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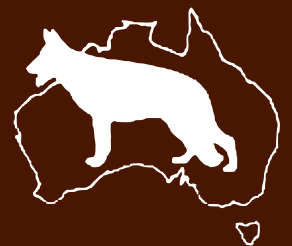


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## GSDCA Events

### Date

9th – 10th February 2019

5th, 6th & 7th April

### Event

GSDCA Annual General Meeting

47th National Show & Trial

### Location

Adelaide

Melbourne

## Member Club Shows

### Date

### Judge

### Location

### Event

12/12/2018

Cathie Jo

NSW

GSDL

Members Competition

3/02/2019

Kada Jessica

NSW

Other Vic

Ballarat Championship Show

17/02/2019

Knuckey Robyn

WA

GSDCTas

Championship Show

24/02/2019

Urie Ian

VIC

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Hawkes Bay Championship Show

9/03/2019

Yuen Jenny

VIC

GSDCV

SBE

10/03/2019

Green Greg

VIC

GSDCV

SBE

5/04/2019

Hohmann Harald

Germany

GSDCA/GSDCAc

SC Dogs & all LSCs - National

8/04/2019

Quoll Lothar

Germany

GSDCV/GSDCA

SC Bitches - National

20/04/2019

Kallenbach Torsten

Germany

GSDL

Championship Show

20/04/2019

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# PRESIDENT'S report



***Well, it's late Spring and the weather is just starting to warm down here in Melbourne! Having spent 6 weeks in Europe, we luckily missed the worst of what was a very cold winter!***

Our trip to Europe saw us attending the SV SeigerShow in Nurnberg and the SAS Seiger

Show in Reggio Emilia, Italy. There was, as is now normal, quite a large contingent of Australians and surprisingly despite the much smaller crowd at the German Show we missed seeing some who others saw. Perhaps it was the lack of beer in the 'Proplan tent' or groups sitting high in the stands in their corporate boxes.

It is hard to describe this years SV Seiger Show - the entry I was told was down by 160, and there was a different feel to the whole weekend. The retrospective application of SV breeding rules, as applies to all SV registered animals saw a number of foreign exhibitors stay away and those that did exhibit animals that did not meet the regulations saw them penalised: they could not, regardless of their quality, be placed in the top 30! It will be interesting to see if the application of the rules will further impact this pinnacle show next year which will again be held in Nurnberg on 6th, 7th & 8th September 2019.

The SAS Italian Seiger show as usual was held in Bagnolo In Piano, a small town close to Reggio Emilia. The beauty of this show is that it has an international judging panel and not restricted like the German show. This adds another dimension to the show and the atmosphere is far more relaxed and the scheduling of the classes sees one able to view the run off of each class. What is most evident is the quality of the animals shown and there is no doubt the Italian breeders are now equal, and some would say even ahead of their German friends. Again, as this show is normally held 2 weeks after the German one, the expected dates still to be announced are 20th, 21st, & 22nd September 2019 and the venue will in all likelihood again be Bagnolo In Piano, Reggio Emilia.

Robyn Knuckey, GSDCA Judges Committee Chairperson and I represented the Council at the WUSV Annual Meeting in Nurnberg. For your information a report of the meeting is printed in this issue. We were to also attend a meeting called at very short notice by Mr Luciano Musolino, President SAS that was held after the Italian show but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances I could not accompany Robyn who did attend. There is no doubt that the call for quick time adoption of all elements of the 'WUSV Harmonisation' has caused other WUSV Members much angst, with a number of the larger members questioning the real worth of remaining as members. It really is a case of 'watch this space' as the next 6 months may see major change and or pace in implementing these matters.

Whilst I was away I found 'facebook' and there is no doubt it's a great tool for good, BUT can be such a devastating tool to fuel ignorance, jealousy and hatred! I am still amazed that despite the level of communication between Member clubs and executive and posting all on our website there are still members who, for whatever reason, make outlandish and ill informed comments on social media fuelling old

subject matters that have been explained numerous times. I urge all to seek the information directly from your Club, and or check out their websites.

A recent posting saw concern about the decline of show entries. This has been the trend here and overseas for quite some time and unfortunately the days of Member club shows attracting interstate exhibitors the way they used to are over: Factors identified in causing this are families have so much more to do now and are time poor, its expensive to participate in the sport, work commitments, and less people own our breed. It was disturbing to me that one reason given was that a recently held show was not judged by 2 international judges, but by one international and one GSDCA GSD judge! I find this to be a simple but ignorant statement that needs to be dispelled: GSDCA GSD judges in the first instance are endorsed by their Member Club to enter the GSDCA Specialist Judges Training. The training adds to their competency levels and is comparable to any training in the world. The cringe factor of some exhibitors regarding our judges officiating is totally unfounded! They are very well trained and most competent and have in the first instance undergone thorough training to become GSDCA GSD judges. I look forward to the day in my lifetime where a GSDCA and an International judge officiates at the GSDCA National GSD Show and Trial!

I have for a number of years been calling on our trialing and show fraternity to ensure there is one show they must enter and that of course is our National GSD Show and Trial! It is only by attending this premier showcase one can really attest as to the quality of an animal and or its performance against the top dogs in the land!

This show will be hosted by the GSD Club of Victoria and held on 5th, 6th, 7th April 2019 in Melbourne. I know the GSDCV are going all out to ensure a most memorable weekend will be had by all and please send in your entries in early and do not leave it until the last minute! (see schedule in this magazine)

The GSDCA Obedience Meeting was held in Melbourne in October with only 2 member clubs not represented. The agenda and issues were not that different to the first meeting held many years ago when the position of Obedience Chairperson was introduced. I, along with all that attended, look forward to 'obedience' initiatives being discussed in earnest and introduced by all our Clubs.

I ask members to please note the dates for their Clubs' meeting where agenda items for the 2019 GSDCA AGM will be voted and please attend. It is most important that the membership participates in this most important decision making process. The Agenda items will all have rationale to consider and if you are still unsure, then please ask someone for more in depth reasoning as to why the motion has been proposed. It's important to remember you the member are your Club and your Club is the GSDCA!

Well, noting summer will be here by the time you read this, I again remind all to ensure your animals have plenty of water and shade. Noting the early dates for our National I also suggest you train your dog's in the cooler part of the day.

I wish you and your loved ones a most joy filled festive season and trust 2019 brings all you wish for.

## **Postscript**

I wish to acknowledge the passing of Riley Wing MBE, after a short illness aged 92. Riley was a founding member of the South Australian and Northern Territory German Shepherd Dog Clubs. Riley served on



the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia in its formative years. He was instrumental in the Ban being lifted in the Northern Territory, allowing entire German Shepherd Dogs to reside in the NT without any restrictions. Riley lived a very full and active life, he was a full panel obedience judge, involved in Australian Rules Football, Netball and the Chinese Community. We express our condolences to his family.

I would also like to note that Karen Ballantyne, a long-time friend and much respected breeder passed away after a long and well fought battle against brain cancer. Karen was for as long as I can remember, the GSDCA HD Officer for her GSDCV - she along with her partner Tony Leverett were committed to breeding quality GSDs and their kennel (Denargun) in my opinion bred time and time again outstanding quality animals. She will be missed by many of us but not forgotten.

Kind regards

*Vince Tantara*

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***The 2019 National is our next big event, and the full schedule for the event to be hosted by Victoria is printed in this edition. Please also read the accompanying notes on provision of photos for dogs who finish on the pegs in the show ring. Your assistance will make my job so much easier in putting together the National edition.***

The Vics have put out a great range of merchandise for the event, so make sure you check that out too. Additionally, the 2019 National will include rally obedience. The GSDCA encourages anyone who might be interested to get involved in this aspect of obedience trialling, even as a first step. And it's a great opportunity to compete at a national too !!

**For everyone's information, all updates on the event can be sourced via [www.facebook.com/2019national](https://www.facebook.com/2019national) or [www.gsdcv.org.au](http://www.gsdcv.org.au) or [www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org)**

Thanks to all who have provided articles for this edition, across a broad coverage of topics. We meet one of new youth handlers whose profile is on the rise, and we salute Kiah the GSD who was crowned Queensland's Top Dog for 2018. A great achievement for our breed. There's a wrap of the Sieger show results and photos, and some interesting articles on both dog behaviour and training. Also a big thankyou to our advertisers. Your support is much appreciated.

Dr Candy Baker has provided a great summary sheet on heat stroke. We're in a drought and our summers are hot. Take note of what to do, to both prevent heat stress and to take action if it happens to your dog. 'Dr B' is also looking for any submissions via our health form, which in future may assist other GSDs with diagnosis or information.

So as the festive season approaches, it's always time to step back and consider our achievements for the year, and our plans for next. But above all, to appreciate the time we have with those important to us, especially those with 4 legs and fur. They are never with us long enough, and sometimes life goes by so quickly they are going or gone before we realise. So as I sign off for 2018, go and pat your dogs, take a long walk with them or just sit on the step (or couch) and rub their ears or scratch their belly. You are the most important person in the world to them. Make it count.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to one and all !

Cheers

*Jacinta*





# SUPREME champion!

## Top Dog “KIAH”

***\*Supreme Champion Karham Know It All HT ‘AZ’***

*Michelle and Nicole Hammond from Karham German Shepherds in Queensland have been showing ‘Kiah’ with great success in recent years. This culminated in Kiah recently being awarded Dogs Queensland most prestigious 2018 ‘Dog of the Year’ Award. We asked Michelle and Nicole to tell us about their special girl.*

### ***Who is Kiah?***

\*Supreme Champion Karham Know It All HT ‘AZ’ BSC, also known as KIAH, was born on the 8th of September 2016 and she is Karham’s fifth generation of breeding. Kiah’s sire is \*Supreme Champion Indio di Casa Nobili HIT (imp Italy) a ED IPO1 and her dam is \*Champion Karham Itzony Destiny, who is a Zony v. Haus Gerstenberg daughter.



Kiah was born in a litter of nine (7 boys and 2 girls) by caesarean and was bottle-fed as she weighed only 295 grams at birth and her mum didn’t produce enough milk, so we feel we are very lucky she is here with us today. So from the very beginning, this girl was special, however we simply had no idea just how very special Kiah was to become with the show career she has achieved to date.



### ***Kiah’s Show Career***

Kiah’s first shows of 2017 in the baby class, saw her win 2 x Best Baby Puppy In Show awards with her already showing a great desire and stamina to run out on the end of the lead without any encouragement and even at just 3 month of age, Kiah was already displaying the willingness to show off her natural working ability. From then on, there was no stopping her, always giving 110% in the ring and building up a very strong fan base who always comments on her performances and achievements. Kiah gained her Australian Championship Title at 8 months of age on the same day that she also won her very first Best Exhibit In Show award.



### ***Extra Activities***

With Kiah’s strong work ethic, we decided to see if she could do what the breed was bred for, sheep herding. So we took her along to her first ever sheep herding trial, where she easily passed her Herding Instinct Test and then continued on for her to achieve her Herding Test Title. Kiah is a natural at Sheep Herding, so we have intentions of continuing this sport with her in the future.



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We are absolutely over the moon with our girl's achievements but first and foremost, Kiah is our loving family member, who entertains us all the time with her mischievous antics and loving, playful manner.

We truly believe that Kiah has made a huge impact for the GSD breed throughout Australia and World-Wide in all that she has achieved, with so many Australian and International Judges commenting on her soundness, structure, temperament and work ethic. We look forward to a further successful show career for Kiah, as well as maternal duties in the near future.

***"KIAH" is Karham Know It All HT***

## ***Kiah's Show Highlights***

Kiah has been exhibited in the Specialty arena as well, gaining 6th place Minor Puppy Bitch at the GSDCA National held in Brisbane in 2017, placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Puppy Bitch classes at the GSDCQ July 2017 Champ Shows and 4th Placed Junior Bitch at the 2017 GSDCQ State Breed Evaluation. Kiah also gained her "A" and "Z" stamp when she turned 12 months of age.

However, the highlight of 2017 for Kiah, was not only winning Best of Breed at the Royal Queensland Show, but also going on to win Runner-Up Best In Group, with the pinnacle of winning Best Puppy In Show at this prestigious event, all at just 11 months of age. 2017 was a fabulous year for Kiah where she was also crowned as the 2017 Qld Rising Star Of The Year. She achieved so much in such a short time for a young female GSD.

On to 2018 and wow, what a year to date Kiah has had, where her show career has continued to get bigger and better. She became Australia's youngest Supreme Champion GSD at the tender age of 21 months and she was put through the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme in July, being classified by Mr Louis Donald.

She has now amassed 12 x Best In Show awards, 4 x Runner-Up Best In Show awards and 49 x Class In Show awards. Just recently, KIAH at just over two years of age, was awarded the highest honour any dog of all breeds can achieve in Qld by being crowned as the **"2018 Qld Dog Of The Year Winner"**.



*Michelle & Nicole with  
2018 Queensland Top Dog  
of the Year 'Kiah'*



# OBEDIENCE dogs

## Welcome to the wonderful world of Dogs, (OBEDIENCE DOGS)

*By Dawn Howard, ANKC full panel Obedience, Rally, Tracking and Agility judge*

Obedience was the first of the dog sports to be developed in Australia back in the late 1920s, along with Retrieving.

Later, followed Tracking which was originally connected to Obedience, then Agility and Jumping, Herding, Doggy Dancing and Freestyle, Endurance Test and so on. So many things to do with your dog. So many options.

After a gradual build up, until the 1970s, when Obedience was the "King of dog sports", some states regularly had up to 300 entries in an Open obedience trial. GSDs were right in there. Now there are so many different dog sports to choose from we have about 100 entries at best. Not necessarily because Obedience is less popular, but because there is so much choice.

As a GSD breeder, I insist that my puppies go to Obedience school or puppy school, at least to start with, preferably at a GSD club. Obviously, some handlers are more diligent than others, some dogs are more challenging to train. Most instructors have to concentrate on training the handler, rather than the dog. Lots of circumstances to change the course of a dog's life.

I have said on many occasions that of all the breeds, the GSD is the best all round working dog. I am of course correct on this subject, I am sure you will agree. I do not claim that they are the best at any particular sport, they are the overall best because of their willingness to please their owner and because of their sociability. Many a GSD excels in the show or trial ring one day, off to the school's education program the next day, then to a palliative care ward or to meet and greet the people for a public demonstration.

Back to the King of dog sports, I often wonder whether if obedience wasn't called obedience, but something else: something more in keeping with today's world, people would not be so quick to think it's hard or takes too much time.

In my mind to see a happy dog in the heeling position looking up at its owner, wagging its tail is a **celebration of the bond between the handler and the dog**. Best look ever.

Now off we go to training.

**Firstly, we break everything into segments:**

Step by step, using the key points of each exercise to make sure the dog is confident before you continue with the next point.

Before we start formal exercises, we teach our doggy friend to come when called. Basic house manners. Also, handy if the dog slips the lead. Then depending on the trainer, we might firstly teach loose lead heeling, where the dog is rewarded for walking nicely beside the handler. More precise heeling follows. The heeling exercise can be put together when the dog is comfortable with all the separate exercises. Coming when called, and the heeling position are the basics, then sit, down, stand and retrieve come soon after. I like to teach the sit, down and stand positions,

separately. There are as many ways of training for obedience as there are trainers. Most successful trainers these days con the dog into thinking it is all a game. A fun game. Use anything that works. Balls, treats, multiple toys, especially tug toys, plus lots of GENUINE praise. Treats are varied as are toys and games.

It is easier if you have one dog to train at a time, or at least take one dog away separately, for their own special training fun time. All dogs are different, even litter mates. Also, it does not have to take huge amounts of time in one session. Some things can be taught at dinner time; e.g. sit or drop or some heeling before dinner is given. There should be no free feeds.

Like anything, it is much easier to start a baby puppy off with basic heeling, coming when called, retrieving and recognising scents. It's called ground work. Happens at a good puppy class.

It is of course possible to train an older dog, but it usually takes longer.



It is very important to break things up into little segments, short and happy is good.

Even once the dog understands most of the individual elements of the routine, and you put them all together you still have to keep practising, but never for long periods. Even seasoned obedience dogs don't need to have long training sessions, especially if they are repetitive.

Five to ten minutes at a time is fine, then a break, then into a crate or trailer for the dog to contemplate on what he has just learnt (dogs are good at visualising).

It is very important once the dog is comfortable with the exercise it has learnt, to vary the location. Possibly another park, definitely a place with more and more distractions as the dog is gradually proofed to perform the exercises no matter the distractions. Other dogs, people, anything you can find.





# OBEDIENCE dogs

## *Now to go back to what Obedience means in 2019.*

For official ANKC trials, we can start at Community Companion Dog (CCD)

Actually, this is an optional class. I sincerely advise everyone to do the class, even if you are a very experienced handler, as every dog is a new experience. Believe me I know. Why not take the opportunity to see how the dog handles the ring in a less complex class?

It is possible to start at Novice without completing the CCD class.

## **Community Companion Dog Class (CCD)**

The exercises are Heel on lead, Stand for Examination on lead, then off lead a short Recall, (at least 12 metres) a one minute sit stay and a two minute down stay with the handlers a short distance away.

The big thing is we have to follow judge's orders. Every judge will have a different heeling pattern, so you must practise listening to the judge and doing whatever element of the heeling pattern is required.

The judge will incorporate the required number of sits, downs and stands into his pattern and the dog is required to heel close to the handler without impeding the handler's movements. (That is another story, it means without bumping the handler)



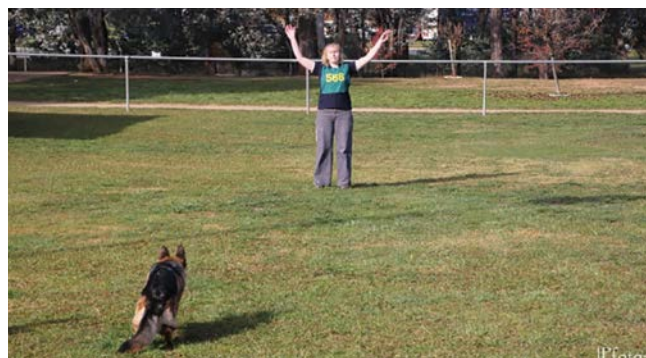
Then we have a Stand for Examination, (a very handy exercise for a conformation dog, helps with measuring and teeth check).

The dog is left in the standing position while the handler walks away, turns and stands facing the dog. The dog is gently examined by the judge. The dog must stand in position until the handler walks back. All under the command of the judge.



Then we have what I call a little recall. After the lead is handed to the steward, the dog is left in a sit position. Handler walks away. Judge asks handler to turn to face the dog and then to call the dog. Hopefully the

dog ends up in front of the handler and is then put back on the lead.



**Then we have the group exercises.**

There are two.

A one minute sit stay and a two minute down stay.

Up to ten dogs are left in a line, 2 ½ metres apart. First, they are left in a sit position. The handlers return after one minute and the dogs are left again, this time in a down position. The handlers walk approximately 5 metres away and return when told to do so.



## *The next class is the Novice class (CD)*

Greater degree of difficulty than CCD. All the exercises are off lead.



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Similar routine for the heeling exercise and the Stand for Examination, except for the dog being off lead.

The Recall is longer (at least 15 metres), and the dog does have to sit in front and finish, either around the back of the handler to the handler's left side or move left to the handler's side.

Then we have an optional exercise. Either a Retrieve, where the dog must bring a dumbbell back to the handler or a Change of Position, where the dog is left in the stand position, the handler moves approximately 3 metres away and the dog is asked to drop and the handler is then asked to return to the dog.

The Group exercises are similar to CCD but the handlers are approximately 10 metres away.



## IN SUMMARY

There are many approaches to training a dog for any discipline, including ANKC Obedience or IPO, the key is consistency.

Many people use a clicker, which is simply a means of marking a behaviour. A word can be used instead. YES: when a desired behaviour is offered. You can also use a whistle or a release with a toy. (it's all about telling the dog it has done a good job).

Remember dog training is not a difficult exercise. It is not rocket science, it does however, take love, thought, fairness, consistency and patience.

It should be a fun and rewarding experience to be enjoyed by both the dog and the handler.

That way it will never diminish the dog's ability to perform in the show ring. Rather the opposite.

Just in case you have heard that obedience spoils a dog for the show ring, there are heaps of examples where dogs have proven themselves in both show and obedience, especially GSDs, some at the highest levels

**It all hinges on having fun with the dog and making it into a GAME. A partnership.**

In conclusion, while the exercises for the CCD and Novice classes are well established they are not immutable. In Australia, they are reviewed every five years. There is a scheduled ANKC rule review coming up. Suggestions for changes to the ANKC obedience rules will be sought during 2019 to be effective in 2020. It is a long process, but everyone has the opportunity to suggest possible rule changes to their controlling bodies. As an example, at the last review, extra optional exercises were added to the Open classes, and jump heights were changed.

I have used the male term for simplicity. Also, I have simplified the ANKC Obedience Rules, the full rules are available on <http://ankc.org.au/media/9037/9-obedience-2016v2.pdf>

The essential differences between ANKC and IPO rules as I see it are:

- The closeness of heeling. The UK, IPO and ANKC rules say much the same. In general terms, the dog is to heel as close as practicable. The difference is in the interpretation. Some Australian judges do not

like dogs touching the handler. They want to see a gap. UK and IPO judges do not want to see a gap.

- Judges orders are in a different format.
- IPO has no group stays, one dog stays while the previous dog does the individual.
- One significant difference is there are no signals in IPO. Just voice commands. But more body movement is allowed.
- Some Australian judges would penalise some IPO handler's stance and movement as double signals.

Whichever discipline we choose to participate in with our dogs, it's all about having a good experience for both dog and handler.

For information, the obedience trial exercises as listed in the ANKC rules for CCD and Novice are as follows

## COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS

The exercise for each dog and the maximum points shall be:

1. Heel on Lead	30
2. Stand for Examination on lead	20
3. Recall	20
4. 1 min Sit Stay	15
5. 2 min Down Stay	15
TOTAL	100

## NOVICE CLASS

The exercise for each dog and the maximum points shall be:

1. Heel Free	40
2. Stand Free for Examination	30
3. Recall	40
4. (a) Retrieve on the Flat or (b) Change of Position	30
5 1-min Sit Stay	30
6 3-min Down Stay	30
TOTAL	200

Get out and give it a go !!





## Honey Gross-Richardson

*We congratulate Honey on her retirement as a GSDCA German Shepherd Dog Specialist Judge and Breed Surveyor.*

My first memories of Honey was in 1981, competing in VIMS trial with one of her animals. The VIMS is a very extensive trial including obedience, water jumps and an ET. Here was this very statuesque lady with very precise commands to her dog that performed extremely well as a team. Her kennel was Ameliaberg and supported all GSDCA schemes with their breeding animals. Honey no longer breeds GSDs, but continues to be involved at an Executive level with the GSDAWA.

Since that time, Honey along with her husband Rick became close friends of Kevin and myself. To say her dedication to the breed across all disciplines is outstanding is an understatement. Honey is a group 5 and 6 Championship Show judge, she is a recognised judge for all areas of Obedience, Tracking, Rally O, Endurance Test, Agility and Dancing with Dogs.

Honey has received many accolades for her dedication, with Life Membership of GSDAWA, Dogs West and several obedience clubs in WA, as well as a GSDCA Service Medallion. She has also been honoured with an Honour Certificate from the SV 40 year gold pin.

Honey is one of the few people I have ever met, who is a true 'dog whisper', I have seen her step between 2 adult males that were about the fly at each other. She just looks at them both and they calm immediately. It is a gift for sure, I have seen it occur more than once and with difference dogs.

Honey has decided to retire as GSDCA Specialist Judge and GSDCA Breed Surveyor. She has been a vital part of our club for all my years of involvement. The genuine affection felt by all of us for the lady, and a classy lady at all times, was truly demonstrated recently. Honey was given a standing ovation at the West Coast Challenge when presented with an award to honour her lifetime of dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and retirement from GSDCA judging and breed surveying.

Honey will continue her involvement with supporting newer people in our breed and if we have new people wishing to commence judging.

As always, Honey has decided to retire with grace, and continue to support all as needed.

Personally, I truly value our friendship, your fabulous sense of humour and your sincere dedication to the GSD. We are in much better place for your years of service Honey.

*Rabyn Knuckey*  
GSDCA Judges Chair



The GSDAWA presented Honey with a lifetime award in honour of her retirement at the West Coast Challenge Show. The members also gave Honey a standing ovation. She was truly overwhelmed !!!

Congratulations and Thank You Honey

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# GERMAN sieger show

## SV-BundesSieger ZuchtSchau (BSZS)

Nürnberg 6th to 9th September 2018

Press Report by John Fenner



Only a small minority of all German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts in Australia and other similarly remote countries have experienced the Sieger Show in the country of origin and primary development, Germany, with input from Italy and nearby European countries..

Although our favourite breed and those origins are generally understood, there is much to be gained by personally observing the GSD as a Breed assessment at the BSZS, a concept starting and evolving from 1899. That evolutionary progress has produced the varying types of German Shepherd Dog that we see today. Arguably, that current representation worldwide remains a "work in progress" regarding establishment of more consistent Breed type, size, anatomical virtues, character and temperament, as defined in the Breed Standard.

This article presents a brief outline and overview of the process and endeavours by which the SV's BSZS focuses universal Breed direction within Germany and via the WUSV. This manifestation and message is delivered to all GSD breeders, exhibitors, judges and owners in the World. As you will briefly see, the Sieger Show has developed into a full four days of action for participants.

### EVENT SCHEDULE SUMMARY

#### Thursday 6 September

**10:00 to 1800** - Registrations for all Participants, Dogs, TSB Test and Required Times for Presentation of each Dog.  
**15:00 to 18:00** - Beginning of Dogs in Show Stance (Individuals).

#### Friday 7 September

**07:00** until completed  
Conclusion of Dogs in Show Stance (Individuals).  
TSB Test for Working Dogs (Adult/Open) Classes.  
**13:00** - Breed(ers) Groups and Mother Families.  
**13:30** - Judging of GHG (Herding Dog) Classes.

#### Saturday 8 September

**07:30** - Judging Movement in all LSH (LSC) Classes.  
**08:00** - Judging Movement in younger SH (SC) Classes.  
**13:00** - Formation of (Sires) Progeny Groups.  
**14:00** - Presentation of (Sires) Progeny Groups in Stadium.  
Following which, the "Mother Family Pilot Project" for Dams Progeny was also presented successfully.

#### Sunday 9 September - All in the Main Stadium.

**07:30** and every 30 minutes thereafter - Judging Movement in top groups of Youth male and female SH (SC) Classes, Working Dogs male and female SH (SC) Classes, and Young Dog male and female SH (SC) Classes.  
**09:45** - Awards Presentation to Herding Dog Classes.  
**10:00** and in the Main Stadium - Awards Presentation to best Males and Females SH(SC) and LSH(LSC) in Youth and Young Dog Classes. After which, Judging Movement in the Working Dog (Adult/Open) Females Class.  
**13:00** and thereafter - Presentation to the SH(SC) and LSH(SC) VA Working Dog Females, Presentation of the Breed(ers) Groups and Awards and Judging Movement in the Working Dog (Adult/Open) Males Class.  
Presentation of SH(SC) and LSH(LSC) VA Working Dog Males.

### EVENT STATISTICS COMPARISON

#### 2018

**Entries** : Show 1577, SC Sires Groups 41, LSC Sires Groups 6.  
**Presented** : Show 1555, SC Sires Groups 17, LSC Sires Groups 5.  
**Entries** : Dams Progeny 26. Groups

#### 2017

**Entries** : Show 1690, SC Sires Groups 45, LSC Sires Groups 3.  
**Presented** : Show 1666, SC Sires Groups 23, LSC Sires Groups 1.

### RESULTS - Stock Coat VA, V and SG1 to 3 Places

#### GHKR - SC Working Dog Class Males

VA 1 1001 Willy vom Kuckucksland  
VA 2 1072 Kaspar von Tronje  
VA 3 1092 Whillo vom Klostermoor  
VA 4 1050 Cyrus vom Osterberger-Land  
VA 5 1055 Henko vom Holtkämper Hof  
VA 6 1047 Finn von der Piste Trophe  
VA 7 1020 Cronos del Seprio  
VA 8 1008 Jax dei Precision  
VA 9 1005 Quenn von der Piste Trophe  
VA 10 1132 Dingo di Casa Mary  
VA 11 1096 Zenit di Casa Palomba  
V 1 1068 Asap v. Aldamar  
V 2 1065 Nero v. Ghattas  
V 3 1094 Spencer di Casa Massarelli  
V.4 1069 Ares dei Verdi Colli

#### GHKH - SC Working Dog Class Females

VA 1 2181 Gamba vom Hühnegrab  
VA 2 2032 Fussel vom Hülsbach  
VA 3 2074 Kiwi di Casa Massarelli  
VA 4 2022 Korsika von Bad-Boll  
VA 5 2018 Wasa vom Frankengold  
VA 6 2024 Wallerina vom Suentelstein  
VA 7 2127 Mam'zelle du Val D'Anzin  
VA 8 2103 Destiny v. Aurelisbrandt  
VA 9 2162 Emina vom Kapellenberg  
VA 10 2011 Vienchen vom Holtkämper Hof  
VA 11 2002 Leona von der Zenteiche



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VA 12 2076 Isar vom Team Hühnegrab  
VA 13 2057 Parda vom Suentelstein  
V 1 2033 Goldie von der Karl-May Höhle  
V 2 2082 Netty v. Bad-Box



## JHKR - SC 18 to 23 Months Males

SG 1 3019 Kampus vom Drei Birkenzwinger  
SG 2 3112 Tell v. Ghattas  
SG 3 3063 Mondo di Casa Palomba

## JHKH - SC 18 to 23 Months Females

SG 1 4149 Princess dei Murolo  
SG 2 4131 Zafina von der Ostfriesischen Thingstätte  
SG 3 4201 Ekima von Edelweiss

## JKR - SC 12 to 17 Months Males

SG 1 5124 Tango vom Klostergarten  
SG 2 5053 Mardoc v. Rotae Land  
SG 3 5040 Kosmo von der Piste Trophe

## JKH - SC 12 to 17 Months Females

SG 1 6002 Ziwie vom Hanneß  
SG 2 6247 Napoli des Bergers de Patmisand  
SG 3 6089 Xeni vom Leithawald

## RESULTS - Long Stock Coat VA and SG1 to 3 Places

### LSTH-GHKR - LSC Working Dog Class Males

VA 1 1508 Juwika Inferno  
VA 2 1502 Avatar vom Sandstein  
VA 3 1506 Ian vom kleinen Zauberberg

### LSTH-GHKH - LSC Working Dog Class Females

VA 1 2519 Tinta vom Fichtenschlag  
VA 2 2520 Daizy v. Ayla's Aura  
VA 3 2521 Finny vom Haus Gleißner  
VA 4 2505 Esra von der Burg Aliso

### LSTH-JHKR - LSC 18 to 23 Months Males

SG 1 3515 Krisu vom Patzenberg  
SG 2 3520 Uri vom Hutberg  
SG 3 3510 Bruce von Cohinor

### LSTH-JHKH - LSC 18 to 23 Months Females

SG 1 4521 Arela Navaro Bohemia  
SG 2 4519 Dorle vom Elzmündungsraum  
SG 3 4537 Mamba de la Taverniere

### LSTH-JKR - LSC 12 to 17 Months Males

SG 1 5515 Grizzly vom Herbramer-Wald

SG 2 5533 Yumen vom Messina  
SG 3 5534 Vatino vom Gebenbacher Land

### LSTH-JKH - LSC 12 to 17 Months Females

SG 1 6514 Ciwi von Cohinor  
SG 2 6536 Rapunzel aus der Brunnenstraße  
SG 3 6525 Vanta vom Gebenbacher Land

## RESULTS - Herding Stock Coat V and SG 1 to 3 Places

### HGH GHKR - SC Herding Working Dog Class Males

V 1 7004 Montblanc von Bad-Boll  
V 2 7003 Leri Quido

### HGH GHKH - SC Herding Working Dog Class Females

V 1 8002 Esprit vom Elbe-Saale-Winkel  
V 2 8003 Basra von der Wasserkuppe

### HGH JHKR - SC Herding 18 to 23 Months Class Males

SG 1 7101 Zulu vom Vogelsberger Südhang

### HGH JHKH - SC Herding 18 to 23 Months Class Females

SG 1 8106 Iliene von der Nadine  
SG 2 8105 Cobra von Arlett  
SG 3 8104 Xambie zum Giegelsfelsen

### HGH JKR - SC Herding 12 to 17 Months Class Males

SG 1 7203 Teo vom Messelhof  
SG 2 7201 Olli von Modithor  
SG 3 7202 Xandro von der Lars-Aue

### HGH JKH - SC Herding 12 to 17 Months Class Females

SG 1 8205 Maja Fabare Bohemia  
SG 2 8201 Ontra von Modithor  
SG 3 8202 Winou von Pritoria

## RESULTS - Herding Long Stock Coat V and SG Places

### LSTH-HGH GHKH - LSC Herding Working Dog Class Females

V 1 8051 Easy vom Deutschen Königshof

### LSTH-HGH JHKR - LSC Herding 18 to 23 Months Class Males

SG 1 7152 Gerry vom Deutschen Königshof

### LSTH-HGH JHKH - LSC Herding 18 to 23 Months Class Females

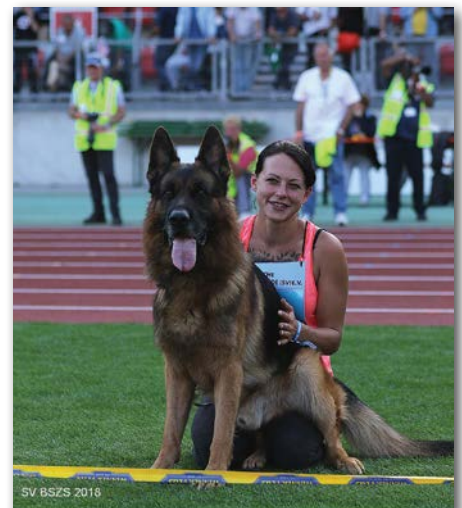
SG 1 8151 Ruby vom Golzheimerland  
SG 2 8152  
Gwendy vom  
Deutschen  
Königshof

### LSTH-HGH JKR - LSC Herding 12 to 17 Months Class Males

SG 1 7251  
Shorty von den  
Gnitzer Höhen

### LSTH-HGH JKH - LSC Herding 12 to 17 Months Class Females

SG 1 8251  
Marquise Denise



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GALLERY - SV-BundesSiegerZuchtSchau (BSZS) 2018



VA 1 Willy vom Kuckucksland



VA 4 Cyrus vom Osterberger-Land



VA 1 Willy vom Kuckucksland



VA 5 Henko vom Holtkämper Hof



VA 2 Kaspar von Tronje



6 Finn von der Piste Trophe

VA



VA 3 Whillo vom Klostermoor



VA 6 Finn von der Piste Trophe



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## GALLERY - SV-BundesSiegerZuchtSchau (BSZS) 2018



V 1 Asap v. Aldamar



Winning Top 10 of 13 - VA Working Class Females



V 2 Nero v. Ghattas



VA 4 Korsika von Bad-Boll



Winning Top 11 - VA Working Class Males



VA 11 Leona von der Zenteiche



VA 1 Gamba vom Hühnegrab



Winning Breeders Group Zwinger von der Piste Trophe



## Your dog's HEALTH feedback?



*Has your GSD been recently diagnosed with illness, or perhaps unfortunately passed away?*

*Your dog's information and health details could help future GSD's. The GSDCA collects information to collate and assess diseases and illnesses affecting our dogs. Even if your data is several years old, submission will help.*

All data remains confidential and is submitted directly to our Breed Health Veterinarian Dr Candy Baker. Please consider helping our data collection by submitting a form, no matter how old your information – it will all help.



Please fill out our online GSDCA Health Profile Form when something happens with one of your adults or puppies. It will help create a good data collection base to go on with into the future of improving the health of our breed.

Visit [www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org) and click this button on the home page to go direct to the form, which can be downloaded or submitted online direct to Candy.

Or here is the link: <http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/gsdcacontent/uploads/2015/03/GSDCA-Heath-Profile-Form-August-2016.pdf>



## REDHAUS IMPORTS

**\*ROGER VOM WEIHERTUERCHEN**  
(IMP DEU) AD, BH 'a' normal ED (Gmy) Normal H-Neg

VV1, NWKL, SG1

Sire: VA2 Willy vom Kuckucksland  
Dam: SG1 V Henny vom Weihertuerchen

**Standing at Stud in S.A.**

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With obedience numbers increasing Terry Jarvis and Wayne Wagstaff have stepped in to assist our instructors Kathie Minton, Yvonne Spek and Tony Darcy. Terry has taken the first-time owners and Wayne the more experienced handlers.

A Breed Survey was held on the 22nd September with 2 males and 2 females all classified with 3 surveyors in attendance. They were:

Lago Hugo Boss AZ LSC

Sundaneka Huggy Bear AZ LSC

Sundaneka Happy Go Lucky AZ LSC

Schaeferhund Valli AZ SC

Congratulations to the owners and breeders. Our next survey is on 24th November.

Our State Breed was judged by Ms Melanie Groth (NSW) with an entry of 101. The Sieger was \*VA Labo Vom Schollweiher (Deu) aED and the Siegerin was \*Andacht Gypsy Moth AZ in the stock coats. The Sieger was \*Siobahn Greyt Impact (AI) AZ and Siegerin was \*Jaknell Ruby Tuesday AZ in the long stock coats.

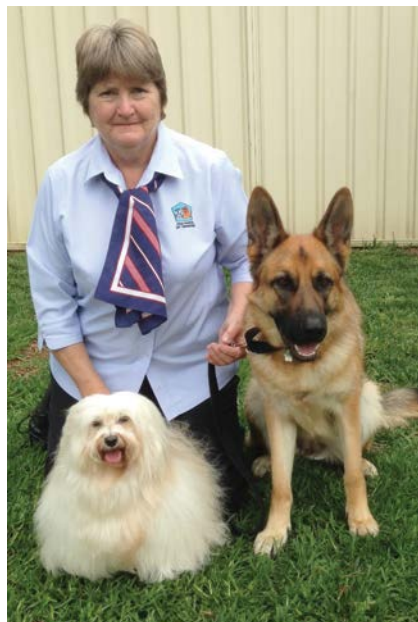
The October Championship show was judged by Mr Ian Urie (Vic) with 98 entries. His Best in Show was \*Bossface Barack AZ and his R/Up in Show was \*Sundaneka Tequila Sunrise AZ.

The October Members competition was judged by Miss Jessica Kada (NSW) with 86 entries. Her Best Dog SC was Khaniqez Lazaro AZ, Best Bitch SC was \*Lawine Takira AZ, Best Dog LSC was \*Ch Siobahn Greyt Impact (AI) AZ and Best Bitch LSC was Crytara Silk Sox AZ.

Nad Nahas and his bitch O GR CH "SINGHA GREY MIST" UDX Winner and Highest Score 192 at the Tiki Friezer Memorial Trial October 2018 and the Judge Mr George Bartolo OAM.



**Conkasha Montana Diva, 'Tana'** owned by Yvonne Spek



On 10th October 2018, Tana, now 18 months old, was finally old enough to be 'Suitability Tested' for the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program.

Yvonne is very proud to say that Tana passed the suitability test very nicely, which means she may now accompany her into Preschools and Primary Schools in her work as an Educator for the Responsible Pet Education Program. This is an Office of Local Government program where the Educator takes their suitability tested

dog into Preschools and Primary Schools to educate children on how to be safe around dogs, be responsible pet owners, and how to say hello to a dog safely.

Tana has now been to a couple of schools and is settling in to her new job very quickly. She also seems to be quite popular with the children so far, with the sounds of 'oh wow! a German Shepherd!', as she comes out of her soft crate to be introduced. There is certainly no shortage of hands going up from children wanting to be chosen to pat her.

Well done Tana, many years ahead of being a wonderful ambassador for this great program and also, the German Shepherd Dog.

Wayne Wagstaff and Rose Camilleri had their German Shepherd, Kellie, in the BlackHawk DockDogs at the Sydney Dog Lovers Show on the 4th August where she launched off a dock into a massive pool of water.

The final publicity event for the year was Dogs in the Park at Penrith on the 16th September which was a new event for this year. It was very beneficial to the club as it was only 10 kilometres from the clubhouse and gained new memberships for the club for people wanting to use the obedience training. The dogs were very popular with the management team (as seen in the photo below) and public. Many photos of the German Shepherds were on the Dogs in the Park Facebook page. The public brought their own dogs to socialise as well, so we were able to meet their German Shepherds and give relevant advice. A great team effort from Pam and Terry Jarvis, Lorraine Yates, Graeme Stevenson with Sundaneka Rio Grande, Rodney and Di Coppini with \*Sundaneka Huggy Bear AZ, Tony Darcy with Conkasha Black Spirit and Tom Devine with Conkasha Celtic Flame AZ in helping with set up, talking to the public and bringing your dogs along. Added attention was brought to the German Shepherds when Sundaneka Rio Grande (LSC) won the cutest puppy in show. Next year they are holding a similar event at St Ives as well which I have sent in an application



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form for and been accepted.

The GSDL Annual General Meeting is on the 28th November, wishing those hoping for a position on the committee the best of luck. The ultimate aim is to achieve a good working committee that can lead the German Shepherd Dog into the future with its many challenges. The expertise and dedication of Ann Mackenzie as Show Secretary for the past 27 years will be missed. Congratulations and thank you Ann for all your hard work and knowledge. You don't often get such dedication and hopefully we will have her presence at events in a more relaxed frame of mind with the opportunity to watch the shows.

We finalise the year with the Presentation on the 8th December to acknowledge the members accomplishments throughout the year and the December Sanction Show on the 15th to be judged by Ms Jo Cathie (NSW) and the Open Show to be judged by Mrs L Bettison (NSW). Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2019.

Karen Stevenson



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We're pleased to say the new Management Committee has settled in well and that the goodwill and work ethic has carried over from the previous committee. New faces with new ideas gelling with "old(er)" faces and experience. Sadly thieves broke into our headquarters and stole our hustler lawnmower, leaf blower and brush cutter along with over \$2000 worth of dog food. I trust the miserable folk have a spectacular garden and their dogs are well fed on the premium product.

As the last of our shows and trials are done and dusted we can all breathe a sigh of relief with only our graduation and closed club trial and a breed survey before our fun times to wind up the year and night training begins.

Thrilled to have a good number of entrants in the recent Character and Working Assessment. Only one more survey for the year and we can all clear our desks of paperwork until 2019.

Our donation raising this year has taken on a slightly different aspect – usually we dedicate 2 or 3 weeks to raising funds for our primary charities i.e. the McGrath and E.J. Whitten foundations. This year we have highlighted the plight of the farmers and donated \$500 to Drought Angels – hoping it will help our eastern States farmers. Also due to the sad and untimely passing of Joylene Neddermeyer we raised over \$600 at the show she was to judge. This money will go to research into Neurological disorders. At our closed club trial and graduation we will be running a couple of lucky number boards and cooking breakfasts for entrants. ALL monies taken will be divided equally between our two charities.

If I may just indulge myself a little - I was devastated at losing two of my dearest friends in August. Jim McGhie and Margaret were not just proud life members of our association – both were totally committed to our breed – long or short coat, black, white, sable, puppies

or oldies they loved them all. My life is emptier after this loss but my life was enriched by having you both in it. Rest well my darlings.



Next weekend will be the centenary of the end of WW1 – We should take time to honour those who serve this wonderful country in all avenues of conflict.



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Remembering all who served two or four legged furred or feathered. We owe them our gratitude.

On a much lighter note – to all German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts EVERYWHERE – enjoy the festivities at Christmas time and maybe 2019 be the best for our breed.

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



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By now, most of our 11 training branches are winding down for the summer break with parties and presentations. Most however will continue to offer the all important puppy cases through December and January, ensuring the young 'uns get the best start they can. A big THANK YOU to our branch committees and instructors who are so committed to the nearly 400 dogs who arrive at training each week, intent on ensuring everyone becomes a better trained, behaved and socialised GSD. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

One of those committed people was Geelong secretary Maureen Williams who sadly passed

away in October, having made a huge impact in Geelong and to our club. RIP Maureen.

From our promotion perspective, the Royal Melbourne Show is always a highlight. Our breed stand this year attracted lots of questions, with the opportunity for pats and cuddles too. On both breed day and obedience days, the GSD's are always sought after and well recognised. Thanks to all who entered and exhibited their dogs, doing their own little bit for promotion. The ics with the public are always priceless!

Our October Breed Survey went 'on the road' to our Western branch, where 10 dogs were successfully surveyed. Special mention to Zandrac kennels and Andrew and Rachel Jones who had 3 bitches successfully classified on the day - Big effort!

We've had a Structural Assessment at Malvern branch on November 18th, where nearly 20 of our obedience dogs were put through their paces for assessment, broadening our knowledge of the GSDs in our club that don't go through survey. Well done to all the owners and dogs.

Our most recent highlight was our 100th 'Centenary' Championship Show held with the Working Dog Club show. Our biggest weekend of the year, judged by Wolfgang Hassgall (SV) and Andrew Jones (Vic). Both judges did a great job and were well received. Wolfgang brought the house down when he couldn't resist giving a few of our top handlers some tips stacking dogs on the pegs – but really he just wanted to get in on the action with several of the best dogs he saw, which was appreciated by all 😊



Challenge Dog Uhlmsdorf Jack Black



## GSDCV winners - LSC Challenge Dog

\*AUST CH EROICA EROTIC ERIK AZ & Challenge Bitch \*CH EROICA EVEREST AZ. SC Challenge Dog UHLMSDORF JACK BLACK AZ & Challenge Bitch KARABACH PINCH OF PEPPER.

**WDC winners** – LSC Challenge Dog & Best of Breed \*KARABACH NIGHT FORCE AZ and Challenge Bitch \*JAKNELL RUBY TUESDAY AZ

SC Challenge Dog and Best of Breed UHLMSDORF JACK BLACK AZ and Challenge Bitch \*ASTASIA OXLEY.

**It's now only 4 months to the 2019 National.** Believe that!! Planning is in full swing

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and our website has all the info you could need and more. The full schedule is printed in this edition, and available on the web too.

A great range of merchandise is available online so you can look schmick, and make sure you get a ticket for the Saturday night 'Live; function. 'Best Hat or Hair' theme, Live band, club skits, dancing, fun and more. Starts ~5.30pm Saturday after judging with Happy Hour !!!

**Stay tuned for lots of updates – emails, posts, apps and all. Follow the page [www.facebook.com/2019national](https://www.facebook.com/2019national)**

Have a merry Christmas too all, spend time with your dogs and make the most of every minute. See you in Melbourne in April 😊

My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility



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Hello again from beautiful one day perfect the next...

A busy day on September 15th, we held Breed Survey, 2018 Open Show and our 2018 State Breed Exhibition

Breed Survey - 4 animals were presented/ classified/confirmed, including a couple of handsome new Imported boys who now call Queensland home.

Open Show – thank you to Ms Stacy Guilfoyle for her Judging as well as time & care taken - Congratulations to all winners.

SBE - We would like to thank Mrs Jenny Yuen for, as always, her very well received, educational, informative Judging & her ongoing friendship with the Queensland Club. Unfortunately the numbers were not high but that didn't dampen the day or the enthusiasm or the sense of sportsmanship.

Congratulations to FOUR IN A ROW State Sieger \*Xaro von der Plassenburg a ED (Imp Deu), owned by Andrew & Rachel Jones, beautifully presented (as always) by the Hersant family.

all results for the 3 above mentioned events are available on our web page.

Sunday Sept 16th saw us hosting our first "Group 5 Obedience Trial" – unfortunately the clash with another trial as well as some confusion with the other Group 5 breeds not being aware that it was in fact Group 5 & not restricted to GSD trial, saw the numbers lower than we had hoped, let's aim for a HUGE success in 2019

Something to note for our "geographically closer friends" we are planning to hold an additional Members Competition (in conjunction with Breed Survey) in March 2019 – currently confirming details but will announce on our Facebook page & website once details clarified... so keep an eye out!

WELL, "the girls" have done it AGAIN! (Look back on previous "notes" for their AMAZING successes so far) Yet another AMAZING achievement for Nicole Hammond and GRAND CHAMPION KARHAM KNOW IT ALL HT AZ - "Kiah" was awarded Dogs Queensland Dog of the Year 2018!!!! (this PRICELESS photograph a bonus) Watch it here! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltZ0Z5O-HH4> have the tissues ready....

Nicole & Kiah, your achievements (and your very special bond) will be admired and remembered by many... we are SO PROUD of you...



## BIG NEWS!!!!

Have you ever dreamed of an Italian escape for a couple of days, where you can take your dogs, relax, show, catch up with friends, eat drink & be merry? We are betting the answer is Si Signore!

Well! We can give you a taste without the expense of an overseas trip – get your plans in the making to come to our "Italian flavoured" Double header Championship Shows July

6th & 7th 2019!! We are very much looking forward to welcoming Signore Mauro di Festa (Italy) & Salvatore Pittelli to the Sunshine State for what will be a wonderful weekend of beautiful dogs, fun times (showing as well as socially) – PUT THOSE DATES IN YOUR DIARY & start planning your trip, we can't wait to see you!

In closing for 2018 The German Shepherd Dog Club of Qld would like to thank our interstate friends for their continued support of our Shows & Members Competitions & wish you and your Families a safe & happy festive season.

Please always remember what brought us all together in the first place, our one common love – the German Shepherd Dog



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What a great three months it has been at Newcastle. Firstly the Club held its AGM and I would like to congratulate the new executive and position holders.

President; Sean Lynch

Secretary; Paul York

Treasurer; Kay York

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Breed Affairs; Gavin Bean

Committee: Kylie Bean, Brad Foley, Dominique Vitullo, Graham Robinson, Elsa Robinson.

Chief Instructor; Graham Robinson.

Social Media; Rose Vitullo

Social Secretary; Angie Lynch.

The two Social positions have quickly become the lifeblood of the Club and our outings have been greatly received by the members and general public. Angie is great at organising these and Rose is keeping everyone up to date with what is happening through our Social Media Page.

A special thank you to our outgoing Treasurer



# NEWS FROM OUR member clubs

Julie O'Sullivan for her many years of service.

The club ran its September Obedience and Rally O Trials with everyone in attendance having a great time. I have never seen an event like this before. Everyone without exception was positive in their attitude and having a wonderful time with their dogs. One exhibitor even took the time to send the club a hand written thank you letter stating what a wonderful time she had had. As usual the club supplied a complimentary breakfast for the trialers which was gratefully received.

On the 28th and 29th of October the club hosted an Obedience seminar with renowned trainer Tammy Peters from Precise K9 lecturing and training approx twenty five keen enthusiasts. The members in attendance were thrilled with this event and are already talking about holding another seminar. It was great to see so many positively motivated after this event. It was even better to see the new techniques being rolled out at Tuesday night training only days after the seminar. This level of commitment and enthusiasm is contagious and you could see it rubbing off on the newer members at training.

Well done to the organisers of the event Peter Asquith and Katherine Bengé

On the social side the club held a couple of functions a get together in September for members which was Dinner at the Neath Pub and was an excellent evening. A lake walk at Warners Bay on the 22nd October was once again a highly successful and enjoyable morning. The members and dogs loved it and we had great feedback from the public. The social events are definitely lifting the profile of the club within the community and highlighting the wonderful GSD to all who are interested. We are all looking forward to the events being planned for next year.

Last but not least is our Breed Survey conducted on the 21st October. This was officiated by Fay Stokes and Graeme Stevenson. There were eight dogs presented on the day with all eight being classified. Congratulations to all the owners and breeders of these wonderful animals.

On closing we are looking forward to the Clubs Christmas Party and Presentation in December. We are planning to once again rock the socks off of Lake Macquarie.

To everyone have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Paul York, Secretary  
NHRGSDC Inc  
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## ACT GSDA

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What a fantastic and big few months it has been for a very small, enthusiastic and dedicated group from the Club. The results at the ACTGSDA's shows in October with \*Uhlmsdorf Jack Black AZ winning the Challenge Dog on both days, was topped off with his winning of the Challenge at the GSDCV Show (A. Jones) 3 November, and then Challenge and BOB at the Working Dog Show (W. Hassgall) 4 November.

Ben's feet have not touched the ground!!

Some more fantastic results from the recent Victorian Shows ACTGSDA members,

Uhlmsdorf French Vanilla 5VP BPB (A. Jones) & 3VP (W. Hassgall), \*Uhlmsdorf Black Diamond AZ 4VG ID (A. Jones) & 3VG (W. Hassgall) – congratulations to both owners and breeders!

Although already feeling like a long time ago, our members had some great results at the ACTGSDA over the October long weekend this year:

### Stock Coat

\*Uhlmsdorf Black Diamond AZ - 1VG Intermediate Dog (S.Cox) & 3VG (E. Serrano)

Glenbala Dynamic Vibe - BPB 5VP (S Cox) & 3VP (E Serrano)

Glenbala Viva Lamour - JB 6VG (S Cox) & 7VG (E. Serrano)

Glenbala Love My Vibe AZ - IB 9VG (S.Cox) & 7VG (E. Serrano)

\*Lozani Clara AZ-OB 9E (S. Cox) & 3E (E. Serrano)

### Long Stock Coat

Ch Hillmagic Platinum Nokosi RN 1VG JD (S. Cox) & 1VG (E. Serrano)

On the Obedience Front - Vic G with Uhlmsdorf Taylor Swift and Uhlmsdorf Black Label are working towards their Australian Obedience Champion Titles - which should be achieved by the end of the year! Vic also competed at the GSDCV Show and Trial, winning the Utility Ring! Huge congratulations to Vic, what an ambassador for our breed in the obedience ring.

We have had to make some changes to the Judges for the 2019 Championship Show which will be held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October. Robert Lang (SV) will now be judging with Alastair Henderson who has replaced Steffano Beggato. Steffano is unfortunately no longer able to come to Australia due to his involvement with the Italian Seiger Show next year.

The committee and members were saddened by the passing of Riley Wing MBE aged 92. He was very involved in the early days of the GSDCA, the SAGSDC, as well as the NTGSDC. He was responsible for the lifting of the Ban on GSD's in the NT!

We are looking forward to our annual Club Christmas Party and Presentation Night on Wednesday 5 December and the drawing of our monster three-prize raffle!!

The ACTGSDA would like wish everyone a safe and happy festive season keeping the welfare of our four-footed friends tantamount.



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# NATIONAL show & trial

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



## The 47TH GSDCA NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL

5th, 6th and 7th April 2019  
KCC Park, 655 Westernport Highway, Skye,  
Victoria, 3977



**ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2019**

### CONFORMATION JUDGES

All SC Bitches  
All LSC Dogs & Bitches & all SC Dogs

Herr. Lothar Quoll (SV) Germany  
Herr. Harald Hohmann (SV) Germany

### OBEDIENCE JUDGES

UDX and CCD  
Novice  
Open  
UD

Mr. Barry Cotton Vic  
Mrs. Dawn Ayton Vic  
Mrs. Cheryl Bedggood WA  
Mr. Clive Makepeace Vic

### RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Novice  
Master  
Excellent A&B, Advanced A&B

Mrs. Dawn Ayton Vic  
Mrs. Cheryl Bedggood WA  
Ms. Tania Schumann Vic

### JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE

Mr. Andrew O'Loughlin SA

(The GSDCV reserves the right to substitute judges, if necessary, or to alter scheduled judging times, if required, due to excessively hot weather conditions. No entry fees will be refunded).

ENTRY FEES	Class	First Entry	Subsequent
CONFORMATION:	Baby Puppy	\$28.00	\$20.00
	Minor & Puppy	\$38.00	\$30.00
	Junior, Intermediate & Open	\$48.00	\$40.00
OBEDIENCE & RALLY	All classes	\$38.00	\$30.00

Initial entry includes catalogue. Please use separate entry form for each class/exhibit. Please include the following information on entry forms – Breed Survey status denoted by \*, Hip and Elbow status. No entries accepted without fees. **POSTAL ENTRIES:** Show Secretary, GSDCV Inc., PO Box 135, Kallista, Vic., 3791. Please include SAE for receipt.

**ONLINE ENTRIES** available at [www.showmanager.com.au](http://www.showmanager.com.au)

Online Sales: Social tickets, merchandise and catalogues available at [www.gsdcv.org.au/shop](http://www.gsdcv.org.au/shop)

**BREED SURVEY:** If required, to be held on Thursday 4th April, 2019 at 3.00 pm at KCC Park, Skye (Note: BS4 Form is required for animals not resident in Victoria). Enquiries: Gillian Cafari (03) 5420 7385. Applications close 22nd March 2019.





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## JUDGING TIMES

### FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019

**CONFORMATION:** Vest collection from 7.00am. Judging commences at 8.00 am. **Bitch Ring:** SC Baby, Minor and Junior Bitches. **Dog Ring:** LSC Baby, Minor and Junior Bitches, then LSC Dogs followed by SC Baby, Minor and Junior Dogs.

**RALLY OBEDIENCE:** Vetting 9.00-9.30 am. All judging commences at 10.00 am with Novice, Excellent A&B followed by Advanced A&B, Master. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. *\*All class winners must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 7th April, 2019.*

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** – classes will be judged by Mr. Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) during lunch break. Ages 7 to under 10 years of age, 10 to under 13 Years of age, 13 to under 18 Years. Entry and Photo Release Forms available from Show Secretary [show@gsdca.org.au](mailto:show@gsdca.org.au) or from the Show Secretary's office on the day.

### SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2019

**CONFORMATION: Sire's Progeny** assembly 7.15 am, judging commences at 8.00 am SHARP to be followed by Breeders Groups followed by: **Bitch Ring:** SC Puppy and Intermediate Bitches **Dog Ring:** LSC Puppy and Intermediate Bitches then LSC Dogs, SC Puppy and Intermediate Dogs.

**OBEDIENCE:** Vetting/check in from 8.00 to 8.30 am. All judging commences 9.00 am with UD, UDX followed by CCD, Novice and Open. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. Winner of Winners will be judged on Sunday during the lunch break (from CCD, Novice, Open, Utility & UDX class winners with qualifying scores). *\*All class winners must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 7th April, 2019. GSDCA Rules apply to all awards and gradings.*

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

### SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2019

**CONFORMATION:** Commencing at 8.30am **Bitch Ring:** SC Open Bitches. **Dog Ring:** LSC Open Bitches, LSC Open Dogs, SC Open Dogs, followed by all Challenges. *\*No Inter-sex or inter-variety judging. Gun testing may be conducted in all Open classes.*

The 47th National Show & Trial trophy presentations will be held following the completion of judging.

**Judging in both rings to cease at lunch time for the Winner of Winners Obedience competition, to be held in the Dog Ring.**

## EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is your responsibility to ensure you are ready when called to enter the ring.

The exhibitor will be held responsible for the return of their allocated vests. Any vests not returned within 7 days of the event will incur a \$50.00 fee per unreturned vest.

Only persons with authorised passes will be permitted to enter the rings.

## RETIRING ANIMALS

Animals eligible to retire at the National GSD Show and Trial will be: Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners, National Challenge and Reserve Challenge winners and National GSD Show and Trial Class winners. (\*For further details refer to Section 35, National Show Manual on GSDCA website.)

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Conformation: Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat (ANKC classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 11 dogs/1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 11a bitches) Baby Puppy - 3 months and under 6 months, Minor Puppy - 6 months and under 9 months, Puppy - 6 months and under 12 months, Junior - 9 months and under 18 months, Intermediate - 18 months and under 36 months, Open - 6 months and over. (Ages apply from the first day of the show, 5.4.19).

## SPECIAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

**Sire's Progeny Parade:** Entry is automatic. A minimum of five progeny aged nine months or over and entered in the Conformation Classes, both SC and LSC, will be automatically catalogued with the Sire's name and exhibit number. The Sire need not be present or entered in the show. \*The classes are non-competitive but will receive commentary. Only sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme are eligible.

**Breeders Groups:** Breeders may enter as many teams as desired. All animals must carry the breeder's prefix and be of one coat variety. Each team must consist of 5 animals over 9 months of age from at least 2 sires and 2 dams. A separate entry form for each team must be received by the closing date of entries - no entry fee. Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary by close of judging on Friday 5th April, 2019. All animals listed in a Breeder's Group must be entered in the show.

GSDCA Member Clubs Obedience Challenge Teams of four exhibits compete, with the scores gained in their respective classes within the National Trial. Exhibits can be mixed from different classes of obedience. Names of teams, handlers and dogs' names must be provided to the Trial Manager prior to the commencement of the Trial. At least three of the exhibits must qualify. Exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored. The winning team is that team which has the highest aggregate qualifying scores.

## SPECIAL PRIZES

**CONFORMATION** – A Memorial plaque and trophy will be awarded to the winners of the following classes. The **"Walter Reimann"** memorial plaque to the Open Dog SC winner. The **"Roy Brabham"** memorial plaque to the Open Bitch SC winner. The **"Juergen Neddermeyer"** memorial plaque to the Open Dog LSC winner. The **"Thomas Luxton"** memorial plaque to the Open Bitch LSC winner. Gold, Silver & Bronze medallions to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place exhibits in the Open classes (LSC & SC) that are graded Excellent. Plaque & sash for all class winners and Breeders Group winner. Sash & memento for 2nd to 10th place in each class where numbers permit. Trophy & sash for all Challenge Winners. The **"Max Stokes"** memorial plaque will be awarded to the Junior Bitch SC winner, the **"James Rodger"** memorial plaque will be awarded to the Intermediate Bitch SC winner. The **"Sam Bonifacio"** memorial plaque and trophy is awarded to the most successful SC kennel and the **GSDCA LSC Breeders Trophy** awarded to the most successful LSC kennel over the 3 days.

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

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

## GRADINGS

**CONFORMATION:** Gradings will be awarded at the Judge's discretion.

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"Promising" and "Very Promising" in Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes. "Good" and "Very Good" to animals over 12 months in Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes. \*The grading of "Excellent" and National Excellent medallion will be awarded as per GSDCA rules only to exhibits 2 years of age or over, entered in the Open Classes and classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme (or other GSDCA approved scheme).

**OBEDIENCE AND RALLY:** Gradings will be awarded to those exhibits achieving the following scores in Novice, Open, Utility and UDX classes: "Good" 170-179 points, "Very Good" 180-189 points, "Excellent" and medal 190-200 points, and in CCD class and Rally Classes "Good" 85-89 points, "Very Good" 90-94 points, "Excellent" and medal 95-100 points

## PHOTOGRAPHS AND CRITIQUES

Results and critiques will be published in the Quarterly National Review. An official photographer will be present at the venue and will photograph all conformation place getters.

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

## CORPORATE TENTS

Pre-erected corporate tents will be ringside for those who booked when available on Monday, 29th October, 2018. No cooking is permitted in corporate tents. Cost: \$275 per 3m x 3m tent. **Exhibitor tents/gazebos may only be erected after 3.00 pm on Thursday 4th April, 2019.**

## CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

Advertising in the catalogue will be available at \$150.00 (colour). All advertising is to be emailed to [webmaster@gsdca.org.au](mailto:webmaster@gsdca.org.au) in Microsoft Word format (A4 size) together with any photographs in jpg format by Friday 22nd February, 2019. There will be no loose leaf advertising & the animals advertised must comply with GSDCA rules. Payment to be sent with entries to the Show Secretary or paid online at [www.gsdca.org.au/shop](http://www.gsdca.org.au/shop)

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**THURSDAY: MEET & GREET** Starts 3.00 pm. Free sausage sizzle at grounds. \*Please advise numbers attending on Show Manager or your booking slip, for catering purposes. (Bar facilities will be available)

**SATURDAY: "SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE"** At the grounds in the Party Marquee commencing immediately after the conclusion of judging. Dinner provided, live entertainment by "Fake News", dancing and fun night. (Bar facilities will be available). \$ 38.00 per head.

**SUNDAY: TROPHY PRESENTATIONS** At completion of judging on Sunday – no charge – (Complimentary nibbles, bar facilities available at own cost)

## 47TH NATIONAL MERCHANDISE

Items pre-ordered and with payment received before 18th March, 2019, will be available for collection at the National. Products can be viewed at [www.gsdca.org.au/shop](http://www.gsdca.org.au/shop). A limited number of selected items will be available for sale at the event and orders will also be taken on the weekend, for delivery at a later date.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Refer to GSDCA website [www.gsdca.org.au](http://www.gsdca.org.au) Camping in self-contained vans available at KCC Park (no shower facilities) – book directly with Dogs Victoria.

## CONTACTS (No calls after 9pm please)

**Show Secretary:** Cristine Begbie Ph 0409 138 748  
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**Trial Manager:** Dearn Jackson Ph 0413 278 042  
Email: [trial@gsdca.org.au](mailto:trial@gsdca.org.au)

## BOOKING SLIP 47TH NATIONAL GSD SHOW & TRIAL ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2019

Name .....

Phone .....

Email .....

Mobile No. for contact at show .....

CONFORMATION (Initial entry includes Catalogue)				NO.
Baby Puppy	Initial	\$28.00	X .....	\$ .....
	Subsequent	\$20.00	X .....	\$ .....
Minor Puppy and Puppy	Initial	\$38.00	X .....	\$ .....
	Subsequent	\$30.00	X .....	\$ .....
Junior, Intermediate and Open	Initial	\$48.00	X .....	\$ .....
	Subsequent	\$40.00	X .....	\$ .....

## OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

All Classes	Initial	\$38.00	X .....	\$ .....
	Subsequent	\$30.00	X .....	\$ .....

**Paper entries to: Mrs. Cristine Begbie, GSDCA Show Secretary,  
PO Box 135, Kallista, Vic., 3791  
Phone: 0409 138 748 E: [show@gsdca.org.au](mailto:show@gsdca.org.au)**

## Cheques made payable to GSDCA Inc

CATALOGUE @ \$15.00 each ..... \$ .....

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday Meet & Greet (no charge, advise number attending) .....

'Saturday Night Live' Party .....@ \$38.00 per head \$ .....

## DONATIONS

Class Trophy .....@ \$150 \$ .....

Sashes .....@ \$100 \$ .....

**Total** \$ .....

Please go to the website for further details [www.gsdca.org.au](http://www.gsdca.org.au)



## 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 22nd February 2019.**

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.

Julie Urie – GSDCA Obedience Chairperson

E: [obedience@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:obedience@gsdcouncilaustralia.org)



## National Photos

**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 22nd April, 2019.
- 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, 22nd April 2019.**

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](mailto:revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org)

## An Interview with Darcy Clarke

*This article we decided to interview one of the South Australian Youth members, who is an up and coming handler. Darcy Clarke has only recently started handling German Shepherds and we thought it would be a great idea to get some*

answers from him about topics that most new members also go through. Hopefully this article will encourage other new members to keep trying, seek help, and grow into successful handlers. Thank you, Darcy, for your time in answering these questions and we wish you continued success as a handler.

*Andrew O'Loughlin*

GSDCA Youth Officer

**How long have you been showing dogs for?**

I have been showing for about 5 years.

**How long have you been showing German Shepherds for?**

I have been showing for 2 years.

**Why did you get involved in showing dogs, and how did you get involved in showing shepherds?**

I got involved in showing dogs when my aunt started showing dogs herself. She had found a hobby that I like and enjoy so paid for my DogsSA membership so I could help show. She has Bernese Mountain Dogs, which is where I started out before moving to other breeds.

I had never imagined myself handling a German Shepherd – particularly because my mum wasn't very keen on the breed after being bitten by one as a child. But one day at a show I was asked by Andrew O'Loughlin if I would like to handle one. He said he couldn't handle her himself, because she goes really sluggish for him. I enjoyed how fast the German Shepherds can run compared to other breeds, and how they like to move out in front. A few other Shepherd exhibitors then noticed me as a handler for German Shepherds and also began asking me to handle.

**What are some of the differences you've noticed between showing at all breed shows and German Shepherd speciality shows?**

To me German Shepherd speciality shows are less strict in what you're expected to do as a handler. They're a lot more relaxed than all breed shows. Some examples of what I mean are: that you don't have to dress up in a suit for German Shepherd Shows, the space you leave to the person/dog in front of you is closer than all breeds, you can go in and out of the ring while the judge is going over each dog individually which is usually not allowed in the all breeds ring and people calling the dog from outside is also not allowed at all breeds shows. There's also different ways of handling/running and stacking dogs in each ring.



**What do you try to focus on when you're at a specialty show? Is it different to an all breeds show?**

Yes, it's a little different to all breeds shows as I'm trying to get the dog to focus outside the ring to look for the double handler(s) and not be focused on me. Where as when I'm in the all breeds ring I like to have the dog's focus on me, which generally means the dogs don't pull quite as hard and are a little calmer since they're not being called.

For specialty shows I need to focus on making sure the dog is in a nice steady gait a lot more (and not pacing), because all breeds showing is a lot more running. When I get in front at a specialty show, I also need to make sure I don't start walking too fast – sometimes my legs have a mind of their own and I just take off!



**If you could give one piece of advice to anyone else that was just starting out showing German Shepherds, what would it be?**

Just try and have fun. After all it's just a dog show and at the end of the day we all take home the best dog. Watch handlers that are at the top of the classes. Observe what they do, and then try and see what will work for you as a handler and the dogs you handle. Try to make sure either you know what you want from your double handlers (and explain that to them before going in the ring), or that they are experienced and know what they are doing. After all of that, don't forget to ask people for help and tips!

**Thanks Darcy !**





# EROICA KENNELS

**\*CH EROICA CATCH ME IF YOU CAN A (2:1) Z NORMAL (0:0)**



**'CLYDE'**

Consecutive winner of three nationals and a Multi Gold Medalist, 'Clyde' is a son of Silver Medalist Ch Astasia Paca and Multi Gold Medalist Ch Narathor Jazz Diva (Daughter of Ch Bhuachille Jazz Leader). Clyde's litter sister is also a National Gold Medalist and his ½ sister (Dam Line) is a Silver & Bronze Medalist.

'Clyde' is a consistent NATIONAL WINNING PRODUCER, stamping his **\*IMPRESSIVE TYPE\***

## Available at Stud



**\*Ch Eroica Erotic Erik**

**A (2:2) Z NORMAL (0:0)**

'Erik' is a son of Clyde and is also Excellent Merit Graded. His mother being Bronze Medalist Ch Vladimir Glam I Am, illustrious daughter of Sup Ch Vladimir Anarchy. Erik's sister is a National Class & RCC Winner.

'Erik' has already produced multi class wins in his young progeny and they have inherited his **CLEAN LINES** and **CORRECT PROPORTIONS**.

Erik and Bullitt are 2 of 7 of this combination who have been Breed Survey Classified with all 7 having clear elbows and total average hips of 3

**ERIK AND CLYDE ARE STANDING AT STUD IN SA, BULLITT IS STANDING AT STUD IN VIC**

**Semen can be sent Australia and NZ wide for all 3 males**

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<http://oz.dogs.net.au/eroicakennels>

**Please contact us with any enquiries**



**\*Eroica Goliath**

**A (3:2) Z NORMAL (0:0)**

'Bullitt' is our young up and coming male and is the repeat of 'Erik'.

'Bullitt' is highly placed and is a great combination of both our exceptionally strong maternal lines.



## The Power of Habit

*By Denise Fenzi*

Each day I wake up, go into the kitchen to feed the dogs, head to my computer where I clear my email and do a few routine tasks, take a shower, etc. The first hour or two of my day I think very little because my behaviours are largely driven by habit.

Habits make life easy. I can feed the dogs when I'm half asleep. Indeed, an hour later I can look back and have no conscious memory of the event at all, yet the dogs are fed, the bowls are in the dishwasher and any supplies needed to make the dog's meals are back where they belong.

Habits free up my mind for other things. When I drive my son to school, taking the same route each day, I can concentrate on our conversation, or whatever random thoughts are in my head.

Habits give me comfort. Each member of my family sits in the same chair at the dinner table every night. There's no particular reason for this, and we could certainly change it around at each meal, but we don't! We're creatures of habit and routine.

Habits make life easy and unless I take some time to consider them, they are unlikely to change without significant effort.

Indeed, habits are so powerful that they tend to be maintained even when they are somewhat dysfunctional for the individual. For example, if I changed my shower to the afternoon instead of the morning, I'd stay clean a whole lot longer, because the thing I do after my shower is take a walk. And while my choice of shower time is not logical, my habit creates an inertia in me that makes me unwilling to change. I like my habits, even when they are not particularly rational.

Habits are a huge motivator because they make life easy, predictable and emotionally comfortable, even when they are not optimally functional for my current situation.

**Our dogs appear to operate on habit as well.** It's not hard for us to see habits form in our dogs. For example, in my house, big dogs are not allowed on the furniture. So when my dog enters the room where I am sitting? It doesn't occur to them to get on the couch; they head directly to their dog bed. They do not weigh out their options because habit directs their behaviour. Day after day, week after week, year after year. I find it extremely unlikely that they think about it at all beyond the first weeks in my home when I consciously directed them off the couch and onto their dog beds. It's part of their habit of living with me; it's unconscious. Indeed, I suspect that "sleep on the couch" isn't even a possibility within their mental repertoire because it's never happened.

My dogs are not allowed on my kitchen table. They are not allowed on my counters. They are not allowed on kitchen chairs. It doesn't matter if there is food up there or not, if I see a dog heading to the chair to get on the table, I'm going to stop that behaviour. Instantly. And soon that habit is formed as well, now a significant pathway in the brain, so that no matter what might be on the table or counter, it doesn't occur to them to try and take it.

### **How does this relate to dogs and dog training?**

When a new dog shows up in my home, I am going to choose the three or four habits that I want from my dogs. The unconscious behaviour

patterns that are most important to me over the long run. You may want to do the same. Before you even bring your dog into your house, whether a puppy or an adult, decide which habits matter to you; which ones you want to form immediately and maintain for life, and then be 100% predictable about training and enforcing those habits. Discuss it at length with your entire family! Because if your dog has an occasional long snooze on your couch or manages to get on your countertop and eat a plate of food then that will haunt you for a very long time – It will occur to them that they have a choice in the matter and it will keep alternative behaviours in the realm of conscious thought rather than moving them quickly to the realm of habits. The good kind; the kind we want to see!

If there is something you never want to see, then go to some trouble to never see it. I never want to see my dogs comfortably settled on the couch or cruising around on my counters, so I go to some trouble never to allow it to happen. Instead, I consider what I DO want to see and I make it the easier path (discussed later).

My dogs don't think about where they are going to sleep or who gets the food on the counters; no mental effort is required at all. And if dogs are anything like humans then this predictability of life provides the dogs with comfort. It's easy. And that's the end of it.

The goal is to form habits such that the alternative never crosses the dog's mind; it is outside their mental repertoire. For example, if you allow your dog on your furniture sometimes, maybe for the first few weeks of life, and then you decide that for the rest of your dog's life you don't want them to do that, I can almost guarantee you it's going to be a whole lot harder to change their behaviour. That's why you need to decide before the puppy arrives – what's important to you? How will you teach it? How will you respond if you discover that an error is taking place?

And...is everyone in your family on board? If some of you are and others are not, it is absolutely possible that your dog will learn one set of rules for you and another set for others, but that effort – keeping the behaviour within the realm of conscious decision making, is exactly what we want to avoid, and will block the formation of a solid and predictable unconscious habit that will likely last well into old age. Pick a few things that really matter to you and then focus on developing the habits that you want to see.

So that covers the role of habit in our dog's lives. I focused on habits in relation to house rules and not to performance dog training and that was on purpose. Now I'm going to switch gears a little because I often want my dog consciously engaged in the process of figuring out what I want rather than relying on habits.

That's when I'm going to use active training where I engage my dog's brain – conscious thought rather than habit. I will want my dog thinking about choices, picking the correct ones, and finding that classic reinforcement possibilities (cookies and toys) show up for those choices. I want my dog to fluidly switch back and forth between training which is a function of habit (aspects where I want to see no variation over time, such as the weave poles or an automatic sit at heel when I stop walking) and training which is a function of conscious thought (aspects where I want the dog using me as a resource to guide their choices, usually via cues but not always. Examples might include cue discrimination exercises in obedience or following handling cues in agility)



When I cue “down” I want my dog’s body to fold into a down by habit; no thought required! When I ask my dog to go over a jump and pick up an object? Same thing. I don’t want my dog to do it with conscious thought or variation; simply follow the cue 100% of the time with as little thought as possible. I want to develop a highly predictable habit.

But how about when specific behaviours are in chains where the dog’s appropriate responses are in flux; quickly directed from one activity to another, like in the handling aspects of agility? Now I want my dog to develop a habit of paying attention to my handling but NOT operating on habit for the work itself! As a result, I’m going to maintain that habit of attention by changing my requests frequently so that my dog remains flexible with the work, and yet always with the habit of attending to me! Sometimes we’ll go left and sometimes right. Sometimes we might pass the tunnel and go to a jump. Sometimes you’ll leave the start line straight ahead, and sometimes I’ll send you to a jump that is behind you.

In those cases, my goal is to reduce the possibility of a work driven habit and increase the role of conscious thought.

How about the obstacles themselves, like weave poles or dog walks? I want habit! Muscle memory! I want the dog’s mind and body to hit them and not do any thinking at all – the body should power through while the brain is available to take the handler’s direction for the next obstacle.

When habits form, they create grooves in the brain. The more times a dog and handler do a specific thing in a specific way, the deeper the groove. Your goal, when teaching your dog behaviours that will never vary, is to make an incredibly deep groove in the brain for that behaviour. And your goal, when teaching your dog to attend to your cues that show up in a chain which are likely to be random, is to prevent the development of those deep grooves in the brain – to keep the dog in the realm of conscious thought.

Another way to think about it might be this: if it’s a foundation behaviour that will never vary, for example, the dog’s response to the cue “sit”, then we want the dog in the realm of habit – unconscious thought. But when the dog is waiting for the next possible cue? Then we want the dog consciously listening and engaged so that they will perform as directed and not predict or operate out of habit.

### ***Let’s consider how this might be applied in your training decisions for a moment.***

In obedience, there are exercises where you want a predictable response. For example, the retrieve over the high jump. This exercise is never going to be different so I’m perfectly happy for the dog to have a strong habit. The dog knows what is going to happen. I cue “fetch” and...the dog should leave me, clear the jump, pick up the dumbbell cleanly, clear the jump on the way back, sit straight in front and hold the dumbbell quietly until I ask for it. An entire habit driven exercise!

But what happens if the dumbbell goes off centre? Now I need the dog to become conscious of the exercise; to think about how to find the jump on the way back or to sit straight, even though they are not coming directly towards me.

But what if ...the dog starts to anticipate? Before I send to fetch, the dog is already fetching! Now what? One of the problems with habit is that habits allow the dog to pay less attention to us. So what does one do when this happens; when habits cause the dog to stop attending to us at all?

If that happens, I’m going to break the habit. Instead of sending my dog after throwing the dumbbell over the high jump, I might cue my dog to “spin” before I send. The proportion of times I ask the dog to spin versus cueing a formal retrieve is in direct proportion to the dog’s temperament and how important it is for the dog to think rather than simply responding to whatever is happening in front of them.

Pesky details like temperament. Always mucking up training plans.

Now let’s consider the cue discrimination exercise in open obedience, or the directed jumping exercise in Utility. In these exercises, I need the dog paying attention to me with conscious thought every single time. I don’t want a strong habit for the exercise because it always varies and I need the dog to remain flexible, but I do want a strong habit for the actual cued behaviours, like sit, down or stand.

Give some thought to which exercises or behaviours you want to develop with a strong habit and which ones you want to remain flexible. As a general rule, foundation behaviours are a function of habit, and chains are a function of varying degrees of conscious thought.

**It’s also worth considering the temperament of your dog. Is your dog more comfortable doing things exactly the same way each time? If so then take advantage of that. You will do more pattern training with your dog and you won’t vary it very much unless you begin to see anticipation. And if you notice your dog becoming a little dull with his work, responding fully on autopilot? Then you need to break some of the habits within those chains and give your dog a reason to pay attention by adding complexity to the work, incorporating games or varying your cues to keep your dog on his toes. Ask yourself which gives YOUR dog more confidence, speed, and enthusiasm for the task, developing and maintaining habits or conscious thought?**

When choosing, remember that habits provide comfort and security and conscious thought creates energy and brings out the “game” aspects of work. Of course, using conscious thought and games assumes that your dog is highly successful via a training plan that encourages self-confidence. If your dog is low in confidence and you cannot find a way to create sessions that allow your dog to be highly successful the majority of the time, or if you cannot handle your dog’s errors with a cheerful attitude, then spend more of your energy on habit and preserve your dog’s confidence.

**And how about you, the handler?** Personally, I don’t do well with habit based competition dog training; I like games and variation. Conversely, I have encountered handlers who have a very strong preference for training with habit; they do each exercise exactly the same way and in the same order every single time. Which doesn’t mean that dogs and handlers cannot be flexible and leave their preferred approach but it does mean that we show individual tendencies. Temperament matters.

Spend some time thinking about habit. For a given situation or behaviour, do you want to create a deep and predictable groove in the brain? If you want something performed exactly the same way every single time with no thought whatsoever, you’ll probably want to go with habit.

And what if, for a given behaviour chain, you want your dog operating with thought and attention? Then you do not want to develop a habit for that behaviour, except for the habit of attending to the handler.

Enjoy your training!

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## Judges Committee

*We are nearly at the end of the show year, with only a couple of shows left. Congratulations to all the clubs that are sending appointment information through to update the database of shows, even changes are being sent through when required. All clubs are now sending through critiques of shows. These are all placed on the GSDCA website.*

Since the last report, congratulations to Salvatore Pittelli, who has successfully completed his GSDCA Specialist

Judge's Extension Course. It will be an honour to present both Jenny DeLucia and Salvatore with their judge's pin at the National in Melbourne next year.

Jess Kada is progressing through her stages of the Extension Course as well, with completing her last Mentor assessment in Melbourne with Jenny Yuen in November.

A review has commenced of the PowerPoint of the Extended Standard for the GSD, but will take some time to complete, as this is quite a job.

An action from the GSDCA Judges' Meeting in July was to provide an update on requirements for measuring and presentation for critiques and individual. This has been completed. With the measuring commission being disbanded by the SV and no longer required to measure on hard surface. The update to GSDCA judges included that it is no longer required for the measurement to be conducted on a hard surface. What it does require is no interference from the handler, so the handler is to stand, with only 1 hand on the animal so the animal is measured and presented in a natural stance.

From 2019, all judges will be required to complete a short summary of the show as a preface to the published critiques. The proforma for this has been distributed to all GSDCA Specialist Judges. It is important that clubs remind judges to have it completed if not forthcoming with critiques.

*Robyn Knuckey*

GSDCA Judges Chair





# Heat stroke prevention

Dogs don't sweat, except to a minor degree through their foot pads, so they can't tolerate high environmental temperatures. Dogs use panting as a way to exchange warm air for cool air. But when the air temperature is close to the dog's body temperature, cooling by panting is not an efficient process. This is when heat stroke can occur.

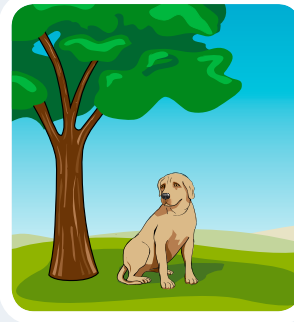
## Heat stroke signs



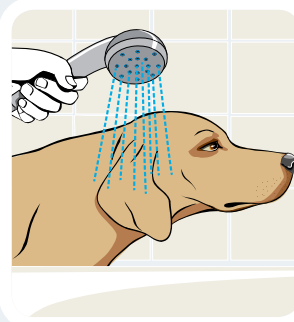
### Symptoms

- Bright red tongue
- Depression
- Diarrhoea
- Dizziness
- Excessive panting
- Increased heart rate
- Increased salivation
- Red or pale gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Vomiting
- Weakness

## Heat stroke first aid



- **Remove dog from heat immediately** and move preferably into an air-conditioned building or, at the very least, into the shade.
- **Wetting down the area around your dog** can also help to lower the ambient temperature.

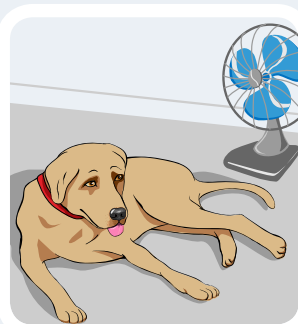


- **Check rectal temperature** every five minutes using a digital thermometer and continue cooling process until the temperature drops to around 39°.
- **Lower temperature by wetting with cool water** (not chilled) and setting up a circulating fan.
- **Caution:** cooling too quickly can cause complications.

## Prevention



- Always give your dog **access to drinking water**.
- **Avoid hot sand, concrete or asphalt areas** where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.
- **Don't leave your dog in a car** unattended at any time.
- Ensure outside dogs have access to shade.



- **Place a circulating fan near your dog** to cool him down.
- **Restrict exercise activity** in hot weather.
- Wetting down your dog with **cool water** or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.

## You should always see a vet



- Even if your dog appears to be recovering, **take him to your vet** as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.
- **Caution:** if your dog is displaying severe signs of heat distress, get him to the vet as quickly as you can.

In most instances, pet heat stroke is preventable. By using common sense and taking some simple precautions, your dog can enjoy his normal outdoor activities. Please ensure your pet stays cool in hot weather, never leave him in a car alone and always provide him with adequate water and shelter from the sun.



**Please note:** this fact sheet provides general information and should not act as a substitute for contacting your vet.

## Reliable Recall: The How and Why of Training Recall in Dogs

*Regardless of how you feel about letting dogs off a leash, there's no denying that a strong recall is the number one most important thing you can teach your dog.*

Some dogs will recall perfectly without training, but this is rare. The rest of us have to work at it and keep working at it.

So if you're like the rest of us and you need some pointers on teaching a reliable recall, read on!

### Why It's Important

Nearly every dog owner that I've met has watched their dog get loose at some point. Front door, open gate, slipped collar, dropped leash. Accidents will happen. Unfortunately a lot of these dogs take off on their own adventures, blatantly ignoring their owner's panicked calls of distress. Too many of these dogs meet preventable, tragic ends.

Teaching even a semi-reliable recall will very likely save your dog's life.

Before I get into the details, let me make it clear that I'm not suggesting we all burn our leashes and let our dogs run free. I'm saying that recall is the most important command to teach, period. Even if you practice in the yard and never unsnap the leash, you're still a hundred steps ahead of anyone who doesn't, and you're that much more likely to be able to save your dog if something does happen.

### How to Get Started

Don't run out the door just yet! There are a few things you'll need before you start.

Success in recall training is heavily dependent on the relationship you have with your dog. A stronger bond means stronger recall. Work to strengthen your relationship with your dog as you move through your recall training.

**Time, patience, and consistency.** This is not an overnight transformation. There are steps to the process that must be followed, and they must not be hurried through. Like any dog training, teaching a reliable recall depends heavily on timely and consistent rewards.

**A Positive Attitude.** If you're in a negative mood, skip training today. You want to take steps forward, not backward. It's better for you and for the dog if you just wait until you perk up. Dogs are keenly aware of your emotional state and will be discouraged easily if you push it.

**A Distraction Free Zone (at first).** It is important in the first stage of training recall that there is nothing to break your dog's concentration. We want him to get on a roll with learning. Be sure to end training sessions on a good note.

**A long leash.** NOT a retractable leash, as they have a constant pull and make distracting clicking noises. They will interrupt training more than they will help. My personal favourite tool here is a check cord or a lunge line.

**Treats.** Not just any treat will do. They need to be big enough to make coming back worth the effort, but small enough so the dog doesn't spend too much time eating them. For my big dogs, I've found that the perfect size is about a cubic centimetre. The treats need to be chewy, stinky, and enticing as possible. I make a point to specify chewy because when a dog has to take time to focus on crunching, even with small treats, it takes his focus off of you and the task at hand. We don't want to interrupt training.

**Come up with a command** and stick to it. If your dog doesn't take "here" or "come" seriously, pick a new one. You can re-train the jaded command, but it will take more work. I always start with the dog's name, followed by "c'mere." I want my dogs to book it to me as soon as they hear their names, so that's why I start this way. And "c'mere" is more natural for me to say than "come." I also don't like to feel like I'm barking orders at my dogs. Pun intended. I like for training to feel like a conversation.

Those of you with dogs who are underwhelmed by food rewards may find that, as you get more excited about a positive response (and more generous with your praise), your dog will become more interested in the reward, and more motivated to do what you ask. Enthusiasm is contagious!

Lastly, remember that every dog is different. Tweak this guide to suit your style. Not every dog can be let off leash safely, and even if your dog does have perfect recall, not every environment suits practicing.

So, are you ready to get started?!

### Phase 1: In the House

Start in the house in a quiet, distraction-free area. Call your dog to you, and reward promptly with a small treat and physical praise. When he walks away, call him back, and treat. To move this stage along, you can toss a treat on the other side of the room for him to go get. Every time he comes back to you, use your cue and call him as he's on the way. Treat immediately and praise, praise, praise.

Tip: Set the dog up for success. Make it easy for him to do the right thing. Dogs learn better when they are rewarded, not punished.

When you have reliable recalls in a distraction-free area in the house, it's time to move to the next phase.

### Phase 2: Leashed, Structured Walk

The next step is to go on an on-leash, structured walk. Avoid distractions if possible. When your dog is walking calmly forward, use your command. As soon as your dog turns his head, offer a treat and say "good boy/girl" and then say "okay" to release him and let him go back to moving forward.

The release is important and often understated. Dogs want to explore and sniff and move around. Make sure your dog knows that he is always free to go back to what he was doing after he checks in with you. Obviously there will be situations where you will need him to stay by your side, as this is the whole point of teaching recall. But when training, always release him.

Any time your dog checks in with you without being prompted, offer a treat immediately and praise. Let the dog figure out that coming back to you is rewarding, whether you call him to you or not. This will encourage him to pay more attention to where you are and what you are doing



even when he is really interested in something.

Tip: Don't do this too frequently or your dog will never leave your side. We want him to focus on walking forward so that you can practice diverting that attention back to you.

Tip: If your dog doesn't get that excited about coming back, make it a game by running backwards. Dogs love games! When you run away from them, they're more likely to chase you.

When the dog does come back, it's your job to praise, praise, praise. This is especially true for dogs who don't show much motivation. As the dog's trainer, you need to make it clear to the dog that he did what you wanted. Make a big deal out of it! Use a high pitched voice, clap, pet vigorously, and jump around. Get excited about it!

Tip: If your dog starts to develop a habit of bolting as soon as he takes the treat, start touching the collar. All this time spent on training recall would be for naught if you can't get your dog to stay long enough to grab the collar and keep him safe.

### Phase 3: Long Leash Walks

When he's reliably coming back to his name on a short leash, give him more leash and let him get farther away from you. Repeat the process. Treat immediately and consistently. Remember it is just as important to reward when the dog comes back on his own accord, without being called.

Tip: Make sure the leash doesn't get tangled up around the dog during the release. This is an aversive stimulus you'll want to avoid.

Take gradual steps and go slowly with training. If you don't, the whole process will fail. There's an old adage in the dog business: "rush them and they'll make you wait." This is especially true with recall training. If you move forward before the dog is ready, there will be a miscommunication, and your training will either go backwards or fail entirely. Take things slowly and you will both benefit from it.

Tip: Vary the amount and type of treats you use. Loss of interest is the quickest killer of snappy recalls. Give one treat one recall, three the next, two of a different type the time after that, and so on. It should be like a lottery with 100% win chance, just different value rewards. Make it interesting.

### Phase 4: Add Distractions

Once you have reliable on-leash recalls, it's time to add mild distractions. Local parks are perfect for this, but you can also invite a friend or a neighbour over to help. These distractions should only be mild at first: nothing that would evoke a prey drive response. Just small distractions. To reiterate, we are still using a leash at this stage.

First, you want to just wait with the dog and reward for checking in with you. Stand still at first, and any time he looks at you, offer a treat and praise. Once he's more focused on you than the distractions, you can move forward by giving him more leash. The timing of recall at this stage is important. You'll want to say your command right after the dog notices the distraction, but before he has tuned everything else out. It can take some practice to find this threshold.

This is the beginning of the Emergency Recall. It's extremely difficult to call a dog off something they want to chase after, and some will never be fully reliable, but this is the way to lay that foundation.

Tip: Is this starting to sound like a lot of work? That's because it is. Remember that the freedom and peace of mind you gain from this training is more than worth it in the end.

When you are able to redirect your dog's attention at a standstill with distractions, move to a structured walk, and after that to a longer leash. And once you've mastered those exercises...

### Phase 5: Off Leash, Fenced Area

When your dog is reliably coming back to you from 5-6m away with moderate distractions, it's time to move to off leash within a distraction-free fenced area.

By this point, your dog understands the command and what you expect of him. Take your time transitioning to this phase, because this will be the most freedom the dog has had so far during the training. Again, it is essential to set the dog up for success.

On leash recall should be rock solid before you unsnap the leash. If you call and the dog doesn't come back, he'll learn that there are no consequences for ignoring you, which leads to less reliable recall. At least with a leash you can reel him in. So, don't call the dog to you unless you are sure you he will listen.

You exit this phase when you have a snappy recall even when the dog is distracted.

**Take Note:** Many dogs, despite excellent training, will never get to this point. There is nothing wrong with that. If you make it this far in the training, congratulations! You are now leaps and bounds ahead of those who didn't take the time to train, and you are that much more likely to be able to save your dog's life if he does accidentally get loose.



### Phase 6: Off Leash, No Fence

This is the final phase, and fairly self-explanatory. Before you dive in, there are a few precautions to take:

- Make sure the area is safe. Ideally distractions will be minimal and there will be no traffic nearby.
- Check and obey leash laws. If dogs are required by law to be leashed, there is probably a good reason for it.
- Know that any new area is distracting. Make sure you explore it thoroughly ON a leash before letting the dog off leash.

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- Be considerate of others. There is a certain etiquette that you should practice with an off leash dog. Don't let your dog run up on other dogs (especially if they are leashed and yours is not) and be considerate of other people in the area who might be afraid of dogs.

That's it! Have fun, and be safe and smart about it.



## Additional Tips and Tricks

Practice, practice, practice. When you teach commands like "sit" and "stay," it's expected that you'll wean the dog off of treats and he'll perform the command without a food incentive. Recall is not that way. It must be reinforced generously throughout the life of the dog, as enthusiastically as if you were just starting to train for it.

You can use your recall command when your dog comes inside from the backyard, accompanied with treats, of course. Another great time to practice your command is at breakfast or dinner. Put your dog in a sit stay on the other side of the room and then call him to you. A whole bowl of food is a pretty good reward!

Only use your recall command if you know that you can reward immediately and generously. Don't ever call your dog to you if you are going to do something to the dog that is unpleasant. This might be the fastest way to undo all of your training. If it happens too often, it will prevent moving forward altogether.

Play Hide and Seek. While the dog is off leash, hide behind a tree or other obstacle. You can call your dog to you, but waiting until the dog turns around to seek you out is the goal here. Reward generously either way.

Stash treats along your route in advance. I remember hearing one account of a girl who would hide an entire hamburger along the trail ahead of time for a major jackpot reward. I haven't gone this far myself, but I can see how it would be encouraging!

## Some Afterthoughts

"How do you teach them not to run away?"

I hear this question often, and my answer usually goes against what most people want to hear: I don't.

Using all the techniques I've presented in this article, I condition and teach and prove to my dogs that walking with me is much more rewarding than going off and doing their own thing.

No dog has perfect recall. Many dogs can get good at it, but even the

best ones will slip up from time to time. Expect mistakes, but make it as safe as possible for your dog to make those mistakes.

## Emergency Recall and Preventing Escapes

The whole point of teaching recall is so that we can have that perfect instant-stop-and-turn-on-a-dime recall in an emergency situation.

Right?

Yes. Sort of.

Some dogs will be awesome at this, and with training, can absolutely achieve it.

For the rest of us, our dogs aren't always as willing to please. Sometimes they decide that the distraction is way more interesting than their panicked, screaming owner. And probably a whole lot less scary.

So, in what types of situations is emergency recall beneficial?

The same situations where dogs get loose and go missing.

Here are the four most common:

1. Open front door
2. Open backyard gate
3. Slipped collar
4. Dropped leash

**Here's the secret:** Emergency Recall is as much or more about taking steps to prevent the situation than it is about dealing with it when it arises. Worry about preventing the fire now so you don't have to worry about putting it out later.

So what can we do, then?

## Practice.

Testing mock emergency situations leads to less scary real emergency situations. Think of when you were in school. There were drills for all sorts of situations. Evacuation routes are marked in coastal areas. Radio stations test their emergency alert system all the time. The one we all know well is the fire drill. My point? We need to have a plan, and everyone needs to be on the same page about executing that plan. We run these drills because these are situations that we can see coming. They may not ever happen, but it's better to be prepared than unprepared when something does happen.

So practice mock emergency situations.

Let's go over in more detail some of the big reasons dogs go missing, and the steps we can take to prevent and practice them. But before anything, train your dog to come when called. This article is about recall, as titled, but due to the nature of emergencies, this article will focus mostly on preventative measures.

## 1) Slipped collar

The ones most likely to slip out of a collar are spooks and "high-prey" dogs. Spooks can back out of most any collar when terrified and trying to get away. This is a scary situation because now you have a loose dog who is frightened and in flight mode. Spooks are the hardest ones to recover because they will not approach strangers. They usually have to be caught with a live trap and many never return home.

Dogs with high prey drives can back out of a collar in the same manner



when they are on high alert and frustrated with being held still. Now you have a loose dog who is after something, probably with intentions to kill it, and not paying any attention to his surroundings. This is particularly terrifying if you are near traffic, and if the dog's target is someone's pet.

Consider using a martingale collar. They are made of cloth, wide, and they tighten when pulled. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the proper way to use any collar.

You can also temporarily turn your leash into a harness.

## 2) Dropped Leash

As is the case with slipped collars, spooks and high-prey dogs are the main culprits here. Leashes get dropped most commonly when the dog lunges forward out of fear or excitement. Same scary story as above.

Soapbox time! Keep ID on your pet at all times. This should be non-negotiable. A microchip is great, but a collar with identification is a must. I just can't stress this enough. Dogs without collars look like stray dogs. Stray dogs are seen as nuisances, and most people avoid them. If you want your dog returned to you, keep an ID and collar on the dog at all times. Consider adding "If Loose, I'm Lost" and a microchip number.

Sometimes leashes will just come unclipped on their own when they twist a certain way. This has happened to me several times with two different style leash clasps, and I'm not the only one. Luckily in each case I noticed it before the dog did and I quickly put the leash back on the collar. Many dog owners use a (strong) carabiner to attach the collar and leash together as a backup safety measure.

The major thing here is to pay attention to your dog and your surroundings. If you see something that your dog may lunge toward or bolt away from, make sure you have a tight grip on the leash.



If you do any walking at dusk or dark, adding some high-vis gear to your arsenal would be wise. I've recently added small lights that clip to the collar so I can see exactly where they are at all times in the dark. A friend of mine keeps jingly tags on her dogs so she can always hear them.

## 3) Front door work.

This training exercise should rank as priority numero uno, especially if you live on or near a busy street. I have worked on this with my dogs everywhere I've lived. Teach your dog that he is not allowed to cross the threshold without your permission, ever. Be consistent about this rule.

Follow my tips on teaching recall here, and practice walking in and out

of the door, asking your dog to wait each time before he walks through it. Please let me be clear that if you are near any amount of traffic, I do not advise working off leash here. Use a on a long, loose leash, but don't unclip it. Spend a lot of time in the front yard. The more familiar it is, the less interesting it becomes to your dog, and the less he will want to run off and explore.

## 4) Open gate

The same principles that apply to front door work apply to the gate as well. Teach your dog that he is only allowed through the gate with your permission.

Take measures to prevent escape. Always check the gate before opening the door to the yard. Use a padlock to make sure the gate isn't accidentally opened. Discuss with all visitors that doors and gates are to remain shut. Put a sign on the outside of the gate. I've known several people who have built a second gate behind their original gate. This "airlock" system is the same one used at dog parks. It is highly effective at preventing accidental escapes, so it's great for households that see a lot of foot traffic.

Don't forget that fences can be blown down and trees can fall on them in storms. If you've had high winds, be sure to check the whole fence to make sure it hasn't been compromised anywhere.

## In General

Make home a happy place! You want your dog to look forward to coming home. Take your dog out on walks regularly to explore the neighbourhood so he knows his way around and knows how to get back home. Home should mean family (pack), food, comfy bed, and an escape from the elements. The more you take your dog out, the more he will understand this. The more you keep him cooped up at home, the more he'll want to go on a walkabout, and the less likely he'll be to come back when you call. Explore more and your dog is less likely to bolt when he finds himself suddenly free.

## Recall and Timing

When it comes to timing of the recall command, there's a point of no return, where calling your dog back to you is fruitless. You want to call him to you before he is overly interested in anything. This is where paying attention to your surroundings is important; you'll be able to call your dog to you before he even sees the upcoming distraction. Be proactive, not reactive. Most dogs can be corrected and called back as soon as the ears perk up. If forward motion starts, it's game over. Some dogs will stop dead in their tracks and turn around, but most dogs won't do this reliably. Watch for signs early on. Don't wait until your dog is too distracted to listen to you.

Remember that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Play down prey drive. If your dog has a high prey drive, there are some things you can do to calm this and make sure you don't reinforce it.

Emergency Recall is about teaching the dog to come back, regardless of whether you call him back to you or not. You want him to naturally want to come back to you. When I am out with my dogs, I encourage them to go off and explore. They never go far. Sometimes they will take off after something and run just out of my sight, only to return seconds later, looking for their treats. This is the kind of response to strive for.

Remember that your attitude is a huge factor in your dog's recall. Be

# RELIABLE recall

calm. Practicing recall as much as you can will give you familiarity that will result in calmness. If you are anxious, scared, or mad, your dog will be hesitant about coming to you when you call. Not good.

Obviously you can't be prepared for every emergency situation that you may encounter, but think about the most likely things that could happen and prepare as best you can. Training the Emergency Recall encompasses the same exact methods that I talked about at the beginning of this article. The more you practice, the better you'll both get. But if you don't cover your bases and make an effort on prevention and test runs, there will be a slim chance at success when it really matters.

*By Rachel Marie*

Extract from dogsdigdirt.com



## Tips for success

Keep the following tips in mind as you train your recall and incorporate the recall into everyday life:

- Always make recalls rewarding.
- Use the highest value rewards you have.
- If you don't have a reward handy, make a big production of taking your dog to get one. She earned it, and the whole party is a jackpot.
- Practice calling your dog away from something she wants, give her a high-value reward, and then let her go back to what she was doing. Practice that a lot.
- Do lots and lots of short-distance recalls. You'll get more reps and build a habit faster. Grab your dog's collar before you give the reward every time. Again, a recall is no good if you can't catch your dog.

Call your dog one time. If she doesn't respond, go and get her

Don't call your dog when she isn't going to respond. Yelling "Fido, come!" over and over as she runs around ignoring you only weakens your cue. Practice your recall in distracting situations, increasing the level of distractions gradually.

Finally, don't take recalls for granted. Remember, your dog's life could depend on the reliability of her response.

This means never, ever punish a recall:

- Don't call your dog and then do something she doesn't like, such as crating or confining her and then leaving alone – or leaving the dog park!.
- If your dog is doing something you don't want her to do, don't call her and scold her—or even call her and ignore her. If you call her, reinforce her for coming.
- If your dog is doing something she enjoys, don't call her away without rewarding her. Balance the times when fun ends with several "practice" recalls after which she is allowed to go back to what she was doing.





## Handling Your Dog and Why It's Important

*Training dogs to accept handling is a crucial component of any training program. Puppies should be taught from an early age that handling is a positive thing. That way, you'll be able to comfortably administer medicine, groom, transport and allow for veterinary examination or cope with injury in a stressful situation.*

Accepting handling is natural for most young puppies, however as they mature, some dogs learn to take exception to being touched. A good training program includes plenty of positive association work for handling over several areas. Here are 6 that should be included in every puppy training program.

### Grooming

All dogs require basic care. Even breeds with the simplest of grooming requirements will have to be accepting of ear and eye cleaning, toe nail trimming and various degrees of brushing. Some dogs require more extensive grooming including trimming and blow drying, especially in preparation for a show. It's important that they are comfortable with any grooming you may have to do, so practicing techniques coupled with positive association rewards such as food and praise will go a long way with a young puppy and an adult dog.

### People

Not all dogs enjoy being touched by strangers, but they should be able to tolerate it comfortably enough that it doesn't cause them stress or to bite. Acclimating to strangers and children is important for both their own well being and the well being of the community. Take every opportunity to expose your dog to positive encounters with strangers or those they don't see often.

### Vets

All dogs will need to be tolerant of vet examinations. Conditioning vet visits will help eliminate stress. It's very important to take the time to teach dogs to be still and accepting of the vet's touch. If a dog is already sick, it's very hard on them when stress is added to the situation. Take some time to teach them that vet style exams are positive and rewarding. Relaxed vet visits are important for your dog's overall health.

### Lifting and Carrying

You never know when you'll need to carry your dog! Small dogs tend to be carried a lot, but it's not as commonplace with large dogs. If you need to lift your dog or carry them, you don't want them panicked and struggling. Take the time to teach them to be calm when elevated. For extremely large dogs, practice having two people lift them to ensure they are calm and accustomed to this situation.

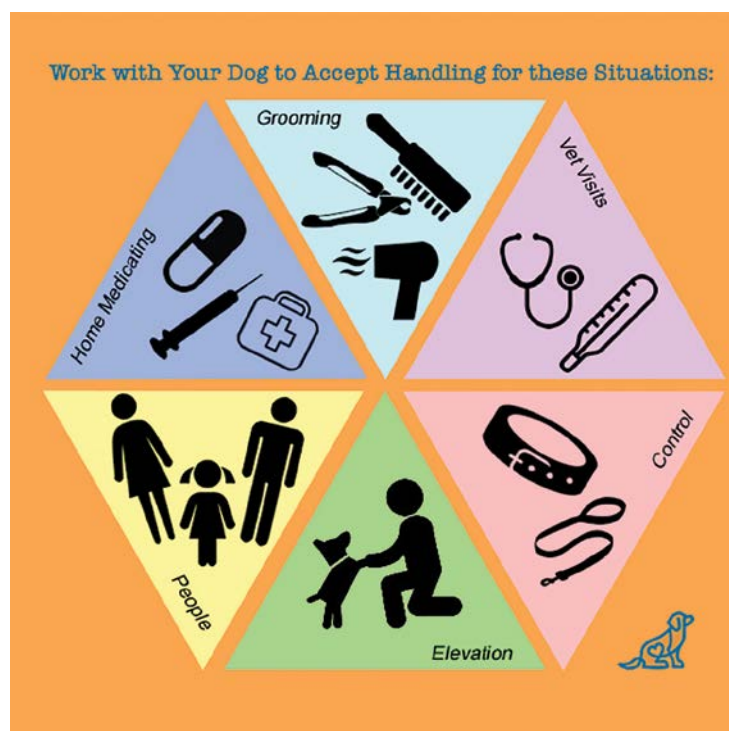
### Collars and Harnesses

Reaching in to take control of the collar or clip on a leash can be worrying to some dogs. Be certain this is part of your training program with a young dog. Make sure they are comfortable with collars being put on and taken off, leashes being clipped and head halters and harnesses being put on.

### Home Medicating

Just like vet visits, at some point it'll be necessary to medicate your dog. It could be eye or ear drops, ointment on the skin or any other number of treatments for their well being. A little practice goes a long way to ensuring that when you need to, you'll be able to medicate your dog safely and calmly.

Make it a priority to dedicate a few minutes of practice every week to these 6 main categories. This will ensure your dog has a lifetime of understanding so that they'll be accepting of handling. Even the most low maintenance dogs will require handling. The extra work is guaranteed to payoff!



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## “Who” or “What” is Responsible for Dog Bites”?

*Who is responsible for the dog bites that are occurring? Is it the Dogs themselves? Is it the owners? Is it the Trainers/Clubs who are training the dogs? Is it the Breeders? Is it those who breed indiscriminately who just let their dog have a litter of cross breeds?. Is it a total lack of education about what it means to own a dog? Is it irresponsibility of parents? Do they allow children to tease or otherwise provoke the dog? Is it Councils and their attitude? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE ? There are so many possibilities I can't answer them all here. Where does the blame lie ?.*

I have been asked to write this, but it is not an easy question to answer, and it doesn't matter what I say, some people are going to disagree somewhere along the line, so all I can do is to write it as I personally see it. I apologise in advance if I upset anyone, this is not my intent, but this problem has become huge, and is not just going to go away. It is going to get worse before it gets better and the one who ultimately suffers is the dog.

A person who gets badly bitten by a dog suffers great trauma. Not only pain from the actual bite, but mental anguish. Some never really recover emotionally from a serious bite. It stays with them for the rest of their lives. This is not acceptable in our society. We have to try to do something about it. While it may seem unfair to say when someone is suffering from a bite, it needs to be said and thought about. Children particularly, often through their ignorance of dogs, cause the bite to happen. Teasing, coming in at dogs eye level, stepping into a dogs territory and other things can cause this problem. Children should always be supervised around dogs, especially if they are entering someone else's property where a dog resides. Perhaps some parents have to be held accountable.

I believe we have lost sight of the fact that a dog is a CANINE. It is not a HUMAN Being. It doesn't Think, Talk, Walk, Eat like us. It is not a person dressed up like a dog. It is and always has been and always will be a “wolf” in dogs clothing, with over 20,000 years of heritage and instinct which says “wolf”. Primary instincts are to “FIGHT, FLIGHT, BITE & HUNT. All dogs are accepted as being descended from the wolf and are therefore natural predators. Would you without hesitation take a wolf into your home?

Over the years we have domesticated the dog and made it a part of our family situation. We have created different Breeds used for different reasons. We have the Herders, the Hunters, the Guard, the Utility dogs used for different types of work. We use them in service work - Police, Corrective Services, Drug Detection, Bomb Detection, Search & Rescue and Therapy work, to name but a few. Dogs have more than proved their worth over the years to mankind. They make a great companion. However we should never lose sight of the fact that the dog is a PACK ANIMAL with all its heritage & instincts still in place. We need more education about owning a dog and how to help it to live with us as a part of our family. We need to be in control of a dog at all times, and to do this we need to understand the way it thinks, and the way it reacts to certain different stimuli. We need to have respect for the dog, and it certainly must have respect for us.

Start looking for someone who can supply you with this education.

People who handle dogs all the time are very aware of what they have. For example: a working sheep or cattle dog is very rarely kept as a family pet. He is fed, and cared for because he is a working tool. If he fails at his job then he is of no further use to his owner, and yet we place this hard working breed into a backyard situation and expect it to be happy lying about. People who work and train dogs never lose sight of what makes a dog tick. People compete with dogs in many areas, and I am sure if you ask someone who is a very good handler, they will tell you how important it is to understand the dog they are working with. To understand the dogs instincts.

Education is an absolute necessity if we are to live in harmony with our family pets, and yet it is an area that has been sadly neglected over recent years. Understanding what makes the dog tick, has to be a subject taught to all prospective dog owners if our present problems are to be eradicated. It takes time. It will continue to take time. It will take a change of attitude by many owners towards owning and living with a dog. The idea that you just have a dog, put it in the back yard and forget about it has to be eliminated. The dog needs to be a part of your pack (your family) if it is ever to reach its full potential, especially if it is meant to be a family pet, or competition dog. Buying or being given a dog is not something we should decide on easily. Type (breed) of dog has to be taken into consideration. Families should discuss this well before any decisions are made. Can we all agree as a family on size, breed, length of coat, boundaries to be given to the dog, feeding, housing, and general welfare of the pooch must be decided before the dog comes to live with us. Have we made the decision jointly that this new family member will attend Obedience Management Classes as soon as possible?

To own a dog is a huge responsibility, and it is approximately a 12 to 15 year commitment, not to be undertaken lightly or thoughtlessly. It should be a total pleasure to own this extension to our family and not something we dread. Not everyone is cut out to be a dog owner. That's not something to be ashamed of. That's life.



A dog sometimes becomes an extension of the owner's personality. The macho person wants a macho image dog, so they go for the stronger more dominant breed, and encourage it to become arrogant, dominant and often aggressive. This is quite often the dog which causes problems to neighbours and others. Show me an arrogant, abusive person with a dog, and I am sure I would find the dog is exactly the same. This macho thinking needs to stop, but human nature being what it is, this is a difficult area of ownership to either deal with or control. It is usually this type of owner who never takes their dog for training. They may let their partners go but they do not consider it a necessity and so it is often a waste of time, as their personal attitude comes through both to partner, and dog. This person often has a lot to answer for. Many others put human connotations on the dog. They ANTHROPOMORPHISE IT (humanise). This also causes huge problems. Especially, believe it or not, with the smaller, cuddly breeds. People forget or don't know that this little creature has the same brain capacity and instincts as its larger cousins. It's bite just happens to be smaller, but no less painful or destructive. You very rarely hear about the smaller dogs bites. They don't tend to make headlines, but they occur with regularity, really more often than the larger ones we hear about. The sad part about this is, that the owner really loves the dog too much, and have no actual control.

**OBEDIENCE TRAINING.** All dogs need to be given obedience training. This should be mandatory. It should be for every dog, not just the large ones, and it should start early. While we say we give the dog the training, good trainers and instructors are really people training. We teach the owner how to handle the dog. If the psychology of the dog is included with this training, then trainers are doing a good job. If however, as so often happens, understanding the dog and what makes it tick is not included in the training curriculum, then the job is only half done. **DOG TRAINING IS A PEOPLE TRAINING INDUSTRY AND IS A SPECIALIST FIELD.**

There is a tendency in the training industry at the moment to use different approaches to what was considered the established method for over 60 years of Praise & Reprimand. These methods proved very successful, but as we move into a different century, then we need to look for alternative or additional methods. There are many new ways of doing things today, and while many prove very successful, it doesn't mean that the older ways should be cast aside. They too have their place. Some of the "new methods" are in actual fact old methods couched in different terms. Silent whistles (only the dog can hear them) have been and are still used for many working dogs, voice sounds, clickers, tins with stones in them, chains with sound devices on them, have all been used at different times over many years, but are being reintroduced into our current systems of teaching and that is fine. After all, there are many new Trainers/Instructors out there who have never seen or heard of some of the older methods of teaching.

The biggest problem I see, is that many are now teaching the general public who attend their classes that understanding Pack Structure is not important. They are teaching a method of never using a correction/reprimand ever on the dog. People are being taught "You never correct

the dog". You PRAISE the dog when it does something right, and IGNORE it when it does something you don't like or you consider is wrong. This has become very popular in many areas and with a number of trainers and instructors. Are they wrong? You decide.

While I understand using this method of training works with some animals particularly mammals, it does leave a wide gap with the training of the dog. You don't take dolphins, sea lions and other mammals home to live with you in your domestic environment. Do you? They stay in their environment, are trained there, and work there and their trainers are amazing, but they are not dogs. They are totally different species.

While I thoroughly agree with PRAISING (motivating is the word most currently used) for correct responses, and with the idea you can IGNORE certain behaviour while you are teaching a new exercise and the dog doesn't get it right (these are accepted as being the right way to go by most trainers), I find it irresponsible that people are not being taught that there is a cut off point for just ignoring an issue.

When a dog shows a tendency to want to control the owner, it is now time to give the dog an instant reprimand and mean it. How can you ignore the dog who growls, snarls, bites when it is told to do something? How can you just ignore the dog that has no home manners? Who rushes through the doorway, knocks you down the steps, takes over your favourite chair and won't get off. Where has your control gone? Actions like these require an immediate correction for acting in such a wolf-like manner. If a dog is not made aware that there is an ALPHA (YOU) in his pack, then he will very quickly take on that role of top dog. A dog living in the wild and misbehaving within the pack structure is immediately and often severely reprimanded by the lead dog. It is a just punishment, and the dog accepts it without hesitation. If in our domestic situation this distinction between ignoring & time to reprimand is not made, then trouble will follow. Trainers/Instructors should not leave their clients with the idea you never correct you just ignore, then the problems we have will continue to escalate at an alarming rate. This is proving to be the case at the moment.

**DOGS THEMSELVES:** Some dogs are born with genetic problems and really should never make it out of the first couple of weeks of its life. Human beings however, being the compassionate creatures we are, continually try to save the little, possibly neglected one in the pack. If Mum ignores a pup and will not feed it or look after it she often has very good reasons. She knows there is something possibly wrong with this puppy. If it was born in the wild, it would be allowed to pass quietly away. A lioness will often push her cubs over a small bank just not long after they are born. She will then sit at the top of the bank and watches these little things endeavour to make their way back up to her. She will wait all day if necessary, but if one cub can't make it, she will walk away and leave it. She knows its chance of survival in the wild is negligible. As human beings we find this difficult to accept. It is not our way. It is however the way of the wild. Remember our domestic pets stem from this heritage, and they have inbred in them all these perfectly normal instincts. **WHY DO WE KEEP INTERFERING?**

# DOG bites

Most Breeders try very hard to do the right thing by their breed, and the people who purchase them. They won't breed from dogs who show tendencies to be aggressive, or which show other non acceptable traits. In the main they really try very hard to maintain excellent standards.

Puppies born of aggressive parents are more often than not aggressive themselves. Ask question when you purchase your puppy. Find out what the parents of the puppy are like. Don't take a puppy with genetic problems. Choose you puppy wisely and with care.

**COUNCIL REGISTRATION:** Perhaps it is time that the method of registration for dogs by councils was changed. Don't register the dog. How about registering the owner to own certain breeds of dogs.

Why don't we have to apply for permission to own a dog? We have to apply to drive a car. Is a car any more lethal than the wrong dog in the wrong hands? We have to take lessons to learn how to drive the car? Why don't we apply to a panel of people who understand dogs, who can assess whether or not we are capable of handling the dog we think we would like to own. Many questions can be asked. Should we have to reapply every couple of years? Are we fenced? Will we take it to a reputable trainer? Will we try to understand the psychology of the dog? How many dogs should we be allowed to own. I personally have a harbouring permit to own four dogs, but I am very aware that two (2) or more dogs make a pack of their own. Often one dog will encourage another dog to misbehave, and it is interesting to note how many dog bites there are that are caused by more than one dog being involved. Should the number of dogs allowed per family be limited, especially to the novice owner? I am wise enough to walk one dog at a time. Would never take all four dogs to an off leash area and let them loose at the same time. They would pack and could cause trouble. Know your dogs.

When a dog fight occurs between say two or three dogs, should another dog, or person try to interfere and get involved, all the initial fighting dogs will turn and attack the dog/person who is trying to interfere. This is a natural instinct of the dog. **NEVER INTERFERE PERSONALLY IN A DOG FIGHT. YOU WILL GET BITTEN.** Even if you own one of the dogs, that same dog in the heat of the fight, will turn and attack along with the others, anyone or anything who at that precise time, becomes an interloper. Dogs can be very territorial, especially when they are in prey mode (fight). If we understand this, then there may be fewer bites.

We need to be aware that a dog's teeth and claws hurt just as much in fun as they do in anger. Many young children get bitten by family pets when the children are allowed to play with the dog **UNSUPERVISED.** Especially an untrained dog, but even training doesn't always stop this happening. Children run and get excited; they yell and make a large noise. That's okay. That is normal for the young child. **BUT** when you allow the child out there to run with the dog, then we may have a problem. Children are excited, dog gets excited, children's hands and arms are moving around in a flailing manner. He is going to grab at the arm or anywhere else it can get hold of. This is not done to be nasty or to hurt, but in **FUN** (dog is a natural predator remember). He loves

the chase. However, what we now have is a little child crying and hurt by their family pet. How many dogs get euthanized because this has happened? With a little more care and more education about the dog, this would not be happening. (Tether the dog away from the children while they play and teach the children to stay away from the dog while he is tethered.) No chance of anything happening then. It is a very common problem, and can be solved very quickly. This type of accident doesn't happen when it is explained to parents with young children when they first bring their very small puppies together with their young children to well conducted Puppy Management Classes. Between the ages of 8 to 16 weeks is when the puppy is most receptive to the information you wish to give it and to teach it home manners. **TEACH IT. THIS IS HOW TO LIVE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN TOTAL HARMONY.**

**INDISCRIMINATE BREEDING.** When people breed indiscriminately with their dogs, we now have thousands of cross breeds circulating throughout our society. I am not against cross bred dogs, I do have to wonder however why people do this. Raising a litter of puppies is not easy. Is it the money they make from selling them that is the drawcard? With dogs which are crossbred you now have dogs who themselves can be totally mixed up temperament wise. They may have herding instincts mixed up with guarding and hunting instincts. Their temperament could be totally unsound. Pups from these litters get sold at markets, pet shops, newspaper ads and anywhere else you care to look. People have a tendency to impulse buy. No real thought is given to the things we have previously spoken about. It's not surprising that many of these pups as they mature can be found in refuges. People either don't want them anymore, or they regret they ever bought them, or the dog is not as easy to handle as they thought it would be, or the whole family work and cannot give the dog the attention it requires.

So sad for the dog.

There is so much more that can be written but I guess I have to cut off somewhere.

**'WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOG BITES?'** Is it a combination of all the above? Are there other reasons? (I know there are.) The ones I have listed are in my opinion some of the most important.

If you own a dog, **LOVE IT, TREAT IT AS A PART OF YOUR FAMILY, BUT NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT IT IS A CREATURE OF THE WILD.**

We accept the responsibility of having children. We don't always like what they may do, but we do what we can to alter the things we can, guide them, love them, and try to understand them. Let's try doing that with our family extension **'OUR DOG'.**

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## 2018 WUSV Annual General Meeting Report

*Vince Tantarø & Robyn Knuckey*

### Nuremberg 10 September 2018

It must be noted that the following report was compiled from notes and discussion had. The Official minutes of the meeting will when received be forwarded to Member Clubs and posted on our website.

Meeting started late with time taken to sign in delegates and picking up headsets for translators.

3 elections were held to elect new members of the WUSV Board, this was a time consuming process with each country needing to go and cast the vote for 3 separate elections. The successful board members were Rene Rudin (Switzerland) Vice President, Imran Husain (Pakistan) and Roberto Caputi (Equador). GSDCA congratulated all on their election.

Herr Messler as President of SV is by default been WUSV President for the last 4 years. He will nominate for the SV Presidency with the SV elections to be held in May 2019.

The WUSV is now following SV articles and for all intents and purposes is controlled by the SV.

Herr Messler introduced the concept of 'Harmonisation' 4 years ago which is still progressing, but in reality has seen a revision of the time frame for its full implementation: initially 4 years, it has now been extended to 12 years. A number of Members do not or cannot implement ALL and this has finally been recognised.

WUSV World Championships very well organised in both the Netherlands and Belgium.

### Operations

- Will continue with Harmonisation over the next 8 years.
- There continues to be some 'hot spots' in the organisation (there was no mention of countries).
- There has been implementation of HD checks in some countries that previously had no requirement.
- Breed Judge training program. The WUSV is working to combine FCI and WUSV judges to ensure previous training is recognised. The SV will work to resolve with FCI.
- SV as a member of the VDH (German Canine Council) works closely with VDH. (SV President is Vice president VDH) Breeding wishes to be synchronised with FCI.
- Mandate has been given to the Board to review pedigrees that are accepted with or without WUSV logo.

Breeding and Show Recommendations that were listed on the Agenda were not presented at the Meeting, as further fine tuning is required.

GSDCA asked for clarification with regard to process as it was indicated that the WUSV Board would directly negotiate with National Canine Bodies to see WUSV breeding guidelines put in place and suggested that the WUSV member in each country be enlisted to assist in any negotiation on these or for that fact any matters that require their input: The response as noted will see the WUSV Board work with each Member and organisation to see the implementation of the breeding guidelines as decided.

Notice was also given that Members will be asked to provide feedback to WUSV by 30 November 2018. At this point in time no official request has been received with regard to what breeding guidelines must be considered in order to give our decision on what is feasible and what is not. It was noted that based on the collective response the matter would be discussed with the FCI.

We suggest based on feedback as received by the GSDCA Executive from Member Clubs prior to this meeting that the whole matter of the GSDCA adopting any WUSV Guidelines will require further extensive review and recommendations as made by the Council for our membership to decide on.

### Finances

- Two clubs are still to pay affiliation fees, GSDF Philippines and GSDC South Korea.
- It was reported that financially the WUSV account has a significant surplus.
  - o On this point the President suggested perhaps another WUSV World Championship for working dogs could take place.
- GSDCA noted that a significant amount is raised via release fees for judges and as the WUSV finances are in surplus that consideration be given, noting that show and trial entries are in decline across the world, for the fee paid as paid for SV or SV National judges to be lowered.
  - o Herr Setecki stated he would raise this with the Board for consideration.

### HD/ED: Dr Telhem

Presentation on requirements for member clubs to access the SV hip and elbow schemes.

- Contract with SV for affiliate club.
- Affiliate country needs to have contracts with vets re ability to xray to the requirements as set by the SV.
- All pups must be microchipped.
- Register with WUSV to participate.
- Documentation is then sent.
- Contracts with clubs and WUSV and contracts between clubs and vets.
- ID via microchip, so be checked prior to anaesthetic for xray.
- Xray must be digital and sent via portal to Germany to be evaluated.
- ID of animal, DOB, date of xray and chip number embedded in xray.
- Issues with positioning or quality of xray, then vet to cover cost of repeat xray.

### **3 options for vets to be accredited with SV:**

- Seminar for vets, if sufficient numbers to attend.
- Seminar in Augsburg.
- Webinar for vets that are remote from Europe.

Once seminar completed, then 5 x-rays are to be presented via the portal for review, to complete accreditation process.

The presentation from Dr Telhem to be translated into English and Spanish then distributed to member clubs in 4-6 weeks. It must be noted that we have not received a response regarding our informing them of our scheme and qualifications of our 3 HD/ED readers.

The presentations of the Working Class males and females by Herr Quoll & Herr Teubert were quite short as meeting was running quite late.

9.3 - Was withdrawn by GSDCA due to the consultation approach stated earlier in the meeting.

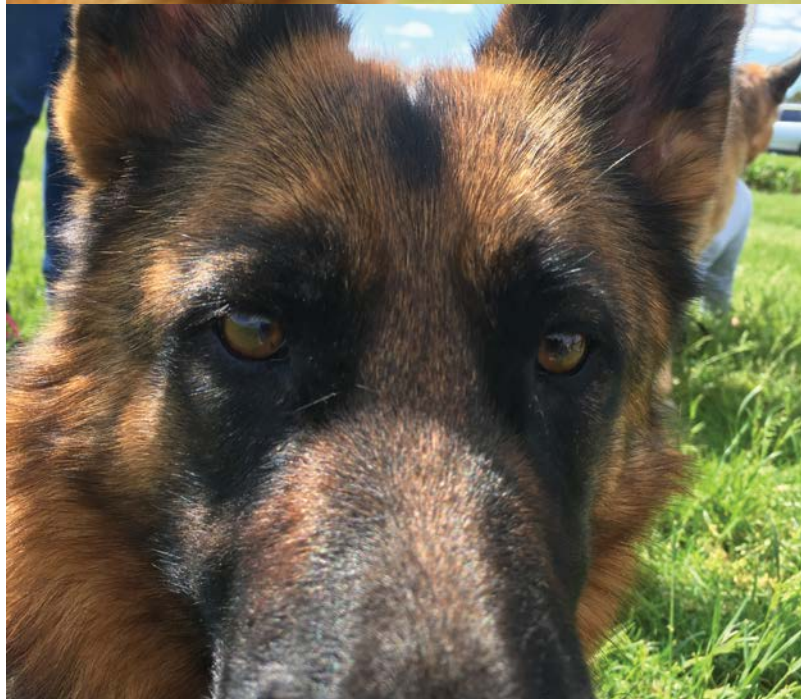
### **Application for membership:**

The following countries were accepted as members: Bosnia-Herzegovina, United Arab Emirates and Sudan.

Meeting was scheduled to close at 1400 but closed at 1500, this was due to travel arrangements quite a number of delegates excuse themselves from the meeting well before the meeting ended.

**Postscript.** It was noted by many attendees that the meeting for all intents and purposes was not utilised as best it should be. The GSDCA has provided the WUSV Secretariat with feedback of our concern and offered possible enhancements that will see the meetings time used to better consider matters as raised.

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