

# THE German Shepherd Dog

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## GSDCA Events

### Date

5th, 6th & 7th April  
20th – 21st July

### Event

47th National Show & Trial  
National Breed Commission Meeting

### Location

Melbourne  
Sydney

## Member Club Shows

### Date

3/03/2019  
3/03/2019  
9/03/2019  
10/03/2019  
10/03/2019  
17/03/2019  
5/04/2019  
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7/07/2019  
10/08/2019  
11/08/2019  
24/08/2019  
25/08/2019  
14/09/2019  
22/09/2019

### Judge

Ballantyne Sharon  
Cooke Ian  
Yuen Jenny  
Pittelli Salvatore  
Green Greg  
Kada Jessica  
Hohmann Harald  
Brauch Richard  
Tantaro Vince  
Kallenbach Torsten  
Adamson Melissa  
Humphries Natalie  
di Festa Mauro  
Pittelli Salvatore  
Donald Louis  
Ballantyne Sharon  
Pike Jane  
Fenner John  
O'Rourke Carol  
Green Greg

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### Location

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GSDAWA

### Event

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SC Dogs & all LSCs NATIONAL  
National - SC females  
SBE  
Championship Show  
Sanctioned Show  
Members Competition  
Championship Show  
Championship Show  
Lillydale Championship Show  
Breed Exhibition  
RRMS Championship Show  
WMMS Championship Show  
SBE  
Members Competition

## Quarterly National Review Closing dates

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### Edition

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Spring 2019

### Closing date

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[www.wusv.org](http://www.wusv.org)



[www.schaeferhunde.de](http://www.schaeferhunde.de)

Front cover image: \*Ch. Sundaneka Young Gun 'A' (3:1) 'Z' Normal (0:0), Gold Medal Dog



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# PRESIDENT'S report



## **58th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia**

Ladies and Gentlemen, I again welcome you to the 58th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

I look forward to your participation and am heartened by the fact we have members who in some cases have made a long journey and are here as

visitors.

Noting this is the 7th year that I have held the office of President and despite demonstrated pessimism, discontent and factions clearly visible in our fraternity, I strongly believe that this Council has still much to offer our breed. There is no doubt that our inability to come to terms with decisions taken with regard to the WUSV Harmonisation and the 23 Schedules as presented, amended by us and decided on some 18 months ago is taking its toll.

The sad fact is we are currently divided and this is a threat to our ability to remain relevant to the welfare of the breed and members of the public that want to own a GSD.

Those critical of the Executive and my role in trying to progress these matters are mischief makers who unfortunately continue to divide and show ignorance with regard to how this Council has worked, survived so long, and achieved significant milestones. The decisions to be taken this weekend will shape where to next for the Council. We must, without creating further division, work together to progress matters. It must be said that the fervour to introduce a character working test linked to BH, despite the Executive offering a workable alternative as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey has been found to be wanting. The capacity and or capability of many of the Member Clubs to offer this immediately sees this decision as possibly one of the least considered by the many members who attended meetings and supported the schedules as put.

The reality is that in the 58 years the Council has existed there has never been any real desire to see a character working test be a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey. A milestone was only recently reached when after 3 years of deliberations the GSDCA Character and Working Assessment (CWA) was accepted and put in place! Unfortunately I hear that the very people who are now screaming for a character and working test to be a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey were the first to kill the CWA off!

I believe it's important to note that this Council was formed out of a real desire to improve the welfare and betterment of the German Shepherd Dog. Its foundation is based on an unwavering idealism which sees enthusiasts sacrifice their own self-interest in order to achieve this. Looking back I can still hear the protestations about Breed Survey, tattoo, HD, ED, etc etc. We have always been able to progress matters in spite of the protests and fear mongering. This has been done with informed consultation and us taking small steps to achieve goals as set. I believe I must again reiterate that the decisions as made by the Council, are owned by all Member Clubs. It is the collective acceptance of what has been decided that sees matters progressed!

The last year has again seen the predominance of WUSV Harmonisation and related matters considered by the Executive and Member Clubs. This has been an arduous task for all of us! It has overshadowed our real work and because of its nature has in fact seen the membership react against whatever it is the SV wants to achieve with its plan for

harmonisation. The insistence that matters be dealt without timely consideration continues to frustrate many of us. There is no doubt that pressure from a number of the more prominent WUSV Members has seen the call for implementation tempered and a softer tone taken with regard to the dictates.

Communication between the Member Clubs and the Executive continues to be excellent. I again urge Member Clubs to be inclusive of everyone and fully utilise social media. The use of the GSDCA Quarterly National Review (QNR), GSDCA Database, social media and our websites in reaching out to the membership and public has assisted us in achieving this together. This approach will encourage maximum participation and feed interest from members in the affairs of Member Clubs and this Council.

I have had a number of conversations with some aggrieved Club members. I can only state again: The Council, Executive or I have no control over the way each Member Club conducts its affairs: that control is held by the Clubs' respective membership. The Executive and I can only promote and encourage Club members to be kept informed and have a right to contribute and or initiate debate via their Club on matters related to breed welfare and improvement of national programs that serve the breed. It is important that the leadership group and the membership are encouraged to participate in the decision making process of their Member Club.

The gradual change of culture that now sees encouragement of frank and open discussion continues to benefit our organisation. Diverse opinion is welcomed and benefits the work of the Council. The leadership group is well informed and encouraged to contribute to the affairs of Council. It is only with them participating that decisions as made are owned by all of us! They must not shy away from their responsibilities in promoting and or progressing matters as decided on. On this point I can only again reiterate the importance of the leadership group owning decisions as made. As an example there is little point a Breed Surveyor attending the NBC Meeting and then going back to a Club meeting and deriding any decision made by the meeting.

I am happy to report that the Executive have worked hard and as in the past, open and fearless discussion is asked for on all matters before it. This Executive continues to act in the best interest of the Council. I also thank the many Officers of the Council, and my fellow members of Executive for their continued dedication and work as undertaken in the past year. We are a team and can be proud that we have collectively continued to perform as we do and achieve so much. It must also be noted that many of the Officers have been long serving workers for the breed and in addition to their Council roles undertake significant work for their Clubs. I again thank Melanie Groth for her contribution on all matters whilst NBC Chair.

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

At this point I ask we remember the sudden passing of Joylene Neddermyer. Joylene as you are all aware was a pillar of our organisation and losing her so soon after her retirement from the NBC shocked many of us. We also lost due to prolonged illnesses, Ian Cameron, a retired GSDCA Judge and Breed Surveyor: Ian was a gentleman and mentor of many of my generation. Also Hugh Garvican, a retired GSDCA Judge and Breed Surveyor: Hugh was a forthright but kind individual. All played significant roles and worked hard for their Clubs and Council.

On behalf of the Council I extend our sympathy and condolences to all members who have lost loved ones.

I would now like to acknowledge the retirement of Honey Gross-



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Richardson as a GSDCA Breed Judge and Breed Surveyor. Honey has in these roles made significant and sustained contributions to her Club and the Council over many years. She will be missed, however it must be noted that she continues to hold the role of GSDCA SV Liaison Officer and is GSDCA Character and Working Test Officer for WA.

I would on behalf of the Council acknowledge and thank Louis Donald who was dismissed by the WUSV Board of Directors as WUSV Continental Director Oceania. Noting the Council was excluded from direct input with regard to the WUSV Harmonisation program, Louis' work as emissary in the background forged a path forward with regard to WUSV Harmonisation. He drafted the 23 Schedules as approved by the WUSV Board to be put to us. Whilst this caused much angst it was appreciated as the Council finally after many requests had clear requirements that had to be considered if we were to remain a WUSV member. Whilst we have had major differences of opinion, degrees of angst over recent years, and lost friendships, I for one was disappointed with the way his dismissal was handled by the WUSV Board. I am able to report that in the short term Signor Roberto Caputi, a WUSV Board member has been appointed Commissar for Oceania.

The National GSD Show & Trial continues to be the showcase of our work. Its success is based on GSD enthusiasts that are idealists and supporters of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and betterment of the GSD. The GSDC of South Australia must be congratulated for again hosting a well-run and memorable event.

I again highlight the real threat for our Council is an ageing membership base that sees less breeders and less dogs been shown and or trialed. This is reality, not only for our Council but is mirrored all over the GSD World. It appears we have 'lost' a generation of enthusiasts. We are well aware of the reasons which in my opinion have more to do with the 'other' life people have: pursuing a career, working, far reaching social lives, ensuring their children are exposed to many activities, sees many who are interested in pursuing showing or trialling quickly walk away and just enjoy their GSD that can sit and come back to them.

It is my reckoning that we have an overall membership of around 400 enthusiasts that breed, show and or trial. It must also be noted that this number would be far less if the Long Stock Coat variety was not recognised. So the challenge for the Council is how to encourage younger and newer members to pursue leadership positions, show, breed and or trial their animals under our umbrella. The real threat is our numbers falling and seeing our events diminish due to lack of competition - after all winning a class with you as the only entry has little attraction!

I again put forward that Club Presidents and their committees need to encourage and mentor our younger members to "have a go" by giving them "a go!": there is no reason why those who have held positions for 10+ years cannot continue to act as mentors to the new generation - this single move could ensure the survival of our Clubs but also revitalise them!

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

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

I trust that I continue to meet your expectations.

Thank You

Vince Santaro

President

## AGM Postscript.

*I highly recommend that you please read the 2019 GSDCA Annual Report that can be found on our website ([www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings/](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings/)). The report is most informative and gives insight into the work of the Member Clubs, GSDCA Officers & the GSDCA Executive. I again thank all who contribute to the work of the Council and its Member Clubs.*

The membership is well aware of the division that exists with regard to Council's decision to adopt in haste a number of WUSV Harmonisation requirements. This division was again demonstrated at the Annual General Meeting, despite the majority vote that saw reaffirmation of the motions as put on the agenda to be rescinded.

Real concern was expressed by the majority of the Clubs with respect to our collective ability, capacity, willingness and unreal timings to see many of the requirements (as already in place) as GSDCA regulations supported, let alone enacted.

It was with this backdrop and the support of ALL the Club Presidents, that the regulations with respect to WUSV Harmonisation as put, to be rescinded have, after being reaffirmed, been amended to reflect reality! There are a number of 60 day motions that must be seriously considered. The amendments, as supported by the Club Presidents, in fact for the first time are aimed at gaining wider acceptance of the ideals that the regulations are intended to drive.

Whilst we have subscribed to our version of elements as dictated by the WUSV harmonisation, we must however be astute and admit that some of what was decided on just cannot happen!

It is most important that we are realistic and pragmatic in our desire to pursue ideals as set by the WUSV - we must ensure OUR membership is willing to own what we can do, not what we must do!

I again point out, the original 23 WUSV schedules as put to us were not accepted in full; with many diluted and nowhere near what was asked of us by the original WUSV call for all in the GSD world to adopt. This has not gone unnoticed, however the message I have received to date is "do what you can".

The consideration of WUSV Harmonisation, enacting its requirements and insisting on unrealistic timings for introduction, with little appreciation of our culture which sees many initially resisting any change, has taken us away from the far more important work that would see further consolidation of our breed improvement schemes and initiate a program that sees us outreach and influence those GSD breeders who do not breed with 2 Breed Surveyed parents or subscribe to little of what we believe in.

The most important goal for this Council and its membership is not to lose its long held collective resolve for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

Vince Santaro

President

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*It's an exciting time of the year for everyone who is gearing up for the coming National Show & Trial. Our next issue will be the annual National Special Edition. It will feature complete coverage of the event. So if you would like to advertise, please contact me in preparation. Close date April 22nd.*

Importantly, good luck to all - dogs, handlers, owners, breeders and spectators. Travel safely to and from Melbourne, make the most of the opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy!! Social media is sure to light up over the 3 days with performances and achievements in the show and trial rings, which will be great to see. You don't have to come first for your dog to be a winner. Our host club Victoria are sure to put on a good show and we thank them for their efforts. Let's hope that includes producing good weather!

The AGM of National Council is always an interesting meeting. It provides firsthand the opportunity for all Club Presidents to come together and discuss the future of the German Shepherd in Australia. And to make collective decisions to move forward. Congratulations and welcome to the GSDCA Executive Jenny Yuen elected as NBC Chair, to Val Moody returning as Secretary and Julie Urie as Obedience chair.

I had a chat with Dr Candy Baker at the AGM, and she reinforced the value of receiving health information from owners of GSDs. We have lots of knowledge from breeders and those in the show scene, but less from pet owners. So please contribute information about your dog's health, as it will help create a better understanding of our breed. The details about the process can be found on page 12.

I loved reading the stories in this edition of Kali, Jessie and Shadow in their support roles. So many things we focus on and report on are about competition of some form with our dogs. But for dogs like these guys, it's about the pure joy of being with people, understanding them at a deeper level than we can, and offering support and closeness that for some, only a dog can do. Hats off to all the dogs who go the extra mile, and their handlers who understand the intrinsic value that a few minutes with a dog can bring to someone in need. In this edition, Kali, Jessie and Shadow – we salute you and your fellow therapy dogs.

Not far behind them is the report on our Blood Donor dogs – once again a great story of our breed helping others – just because they can. There are many ways that your dog can be a useful contributor

I would also encourage you to read the information Frank Moody has provided on the using the GSDCA database. It's a great record of our dogs and the Breed Improvement Schemes, so use and make the most of the information provided, especially the breed survey and hip and elbow data for our dogs.

See you at the National!

Cheers

*Jacinta*

## 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)

*There are not many who don't understand the impact a dog may have on those who are just starting out in life or those who need a little extra support – something a furry paw can easily help out with.*

*We asked 3 of these volunteers to tell us about their dogs and experiences in various programs. We thank them and congratulate them on the contribution they make to those who need it, all the while providing a little bit of love to others from our beloved German Shepherds !.*

*Thank you to Sharyn, Kellie and Lynda for sharing their stories.*

## Kali's Life as a Therapy Dog and Story Dog

**By Sharyn Thompson**

My name is Jayshell Chloe, but everyone calls me Kali. I am a Long Stock Coat German Shepherd Dog. I am 6 years old and my mum (Sharyn) and I have been accredited with Dogs Victoria as a Therapy Dog Team for nearly four years. We are also an accredited Story Dog Team. My favourite words are; "beach, dinner and in the car".

I have Community Companion Dog, Endurance Test and Rally Advanced titles. I have successfully passed a Structural Assessment with the GSDCV that said I am calm, good natured and gun sure. I also completed my Character and Working Dog Assessment with the GSDCV. I go to dog trials to practice my training with other different breeds of dogs and I go to lots of places just to socialise with other people and animals. Sometimes I have 'no sit Saturdays' just to keep my mum on her toes. I have also done some showing and I love to run around the ring showing off.

### How Mum and I Became Involved in Therapy and Story Dogs

When I was about 12 months old some trainers at the GSDCV Gippsland Branch kept telling my mum I would make a great Therapy Dog, so we started working towards that. I had to do lots of work both training and socialisation to become both a Therapy Dog and a Story Dog. We had lots of help from the Gippsland Branch. I had to learn to be very calm and gentle around people, other animals and especially children. From when I was a puppy and my mum first picked me up, we have done heaps of things together. We even went to a firework display and my mum kept being really excited at the loud noises, so I thought it was great too. We go to the German Shepherd Dog Club Branch in Sale twice every week for training and we also go to a local all breeds club sometimes, so I meet lots of different dogs. My training is really important as I have to do exactly what I am told while I am working. I love my work as I get to go so many different places with my mum and not just stay at home while she goes. At work I am calm and well behaved because that is what I have to do but at home I love to play with Shadow (my LSC GSD friend), cuddle with my favourite cat and run and swim at the beach and be just like any other dog. I get to be brushed everyday so that my coat stays free of knots and I get a regular bath so I stay nice and clean and smell lovely when I go to visit people. I also have to go to the vet once a year for a check-up and vaccinations.

I am not supposed to lick but sometimes I just can't help myself.

### Therapy Dogs

Therapy Dogs have to work closely with diverse groups of people including; children, the elderly, and people with disabilities or those suffering from trauma. For this reason, only some dogs are able to achieve accreditation to be Therapy Dogs. There are a number of options to be a Therapy Dog, but my mum chose for us to be accredited with Dogs Victoria. We had to attend an assessment and I got to meet lots of other dogs and people. Some of them had walking sticks or wheelchairs and there were lots of loud noises. I did look at where the noise came from, but I trust my mum, so I don't ever worry about things like that. We had to do everything on a loose lead and we had to communicate with all sorts of different people. There's some information on the Dogs Vic website, <https://dogsvictoria.org.au>

### Story Dogs

Recently I have also become accredited as a Story Dog. Story Dogs work one on one with children to help build their confidence and give them a lifelong love of reading. Working with children means that dogs must have a gentle and calm nature, excellent obedience and a love of children. Story Dogs are always looking for volunteers all around Australia. So if any other great dogs out there are interested they can contact Story Dogs [www.storydogs.org.au](http://www.storydogs.org.au)

I also had to pass a 10-point assessment to become an accredited Story Dog. It included me staying calm with lots of loud noises happening, being good with other dogs and having excellent obedience. I had to do things like recall off lead, heel on a loose lead, walk past other dogs, stay dropped on a mat while someone did lots of jumping and making loud noises. The Story Dog judge gave me 100% and wrote a comment on my form that said "Fabulous". My mum was very pleased. I went to Highett with mum for our Story Dog accreditation. It was a very long way and mum had to go to Mt Martha for a day's training by herself for Story Dogs. She managed to pass even without me.

Being accredited means I go into schools and listen to children who need some extra reading time read stories to me. I love doing this, all the kids run up to me when they see me coming and I get heaps of pats. Mum and I also got invited to the local school's end of year concert. It was so much fun. I got to sit on the mat with all the kids around me and we had a video link where we all learnt to sing Merry Christmas in Chinese.

### Some of the things I Have Done

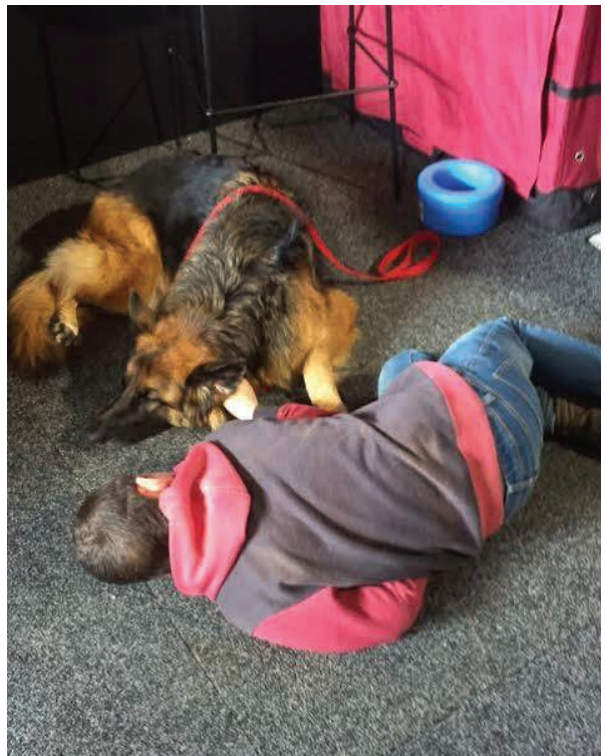
I have represented Dogs Victoria Therapy Dogs at the Dog Lover's Show a number of times. My mum gets to talk to hundreds of people about





# WORKING dogs

how to become a Therapy Dog Team and I get lots of pats and cuddles and have my photo taken with heaps of people. Once I met a young boy with Autism who was feeling rather upset and overwhelmed by all the noise. His mum asked if he could pat me and he sat on the floor with me running his hands through my coat until he calmed down and he went to sleep. It made lots of people cry including his mum. I stayed with him for about 20 minutes. His mum was overwhelmed by how quickly he formed a bond with me. I love children. (Well I love everyone really). After a while I got up and went to rest in my crate. Occasionally I need to get away on my own. All the sounds and scents can be quite overwhelming. While I was sleeping the young boy woke up and came and lay down beside me. I think he just needed somewhere quiet to cuddle. It gave both of us a chance to rest for a while.



Last year I went to the Melbourne Convention Centre, to demonstrate what therapy dogs can do, to about a hundred medical students. I had a great day. We drove (well mum did) to Melbourne then went up an escalator and a lift. The floor was very slippery so I had to walk carefully. There were so many people. I met heaps and heaps of student doctors and my mum told them all about therapy dogs and how beneficial they are in hospitals. I had heaps of people patting me all at once. It was very hot and my mum was thirsty. Someone got her some water and she shared it with me. Because it was a long drive I needed to go to the toilet. My mum has taught me "toilet" so I can go anywhere. There was only a tiny bit of garden outside. Lucky I am used to lots of different places.





# WORKING dogs

I was invited by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria to be part of a 'Rally' by Dogs Victoria for the Amendments to the Domestic Animal Bill. The criteria for attendance was; a well-behaved working dog with an excellent temperament. We had to go to Parliament House. It was a very wet day and my mum parked in a car park only to find the only way out was up to the first floor in the lift and through the foyer of a hotel. We put on my Dogs Vic Therapy Dog bandana and just got out of the lift and smiled at everyone as we walked through. I hadn't been in a lift before so that was different. Mum didn't think about how we were going to get back to the car park with me being wet from the rain, but the people at the hotel were very nice and let us go back through to get to the car. We also got to ride on a tram. That was very strange but I just sat with my mum. The media took lots of photos, including one of me on the steps of Parliament House with Wayne Fleming Acting CEO of Dogs Victoria, and we were on all the TV stations.



When I was at a school one day, Mum was approached by a parent whose daughter had a phobia of dogs. We did lots of work with her with the support of the GSDCV Gippsland Branch. She was lovely but very scared of me, so I stayed in a down stay a distance from her, so she could just look at me. I gave her my best soppy puppy dog eyes. Week by week we built up a relationship until eventually she was leading me by herself and recalling me from a distance to come running towards her. I was always careful not to run too fast towards her so that she wasn't frightened. Her mum and dad were so happy they cried. Eventually she moved on to meeting with other dogs. It made me really happy to see that she likes me now and that she isn't frightened anymore. We recently saw her when I was doing a meet and greet at her school and we were very pleased to see each other.

Once a week we go to visit some people with complex disabilities. Sometimes we go for walks, and other times I just sit quietly while someone pats me. I am also part of a project called the LIFE (Local Inclusive Fitness for Everyone) Project. It is funded by Bank Australia and provides opportunities for people with high and complex disability needs to access exercise programs with the general community. I

go with them and provide a 'constant' – someone they know and recognise, and I make them feel comfortable. Pilates is my favourite. I get to lie around on my own Pilates mat and then have morning tea with everyone. Most of them love to share their biscuits with me. I get to be on Bank Australia Web Site as well. It's also great as I get to go to work with my mum. The project team were invited to present the project at a conference in London and I got to have my photo there and people talked about me and my role.



This week I was part of the Latrobe City Council expo at the Moe Library. It was great. Lots of children read stories to me and some little ones told me stories they made up. I haven't been in a library before, so I was on my best behaviour even when six children were patting me all at once. Now they would like me to go back to the library once a month. I keep my mum very busy.

I get to do lots of fun things that my mum says help to promote the GSD Breed. She also says it is good for me to do different things, so I am not frightened of anything new. We have been to the Dogs in the Park event in Gippsland and I got to ride in a horse and cart. We have been to the Christmas Parade in Traralgon and Sale. So many people want to pat me. One year it was really hot, and the Latrobe City Mayor bought us all an icy pole. Recently we went to a community day and I got to sit in the police car. I had two friends guarding me so I couldn't escape. I also go to Moe Dog Day Out every year. Last year I got to check out the new Local Laws van. I was part of the World's Greatest Shave last year to raise money and had a purple stripe sprayed in my coat. I thought I looked amazing.

# WORKING dogs



At our last GSDCV Gippsland Branch presentation I got a very special award. It is the Techno Belle Award and is: "In recognition of dedication to the positive promotion and education of the German Shepherd Dog in the community". It was donated by the mum and dad of one of my best friends (Bella) who went to the Rainbow Bridge last year. I miss her and it made lots of people cry when I got it. I was very proud.

Being a Therapy Dog and a Story Dog is great. I just have to remember to be quiet, well behaved and calm when I am with people and especially children. It makes me happy when I make other people happy. It also makes my mum happy. Sometimes she has tears in her eyes when she looks at me. I love her and most of all I love doing things with her.

Kellie and Shadow



## Kellie Spark and Shadow

**By Kellie Spark**  
**(\*Zandrac Ghost Town AZ RN ET)**

Shadow is Zandrac Ghost Town and he loves people.....he has done obedience with some success, had a dabble in the show ring, and is learning to track. Shadow graduated as a Delta Dog in November 2017, to go with his Endurance Test (ET) Title and his Rally Novice (RN) Title. We hope to achieve more in the future. Shadow is four on March 22nd and he is very fond of his little sister Pippa (below). But, at the end of the day as my partner reminds me "he is just a happy dog who loves his people". So I decided to put that to good use and join the Delta Dogs Team.

We applied in Geelong and went along for the induction day. This involved some basic obedience work and test scenarios like walking

around trolleys with food and medicine on, staying calm and focused while walking frames and sticks went past, and interacting with dolls and toys in a calm manner. We passed with flying colours and were allocated our first assignment at a local Primary School.

We went to school one day a week and Shadow would lie getting cuddles while he was read all manner of books and listened while the kids told him about themselves.

Most importantly Shadow never judged. A missed word, incorrect pronunciation and some very sad life stories and my darling boy just snuggled in with a big wet kiss and for an hour made the world a kinder place for those kids. It was very rewarding.

Next we went on to an Aged Care Facility where we have spent many wonderful hours listening to stories and getting sneaky treats of cake and cookies. Shadow loves his ear rubs and stories of puppies long passed over the Rainbow Bridge. A lot of people are very surprised to see a GSD as a Delta Dog, as a lot of the dogs are adorable smaller dogs or retrievers. Shadow has delighted in showing that our breed is smoochy and has a softer side too.

We are both fond of one elderly resident who at 94 knits toys for kids in need each week. Shadow has been gifted his own lovely teddy which in turn we gifted to an animal rescue to comfort tiny kittens. We would urge others to consider volunteering with Delta Dogs - Shadow and I get so much out of our visits when you see the joy on the faces of those that you meet it makes it so worth it!

Delta Dogs is rewarding and fun - a great way to give to the community and show the diversity of the breed. I am proud of my darling boy and have been enriched by the experience.





## Jessie the Story Dog

By Lynda Britten

Jessie came into our lives in April 2014 from Sweet Shepherd Rescue. She had been left at The Lost Dogs Home and then fostered for a month until we were fortunate enough to get her. We already had another rescue shepherd Sarge, that had come through the rehoming service of the GSDCV and was about 4 years old by this stage. Sarge had already done a little bit of volunteering with Wesley Pet Pals visiting isolated older people that could no longer keep pets themselves.

One day I was looking up a volunteer website and noticed Story Dogs. The name stood out because if you like volunteering and like your dog then the word DOG jumps out at you immediately. Who doesn't like spending a couple of hours with their pet and helping out in the community at the same time; it's a win/win situation. Story Dog is a literacy program to help make reading fun for children



Jessie and I headed off for us both to be assessed for our suitability to the program. Jessie had to be able to sit quietly on a rug and not be tempted or frightened by noises and quick movements. She was not allowed to lunge at toys or food and had to be able to happily put up with her ears, tail and feet being pulled and prodded. My training did not involve quite the same level of poking and stimulation but needed police and WWC check and of course being able to listen and communicate with children was always going to be helpful.

In February of 2016 when Story Dog was still in its infancy in Victoria, only having 11 teams of owners and dogs I stepped foot in Rangeview Primary School and have never looked back. The Vice Principal at the time met with me and before we had even been chatting for 10 minutes said "I already have the 4 children I think would be suitable; could you

start tomorrow?" Some paperwork needed to be attended to and permission forms from parents were promptly sent out and returned and by the following Tuesday I was at the school.

We generally arrive in the last few minutes of lunchtime and it seems that it is the first child that spots Jessie's job to inform the rest of the students that we have arrived no matter how far away they are. "Jessie's here, everyone, Jessie the Story Dog's here!". The kids come swarming and Jessie just stands there and takes it all in her stride.

We spend 20 minutes with each child one day a week. I normally bring a choice of books (usually with a dog in it) and then after a bit of reading we do some tricks for treats and then a sticker on their bookmark and off the child goes. I have such wonderful stories even after such a short time. My first little boy in Grade 1 3 years ago said immediately "I don't think I like her". By the end of the first 20 minutes he had his arms wrapped around her neck saying "I love her, wait till I tell my Grandma about this". Another little boy used to just lie down next to Jessie and stroke her feet and constantly tell her he loved her, often asking "do you love me too?"

The children always tell me it is their favourite part of the week and even the ones that miss quite a lot of school always seem to make it on a Tuesday. One child was going away with their family and they confided in me that they didn't want to go because they would miss seeing Jessie. It really is a wonderful program and watching the children interact with a dog and most importantly, a German Shepherd is wonderful. We are both looking forward to starting our fourth year and introducing more children to reading and the love of a dog.



**Delta Therapy Dogs is a heartwarming program that brings the joys of animal companionship to those who need it most. Volunteers and their special dogs making regular visits to health care facilities to offer the wonderful benefits of pet therapy, spend time with patients and offer a chat, a floppy ear to listen and a paw to shake.**

**Story Dogs aim is to make reading fun for children, so they become confident lifelong readers. When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! It is a non-judgemental setting, the children's focus improves, their literacy skills increase and their confidence soars. The accepting, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic and helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun while reading to a friendly, calm dog.**

# VETERINARY chat

## Canine Blood Donation January 2019

**Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS**  
(Emergency and Critical Care)  
GSDCA Breed Health and Welfare Chairperson

**Blood donations in dogs mean we have the ability to provide life-saving procedures to help our furry friends survive severe illnesses. This includes illnesses such as; cancers, heat stroke and auto immune diseases. As well as toxins, such as; rat bait poisonings and occasionally snake envenomation.**

Meet Ned! The 11 year old Jack Russell. Ned had slowed down a little since late December, his owner's didn't think much of it, other than possibly the heat of summer and aging. Two weeks ago he woke up one morning and was not interesting in eating and very quiet. Upon examination with his vet, he had blood tests performed that showed he was anaemic. He collapsed on a toilet walk at the vet clinic and was subsequently rushed to a specialist veterinary emergency clinic for further assessment of the cause. Following a basic ultrasound, he was found to have a tumour on his spleen. There was much concern the tumour was actively bleeding. As such, Ned was stabilized and taken directly to surgery. He had his spleen and a nasty bleeding tumour removed.



Ned's red blood cell count dropped rapidly, luckily enough, he had a 4 year old German Shepherd named Rae-Rae donate blood at this emergency clinic only 2 and a half weeks prior. Her packed (concentrated) red blood cells were stored in the fridge ready to help save Ned's life.

### THANK YOU RAE-RAE!

Dogs are a lucky species, whilst they have many different blood types (a lot more than humans) they have the ability to accept almost any dog's blood product without knowing their exact blood type for up to 4 days. This is provided they have never received any blood product previously. Dogs will develop antibodies subsequent to exposure of another dog's blood. They will then require cross matching of blood with potential donors, to assess their risk of receiving further donations from other dogs, this must be performed in a tightly controlled specialist veterinary laboratory.



Adult (1-7 years old), healthy (no heart conditions), large breed dogs over 30kg that are on regular heart worm prevention and are up to date with their vaccinations are perfect candidates to donate blood on a relatively regular basis if they have never received a blood or plasma transfusion previously. Most German Shepherd Dogs will fit that description.

On arrival to a vet clinic to provide a blood donation, your dog will need to have an agreeable temperament. Excitable dogs are OK, however fearful dogs that bite are not. It should be a positive experience so they look forward to their next visit. This would include lots of praise and treats. The process should be explained to you in detail before you begin, as part of the screening process a complete physical examination of your dog should occur and discussion of any health concerns. A blood sample will be taken prior to donation to check the concentration of their red blood cells, if the count is low they cannot donate.

An intravenous catheter is often placed to collect the blood from a front leg, this method allows the dog to move around a lot more during the donation. The donation may be collected from the jugular vein in the neck, which is a faster method, however they must stay very still for this method. The hair must be clipped and the skin must be cleaned prior to collection. This is due to the blood collected needing to be as aseptic (clean/free of bacteria) as possible, if the donation is contaminated it can introduce bacteria into the blood stream of the animal receiving the donation. Which can cause a lot of other problems including death of the patient.



- Up to 450ml of blood is collected from the donor dog, this blood is then used as either :
- Fresh whole blood, that will go straight into the receiving patient
- Stored whole blood, this can be stored in a temperature controlled fridge for up to 28 days
- Packed red blood cells, the donation is spun down in a large centrifuge to separate the red blood cells from the plasma, this creates a greater concentration of red cells for the patient receiving the blood, in turn they require less volume for a greater amount of red blood cells
- Fresh frozen plasma – as above, blood donation is spun down, the plasma component is then frozen and is able to be used once thawed for up to two years, this provides clotting factors for a dog that is deficient in this and having life threatening bleeding
- Stored plasma – plasma that has been stored for a period >12 months or thawed and re-frozen, the clotting factors are less effective and it is an alternative option to treat for patients with low protein.



We generally do not see any side effects in the donor dog, it is possible they will be a little tired and perhaps have some mild nausea, just like humans. It is important that the donors are not exercised on the day of donation, and only have low intensity exercise on the following days (a short walk around the block). As with any routine medical procedure there are always potential risks, on the very rare occasion that something were to happen, treatment should be provided free of charge and the donor should be removed from the blood donation program.

Contacting a nearby emergency clinic or your local veterinarian would be a first port of contact to offer your dog for a blood donor program. Our German Shepherds can be guardians and protectors, not only of their humans, but also their fellow furry friends.

## Heatstroke

***What is it, what to look out for, how it is treated, complications of heat stroke and how to prevent it.***

**Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVSc  
(Emergency & Critical Care)  
GSDCA Breed Health and Welfare Chairperson**

***Heatstroke can be very complex process from mild to severe forms. It can lead to multi organ failure and death. It is important to use common sense approaches to hot days, particularly if being kennelled with day time incoming and outgoing disturbances, or attending a show and exhibiting in the heat on a 30+ degree day.***

### Early signs of heat stress can include:

- panting that becomes increasingly noisy, this is when an elongated soft palate (tissue at the back of the mouth) will cause issues with thermoregulation
- Weakness or wobbliness on their legs
- Seeking cool areas to dissipate heat from their skin
- Standing in water or a paddling pool repeatedly
- Drinking excessively

### What to do if you notice any early signs of heat stress in your dog:

- Active cooling – fan + cool water hosing
- Ice packs for under the arm pits and tummy region
- Cool coats (refridgerated)
- Seek veterinary attention, ideally at the same time as you are actively cooling them

### Later signs of heat stroke include:

- Collapse
- Pale gums
- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea (may be bloody)
- Bruising on the skin

### What the vet may do if they notice a persistently high temperature or any other cause for concern due to secondary effects of heat stress:

- Continue active cooling – fan + cool water hosing
- Collected a blood sample
- Start a drip
- Keep them in hospital for monitoring and ongoing rehydration
- Possibly start antibiotics if severe gastrointestinal signs or any other signs of compromised organ function
- Possibly start anti-emetics +/- gastro protectant medications

Heat stroke is a very serious issue, as you can see, it has the potential to cause multi organ dysfunction, as well as affecting their clotting ability which increases their risk of spontaneous bleeding.

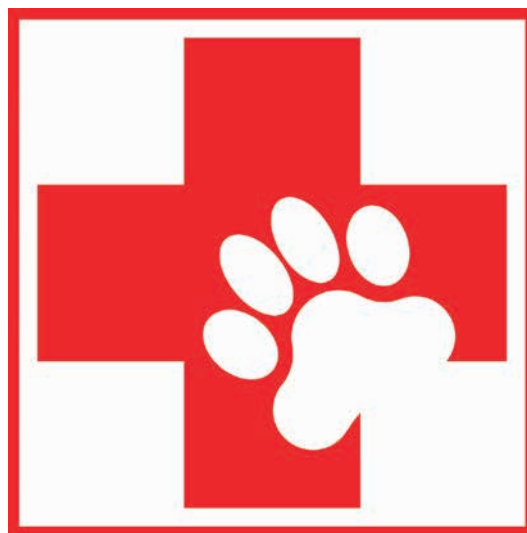
On hot days when your dog is left alone unsupervised it is beneficial to ensure the water sources are always in the shade. Often, frozen

water bottles or ice bricks are good for them to lick on. Shady areas for sleeping. Water misting systems are also very good at cooling the ambient air around the animals that are outdoors. Paddle pools are also very good for dogs to play in and keep cool during the heat of the day. Frozen treats are also a good idea, such as a Kong filled with soft home-made treats that can be frozen and slowly thaw over the day as the dog licks them.

Try to avoid walking your dog in the heat of the day, not only are they likely to burn their pads but also susceptible to heat stroke. We recommended to walk them in the early morning during the summer months, due to the heat in the ground in the evenings. Also, we recommend you don't feed for at least one hour prior to or after walks, particularly in the summer months and on humid days. Hotter days and deep chested breeds are more susceptible to "bloat" (better and more accurately known as gastric dilation volvulus), which can be another very urgent life threatening emergency.



## 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-Health-Profile-Form-August-2016.pdf>



## Jenny Yuen – National Breed Commission Chair

*At the 2019 GSDCA Annual General Meeting, Mrs Jenny Yuen (Victoria) was elected to the National Breed Commission Chair position. Jenny is well known throughout Australia as a specialist judge, breed surveyor and long standing exhibitor.*

*Jenny is joined by GSDCA President Vince Tantaro and Judges Chair Robyn Knuckey to form the National Breed Commission executive.*

*We took the opportunity to invite Jenny to introduce herself to you all, and to explain a little of her future plans in the role.*

Hi everyone. I am honoured to have been elected to the position of GSDCA National Breed Commission Chairperson. I am indeed grateful for the support shown to me by the members and hope that I can live up to expectations. I feel I have some big shoes to fill, having had the utmost respect for my predecessors, in particular Joylene Neddermeyer (sadly no longer with us) and Mel Groth. I am very grateful to Mel Groth for staying on as NBC Registrar and I think we'll make a great team. 😊

I began my love of this breed way back in 1973 with a Lorelie Volker LSC pet. Yep, I know what you're thinking.....getting old. I prefer maturing I've held many positions at the GSDCV branch and management levels and have attended the NBC/Judges meetings and the GSDCA AGM annually for many years. I attend most interstate shows and the German Sieger Show when possible. It keeps me in touch with, not only interstate/overseas fellow enthusiasts, but also the Council and our breed's direction on a national and international level.

Through this hobby and the love of this breed I have had the pleasure of meeting many lovely and knowledgeable people, made many friends, have enjoyed many years of fun exhibiting and have had the pleasure of owning, breeding and training some lovely dogs. Having been an active breeder/exhibitor/trainer, I have experienced all the highs and lows, from the ultimate National Gold Medal/Sieger/Siegerin titles to the pain of losing my beloved four-footed friends.

There has been much disharmony, division and conflict created surrounding the WUSV Harmonisation program over the last couple of years. I have been saddened and disappointed by this. The damage to the GSDCA has been profound. There is and has been much confusing and seemingly misunderstood information bandied about both at club level and on social media. I want to remind you all that the GSDCA is made up of all the GSD clubs in Australia and all decisions are made by us all. No other single breed organisation in Australia can boast this level of success with our breed survey, HD/ED schemes, sires' statistics, LRLs, Judges' education, etc, etc.

I was greatly heartened at the GSDCA AGM this year that saw all the club delegates working extremely hard, thrashing out a sensible and practical way forward that the member clubs here in Australia are willing to take on board and actually can achieve. It was indeed gratifying to see the willingness of all to bend a little in order that we can, as a group navigate a way forward. Let's keep up the good work.

I believe that the NBC and Breed Surveyors' meetings should encourage participation, the exchange of ideas and education. I

intend to develop this sort

of approach at these meetings. We have a wealth of experience and expertise amongst not only our Specialist Judges and Surveyors but also many of our members that should be utilised. We need to provide the environment for the sharing of this knowledge with our members and the further in-service education of our judges and aspirants thus creating greater acceptance by the exhibitors and breeders who, these days seek consistency and a high level of expertise.

With that in mind I am pleased to welcome aboard our new GSDCA Breed Surveyors: Sharon Ballantyne and Natalie Humphries. I am pleased to welcome aboard Jenny DeLucia and Salvatore Pittelli who have completed the GSDCA Specialist Judges' Extension Course and Jess Kada who has completed Phase 1 of the Judges' Extension Course and Nicky McDermott (Vic), Kurt Morton (NSW) and Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) who have been endorsed to enter the Extension Course. It is fantastic to see this group of enthusiasts taking this step. I hope that we all support them with their endeavours.

Being a Judge and/or Breed Surveyor is not for the faint-hearted as sometimes tough decisions have to be made but the pleasure of seeing beautiful animals vying for placings in the ring and/or being successfully classified at survey can be really satisfying. The promotion of sound, confident, well-constructed German Shepherd dogs is always the priority. Congratulations to all and I hope you all enjoy the role/s.

Hope to see you all at the National. Let's all make it a good one.

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any breed issues or questions you may have.

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*Jenny Yuen*



## Welcome back to the Wonderful World of Dogs – Obedience Dogs

**By Dawn Howard, ANKC Obedience judge**

**Now we are moving towards the “PhD for dogs”.**

*In the last issue of the GSDCA Review, we discussed the very important basics of obedience training. The basics or groundwork is not a magic issue, but it does take some work. It hinges around developing a special bond with your dog. That is the most important thing. You have to get to know each other.*

Once you have that, you can do mostly anything that you have the time and patience to do. The next most important thing is getting the dog's total attention. You have to be the centre of his world. That takes time, and it is a vital step, not to be missed.

What do I mean by the “PhD for dogs”? I'm using the concept that CCD is pre-school, Novice is primary school, Open is high school, UD is university and UDX is certainly moving towards the doggy equivalent of a PhD.

If you have got as far as Novice, you will be well on the way there. You will have taught your dog to watch you and respond to basic commands like Heel, Sit, Down, Stand and Stay where left. Hopefully, he will be happy to retrieve various items as well as balls and toys.

After Novice, the next class is Open. Here we add on several components. First, we add jumps, (optional) plus retrieving, (not optional). Everything is at higher standard as befits the higher levels. He is in “High School” now.

This is where the early attention getting comes to the fore. The dog should be able to fully understand what you want him to do, to get good heeling, you must have attention. Attention is earned, you do have to work hard for it. Believe me it is a wonderful feeling to have a happy dog working with you in any exercise, but precise heeling demonstrates real teamwork.

I firmly believe that once a dog has been in your home for a week, he knows more about your body language than you do. This comes to good use in heeling. The dog has to be able to rely on your body to guide his position. That is where your early training and bonding comes to the fore.

Before we go any further let's just check that we are on the same page.

- We start with a blank canvas
- We have a great dog and we can do anything we want
- We have to get to know him, and he has to get to know you. I call it bonding
- We have to believe in our dog and our own ability to train him
- First, we have to get attention, we have to use our imagination to find ways to keep our dogs from getting bored

- Then we have to shape the behaviour we want

All the way, we have to make the dog think it was all his own idea to heel beside you and turn, sit, down and stand etc.

### Payment System

Would you continue to work for nothing? Your dog won't do so either which means we need to “pay” him. So, we must work out a payment system that works for our dog. It can be praise, treats, toys or tugs. Preferably a combination of all of these.

Treats don't always have to be food. Food is easy to carry for an instant reward, but when a dog does something well, a Jackpot is in order. That can be something as simple as their dinner, or a special tug or ball.

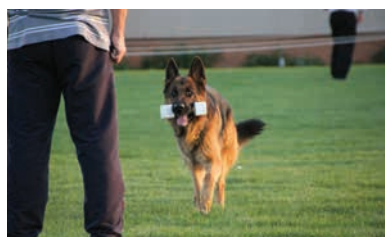
One of the best dogs I have seen work, was allowed a swim in the dam, which was situated next to the owner's UD/UDX practice ring. E.g. when she did the send away correctly, she was released for a swim. That dog loved the swim. You need to find your own dog's special treat.

Now, let's get back to business.

### The Open Class

The exercises you will need for the Open Class are:

1. Heel Free
2. Stand Free for Examination
3. Drop on Recall
4. Retrieve Dumbbell on Flat
5. 5a. Retrieve Dumbbell over Solid Jump or 5b. Directed Retrieve (optional exercises).
6. 6a. Broad Jump or 6b. Distance Control (optional exercises)
7. 3-min. Sit Stay-Handler Out of Sight
8. 5-min. Down Stay-Handler Out of Sight



We have already discussed the need for a higher standard in heeling, the stand for examination is more thorough than in Novice and a bit further away.

We now introduce the Drop on Recall. That is an exercise that is a challenge for GSDs as they want to get to their owner asap.

Retrieving preferably, is taught as a baby puppy. Might take a bit longer later.

Then we have some optional exercises:

5. Retrieve over a jump or retrieve a designated glove, with another glove situated 10 metres away.

- a) Now we have to teach our dog how to jump safely and cleanly.
- b) For the optional exercise, we have to teach direction. Two similar gloves are placed 10 metres apart, and the dog must get the one the Judge specified.



# TRIAL COMPETITION chat

6. Now we teach the Broad Jump or Distance Control

Both handy exercises for future classes. I recommend teaching both exercises.

- a) The Broad Jump is simply another jump, easy to teach and useful for Rally.
- b) Distance Control leads into UD. The Judge asks the dog to take up a Stand position, and then Down, Sit and Come from a distance.

Distance control is an optional exercise in Novice and Open, leading to a compulsory exercise in UD and UDX.



## Group exercises

Then we have out of sight stays. That is a serious training issue that has to be addressed from the beginning of trial training. Hopefully at baby puppy stage.

While judging all around Australia and in Asia, I have found that out of sight stays are not the best exercise for GSDs, as they want to be with their owner and are often among the first to break from the stay position. This is one exercise we can't miss a step on. Practice everywhere you can. Vary distances, feed intermittently during the exercise to reassure the dog that he is doing the right thing. For example, come back to your dog every minute or so and feed him each time, provided he remains in position.

## Out of sight group sit stay and down stay:

For this exercise the dogs are placed in the sit position, in a line approximately 2.5 metres apart. The handlers are asked to leave and go to a position out of sight of the dogs. The dogs are expected to stay in the sit position for 3 minutes, until the handler is directed to return, and the Judge says: 'exercise finished'. The exercise is repeated in the down position. In this case the dog is expected to stay in the down position for 5 minutes.

Once we have qualified three times in the Open Class under at least two different judges, we have our Open title (CDX), Wow! We graduated from High School. Unlike CCD and Novice, you can compete in the Open Class as long as you wish. Or you get onto the real stuff.



## Utility and Utility Dog Excellent

This is when you find out whether you have done the afore-mentioned basics really well.

## Off to University.

The Utility Class

Now we have a challenge.

Some of the fundamental work for these exercises is best taught from the cradle, but most people don't have that opportunity.

I have always said that UD puts hairs on your chest. When you get to this level, you have to seriously think about every move you make. Can't put a foot wrong or your dog by this stage will do as you say, or move with you.

These are the exercises you will need to complete and the maximum points for each.

1. Seek Back	(30 points)
2. Directed jumping	40
3. Scent Discrimination	45
4. Signal Exercise	30
5. Optional exercises	
a) Speak on Command-or	
b) Food Refusal-or	
c) Directed Retrieve	20
6. Group Examination	10
7. 5 Min Down Stay-Handler Out of Sight	25

## Seek back

The dog and handler walk a pattern directed by the Judge and the dog has to go back and find a small article dropped along the way and return it to the handler.

A retrieve is required, plus the dog has to be trained to search the ring to a find small article.



# TRIAL COMPETITION chat

## Directed Jumping

Dog has to understand direction.

There are two jumps (solid and bar) placed 7.5 metres apart with a square box as a prescribed area.

From a stand position, the dog is sent at least 20 metres to the prescribed area (box), where it must sit, until directed to jump, before returning to the front of handler and then finish. The Judge specifies the order in which the jumps will be attempted.



## Scent discrimination:

Best taught at puppy stage.

Dog has to find a small article, with the handler's scent, among a group of similar articles, pick it up and return it to the handler.



## Signal exercise:

A high standard of heeling is required, with only signals allowed. No voice commands at all. The final part of this exercise is a stand, handler to walk 5 metres and on the Judge's orders, the dog is to drop, sit, recall and finish.

Then we have the optional exercises:

## Speak on command:

Where the dog is asked to bark from two different positions at a 5-metre distance from the handler. The positions can be Sit, Stand or Drop at the Judge's discretion.

## Food refusal:

Where the dog has to refuse food offered by the Judge on two occasions at a 5-metre distance from the handler. Food is of two different types and the Judge has the choice of three positions: Sit, Stand or Drop.

## Directed Retrieve:

Three gloves are positioned approximately 6 metres apart. On the Judge's command, the dog is to retrieve the glove the Judge has selected and bring it back to the handler.



## Group exercises

### Group examination

For this exercise the group of dogs are placed in a stand position, in a line approximately 2.5 metres apart. The handlers are asked to leave and stand facing the dogs approximately 5 metres away, while the Judge examines each dog. The dog is expected to stay in position until the handler returns and not show undue resentment or shyness while being examined.

### Group down stay (handler out of sight):

For this exercise the dogs are placed in a down position, in a line approximately 2.5 metres apart. The handlers are asked to leave and go to a position out of sight of the dogs. The dogs are expected to stay in position until the handlers are directed to return, and the Judge says: 'exercise finished'.

By the time you have achieved the UD title, both you and your dog will have reached a high standard of work and will know a lot about each other.

As in the Open Class, once we have qualified three times in the UD Class under at least two different judges, we have our UD title, Wow. We graduated from University. You can also trial in the UD Class as long as you wish. Or you get onto more of the real stuff.

Now as if that wasn't enough, your dog can become an OBEDIENCE CHAMPION (O.CH).

## Obedience Champion title

You have a choice here. We can attempt the Obedience Champion title from UD or from the Utility Dog Excellent Class. If you are hoping for the OC title, you will need an extra five qualifying UD passes with scores of 185 or higher (qualifying score) under at least three different judges.

Or

After gaining its Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) title gains an additional two (2) qualifications in UDX of 185 points or better (qualifying score) under two (2) different judges

Now we are really on to the hard stuff, UDX.

## UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT CLASS

The exercises for each dog and the maximum points are:

1. Seek Back with Decoy Article	(30 points)
2. Positions in Motion	40
3. Scent Discrimination-Judge's Scent	30
4. Directed Send Away and Recall	30
5. Distance Control	30
6. Multiple Retrieve	30
7. Group Examination	10

### Seek back with decoy article

This exercise is similar to the UD Seek Back, but with the added difficulty of an identical decoy article on the track. The decoy article will be scented by the steward, the handler will scent the other article, and both will be placed on the track at least 5 metres apart. The dog is expected to find and retrieve the article which has been scented by the handler.

### Positions in motion

High standard of heeling. Either voice commands or signals allowed, but not both. Apart from the restriction on signals the major difference between the Open and UD heeling patterns, is that the dog must promptly perform the Sit, Stand and Down on the first command, whilst the handler is still in motion.



# TRIAL COMPETITION chat

## Scent Discrimination-Judge's Scent

Here we have an exercise using 10 rolled up cloths. Two of the cloths are scented by the Judge and eight cloths, scented by the steward, are placed on the ground.

The dog and handler start the exercise by facing away from the cloths while one of the cloths that has been scented by the Judge is placed among the others. The dog and handler are asked to about turn, and the handler is offered the second cloth that has been scented by the Judge. The handler may then allow his dog to sniff the judge's scent. The dog is then sent to retrieve the cloth scented by the Judge.

The dog needs have a good understanding of scent here, as previously he has been asked to find his handler's scent.

## Directed Send Away and Recall

For this exercise 4 cones are placed two metres apart at the corners of a square Nominated Area. The dog from a standing position is sent 25 metres and must go out and sit in the square. Once the dog is sitting, the handler is asked to move forward. The dog must remain sitting in the square until the handler is asked to call the dog. The dog must come to the heel position when called, **while a turn and a halt are executed**. This exercise builds on earlier direction training which started with the directed retrieve in the Open Class.

## Distance Control

The dog is left in the stand position while the handler moves 10 metres away. The dog is then asked to perform 6 changes of position, including Sit, Stand and Down. This builds on earlier distance control exercises starting in the Novice Class.



## Multiple retrieve

Here we have 3 leather scent discrimination articles, placed 6 metres apart. The dog must retrieve two of the articles as directed by the Judge.

## Group examination

Similar to the UD group down stay exercise where the dogs are placed in a stand position, in a line approximately 2.5 metres apart. The extra degree of difficulty involves the handlers being asked to leave and stand

**facing away** from the dogs approximately **10 metres** away, while the Judge examines each dog. The dog is expected to stay in position until the handler returns and not show undue resentment or shyness while being examined.

## Utility Dog Excellent Title

By the time you have achieved the UDX title, both you and your dog will have reached a high standard of work and will know a lot about each other. You will have worked through multiple issues and solved many problems along the way.

As in the UD and all other classes, once we have qualified three times in the UDX Class under at least two different judges, we have our **UDX title**. Wow. We are heading another step along the way to a "PhD".

You can also trial in the UDX Class as long as you wish. Or you can proceed to the Grand Champion title.

## Obedience Grand Champion Title

In order to gain the title of Obedience Grand Champion (O. GR.CH.) we need to have gained the Obedience Champion (O.CH.) Title and the Utility Dog Excellent (UDX) Title, plus a further five scores in the Utility Dog Excellent ring of 185 points or better (qualifying score) under at least three different judges.

You can stay competing in the Open, UD and UDX classes indefinitely. If you continue on to gain the **Obedience Grand Champion (O. GR.CH.)** title, you will have well and truly earned that "PhD".

It is possible to gain the Obedience Champion via UDX, without having to gain the scores of 185 or better. But to gain the Obedience Grand Champion you do have to gain those high scores.

Obviously not all dogs, not to mention their handlers, will be capable of this consistent standard of performance. It is a huge task and those that get to that level are to be congratulated. Any dog and handler team that achieves the Obedience Grand Champion title has truly proved their ability to work to a consistently high standard.

In the whole of Australia there are currently only 6 GSDs with this title, and 35 across all breeds. Maybe the story of these dogs could be the subject of another article.

To those who have got to that level, congratulations. It is not an easy pathway. Your reward will be a partnership that is unique. A handler and dog team that understands each other and what they have to do to achieve their aims.

Hopefully, more GSDs will come along to gain the ultimate Obedience title.

Good luck to those that make the effort.



## What to Do and Expect in the Ring

By Andrew O'Loughlin, GSDCA Youth Officer

***This is the closest Quarterly National Review to the National Show and Trial and so thought it would be a good idea to discuss what it is Judges are looking for when judging a Youth Handlers Competition. This most certainly isn't going to be an exact representation of what every judge will be looking for, but what follows should give competitors a good head-start if they try and focus on these points.***

1. First and foremost is to listen very carefully to what the judge says when they're giving you instructions. If they say to walk, make sure you are walking. If they say not to run too fast – don't! It is imperative to make sure you listen. If you didn't hear what the judge said, ask them to repeat it. If it's a complicated request, sometimes it's even a good idea to repeat it back to the Judge so they can correct you if you didn't get it right.

Because we use such a large ring for the National, it is also a very good idea to keep an eye on the judge to make sure you're not missing anything they say or ask you to do. This doesn't mean to stare the judge down though! Usually you can see the judge out of the corner of your eye on the move. If they're behind where your vision is, you don't need to turn your head around to look at them completely – chances are they're not going to be watching what you're doing at that point in time. Just keep an eye on them so that when they do turn their attention to you, you are prepared to be at your best again. Similar applies when they've asked you to set or stand the dog up. There should never be a point in time where you need to stare the judge down – looking at them, particularly if they are talking is fine, but you shouldn't need to look at them for more than a few seconds to know what the judge is doing. Overall, your attention should be more so on the dog and what the dog is doing rather than on what the judge is doing (unless they're giving you instructions).

2. The next thing to focus on is a repour between handler and dog. This means that the handler needs to understand the dog they are taking in the ring. Is it a strong headed dog? Is it a sweet dog? What does the dog require to work at its best? A judge doesn't want to see a strong dog ruling the handler, with the handler giving sweet words of encouragement to work – nor a sweet dog getting commands screamed at it to work, causing the dog to look sour and not wanting to work. This can also mean that you need to do a little bit of 'homework' and try to find a dog you, your parents and the owners (if it's not one of your own) think is suitable for you. This is a class about handling – this isn't a class about the dog's confirmation. The dog's construction should play no role in a judge's decision. Whether the dog wants to work for you, whether you are getting the best out of the dog and the demeanour of both you and the dog most probably will affect a judge's decision.
3. A handler should work as one with the dog. This means that the handler also needs to understand what the dog needs. That means understanding whether the dog works best on a long lead or a short lead, whether they like to pace a lot and need a lot of correcting or

whether they keep in a gait well, whether the dog works too hard and drops its head or might not pull hard at all. This point really goes hand in hand with point 2 and the most important aspect of both points is to know your dog! If you don't know the dog, how can you get the best out of them? Sometimes it even pays to spend a little bit of time with the dog before going in the ring – particularly if it's not your own dog. This allows you to start building a repour and can allow you to start understanding what the dog's attitude and temperament are like.

The previous 3 points focus on what I think are the basic important points for being a successful handler. Now I'm going to focus a little more on what I think separates the top handlers from the good handlers. It is all well and good to know how to get a dog to work and that is a very important part of showing a dog. However, there is a little more to it than that. If you watch some of the top handlers around, it's interesting to see how they change what they do with each dog. Sometimes it might be very subtle – holding the lead slightly different, at a slightly different level etc. Sometimes it's very obvious – such as walking slower with one dog and then extremely fast with another. These subtle differences help a lot and the common theme here is that the handler is adaptable to the dog. No two dogs are the same and as such just about no two dogs are going to work in exactly the same way. Even if they are trained the same way, they will still have very slight differences in the way they want to work in the show ring. It is up to the handler to feel/read the animal and adapt their handling techniques to suit the dog.

Another important thing that I don't think is used enough by Youth Handlers is the breed standard. This is something that is so very informative as to what we should be doing as handlers. The breed standard tells us what the ideal dog should be like. It tells us specific measurements for the angle of the croup, head proportions, neck carriage, forequarter angulation, pasterns, depth of chest, height to length ratio, hind quarter angulation and tail length. Some, but most definitely not all, of these are possible to accentuate or hide as a handler – particularly when the dog is standing still. It is the handler's job to make the dog look its best at all times whilst the judge is adjudicating. Every time the judge is looking, the handler should have the dog looking its best. Sometimes this means moving a foot into a different position to normal, being conscious about a specific aspect of the dog's anatomy to make sure you don't show the judge (or show the judge as little as possible), or positioning the dog to accentuate and show off as specific part of the dog's virtues. I understand that some of the breed standard (particularly if you start reading the extended breed standard) can be difficult to understand. This shouldn't be an excuse to not read it. In fact, this should be more reason to read it and then go ask someone about it. There are plenty of judges and breed surveyors around that I'm sure would very willingly discuss the breed standard with you.

I hope that this is found to be helpful and I hope that you do manage to take something out of it. I'd like to summarise what I feel is very important to know:

1. Listen to the judge and keep an eye on them (but not too much).
2. Get to know your dog and what they need.
3. Learn about the Breed Standard.

I look forward to seeing you all at the National Show and Trial!

Andrew



## GSDCA Press Pass – Sieger Show



*Each year, the GSDCA is provided with a 'Press Pass' for the Sieger Show in Germany. This provides access to the press area in the arena, enabling the recipient to be at ground level and much closer to the dogs in the ring.*

### Expression of Interest

#### Guidelines for GSDCA SV Press Pass recipients

The requirements for the recipient to utilise the pass are as follows.

##### Requirements:

1. Provide a written report to be printed in the next available Quarterly National Review magazine.

##### QNR Report Guidelines:

1. The report should be approximately 2-4 pages and can include photos.
2. Photos should be provided as separate jpg files in the highest available quality.
3. The report does not need to contain the show results and should not contain a lengthy list of results.
4. The report should provide the reader with an overview of the show and the event in its entirety where possible.
  - a. Dogs that were a highlight or impressed in the senior classes.
  - b. Comments on the younger classes if possible.
  - c. Include stock coat and long stock coat classes and animals.
  - d. Impressions of the progeny and breeder groups that impressed.
  - e. Perhaps a personal highlight of the show or something of interest to the readers.
5. The report can also include details of relevant dog related travel or visits undertaken whilst overseas that would be of interest to the GSDCA member readership.

Expression of Interest are due by 1st May 2019, please send to [secretary@gsdcouncilaustralia.org](mailto:secretary@gsdcouncilaustralia.org)

Recipients must agree to the requirements prior to accepting the pass.

Thanks !

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Do you have a good story  
or a tale to tell?  
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### REMINDER

#### Check your microchip numbers

A reminder to all breeders and owners to triple check all dogs microchip numbers at registration on pedigrees, again at the time of x-Ray for hips and elbows and at Application for breed survey.

It is easy to incorrectly translate numbers and paperwork may not match. This can occur with state Kennel Controls.

Make sure all your official ANKC pedigree paperwork matches. If not, seek to have it corrected as soon as possible.

And don't forget, if you already have or plan to breed survey your dog, you need a photo (in stance). Be organised so your dog's records in the database are complete !

Thanks

*Jenny Yuen*  
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# NEWS FROM OUR member clubs



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At the Breed Survey on the 24th November seven dogs were classified with four surveyors in attendance. Later that week the AGM was held and the new committee was elected ready to steer the club and its members through the exciting and new challenges of the coming year. We welcome our new committee members Melanie Groth as Vice president, Leeanne Lynch as Show Secretary and Jessica Kada as HD/ED Registrar. The full committee can be seen on our website.

The GSDL has now introduced a 13's Club Honour Certificate for all members' dogs that have reached the age of 13 years. The first four dogs received their certificate at the December Show and we look forward to celebrating many more oldies. The honour roll can be viewed on the GSDL website.

Ann Mackenzie received her retirement award for 27 years as Show Secretary for the GSDL at our December Show. An amazing commitment and her expertise and personality will surely be missed.



The final shows for the year were on the 15th December with the Open Show judged by Mrs L Bettison with 40 entries and the Sanction Show judged by Ms Jo Cathie with an entry of 94. At the Sanction Show Best Dog was \*Vac-Vagvolgy Jenky (Deu) aED and Best Bitch was Unshaus Djamika. Best LSC Dog was \*Ch Siobahn Greyt Impact (AI) AZ and Best LSC Bitch \*Jaknell Ruby Tuesday AZ. Due to excellent entries the shows ran into the early hours of the morning.

The members achievements for 2018 Point Score were celebrated at the GSDL Presentation Night early in December and full results can be viewed on the website. The new red trophies were well received and special congratulations to Denise Smith whose two Open Bitches, \*Andacht Gypsy Moth AZ and \*Lawine Takira AZ, tied first Adult Bitch.



We look forward to the 2019 events. First Breed Survey for the year is 17th February and our first show is our Twilight Members Comp on the 23rd February being judged by Mrs Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon (Qld).

Then a first is our Education Weekend on 9th & 10th March being hosted by the GSDL of NSW on behalf of NBC BSIP Education Group. Here ZAP, BH, ring presentation and breed standard aspects will be addressed. A great initiative and thank you to the organisers behind this event.

First appointment judging in Australia, we welcome Herr Torsten Kallenbach SV (Gmy) to judge the Easter Championship Show on 20/21st April. He has bred under the 'vom Turkenkopf' prefix since 1981. A show to look forward to.

The club wishes all those travelling to Melbourne for the 2019 Nationals a safe and successful trip.

Karen Stevenson



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Well after a beautiful and mild summer the heat has arrived this week with vengeance.

We cannot complain and we send our very best wishes to our friends in the East who have been enduring such excessive heat and rain.

We hope your lives can return to normality very soon.

Over the school holidays our evening sessions are for socialisation of youngsters – this gives everyone a little confidence before training classes begin.

We have had our first weeks of training for all age groups and the numbers have been pleasing. Hope to see more new members taking an interest in our association and help as volunteers.

Our long time "shop" lady retired after giving us over 20 years of service. You will be missed Angela and we have been EXTREMELY lucky to have someone take up the reins – welcome to Veronica.

We had a very successful year in the canteen having Barista Rob enticing us all to stay after training and catering for our events, with excellent coffee and tasty snacks.

Our first conformation shows for the year will be with Andrew Jones (Victoria) judging at the western Classic for DogsWest and Salvo Pittelli (South Australia) who will judge our 1st Members' Competition of 2019.

Our meeting for the G.S.D.C.A. A.G.M. was very well attended given we held it at lunchtime and it was our first hot day of the year.

Thank you to everyone who attended. It was good to hear debate on the varied topics which was based on sound advice from professionals. Brian will be jetting off to attend as our delegate and we wish him well.



# NEWS FROM OUR member clubs

Busy times ahead as always when you own your own ground and facilities and I would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteers for our association – any small amount of time is greatly accepted.

Our breed MUST always come first before personal likes or dislikes and our Management Committee is working hard to keeping us moving forward into the future.

Margaret Adams Editor G.S.D.A. of W.A. (Inc.)



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The Annual Presentation day was well attended by members and their furry companions. Over the holiday closure the Club held another annual puppy day which was very well attended and the club gained approximately Ten (10) new members. The committee would like to thank those members who brought along salads to compliment the free BBQ.

Training recommenced on Wednesday 30th January, while the weather has been exceptionally hot it has not deterred many members, the Obedience classes are very well attended.

A grooming demonstration will be held on Sunday February 17th, this will be conducted by Ms E Carter, she will be show casing the Plush Puppy range of products.

The Club will hold an Open meeting on Friday March 15th to report back to the members on the GSDCA Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting was held in Adelaide and it was disappointing that members did not attend to view the proceedings and gain a better knowledge of the workings of the Council.

Membership and renewal of membership to the Club has been most pleasing to date.

Our first Breed Survey will be held on February 24th followed by a Members Competition on March 3rd judged by Mr Ian Cooke.

Our Championship Show on Sunday June 9th will honour the late Jurgen and Joylene Neddermeyer, with challenge Dog and challenge Bitch being awarded a Perpetual Memorial Trophy in honour of these two members.

Happy Training and Showing.



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Hello and Happy New Year to our fellow members all over this wonderful country of ours and beyond, from your Sister Club in the very beautiful one day, PERFECT the next Queensland. We welcomed a couple of new faces to our committee this year with Vice President Raimond Wharton and Sarah Ballantyne-Gordon as minute secretary, we welcome them to our team for 2019, the remaining committee was unchanged for 2019. President Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon, Secretary Annie Tamblyn, Treasurer Shelley McCammon, Breed Affairs/FB/Webpage Gail Donald, Show Secretary Mandy Scrivens, HD/ED Registrar Michelle Hammond, Obedience Coordinator is currently as casual vacancy held by the President.

At our Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd December, we again were proud to present many club awards to acknowledge the achievements of our wonderful canines and their owners/handlers. These awards are presented for any ANKC title awarded during the year which include Champion, Obedience, Tracking and Herding, a full list of recipients is available on the Club Facebook and website Pages.

The Club is also proud to announce that Mrs Ann Clarkson was honoured with the Life Membership badge, for her ongoing commitment to the Obedience Coordinator role and club Trial Secretary for the past 6 years. Ann was also our National Trial Secretary in 2017 and has been involved with various obedience demonstration teams over the years. Ann's resilience even during some very difficult personal struggles never saw her commitment to the Club or her position waiver. Thank you, Ann and Congratulations on your retirement and Life Membership.

# NEWS FROM OUR member clubs

**"Double Header Championship Show & Restricted Obedience Trial weekend" 6th & 7th July 2019** - Mark it on your calendar TAKING NOTE OF THE DATE IS ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL! Guaranteed to be a great weekend with Saturday Judge: Mauro De Festa (Italy) first appointment in Australia and Sunday Judge: our own Italian born Salvatore Pitelli (SA) Saturday Obedience Trial Judge: Ms Cathy O'Shea, all details and Schedule on our Club Facebook Page and Webpage. Also planning a Saturday night get together (straight after presentations) with an Italian food feast. Queensland in July is a lovely cooler time of the year and is great for the dogs and humans. Plenty of good kennels to leave your dogs if you want to stay on for a few extra days and make a bit of a holiday out of your visit.

**"Members Competition Sunday 17th March 2019"** Another date to mark on your calendar with Ms Jessica Kada (NSW) being the officiating judging at Logan All Breed Obedience Club. Also planned is a Breed Survey prior to commencement to the show. This event is great experience for puppies and those attending the Melbourne National on the 5th, 6th and 7th April. All details on our FB page and Webpage.

For those attending the 47th National in Melbourne we wish you safe travels and much success with your four-legged friends, as always remember what brings us together is our one common love – The German Shepherd Dog.



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A big Happy New Year to everyone! The ACTGSDA officially resumed training for 2019 on Wednesday 30 January. Although the weather has not been conducive for training in Canberra (or anywhere in Australia for that matter) as it has been exceptionally hot for a long period, we welcomed many new members to the club, and we were pleased to see many members keen to return for another year. The pools at the club have been very busy with some of our family's children sharing in some water fun with our 'fur' members. We thank those breeders nationally who are recommending the ACTGSDA to their puppy purchasers, the importance of both training and socialisation cannot be underestimated.

Our members rounded off the 2018 year with a great Christmas Party and Club Presentation Night on December 5. Our monster three prized raffle was won by Vic G, Ben Lowes and Julie Smith (Vic managed to win twice but being the great bloke he is, generously donated the second win back for a redraw). The Club's Committee would like to extend a big congratulations to the major award winners of the night. They were:

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2018 (LSC) - Ch Hillmagic Platinum Nokos RN, SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2018 PUPPY BITCH (SC) - Uhlmsdorf French Vanilla, SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2018 ADULT BITCH (SC) - \*Uhlmsdorf Coco Chanel AZ, SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2018 PUPPY DOG (SC) - Abinitio Equinox, SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR 2018 ADULT DOG (SC) - \*Ch Uhlmsdorf Jack Black AZ and OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR 2018 - Uhlmsdorf Taylor Swift A CD CDX UD

Awards were also presented on the night to those who achieved Breed Survey, Australian Champion, Breeders of Excellent and

Obedience titles. Congratulations to all the owners and breeders!

Some of our trial class members are now working towards our club trial on March 2, some with their eyes on competing in the 'Teams Event' at the National. Meanwhile our 'showies' are also battling the relenting hot weather in an effort to prepare for the National which is fast approaching.

Our annual Championship show will this year will be held on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October. We look forward to welcoming both Herr Robert Lang SV (Gmy) & Mr Alastair Henderson (Aus) to judge over the weekend. In the most exciting news to date, this year the ACTGSDA will be accepting entries via SHOWMANAGER – news we are sure will be celebrated by many!! Entries for the show will close 21 September.

We look forward to catching up with friends from near and far in a few weeks at the 47th National in Victoria.



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**All roads lead to Melbourne in April for the 47th National.**



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**MELBOURNE 2019**



# NEWS FROM OUR member clubs

We can't wait to welcome everyone to Victoria, and we plan to put on a show to remember. Obviously the best of the best will vie for the medals, but everyone is in it for the best result for their dog, so good luck in the ring. In the obedience rings, we know we will see some of the top dogs in the country perform. It's definitely worth watching, with many dogs vying for the coveted Dual Performance trophy too. This year Victoria is offering Rally Obedience as an event. We know it's a popular obedience activity, and a great way for more people to get involved in the National with their dogs. There will be something to see for everyone across the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which is the BIG day..... Gold medals on offer to the big guns, the Winner of Winners for the best obedience dogs too.

We're ramping up our promotions, but if you haven't already, like our facebook page ([facebook.com/2019National](#)).

Last but not least, stay in touch with our [phone app](#), especially for results over the show (beats scrolling through facebook posts or websites, its right there at the push of a button). Details on the website for installation ([gsdcv.org.au](#))



Our 2018 Club metrics confirm we continue to grow as a club. We trained 17,965 dog units with 2920 hours of instructor assistance across our 11 branches for the year. An increase on all previous years. We are a huge club, we operate with 160 administrators who are all volunteers and numbers don't lie - they prove our commitment to our members training and participating and our club moving forwards with events and activities.

We were saddened by the passing of our Life Member Ian Cameron in December. A passionate GSD breeder, Specialist judge and Breed Surveyor. R.I.P.

All branches returned to training in early February, and despite the warm weather members were rapt to get back out in class with their dogs, luckily those with puppies all had the opportunity to continue training over the break for the all-important socialisation at early ages. Our branches and instructors are GOLD for their commitment to our breed!

Despite the annual Ballarat show being

cancelled due to heat, our State Breed Exhibition was well supported so all dogs will have had a 'hit-out' before the national. For those competing at the National, Good Luck and 'Go Vics' 😊

Our AGM and Presentations will be held in mid March. This is always our busiest time of year. Congratulations to everyone receiving title awards and to our perpetual trophy winners. Thankyou to all our outgoing Club and Branch office holders, and thanks those who have again taken on roles within our club.



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## GSDCV BY NUMBERS \*2018 YEAR

ONE Club

17,965 dog units trained

2,694 Members

2,920 instructor hours

11 Training branches

### Managed by

160 administrators

102 obedience instructors

28 show instructors

5 breed surveyors

8 specialist judges

### We entertained

4,725 facebook friends

150,000 unique website visitors

### Achieving

17,295 dog units obedience trained

670 dog units show trained

37 dogs breed surveyed

'Happy owners, happy dogs!'

### We conducted

5 obedience trials

1 endurance trial

1 track & search trial

5 conformation shows

6 breed surveys





# NEWS FROM OUR member clubs

## German Shepherd Dog Club of WA

### Demonstration Team

#### East Kenwick Primary School Demonstration 15-11-18

For the 3rd year in a row we were invited back to the school to perform a demonstration with our dogs. We had a mechanical malfunction which caused the speakers to fail.

Although we started the demonstration at 9.30 in the morning it was hot and trying for the dogs but once again they performed and behaved extremely well.

We had a lot of fun and a few laughs when false starting on the agility race and then Indy deciding during the race to leave his tunnel and come over and check out Hondo's tunnel.

The Children loved the demonstration. They were extremely loud because they were so exited which made it hard to hear commands from the MC during the obedience, however this did not deter the dogs.

We were able to have the dogs mix with the children which they both like. Nothing like free pats according to the dogs.

Our dogs performed the following disciplines:

#### Tracking –

Kerrie Pierce & T&S Grand Ch, T Ch Alderhaus Unique Udolpho

#### Showing -

Ian Marr & Wicked Romeo BSC1, AZ, Ex

Rachael Laubsch & Ch Volscaro Lenton Brae BSC1, AZ, Ex, ET, CCD, RA,

Tracy Roberts & Volscaro Little Miss Minx

Rally O & Heel Work To Music -

Di Webb & Sabaranburg Purple Raine BSC1 EX, CD, RAE, RM, HTMN,

#### Obedience -

Kerrie Pierce & T&S Grand Ch, T Grand Ch Glenbala Bratsarefun CCD, CD, RE

Kym Glenny & Corobria Vavoom CCD

Rachael Laubsch & Ch Volscaro Lenton Brae BSC1, AZ, Ex, ET, CCD, RA,

#### Agility Race –

Kym Glenny & Corobria Vavoom CCD

Rachael Laubsch & Ch Volscaro Lenton Brae CCD

#### Tunnel Fun –

Kerrie Pierce & T&S Grand Ch, T Ch Glenbala BratsareFun CCD, CD, RE

Thanks also go to John Glenny our MC and trainer for Kym, Kerrie, Rachael and their dogs.

Thank you to all the members who came and performed with their dogs and those who came to watch and support us, Dorothy Marr and Jean McCowan.

Thank you to Nicole Anderson, Deputy Principal for inviting us back, conveying the pleasure the children got out the dogs and teachers who enjoyed it and are already asking for us to come back next year.

This type of experience and exposure is extremely beneficial for the image of the German Shepherd Dog.

### 2018 GSDA of WA

#### Children's Christmas Party

We held our annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday 2nd December.

There was a good attendance of 23 children.

We once again had a Bouncy Castle, Baby Animal Farm, Mr Whippy Van, Face Painting of course a visit from Santa.

We cannot continue to put this event on without help from our members in regards to fund raising and I'm sad to say that not many people got behind it this year but I thank all of you who did.

The children really do enjoy this event.

I urge all members to support all fund raising efforts the club has throughout the year as we are a non profit club and we are all volunteers.

I would like to thank these people for helping me with the Christmas Party:

Nicole and Steve Smith – donating the Mr Whippy Van again.

Carla Adams – face painting

Rod and Trish Humphries

Mark Welloch

Lachlan Jones

*Kym Glenny*

Public Relations Officer





## Hugh Garvican

27/2/1941 – 18/12/2018



*Hugh established Leberhine in 1971.*

After purchasing Brendeter Gallant Reb CD, Hugh passed his obedience trainers title. Rebel received the highest score for obedience at the 1974 3rd National and helped secure for South Australia the team trophy. Rebel was also entered in the conformation section. Herr Jochmann explained Rebel's position as 'Lot Lot' – Rebel was too fat – a grading of 16th 'Good'. This statement inspired Hugh. He wanted better quality and to improve the German Shepherd in Australia!

At the 4th National, Ch Tandina Mollie won the 'Gold Medal', from Intermediate Bitch class - against all odds after the influx of 'German' imports. Leberhine males also gained 1st and 6th place Puppy Dog class (94 entered).

Although Hugh was not a committee member of National Council he was instrumental in the development of the German Shepherd in South Australia. He was a Group 5 judge, Breed Surveyor and held many positions on the Committee. Leberhine Freida was the first animal to participate in the GSDCA initiative of tattooing - AUS 0001. Hugh was one of the advocates to abolish the German Shepherd ban on Kangaroo Island - he was not acknowledged for his effort on an Anniversary held on Kangaroo Island which included Club Members. He was a life-member of the GSDCA.

One of Hugh's high-lights was judging the West Coast Challenge in 1985 with Richard Dixel. Another was judging at the 1988 National. He was the first specialist judge to promote Darkana Kalani giving her first place. When in New Zealand he was the first judge to recognise the potential of Awol giving him a first place and Tom contacting Dad about the dog he thought was so worthy.

Hugh was a loving husband to June and Christine. Both died in tragic circumstances. He was also a great Dad to both Robert and I. He was our mentor. His integrity and honesty and improvement of the German Shepherd is his legacy to us.

On behalf of Robert, Nikita, Kyle, Noah and Kai

I thank everyone for their condolences and prayers.

*Dawn Evans*

## Ian Clive Cameron

27/7/1936 – 9/12/2018

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Ian Cameron after a mighty long battle with cancer. Ian was a life member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria, Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club, Bairnsdale and Districts Kennel Club.

An ambassador of the German Shepherd Dog since he was 7, Ian started breeding under his own prefix, "San Rancho" in 1954 when he was just 18. Greatest achievement was breeding 2 x gold medal winner \*San Rancho Cinnamon AZ BSCL 1 (owned by P & Y Carless Winbirra Kennels).

Ian was a past Breed Surveyor, Specialist Judge, group 5 ANKC judge and started the Responsible Dog Ownership program in Bairnsdale and carried it through the state of Victoria. Ian was also involved in the start

of the police dog squad in Victoria where he bred the first shepherd to join the squad. Ian was a dedicated German Shepherd lover and his information of pedigrees on the German



*Pictured: Last days with San Rancho Live Action (Turtle)  
RIP Ian Cameron  
The German Shepherds Friend for Life*

Shepherd was mind blowing. His knowledge has been instrumental in helping others, but he did it for the love of the breed.

A chapter closes    A page is turned    A life well lived    A rest well earned

The above Vale notes were written by Ian's son, Robbie Cameron, and are comprehensive and I feel, sum up Ian's history in our breed. Rob is continuing the 'San Rancho' kennel prefix - he has inherited his dad's dedication and admiration for our breed.

I was friends with Ian for many years - 'Cinnamon' was a daughter of my 'Tramp'.

In 1998, we imported a bitch together from Germany - Namie v.Bad Boll - she was a litter sister to Neptun. This bitch was recommended by the breeder to very good german friends of ours. She was a great disappointment in all ways to both myself & Ian.

Ian was a thorough gentleman - always polite, kind, and sincere. He loved his dogs and our breed with a passion, his dedication was infectious and he inspired so many fanciers of the shepherd.

Rest in Peace Ian - and our condolences to his wife Maureen and all of his immediate & extended family.

*Fran Farley*



## GSDCA Database Tips – Part 2

### Further tips on how you can get the most out of the GSDCA Database.

This follows on from earlier Database Tips published in the Autumn 2018 edition of the QNR.

### The HD/ED results

This section is updated by the HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar, as results are received from the Readers and the HD/ED Certificates are issued.

Reg. No.	Name	Owner	Hip Result/Elbow Result	Sire	Dam
610006318	GRANDWEST DENA	Mr D R & Mrs C A Webb	'A' (2:1) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	LACHANUS DIESEL	GRANDWEST LATILA
210000512	SUNDAMKA VOSS	Marja B. Stephen Grech	'A' (2:2) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	SUNDAMKA GALACTIC LAD	ERGENOWIT BEIN DEARIN
310023713	SANDESA HOT GOSSIP	D Salvatore & R Neustetter	'A' (3:3) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	JERRY VON SAUTHER LAND (IMP GRY)	KANTENNA HONEYDEE
210011137	SUNALUS MELTING MOMENTS	Mr G Jackson & Mr T Gale & T B A MBL	'A' (3:4) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	CLEUS VON DER NOBISWAND (IMP GRY)	VORWART JARQUE
410023779	ADUELE EDOPY	Tina Ingram	'Z' Normal (0:0)	APARDO VON BUSCHHOFFHEIM (IMP NEX)	ADUELE AURIE
510050664	ASTORBERND JEWEL	Mr T Devine	'A' (2:4) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	FELLOW VON SANTANAR (IMP GER)	ASTORBERND EVANGELINA
210011124	CORAGHA DESTINES CHILD	Mr Thomas Devine	'A' (0:0) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	FELLOW VON SANTANAR (IMP GER)	CORAGHA XENA
710023477	MARION LORD	Mr S Hall	'A' (1:2) 'Z' Normal (0:0)	LACHANUS YOU LEGEND	MARION PERSEA
710023254	BEKARITE ALL ABOUT	Mr G B Mrs K Hill	'A' (2:2) 'Z' Normal	LIO VON ROSENBERG (IMP GER)	BEKARITE LOOK AT

#### How to read the Hip Result:

If the result is 'A' (2:1) – This dog has passed the 'A' Stamp, and has a total score of 2 on the Right hip, and a total score of 1 on the Left hip.

#### How to read the Elbow Result:

If the result is:

- 'Z' Normal (0:0) – This dog has passed the 'Z' stamp, and has “zero” millimetres of change on both the Right and Left Elbows.
- 'Z' Near Normal (0:NN) - This dog has passed the 'Z' stamp, but with the grading of “Near Normal” because the Readers found slight irregularities in the x-ray, on the Left elbow.
- 'Z' Grade 1 (0:1) – This dog has passed the 'Z' stamp, but with Grade 1 on the Left elbow.

NOTE – this is NOT the millimeters of change.

- Grade 2 elbows can no longer receive the 'Z' stamp – prior to 1st July 2014 they were awarded the 'Z' stamp.

**NOTE** – A “blank” in either of the “Hip Result” or “Elbow Result” means that the dog was EITHER not x-rayed for HD or ED – OR that the dog FAILED that result (this is in accordance with GSDCA Regulations to not publish FAILS).

#### 1) Finding a specific dog, or litter mates HD/ED results:

##### a) Specific dog:

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

##### b) Litter Mates:

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

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

#### 2) Finding HD/ED results of progeny from a particular Sire (or Dam):

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

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

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

**NOTE** – you will get the following “caution” if your query returns less than 10

**CAUTION:** The below information contains less than 10 animals through the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme. Because of the statistically small sample, extreme care must be taken when considering this data, as it may not be representative of the Sire/Dam. No firm conclusions should be formed in relation to this Sire/Dam until at least 10 results are available.

### The Breed Survey results

This section is updated by the NBC Registrar/Chair, as results are entered by the Breed Surveyor that surveyed the dog. After the details have been verified by the NBC Registrar/Chair the Certificate will be issued to the owner. Delays can occur if there are issues with the paperwork, or the photograph of the dog has not been supplied.

#### How to read the Classification:

Currently dogs that pass Breed Survey all receive the Class of “classified”.

Prior to 1st July 2017 dogs that pass Breed Survey could be classified “Class I” or “Class II”.

**NOTE** – We do not display dogs that have FAILED Breed Survey (this is in accordance with GSDCA Regulations to not publish FAILS).

Actions	Reg. No.	Name	Survey Date	Surveyor	Owner	Class	Sire	Dam
<a href="#">View</a>	4100159627	ABELARA AQUA DAMORE	14/09/2013	Mr. B. O'Rourke	Mr R Vernon	I	GOLLO VOM LEINDER LAND (IMP GMY)	DEBBAR DARK CRYSTAL
<a href="#">View</a>	4100159631	ABELARA AUSSIE RULES	26/06/2010	Mrs. J. Yoon	K G M Drane	II	GOLLO VOM LEINDER LAND (IMP GMY)	DEBBAR DARK CRYSTAL
<a href="#">View</a>	4100171047	ABELARA BLAZING ROSALEE	14/09/2013	Mrs. C. O'Rourke	Mr R Vernon	I	VEL SATIS VOM ERSTEN PLATZ (IMP CRO)	DEBBAR DARK CRYSTAL
<a href="#">View</a>	4100190838	ABELARA FLIRTING EYES	12/07/2013	Mr. R. Wenham	Mr R Vernon	I	APOLL VON OXALIS (IMP DEU)	DEBBAR LEXIE
<a href="#">View</a>	4100208657	ABELARA KIND SPIRITS	12/07/2013	Mrs. C. O'Rourke	Mrs A Clarkson	I	PALLENDON YORK	DEBBAR JUBILEE DREAM
<a href="#">View</a>	4100217016	ABELARA MAJ ESTIC PRINCE	16/08/2015	Mrs. C. O'Rourke	Mr S & Mrs B Hurley	I	KANTENNA HUNTER	DEBBAR JUBILEE DREAM
<a href="#">View</a>	4100240471	ABELARA UNIQUE MISS	16/08/2015	Mrs. C. O'Rourke	Mrs B Hurley & R J Vernon	I	INDIO DI CASA NOBILI (IMP ITA)	ANDACHT I AM LEGION
<a href="#">View</a>	4100253415	ABELARA XENA	05/11/2016	Mr. L. Donald	Mrs A Clarkson	II	ENOSCH DI CASA NOBILI (IMP ITA)	ABELARA KIND SPIRITS



# DATABASE chat

## **1) Finding a specific dog's Breed Survey results:**

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

## **2) Finding results by "variety" – (Stock Coat or Long Stock Coat)**

Click on the Breed box in the (yellow) filter bar, and select which variety you require – If you do not select one the database will display both varieties.

## **3) Finding Breed Survey results of progeny from a particular Sire (or Dam):**

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

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

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

Adding other filters (as per 2 above) will further refine the search.

## **4) Searching results by Breed Survey Date and/or Year:**

Type into the "Survey Year" box in the (yellow) filter bar, and enter:

- A year (i.e. 2018)

Which will give all animals that have been classified in that calendar year.

- A Date in dd/mm/yyyy format

This will give all animals that have been classified on that date.

- If you leave "Survey Year" blank the database will display all survey results in the database.

Adding other filters (as per 2 above) for "Sex", "Breed" etc, will further refine the search.

I hope this has helped you to gain more benefit from the various Database sections.

*Frank Moody*

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## Are you loving your dog the wrong way?

By Steve Courtney, K9Pro

*Most of us who have dogs, love dogs, that is a given, but there are so many ways that you can love a dog, and many of them are not going to help produce a stable, confident dog that knows how much he or she is loved. When I ask “are you loving your dog the wrong way”; most people would say no, but if your dog has behaviour problems, you better read on.*

Going back twenty or thirty years ago, dogs mostly lived outside, had limited access to their humans, because they were dogs / animals. Loose Leash, engaged with handler, looking for direction. Over the years dogs have become deeper and deeper entrenched in our lives, they live inside our homes, with our family members, as family members, which is not a bad thing in most cases.

My own dogs live inside, they are part of our family, we love them and would do anything for them so I am certainly not going to tell you it is wrong, I am telling you that I love my dogs too! But I guess the details of “**how we love our dogs**” makes all the difference. There are many relationships that exist between two humans that are healthy, supportive, developing relationships, and relationships that can be anything from unhealthy, unsupportive to toxic. In many cases, there is no goal to be toxic or unhealthy, just the actions of the relationship partners create the toxicity, even if they don't know it or mean it. Dogs of course are different to people, not very different but different enough for us to accept that they may need different relationships to thrive.

### The “Anxious” dog

Please first let me say this, 95% of the dogs that are **supposed** to be anxious are not in fact anxious. They sometimes are fearful, they sometimes are overstimulated, frustrated, stressed, over threshold or agitated but **NOT** anxious.

For those that do not agree, how would you prove that your dog is anxious? You can't ask them? There are no medical tests that will confirm or deny anxiety either, so it is **opinion based** and I can tell you that most opinions are based on emotion rather than fact. When I see hard staring dogs with erect tails that are leaning forward trying to get to another dog, that body language and posture **does not spell anxiety**. But, lets for a moment say that you do have an anxious dog. What is anxiety in a dog? Well it is when the dog anticipates something will happen that the dog does not want to happen and the dog has no control over it or their emotions.

**The cure** – Most commonly the novice wants to sooth and coddle the dog, to make the dog feel better. This will very often see the dog feel worse as it appears by your body language, you are anxious too, and you may be!

Others reach for medication and I feel that **some dogs do benefit from medication**, just nowhere near as many as those receiving it. When I

work with people who have an assistance dog for example, they may be on some medication to help them with depression or anxiety. Very commonly they have been through a number of different medications until they found the right one for them. They gave feedback to their Doctor on side effects and feelings and this enabled the Doctor to change medications until the correct one was found or medication ceased. This does not happen with dogs, the dogs are prescribed medication and the dosage is increased. I see many dogs that have the exact same problems as they did before, only they are medicated.

What I believe helps is building a dog's confidence, this can be done many ways from teaching the dog target behaviours to helping them learn to deal with stress and impulse control issues. The treatment I use to set goals for the dogs and help them achieve them, this is how I treat anxiety.

### The overly playful dog

People have a dog that is overly playful, he or she means no harm but is very annoying to be around as he or she jumps all over people and their dogs, but because he or she “**means no harm**” or is “**just friendly**”, it is ok right? No of course it is not!

**People accept this behaviour, laugh at it, allow it and their dog does as she or he pleases.**

When they try and stop their dog from accessing another dog, their dog screams, spins, lunges on the leash and fights any attempt to be stopped. Play for a dog is rewarding, so I want my dogs to play with me. I find that, rather than my dogs trying to guess when I will play with them, they are much happier knowing what behaviours are best at what times. When we are going to play I give them a verbal signal, when we are going to do something else I guide them into that, more calm behaviour, more suitable behaviour.

**These are known as rules and boundaries.**

Most people allow their dog to do as he or she pleases until the straw that breaks the camel's back falls, and they get angry and punish the dog.

**I prefer to give the dog advice on how they should behave, rather than criticize how they behaved.**

How do you think a dog feels when he or she displays a behaviour all the time and you get angry with the dog every 43rd time?

### The Aggressive dog

When a client tells me they have come to see me because their dog displays aggressive behaviour, I often ask “**what would you prefer your dog to do?**”

Most don't know or say “**not be aggressive**”. Not being aggressive is not a behaviour, you can only reinforce behaviours that exist, not ones that don't exist. Teaching your dog what “**to do**” is a large part of rehabilitating dog aggression, again if you really want to love your dog and help his or her aggression, rules, boundaries, teach- train...

### Leash Etiquette

Many people attach a leash to their dog and off they go for a walk, there are no guidelines as they are pulled down the road by a zigzagging sniffing dog that marks trees and poles, that see's another person or dog and scrambles against the leash pressure to try and get to them, against the other person or dogs wishes.



I am often told that this is the dog's free time so no rules needed. This dog is not engaged with the handler.

Well, how much freedom does the dog have when he or she is choking himself pulling into the collar, when he or she is held back amidst a wave of frustration when they try and access something you want to walk by?

**I am guessing it is not as pleasant as you might think, for you or the dog.**

I meet people who don't walk their dog anymore because of shoulder pain and injury, I have met dogs with neck stiffness and pain due to pulling into halters and other anti pull devices. I meet a lot of people who walk their dog at 4am or midnight to avoid other dogs and people because their dogs cannot be controlled around people and dogs.

Let's look at this another way, some people may say that driving to the country side is a rewarding outing for them. So does that mean as they are out for enjoyment they can travel at any speed they like? Drive on any side of the road they like? Road rules don't matter? Of course not, but does that ruin the drive?

***Well, actually that depends on your feelings of the road rules doesn't it, but for safety's sake, everybody who is allowed to use the road is given the same guidelines and when followed, there are fewer problems than what they are not followed.***

**Do you know that 99% of all dogs I treat for aggression are leash pullers?**

Leash pullers are far more likely to be aggressive

**Dogs that walk calmly on leash are practicing: –**

- Impulse control
- Calm style engagement with their owners
- Rewarding behaviours
- Being less frustrated
- Being less anxious
- Regulating their emotions
- Focussing on a task for more than a short moment

Teaching your dog to walk correctly on the leash forms a relationship event you can share with your dog, it opens up many more opportunities where dogs are welcomed.

## **The home environment**

Many dogs display behaviour problems in the home, things such as territorial guarding, resource guarding items of furniture, food, toys or clothing. In reality these items do not belong to the dog, but the dog thinks they do. This can make the dog stressed when they think someone will take these items that [don't] belong to the dog. If you have a dog that barks when someone knocks at the door, and like the fact that you have a dog that warns people not to try anything untoward, the barking is a useful, helpful behaviour.

**But can you stop this behaviour?**

**Will your dog call off?**

**Will your dog stop barking if you ask him or her to?**

**If you tell your dog it's ok, will they be happy to let the person in?**

***If not you have a problem.***

Does your dog have a place of his or her own, a place where people will not sit, or interfere with the dog when he or she is resting, sick, tired or stressed? We supply our dogs with a dog crate of their own, this is a place where they can go any time they want some space, rest or protection from something or someone who has entered the home. A dog crate is also a great place to manage your dog to be when you are not around or not in a position to help the dog make good choices. A dog that has free roam of the whole home can end up displaying a behaviour you don't like, and then of course your dog may be told he or she cannot do this with a stern "no".

***Crating reduces these opportunities and reduces the opportunities to tell your dog off, because the crate behaviour is in place of do whatever you like until I don't like it.***

## **Feeding your dog**

Can you give your dog a bone and leave the room, come back 2 minutes later and touch that bone? Or does your dog try to stop you touching the bone by gulping at the bone, hiding it, freezing over it, growling or becoming aggressive? If your dog has any sign of discomfort around food when you approach, you at least need some management of the feeding routine.

***If you just avoid your dog at this time, someone may come near your dog when food is in play and get badly bitten.***

Dogs that resource guard food are often anxious, and running some behaviour modification can help your dog relax. Feeding happens every day so it can be a major problem in your dog's life.

**This stress can accumulate and your dog may lash out at some point.**

## **Furniture and heights**

Many people have their dog have free access to the whole house, coming and going as they please, they cohabitate with their dog and all things are equal.

***When the dog is on the bed or lounge, can you approach your dog and grab the dog's collar and pull him or her off the lounge? If not there is a problem.***

If your dog has expectations of territory and will defend those if someone tries to take them, what if your dog just growls when you try and move him or her, and would not bite? Have you considered what would happen if a person, maybe a child came to your home and tried to move your dog?

**Maybe your dog would not give them the same warnings and leeway as you...**

Often people say they don't care and strangers are not as important as their dogs, fair enough perhaps but the problem is not whether you value these people more than your dog, it is that your dog feels like he or she owns the lounge, **and yes, that is a problem.**

***And when they bite a person or child, then your dog is in deep trouble.***

I give my dogs a place bed to lay on, I set rules and boundaries of that bed, I reinforce those and my dogs love their beds.

## **Toys and belongings**

Some dogs are very possessive of their toys, and I have met people that say **"why shouldn't they be"**. But if you had a child that would not share anything would you be ok with that? My guess is no, and consider that children often don't bite people when they grow up. All of my dogs have high prey drive, so toys are highly valuable to them, but all of my dogs will give a toy up the instant I say to. Why? because "out" means I will play with you again. My dogs do not reward off toy possession, they reward from engagement with me and we may use toys.

This means they do not guard or want to guard the toys, it means if they get a toy they bring the toy to me so I will play with them. If my dogs picked up a sock in my house, which they wouldn't but if they did they would out it or they would bring it to me, so there is no chasing the dog around the home finally trapping the dog and the dog becoming aggressive when it loses the sock.

***The dog world is so sensitive, that I know some people will read the above paragraph and say "Oh what happens if they pick up a sock!!!"***

- Well number 1, they don't run around the home free to pick up socks.
- Number 2, they value engagement with me and if they brought me a sock I would not play, so they have no value for socks.
- Number 3, if they had a sock in their mouths, the out command means out and I will reward with more play, so they out.
- Number 4, they know the most effective ways to engage me are not stealing socks.

***So we don't have these issues, teaching the correct behaviours avoids dogs displaying incorrect ones.***

I believe that loving your dog means doing what is best for him or her long term. This may mean that short term, there are some losses, consequences, rules, boundaries and a lot of direction and reinforcement. Moulding your dog into a dog that fits into your life means that **more opportunities exists for you and your dog.**

We can take our dogs to cafe's, parks, beaches, camp sites, schools and not worry that they will display anti social, aggressive – dangerous behaviours or annoy the crap out of everyone. One of the biggest **DAILY** complaints the Australian population have with people and their dogs is being accosted by the dog and being told **"he's friendly"**. The dog pulls up to you or your dog, or worse is off leash and bolts towards you and or your dog and the owner has zero control and zero care.

***These people I am sure, love their dogs, but they are raising an over indulged, rude, mannerless, disrespectful dog that very few people or dogs like.***

Their desire to make their dog happy surpasses everyone else's wishes and rights all because that is what their dog wants or likes.

## **Are you loving your dog the wrong way?**

When you take your dog to the dog park and he or she does whatever they like but will not come when called during play?

## **Do you think your dog respects you?**

If you saw a video of your dog walking down the street with you, would it look like the dog is enjoying a walk with a person they like or pulling like crazy on the leash to get away from you? When someone comes to your home and your dog becomes excited or aggressive, will your dog listen to you and follow your guidance? **Or ignore you and try and do whatever he or she feels like doing?**

***We can write off all these things as not important I guess, but deep down they contribute to dog behaviour problems, dogs biting people, killing children, running onto roads and being killed, running up to people and getting yelled at, fighting with other dogs and the list goes on.***

Very few, if anyone wants to have dog problems. Sometimes people, struggle to identify what is a problem and what is not. Sometimes it is better to ask what would the ideal / appropriate behaviour be, then teach and train that.

**Get help and love your dog the right way by giving your dog the education that will give your dog a happy life that he or she can move through without problems.**

Set your dog rules and boundaries, which actually means that you're setting up behaviours that will help the dog earn and receive rewards and avoid unwanted behaviours.

I am an advocate for dogs, your dog needs your help to understand the right way to behave so that he or she can live a full unrestricted life as your dog.

**Loving your dog the RIGHT way means helping them live in this world without the need to lash out, force attention from people or dogs, scream through frustration related restrictions because they simply have been allowed to generate totally unrealistic expectations by their owners.**

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## 7 Steps to Being a Great Leader

**By Steve Courtney, K9Pro**

One of the most common areas people struggle with is being an effective leader for their dog/s.

The greatest **differences** between dogs that are trained and those that are not are:-

Dogs that are trained display behaviours they have been **taught** vs untrained dogs display behaviours based on their **instincts**.

Dogs that are trained have had the **benefit** of being taught **how to behave** in social situations vs **behaving however the stimulus effects them**.

Dogs learn impulse control and they also learn to regulate their emotions when they have had the benefit of effective training.

**The next 7 steps help your dog see you as a leader**

- Set goals that meet social responsibilities
- Establish communication system
- Establish a reward system
- Set Consistent rules and boundaries
- Don't expect what you have not taught
- Teach in blocks your dog can understand
- Be firm but fair when you need to

### 1. Setting Goals that meet social responsibilities

To own a dog in Australia you are bound by rules both at state and federal levels.

Most people are aware that they need to register their dogs with local councils but few know that if your dog behaviours in certain ways the dog/s can be declared menacing, dangerous or be seized and destroyed!

To be a good leader you should teach and train your dog so as he or she is not going to display these behaviours, removing almost all chances of your dog falling into trouble.

Teaching your dog to behave appropriately requires you to teach a number of exercises when your dog is young or when you first obtain your dog and continue to ensure that your dog displays these behaviours.

Here is an example, would your dog walk down a busy street, past people, dogs etc, stop at a cafe and hold a down stay whilst you enjoy a coffee?

If you say yes, can you do this with one command at the start and minus the constant food bribing?

If not are you going to ever put your dog in this situation?

I guess that is like saying that a child won't need manners, these things we teach our dogs are steps in helping them fit into our social system and understand what they should do.

By not teaching them how to behave they will either act out of instinct and it is likely that won't be helpful or they will be left at home.

### 2. Establish a communication system

Many people just raise their voice and add some tone when they are unhappy with their dog, but you can go so much further by teaching your dog's when they are doing well and when they are not.

In fact tone does not matter when you do this.

Communication gives you the power to let your dog know when he or she is doing well, when they need to stop the behaviour and you can also capture behaviour.

Imagine your dog makes a great choice one day, being able to mark this choice means you're likely to see the behaviour again.

### 3. Establish a reward system

This is a must to be able to reinforce the correct behaviours and also motivate your dog to offer them.

A reward system is not giving your dog a treat, a "system" such as my Training in Drive system incorporates communication, motivation, development of the ability to learn, resilience, energy and commitment.

Each of these are taught and developed to get this level of training ability.

### 4. Set Consistent rules and boundaries

Set rules and boundaries and make them always apply. Contrary to popular belief, we all live in a world full of rules and boundaries without being miserable so your dog can too.

Dogs get very confused, anxious, upset and distrusting when owners change the rules often, many say they don't even make any rules but of course doing something the same way a few times will have your dog thinking that is the way.

Like the person who lets their dog jump on them except when they are wearing expensive clothes.

So dog jumps on them 50 times and they are happy but they explode on the 51st time as they are wearing expensive clothes. I wonder how the dog might know the value of said clothes...

How about putting the jumping on cue so that if you like your dog jumping up, then call it something simple like "up" and only give attention when your dog jumps up only when you say "up".

### 5. Don't expect what you have not taught

How often I hear people give their dog a heel command and when I ask, "have you taught your dog what heeling is?" They often reply "no", or the classic "oh he knows".

What chance has the dog got to get this right? By giving your dog cues that he or she does not understand, connect with any reinforcement you're teaching your dog to tune you out.

Teaching involves your dog learning the benefits of the behaviour and when he or she needs to display it.

### 6. Teach in blocks your dog can understand

When a dog learns a multi level behaviour, such as fetching your shoes for example, this is called a "complex task". Teaching complex tasks is best broken down into a number of smaller steps then these are combined to form the complex behaviour.

Expecting your dog to learn a complex behaviour in one lump is actually called "lumping". It confuses the dog and also teaches them to tune you out.



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Help your dog learn by breaking the more complicated things into a number of smaller pieces.

## **7. Be firm but fair when you need to**

At times, certain things will stimulate your dog and this may cause your dog to misbehave.

Teaching your dog how to behave, teaching your dog how to earn rewards and that they are worth earning and learning to communicate with your dog will help with all of this, but it must be underpinned by your unwavering insistence that your dog follows your lead.

It is sometimes hard to always be the “responsible one” and be pulling everyone back to the rules but it is very important that you do.

Once you convey to your dog that this will not be accepted you will find less and less examples of the behaviour.

## **Leadership for life**

Filling this role for your dog/s give them stability and structure, in young life it helps them develop an understanding of how life works.

In maturity they have a best friend that gives advice and in senior years they know you will protect them.

At some point in the world's time line leadership was connected with the Alpha, dominance belief and this seemed to destroy the desire for many people to be a leader.

The leader does not have to be a nasty, cranky, dominant, violent or feared member of the pack, just someone who gives good advice and takes responsibility for their dogs overall welfare.

## **Some dogs will need more help and some people too**

Many people have tried and will try the steps above without success, this is when you need professional help to overcome your dog's resistance to accept direction.

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## National Breed Commission Annual Report

Since the last AGM and as previously reported we saw Melanie Groth due to personal and health reasons step down as NBC Chairperson in May 2018. The Executive's decision not to fill the position and allow both Robyn Knuckey and I as the NBC Executive administer the role, in hindsight was wrong. The additional workload for both of us as well as more pressure from our day jobs has proved trying but we still have been able to progress a number of matters as can be evidenced by the items as listed on the agenda.

The primary role of the NBC is to be the vehicle that initiates and or improves our Breed Improvement Schemes. It has numerous sub roles and relies heavily on GSDCA Breed Surveyors, Registrars and its Officers to administer, carry its work forward and serve the German Shepherd Dog.

On behalf of the Council I would again thank all who have contributed to the work of the NBC and despite rumblings from time to time we are well aware of many members appreciation its work.

We again thank all who made a contribution to the NBC Meeting held in July: There is no doubt that the new format as put in place as a result of the 2016 GSDCA Breed Survey Review has been supported and welcomed by club delegates and the breed surveyors. The focus of this meeting is now more about the breed than making more rules! An important task undertaken at the meeting was to make the 'GSDCA Breed Survey Manual' less ambiguous and refine procedures. This is a huge task and whilst the goal was to present the revised manual to this meeting, we unfortunately report that the 'revised' manual will be distributed to clubs and breed surveyors for review prior to and at the 2019 NBC meeting and final rewrite will then be presented to the 2020 GSDCA AGM. We again thank Jane Pike and Steve Collins for taking ownership of this task and ensuring its progress.

We are happy to report that the Breed Survey Improvement Program Working Group Education & Personal Development is making progress and initiated a format that will see a weekend seminar hosted by the GSDL. The program can be easily conducted and or added to by each Member Club utilising local expertise. We look forward to the Working Group developing programs that outreach to GSD breeders who do not share our idealism and or dispel their understanding of exactly it is we want to achieve.

We have with the endorsement of the Executive appointed GSDCA Character and Working Test Officers whose primary role is to liaise with breeders and Member Clubs in order that we see a shift in our culture that sees far more emphasis placed on the character and working ability of our breed! This has been stated many times over will not happen overnight and will require patience to see any progress in the near future. Like all things the Council does we crawl before we walk etc etc.

The GSDCA Database continues to be developed and utilised by the fraternity. It must again be reported that much of the work undertaken to improve its functionality and relevance. We thank Frank Moody and his team for their work and assistance given to NBC.

Sharon Ballantyne & Natalie Humphries appointment as GSDCA Breed Surveyors will be ratified at this meeting and we are pleased that as 'younger' members they will serve the NBC and breed well into the future! We would also like to acknowledge the retirement of Honey Gross-Richardson as a Breed Surveyor. Honey is again thanked for giving many years of sustained service to not only the NBC and breed but her own Club and this Council.

The one concept we need to emphasise and promote is 'idealism' when breeding the GSD. There is no doubt that self-interest and kennel blindness are the major threats to our collective aim of improving the GSD construction and health.

In promoting what is best for the GSD at the expense of the animal one owns needs to be applauded! This attitude is much needed to ensure we continue to breed according to the Breed Standard but of equal importance, improve the health and wellbeing of our breed. Simple actions that must be promoted at Member Clubs is all members to please upon the sad passing of their dog or chronic health problems, please submit the GSDCA health reporting form and or if you have your animal presented to the GSDCA HD/ED Schemes that you submit your x-rays regardless of the result!

We also thank members of the Executive that have assisted and contributed on a number of matters and to the work of the NBC.

We ask that the following reports as presented are read in full as they all provide much information and insight into each area.

*Vince Tantara*

President

For and on behalf of NBC Executive.

## National Breed Commission Registrar's Reports

**National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth**

### Breed Surveys

A total of 33 surveys took place across Australia during 2018 with 182 dogs presented to survey, ten less than last year with 166 gaining classification. A breakdown of the number of surveys, animals presented and classification by state is presented below in Tables' 1 and 2.

Table 1 No. of surveys per state 2017/2018 and scheduled for 2019

State Club	Y e a r	A C T	N & H R	G S D L	Q I d	S A	T a s	V i c	W A
Surveys	2017	1	2	6	4	4	3	6	5
	2018	1	2	5	6	5	3	6	5
Scheduled	2019	0	1	5	6	4	3	7	5

SA held an extra survey in 2018 due to the National being held in that state.

The ACT club continues to schedule surveys as required by its members in collaboration with the NBC Executive. There is a good spread of surveys across the year. The Tasmanian club schedules its surveys in conjunction with shows throughout the year as does Queensland when organising surveys for its northern members. This means that generally the club contracts a surveyor/judge and the GSDCA subsidises the cost of the second surveyor. Newcastle, Queensland, ACT and Tasmania have all utilised this service through the Council.

The 2019 Survey Calendar is available on the GSDCA website.

Table 2 indicates the comparison between the last three years at survey.

Table 2 Animals presented to survey in each state 2016-2017-2018

State Club	T o t a l  B S	C l a s s i f i e d	F a i l i n g	T o t a l  B S	C l a s s i f i e d	F a i l i n g	T o t a l  B S	C l a s s i f i e d	F a i l i n g
	2018			2017			2016		
ACT GSDA	5	5	0	6	6	0	5	5	0
N&HRGSDC	12	10	2	11	9	2	5	5	0
GSDL	25	23	2	45	44	1	30	27	3
GSDCQ	25	22	3	17	16	1	30	27	3
GSDCSA	39	38	1	33	31	2	30	26	4
GSDCT	14	12	2	9	8	1	9	9	0
GSDCV	39	37	2	42	41	1	44	41	*3
GSDAWA	23	19	4	29	29	0	19	16	3
Totals	182	166	16	192	184	8	169	153	16

The number of classified animals presented to Breed Survey fell by ten. The number of animals failing survey has doubled from 8 in 2017 to 16 in 2018.

The number of dogs presented for breed survey has fallen markedly in the GSDL. Qld has enjoyed an increase in breed survey numbers. SA is steadily increasing its numbers 6 up on 2017. Tasmania's numbers have steadily increased over the past 12 months also.

## Reasons for Fail

Sixteen animals across Australia failed survey and that number has doubled from the year before.

Gun Test	Anatomy/ oversize	Character/ Temperament	Total
10	4	2	16

## Long Stock Coats

Table 3 provides a comparison of numbers breed surveyed in each state over three survey years. In 2018, 40 animals were presented for Breed Survey with 38 gaining a classification. The number of long stock coats being presented to survey is increasing particularly in South Australia and Victoria.

Table 3 Number of Long stock coat breed surveyed 2016-2018

State Club	Year		
	2018	2017	2016
ACT GSDA	0	1	2
N&HRGSDC	3	2	2
GSDL	9	9	2
GSDCQ	2	3	3
GSDCSA	12	5	4
GSDCT	0	1	0
GSDCV	10	7	6
GSDAWA	4	6	1
Totals	40	34	20

## State Registrars

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Registrars in each state. AT times it is an unenviable task dealing with people who are not prepared with the proper paperwork and fail to meet the deadlines of having this in a week prior to the survey. This can cause anxiety for those in the role and I would ask the general members to be more mindful in the lead up to having their dog surveyed so that the process runs smoothly for all involved.

A warm welcome to the incoming registrars and encourage them to call me with any questions they might have in preparing for surveys in their state and the collation of data, post survey. All registrars have been furnished with an outline of what is required to ensure a seamless transition of information. However some of the surveyors need to be mindful of ensuring that original paperwork is returned within a two week period to the State Registrar. Delays in doing this causes a hold up as all originals need to be batched with a cover sheet from the survey and sent to the nbc registrar. The state registrars are the people who bring it all together for the surveyors and there are many hours involved in preparing for surveys, following up on paperwork, ensuring photos are sent in etc. A number of registrars have also picked up the Victorian initiative, where surveyors are furnished with photos of the parents of dogs being surveyed and details of linebreeding, hip and elbow results are provided to enhance and give added information for the survey report on each dog.

I have also noticed that registrars have also been proactive in providing details of results of surveys for members on their Club Facebook pages. Queensland have taken it one step further providing photos. Clubs could consider appointing an official photographer at surveys and this may assist in ensuring photos are provided for the database.

## Breed Survey State Registrars 2019

Table 4 – GSDCA Surveyors and club personnel by state

Club	Active Breed Surveyors	State Registrar
ACTGSDA	NBC Chair appoints	Veronica Fairbairn
GSDL	Fay Stokes (Coordinator) Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis, Graham Stevenson	Pam Jarvis
NHR GSDC	NBC Chair appoints.	Gavin Bean



GSDCQ	Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballatyne, Louis Donald.	Gail Donald
GSDCSA	Peter Flynn (Coordinator) Jean Butterfield, Jane Pike Christine Collins, Doug West, Steve Collins,	Jenny Delucia
GSDCT	NBC Chair appoints.	Jan Haase
GSDCV	Alastair Henderson (Coordinator) Greg Green, Ian Urie, Jenny Yuen Vince Tantaró, Andrew Jones (Aspirant)	Gill Cafari
GSDAWA	Robyn Knuckey (Coordinator) John Fenner, Natalie Humphries Honey Gross-Richardson (retiring 2018)	Vicki Beaton

### **The Database and Breed Survey**

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

Due to heavy work commitments in the second half of the year I have been slower with the processing of surveys. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. At the time of writing this report I am now in possession of almost all paperwork from the 2018 Breed Survey year and there are a few surveys still to be checked against original paperwork. These will be processed, printed and sent to owners in late January, provided photos have been supplied prior to the AGM in February 2019.

### **Photographs**

Photographs remain an issue for about 10-15% of animals surveyed. A reminder that photographs should be sent to the Breed Survey registrar at the time of survey so that they can be uploaded as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we seem to be chasing many photos and

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

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

best possible photograph to record the dog's survey.

### **Final comments**

Thank you to the registrars and members of the executive for their work throughout the year and welcome the incoming registrars to the team; Jenny (SA) and Gavin (N&HR). I wish the incoming NBC Chair all the best in this demanding role and offer my assistance with the transition - regnbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

## **Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair**

### **Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)**

Firstly, I would like to thank those council members and general membership who have continued to liaise with me and support me in my breed health and welfare position. My passion for the breed has not weakened, the majority has the right mind set and all want to achieve the same end point in breeding and raising their German Shepherds. Healthy, well rounded dogs.

I feel as though it has been a busy year on the communication and liaison front, which can take time away on forward thinking at times, but it is all relative and important in this position. Issues that have arisen this year, include:

- Juvenile seizures – why are they occurring, can they be prevented?
- Renal dysplasia – the difficulty in understanding the genetics specific to our breed
- JPS – if it is being performed, we need to foolproof the system and protect our breeding animals
- Spinal diseases – they haven't gone away!
- Haemophilia testing – who should we be testing and by what means?

### **Juvenile seizures**

I have been contacted about some young puppies that have developed early onset epilepsy, they have been impossible to control their seizures and subsequently euthanized. This is devastating for any breeder or new owner. There are multiple tests to look for the cause of seizure activity in any dog of any age, however, when all of the obvious causes are ruled out, we are left with no known cause of seizures in a young animal, making juvenile onset epilepsy the only potential cause. Epilepsy in the breed is also known, however, it seems to have had an increase in incidence more recently. Looking at our line breeding, dominant lines/parents etc may be beneficial. The collection of health reports and data would help look for a link to try to advise breeders of avoiding combinations of certain blood lines for this reason.

Food for thought?

### **Renal dysplasia**

In low numbers, I have had contact with a few about Renal Dysplasia claiming the lives of young animals, any from 8 months to 3 years. Females and males. Unfortunately, the research in the small number of other pure breeds for Renal dysplasia all have a different genetic mutation to cause it. Which, in essence means that the renal dysplasia DNA testing would not be specific to GSDs. This has been proven by

Photo unavailable



one breeder already, I praise these breeders who have gone to such lengths to investigate the issue. When we have enough compiled information to make a reasonable pool of cases it can hold more weight with the right contacts overseas to benefit our breed.

## **Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis (JPS)**

Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis procedure uses an electrocautery to stop the growth plate at the top of the pelvis. The effect of this is to halt bone development from this growth plate so that as the rest of the pelvis continues to grow, to provide better coverage of the hips. The best results are achieved if surgery is performed at 14-16 weeks of age, while the pelvis is still growing and developing. Between 16-20 weeks of age a good outcome is still possible, but significantly reduced compared to 14-16 weeks. Dogs greater than 20 weeks of age are unlikely to get a successful result.

Whilst controversial, given the difficulty in diagnosing or predicting hip dysplasia in such young animals, we cannot ignore the fact that it will be performed on our breed. As such, an attempt is being made to contact all veterinarians across Australia about our concerns and how to prevent any breeding animals from entering the scheme if they have had the procedure performed.

## **Spinal diseases**

Transitional vertebrae – the last vertebrae in the lumbar spine (at the start of the pelvis) is unbalanced, containing anatomy from the sacrum and the lumbar spine, due to the imbalance degenerative changes can occur readily. As a result they end up with Cauda equina syndrome or narrowing of the lumbosacral spinal column. Signs result from compression of the spinal cord or the nerve roots at this location (through the pelvis). Back pain is noticeable during jumping, climbing or any kind of hyperextension on the back. The tail may be weak in advanced cases and compression will lead to weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs, finally faecal and urinary incontinence will follow. Osteochondrosis of S1 (occasionally L7) is also a predisposing factor and German Shepherd Dogs appear to be over represented for this condition. We should probably be considering this condition as a main differential in the common diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy for somewhat similar presenting signs – weakness, limp tail, uncoordinated hind limb gait etc.

Evidently, if a transitional vertebrae is noted on hip radiographs, serious thought should be given to breeding with that animal, as the trait can be passed on. To the average person degenerative changes in the spine in this location and higher up can present very similar to Hip Dysplasia and more degenerative spinal conditions that are non-painful such as Degenerative Myelopathy.

## **Health Profile Forms**

I feel that consideration needs to be given for ethics approval before any formal collection and analysis of data obtained from the general population with the Health Profile Forms. If this can be achieved, a lengthy study may have benefit going forward for multiple different aspects of research. From dominant blood lines and parentage to common disease that may have been thought to be less common in the breed. However, I am still looking into whether we need ethics approval at all.

## **Inter-variety breeding**

In order to ensure the well-being of the future of the LSC portion of the breed (and the breed in general), inter-variety breeding should be considered strongly going forward. There is the potential to bottle neck the variety into serious health issues without the option to consider inter-varietal breeding.

Allowing the female LSC variety to breed with either LSC or SC males to open up the genetic diversity should at least be considered. If there are only a handful of LSC males of optimum quality to choose from, we have serious potential to cause harm.

Risking breed health over focusing on only breeding variety to variety raises concern for me. Whilst there may be the occasional LSC male from a SC to SC mating, they are exceptionally low in numbers. Breeding dogs is fraught with challenges, why make the breed look any worse?

# National Haemophilia Scheme Registrar

***Dr. Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)***

## **Haemophilia A testing (Factor VIII deficiency)**

Haemophilia A is a clotting disorder which can affect our breed. As many are aware, we currently perform factor VIII level testing on imported males, sons of imported females and sons of imported semen. However, given the X-linked genetic inheritance and expression of the genetic mutation, there is no point in testing sons of imported semen, in fact, sons of females who are progeny of imported semen need to be tested, not the former. An amendment has been put forward to the current council Rules and Regulations to this effect, however;

Over the past 15-20 years, the GSDCA has not had a factor VIII deficiency for Haemophilia A in any imported, progeny of imported males or Australian bred male dogs. The haemophilic population was identified some 30 years ago, and we have to date had no re-occurrence.

At that time the Haemophilia Negative scheme was implemented by GSDCA with advice from Professor Bruce Parry, Melbourne University, who provided expert advice with regard to blood clotting disorders in domestic species. Factor VIII level testing is a means to ensure that the male himself is not affected and potentially pass on to his daughters and their sons. Currently there is a Haemophilia A DNA test available, the council sought advice from Professor Bruce Parry from University of Melbourne on the reliability of using this test for the future.

His conclusions drawn from the DNA test available are not as reliable as performing factor VIII level testing through an appropriate laboratory. Given that there are many subtle differences in the genetic mutation causing different severities of Haemophilia A (mutationally heterogeneous), this could be missed on a DNA test that is only looking for one type of mutation. Testing for factor VIII levels is the most appropriate to look for the disease and it indicates the severity. He also felt as though the lack of Haemophilia A cases within the breed are negligible and therefore, future testing may not be required.

Dogs presented to Haemophilia A Testing Scheme through testing levels of Factor VIII and assessed as normal:

- Vamos von Heveling (IMP GMY)
- Kaygar Arko
- Monsimbee Frodo
- Sundaneka Huggy Bear (AI)
- Haveloc Hammer (AI)
- Kovacs Qaiser
- Lashadas Z Z Top
- Hasenway Marcus
- Roger vom Weiherturken (Imp Deu)
- Riddick vom Demina Hof (Imp SRB)
- Veneze Ricardo
- Freinhaus Hannibal

A single imported male dog was presented to Haemophilia A Testing Scheme and clear through DNA, which is not a recognized satisfactory way of passing the Testing Scheme.

- Rudy von Haus Edmond



Table: 1 Data Base from 1/10/2017 to 30/09/2018:

Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'		UAP	
ACT:	5	1%	5	1%	5	1%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	13	4%	12	3%	12	3%	0	0.00%
NSW:	89	24%	79	21%	87	24%	1	0.27%
NT:	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.00%
NZ:	18	5%	17	5%	17	5%	1	0.27%
QLD:	49	13%	45	12%	46	12%	1	0.27%
SA:	64	17%	58	16%	61	16%	0	0.00%
TAS:	13	4%	12	3%	10	3%	1	0.27%
VIC:	80	22%	66	18%	73	20%	4	1.08%
WA:	39	11%	34	9%	39	11%	0	0.00%
Year 2018:	370	100%	328	88.65%	350	94.59%	8	2.16%

All percentages above based on 370 animals

## National Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar

### Mr. Doug West

Once again I'm pleased to present my report to the GSDCA AGM, this report covers the period 1st Oct 2017 to 30th Sept 2018, however the first paragraph and the 2 charts pertaining to Sires, I have reported on the whole data base. Primarily this Annual Report is a snap shot of the 12 Month period and a more comprehensive report is presented to the NBC Meetings.

As at 19th December there are 11,118 Hip & Elbow records in Councils Data Base, 3,252 Males (29%) and 7,866 (71%) Females, 9,775 (88%) have been tattooed with 4,291 (39%) being microchipped. The 'A' stamp was gained by 9,599 submitted resulting in a pass rate on Hips of (86.34%) slightly down on last year's (86.74%). Those submitted for Elbows 10,751 were successful in gaining the 'Z' resulting in a pass rate of (96.7%) slightly down on last year's (96.78%), 8,306 of those were "Normal" (74.71%), UAP 124 (1.12%).

For the period 1st Oct 2017 to 30th Sept 2018 which is the period I'm required to report on, 370 animals were presented to the scheme as depicted in the chart table 1 below. Comprising of 101 males (27.30%) and 269 (72.70%) Females. The 'A' stamp was achieved by 328 resulting in a pass rate of (88.65%), the 'Z' stamp was gained by 350 giving a pass rate on Elbows of (94.59%). A total of 8 animals were affected by UAP (2.16%), coming from 6 Sires and 7 Dams, with 1 sire producing 3 (37.50%) of them, and 1 of the dams (25%) producing 2 progeny from the same Sire.

As can be seen by the figures above, NSW has submitted the most dogs over the 12 Month period with a total of 89 (24%), which is 20 down on their last year's total of 109 (24.49%). The National Pass Rate during the 12 Month period on Hips is (88.65%) and Elbows is (94.59%). There have been 8 with UAP (2.16%) an increase of 2 (25%) on last year's total of 6.

Victoria had 4 animals with UAP (50.00%), NSW, NZ, QLD and Tas all had 1 each (12.5% each), the ACT, NCHR, NT, SA and WA recorded no UAP during the 12 Month period.

A total of 172 Kennels had progeny pass through the scheme during the 12 Month period. A total of 12 Kennels presented 5 or more. The top 2 are SUNDANEKA with 11, 4 Males & 7 Females, 9 gained the 'A' and 11 out of 11 passed Elbows. And VONRAUTEN with 10, 3 Males & 7 Females, 10 out of 10 gained both 'A' and 'Z'.

The pass rates vary between the whole data base and the data used for the 12 Month period I'm reporting on to the AGM. The whole data

base comprises of 11,118 animals compared to the 370 for the 12 Month period.

From the 370 animals presented between 1st Oct 2017 to 30th Sept 2018, Dr R. Lavelle scored 275 (74%) and Dr J. Richardson scored 95 (26%).

Data for sires with 10 or more progeny and have produced progeny in the last 7 years are collated, with the No. of Progeny shown drawn from the whole data base.

The number of Progeny percentage is based on 11,118 and the rest are based on the number of Progeny.

Out of the 51 Sires there are 13 (25.49%) of the Sires with progeny that have scored 100% pass rate in both Hip & Elbow. 20 of them scored 100% in Hips & 30 scored a 100% in Elbows.

There is 748 progeny from these 51 Sires above, 186 are Males (24.87%) and 562 (75.13%) are females. A total of 5 (0.67%) progeny were affected with UAP. From the 748 progeny 667 (89.17%) achieved the 'A', and 720 (96.26%) received the 'Z'.

Data for sires with 21 or more progeny and who have produced progeny in the last 7 years is collated.

The number of Progeny percentage is based on 11,118 and the rest are based on the number of Progeny.

There are 56 Sires in this group with 2,721 progeny, comprising 1,625 Dams, 2,431 (89.34%) that have gained the 'A', and 2,605 gaining the 'Z' (94.74%), 29 with UAP (1.07%).

Total male progeny is 651 (23.93%) with Females having 2,070 (76.07%) of the 2,721.

Just a reminder that if your X-Ray has come back and has in the "Readers Comments" that the X-Ray has a "Tilt" shown in "Readers Comments", show this comment to your State Registrar and a free Form will be provided, proving you send the new X-Rays back to the same Reader making that comment.

I would like to thank the State Registrars around Australia, ACT: Wolf Meffert, NCHR: Jess Lynch, NSW: Caryl Morris, QLD: Michelle Hammond, SA: Robert Evans, TAS: Heather Mathers, VIC: Gillian Cafari, It was a tragic loss with the passing of Karen Ballantyne who had been Victoria's registrar for many years, WA: Vicki Beaton, and Tizzy Scheres in New Zealand for all their input and continued support of the Scheme.

As a suggestion I would like to recommend that we change the process with the Hip and Elbow Scheme.

My suggestion is that the Veterinarian that takes the X-Ray should send the X-Ray together with the Application Form directly to the nominated reader. I believe we would receive the results quicker and capture more, this would bring our records up to date sooner and they would be more accurate, as I have found some X-Rays are not submitted for some time, and some not at all.

I hope to continue in this position, I have enjoyed doing it over the years.

\*\* The complete tables of data can be viewed in the Annual report on the GSDCA website

## National Title Verification Officer

### Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

I took on the role of GSDCA Title Verification Officer in August 2018, unfortunately due to the sudden passing of Mrs Joylene Neddermeyer.

Since my appointment date to the present time, I have completed two title verifications

- Vamos von Heveling (SC)
- Gavin vom Hasenborn (LSC Semen)
- Roger Weihertürchen
- Riddick vom Demina Hof

Requests for verification are emailed directly to me and once received, I have completed the verification and sent back to the owner within a few days of receipt. This role is very time consuming as details need to be carefully checked by accessing various databases and Breed Surveys translated into English. However, I have set myself a target to have titles verified within one week of receipt.

Thank you to the GSDCA for entrusting me with this task.

Email: verification@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Summary of Motions from the 58th Annual General Meeting of the GSDCA Inc.

It is with pleasure I present for your information, the results of motions as "Carried", "Lost", "Withdrawn" from the 58th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc., held on the 9th & 10th February 2019, in Adelaide, South Australia.

Also, for your information there is a list of 60 day motions for discussion at Member Club meetings.

All motions carried will take effect as of the 1st July 2019 (except where the meeting agreed to allow immediate action), and for full details as per the minutes, please contact your Club Secretary.

**Val Moody, Honorary Secretary - GSDCA Inc.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 57th AGM under the 60 day rule:

Motion 1	"That the current Regulation 6.1.2 be rescinded and replaced with the Proposed Regulation 6.1.2." <i>GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges Review, Disciplinary &amp; Appeal Procedures</i>	<b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 2	"That the GSDCA adopt the WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme, as per Schedule 5 of the WUSV Harmonisation Program."	<b>LOST</b>
Motion 3	"That as of the 1st July 2018, the breeder of the highest placed "Australian Bred" male Stock Coat Dog in the Open Dog class will receive a plaque."	<b>LOST</b>
Motion 4	"That the National trophy table as prescribed in the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Manual shall apply unequivocally."	<b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 5	"That GSDCA Member Clubs offer annually a Dual Performance Trophy as a minimum, at one Conformation Show at which GSDCA grading is awarded when held in conjunction with an Obedience Trial."	<b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 6	"That GSDCA Regulation 5.1.3.14 be amended to read <i>Place-getter sashes: no less than 5, no more than 10".</i>	<b>CARRIED</b>
Motion 7	"That Mrs Coral Pethers, Mrs. Annie Tamblyn, Ms. Vyvyan Mannion be included on the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List."	<b>CARRIED</b>

### 12.1 Member Club Motions:

#### 2 Year Rule

"That the current GSDCA Regulation 2.7.8 be rescinded".

#### Current Regulation:

2.7.8 Any motions that are passed at a GSDCA AGM/SGM are not to be changed or altered for a period of two (2) years.

**CARRIED**

### 12.2 "That the following motions/regulations in relation to Harmonisation be rescinded.

- a) "That regulation 2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".

#### 2.14 WUSV Harmonisation [2017]

#### 2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]

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

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
- If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH.

**LOST (Refer Item 21.4 and 60 day motion No.1)**

- b) "That regulation 2.14.2 BH Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".

#### 2.14.2 Dogs born after 30 December 2019 - prerequisite for Breed Survey [2017]

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

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

**LOST (Refer Item 19.4 and 60 day motion No. 4)**

- c) "That regulation 2.14.3 AD Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".

#### 2.14.3 Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]

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

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass both BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD



- that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

**LOST (Refer 60 day motion No. 2)**

- d) "That regulation 2.14.4 Gun Test for Excellent Grading from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".  
2.14.4 Gun test for Excellent grading [2017]  
That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith (the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved) and apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and/or sponsored shows where the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Excellent grading may be awarded. **LOST**
- e) "That regulation 3.6.8.4 Inbreeding from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".  
3.6.8.4 Inbreeding:  
"That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read:  
"Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)".  
Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3). **LOST**
- f) "That regulation 3.6.1.10 "Good" Grading as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".  
3.6.1.10 (e) Good Grading:  
"That effective 1st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a "Good" grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey.  
The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey. **LOST (Refer 60 day motion No. 3)**

## 13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2018/2019

13.1 "That as of 1st July 2019, the cost of all GSDCA medals sold to Member Clubs will see the price set at supply cost plus 25%. The total cost will be invoiced to Members Clubs and existing stock as held will be sold at current listed price". **CARRIED**

## 14 Election of Officer Bearers

### 14.1 Election of Executive

National Breed Commission (NBC) Chair – Jenny Yuen  
Secretary – Val Moody  
Obedience Committee Chair – Julie Urie

### 14.2 Election of Position Holders

Public Officer – Brenton Lowes  
HD/ED Registrar – Doug West  
NBC Registrar – Melanie Groth  
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair – Dr. Candy Baker  
National Show Liaison Officer – Ian Urie  
Website Officer – Jacinta Poole  
Trophy Officer – Terry Jarvis  
Breed Specific Legislation Officer – Vacant

Public Relations Officer – Paul York  
Historian – Vacant

## 16 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission (NBC)

### 16.1 Imported Semen Verification – Prerequisite for Breed Survey

"That as from the 1 July 2019, the following requirements for verification of semen be put in place as a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme":

- GSDCA Title Verification of animals whose semen is imported must be provided with application for their progeny to be presented to GSDCA Breed Survey.
- The process to be applied will be that as for imported animals with the exception that verification can take place at any time.
- Noting the requirement for GSDCA Breed Survey, importers of semen are encouraged to apply for verification well before the semen is used and any progeny are presented to survey.
- Breeders utilising imported semen should also insist on viewing the GSDCA Title Verification prior to using the semen. **CARRIED**

### 16.2 DNA Proof of Parentage

"That for animals born after 1st January 2020, with application for the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, owners must provide proof of Parentage as per any one of the following regulations/ schemes that are in place:

- ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration
- Dogs Queensland DNA Program
- SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme" or
- Any other GSDCA recognised scheme. **CARRIED**

### 16.3 BS1 – Application Form – for GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme

"That as of 1st January 2020, application for GSDCA Breed Survey shall see the following apply:

- The BS1 application form will be produced in triplicate.
  - Original form provided to the owner, copy 1 to the NBC Chair and copy 2 to the State Breed Survey Registrar.
  - Form will be purchased from the State Breed Survey Registrar and the animal can be submitted for survey any time during the defined time limits > 18 months up to 8 years of age.
  - The application fee will be determined and adjusted when required via motion at AGM based on Clubs retaining 25% as a handling fee and 75% paid to National Council."

**WITHDRAWN – to be taken to NBC Meeting.**

## 18 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

### 18.1 GSDCA Service Agreement (Generic).

"That as of 1st July 2019 the revised GSDCA Service Agreement for GSDCA Breed & Trainee Surveyors & GSDCA Judges and Trainees (version 07/2019) must be signed in order to maintain their assigned GSDCA status." **CARRIED**

### 18.2 National Show Regulations

"That a formal approach be made to the ANKC that would see the following apply at GSDCA National shows".

- That entry to Open Class conformation classes will only be open to animals that are 2 years of age and over

and who are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or equivalent, as recognised by the GSDCA.

- Animals must, as a prerequisite, have passed the GSDCA Control Scheme A (HD) and Z (ED) stamps or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA to be exhibited in the Intermediate conformation classes, which will see the age limit set at 18 months to under 3 years of age.
- Animals exhibited in the Open Class conformation be subject to a gun test.
- All the requirements to be printed in the Schedule.

**CARRIED**

## 18.3 Amendment to Regulation - National President's Dinner Current Regulation:

### 26 Social Functions - Friday Night

The President's Dinner is an opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials. This function is open to all exhibitors.

#### Proposed Amendment:

### 26 Social Functions – Friday Night

The President's Dinner is an opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.

- This function is open to all exhibitors.
- *Holding of the GSDCA National Show & Trial President's Dinner by the host Club be optional.*

**CARRIED**

## 19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee

### 19.1 National Trial – Presentation Ceremony

#### Current Regulation:

### 8 TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Presentation of sashes and mementos (for the places 2nd to 5th in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial.

#### Proposed Amendment:

### 8 TROPHY PRESENTATION:

Presentation of sashes (**for places 1st to 5th**) and mementos (**for 2nd to 5th** in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial. **Class winner trophies will be presented at the presentations at the conclusion of the National Show and Trial.**

**CARRIED**

### 19.2 Obedience Judges Preferred and Obedience Supplementary Lists

"That as of 1st July 2019, Obedience/Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Preferred and Performance Supplementary Judges Listings".

**CARRIED**

### 19.3 Obedience Meeting Regulation

- "That the current Regulation 2.9.1 - The GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held bi-annually as of 2014, be rescinded".
- "That a GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held annually with the choice of venue being the most cost effective in close proximity to an airport".

**CARRIED**

### 19.4 Working and Character Test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey in place of Schedule 2.

"That the GSDCA Working and Character test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey

Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January 2021.

- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain one pass (qualifying score) in CCD (Community Companion Dog).
- To qualify for the Character element an animal must pass the Character test as defined in the FCI BH test and conducted by the GSDCA.
- An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Working & Character Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

*Amended (Refer 60 day motion No.4).*

## 20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

### 20.1 Haemophilia A/Factor VIII Deficiency

"That effective 11th February 2019, the GSDCA will no longer require Factor VIII testing for Haemophilia A in any German Shepherd male dogs as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey scheme.

- In the event that any confirmed Factor VIII deficient Haemophilic male arises, stringent Factor VIII testing on animals related will immediately be put in place to avoid further implication or passage of the disease.
- Upon the motion being supported the GSDCA will inform the ANKC that the current LRL as applies to H-neg and German Shepherd Dogs is no longer required."

**CARRIED**

### 20.2 Amendment to Regulation 3.4.1.1.

"That the following GSDCA regulation 3.4.1.1 be amended to read:

#### Current regulation:

All imported males and all male progeny from imported bitches must have a GSDCA H-neg certificate prior to being submitted to Breed Survey and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC

#### Proposed Amendment:

All imported males and all male progeny from imported bitches must have a GSDCA H-neg certificate prior to being submitted to Breed Survey **and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC. (Delete)**

**WITHDRAWN**

### 20.3 Regulation 3.4.1.2. be rescinded

"That the following GSDCA regulation 3.4.1.2 be rescinded and removed from the Regulations manual".

#### Current Regulation – 3.4.1.2.:

Any male sired by imported semen must possess a GSDCA H-neg certificate prior to being submitted to breed survey and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC.

**WITHDRAWN**

### 20.4 Haemophilia Scheme

#### Current Regulation:

- 3.4.3 Procedure to Participate in the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme
- 3.4.3.1 A GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Testing Sheet is available by downloading from the GSDCA Website. (**www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org**), or can be obtained from the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar.

#### Proposed Amendment:

Amend the form to include the option of GSD Factor VIII Haemophilia test via DNA testing.

**WITHDRAWN**



## 20.5 Haemophilia DNA Swab

### Current Regulation 3.4.3.2

- 3.4.3.2 Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample.
- Plus the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication.
  - Signature of owner.
  - Signature of Veterinary Surgeon.
  - Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only). [2017]

### Proposed Amendment 3.4.3.2

- 3.4.3.2 Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample or DNA swab.
- Plus the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test or DNA test are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication.
  - Signature of owner.
  - Signature of Veterinary Surgeon.
  - Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only). [2017]

**WITHDRAWN**

## 20.6 Imported Semen

"That all imported males and females and imported Semen are tested for GSD Factor VIII Haemophilia via DNA or blood sample".

**WITHDRAWN**

## 20.7 Removal of Inter variety Ban

"Removal of the inter variety ban on interbreeding the Stock and Long Stock German Shepherd Dogs".

**LOST**

## 20.8 Approval of Inter variety Breeding

"That the GSDCA approach the ANKC to allow the inter variety breeding of Long Stock Coat Females to Stock Coat Males for an initial period of 7 years".

**LOST**

## 21 Other Matters referred to the AGM

- 21.1 "That as of the 2019 GSDCA National GSD Show and Trial the Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the first placed Stock Coat Intermediate Dog winner."

**CARRIED**

## 21.2 GSDCA Communication Award

"That the GSDCA Communication Award be introduced as of 1st January 2020".

**LOST**

## 21.3 Breed Survey Photo

Suggested amendment to Regulation

### Current Regulation:

- 3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date.  
The paperwork must include the following:
- The required fee.
  - ANKC Certified pedigree.
  - The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
  - Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
  - Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018]
  - Five generation pedigree.
  - A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post/e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

### Proposed Amendment:

- 3.6.1.10 **The following must be forwarded to the State Breed Survey Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date.**
- The required fee.
  - ANKC Certified pedigree.
  - The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
  - Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
  - Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018]
  - Five generation pedigree.
  - A coloured photograph that must be of high resolution (300dpi).**

**Upon successful classification of the animal, owners are allowed one opportunity to update the original photograph, within 12 months, with another high resolution photograph.**

### Amendments withdrawn and current regulation to apply.

## 21.4 Working Test ZAP Part 1

"That a pass of ZAP Part 1 - commonly known as the '9 to 13 month Puppy Test' shall be a mandatory pre- requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2020.

- The age limits to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 8 years.
- If an animal fails on its first attempt it may be tested again and that result will be final.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and the pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program that shall be effective 1 January 2020.

**Amended (Refer 60 day motion No.1).**

## 22 General Business

- 22.1 WUSV Guidelines for Breeding – GSDCA Executive to prepare response to WUSV regarding this matter.
- 22.2 WUSV Guidelines for Show – GSDCA Executive to prepare response to WUSV regarding this matter.
- 22.4 Nomination of Police Dog "Ike" for GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.  
"That Police Dog Excellent "Ike" and his handler Leading Senior Constable Heath Drew be awarded the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award at the 2019 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial."

**CARRIED**

# 58th GSDCA AGM - 60 Day motions

## Preface

These 60 day motions were unanimously supported by the Member Club Presidents at the 2019 AGM.

With reference to the first 4 motions it is most important to note that the regulations, despite being listed to be rescinded on the agenda, were in fact reaffirmed.

It is a credit to the Club Presidents that the realisation of the difficulty to enact these as per timings and the possible threat that would see our relevance diminish with members walking away from us, saw earnest discussion and a 'reality check' taking place by all present at the meeting. The proposed amendments to these regulations (born from the WUSV Harmonization) have for the first time allowed for credible

implementation without dilution of the original intent. The fact that our capacity, capability and size of our Nation does require a mind shift that will help and not hinder our aim to see wider acceptance of a character and working test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey cannot be understated!

I reiterate that we are in control of our own destiny - not others! We must be very mindful that our membership needs to own and support what are significant initiatives. We must also attract many that see no or little value in our ideals and/or work for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

On behalf of the Member Club Presidents and the GSDCA Executive, I ask you please support ALL the motions as put.

**Thank you**  
**Vince Tantaró**  
**President, GSDCA**

## 1. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.1 is amended as follows:

### Original Regulation

- 2.14.1 *Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) [2017]*  
That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.
- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
  - The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
  - The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
  - Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
  - If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
  - If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH

### Amended Regulation

- 2.14.1 *Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test) [2017]*  
That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), effective **from 1 January 2020**.
- All dogs born after **1 January 2020** may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
  - **The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months.**
  - **A pass of ZAP Part 1 shall be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.**
  - The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective **1 January 2020**.
  - Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
  - **An animal that fails may be presented one more time.**

### Rationale:

*The meeting agreed that of all the initiatives put forward this was an excellent start that will act as the catalyst for more challenging character and working tests to be pursued by the membership in the future. The amendments in fact open the test to 9 months and over and see a pass in the test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for animals that will be*

*presented after 1st July 2022. The test to date has been well received by the membership and will be conducted by the Council with the support of the Member Clubs. The long lead time will allow for the GSDCA to ensure it has trained assessors, education programs and credible processes in place.*

## 2. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.3 is rescinded"

### Original Regulation.

- 2.14.3 *Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]*  
That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.
- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass both BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
  - The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
  - Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

### Rationale:

*It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed, discussion saw unanimous support from the Member Club Presidents to ask the membership to rescind this regulation. It was noted that the minimum age of 2 years for an animal to participate in the AD test, it's disconnect with our breed survey age eligibility (minimum of 18 months), and the difficulty in conducting the test all year round with regard to weather and animal health were concerns.*

*The test also is not readily accessible to our members who live in remote places. As such, the regulation must be rescinded. If supported ET will not be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey.*

## 3. Motion: "That Regulation 3.6.1.2 and 3.6.1.10 are amended as follows:

### Original Regulations

- 3.6.1.2 To be eligible for Breed Survey the animals MUST be:
- a) Registered on the ANKC Main Register, and;
  - b) Effective from 1st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a "Good" grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey. The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey. [2018]
- 3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following:
- a) The required fee.
  - b) ANKC Certified pedigree.
  - c) The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
  - d) Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
  - e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of "Good". [2018]
  - f) Five generation pedigree.
  - g) A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.



**Motion: “That the following clause be removed from the regulation 3.6.1.2”.**

- e) *Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”. [2018] from the regulation.*

**And that regulation as amended is:**

**3.6.1.2 To be eligible for Breed Survey the animal MUST be registered on the ANKC Main Register.**

3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date. The paperwork must include the following:

- a) The required fee.
- b) ANKC Certified pedigree.
- c) The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
- d) Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
- e) Five generation pedigree.
- f) A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post / e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

**Rationale:**

*It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed discussion saw unanimous support from the Member Club Presidents to ask the membership to rescind the following clause:*

*e) Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”. [2018] from the regulation.*

*Discussion confirmed that the requirement of a ‘Good’ grading serves no purpose and is in fact discriminatory in that not all the membership is able to show their animals.*

**4. Motion: “That Regulation 2.14.2 as follows is rescinded and be replaced with the amended version of motion 19.4 below:**

**Original Regulation**

- 2.14.2 Dogs born after 30 December 2019 - prerequisite for Breed Survey [2017]
- That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.
- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
  - The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020.
  - The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
  - Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.

**Motion 19.4 as voted on and carried at the 2019 AGM be amended as follows:**

**Original Motion**

- 19.4 That the GSDCA Character & Working test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January 2021.
- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain one pass (qualifying score) in CCD (Community Companion Dog).
  - To qualify for the Character element an animal must pass the Character test as defined in the FCI BH test and conducted by the GSDCA.
  - An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Character & Working Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

**Amended Motion 19.4 becomes Regulation 2.14.2**

- 2.14.2 That the GSDCA Character & Working test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1st January **2023**.
- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain a qualifying pass in:
    - **a prescribed ANKC performance discipline, or**
    - **a pass in the GSDCA Character & Working Test, and**
  - **To qualify for the Character element an animal must attain a pass:**
    - **in the GSDCA Character & Working Test: this test will be conducted by the GSDCA and is based on the FCI BH test, or**
    - **ZAP (Working Test ZAP Part 1 - Puppy)**
  - An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Character & Working Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on **the** GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.

The prescribed ANKC Performance Disciplines are:

- Endurance Test
- Obedience (minimum CCD or CD),
- Herding (note: the instinct test will not be considered as a qualifying pass),
- Rally Obedience
- Tracking,
- Track & Search.

**ANKC Performance Disciplines: Qualifying Criteria that will apply:**

**Endurance Test (ET)**

The Endurance Test shall be open to all dogs eligible for inclusion in the Register of the Control in which the event is conducted.

The test is open to dogs aged between two (2) and under eight (8) years but must not have reached the birth date of eight.

**GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:** One (1) 'Pass'.

**OBEDIENCE**

**GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:** One (1) Qualifying score in either of the following:

## COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG CLASS:

For dogs, six months of age or over, and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of 'Community Companion Dog' (C.C.D.).

## NOVICE CLASS:

For dogs, six months of age or over, and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of 'Companion Dog' (C.D.).

## RALLY OBEDIENCE

### Eligibility of Dogs.

For Dogs six months of age or over and of either sex which are not eligible for the title of Rally Novice (RN).

**GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:** One (1) Qualifying score in the following: Rally Novice Class – R.N.

## HERDING

### Eligibility of Dogs.

All dogs nine (9) months of age or older that are registered with the ANKC Ltd as per Chapter 8 are eligible to participate in Herding Tests and Trials. However, dogs may enter an Instinct test at six months of age.

Note: Chapter 8 lists all breeds of dogs eligible to participate. GSD Stock Coat and GSD Long Stock Coat are both listed.

### GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:

**1. Instinct Test** - Certificate (not a title, but mandatory before you can move on to the following)

Plus one (1) Qualifying score in either of the following:

**2. Herding Test - HT Title**

**3. Pre-Trial Test - PT title**

## TRACKING

### Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of six (6) months of age to enter in a Tracking trial.

**GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility: One (1) 'Pass' in the following:**

Tracking Dog (TD) Test 1 (Known Person)

## TRACK AND SEARCH

### Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of six (6) months of age to enter in a Track and Search trial.

### GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:

One (1) 'Pass' in the following: Track & Search Dog (TSD) Test 1 (known person)

**GSDCA Character & Working Test: conducted by GSDCA and is based on FCI BH Test.**

### Eligibility of Dogs.

A dog must be a minimum of fifteen (15) months of age to enter the GSDCA Character Test.

**GSDCA minimum requirement for Breed Survey Eligibility:** One (1) 'Pass' in the following:

GSDCA Character elements and Working elements as based on FCI BH test.

### Rationale:

*It must be noted that despite this regulation being reaffirmed, discussion saw a far more realistic and unanimous approach than only having FCI BH as the sole path that would see the Character and Working ability of our breed tested. Further the realisation that if we restricted ourselves to this path, we in fact would be pursuing a title that we have little capacity and or capability to routinely conduct at every Member Club let alone in remote places. It must also again be noted that the BH is not offered by the ANKC as a performance discipline. The amendments as fully supported and put by the Member Club Presidents will allow far better access for ALL our membership to participate and recognises that by accepting many performance disciplines as the working element, we in fact reinforce that the GSD is a true utility and companion dog! The amendments will help us achieve the original intent of the regulation by encouraging the membership to undertake a discipline that is most suited to their dog but also offer a GSDCA Character & Working test that will be based on the FCI BH but conducted by the Council.*

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## 5. Motion: That Regulation 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 are amended as follows:

### Original Regulations

2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM on a rotational basis as determined by the 'cost effectiveness' of the venue. The GSDCA AGM will be alternated between three capital cities Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne.

2.7.2 Clubs other than those nominated to host the AGM will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometers travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]

### Amended Regulations

2.7.1 The GSDCA Executive will set the venue of the AGM at the most cost effective capital city.

2.7.2 Clubs other than the host Club will be offered a subsidy towards their costs incurred on the maximum outlay by the GSDCA of \$1,000 split by a ratio of kilometres travelled. If a Club chooses not to attend a meeting they are removed from the calculations, which effectively will increase the support given to the other Clubs in attendance. [2016]

### Rationale

*The cost of holding the AGM must as a result of Council's dwindling reserves be seriously considered on an annual basis in respect of costs: to venue, accommodation, airfare and catering. The regulation allowed for the meeting to be held on a rotational basis with Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide as venues and allow an opportunity for local members to attend as observers. It must be noted that over many years the 'locals' have shown little interest as observers and that more members from interstate travel to the meeting than locals. As a cost comparison the last three years has seen costings of the AGM as: Sydney 2018 = \$8,378 compared to Melbourne 2017 = \$4,322 and Adelaide 2019 = \$4,212. The savings are significant and should be realised. The member club Presidents unanimously supported the amendments as put.*



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