of the Golden Jubilee, seeing first hand his passion for recording the history of our breed. It also meant I read every edition ever printed of the Quarterly National Review in search of facts. As a Judge, Surveyor and Executive member, his contribution is well recorded in Vince's eulogy in this edition, but I am acutely aware of James' influence on the magazine, his drive to revamp and revitalise it having taken over from Walter Reimann. James set the standard for Editors to come. That's what we strive for each edition. I hope I achieve and deliver even a small token of James' expectation for the flagship magazine of the GSDCA. RIP James.

This edition contains several reports from the GSDCA Annual Report, presented at the AGM on February 10th. For the extended and complete report, you can read this on the GSDCA website www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings.

This edition features an interesting article on Search and Rescue, and the Cub spotlight sits on ACT as they showcase themselves. Kylie Zimmerle lets us in on a few of her tricks and tips as one of our best specialist ring handlers. Valuable info for anyone starting out and wanting to learn. There are some fantastic images from the War Memorial ceremony in Brisbane, recognising our animals that have served. Great recognition. Don't forget that contributions of articles are always welcome.

As we approach the 2018 National Show and Trial, I wish the SA Club all the best, and specifically remind exhibitors of placegetters to provide photos to the Editor by the due date of May 14th. Email me at revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org. Best of luck to everyone in the show and trial ring, and most importantly enjoy the event!

Cheers

Jacinta



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PRESIDENT'S report



57th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia

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

At the end of my third term as President, I am indeed pleased with the progress we have made since I was first elected in 2012.

This progress shows excellent communication between the Member Clubs and the Executive, and reaffirms the need to be inclusive of everyone. The use of the GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR), GSDCA Database, social media, and our websites in reaching out to the membership and public has assisted us in achieving this together.

I can say with confidence that the level of trust between the Member Clubs and the Executive has reached a state where the whole GSDCA decides of all matters, we need to allay the misconceived belief that Executive and/or I who decide all! My encouragement of frank and open discussion has benefited our organisation, as diverse opinion is welcomed, and in doing so, the work of the Council is more professional and inclusive. This simple change in approach, and more importantly culture, puts us all on the same page, and further in regard to the direction undertaken, and more importantly decisions being made! This major mind shift has led to the end result that the leadership group and membership together own the decisions made, and therefore no one should shy away from their responsibilities in promoting and or progressing matters as decided.

We must continue to utilise technology to ensure that the membership is better informed and able to contribute to the decision making process. In doing so, the Council validates its path as not only the caretaker of the GSD in Australia, but more importantly, the driver that ensures the fraternity continues to have and support the welfare and further development of the **breed** in Australia as their prime goal.

I am pleased to report that the Executive have worked as a cohesive team, where open and fearless discussion is asked for on all matters before it. Each member is happy to own the decisions made and this alone has, as in the past, stabilised and assisted us in progressing matters forward.

As you are well aware the past year has seen the Executive undertake an enormous work load with matters regarding IPO and "WUSV Harmonisation". It is my belief both past and this Executive has acted in the best interest of the Council in dealing with these matters over the last 3 years. I have in my reports in the QNR, informed the membership about the status of these matters. I emphasise we must move forward and see no reason to revisit the 'why and therefore' of these matters again! I acknowledge and thank the Member Club Presidents and their Committees for the work undertaken in ensuring their membership were informed and participated in the decision making process which saw these matters as presented by Louis Donald, WUSV Continental Director Oceania on behalf of the WUSV, progressed and decided upon at the GSDCA SGM held on 28th July 2017.

I again reiterate the decisions made by the Council, are owned by all Member Clubs. There can be no selection of 'this' or 'that'. It is the

acceptance and adhering to all we decide upon which allows us to progress matters forward.

I thank the Club Presidents and their Committees for their leadership, timely responses and promoting the Council. I would also like to sincerely thank the many members in our Clubs who voluntarily devote much time, effort and money to ensure the German Shepherd Dog is well served and promoted throughout Australia.

Despite my repeating and reassuring the membership during my term as President, I am still amazed that there are members both old and new who continue to hold the belief that the Executive or I, solely decide on all Council business! So, at the risk of repeating myself:

I emphasise again the very basis on how the Council came into being: The GSDCA is the Member Clubs; the Executive is not the Council. The Executive, as elected, is in place to administer the business of the Council as determined by its Member Clubs. The Executive is expected to show leadership by putting forward discussion items and or programs for the Member Clubs to consider, amend, reject and/or accept in order to progress the GSD in Australia.

Further, despite a number of conversations with some aggrieved Club members: The Council, Executive or I have no control over the way each Member Club conducts its affairs: that control is held by the Clubs' respective membership. What the Council does expect is that Club members are kept informed and have a right to contribute and or initiate debate via their Club on matters related to breed welfare and improvement of national programs that serve the breed. I can only again reiterate how important it is that members ensure they voice their grievances, opinions, and or put forward ideas at Member Club meetings.

At this point I ask we remember the passing of Jurgen Neddermeyer, Tom Luxton and more recently James Rodger. These three men played significant roles and worked very hard to ensure the Council was formed and its work served the betterment of the GSD in Australia- they are pillars of this organisation and their contribution is etched in our history! On behalf of the Council I extend our sympathy and condolences to all members who have lost loved ones.

It is important we note and again thank the Officers of the Council, and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work as undertaken in the past year. We are a team and can be proud that we have collectively continued to perform as we do and achieve so much. It must also be noted that many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles undertake significant work for their Clubs. Please also remember and thank those who are at home supporting you.

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

Melanie Groth, NBC Chairperson:

Melanie, has in her first year in this role worked hard and enthusiastically to get up to speed with what is a most demanding portfolio. Her 'fresh' approach is welcomed and has added to the diversity of the Executive. She is also a breeder and exhibitor who interacts will all in the fraternity and has found much of her precious spare time is now consumed by not only administering the portfolio but providing valued comment on all matters before the Council. I look forward to her continued growth in the role, valued input into the business of Council, and managing the position in her own style. I am also pleased that she too sees the manner in which the NBC Executive as a collective decide on most NBC matters as most positive.

Val Moody, Secretary:

Val as Secretary has held this position for 17 years, and as I have stated in previous reports is integral to how we conduct the business of Council.

She holds much corporate knowledge, and being involved at grass roots level as a Show instructor at her own club definitely adds more insights to the decision making process. She is consultative and professional in all she does. We continue to work very well together and I, as does the rest of the Executive, value her well-considered advice on all matters.

Robyn Knuckey, Judges Committee Chairperson:

Robyn has continued her work to fine tune the regulations pertaining to her portfolio, and encourages and mentors our trainee GSDCA Judges. She contributes positively to all matters. She is also a breeder, exhibitor, and interacts freely with many in the fraternity. This enriches her valued input on all matters. She is proactive and her input well considered.

Julie Urie: Obedience Committee Chairperson:

Julie in her first year as Obedience Chair has contributed positively to the debate and matters concerning the possible introduction of IPO and Schedules 1, 2, & 3. These matters have thrust forward the 'working' element that has long been ignored by the fraternity. It has been by necessity the focus of much of the Council business this year. Julie is also involved at grass roots as a Club obedience / show instructor, breeder, exhibitor and trials her dogs. She has provided valuable input on all matters and I look forward to her input on the challenges that we will encounter in our work to see Schedules 1, 2 & 3 put into place.

Jane Pike: Treasurer:

Jane as Treasurer has demonstrated since her holding this position 6 years ago, that she is very competent and her experience in administration has ensured the financial affairs of the Council are up to date, and that Member clubs kept informed as to the financial status of our organisation. She again has provided valuable support to the rest of the Executive and Member clubs. Jane is a breeder and keen exhibitor who interacts freely and openly within the fraternity. She continues to contribute positively with her proactive and practical approach to the business of Council.

Jacinta Poole: Editor Quarterly National Review (QNR):

Jacinta has in her first term as Editor made a notable impact. The QNR has this year I believe reached a new status- it truly is now a publication that should appeal to all members. We have all noticed far more articles coming from our fraternity and this no doubt has assisted Jacinta in having the content available to make a difference. The Executive and Jacinta have tried to make the QNR more attractive for members to advertise in. It must be noted that Jacinta's work has brought significant savings to the production cost and therefore we must still be mindful of the 'real' cost of producing the QNR. Jacinta is involved at Club level management, as Club Obedience instructor, exhibitor/ handler and has trialed dogs. Her wide ranging skill-set sees her manage the Council website, FB page and assist all. Jacinta has continued to demonstrate she is very capable and able to positively contribute on all matters as considered by the Executive.

I would now like to acknowledge the contribution of the following Breed Surveyors who have retired in the last year: Joylene Neddermeyer, Anita Pettenhofer, Fran Farley, Barry O'Rourke and James Rodger. All were instrumental in setting ideals that needed to be followed for the breed to make the progress it did! Each played significant roles both at Council and within their own Clubs that educated, and mentored many of the younger breed surveyors!

On behalf of Council I also must acknowledge that due to the SV age rule, Louis Donald who has made a significant and sustained contribution to the betterment of the GSD in Australia is no longer an SV Foreign List judge. It is important to note that Louis, along with Anita Pettenhofer and Barry O'Rourke, who also have been 'retired' a number of years ago, have to date been the only members who, at their own expense, pursued this status and in doing so are respected and key

figures in promoting the SV model and breed idealism which saw the development of the GSD in the early years of Council much faster than it would have done. Louis will continue to judge as an ANKC / GSDCA Judge and has been reappointed WUSV CDO.

The major highlight of the Council every year is the conduct of the National GSD Show & Trial which this year saw GSDC of Queensland host the event on behalf of the Council. It must be noted that this Club did the Council proud in the way it conducted what is our premier showcase event. Not only did the event reach new levels with regard to atmosphere, social events and looking after exhibitors, the Club in fact fully utilised the opportunity a National affords a host Club: the Club promoted the breed at every opportunity before the event and without cutting corners, was able to harness the members, who worked hard to ensure a notable profit was made. This of course will assist the Club in further promotion of the breed well into the future. On behalf of the Council, I again thank the Club for staging a most memorable event.

I was pleased to see GSDCA Service Agreements put in place and that all current GSDCA Breed Surveyors signed it. The work of the 2016 Breed Survey Forum, which was to see educational tools / programs put in place for members and Judges/Breed Surveyors, has stalled, due to the heavy workload related to WUSV matters. The forum also reaffirmed an aspirational goal that would see the introduction of an ANKC Litter Registration Limitation (LRL) that will only have GSD's that are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or recognised, to be bred with. The NBC Executive has had little time to pursue this, however in the first instance; we must see a marked improvement regarding the members concerns of the creditability and conduct of breed surveys. This is an important and essential step. I have noticed as a breed surveyor that we are as a group far more consultative and accepting of each other's failings. However, it must be noted that we are still a long way off putting the LRL forward for consideration by the ANKC: in fact the latest survey sees only 40% of litters born having 2 breed surveyed parents. 60% have one or no breed surveyed parents!

I again raise a major outcome of The GSDCA Future Directions Forum held 5 years ago. I have seen little or no progress on: the need for all Member Clubs and Council to plan and implement succession planning. There is little or no encouragement given to the 'next' generation that may be interested in administering canine affairs. This, combined with falling numbers participating in show and or trials, is a real threat to our sport and serving the breed. Club Presidents and their committees need to encourage and mentor our younger members to "have ago" and hand over positions to them: there is no reason why those who have held positions for 10+ years cannot continue to act as mentors to the new generation- this single move could revitalise Clubs!

In closing, I am well aware of the challenges we all face in going forward. The division that has appeared since we had to, in quick time, consider and enact some of the 23 WUSV schedules as put to us cannot be underestimated. The further fuelling of angst fed by misinformation and or by an insistence of anyone, or any Body to implement new programs without due consideration, and or within realistic timelines should not be tolerated. The GSDCA is, in its own right, a most credible and professional organisation that has endured a hostile environment which in the early days saw no support from canine controls, to one that is now respected and has achieved much more than many other GSD clubs or bodies around the world.

Our ability to outreach and serve the GSD in the community it lives in is unparalleled for any single breed club. The model we have in place is that of the SV; however it is, in my opinion, free of corruption and supported by a volunteer base that works tirelessly for the betterment of the GSD. This cannot be denied! We cannot be dismissed as an organisation that has done nothing, when in fact we have, except for

the missing brick "IPO", done it all and much more than many others!

I wish to thank the Member Clubs for their consideration and hospitality extended to my wife Frances and myself during our visits. I would again thank Frances for her support in what has been a difficult year both at Council level and for our family.

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

I trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

Thank You

Vince Santaro

President

Post AGM Report

Happy New Year! It seems the long hot summer is still to end and the holiday break was long ago, as much has happened in our 'off' season.

I am pleased to report that the 2018 GSDCA AGM was, despite unfounded concern expressed by some prior to the meeting that the Council would not follow the decisions as made regarding WUSV Harmonisation, was in fact most productive and reaffirmed our stated position on the 23 schedules.

The Executive, Presidents' and AGM meetings were most positive and enhanced by the valued input of all the Club Presidents and Delegates. This allowed us to reaffirm the paths as set! We will work together towards implementing the goals as set. I do urge members to attend meetings where 60 day motions will be put and decided on by your Club. I also urge you to voice any concern and or question directly to officers of your Club and or GSDCA Executive: we cannot allow rumour mongering and innuendo spread by social media to fuel division.

I thank all the candidates who were nominated for President, Judges Chair & Treasurer. It is noted all were most credible and knowledgeable members of our fraternity, who hold much corporate and breed knowledge and are active at their Member Clubs. The fact that this year saw three positions contested is positive and whilst the election has caused angst as does any contest, it was conducted properly and in accordance with each Member Clubs constitution! I thank all the candidates for nominating and win or lose, I am certain each will continue (as they have done so in the past) to significantly contribute to the work of the Council, their Club and betterment of the breed.

The Executive as a result remains unchanged and no doubt the diverse opinion, corporate knowledge and commitment each member has and brings to the consideration of all matters does enhance the decision making process of the team.

The Executive and I are heartened by the reaffirmation that the Member Clubs will continue to adhere to the basic principle that has made our Council great: we go forward with knowledge, are united in practising what has been agreed to and achieving goals as set.

Noting the year has already taken off at full speed, the essential event for the fraternity to support in showing, trialling or visiting is the coming 46th GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial to be held in Adelaide on 27th, 28th, 29th April 2018. The GSDCSA has assured us they are working hard to make sure this year's event will, as those held in past years, be most memorable.

Kind regards

Vince Santaro

President

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War Memorial

On the 4th February 2018 a small group of members from The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland attended the very special unveiling of the War Dog Memorial Statue at the Dogs Qld Sporting Grounds at Durack Queensland.

GSDCQ President Sharon Ballantyne and GSDCA Patron Dawn Fraser, AO MBE, laid a beautiful wreath on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

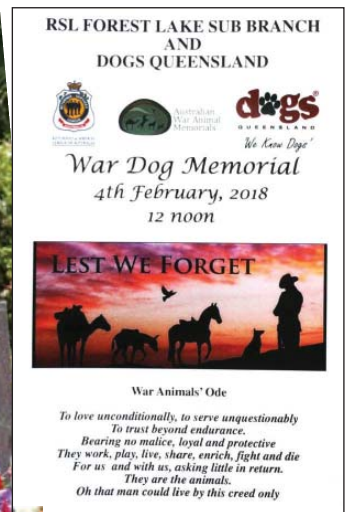
The statue was made extra special for our fraternity as the dog is a German Shepherd, he sits alert and proud outside the main building at the grounds.

Those in attendance were past presidents and life members Diane Ballantyne & John Hansen, life member Barry O'Rourke and club members Syd and Heidi Lewis, Jo Morgan, Sarah Gordon and Carol O'Rourke. We would also like to acknowledge and congratulate past President Rodney Vernon for all his hard work behind the scenes on this project with Dogs Qld.

Sharon Ballantyne

War Animals' Ode

To love unconditionally, to serve unquestionably
To trust beyond endurance
Bearing no malice, loyal and protective
They work, play, live, share, enrich, fight and die
For us and with us, asking little in return.
They are the animals.
Oh that man could live by this creed only



HANDLING the GSD

Handling the GSD in the Specialty Ring

As the 2018 national approaches, we asked Kylie Zimmerle, one of our most experienced and best handlers in Australia to provide some insight and tips for those handling dogs in the coming shows. Next time you watch a class, take some time to watch just the best handlers, and learn from what Kylie has noted. We thank Kylie for her willingness to share her thoughts.

I feel like everyone is born with a natural talent. You can gain experience and learn skills effectively throughout life, but, I genuinely feel that you are inherently born with that natural skill that you can perform effortlessly. I believe that mine is handling a GSD. Always has been and always will be. Whilst unfortunately, it doesn't help my CV, I feel fortunate to have had a lifelong love affair with a GSD and felt completely comfortable as a handler. I've managed to do other things in life, such as win an Australian Figure Body Building title, yet, I wasn't as confident doing that as I am handling a dog! I have made a lot of mistakes along the way, but I have learnt a lot that has made me a better handler today.

I started handling from a very early age in the mid-eighties with a passion that I can't even explain. Whilst my school mates were going out to parties and experimenting with alcohol, cigarettes and boys, I was studying bloodlines (without google!!), watching VHS videos of shows, dreaming about the Sieger show and handling gold medal winners! Needless to say, I wasn't the best student!!

Over the years, I have been super fortunate to handle some of the best dogs in the country and handled over 25 medal winners. Some of the best handling jobs for me, come from handling dogs that are a challenge and not obvious winners. There have been literally too many 'favourites' to list, but I can say that I enjoyed very much being part of the Denargun team (as crazy as it was sometimes!) and loved the super personality of Hasenway Wild Knight, who was the ultimate showman! Much of my greatest handling achievements involve breeders and owners who I love and shared some great times with. Those times are invaluable to me and I hope to continue to do that into the future. I feel that it means more to me, if I have the relationship with the owners, love the dog and enjoy the process.

Growing up, I made it my personal mission to watch the best handlers in the world and try and duplicate their ability. For me, there are two that stand out. One was Malcolm Griffiths and the other was Jurgen Haase. To me both of these people had the inherent ability to read everyone from the dog, the double handler, the other handlers, the Judge and the crowd, whilst having this incredible aura or presence about them. I still find it hard to describe, however, for me, I still anchor those moments and remember those days beyond anything else in my memory bank!

I'm going to attempt to explain what I think it means to be a good handler and some of the skills that I have always used.

10 Traits of a good handler

1. **Understands the dog's faults and virtues.** It is imperative to know what you are working with, have a look at the dog standing naturally, in movement, slowly and fast pace, from the front and

back. Check the dog's character and also the dog's teeth. It is impossible to get the best out of the dog, if you are unfamiliar with the dog. Set the dog up a few times, learn the best way to show off the dog's virtues.

2. **Understands the right tension on the lead.** Biggest

downfall I see in handlers, is the inability to understand the right tension on the lead. There is a sweet spot for every dog that shows off reach and drive without restricting the dog. Tension also includes over correction! There is nothing worse than watching a handler jerk on the lead or slap it over a dog's back. You are not only confusing the dog, but you look frustrated and unprofessional. This is a part of having rapport with your dog. Obviously, you want your dog to be looking for his/her double handler, but you still need to have some rapport with the dog.

3. **Understands the dog's capabilities in terms of fitness.** This is important. If your dog lacks a bit of fitness and the weather is warm, you need to understand when to save the dog and when to allow the double handler to engage the dog. It seems to be an obvious suggestion, but I often see handler's getting stressed and yelling at double handlers when the dog is absolutely stuffed. By then it's too late!
4. **Knows exactly what the Judge wants.** I will always watch a Judge for a while before handling, especially if I've never shown under a particular judge. You will notice plenty by watching first, ie. Where is the Judge's eye during a class, how much of the individual are they watching? What annoys them? Are they getting upset if the front handler is going too slow, or too fast? I personally find Australian Judges are more methodical and easier to read than a lot of Germans so it is imperative under a German to watch and learn.

5. **Calm and confident without being cocky.** A good handler should never really be noticed. By that I mean, the dog should really be the ultimate focus. The least amount of disruption by a handler the better. If you watch a good handler, they are confident, very calm, they signal to double handlers without being obtuse and they know exactly what is happening around them. You can 100% be confident without being cocky! Nobody wants to see a handler yell and scream or run down the rest of the class on the fast gate (note this is different in other countries). Another important part of being calm and confident is to also be a good sport! Despite the fact you may have the best dog in the ring, a good



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handler will accept the Judge's opinion and respect the other handlers.

6. **Know how to lead a class.** If you get a chance to lead the class, it is important to hold the right pace. Not only the right pace that makes your dog look the best, but also, not to go too slow or fast where you might annoy the Judge. I have personally handled dogs that look better walking quite slowly, however, sometimes you can interfere with the rest of the class which just aggravates the Judge! There is a time and place to set a different pace and you have to pick your Judge.
7. **Understand your competitors.** Knowing your own dog is the most important aspect, however, in the older classes, you should become familiar with the virtues and faults of the other dogs you will handle against. Having a full picture, allows you to be a little more tactical as a handler. This doesn't mean being vindictive, it means, if your dog is particularly expansive and dynamic on the fast gate and the dog in front of you isn't, then give yourself a heap of room to allow your dog a better chance to show off its virtues. The same applies when the Judge is viewing from front! I am constantly amazed by handlers who have no clue that their dog is standing slightly east west in front when the Judge is looking.
8. **Watch the Judge.** You must always be aware of when the judge is looking! If the Judge is particularly smart, he/she will be watching from all over the ring, so you need to be on it!! Most Judges will start from the rear of the class and work their way to the top, so you can gauge when to attract your double handler. It's super important to have your double handler watching you at all times waiting for your signal. Don't ever lose sight of what the Judge is doing!
9. **Communicate expectations with your double handlers.** One of the biggest problems I see, is the over stimulation by double handlers which completely destroys the dog's appearance and also annoys the judge. It is your job as the handler to build the game plan with your double handlers prior to going in the ring. Be prepared and set the expectation in the beginning. Particularly important when doing the individual presentation that everyone is in the right location to attract the dog when needed.
10. **Prep the dog prior to going in the ring.** Again, this is super important! A good handler will warm the dog up prior to going in the ring. Much like a human, you need to warm up before setting your stride! This is about knowing the dog too, especially if your dog is on the larger side, you definitely want to run them a bit before the class, and, especially before the individual assessment. Never present your dog to a judge without being warmed up. I have done this in the past when there has been a time restriction but it is not good practice.

In terms of handling puppies vs handling adults, I good handler will be super patient with a baby. Babies are super impressionable and it is imperative that they have a good experience in the ring. In my mind, it should be treated like a training session for a baby with the focus on

them having a good time. I know everyone wants to win the class and you can still focus on a win but be more aware of the puppy having a good experience. Ensure the puppy is getting huge praise from the double handlers. Getting into the minor and puppy class, whilst patience is still required, I think it is still a valuable tool to do a bit of prep work prior to the class and make them comfortable with the process, ie. Checking teeth, testicles and generally being handled.

Finally, having also been involved in the Fitness Industry for over 20 years and doing some pretty volatile training getting ready for shows, I can safely say that the only way to be "ring fit" is to mimic the training intensity in the ring. In other words, you don't need to be in the gym lifting weights nor running a marathon. You have to do the kilometres on the ground, walking at fast pace, short sprinting bursts then walking at fast pace. I have always used my glutes and hamstrings to control the weight of a large dog, with the abdominals, lower back and shoulders taking a secondary role. For this reason, it makes sense to do some full body resistance training.

I hope this article is helpful to you all!
See you round the ring,

Kylie



Spinal Diseases in German Shepherd Dogs

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There are many spinal diseases that may occur in German Shepherd Dogs. Some can be managed in the same way that we manage any type of osteoarthritis, others may require surgery and some have no favorable treatment or cure. The problems which can arise following their diagnosis warrant some factual and informative educational articles which are helpful for our general GSD owner. There is such a vast variety of spinal issues that can occur in our breed, as such, this article was written to provide information on those disease processes.

Contrary to popular belief, our breed isn't over represented in the surgical suite for not being able to walk due to intervertebral disc disease. The most common breeds include – Dachshunds, Beagles, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels and cross breeds make up the majority. Intervertebral disc diseases are vast in their varieties and presentations and GSD's have a greater representation for chronic osteoarthritic back issues, rather than sudden disc protrusions. The difficulty in interpretation of anything to do with locomotion issues in GSDs is that there are a lot of possibilities. There is often a differential diagnoses list requiring a process of elimination based on imaging and other medical diagnostic tests. It is also evident that there is potentially a lot of cross over for the processes that can occur that require a very similar set of diagnostic tests to find an answer.

When we talk about spinal diseases and back problems it helps to have a basic picture in your mind, of the anatomy. The back is made up of the cervical spine (C1-C7), thoracic spine (T1-T13), lumbar spine (L1-L7), sacrum (S1&S2) and caudal spine / tail. The vertebral bodies are bone and between those vertebral bodies there is a soft tissue structure called a disc, the disc contains two components – the anulus fibrosis (outer layer) and nucleus pulposus (inner layer). As shown below in figure 1.

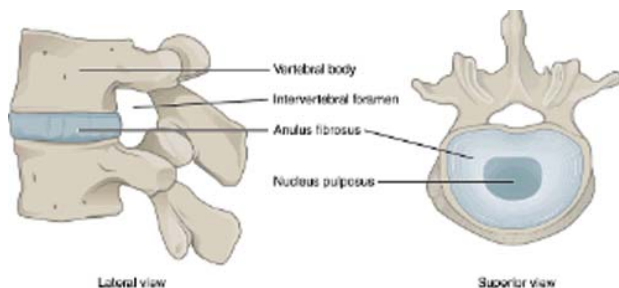


Figure 1 vertebral body and disc anatomy (anatomy & physiology Wikimedia commons)

The spinal cord runs through the vertebral bodies protected by bone and discs. When the bone or discs are compromised, for reasons such as; excess pressure on the back due to conformation or trauma, arthritis, growth abnormalities, infection or cancer. The consequence is disturbance of messages from the brain to the limbs.

The process of assessing a dog that is losing the ability to walk is an EMERGENCY, because rapid deterioration can occur with negative outcomes the longer you wait. A neurological exam is the first step in the vet's assessment, following this, blood work +/- urine testing, plain xrays and following that advanced imaging. Advanced imaging includes computed tomography (CT scan), myelography (injecting dye via spinal tap) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). This is only accessible in specialist veterinary practices, including universities and private specialist practices.

Some of the more common disease processes that occur in GSDs have been listed and explained below:

Diskospondylitis

- Painful, active, sudden inflammation within the disc and disc space, which can most commonly be caused by fungus in GSDs, bacterial diskospondylitis also occurs not infrequently
- The effect of the disease and how it is seen and interpreted on an X-ray is the lytic or eaten appearance of the vertebrae end plate (shown in a picture below – figure 2)
- Diagnosis is often based on a plain x-ray
- However, sometimes more advanced imaging such as computed tomography (CT) or magnetic resonance (MRI) along with a fine needle biopsy of the disc to culture the organisms causing the infection is the only way to find and diagnose it
- The end result once the infection is treated is often arthritis in the back at that particular vertebrae



Figure 2 Diskospondylitis lesion L3-L4

Treatment of diskospondylitis requires aggressive anti-fungal or anti-biotic therapy combined with pain relief and anti-inflammatories. With wide spread fungal diseases in the body there is often a guarded prognosis due to there being multiple organs affected and the potential for failure in those organs.

Intervertebral disc disease

- Often long standing, painful disease, over time becomes less painful
- Causes weakness in the hindlimbs and often paralysis, toe dragging and scuffing of the toes, wobbly gait, low tail carriage and tail weakness
- When they are paralysed with disc disease they cannot control bladder or bowel function appropriately
- Protrusion of the soft disc between the vertebrae onto the spinal cord
- In GSDs often a Type II Hansen disc protrusion, long standing

calcification of the disc slowly protrudes over time (shown in figure 3)

- Type I disc protrusions can also occur – sudden prolapse of the disc compressing the spinal cord
- Type III disc – fibrocartilaginous embolism can also occur, these are a more sudden insult to the spinal cord secondary to a piece of disc shooting out into the spinal cord

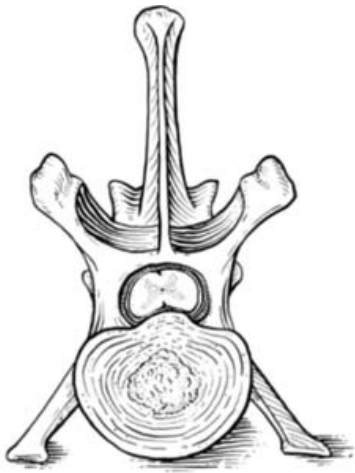


Figure 3 Hansen Type II disc extrusion showing compression on the spinal cord (Sturges, 2012)

Diagnosis is made with the combination of (sometimes) plain X-rays, myelography, CT scan or MR imaging. Depending on the degree of pain and neurological deficits management and treatment is often done through anti-inflammatories and pain killers, medications to aid urination and occasionally surgery to decompress the spine.

Tumours & cancers

- Can affect the spinal cord and peripheral nerve as well as the bony vertebrae
- Such as peripheral nerve sheath tumours, lymphoma, bone cancers and so on
- Extremely painful and progressive

Diagnosis is made through a combination of blood tests, X-rays, CT scan or MR imaging. Some discrete tumours can be surgically removed but often they are too invasive and the prognosis for them to be able to walk after surgery can be very guarded.

Bridging spondylosis - Spondylosis Deformans

- Degenerative disc disease causes arthritic changes along the vertebrae in the back
 - Calcification of the discs occur, which in turn cause degenerative changes that look like hooks linking from one vertebrae to the next (as shown in figure 3)
 - Osteochondrosis (abnormal cartilage flap occurring during growth as a pup) at the vertebrae end plates can occur in dogs
 - o This in turn causes degenerative joint disease in the vertebrae
 - o The last lumbar vertebrae and the sacrum is the most common site in GSDs

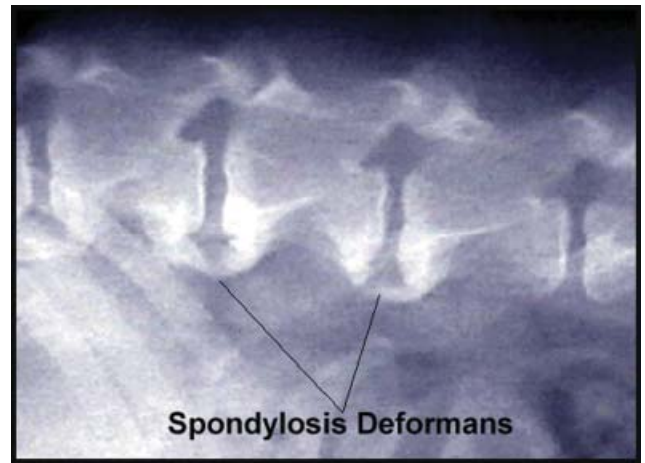


Figure 4 radiograph of spondylosis deformans

Diagnosis is made through X-rays, management is through physiotherapy, gentle regular exercise, anti-inflammatory pain killers and soft bedding, particularly in the winter months.

Transitional vertebrae

- Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae are the malformation of the bone through the pelvis that shows anatomy of both the lumbar vertebrae and the sacral vertebrae
- Due to the unbalanced anatomy of the bones in that region the pelvis tilts and this can affect the hip scoring
- It also creates an eight-fold increase in the likelihood of cauda equina syndrome – explained below

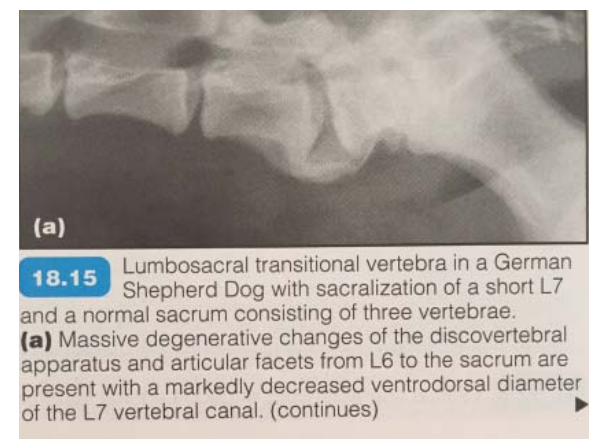
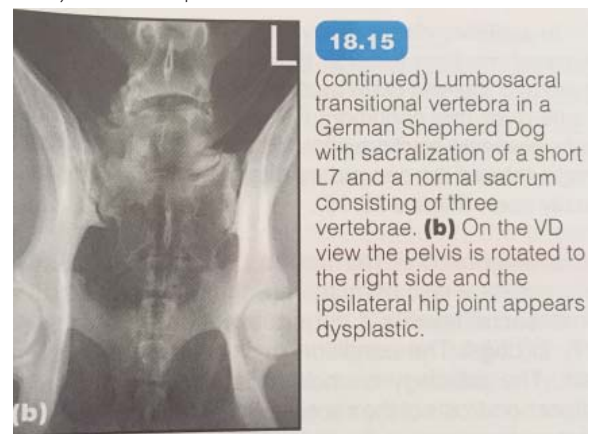


Figure 5 BSAVA manual of canine & feline musculoskeletal imaging - images of lumbosacral transitional vertebra

Diagnosis is often made through plain X-rays alone, the secondary effects occur through the process of cauda equina syndrome, explained following this.

Cauda equina syndrome

- Signs result from compression of the spinal cord or the nerve roots at the level of the pelvis
- the syndrome manifests itself in some of the following issues:
 - o tail chasing, dead tails, tail pain, hind limb weakness and lameness, increases the risk of perianal furunculosis
- back pain is noticeable during jumping, climbing or any kind of hyperextension on the back
- The tail may be weak in advanced cases and compression will lead to weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs, finally faecal and urinary incontinence can follow
- Osteochondrosis is also a predisposing factor, as explained earlier
- we should probably be considering this condition as a main differential in the common diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy for somewhat similar presenting signs – weakness, limp tail, un-coordinated hind limb gait etc.
- At this point in time the best diagnostic tool is MRI



Figure 6 MR image of the narrowing and cord compression at the level of the sacrum

Treatment is with anti-inflammatories, pain killers, rest and physiotherapy. There are surgical options to decompress the spinal cord in this area, as well as steroid injection into the area. Acupuncture could be considered for management of pain and to aid mobility.

Degenerative myelopathy

- Degenerative Myelopathy is a term used to describe a progressive spinal cord degenerative disease
- The disease process affects the pelvic limbs to start with, whereby causing a hind limb weakness that is slowly progressive in an ascending fashion, over months to a year
- It is a non-painful disease and the age of onset is typically over 8 years old, but can be as young as 4 or 5, or as late as 12 to 13 years old
- Due to a variety of other spinal cord lesions, as seen above, definitive

diagnosis is made on post mortem examination of the spinal cord

- The DNA/genetic identification of an animal that is homozygous for the A allele of SOD1 missense mutation – clear of SOD1, carrier of SOD1, at risk SOD1 are the resultant possibilities
- However, it is a known possibility that an affected DNA mutation does not always go on to exhibit the disease
- Overly aggressive breeding programs to eliminate the gene are advised against due to the “bottle neck” effect, possibly increasing the potential for other diseases to occur and other undesirable traits
- At risk/affected should be considered a more serious fault than carrier in breeding programs

Intervertebral disc disease and degenerative disc disease through the thoraco-lumbar and lumbar spine are also common places for GSDs to have disc protrusion and subsequent weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs. The most common site for disc protrusion in all breeds of dogs is the middle of the back.

The vast majority of GSD owners are quick to assume their old (or even young) GSD has gone “off their legs” due to hip dysplasia, without considering that these other diseases could be the primary issue. Future breeding should always consider back and spinal issues and due diligence should be taken. There are not always easy and inexpensive ways to find out the exact spinal disease you GSD may have when any of these signs occur, however appropriate assessment with your trusted vet and consideration of a second opinion with a surgical specialist should always be considered. Private and university based specialist veterinary practices have access to advanced imaging techniques to appropriately diagnose and treat a lot of these conditions. Simple management and physiotherapy options are also there for the long-term comfort for you dog.



Police Puppies

On Friday 22 December, 2017 GSDCA Patron Dawn Fraser AO, MBE and her family (daughter Dawn Lorraine & grandson Jackson), along with Queensland GSD Media/PR officer, Annie Tamblyn met at the Queensland Police Dog Squad Headquarters in Durack to meet & name the newest members of the dog squad - 10 week old Police Puppies Kayla & Kimberley (named by Dawn).

Following the meeting and naming of the puppies, Dawn, Dawn Lorraine, Jackson and Annie were then invited by Inspector Paul Austin and Officer in Charge, Snr. Sgt Clint Thomasson and some of the officers for a tour of the facilities and kennels and meeting some of the 4 legged members of the team too.



K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE AS A SPORT

By Elke Effler

The adoption of a number of elements of the 'WUSV Harmonisation' by the GSDCA is well documented and it is noted that IPO whilst being a key element of the initiative has in its case been rejected for introduction by the ANKC.

Nonetheless, the GSD community's positive response regarding the need to introduce 'working' elements as prerequisites for the GSDCA Breed Survey scheme demonstrates a shift in thinking and a realisation that our breed can and should do more than obedience and or show training.

What then, apart from what has to date been agreed, are our alternatives?

I would like to propose the sport of K9 search and rescue (SAR).

However, **PLEASE NOTE** that the sport of K9 SAR **DOES NOT** and never will qualify a dog to be deployed in a real emergency. Deployment is a different world altogether. Nonetheless, the K9 SAR sport dog does provide a resource from which potential dogs for deployment can be sourced should the handler wish to go in that direction; and the SAR sport dog can provide a resource for volunteer SAR organisations training for deployment.

The SAR sport dog (and of course the handler) are required to learn and perform a greater range of disciplines and skills than a dog being trained for one discipline only. The dogs must possess the following traits:

1. drive – appropriate for SAR, high energy, play/prey drive, group drive,
2. mental and physical endurance
3. be trainable
4. a balanced temperament and be friendly and sociable
5. able to work with other people
6. have initiative, be able to work independently at a distance from the handler yet remain under control
7. comfortable on unstable or unpleasant surfaces
8. gun/noise-sure

Courage is inherent in K9 SAR work. For example, if a dog is wary of unstable surfaces on a rubble pile, cannot cope with the noise of machinery, is unable to work at distance from its handler in land search, the weakness is obvious. Therefore, I suggest that the sport of K9 SAR could be seriously considered in addition to or as a replacement to what has been agreed to be put in place as per schedules 1, 2, & 3. I believe it complies with the spirit of the Harmonisation Initiative and if introduced could lead to the ANKC sanctioning this activity. Importantly, the sport will enhance the image of our breed in the community.

Noting that in the event that the ANKC did sanction IPO, I would still have suggested that the sport of K9 SAR be adopted as it provides an alternative for those handlers who are simply not interested or 'suitable' for IPO. IPO is not for everyone, yet our dogs have a right to be trained to their fullest potential to keep them happy, well-balanced and contented, because they have a job to do. The German Shepherd is a working dog and needs to work.

The handlers too are not forgotten as they will need to learn new skills and a different way of interacting with their canine partner – a fun, challenging and exciting prospect.

The WUSV wants to improve the temperament and working ability of the German Shepherd Dog. The GSDCA should consider alternative paths that can provide its members various activities to challenge themselves and their dogs. The sport of K9 SAR is in my opinion an obvious choice.

Whilst this is an article about the Sport of K9 SAR, I briefly draw your attention to Alexa McGauran's German sheep herding adventure with her dog Bear last year. Her report is spread over the last two issues of the National Review. Sheep herding is another viable alternative to IPO but not my area of expertise.

The disciplines of K9 SAR sport are:

1. Land search – searching for persons lost in the wilderness -
 - a. Tracking, or
 - b. Air scenting off-lead
2. Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) – searching for victims buried under collapsed buildings
3. Avalanche search
4. Water search

The sport of K9 SAR is recognised by the FCI. Trial rules and regulations are in place and are also available in English. Like CD, CDX etc, a pass at the SAR sport level is entered on the dog's pedigree. Conversely, a deployment pass is only valid for two or three years, depending on which test is done and is never entered on the dog's pedigree.

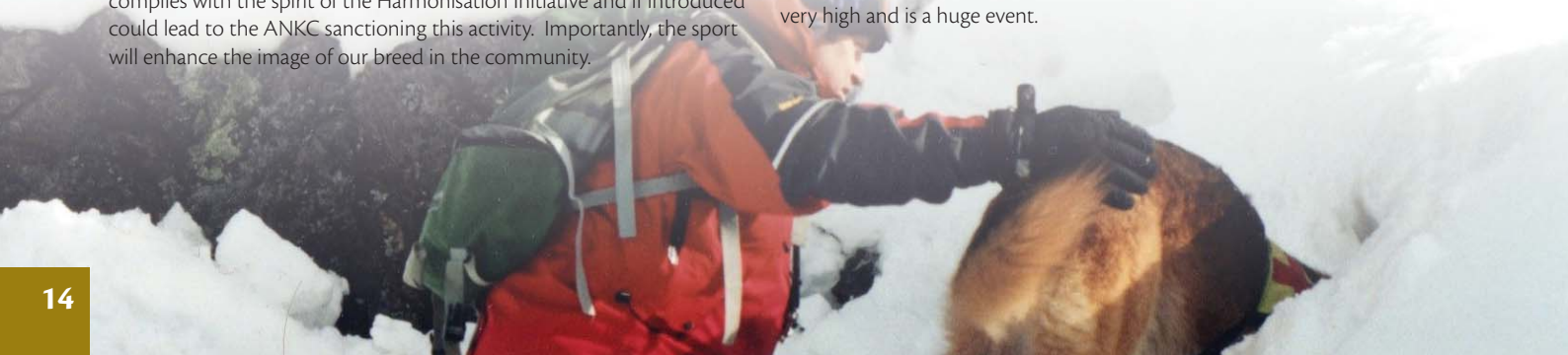
I did once have the SV K9 sport SAR trial rules booklet. I imagine that an updated version would be available from the SV. The SV also offers one DVD on K9 SAR through their Online Shop <https://www.svshop.de/de/DVD:-RH1E---Eignungspruefung-fuer-Rettungshunde-8505294.html> :

- Suitability Test for Rescue Dogs

(I have two older DVDs, Rescue 1 and Rescue 2 but they are no longer listed on the SV online shop.)

The DVD is in English and describes and demonstrates several teams performing the various disciplines. The scoring is also explained. The DVD is self-explanatory.

The International Rescue Dogs Organisation (IRO) <https://www.iro-dogs.org/de/rettungshunde-organisation> is heavily involved in both streams of SAR, sport and deployment, and conducts a K9 SAR Sport World Championship each year in a different European country. The standard is very high and is a huge event.



What is involved in K9 SAR?

1. Obedience – very similar to the BH but relevant to SAR, on and off-lead, gun test is included
 2. Agility – the dog needs to be calm, stable and confident – no speed
 3. Detaching and Control - using elevations placed at about 20 m apart in a star-formation. The dog is to go directly to the elevation indicated by the handler, jump up and pause until sent to another elevation. This can be a very tricky exercise.
 4. Dog is lifted and carried by the handler 10 m from the ground or an elevation to another person who carries the dog another 10 m to a line marked on the ground. The dog is to stay standing at that line until recalled by the handler.
 5. Other exercises relevant to the specific search discipline the handler has chosen to train his dog for.
 6. The search itself which needs to be completed within a certain time-frame
 - a. RESCUE DOG 1 in any one of the following disciplines:
 - i. Alert exercise
 - ii. A track – handler's track, 30 minutes old, 600 paces long, 2 right angle turns, 3 articles one of which is at the end of the track.
 - iii. An off-lead air-scenting search for one missing person in bush/forest or open terrain, area size 5,000 m², time is 10 minutes.
 - iv. Rubble search for one buried victim, area size 400m² – 600m², time is 15 minutes.
 - b. RESCUE DOG 2
- As above but more victims to be found. Also,
- i. Avalanche search
 - ii. Water rescue
 7. I believe a team can train and trial for more than one search discipline.
 8. The method of indication for:
 - a. Tracking:
 - i. Dog is in a tracking harness and on a 10 m lead; passive alert, the dog may sit, stand or down beside the found 'victim'
 - b. Land search air scenting off-lead can be one of the following:
 - i. Stay with the victim and bark until the handler arrives
 - ii. Bringsel – dog has an object, a Bringsel, attached to its collar which he swings and picks up on reaching the victim, runs back to the handler who unclips the Bringsel and follows the dog back to the victim – effectively a refined
 - iii. Free indication - dog runs backwards and forwards from the victim to the handler until the handler has reached the victim. A variable is that the dog barks at the victim location and the handler.
 - c. USAR:
 - i. Dog stays at the human scent source and barks until the handler arrives
 - d. Avalanche:
 - i. Dog digs and barks in the snow at the human scent source until handler arrives
 - e. Water search:
 - i. Dog brings victim in the water to the boat

I am willing to make presentations, give training sessions, demonstrations

and write training material (some of which I already have) for any branch, club or state that is interested in considering the sport of K9 SAR. The only search discipline I have no experience in is water search. My contact details are 0409 524 8778 and elke.effler@gmail.com

And finally,

The German Shepherd Dog community in Australia has always embraced change and has at times even been ahead of the SV, the elbow scheme being one example. From the first National held almost in another lifetime, we have evolved into something totally different today. Together we can again step forward and meet this Harmonisation challenge in our own way. We can be the leader for those countries where IPO is also not permitted. And what a great way to promote the image of our wonderful dogs!

President GSDCA Note:

I commend Elke, a person well qualified for providing us with 'food' for thought.

It has been noted that the GSD is a utilitarian breed that can and does many tasks. The fact that the ANKC has rejected the GSDCA IPO submission and despite us agreeing to Schedules 1, 2 & 3 to be progressed over the next 3 years we must have open minds on how best to test the working ability of our breed.

I am certain this article will contribute to the debate and better inform all of us as to implementing possible alternative tests in the future to better meet our needs.

Vince Tantara.



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ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION INC.

Founded in April 1962, the ACT German Shepherd Dog Association Inc. (ACTGSDA), has been active in promoting all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog. Originally affiliated in 1962 with the CKA, now known as Dogs ACT, the ACTGSDA was granted affiliation with the GSDCA in 1963.

The ACTGSDA is a small, active and energetic club; thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of committee members past and present, we now have a fantastic clubhouse to call home, located within Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC). Although called the ACTGSDA, the club encompasses both local and interstate members surrounding the ACT (incl. Yass, Goulburn, Carwoola & Queanbeyan). In recent years we have found that our most powerful tool in recruiting new members is social media, and specifically Facebook.

The club participates and promotes the breed schemes established by the GSDCA, educating members, and more particularly prospective members, about the benefits of HD/ED and breed survey schemes. Breed surveys are conducted by the club as required to meet member's needs, this varies between one and two a year.

The club meets every Wednesday evening throughout the year and offers both obedience and show training. We thank those breeders from all states who sell their puppies into the ACT and surrounding areas, for recommending the club and would encourage all breeders to follow suit.

We are very proud of our baby puppy classes, offered to puppies from eight weeks of age. The baby puppy classes present the puppies with as many different experiences that can be simulated within our environment. This is supported by a variety of modified agility equipment, and purpose-built equipment, for use by the puppies. Included in the program is basic obedience, combined with workshops which include handouts on the many facets of owning and training a GSD. In these classes we incorporate education around health, welfare, safety, grooming, transport, responsible ownership and stimulation.



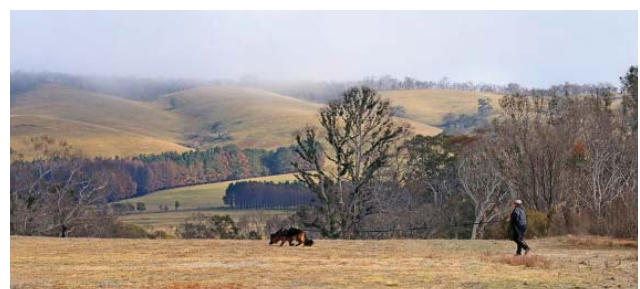
From the baby puppy classes, our members progress into the obedience classes. The various levels of classes cover beginners through to trial level. Within these classes we include various rally-o exercises, as an introduction to rally, as well as 'mixing up' the training to keep members engaged from week to week. As with all clubs we would like to have more instructors. However we are forever grateful for, and would like to thank, our team of dedicated instructors who work tirelessly for the club every week.

We have members who are involved in a variety of disciplines with their dogs. An increasing number compete in obedience trials, including rally while others participate in tracking, nose-works, IPO and ET. In March the club conducts the first obedience trial of the year in the ACT Obedience Calendar, and in July conducts the annual Endurance Trial on behalf of Dogs ACT – members and the committee are looking forward to both of these events!



The ACTGSDA has a small but dedicated team who attend shows around Australia. The team meet on a regular basis for training – summer training being very weather dependent. For a small group the results achieved in the ring are commendable. The club conducts a 'double header' Championship Show on the October long weekend, a tradition since 1963. It is usual practice that two overseas judges are appointed to adjudicate. The Judges for 2018 are Edward Carlos Serrano (Columbia) and Stephen Cox (UK). Our shows are always well supported by the German shepherd fraternity; for which we thank you!

The club takes every positive opportunity to participate in promotional events whenever and wherever possible. A main event on our annual calendar is 'A Pooch Affair' which is an ACT canine exhibition held at EPIC around June each year. The ACTGSDA always attends the event with a stall promoting our breed. Other events include demonstrations at school fetes and holding stalls at the opening of new dog related locations, for example dog parks or commercial sites.



The Club has an excellent working relationship with Dogs ACT and works well with the other obedience clubs in the area. Our committee

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members attend regular interclub meetings, as well as being invited to participate in relevant workshops and seminars when they are conducted.

New technologies have enabled greater communication with our members and the general public. We have a Facebook page, produce a newsletter and look forward to receiving our quarterly

edition of the NQR. We welcome any questions about our club and our history or operations at any time; we are always only too happy to help. We look forward to helping your ACT puppies and owners grow and learn together.



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 😞

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

National Obedience Competition

The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Plaque shall be awarded to the best obedience dog and handler gaining the highest aggregate of qualifying scores for each of the CCD, Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes, and Rally-O Novice, Rally-O Advanced, and Rally-O Excellent.

The competition is open to all owners of ANKC registered pedigree GSD who are financial members of a Member Club of the GSDCA at the time of the competition, and shall be a member of an ANKC Affiliate (State Canine Control) at the time of the competition.

The awards will be known as:

- CCD – "Best Community Companion Dog"
- CD – "Best Novice Dog"
- Open – "Best Open Dog"
- UD – "Best Utility Dog"
- UDX – "Best Utility Dog Excellent"
- "Best Rally Novice Dog"
- "Best Rally Advanced Dog"
- "Best Rally Excellent Dog"

Entries for the GSDCA National Obedience Competition are now open.

Closing date for all entries is Friday 30th March.

If you and your dog have trialled successfully in the past year, please check the GSDCA website for all relevant details <http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/working-gsd/obedience/>

Categories cover all Obedience and Rally-O Classes, so don't be shy and get those entries in.

Wishing everyone the best of luck for the upcoming year.

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Goodness how time flies - another year is here
- 2018 the Year of the Dog



We have been thrilled with the large classes at our summertime socialisation sessions.

The enthusiasm has been great and we hope that these new members will grow to love our association and join us in helping to work with the "older" members to continue the tradition of volunteering and supporting the breed we love.

We had an exceptionally good end to 2017 with lots of fun and game for young and the not so young. It was amazing to end 2017 on such a high note. A highlight for me was to see the next generation coming along to events - when you have seen young people grow up over the years and start families of their own it does make you feel a little older but the beautiful, happy babies fill us with hope they will grow up and embrace our breed as much as their fabulous parents have.

With the first meeting of the year for the G.S.D.C.A. A.G.M. drawing quite a crowd - almost 3 times the number we can usually muster - I look forward to members continuing that enthusiasm and commitment in supporting the day to day running of our association. The catering princess (MOI) was hard pressed to feed all of the throng.

Upcoming in our calendar is the first breed survey for the year, followed by the February Quarterly General meeting and our first Character & Working Assessment. Our daytime training begins on March 25th working to the State Breed Exhibition on the weekend prior to the National to be judged by Melanie Groth (N.S.W.).

So cheers to the New Year and we wish all our colleagues across Australia the very best for 2018.

Until next time,
Margaret Adams Editor G.S.D.A. of WA.



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Where did it go? January gone half way through February, where does time go. I hope that all members had a good Christmas and New Year celebrations with their families and friends

The Christmas Sanction Show and Open Show went well with a good entry for the club, it was most pleasing and the weather was kind to us after having to change from Saturday to Sunday because of the heat rule. Thank you to our judges Mr Robert Zammit and Mr Daniel Gilson.

We started off the year with a Breed Survey on the 18th February and the introduction of a Members competition which was held on 24th February. This was a twilight event and was put in place to allow the members to get an extra run for their dogs before the Nancy Herms show and with that show, another run before the National in Adelaide for those who are attending.

On the 31st March and 1st April we have our Easter Show with Nancy Herms (SV) judging and this will be her first appointment in Australia, so we look forward to her judging and critiquing. Nancy is also bringing her son Timo, so in all should be an enjoyable weekend.

With regards to helpers at our show, if at all possible could we have some abled bodied people, as once the show ring is pulled down we can start the presentation

The constitution is now available on our website, and Show and Obedience training has started back Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Congratulations to Karen & Graeme Stevenson in celebrating 40 years of Marriage - well done guys

Cheers
Terry Jarvis



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Our 2017 Club metrics paint a great promo picture ! We trained 17,420 dog units with 2970 hours of instructor assistance across our 11 branches for the year. An increase on 2016 for sure. We are a very big club, but the number proves our commitment to our members training and participating.

Christmas came and went, but not before all our branches held parties and presentations, including anniversary celebrations for several branches. Santa had a busy time. Most of our 11 training branches continued puppy and young dog training over the Dec-Jan break, knowing how important that socialisation and training window is for our young pups. No rest for instructors, but the dogs certainly benefitted.

'Boot Camp'. It was the talk of the showies in mid January when Jo Cathie visited to demonstrate some alternative methods to change up training our show dogs for the ring. No doubt everyone has since been looking for a forest of tress and a few hills or sand dunes 😊 Lets hope it translates to the ring.

We were saddened by the passing of James Rodger. One of our Life Members, a past

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President, Breed Surveyor, Judge and a significant contributor to the running of our Club for so many years. The respect and esteem in which James was held was evident with the turn out for his funeral. A chance for many friends from around Australia to pay their respects. Our condolences to Louisa and family.

We were also sad to learn of the passing of Ron Dyer, a stalwart of our Western branch, well known in the show ring and as a breeder. Our sincere condolences to Lyn and family.

All branches returned to training in early February, with heaps of members rapt to get back out in class with their dogs. We look forward to big things. The show scene is back in action with the Ballarat show getting a small but good entry. Our Champ show in March attracted 220 entries for our judge Mr Malcolm Griffiths (UK). So many interstate visitors getting in practice for the National. Congrats to all class winners in both the show and trial ring.

For those heading to the National in Adelaide, see you there and 'Go Vics', bring home the ribbons 😊

Our AGM and Presentations will be held in late March. We will farewell Vince Ebejer as Club President after 7 years at the helm. A great effort. But we will welcome Tony Mercieca as our new President. We wish Tony well, and know he will do a great job in what is a challenging role. Thankyou to all our outgoing Club and Branch office holders, and thanks those who have again taken on roles within our club. We operate with 160 Admin positions in our club, so good on you all !!!



'My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility'



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Tasmanian Report

President - Jurgen Haase

Club activities have continued over the holiday season with members taking advantage of the fine weather to train their dogs for both show and obedience. Membership has increased and it has been rewarding to see more people regularly attending training each week.

The revamped weekly training schedule has proven successful. The weekly classes are:

- Baby puppy socialisation class
- Puppy and adult animals show class
- Breed Survey preparation class
- Obedience class

As a club we look forward to preparing for various aspects of the harmonisation program. Harmonisation has motivated club members to work more effectively on our dog's character and socialness. The equipment required for the Puppy Character Assessment test is being organised and we look forward to conducting a practice assessment in the near future.

Our first shows and Breed Survey for the year are being held in mid February. Two shows are being held, back to back, on Sunday 18th February with judges Greg Green and Jo Cathie presiding. It's shaping up to be a terrific weekend with a number of intrastate and interstate exhibitors joining us to enjoy the friendly and relaxed show event. The club extends its thanks to those exhibitors who make the journey from afar. This support is greatly appreciated by our small band of workers.

The club has seen an increase in the number of animals being presented for survey over the past twelve months. Club members have appreciated the opportunity to choose their

surveyor and have embraced the one class classification. The surveyors for our February survey are Greg Green and Alastair Henderson. The following survey to be held on the 26th May will be conducted by Melanie Groth and Vince Tantaró.



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Hello to the rest of Aus from the very beautiful one day, hot stormy & humid on another but yep, PERFECT the next...

As we enter a new year, we reflect a little on what an enormous year 2017 was for the Queensland club, we remain very proud of the 45th National, very grateful to all who assisted & wish South Australia the very best for 2018 & offer any assistance if needed.

We will take this opportunity to make mention of a few other special events that took place in the latter part of the year - we are not a large Club but we have a lot to be proud of.

Our Congratulations to our very own Mr Rodney Vernon – Rod was awarded the accolade of VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2017 by Dogs Qld! Rod of course is a past President of GSDCQ and now Dogs Qld Grounds Committee President. We have all experienced

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first hand, Rod's dedication to not only the German Shepherd Dog and the dog sport in general but also the pride he takes in caring for the Durack grounds - Congratulations Rod, a well-deserved recognition.

At the AGM held December 5th, we again were proud to present many awards to acknowledge the achievements of our wonderful canines and their owners/handlers. Again, these were spread across Conformation, Obedience, Tracking & Herding – full list of awards & recipients is available on the Club FB Page & website.

Also at the 2017 AGM we awarded Mr Barry O'Rourke with Life Membership – Barry has now retired as a Breed Surveyor but has declared that he will always be available for any assistance, guidance and advice. We will keep you to that by the way - Congratulations Barry on your retirement and Life Membership.



In addition to the "happy" presentations, a rather emotional award of thanks was presented to a very special Lady – Mrs Diane Ballantyne. Di retired from Committee after over 40 years' service to the Club – our heartfelt thanks for your dedication & devotion.



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DOG database

GSDCA DOG DATABASE UPDATE

The GSDCA Dog Database is available to all members of the GSD Clubs throughout Australia.

This is controlled by passwords allocated to the GSDCA Member Clubs, which they will distribute to their financial members. The passwords will change every year in line with the Club financial year. If you do not have the password please contact your Club Membership Officer or Secretary.

Since the last update there has been a significant change to the Breed Survey section of the GSDCA Dog Database:

As of 1st July 2017 there has been a change to "one classification" "Breed Survey Classified" in lieu of the "Class I" and "Class II". This was carried at the 2016 GSDCA AGM.

At the same time we incorporated a number of changes in the terminologies used, plus added sections to allow comment on "neck" and "tail".

Due to issues encountered in incorporating these changes into the Database there was a delay in processing of Breed Survey Certificates. Everything is now functioning correctly, and the NBC Chair is working through the backlog of Breed Surveys that this created.

Thank you all for your patience over this period.

Photographs of Breed Surveyed animals:

As per the Breed Survey application form, the owners of the animal are required to supply a colour photograph to the State Breed Survey Registrar on the day of survey, or within 7 days of the survey.

Failure to comply with this requirement will cause a delay in receiving your Breed Survey Certificate.

Tattoo numbers:

When receiving the last ANKC Registration data it appears that some breeders are including Tattoo numbers when registering their puppies that have been born after 1st July.

After discussion with the NBC Executive (and as reported at the 2018 GSDCA AGM) these tattoos will not be loaded to the GSDCA Database, as the GSDCA Tattoo Scheme has ceased.

Microchipping is the only acceptable form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes, for animals born on or after 1st July 2017.

Do you have a question?

The information contained in the database has been collated with a great level of care, however if you believe there has been any error or omission, please email your concerns to database@gsdcouncilaustralia.org along with the appropriate supporting documentation.

Please visit the database at <http://database.gsdcouncilaustralia.org>

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GSDCA Database Coordinator

Getting the Most out of the GSDCA Database - Tips

Over the next few issues of the QNR I will be providing tips on how you can get the most out of the GSDCA Database.

The DOG Listings:

This section is updated approximately quarterly with new registration data as received from the ANKC.

The date of the last update is shown at the top of the screen.

All registrations processed by the State Canine Controls up to that date are included in the GSDCA Database.

Reg. No.	Name	Sex	DOB	Colour	Breed	Sire	Dam
CKSPH1379/79/81	A C R I Z VITOVSKE DOLNY CS	Male	28/06/1979		German Shepherd Dog		
CAWU/CS/87970/12	APORTOS ANREBRI (IMP CEE)	Male	01/10/2012	Sable	German Shepherd Dog	TOBIAS ANREBRI	HANNAH CHERI ANREBRI
SUCH006389193	A-ALATNA OLIVERIO	Female			German Shepherd Dog		

1) Total registrations:

- If all fields in the filter bar are left blank, the Database will display ALL animals listed.
- If you want to know how many dogs there are with a DOB (Date of birth) in a particular year, just enter the year (i.e. "2017") in the "DOB" field in the yellow filter bar.
- To display how many Stock Coats (German Shepherd Dog), or Long Stock Coats (German Shepherd Dog (LSC)) click on the "Breed" filter dropdown and select the one that you want. If this filter is left blank both varieties will be displayed.
- To display the number of registrations by State – enter the first 4 digits of the registration number followed by an asterisk "*" into the "Reg. No." filter.
(i.e. NSW = 2100*, Vic = 3100*, QLD = 4100*, SA = 5100*, WA = 6100*, TAS = 7100*, NT = 8010*, ACT = 9100*)
- To display the number of puppies of either sex – type "male" or "female" into the "Sex" filter.
- Multiple combinations of the above can all be set in the filter together.
i.e. Want the number of LSC Males that were born in NSW in 2017?
Enter – Reg. No = 2100*, Sex = male, DOB = 2017, Breed = select "German Shepherd Dog (LSC)".

2) Finding a specific dog, or litter mates:

a) Specific dog:

Enter either the Registered Number OR Pedigree Name of the dog into the filter "Reg. No." or "Name".

b) Litter Mates:

Enter the Kennel Prefix into the "Name" filter (this will display ALL dogs bred under that Kennel Name/Prefix).

Then add the DOB into the filter using dd/mm/yyyy format.

3) Finding progeny of a particular Sire (or Dam):

Enter the 'Name' of the Sire (or Dam) into the 'Sire' (or 'Dam') filter.

NOTE ' If only part of the Name is entered, any 'Sires' (or 'Dams') with that text anywhere within their Name will be displayed – (i.e. if you enter "Kwint" into Sire, you will also get "KWINTSHEUL ISOSCELES" and "KWINTSHEUL ICE MAN" – not just "KWINT VOM JUERIKSTALL").

Make sure you enter the Name correctly to get the correct results.

Adding other filters (as per 1 above) will refine the search.

The TATTOOS/MICROCHIPS Listings:

The Microchip details in this section are updated approximately quarterly with the Microchip details as provided to the State Canine Control when the puppies are registered. The tattoos (prior to 1st July 2017) were entered by the Club Identification/Tattoo Registrars.

The information that was correct at the time of update from the ANKC is what will be displayed.

We DO NOT get amendments or changes that are processed by the Canine Controls after that update.

It is therefore vital that you advise of any changes that might be made with the Canine Control so that our records can be amended. Documented proof of the change must be provided with this advice.

Email to: database@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

This will save problems when you come to present for HD/ED, or Breed Survey.

1) Checking litter details are correct:

Breeders should check that the Tattoo and Microchip details of each litter are correct!

To do this - Enter the Kennel prefix into the "Name" filter, and the Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy format) into the "DOB" filter.

NOTE! – only tattoos for puppies born prior to 1st July 2017 will be shown.

2) Search for a Microchip or Tattoo (i.e. Lost dog):

To find the dog related to a tattoo or microchip, enter the details that you have into the "Tattoo" or "Microchip" filters.

If you only have partial information this may still be used to search.

Use the asterisk "*" as a wildcard to replace any details that are unknown.

- a) Example - Where you have the 1st letter of the Tattoo, but are unsure of the 2nd and 3rd letter, but have the numbers:


Enter the 1st letter then the asterisk followed by the numbers (i.e. "S*123") which will return a list of data we have that matches those details.

- b) With Microchips the full 15 digits will generally be known from the scan, but the same process applies.

The Name of the dog with that Tattoo or microchip will be displayed – and via the Kennel name the breeder can be contacted to identify the owner of the dog.

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The GSDCA Dog Database

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Listing Tattoos

Reg. No. Name DOB Tattoo [Clear filter](#)
Microchip

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Reg. No.	Name	DOB	Tattoo	Microchip
0263683	BAYEIN BUTCH	14/06/1988		0001253136T
1259877	CARRSKI STORM BOY	01/02/1992		0001C05A5E
SZ2185544	RAMIRO VOM KIRSCHENTAL (IMP - GER)			276098510247291
1274823	SECURITY LEX	12/04/1992		0002022FE4

REDHAUS IMPORTS

ROGER VOM WEIHERTUERCHEN

64cm / BH

HD Normal ED Normal

VV1, NWKL, SG1

Sire: VA2 Willy vom Kuckucksland

Dam: SG1 V Henny vom Weihertuerchen

Phone Michael 0439 335 758

Steve 0423 530 199 (March 2018)



Roger vom Weihertuerchen



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Emily & Dexter

Their Story to Date



Introduction of Emily – she is a young lady in her mid twenties suffering with Autism. Emily lives at home with her parents in a very supportive and loving family. Emily had been longing for a German Shepherd puppy since she was 4 years old.

Her family made an enquiry to us about purchasing a German Shepherd puppy prior to our bitch Taurorn Roxanne (Zoe) having her puppies.

Unfortunately Zoe produced only one puppy. Having 7 orders for puppies from this litter we then had the difficult decision as to who to allow this puppy to go and live with. We had several meetings with Emily and her parents before they took on Dexter. As Zoe is a very social and friendly dog so we decided that the best home for her would be with Emily.

19 months later –

The following is her text to us –

‘Dexter is going really well. She is learning very quickly now. Doing lots of training beside Emily when she uses her wheel chair, can press buttons and pull rope tied to handles on command, leans into Emily when her anxiety is high, and they are waiting for her medication to start working.

Dexter is the best support Emily has ever had; she is making a huge difference.

Thank you.’

Then when I requested approval to ask posting of this message, the following reply was received.

‘Yes, that would be fine. Emily is doing very well with the training, she has looked into the assistance dog compliance training, and it is extremely expensive – and might be quite complicated for her understand. We’d love the word to get out about how hard it is to get an Assistance Dog and how expensive it is to train one. Kate’ (Emily’s mum)

Regards,

Roger Haysman

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Watch the story online here www.todaytonightadelaide.com.au/stories/autism-dog



A Blast from the Past

Riley Wing

GSD enthusiasts know Riley Wing as the founder of the German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory in 1970. Though currently the Club is in abeyance, Riley’s contribution was significant. But now he’s been recognised for his athletics abilities.



It may have happened 70 years ago, but Riley Wing can still remember a rival running coach asking him to throw the Bay Sheffield final – then winning the famous SA footrace after rejecting the proposal.

Riley Wing, who ran off 8.5 yards, ultimately prevailed in the final in 12.3 secs. Seven decades on, the story has become etched in race folklore – and Wing’s contribution to the meet was recognised this month (Nov 17) with his induction into the Bay Sheffield’s Hall of Fame.

It is the latest accolade in his remarkable life – which has included surviving the 1942 Darwin bombing in World War II, losing his possessions, including that winning Bay Sheffield sash, in the destruction of Cyclone Tracy in 1974, being awarded an MBE for community work with organisations such as the Northern Territory Football League and NT Netball, where he holds life memberships, and meeting former US president Barack Obama in 2011.

And he holds his Hall of Fame induction dear.

“This has come out of the blue and I never, ever expected to get anything like that,” says Wing, who is believed to be the second-oldest living winner in the history of the men’s Bay Sheffield Gift.

“I value it as much as I value the MBE. I’m very, very honoured.”

From the Golden Jubilee Edition.....

Riley Wing MBE Inaugural member GSDCNT

Following his move from Adelaide in 1969, Riley quickly set about addressing the problems of the NT legislation that required resident GSDs to be desexed. This resulted in an amendment that allowed obedience trained GSDs to remain entire. In conjunction with other GSD enthusiasts, Riley then set about calling a public meetings to form the German Shepherd Dog Club of the Northern Territory in August 1970. As an obedience judge, he set about training a handful of novice GSD owners to become obedience instructors, as well as teaching the about the history and breed characteristics of the GSD. With the help of Juergen Neddermeyer and the by now growing group of enthusiasts, Riley held the club’s first breed survey and tattoo sessions in June 1972. Riley is also a keen athlete having trained for the Stawell Gift, but unable to compete due to injury. He also successfully coached a NT netball team. His attitude is that if you participate then you must be there to win.



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The Groundwork to Establishing Pack Structure with Adult Dogs

By Ed Frawley

After 50 years of training dogs, over 30 as a professional dog trainer there are a few sayings that make a lot of sense to me:

1. "Dogs don't know how to be good unless we show them."
2. "You create your dog's value system."
3. "People don't give birth to a brat!"
4. "You can feed, water, and love your dog and he will like you, but he very well may not respect you."
5. "Dogs know what you know and they know what you don't know."

This article details how I establish pack structure with an adult dog. This is especially important with dogs that are predisposed to becoming dominant or aggressive. It also explains the way I have gained control over some very tough and dangerous dominant dogs that I have owned over the past 45 plus years of breeding, owning, and training police service dogs.

Becoming a pack leader involves adopting the attitude of a pack leader. It does not involve aggression towards a dog, it doesn't involve rolling him on his back, hard leash corrections or even raising your voice to the dog. It involves adopting a leader's attitude. This is something that new dog owners must learn how to do.

Every dog knows a leader when he is in the presence of one. They can sense a leader. They don't need leash corrections to consider their owner a pack leader. In fact inappropriate corrections often result in a dog looking at the offender with contempt rather than respect.

There is an old saying: "Dogs know what you know and they know what you don't know" This article is going to explain how I show my dog "what I know." It is also going to explain how I establish responsibility and limits to the relationship I build with my dogs.

Love is Not Enough

The vast majority of behavioural problems are caused by mistakes that were made in the basic foundation of how relationships were set up between owners and their dogs.

I call these "mistakes in ground work (GW)" and I define ground work as "that work which involves establishing pack structure with a new dog."

Many people think that loving a dog is enough to form a good relationship. These people are dead wrong.

Unconditional love is never enough. Love has conditions and boundaries along with mutual trust and respect. Unless humans deal with the respect issue in love they will never have a relationship with a dog in which the dog looks at them as a pack leader.

What is "Ground Work?"

When I talk about GW, I am not talking about training a dog to come, or heel, or sit. I am talking about teaching the dog how I plan on living with it. I am talking about how I establish pack structure with a new dog. The way we handle a dog in our day-to-day life will teach that dog a great deal about yourself, your pack, and your pack rules.

How and when I do anything with the dog -- whether it is grooming, feeding or exercising him -- along with my general attitude when I am around him will tell the dog volumes about our future relationship. I call these the first steps to establishing a family pack structure.

When we bring a new dog into our home the decisions we make on how we live with that dog and the methods used to train that dog have long term implications on what kind of relationship we develop with the dog.

I tell people "they may not think of themselves as a dog trainer, but the fact is every time we are around our dog we are teaching the dog something. The question is "are we teaching it something good or something bad?" Some people don't know the difference?" Hopefully this article will help people get off on the right foot.

The Solutions to Most Behavioural Problems

The solution to almost all behavioural problems lies within changes owners need to make in the way they live with their dogs.

Unlike humans, dogs live in the present. Human psychologists almost all, focus on the past to find answers to current problems. This is fine for a human but it's a mistake to think that this is how to fix a pack animal. Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that modifications to training don't need to be made for a dog that was truly abused. The fact is the term "abuse" is used far too often when trying to explain behavioural problems. I always tell pet owners that I never change my philosophy of how to live with or train a dog just because it had a bad experience in the past.

It's Never Too Late

I want to make a point here and that is if you currently have a problem with your dog it's never too late to consider making changes on how you live with your dog.

In fact if you have a problem it's imperative that YOU DO MAKE CHANGES because the way you have been living with your dog has allowed these problems to develop.

Never forget what I said: Dogs live in the moment and they miss nothing. The old adage about "not being able to teach an old dog a new trick" is just that -- bad, old information.

So it's never too late to turn things around. It's never too late to start to do things correctly. You just need the patience and confidence in what you are doing to fix your problems.

Everyone Has an Opinion

You will quickly learn that everyone has an opinion on how to raise and train your dog. You only need to ask your mailman, your barber or your relatives how to solve your training problems. If you go to your local Pet Warehouse and talk to their trainers or look in their book section you will see stacks of conflicting advice.

The problem is that most people don't have enough experience to offer sound advice on training -- much less pack structure advice. This results

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in a lot of bad information being passed out.

What Breeds Need Ground Work?

This information in this article applies to dogs of all breeds and ages.

Every breed of dog needs good ground work. Dog training is not breed specific. It's temperament and drive specific.

Every new dog needs to go through a solid ground work program no matter how old the new dog is, no matter what breed the new dog is, no matter how big or small the new dog is, no matter where the dog came from or what it's background is, and finally no matter what his current level of training is.

Ground work exercises help get dogs under control. They provide new owners experience in learning to handle and control character traits (both learned and genetic) the new dog has.

These GW exercises also result in owners having more confidence in handling their dogs. In fact there is a saying I use "the more ground work, the more experience, the more confidence every new dog owner will have."

The First Weeks

When I bring a new adult into our home, I socially isolate the dog for a period of time. With some dogs this may only be for 3 or 4 days. With dominant dogs it can be weeks.

Social isolation means that I take care of the dog's basic needs: feeding, water, walking and providing a clean place to sleep, but nothing else. I don't pet the dog, I don't play with the dog, I don't talk sweet to the dog. I act like it is not there. I act aloof to the dog.

During this social isolation period the only time the dog is out of the crate while in the house is when it is on its way outside.

Now I need to say that this is not what we do with our puppies. We use dog crates and ex-pens with puppies. You will see that many of the concepts apply to both puppies and adult dogs, but the fact is puppies are treated a little differently. This article is directed towards adult dogs.

Always On a Leash

The instant I let the dog out of the crate I hook a leash to him so he is always under complete control. During this period I never have the dog off leash-- not even when I walk him from the crate to the door. When the time comes that I do allow him more time out of the crate, he is always on a leash. If I watch TV he is on leash and laying by my feet. If I work on the computer he is on leash tethered to my desk. He does not have free run of the house for months.

In fact when a house dog starts to misbehave in the house (chew or mark) it needs to go back in the crate and stay on leash when it's in the house. Being loose in the house is an earned privilege. Pet owners often forget this.

It becomes crystal clear to the dog that I am in total control of its life and its environment. I can't over emphasize how important that is to a pack animal. I don't need to give one correction during this entire time period for the dog to understand that I am the person who controls his life.

While formal training on an adult dog may not start for several weeks or even a month there is a lot that the dog can learn while you wait. The dog needs to learn that this is his new home and I am his new pack leader. I want to begin the bonding process before I take it out and expect it to do formal obedience work.

Keeping the dog on leash and controlling every aspect of its life allows for the opportunity to show that I am fair and that I don't issue unwarranted corrections. Learning to be consistent and fair goes a long way towards forming a respectful 2 way relationship.

During this initial period I never push myself on a new adult dog. In fact, I go out of my way to act aloof to the dog. I make the dog feel like I don't care about him. I act like taking him outside is a job and I would rather be anywhere other than spending time with him. My goal is to teach him that he has to "earn my affection and respect."



I thought I would include this photo of my leash. My 18 month old male was laying right under my office chair while I worked. I had given him a chew toy but was not paying attention. Moral of the story: don't shoot the dog for your mistake.

So during these first few weeks I take care of the dog by feeding him, giving him water and exercise but I don't act all GUSSSSHY over him. When I take him for a walk I don't play with him - I simply walk him and put him away.

The dog senses an aloof attitude from me. Dogs know that pack leaders are aloof. You don't see an alpha wolf run around acting like a happy puppy in front of his pack members. Now with puppies this is obviously different.

The Dog Crate

If you are going to do GW on your dog the easiest way is with a dog crate.

If your goal is to have a house dog, it needs to start its life in your home in a dog crate. In the beginning many dogs may not like the crate but they will learn to accept it.

We keep a bowl of treats near our dog crate. Every time I ask the dog to go into the crate I toss a few treats in first. I also feel it should be fed its normal daily rations in the crate.

Some dogs raise holy heck when they are first put in a crate. Giving them a cows knuckle bone or a treat ball takes their mind off being confined in the crate. Putting a sheet over the crate for a while, so the dog cannot see out, also helps. Screaming at the dog does nothing but increase the dog's stress and confirm that being in the crate only brings bad things.

The bottom line is that the more a dog barks and screams the longer it has to stay in the crate. This article is not about house training.

Petting or Praising the New Dog

In the social isolation period I never pet my new dog. After that I pet the dog but only if it does something I have asked it to do and I never over do it. I am also very careful about when I pet him and what I pet him for. In other words I don't just walk up to the dog and start to pet him.

The dog has to do something to get a word of praise or a pat on the

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shoulder. He must sit, or he must wait for me when I tell him to wait at a door or gate and then I will praise him.

Only pet your dog on YOUR TERMS - never when the dog wants to be petted!

What I don't do is pet the dog when he wants to get petted. If the dog comes to me and tries to push his head under my hand in an effort to get petted I verbally scold him and send him away. If it's a strong dominant dog I ignore him and act like he is not there.

Demanding to be petted by an adult dog is a sign of dominance. The dog never decides when it's time to get petted-- the pack leader makes those decisions. This is a huge pack drive issue. The Alpha member of the pack goes to lower ranking members and expects to be groomed.

Playing with My Dog

Following in the concept of being aloof for the first weeks, I don't initially play a lot with my dog. Playing is an earned exercise and when I withhold it for a period of time it means more to the dog when I finally do start to play with him.

I don't give new dogs toys. For one thing I want them to have eyes for me. I want them to look at going for walks with me as their enjoyment in life. Toys can be triggers for aggression. Since I don't want to fight a dog to take his toy away I simply don't give a new dog any toys.

I have a philosophy of having to fight with my dog over a dominance issue. That is I never pick a fight with a dog that I will lose. If more people followed that line of thinking there would be a lot fewer dog bites!

When I eventually allow the dog to have a toy I teach him that all toys are MY TOYS and I allow him to play with MY TOYS. At the end of a play sessions I take MY TOYS away and put them up.

For now it's just important to point out that you will never find a basket full of toys sitting around my home. We keep our toys in our "training equipment bag," which is something that I recommend all dog owners have.

Any playing I eventually do with my new dog is always done on a long line. The dog is never at liberty to run off on his own. Being off leash would go against the concept of you having control 100% of the time.

In time we may graduate from our 10m line to our 6m line to a 2m leash.

The Family Petting and Playing with the New Dog

This may fly in the face of people who want a family dog but the fact is in the beginning I never allow family members to pet or play with a new dog.

My primary goal is to establish a family pack. I can best do this by firmly inserting myself as PACK LEADER. Once that is accomplished I can easily step in to help establish the rank of other family members within the pack.

Non-Family Members Petting My Dog

I seldom allow people from outside my immediate family to touch or pet my dog. These people are not pack members and as such my dog has no need to be petted by them. I get many emails from people who misunderstand this concept. They mistakenly think I am saying to

keep the dog away from people. That's not the case. Dogs need to be socialized around people. They just don't need to be petted and fawned over by strangers.

I expect my dog to be aloof to strangers. I want to be the centre of my dog's universe. If my dog tries to run up and get petted I correct it, if it is in any way aggressive to strangers it is immediately corrected. The level of correction is firm enough that the dog remembers the next time it thinks about acting stupid.

If people come up and pet my dog I politely always ask them to stop. If they ignore that request I get very firm. I am not trying to make friends when I walk my dog, I am trying to become a pack leader for my dog, so if someone's feelings are hurt, tough.

Exercise

A very important part of the solution to almost all behaviour problems is an appropriate exercise program. So with this said exercise needs to be an important part of every ground work program. An adult dog that is getting exercised is not a bored dog that has time to worry about getting into trouble or worry about being in his dog crate. We do need to be a little careful with dogs younger than 12 months of age. Young adults should not go out jogging until they are 14 to 15 months old.

Over exercising a young adult is one of the leading causes (along with over feeding) of hip dysplasia and other skeletal failures.

By far the best form of exercise is swimming with long walks coming in second.

Meeting Dogs on Walks

When I walk my dogs I never allow them to socialize with other dogs that we meet along the way. Dogs are pack animals and strange dogs are not part of our family pack. In addition the pack rules are clear. It is the pack leader's job is to drive non-pack members away. If he needs help from lower ranking pack members he asks for it.

If I am on a walk and a stray dog approaches I verbally drive the stray away. Don't for one minute think that your dog does not see what's going on. Remember, our dogs are very intuitive and they miss nothing.

When you drive strays away, or put yourself between your dog and a second dog he instinctively recognizes this as the actions of a pack leader.

Once you have set your leadership position a strong dog will defer to your rank and allow you to deal with an intruder as a matter of respect. When people have dogs that go crazy at the sight of another dog, that owner's rank has not been properly established with their dog.

People who follow the policy will also have dogs that are less inclined to fight with another dog they accidentally meet when off leash.

I never allow my dogs to socialize with strange dogs. Those people who think they need to socialize their dogs with other dogs are drop dead wrong. These are truly people who don't understand pack structure and rank drive.

Gate Doors & Stairs

Going through doors or gates or coming down a set of stairs before your dog is an important part of demonstrating pack leadership. It may not seem like much to us humans but it is a big thing in terms of respect to a dog. This is why I NEVER allow a dog to go through a door or gate before I do. I also never allow them to charge down stairs ahead of me.

When I have a dog that charges through the doors, I set them up to fail.

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I open the door just wide enough for the dog's head to get through. When he tries to force his body through the opening, I have a firm hold on the door and I don't allow the door to swing open wide enough for him to pass. I close the door to the point of trapping the dog's head so he can't pull it out and he can't push his body through the opening. In effect I trap him.

I don't slam his head in the door. In fact I don't put one bit of pressure on the dog's head. All I have to do is hold him in place so he can't go through the door but he also cannot pull his head back out.

When you do this the dog will have a panic attack. You don't have to say one word here. Just hold his head for a few seconds.

You only have to do this 2 or 3 times and they will respect the door as your space not their space. I teach our dogs that they have to sit before they go through the door to go outside and then sit while I come out, turn and close the door.

This is a BLACK AND WHITE exercise for the dog. They clearly understand that they must go to the door and sit before they are allowed out of the house or sit before they are allowed back into the house (or car).

I even occasionally open the door before they sit and offer them the opportunity to stick their head in the door opening. They will always look at me and if dogs could talk they would say "OH NO, I KNOW THAT SILLY GAME."

Loose in the House

It can take weeks or even months for a dog to accept "your home" as "his home."

We never allow a new dog to be unattended and loose in our home when we are gone until it has been with us for a long, long time--like months. In fact we own dogs that are never left unattended in our home.

This does not mean we lock them in a crate for 4 years. It just means that I control our dogs in the home 100% of the time. They start off in the crate and graduate to a dog leash in the home.

So the dog is either in his crate, on leash, or, after formal training, loose in the house. When that happens my eyes are on the dog 100% of the time.

This may fly in the face of other advice you get. But I will be the first person to say "I TOLD YOU SO" when your dog chews up your favourite couch or pees on your brand new carpet while you run down to the store for milk.

I will always remember back to 1972. I had a 1 year old dog that dug her way through the sheet rock in my apartment while I was gone (for 30 minutes). She was well on her way to making an outside doggy door in the siding of the apartment building when I got home.

So our approach is to have our crate in the family area. This allows the dog to watch the family going about their daily lives. This seems to speed up the process of teaching the dog that it is now part of our family pack. It also gives the dog a chance to recognize WHO OUR FAMILY IS. That's very important.

Through observation the dog learns about our style of living.

If your new dog is a little shy and over reacts to family members walking by the crate it's a good idea to leave a bowl of all-natural dog treats sitting on top of the crate. When a family member goes by they can drop a dog a treat through the front grate in the door of the crate.

Feeding

One of the most important decisions you make concerning the health of your dog will be what you feed the dog. For the first weeks in our home I am the only one who feeds my new dog and he only gets fed in the crate. This does two things: for dogs with a lot of food drive it provides a positive experience related to the dog crate, it also eliminates the possibility of an issue with food aggression (if the risk for it exists). In the beginning I always put the food in the crate before the dog is allowed into the crate. I try not to put the dog in and then go and get the food bowl and put it into the crate.

I do it this way because I want the dog to look forward to going into the crate. If the food is not there when I put him in he never knows when he is going to get a nice bowl of food.

Once we start formal obedience training and the dog knows the Sit Command (and this can be weeks after I get the dog) I will change my protocol and make the dog sit before putting the food inside the crate. This follows the theory that **"nothing in life is free."**

Establishing this control simply adds to your pack leader status.

I never FREE FEED a dog (that's where there is always dry food available). Free feeding is a terrible practice that can lead to FAT dogs.

I never put food down and then fool with the bowl when the dog is eating. Taking food away or putting my hand in the food bowl does not show the dog that you are the Alpha. These people are dead wrong. It shows the dog that they are an incompetent pack leader and it destroys your bond.

There is nothing wrong with making a dog sit or lay down (if they know the command) before giving them their food. There is also nothing wrong with your eating before the dog eats. But harassing the dog after giving him his food only stresses the dog and hurts your relationship. It's just a really crazy thing to do.

You will not see an Alpha wolf eat its fill, allow lower ranking wolves to eat off a dead deer kill, then come back and drive lower ranking pack members away just because they are tough enough to do it.

Grooming the New Dog

Every day I make an effort to spend 2 or 3 minutes grooming my dog. Pack members groom one another. When you groom your dog you have to put your hands on him. I have a very soft touch to my hands, which shows the dog that I like him.

If the dog squirrels around because he does not want to stand, then I firmly control him. The instant he stops squirreling I go back to softly talking to him and stroking him. It's critical that there is a clear black and white difference between squirreling and submitting. I ALWAYS end the session by softly brushing and praising him and then releasing him. I use a RELEASE COMMAND by saying "OK" so he knows we are done. This is very important.

The goal of these sessions is not grooming but rather to start to establish control by showing him that I will control him but when I control him I am nice to him. It just is one more link in the chain of making you a pack leader.

Obedience Training vs. Ground Work

In my opinion formal obedience is only 25% of the solution for dealing with most behavioural problems. The other 75% of the solution requires the owners to correct pack structure and rank issues to solve their behaviour problems.

Owners who ignore GW or owners who don't give enough thought to their GW are often people who end up with dominant and aggressive dogs.

Formal Obedience Training

How one approaches obedience training will vary according to the goals of the owner and the drive and temperament of the dog.

Assume a dog knows nothing then start their training from scratch and go through a basic obedience program.

Those dogs that had better training than others went through quickly, those with poor training took longer. In the end they all worked for me because the time spent going through this program taught them what I expected and how I dealt with disobedience.

This simple concept is why I never recommend sending a dog off to be trained by a professional dog trainer. On a long term basis this almost never works. The dogs only learn to mind the pro but after being home for two weeks they forget what "come" means because the owner does not understand how the dog was trained and what level of correction is required for obedience.

The result is they revert right back to the way they were before they went to the professional. These dogs are not stupid, if the professional would return they would immediately turn into the "nice obedient house pet". That's because dogs know what you know and they know what you don't know.

Our Obedience Training Program

The correct way to train a dog is to take them through three phases of training

The Learning phase
The Distraction phase and
The Correction phase

Some people will add that there is a maintenance phase and I agree with them.

In the learning phase, we teach the dog the meaning of a command. We do this by motivating the dog with a toy or food or praise from the handler. Force can also be used, but I NEVER use force in the learning phase.

The learning phase MUST BE DONE in a distraction free environment (like your kitchen or back yard). I believe that it's counter productive to start training in a dog training park. No untrained dog can focus when there are 10 to 25 other dogs around it. The higher the distraction the less learning takes place.

Remember-- the higher the distraction, the less learning takes place.

Conclusion: Where To Go From Here

With all this said, I hope I have cleared up a few issues on pack structure, obedience training, and the family pet. In closing I would like to say that a well trained dog always has an owner that is a respected pack leader:

"When we established a meaningful bond with our dog we will both wake up every day wanting to spend time together. Don't ever underestimate the happiness this kind of relationship can bring to your life."

Canine Hip Dysplasia Study "ARE WE THERE YET?"

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Dr Robert Zammit

"No! But we are closer". In fact, we have made some great inroads with the DNA research into this problem.

Ottmar Distl, who did the initial work with DNA and hip dysplasia in German Shepherds and works at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hanover, Germany, has joined our research group. Working alongside Professor William Ballard and Professor Ottmar Distl is a daunting and amazing experience as to me, these two gentlemen are the absolute pinnacle of workers in the field of molecular biology.

The work on DNA so far would give us about 30% assurance in predicting if a GSD's DNA predisposes them to canine hip dysplasia.

The work we are now doing will give 90% PLUS prediction value (to be honest, both gentlemen would prefer to err on the side of caution so the 90% might be an underestimation, but best to be conservative in these predictions).

We are doing a long chain sequence on a German Shepherd that not only gained an "a" stamp at twelve months of age BUT also has good hips at six years of age. This is vital as this DNA will become the standard of comparison for all samples. To date we have nearly 450 samples and will soon hit our target of 500. Thank you to all those that have supported the research by allowing me to take samples from your dogs.

The problem is that the long-chain genome will cost around \$74,000 and most research grants are going to human research these days. The DNA will be assessed by a high-tech molecular biology laboratory in Arizona.

So how can you help?

Firstly, visit our site : <https://donate.grassrootz.com/unsaustralia/hip2fit>

And donate whatever you can. If every German Shepherd owner in Australia donated just \$10 we'd go close to our target.

Secondly, encourage everyone you know to visit the site and give a donation if possible. Spreading the word would help tremendously.

Thirdly, discuss with the clubs and ultimately National Council the possibility of donating towards this research.

Please realise that all money goes not into paying any of our salaries – our time in this is a donation towards this valuable research. However, we are close to getting valuable, practical results and with new technology that is now available, feel confident in being able to produce a method of examining well over a hundred DNA points that evaluate an individual animal's hip dysplasia status genetically.

A Comment from Dr Candy Baker

GSDCA Breed Health & Welfare Chairperson

Emergency & Critical Care Veterinarian (Western Australian Veterinary Emergency & Specialty)

"I am most definitely in support of this. It sounds as though they have gathered a lot of data and need to finish the information package they have. Science technology isn't cheap, but it's a drop in the ocean compared to the future improvements for our breed. I encourage all of the clubs and members to dig deep to help Professor Ballard & Dr Zammit in their finishing of this".

National Breed Commission Annual Report

Chairperson Melanie Groth

It has been a particularly busy year beginning with a relatively smooth transition to the role from Joylene Neddermeyer who has continued to remain a source of support and advice.

The National Breed Commission portfolio encompasses the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and oversees the Health and Welfare of the German Shepherd Dog. Thank you to the registrars who keep the portfolio in safe hands. Doug West HDED, Dr Candy Baker who looks after Health and Welfare and Adam Toretto who maintains the Identification portfolio. This portfolio has been significantly reduced by the cessation of the Tattoo identification scheme as of 1 July 2017. Clubs have had to finalise their numbers and get those into the Adam so that the database can be uploaded with the information. Thank you to Adam for his work in this position.

Whilst the Database does not reside within the Breed Commission it is a vital piece of software that is managed very capably by Frank Moody. Frank keeps things in check and is great at letting me know what needs to be done. There is a lot of work behind the scenes, particularly with regard to the maintenance and upkeep of the database and the building of pedigrees from imported dogs.

Joylene Neddermeyer has continued to assist with Title Verifications this year and has been kept fairly busy with a number of imports needing their credentials validated.

Breed Survey Scheme

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

The Breed Survey system has undergone significant change this year with the move to one classification in July 2017. A significant number of backend details were required in order to prepare the Database and forms for this move; as changes to the BS7 form needed to be agreed upon and distributed to all state registrars, state coordinators and surveyors. Frank Moody had his hands full working with the programmers to bring the BS7 form to fruition on the Database. All surveyors were able to input data by the end of August and the form became live on the database in late November. Unfortunately, this created quite a backlog of surveys to distribute and at the close of the year I still have the last few surveys from the GSDL, ACT and Victoria to process.

Concern has been raised by some surveyors and breeders that without the delineation between class 1 and 2 that members will have difficulty with which dogs they should use.

It is first and foremost the job of the surveyors to ensure accuracy in how dogs are described at survey to ensure that enthusiasts are able to differentiate between animals that are far above the average and/or just above average. The virtues and faults and recommendations sections of the BS7 form are vital in ensuring that expert and informed advice is provided. Knowledge of what dogs are producing is absolutely imperative and how they blend with certain lines needs to be at the

forefront of recommendations. There is work to be done in this area and this will be a focus in 2018.

It is the role of the State Coordinators working in conjunction with the Breed Affairs Chair within each club to ensure that their survey teams and judges are cognisant of the most up to date breeding information and is key in improving our knowledge base for improvement and success. Some of our work over the next 12 months will focus on these initiatives with our survey team.

I thank the members for their patience in waiting for their surveys and now that the registrars and surveyors are now more familiar with the processes, we will be able to improve the turnaround time in getting certificates to owners in a timely manner. Photographs for breed surveyed animals still remain an issue and the registrars are constantly having to remind people to send in photos. At times, the quality of photos is questionable and it is the responsibility of the owner to get a decent photograph to send in.

A total of 30 surveys took place across Australia during 2017 with 192 dogs presented to survey and 184 gaining classification.

Long Stock Coats

In 2017, 34 animals presented for Breed Survey with 32 gaining a classification. In 2016, 20 animals presented for Breed Survey 19 gaining classification. One long stock coat was placed on the ANKC suspension list during 2016 after being surveyed. This animal has not as yet been represented.

Breed Survey - One Classification

Since the Introduction of one classification July 1 2017 – 31 December 2017, 104 animals were presented to survey. Compared to the same period in 2016 where 42 dogs were presented. This may indicate that the members have embraced the one classification ruling given that the number is significantly higher than 2016.

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. This is a work in progress and will continue into 2018. In the mean-time surveyors have been supplied with a ready reckoner to keep check to make sure they are uniform in using the one classification.

I would also like to acknowledge the role of the Registrars in each state. They are the ones who bring it all together for the surveyors and there are many hours involved in preparing for survey, following up on paperwork, ensuring photos are sent in. A number of registrars have also picked up the Victorian initiative presented by Alastair Henderson at the NBC meeting, where surveyors are furnished with photos of the parents of dogs being surveyed and details of linebreeding, hip and elbow results are provided for the surveyors to enhance their reports on each dog. I commend Alastair, Gill and their team in providing an extra information tool for surveyors to utilise and add value to the surveys. I note that South Australia has also followed suit and it is to be hoped that the registrars and state coordinators in the other states will take up this initiative too.

There are currently 21 active surveyors in the system, with three aspirants that were accepted at the 2017 National Breed Commission Meeting in July. A number of retirements and resignations have occurred throughout the year. Barry O'Rourke (Qld) Fran Farley and James Roger (Vic) chose to retire throughout the year and as a result will remain a part of the survey teams in their state, but will not actively

take part in surveys. Bruce Knight (WA) and Joylene Neddermeyer (SA) made the decision to resign from the team for personal reasons. The contribution to the Council spans many years from all of these five surveyors. They have all held positions on the Executive of Council at various times, spanning the past 40 years. We will miss their regular contribution but wish them well in their retirement, enabling them to enjoy some quality time without the expectation of being present at surveys and meetings and not to have to keep contributing at such a high level. Thank you most sincerely for all your hard work and dedication to the Council and being key players in the Breed Survey Scheme. It should be noted that Anita Pettenhoffer is still on leave of absence and is yet to inform her intentions but we wish her well in her pursuits.

Aspirant Surveyors

Natalie Humphries, Sharon Ballantyne and Andrew Jones applied to join the aspirant survey program having met the criteria to become surveyors and were accepted unanimously at the July NBC meeting. They are currently working with their state survey teams to ensure they gain valuable knowledge and experience over the year before being

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 a deep sense of 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 year's 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.

Education and professional learning

Education has become a major focus in this portfolio. It is recognised that for breed surveyors to be kept up to date that an element of professional learning and collaborative discussion and dialogue is

essential for our learning. This element became very evident in the analysis of data for the Breed Survey Forum in 2016, where members expressed the wish that breed surveyors be fully informed about issues in the breed and needed to be transparent in their decision making around survey. Over the years, a lack of trust in our surveyors and the system has emerged and it is important that we address these issues.

As a result, working parties were established to meet these recommendations. The breed surveyor contract was developed and passed at the 2017 AGM for introduction in conjunction with the one classification. All current surveyors have signed the contract to adhere. Surveyors who break the terms of the contract could face disciplinary action from the Council.

The NBC meeting format was adjusted to include a workshop focus and those in attendance praised the move. The program included the following presentations:

- Keynote – Dentition – Dr Kirsten Hailstone BVMS, B.Sc
- Checking Dentition at the National – Jane Pike & Louis Donald
- Talking Heads – Robyn Knuckey
- Power v Economy – Louis Donald & Mel Groth
- Innovations at Survey – Alastair Henderson
- Troubleshooting the Database – Frank Moody

The keynote speaker Dr Kirsten Hailstone, in particular gave us a fascinating insight into the issues around canine dentition. She was entertaining and clearly a consummate professional in her field.

Jane and Louis gave provided a fairly frank overview of the state of dentition as seen at the national this year. Issues that have been raised before regarding the size and spacing of teeth and the side-bites were highlighted as matters that breeders need to pay attention to. The major issue was the examination itself – untrained dogs. This is a reflection on training and temperament. An animal should stand for a teeth examination without fighting the handler and the judge/checker or having to call for the owner. This is something owners need to address.

Robyn Knuckey's presentation regarding the structure of the head, its parts and how it is critiqued was well received and a number of judges and surveyors have indicated to me that since that time they have been far more cognisant of ensuring they look closely at all the components and it has enhanced their critiques.

Louis Donald's presentation morphed to an in-depth look at the evolving structure of the German Shepherd Dog and posed questions for us about how we manage the issues of the curvature of the spine that has crept into the breed and changed the angle of the croup and the depth of the hindquarter and the low position of the knee and how it interacts with the curved backline. It was a fascinating look at the structure of the dog and unfortunately was cut short due to an issue with the airlines. We will continue with this education focus in 2018.

A number of clubs have used some of the material from the NBC meeting to complement their education programs and seminars/workshops have been held in Sydney, Coffs Harbour, Tasmania and Victoria. It is my hope that the State coordinators and breed affairs chair in the clubs are able to use this material and more that is developed for the benefit of their members.

The Database and Breed Survey

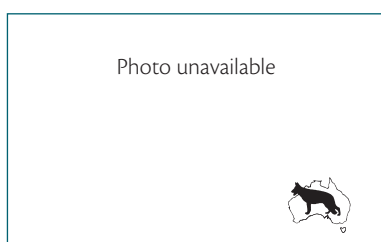
I encourage members to use their logon and find their way around the database and do their homework as to which dog might be suitable

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 tirelessly with the programmers to set the database up for the one classification, whilst maintaining it. This work has taken some time with access to the programmers being limited. We have had to endure a delay for data entry and the resultant printing of certificates which has in turn created a backlog of surveys to be processed. At the time of writing this report I am now in possession of nearly all paperwork from the 2017 Breed Survey year and the last few surveys will be entered and processed by the AGM in February.

Photographs

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. After a period of 12 months if the owner has not supplied a photograph, the dog will be approved on the data base and appear with a jpeg that indicates that a photo is unavailable. This is definitely not the preferred option. Thanks so much to the registrars who periodically follow this up for me. It is a thankless task and quite upsetting for them when owners completely disregard their polite and continued requests. If your dog appears on the database without a photo, please send a photo with the name of the dog and the date of survey to nbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org and it will be uploaded.



The quality of photographs supplied is questionable. Dogs should be photographed in show stance with minimal background. It would be helpful if Breeders and experienced dog people assisted newcomers and novices to obtain a photograph of their dog at the survey. Shots of dogs taken in a field in long grass do not necessarily present the dog in the best light and are not always indicative of the surveyor's comments. So, it is in everyone's best interests to provide the best possible photograph to record the dog's survey.

HDED Breed Improvement Schemes

We are now in possession of CVs from our 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.

Doug West has provided a report of activity for the past 12 months and provided some historical data for interest. The Hip and Elbow statistics are now being produced via the database and Frank will generate these twice yearly and will be drawn from the last 7 years of data. They are available on the GSDCA Website for breeders' interest.

The incidence of elbow dysplasia continues to improve with the majority of scores being in the normal range. Slight anomalies can cause a dog to score grade 1, however the incidence of dogs with grade 2 and above has decreased dramatically according to our statistics. Anecdotally one hears of animals with UAP and is this disease is

normally diagnosed prior to twelve months it would appear that most of these animals whilst may be screened do not ever enter our system. This is why it so important for incidences to be reported to the Health and Welfare Chairperson so that we can gain a more informed view. After all, these schemes exist for the health and welfare of our breed and when pressure is applied by breeders and/or stud dog owners not to tell anyone it does not help with improvement of the breed.

GSDCA Tooth Certificates

One animal has been issued with a tooth certificate during 2017.

Tooth Certificate No.	Name of animal	Dentition
164	Karham Itzony Destiny	Missing upper left incisor 1 due to accident

Title Verifications

Nine dogs have had their titles verified in 2017. Joylene Neddermeyer completed these verifications on behalf of the NBC Chair. Thank you to Joylene for ensuring that work was completed so that owners were able to have their dogs' credentials validated for the purposes of Survey and advertising here is Australia. Jan Pike worked with Joylene to produce a new Title Verification form which included credit card payment to streamline the process. This form is located on the database.

Animal	Sex	Country of origin
Iso Rhinland	M	DEU
Djambo Fichtenschlag	M	DEU
Conbhairean Freddie	M	UK
Conbhairean Karlos	M	DEU
Branka Haus Gera	F	NDL
Bellamie Praester-Land	M	Semen
Rudy Haus Edmond	M	Semen
Oak Iskander	M	DEU

ANKC Suspensions - Aggressive Dogs

The ANKC publish a list of registered dogs each year. I am pleased to report that during 2017 no German Shepherds have been added to this list. Currently there are ten German Shepherd Dogs on that list out of a total of 67 dogs of various breeds. Only one of the shepherds on the current list has been previously breed surveyed and as a result is suspended from our system.

Sires Progeny Report – National 2017

A full report appeared in the review detailing the eleven sires that were represented by 6 or more progeny at the National. Due to the lower than expected entry at the Queensland National the sires' progeny

was quite depleted in numbers and therefore made it difficult to give an accurate assessment of a sire's worth on that weekend. Information gathered from the database regarding HDED statistics and breed survey numbers is collated for members' information. All of this information is available to members via the database should they choose to look. The NBC will be looking at more uniform ways of improving the nature of the report in 2018 given some of the feedback that has been received.

New Zealand Dogs participating in our schemes

The regulations regarding tattoo are still in place for New Zealand dogs. The Council secretary has written to the NZKC to obtain confirmation that they are now compulsorily recording microchips on registrations. Until such time that this can be confirmed the status quo remains.

National Breed Commission Registrar's Reports

Breed Health and Welfare and Haemophilia Report - Chairperson and Registrar - Dr Candy Baker

As the years pass us by, I feel as though the contact with the general membership is getting stronger. I applaud those breeders who have contacted me with health issues and the general GSD owner will contact me on numerous different topics that arise. Sometimes people just need to talk and get things off their chest, other times we need to action certain issues. I continue to encourage breeders to be open and honest about issues, because it's the breed that suffers as a result of continuing on with troublesome lines from a health perspective.

Continued contact with specialists in the areas of haemangiosarcoma, gastric dilation volvulus and degenerative myelopathy research. In Australia and overseas.

Lumbosacral disease, I believe, should still be at the forefronts of our mind. Whilst we would like to see further forward progression with regards to hip dysplasia results and our GSDCA scheme median score decreasing. I also believe we should be considering a screening process coupled with our HD/ED screening prior to breeding. The anatomy and construction of the pelvis and hips have an impact on the stifles and hocks. If the anatomy and conformational issues continue to be a problem and we sit back and do nothing proactive about it, then once again, our breed and the public's perception of the breed is what suffers.

Haemophilia

Haemophilia negative dogs

- Fremont Watson A Z
- Janeme Abba Dabba Doo (not a son of an imported female)
- Freinhauf Hasta Lavista Baby
- Oak vom Haus Iskander (IMP DEU)
- Macho vom Lamorak (IMP DEU)

Janeme Abba Dabba Doo is a son of an imported male and did not need to be tested, the owner/breeder had misinterpreted which males need to be tested. The continued haemophilia negative results through this scheme does raise questions as to the value of continuing the program. However, this test is to assess for "affected" males by ensuring their Factor VIII levels are sufficient. If we look closer at the genetics behind Factor VIII deficiency and the mode of inheritance we could

then test females and males that are being imported into the country. The sensitivity and specificity of DNA tests are questionable. I would consider doing both, thereby the imported males are DNA and Factor VIII tested and the imported females are DNA tested only. The sons of imported females then should not need any testing if their mother is clear.

Future updates on research and health articles are my focus of updating the council and its membership.

Dr Candy Baker

National Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Annual Report Registrar – Mr Doug West

As at 7th Nov there is now 10,666 Hip & Elbow results in the Council's Data Base; 3,128 Males (29%) and 7,538 (71%) Females, 9,275 (87%) have been tattooed with 3,839 (36%) being microchipped. The 'A' stamp was gained by 9,194 from the 10,599 submitted resulting in a pass rate on Hips of 86.74% slightly up on last year's 86.5%. From the 10,599 also submitted for Elbows 10,321 were successful in gaining the 'Z' resulting in a pass rate of 97.37% slightly down on last year's 97.8%, 7,913 of those were "Normal" (74.66%), UAP 116 (1.09%).

Club participation for the period 1st Oct 2016 to 30th Sept 2017 (12 Months)

Table: 1 Data Base to 01/10/2016 to 30/09/2017:						
Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'	
ACT:	3	0.67%	3	0.67%	2	0.45%
NCHR:	13	2.90%	13	2.90%	13	2.92%
NSW:	109	24.49%	101	22.69%	103	23.15%
NT:	0		0		0	
NZ:	10	2.25%	10	2.25%	9	2.02%
QLD:	67	15.06%	61	13.71%	65	14.61%
SA:	56	12.59%	52	11.69%	53	11.91%
TAS:	19	4.27%	18	4.05%	19	4.27%
VIC:	102	22.93%	91	20.45%	95	21.35%
WA:	66	14.84%	60	13.48%	63	14.16%
Year 2017:	445	100.00%	409	91.89%	422	94.84%

Percentages based on 445 animals.

As can be seen by the figures above NSW has had the largest number of dogs submitted over the 12 month period with a total of 109 (24%). The national pass rate during that 12 month period on Hips is 92% and Elbows is 95%. There have been 6 animals (1%) with UAP in the 12 month period

A total of 89 Kennels submitted 445 animals over the 12 Month period, 409 'A' & 422 'Z'.

Kennel participation: 12 Month period 1st Oct 2016 to 30th Sept 2017

Kennel	No.	Male	Female	A'	'Z'
ANDACHT	9	3	6	8	8
HASENWAY	8	4	4	8	8

In the chart above are the two Kennels with the most animals submitted 9 & 8 respectively, both having 8 animals gain their 'A"Z' for the period.

The above is a snap shot primarily of the period 1st Oct 2016 to 30th Sept 2017, a more detailed report is presented to the NBC meeting in July each year.

National Identification Annual Report - Registrar – Mr Adam Toretto

It is my pleasure to submit my final report to the GSDCA AGM meeting 2018.

TATTOOING

As of the 1 of July 2017 the GSDCA Tattoo Scheme has officially ceased.

I'd like to thank those that supported me during holding this position, NBC Chair (past & present), GSDCA Exec, Frank Moody, member clubs and those I call on for advice and support from the clubs.

Over the past few months the State ID Registrars have had the chance to update the database.

I'm yet to receive TS4 forms from some clubs for this past year and previous years. It has been quite disappointing and frustrating to have no responses and nothing sent through what so ever from certain clubs time and time again.

A final note for state registrars, NO tattoos should be entered into the database. Please ignore the directions and suggestions made on social media by "club committee members" as they are NOT correct..

October 1st 2016 through to 30 September 2017 (cessation of the scheme for puppies born after 1 July 2017)

Clubs	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	TAS	ACT	WA
Litters Tattooed	24	2	10	10	-	1	-
Puppies Tattooed	146	14	53	59	-	9	-
Litters Total	84	56	47	49	6	1	32

**Please note numbers may vary, as some state registrars are yet to update database. **

MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping is now the only form of identification for the GSDCA Breed Improvement Scheme from the 1st July 2017.

It is important now more than ever to ensure the paperwork is correct.

Breeders need to:

- ensure the correct details are registered, ensuring that the microchip has 15 numbers on your paperwork. Keep a back-up copy
- verify the microchip number with the Name/Registration Number of the puppy when it is sold
- check the Microchip numbers recorded on the ANKC Registration papers.

- double-check the paperwork with the registration papers to ensure the correct microchip corresponds with the puppy, the new owner and the pedigree. (Errors do occur in the Canine Controls and this is the quickest way of picking it up rather than waiting until 12 months when the dog is x rayed)
- double check the coat type against the registration papers to ensure that the puppy is registered as the correct variety.

It would also be desirable if owners had the microchip scanned prior to x-ray and/or survey, and noting where the microchip is found (as we hear regularly of chips moving). There was one case this year where the microchip could not be located after the dog had been x-rayed. The dog had to be re-chipped, paperwork altered by the Canine Control and re-x-rayed so that it could be positively identified. There are still a few clubs to submit the final TS4 forms and one club to submit any at all. Hopefully the NBC chair has more luck gathering this information than I. I'll pass on the details of the clubs whom still have outstanding TS4 forms.

I would like to wish the GSDCA and all member clubs the best of luck in the future, as you are the guardians of our beloved German Shepherd Dog. See you around 😊

Cheers

Adam Toretto

From the NBC Chair

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, the registrars Adam Toretto, Candy Baker and Doug West. Their reports are presented in this document. They do a great job managing their portfolios and I look forward to working with them again in 2018. Frank Moody has been very patient with me as I have learnt to be more efficient at using the database; Joylene Neddermeyer 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.

A big thanks to Adam Toretto whose portfolio will cease in 2018. Thank you so much for your efforts in your role. The council is in debt to your enthusiasm and motivation in providing information and the tenacity in extracting data from the clubs. We thank you for your service to the Council.

I wish you all the best with your breeding programs and your hobby look forward to working with you as a member of your executive in 2018.

Mel Grath

NBC Chair

Secretary's Report

Summary of Motions from the 57th Annual General Meeting of the GSDCA Inc

It is with pleasure that I present, for your information, the results of motions as "Carried", "Lost" and/or "Withdrawn" from the 57th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc, held on the 10th & 11th February 2018, in Sydney, New South Wales.

All motions carried will take effect as of the 1st July 2018 (except where the meeting agreed to allow immediate action), and for full details as per the minutes, please contact your Club Secretary.

Val Moody, Honorary Secretary - GSDCA Inc.

2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 56th AGM under the "60 day rule".

Motion 1	"That the GSD League be granted the right to host the 2020 GSDCA GSD National Show & Trial providing that the event is held during the period of Mid-April to late May but not over the Easter Weekend." CARRIED
Motion 2	"That as 1st January 2018 the only acceptable identification method for participation in all GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes will be micro chipping and that all GSDCA regulations pertaining to the accepted method of identification are amended accordingly." LOST
Motion 3	"That all Executive Meetings be minuted and copies of those Minutes be sent to clubs within 30 days." CARRIED
Motion 4	"The GSDAWA requests that the following Obedience Judges be added to the GSDCA Obedience Supplementary List." - Dr. Dianne Webb PhD Dip Acc, Ms. Debbie Hyde, Mr. Paul Skewes. CARRIED
Motion 5	"The Major Trophy awarded at the GSDCA GSD National Show and Trial to the 5 Gold Medal winners, Dual Performance Dog and the Highest Achieving Kennel (7 Trophies), as per the National Show Manual) is the "standing, sitting and lying dog" mounted on a wooden stand as supplied by Ariel Fine Arts, NSW." CARRIED
Motion 6	CHANGES TO GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW MANUAL "That the following changes to the National Show Manual in Section 13 Trophies, Sashes & Mementos be approved." CARRIED

15.3.1 Motion:

"That the below named Obedience Judges be accepted to Judge the Melbourne GSDCA National Obedience Trial in 2019".

- Barry Cotton (Vic) CCD and UDX
- Warren Doyle (QLD) UD and a balance class (whichever is needed)
- Cheryl Bedgood (WA) Open and Rally Master
- Tania Schumann (Vic) Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent
- Roddy Macdonald (Tas) Novice and Rally Novice

- Emergency Judges: Dawn Ayton (Vic) and Clive Makepeace (Vic) **CARRIED Unanimously**

16 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission

16.1 Awards

16.1 (a) Motion:

"That as of the 2018 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial, the Sam Bonifacio Breeders Trophy will be awarded to the Kennel that receives the highest aggregate score at the National for the Stock Coat variety, as exhibited". **CARRIED**

16.1 (b) Motion:

"That as of the 2018 GSDCA National GSD Show and Trial the Jürgen Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the first placed Long Stock Coat Open Dog winner". **CARRIED**

16.1 (c) Motion:

"That as of the 2018 GSDCA National GSD Show and Trial the Tom Luxton Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the first placed Long Stock Coat Open Bitch winner". **CARRIED**

16.1 (d) Motion:

"That as of the 2018 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial, a new award named the GSDCA Long Stock Coat (LSC) Breeders Trophy will be awarded to the Kennel that receives the highest aggregate score at the National for the Long Stock Coat variety, as exhibited". **CARRIED**

16.1 (e) New Motion:

"That as of the 2018 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial, the James Rodger Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the first placed Stock Coat Intermediate Bitch". **CARRIED**

The meeting agreed that we do not need to put forward as a 60 day motion.

16.2 Linebreeding (This motion was dealt with at SGM in July 2017.)

Current Regulation:

"Animals born after 1 July 2011 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than

(3-2) or (2-3)".

Animals born prior to 1 July 2011 exempt.

Proposed Regulation:

"That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read:

"Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)".

Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).

17 Matters Referred to the AGM from the Breed Surveyors/ Specialist Judges Meeting – Nil.

18 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

18.1 Motion:

"That as of the 1st July 2018, all GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges must sign the following GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver 07/2018) to maintain their GSDCA Specialist Judge status".

CARRIED Unanimously

18.2 Motion:

"That as of 1st July 2018 the GSDCA Specialist Judges "Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures" as proposed be adopted".

CARRIED

18.3 Motion:

"That the GSDCA State Breed Exhibitions (SBE) be terminated from the 1st January 2019".

LOST

18.4 Motion: Regulation for Excellent Merit grading at State Breed Exhibitions

Proposed Amendment:

5.2.10.2 Gratings

- a) GSDCA Excellent Merit: May only be awarded to animals exhibited in the Open Class and:
 - classified: GSDCA Breed Survey **Classified** or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA, **and maximum height measurements for males is 66cms and females 61cms.**
 - animals that the judge considers to be of high anatomical **worth with regard** to type, quality, **balance** and have a potential for or have demonstrated attributes that will produce.
- b) **GSDCA Excellent may only be awarded to animals exhibited in the Open Class and:**
 - **classified: GSDCA Breed Survey Classified or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA, and maximum height measurements for males is 66cms and females 61cms.**

CARRIED

18.5 Motion:

"That those animals more than 1 cm above the standard i.e. 61cm for females and 66cms for males are not awarded the highest grading in their class".

LOST

18.6 Addition to National Show Manual

Motion:

"That the following be included in the GSDCA National Show Manual.

Aggressive Dog reporting at Nationals.

- a) That the host club forwards to the GSDCA National Show Liaison Officer (NSLO) a copy of the current Canine Control procedures with respect to investigating aggressive dog incidents at GSDCA GSD National Show & Trial as hosted by Member Clubs.

That the GSDCA National Show Liaison Officer (NSLO) as appointed is informed of any aggressive dog incident and where allowed is invited to be a member of the investigating panel.

CARRIED

18.7 Motion: Measuring at GSDCA Shows

Proposed Amendment:

5.1.1.5 All dogs and bitches must be measured in the Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes and the height **and chest depth**

measurements be recorded in their critiques and the critiques forwarded to the NBC Executive after every show.

CARRIED

18.8 Motion: GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course

Proposed Amendment

6.2.1.4 Applicants are unable to exhibit and/or handle at Shows where they are officiating as an aspirant.

CARRIED Unanimously

18.9 Motion: GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Course

Proposed Amendment

6.2.3.2.3 The applicant shall complete three (3) practical examinations, two under different assessor judges or any substitute judge appointed by GSDCA Judges Committee. The third examination will be where the aspirant is judging and the assessment is completed by the GSDCA assessor judge. The written critiques, together with all class call out orders, are to be sent to the Chair of the GSDCA Judges Committee and the assessor judge, plus a short written report on the virtues and faults of animals and the overall show within three (3) weeks of the show.

One examination is to be under the GSDCA President, NBC Chair or Judges Committee Chair,

or previous NBC Executive members, if these position-holders are qualified examiner judges. [2015]

CARRIED

19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee – Nil.

20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

20.1 Motion:

"That an Aspiring Breed Surveyor may be deemed the 2nd Surveyor at Breed Surveys".

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.2 Motion:

"That the following GSDCA Regulations 2.13.2.1 and 2.13.2.2 be rescinded:

2.13.2 Schutzhund

2.13.2.1: That the GSDCA allow suitable teams to represent Australia at the WUSV Championships with the following provisos:

- a) That any participant shall be a member of a Member Club of the GSDCA in their State of domicile.
- b) Any GSD representing Australia participating at WUSV World Championship shall have been successfully Breed Surveyed through the GSDCA or a GSDCA recognised Breed Survey Scheme.
- c) Any application can only be submitted through the Member Club of the GSDCA in the State or Territory in which the applicant is domiciled. Upon endorsement by the Member Club the application to be sent in writing to the GSDCA Secretary. On receipt of such application, the GSDCA Secretary shall forward to all GSDCA Executive for their evaluation.
- d) If the Member Club of the GSDCA in the State or Territory where the applicant is domicile does not support the application to compete at the WUSV Championships then the application shall be denied.
- e) That the GSDCA shall reserve the right to deny any application, if in their opinion it should become detrimental for the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

- f) The GSDCA or its Member Clubs shall in no way contribute or underwrite any expenses incurred.

2.13.2.2: That the GSDCA change its current policy to allow SV Judges to adjudicate at Working Dog Trials in Australia effective 1 July 2007 with the following provisos:

- a) No clearance shall be given to an SV Judge to adjudicate at a trial held by a club whose name includes the words German Shepherd or who has connections to/with any organisation using the words German Shepherd in their name other than the GSDCA.
- b) No clearance shall be given for an SV Judge to adjudicate at a trial in a state where it is against the law of that state or territory to participate in DogSport.
- c) Applications for officiating Trial Judges to be made through a Member Club of the GSDCA in the State or Territory where the Trial is to be conducted. Upon endorsement by the Member Club the application to be sent in writing to the GSDCA Secretary. On receipt of such application, the GSDCA Secretary shall forward to the GSDCA Executive for their evaluation.
- d) If permission is sought for the Judge to adjudicate at more than one event in different States, then separate applications must be made to the appropriate GSDCA Member Clubs for their endorsement which will then be sent to the GSDCA Secretary, who will forward to the GSDCA Executive for evaluation. The Judges shall be selected by the President of the SV.
- e) Permission will only be granted for four (4) Trial Judges in any one calendar year
- f) If the Member Club of the GSDCA in the State or Territory where the Trial is being conducted does not support the application for the appointment of a SV Judge, the application will be denied and no further discussion will be entered. g) That the GSDCA shall reserve the right to deny any application if in their opinion it should become detrimental for the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

CARRIED

20.3 Motion:

"That DogSport, Schutzhund and/or Protection work not be approved/ supported by the GSDCA".

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.4 Motion:

"That the motion passed at the SGM in July 2017 as follows be rescinded and replaced as follows:

Current Motion:

Schedule 1 – WUSV – 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.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.

- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
- If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH.

Proposed Amendment:

Schedule 1 – WUSV – 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.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.

—If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.5 Motion:

"That the current motion passed at the SGM in July 2017 as follows be rescinded".

Current Motion:

Schedule 2 – WUSV 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 30 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.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.6 Motion:

“That the current motion passed at the SGM in July 2017 as follows be rescinded”.

Current Motion:

Schedule 3 – WUSV Working Test “ZAP” plus BH plus AD

“That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass BH and AD tests 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 AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
- 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 and dog’s pedigree.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.7 Motion:

“That the current motion passed at the SGM in July 2017 as follows be rescinded”.

“That effective 1st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a “Good” grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey.

The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.8 GSDCA NATIONAL TRIAL MANUAL

Motion:

“That the following amendments be included in the GSDCA National Trial Manual”.

Proposed Amendment:

TROPHIES, SASHES, MEMENTOS, GRADING CERTIFICATES, MEDALLIONS

6.1 CLASS WINNERS

Each obedience class shall be awarded as follows:

- 1st Place – **Qualifying Score Only:**

Tri-sash, Qualifying Certificate & Sash/Ribbon, and Grading Certificate, plus a GSDCA National format Plaque (refer Appendix “I” in the “National Show Manual”) - to be presented at the Official Presentations at the conclusion of the Show.

- 2nd to 5th Places – **Qualifying Score Only**

Sash and Memento, Qualifying Certificate & Sash/Ribbon, and Grading Certificate (presented at conclusion of trial).

- Other qualifying exhibits receive Qualifying Certificate & Sash/Ribbon, and Grading Certificate.

Proposed Amendment:

6.4 MEMENTOS

The Mementos shall be awarded to the 2nd to 5th place **with a qualifying score only**, and shall be the GSDCA Octagonal Memento (refer Appendix “I” in the “National Show Manual”). **CARRIED**

Proposed Amendment:

6.5 EXCELLENT MEDALLIONS

The “triangular” Obedience Excellent medallion is awarded at Nationals only – and shall be awarded to:

- Obedience exhibits that obtain a score of 190 or more, in any Class **(95 – 100 points in CCD)**, or
- Agility and Jumping exhibits that have two (2) clear rounds, in Novice, Open or Masters Class.

The medallion shall be attached to a ribbon, which shall be the same as used for the Show Excellent medallions, at that National.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

20.9 Motion:

Proposed Amendment:

6.5 EXCELLENT MEDALLIONS

The “triangular” Obedience Excellent medallion is awarded at Nationals only – and shall be awarded to:

- **Obedience exhibits that obtain a qualifying score of 190 or more, in Novice, Open, UD and UDX or 95 or more in CCD.**
- **Rally Obedience exhibits that obtain a qualifying score of 95 or more.**
- **Agility and Jumping exhibits that have two (2) clear rounds, in Novice, Open or Masters Class.**

The medallion shall be attached to a ribbon, which shall be the same as used for the Show Excellent medallions, at that National.

CARRIED Unanimously

20.10 Motion:

“That Regulation 6.5.1 of the GSDCA Regulations Manual be rescinded and removed from the Regulations Manual.”

Current Regulation:

6.5 GSDCA Obedience Judges

6.5.1 Only those judges on the GSDCA Preferred and/or Supplementary List are eligible to award GSDCA Obedience gradings, at any GSDCA Member Club Trials, or Sponsored All Breeds Trials.

CARRIED

20.11 Motion:

“That Regulation 1.2 Agility and Jumping Trial of the GSDCA National Trial Manual be amended to read:

Proposed Amendment:

1.2 Agility, Jumping Rally O and Herding Trials

The conducting of Rally O, Agility, Jumping, **and Herding Trials** is optional at National Shows at the discretion of the Host Club.”

CARRIED Unanimously

20.12 Motion:

That the GSDCA amend 4.2.1.1.1 of the regulations to reflect different qualifying score ranges between CCD and Rally Obedience”.

Proposed Amendment:

4.2 Obedience Awards

4.2.1 Obedience Awards and GSDCA Gradings

4.2.1.1 The following GSDCA Obedience Awards will only be awarded at GSDCA Member Club trials, and “sponsored” Trials, and are available to ANKC registered pedigree GSDs that receive the following qualifying scores within the following classes:

4.2.1.1.1 CCD classes and Rally Obedience Classes:

CCD Obedience classes

- **Good – 85 to 89 points**
- **Very Good – 90 to 94 points**
- **Excellent – 95 to 100 points**

Rally-O classes

Good –

- **Rally Novice 75 to 89 points**
- **Rally Advanced 80 to 89 points**
- **Rally Excellent 80 to 89 points**
- **Rally Master 85 to 89 points**

Very Good –

- **Rally Novice 90 to 94 points**
- **Rally Advanced 90 to 94 points**
- **Rally Excellent 90 to 94 points**
- **Rally Master 90 to 94 points**

Excellent –

- **Rally Novice 95 to 100 points**
- **Rally Advanced 95 to 100 points**
- **Rally Excellent 95 to 100 points**
- **Rally Master 95 to 100 points**

CARRIED Unanimously

20.13 Motion:

Proposed Amendment:

4.2.2.2.1 The National Obedience Excellent medallion shall only be awarded to entries that have gained the Excellent grading at the GSDCA National Restricted Obedience Trial **or in the optional disciplines of Agility, Jumping and Rally Obedience.**

CARRIED Unanimously

20.14 Conformation Judges

Motion:

“That the GSDCA Regulation 5.5.3.1 be rescinded and replaced with the following Regulation.”

Proposed Amendment:

5.5.3 Selection Process for National Judges

5.5.3.1 Conformation Judges

The criteria for conformation judges to be selected and included on to the GSDCA National GSD Show Judges List is that:

- They are a **recognised GSD specialist judge that** must have judged on two separate occasions at GSDCA Member Club or sanctioned shows **and who have been** nominated by a Member Club **and accepted** to be added to the list.
- The list of approved judges will be reviewed at the annual GSDCA Judges Committee (JC) Meeting where judges may be added and or removed upon a request from a Member Club;
- The list as reviewed by the JC Meeting will be presented to the AGM.
- Member Clubs hosting the National will have the right to choose 2 of **plus 2 reserves from a shortened list 4 judges** as nominated by GSDCA Executive **and choices presented to AGM 2 years before the event is to be held; The 2 judges that are not chosen will act as reserve judges.**
- The GSDCA Liaison Officer will contact judges as selected. In the event that none of the 4 chosen judges are able to accept the invitation, the GSDCA Executive will liaise directly with the host Member Club and agreement sought to approach other judges as listed;
- Judges will be offered the appointment on the understanding they cannot judge in Australia for two years prior to the date of the National they have been invited to Judge. **CARRIED**

20.15 National Trial Manual – Revised December 2013 – Appendix “G”

Proposed Amendment:

RULES FOR THE “DAVID O’ROURKE” MEMORIAL DUAL PERFORMANCE TROPHY

To be eligible a dog or bitch must achieve a minimum grading of Very Promising in a conformation class and a qualifying score in CCD, Novice, Open, Utility or Utility Dog excellent class in the Obedience Trial.

- The David O’Rourke Dual Performance Trophy will be awarded to the animal that has the highest grading in conformation and a qualifying score in obedience.
- If grading is equal, then the following scoring system shall be used to determine the winner:

The scoring system sees a formula applied: The score shall be determined by the number of gradings given in the conformation class divided by the placing of the dog that has qualified, which is then multiplied by 100. A = Number of Grading given B = Placing of dog that has qualified with that grading $A/B \times 100 = \text{Final Score}$ (no decimal places)

- In the event of a tied result after applying all the criteria above, then the Obedience result will determine the winner, with criteria being, in the following order:
- The animal that gained the highest qualifying score in Obedience Trial will be declared the winner.
- If the qualifying scores are still equal, the winner will be decided as follows:
- Tied scores within the same class will be separated by final placing gained within the particular class. e.g: 1st place UDX (190 points)

beats 2nd place UDX (190 points) etc.

- Tied scores from different classes will be separated by placing them in order of the class the animal competed in, hence as an example: UDX (190 points) beats UD (190 points) which beat OPEN (190 points) etc.

CARRIED Unanimously

20.16 The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Competition

Motion:

4.2.3 The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Competition

Include a requirement for certification that the competitor is a financial member of a Member Club of the GSDCA. In the absence of an official application form which could include the certification, we propose the following amendment to 4.2.3.1.2 (d) as shown in *Italics* below.

Proposed Amendment:

"4.2.3.1.2 Entry into Competition

- Competitors shall present clear photocopies of their best qualifying cards **and certification by their Member Club Secretary confirming that they are a financial member**, to the Obedience Chairperson by the closing date –being no later than the closing date for entries for the GSD National Show and Trial."

CARRIED Unanimously

20.17 Motion:

"That the GSDCA shall maintain the Tattoo Data Base to at least the 30th of June 2030 as a service to members of Member Clubs who wish to tattoo puppies under veterinarian supervision".

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Under the 2 year rule this has been dealt with at the SGM.

20.18 Motion:

"That Mrs. Kim Houlden be included on the GSDCA Obedience Judges Supplementary List."

CARRIED Unanimously

20.19 Motion:

"That Mrs Elaine Temby and Mr. Charlie Giles be included on the GSDCA Obedience Judges Supplementary List."

CARRIED Unanimously

21 Other Matters referred to the AGM

Motions 21.1 to 21.9 are recommended by the President, German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

Note: The below motions have been discussed by the Executive and placed on the agenda via the President as required by the Constitution - Annual General Meeting Clause 23.1 (j).

21.1 Motion:

"That Regulation 7.3 "Advertising Requirements" be amended as follows:

Proposed Amendment:

7.3 Advertising Requirements:

7.3.1 Package for Stud Dog advertisers

7.3.1.1 Each full page stud dog advertisement printed in the QNR will have the option to be replicated on a dedicated Stud Dog page on the GSDCA website for a period of 3 months following the publication of the QNR edition in which it appears. [2017]

7.3.2 Requirements for Animals Bred and Owned in Australia

7.3.2.1 All animals over the age of twelve (12) months and under **two (2) years** at the time of publication must have been awarded a GSDCA 'A' stamp for hips and a GSDCA 'Z' stamp for elbows, **or equivalent as recognised eg SV "a" & ED classifications and not failed the GSDCA Breed Survey Classification or other recognised scheme.**

7.3.2.1.1. It is the responsibility of the QNR Editor to ensure **that hip and elbow results, as part of the advertisement are published in full**, (e.g. "A" (2:1) "Z" Grade One (0:1)).

7.3.2.2 To be eligible for the "Showing Potential" section an animal must be less than 12 months of age at the time of publication, where both parents have successfully passed Breed Survey through the GSDCA National Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised scheme.

7.3.2.3 If the advertisement is to contain a copy of a GSDCA Breed Survey critique, it must be printed in full and verified by the GSDCA NBC Chairperson. (Note: The Breed Survey critique is the property of the GSDCA)

7.3.2.3.1 If the advertisement is to contain a Breed Survey critique from an overseas GSDCA recognised scheme, it must be printed in full and translated by an official GSDCA interpreter.

7.3.2.4 That dogs who have achieved the grading of Excellent Select be advertised as such, and not VA.

7.3.2.5 Animals being advertised for stud work must hold a GSDCA Breed Survey Classification or be classified under a recognised scheme.

7.3.2.6 Progeny between the age of twelve (12) months and two (2) years will be eligible to be advertised however must possess a GSDCA A and Z Stamp. (Beyond two years of age Breed Survey classification is a pre-requisite).

7.3.2.7 For advertising other than Stud dogs (Kennel progeny, Clubs, Groups), animals up to two (2) years of age may be advertised without being breed survey classified. Animals between 12 months and two years must have not have failed the HDED or Breed Survey schemes. Animals beyond two years must possess a GSDCA HDED pass and Breed Survey Classification or other recognised scheme.

7.3.2.8. For advertising other than Stud dogs (Kennel progeny, Clubs, Groups), animals up to two (2) years of age may be advertised without being breed survey classified. Any animals between the age of twelve (12) months and two (2) years must possess a GSDCA A and Z Stamp.

7.3.3 For Animals being Imported into Australia

7.3.3.1 Imported animals that have been successfully breed surveyed through a GSDCA recognised scheme and have been awarded a hip and elbow result through a GSDCA recognised evaluation scheme for hips and elbows shall be given a six month grace period for presentation to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme for advertising purposes. If the animal fails to present to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme no further advertising will be accepted.

7.3.3.2 Imported animals prior to the advertising being accepted must have completed the GSDCA Title Verification form and all qualifications and titles must be verified by the NBC Chairperson.

7.3.3.3 If the advertisement is to contain a Breed Survey critique from an overseas GSDCA recognised scheme, it must be printed in full and translated by an official GSDCA interpreter.

7.3.4 For Animals Bred and/or Owned in New Zealand

7.3.4.1 All animals over the age of eighteen (18) months at the time of publication must be breed surveyed through a GSDCA recognised scheme to advertise in the QNR. The GSDCA shall recognise the Breed Survey classification for any animal from New Zealand for advertising purposes in the QNR on the proviso that the animal has been awarded a GSDCA 'A' stamp for hips and a GSDCA 'Z' stamp for elbows or passed any other GSDCA recognised evaluation scheme for hips and elbows.

7.3.4.2 All animals over the age of twelve (12) months of age and under eighteen months of age at the time of publication must have been awarded a GSDCA 'A' stamp for hips and a GSDCA 'Z' stamp for elbows or passed any other GSDCA approved evaluation scheme for hips and elbows. **CARRIED**

21.2 Motion:

"That the position of GSDCA National Identification Officer be rescinded and the position be removed from the GSDCA Nomination Form."

CARRIED

21.3 Motion:

"That the Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) Officer reports directly to the GSDCA President."

CARRIED

21.4 Motion:

"That the application to award excellent medallions at the Nanango Kennel Club Obedience and Rally O Triple Trials to be held on the 9th & 10th June 2018 be approved".

CARRIED Unanimously

21.5 Gun Testing: - *No vote is required due to 2 year rule.*

21.6 Change to Current GSDCA Regulation:

Proposed Amendment:

5.5.3.2 Obedience Judges

The criteria for obedience judges to be selected to officiate at a National is:

- a) **Member Clubs that have accepted the nomination to host a National must provide a schedule of Obedience Classes that will be offered at the event.**

The GSDCA Executive will nominate double the names of Judges for Classes to be judged from which the Club will appoint the required number of judges, with those not picked to act as reserves, eg: 6 classes to be offered, then the list will have 12 judges from which the Club will choose the number of judges to officiate.

- b) The host Member Club, where possible, should appoint interstate judges to the judging panel.
- c) Judges are to be appointed from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List, or if not available, from the GSDCA Supplementary List.
- d) Judges must be licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events.
- e) All Obedience Judges for the National Show and Trials be contracted to provide critiques for all classes to be published in the NQR.
- f) The GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List and the GSDCA Supplementary Obedience Judges List can be obtained from the GSDCA Secretary or GSDCA Obedience Chair. Both lists shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the GSDCA Obedience Chairperson.

CARRIED

21.7 Change to Current NATIONAL TRIAL MANUAL

Proposed Amendment:

11. JUDGES

11.1 APPOINTMENT

The following procedure will be followed for the appointment of judges for the Obedience section of the National Show and Trial.

1. **Member Clubs hosting the National will have the right to choose obedience judges from a shortened list as nominated by the GSDCA Executive. The host Member Club must present the list of judges to the GSDCA AGM for approval at least two years in advance. The list of Judges is to include names of the reserve judges.**
2. The host club, where possible, should appoint interstate judges to the judging panel.
3. Judges are to be appointed from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List which is reviewed on an annual basis by the GSDCA Obedience Chairman.
4. Judges must be licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events.
5. All Obedience Judges for the National Show and Trials be contracted to provide critiques for all classes to be published in the National Quarterly Review.
6. If Judges from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List are not available, Clubs are to refer to the GSDCA Supplementary Obedience Judges List which can be obtained from the GSDCA Secretary or GSDCA Obedience Chair. **CARRIED**

21.8 Change to Current GSDCA Regulation:

Proposed Amendment:

5.4.1 That all GSD Member Clubs, can upon application to the GSDCA **Executive** each year, nominate up to three (3) All Breed Obedience Trials judged by judges from the GSDCA "preferred or supplementary" list where any registered, pedigreed GSD can be awarded the GSDCA Obedience Gradings.

CARRIED Unanimously

21.9 Change to Current GSDCA Regulation:

Proposed Amendment:

4.2.3.1.2 Entry into Competition

- a) The competition shall run from **1st March to the 28th February the following year.** **CARRIED Unanimously**

22 General Business

22.1 Nomination of Police Dog "Ruger" for GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia would like to present Police Dog "Ruger" and recommends he be approved for the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.

CARRIED Unanimously

Advertising Info for Members of Affiliated Clubs

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\$360.00

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\$200.00 (Non - Advertising)

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\$700.00



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The "Magazine and Website Package" has been established in an effort to encourage members who own stud dogs to advertise in the Quarterly National Review magazine and to provide an opportunity to receive national exposure on the website and advertise to a more diverse range of people. This is available for owners who place full page ads in the QNR.

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If you require return of photos and a receipt, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The Trade practices Act 1974 came into force on 1st October 1974 and certain provisions of the Act relating to consumer protection place a heavy burden on advertisers, advertising agents and publishers of advertisements. In view of the difficulty of ensuring that advertisements submitted for publication comply with the Act, advertisers and advertising agents must ensure that the provisions of the Act are strictly complied with. In case of doubts advertisers are advised to seek legal advice.

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