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One wet summer!

Front cover: Aust Ch Kelpinpark Icing On The Cake BSCL1 AZ TD (Patti) - Photo by Cathy Shayler

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to 2021.

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a safe and successful year, I am sure things will be much smoother and open this year for travel around Australia and hopefully we will start to see international travel doors begin again very soon.

The GSDCA held its AGM on the 5th February and

for the first time this was an online Zoom meeting, all Executive members and club Presidents were represented and I am pleased to say it went very well. This was always going to be challenging and as most of us have never been involved in a meeting like this before but I am pleased to report it went very smoothly and could be a great option for further meetings in the future.

It was an enormous cash and time savings to the clubs and the GSDCA and instead of some clubs representatives that may have to travel and be away for up to 4 days to attend we all managed the meeting within the one day with no travel cost. I would like to thank all those that participated for the way they all conducted themselves and congratulate Lyn our secretary on the organisation of the meeting.

A big thank you to the out going GSDCA Executive members – Jenny Yuen, Julie Urie and Janita Poole. I have had the pleasure of working with the three J's only for the one year but have found all three to be extremely passionate about the breed and the GSDCA, I thank you and wish you well.

And with that we have 3 new GSDCA Executive members, John DeLucia first time on the GSDCA Executive but comes to us with a vast experience as President of the SA club for 20 years, Ian Urie has been National Show Liaison Officer for the last few years plus has spent years working on the committee of the Victorian Club and we have a familiar face in Yvonne Yun as Review Editor, as we all remember Yvonne has been a past Editor so I am sure she will slip back into this position with ease. Congratulations

to the three new Executive members, I look forward to working with you all.

I wish all the clubs and members much success this coming year

Best Wishes

Sean Lynch

GSDCA President

EDITORIAL

Déjà vu is a killer! Seems like only yesterday, I was sitting writing an Editorial and here I am again.

Almost 5 years have sped past and so much has happened, not the least of which has been the advent of COVID and boy, has that impacted every single aspect of our lives. Thank God in so many instances, dogs have been there to keep us sane.

The relationship between the dog fraternity and government has not improved here in NSW, so I would urge everyone to have a good read of a small piece further on and act now!

When it comes to putting a magazine together, you are reliant on the goodwill of contributors, who, like all of us, lead busy lives, are juggling multiple demands on their time and yet still find time to put pen to paper to share their opinions, knowledge or experience with all of us. It is always so easy to criticise when the publication arrives in your post box, but without these super folks, there would be no delivery! I would like to thank each and every contributor for an amazing contribution and invite every one out there, if they have something to share, to please send it through.

I'd also like to thank all of those people within the various clubs throughout the country for their efforts in providing club news and mailing lists in such a timely fashion.

Without the National, it seems that some of the catching up has gone missing and here's hoping a cup of tea and a read might address a bit of the news deficit.

Yvonne Yun

CLAIM THE COVER

The QNR is looking for FABULOUS hi quality images of our dogs and is inviting members to get those shutters clicking. The front and back covers are being given over to amazing images of our dogs in the themes below:

WINTER

SPRING

SUMMER (Christmas)

Needed by 5th May, 2021

Closing 5th August, 2021

Closing 5th November, 2021

Images need to be sent as an attachment to email or linked to the Cloud.

They should be forwarded to : **revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org**

Just to get you started, the Winter images could be dogs in snow, playing fallen leaves or curled up in front of a fire. As long as the image speaks to winter. The images need to be of very high resolution and the dog and photographer will be credited for their image. Images submitted will be reviewed by the Executive and the two images to be used will be selected from those submitted.

Get Clicking!

INTRODUCTION FROM

Mr Ian Urie, National Breed Commission Chair.

I wish to thank those Clubs and members who elected me to the position of National Breed



Commission Chair at the recent GSDCA AGM, and take this opportunity to introduce myself to the readers. I first became involved with German Shepherd Dogs about 40 years ago, initially as pet dogs, and then as a show exhibitor, handler and breeder, eventually following the path to become a specialist breed judge 25 years ago, and a Breed Surveyor approximately 10 years later. I have been

involved with my State GSD Club for many years and have served on countless Committees both at Branch and Club level, as well as holding executive positions as Vice President and Breed Affairs Chair of the GSDC of Victoria, a Club of which I am a Life Member.

I see the role of the Breed Commission as being one of the most important areas on the National Council, and my aims and ideals align closely with those of the organisation that I will serve, i.e. the protection, promotion and betterment of the German Shepherd Dog. The NBC oversees all of the health programmes and breed improvement schemes of the GSDCA, as well as the Breed Survey scheme, and I look forward to being involved with the implementation of those schemes. The GSDCA has a proud history as the leading light of all Breed Organisations within the Australian canine world, introducing many initiatives that have since been followed by other Breed Councils, and I personally am proud to become a part of that as an elected executive member. Some people hold the view that a position on the Council Executive provides one with the opportunity for great power and influence, however the format of the Council ensures that the Member Clubs hold the real power in decision making, and the role of the Executive is to administer those decisions and to act as a leadership group which can offer proposals and guide the Clubs in making important decisions affecting the breed in which we all share a common interest.

Throughout my involvement with the Breed, I have taken every opportunity to learn as much as I can about the GSD, its history, conformation and temperament, and the Breed Standard is the "bible" or blueprint for the breed, which all breeding, judging and breed surveying is aiming to replicate. For much of the last century the breed had been regarded as still under development, with the aim being to perfect the appearance and temperament of the dogs as closely as possible to the original blueprint. It is a view that I share with some other breed authorities, that the GSD became in construction and appearance very close to the ideal described in the standard maybe 20 or 30 years ago, and since that time it has continued to evolve, but in a direction that can be seen as moving beyond the Standard and away from the ideal in several areas. This later evolution has in my opinion been driven partly by fashion, and partly due to the failure of some breed

judges to promote the specimens they see as most closely conforming to the breed standard. We now see dogs winning shows that are constructed with greater than ideal angulation of the hindquarters, with incorrect forequarter action, and dogs exhibiting what I consider to be undesirable attributes have won top awards at the most prestigious shows in the world. This has in turn influenced the opinions of breeders and enthusiasts. The following paragraphs summarise my opinions on the current state of the breed.

The Standard is quite specific in its description of every part of the GSD as well as its ideal temperament, however breeders and even judges have often tended to overlook certain areas as not being of equal importance. Size is one criteria that has for a long time been seen as not so important, as long as the dog looks and moves beautifully, however the Standard gives a clear range of the ideal sizes for males and females. This situation has become so ingrained that the majority of dogs and bitches winning shows and being bred now stand at or close to the maximum allowed size. Correct medium sized dogs appear small in comparison. A similar trend has become endemic with respect to over-angulation of the hindquarters. Where the Standard prescribes an ideal angle between the upper and lower thigh of 120 degrees, dogs with a much more acute angle closer to 100 degrees regularly win shows. This issue has several consequences, one of which is the increased slope to the backline and lowering of the pelvis caused by the knee or stifle joint being much lower to the ground, and this in turn increases the angle of the croup and directs the drive from the hindquarters more upwards rather than predominantly into forward propulsion. Dogs with this rear construction, coupled with increased length of the lower thigh, often tend to lift the front feet higher during movement, in an attempt to balance the much increased stride of the hindquarters. The image of a dog moving with an exaggerated steeply sloping topline, and high stepping in front does not gel with my interpretation of the standard which describes the dog moving at a gait with a level topline and effortless balanced movement close to the ground. Another alarming consequence of these widespread changes in hindquarter construction is that there are now many puppies being bred which have chronically unstable hindquarters as youngsters, and some of them don't "grow out of it" as they mature. Many Vets have been mistakenly associating this looseness of the hocks with hip dysplasia.

Do we just accept these changes as "evolution", or should we try to maintain the appearance of our breed according to the original blueprint which is contained in the Breed Standard? I believe the latter, and I also believe it is the responsibility of Judges and Breed Surveyors everywhere to keep the Standard foremost in their mind when making their decisions. If they don't continue to do that, the breed will very soon be irreversibly changed for the worse, as breeders naturally aspire to breed the style that is winning in the current day.

Ian Urie

(NBC Chair, GSDCA)

EARLY SOCIALISATION

What is Socialisation?

There are a lot of different opinions and views on socialisation. This article is not in any way suggesting this is the definitive and only way.

When most people hear the term puppy socialisation, they assume this is just about socialising their dog with other living things, but in fact it is so much more. Maybe think about how you are going to live with your dog and what you want to do with your dog and socialise them in those areas but also add plenty of novelty too.

Socialisation is controlled and careful exposure to many different stimuli and environments from a young age to prepare pups for life in a human world.

Exposure can be positive or negative. You always want to aim for a positive exposure. On occasions a pup may show mild stress or be slightly uncomfortable with an exposure. This is not a bad thing providing a positive outcome is achieved, as they will have learnt that new experiences although initially a bit stressful can be good.



Critical socialisation Period

It is generally accepted that with puppies there is a critical socialisation period from 4 to 16 weeks old. Responsible breeders will have already commenced the pup's socialisation before leaving their litter mates to make their new life with their new family.

This period of time develops and influences the pup's behaviour and temperament and is sometimes also referred to as the puppy imprinting stage.

Being a limited time frame, socialisation should take preference over formal obedience. This is a period you will never get back, and correct socialisation is probably the most important thing to do to raise a confident and well-adjusted dog.

When raising a pup, you should ensure that it has clear guidance on how it is expected to fit into its new lifestyle, and helping your pup to make the right choices, instead of making poor ones and teach the pup some manners. Socialisation and basic obedience all run together in this period, so learn about your pup, be patient, calm, fair, consistent in your interaction and you will have a great deal of fun.

Nature or Nurture?

Genetics certainly play a part in a dog's temperament (Nature) however, the upbringing, socialisation, and training (Nurture) also plays a big part, getting it right can make or break a dog and could negatively impact the owners in the future.



Socialisation before vaccinations completed.

Owners need to be careful about locking pups away with no socialisation while waiting for final vaccination, as this can be very detrimental to the pup and cannot be undone.

If the owners are going to socialise the pup outside, the risk can be minimised by avoiding unvaccinated dogs, places where unvaccinated dogs may have frequented such as dog parks and dog stores etc.

Socialisation with the puppy's new family and their new Home – Owners should:

Positively exposing and familiarizing pup to the normal everyday things in the house are forms of socialisation (such as the vacuum, washing machine noise, power tools, different surfaces, lawnmowers etc.)

Being consistent with voice commands and creating clear boundaries with pups is a must.

Good habits taught from the time you bring your pup home will stay for life.

For example – if you pat your pup or allow people to pat or encourage it when it jumps on you/them, then that is encouraging a behaviour that will

be unwanted when the dog is older, bigger, and stronger.

Teach what you want, and not what you don't want. Like Door manners, car manners, not rushing out in an over excited state barking/whining are things that need to be taught from the time you bring the pup home. You want to encourage a calm state of mind in the pup.

Pups like a certain amount of structure but the owner also needs to be flexible by varying training, exercise, feeding, play etc. Dogs should not be trained robotically.

When you do not have the time to train, or pay attention to what the pup is doing, then place the pup in a set area like a crate/exercise pen so it does not make poor choices.

Let them watch the world around them and take it in. Do not just throw them into the middle of everything.



In the big wide world

Everything is new for the pup here, so everything can be used for socialisation. The more new things that they encounter, the better, but these need to be considered and managed well to achieve the best outcomes.

Confidently expose your pup to the environment, such as noises, surfaces, places, motor vehicles etc., and socially to people and animals by teaching your pup when it is appropriate for them to interact and, when they should be happy being around without interacting.

In all situations help them to be confident about their surroundings and/or interactions.



The GSDA of WA Socialisation and Beginners Class



We have designed a program which aims to strike the right balance and provide information, support, socialisation activities, some basic obedience while being enjoyable for the puppies and their families.

Information

We provide basic wellbeing information and other information on various topics.

Support is given to members by seeking to answer their questions, and in helping with a particular training or behaviour problem.

We also, by way of electronic media or verbal instruction provide details on various subjects, below are some examples:

- There are many areas that we attempt to guide owners and their pups in. At all times we are attempting to introduce, show, instruct, correct, advance the owners knowledge, understanding and pups/dogs training and learning. To experienced owners, some of this instruction may appear an overkill, however it is valuable to a novice owner who has little or no dog experience or understanding.
- Establishing a relationship with the pup (built on mutual trust, respect and understanding), and having some fun at the same time.
- Communication, being able to mutually communicate, we give some guidance and information on understanding dog's body language.
- The importance that children learn how to handle pups/dogs i.e. no pulling ears, laying on dogs, hugging, pulling tails, disturbing while sleeping, try to take food or annoy the dog while eating etc.
- Refer to Correct weight to height chart - by Dr Karen Hedberg - previously held the position of Breed, Health and Welfare Committee Chair for the GSDCA.
- Importance of allowing the pup to grow/mature at a natural pace with training and not expect "a Rin Tin Tin" at six months of age.
- Toilet Training - when to take pup for relief and attempt to have a designated area if possible, to toilet.

- **Hot Weather** – the dangers of exercising dogs in hot weather, leaving them in hot cars, and recognising the signs of heat stroke.
- **Exercising** – not to over exercise pups and understand necessity for sleep and recovery.
- **Growth Plates** – the pitfalls of jumping or allowing pups to jump on and off chairs, beds etc. and running pups at too young an age.
- **Bite Inhibition.**
- **Dog Parks** – these can be dangerous places for puppies unless the owner and owners of other dogs are able to read and interrupt poor interactions, this is very rarely the case so therefore we do not recommend dog parks for that reason. Small Play Dates with puppies or dogs known to the pup or introduced and monitored very carefully can be good, but the owners should always be more interesting than the puppies or dogs that they play with.



The socialisation activities

The activities are categorized into these areas, Social, Environmental, Confidence, Focus and response, Motor skills and movement, impulse control, play, basic handling and grooming, and the introduction to basic obedience, this assists us to balance the activities. Below are just some examples

- **Social.** Dogs and People which includes children

- this involves some interaction but includes more activities to teach the pup to just be calm, to be around and close to dogs and people without interacting with them but focusing on their handler. We also teach the owners and their family how good initial interactions should look like between dogs, humans including children.

- **Environmental.** A variety of surfaces, sounds and moving objects such as carts, pram, umbrella opening, bike and skateboard are used in training.
- **Confidence.** Building their confidence in situations and with items that they had not been exposed to before, for example, we use some agility equipment including the dog walk and tunnel, clamshell with balls for the pup to find a treat. Muzzle Training is useful just in case the dog ever needs to wear a muzzle, for example a vet may request a dog is muzzled before examination, but it also helps with confidence, as they learn to be guided by the owner to put their nose into the object without fear, we start with a cone first and work up to the muzzle.
- **Focus and response.** Playing games to enhance the pups focus and response to their handler.
- **Motor skills and movement.** Using equipment (a small trampoline and balance boards etc.) for motor skills and handlers manipulating the pup's movement (like teaching them to walk backwards or spin). We also use a see saw, small dog walk, small A-frame. No Handler is permitted to attempt or use any equipment without instruction or supervision of a club instructor.
- **Impulse control.** Teaching the handlers to teach their pup some impulse control with some games.
- **Play.** Toys and tugs – we advise on the appropriate size as per age of dog, the quality and dangers of some toys i.e., toys too small. Play helps to establish fun and focus between owner and the dog.
- **Basic handling and grooming.** it is important that owners learn to handle their dogs correctly, so that taking them to the vets for check-ups or weighing or treatment can be achieved without difficulty. We teach and observe the owners checking teeth, ears, testicles, feet, toes, touching and holding the collar and do a demonstration on trimming of nails and grooming.
- **The introduction to basic obedience.** Teaching communication such as the verbal marker (i.e. Cue) and consequence (i.e. a reward for correct response), Loose lead walking, Sit, Down, Stand, Stay and Recall.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

**train a puppy so that you can love the dog they become,
the owner should train the dog and not the dog training the owner,
and from the socialisation period to adulthood the owner trains and socialises the dog to fit easily into the human world and more importantly the owner's lifestyle.**

Even if you are not based in Western Australia we hope this article will help and give some ideas on socialisation.

Article prepared by Kym Glenny (GSDWA Obedience Instructor & Public Relations Officer) & Karen Westmacott (GSDAWA Obedience Instructor)

AGM

COVID has made so many changes to our normal way of life, and this year's AGM was no exception. It went ahead with the aid of technology and here we have Peter looking perky, John remaining hydrated, Sean "business as usual", everyone else at the ready and Lynn ready to roll! All in all it worked so well, it's hard to imagine we've done it in any other way!



***Gewalt Tennessee Drummer (AI)**

A Z Multi Ex



Sire: VA Xavi von Tronje

Dam: CH Hinterhaus French Tennessee

Drum is available at stud to approved bitches.

To date he has had 10 drumsticks x-rayed from 9 different mothers with all gaining the A and Z.

We are very pleased to present some of his drumsticks



Vondelrae Cha
Cha Cha A(2/1) Z (0/0)



Gewalt Domino
A(5/6) Z (0/0)



***Leppsdorf Indis**
Inferno A (1/2) Z (0/0)

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THE TOP FIVE FOR ME

Breed standards set the framework and the animals we are familiar with will fit the breed standard. But many years ago I was advised by an old breeder that the perfect dog will be stamped on our brain and this will be our ideal. Over the years, a few animals, dogs and bitches have walked into the ring and taken my breath away and I now realise, they may not be winners, but they match my mental image of the best dog there.

I asked two judges to provide me with their 5 best all time dogs or bitches, from anywhere in the world and I thank them both for their support of this project.

Ed.

The Top Five.....

For Jenny De Luica

I was asked to write about my top 5 favourite German Shepherd Dogs. Not an easy task as there have been MANY German Shepherds over the years that we could talk about and who have contributed to the modern German Shepherd today. However, here are my favourites.



1. Furbo degli Achei

I had the privilege of seeing this dog in the flesh at the 2009 Sieger Show in Ulm. I saw him from a distance away just standing there and I had to go over for a closer look. Furbo was beautifully coloured, strong, exuberant, alert and at that time, I thought he was THE most beautiful male I had seen.



2. Quenn vom Loher Weg

Quenn was a male that also filled my eyes – strong

and masculine. Several times bestowed, VA and an amazing producer.



3. Paer vom Hasenborn

One of my favourite Quenn sons. Paer was strong, substantial, had a strong masculine head and was also a good producer himself.



4. Karlrach Rum Ball

When I first saw this dog many years ago, I adored him. He was the most beautiful sable that I remember seeing. I loved his strength and presence and he is still a dog that I think of today.



5. Jaci vom Eichenplatz

This bitch is my ideal. VA1 in 2011, she is strong, feminine, balanced and has a super mother line. I named one of my females from my first litter with Charon, after her.

For Bruce Knight

"Having served on the NBC Executive Committee and being a former GSDCA Surveyor, it is difficult to get my head away from Breed Value when naming 5 animals. Adding to that there has been some changes to type. This makes answering the question of "What are my 5 favorite dogs" rather difficult, but here goes....



Yasko vom Farbenspiel

2 x German Sieger, son of Ursus V Batu was a very expressive dog of absolute correct type. Harmoniously constructed, strong and powerful. Tops my list of dogs



Iwan V Lechtal

Impressed everyone who witnessed him in the ring. With his correct proportions and angulations, his will to perform, he was a class above those around him. Always presented in top conditions and handled to perfection. Bonus was he produced excellent type progeny.



Darkana Kalani

Gave you goosebumps, a magnificent bitch full of type and harmony, despite the changes since the changes since the 90s, she would probably still be competitive today. Her 3 Gold medals and 2 Siegerin titles speak for themselves. Surely my #1 choice of bitches.



Iccara Vegas Show Off

Granddaughter of the super producing bitch Iccara Chivvies Caddy was a beautifully constructed bitch of excellent type, with her very good angulations she held her topline when moving effortlessly around the ring. Bred in WA by Larry and Sue Woollard and owned by Jenny Yuen (Vic), she was one of my favourites to watch.



Crossfire Celline

She was a striking bitch of absolute quality, her colour, her correct proportions, angulations and topline with her zest for running made her one of my favourites so much so I tried to buy her on several occasions prior to her becoming a star, but Judoith always said "Let me think about it"

I'm sure everyone will have different animals they consider favourites, but I'm positive no one will disagree the above were some of the best. Certainly, my favourites today.

HIP & ELBOW AWARDS

GSDCA BREED IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

RECOGNITION

The following Kennels are recognised by the number of animals successfully presented to the Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Improvement Schemes. The Council recognises their contribution and significant achievement. Medallions and plaques are sent to each state club for special presentation so that breeders can be recognised within their own states. Congratulations to the following Kennels on these milestones in your breeding programs.

Doug West & Jenny Yuen

Kennels that qualified in 2020 (to 30th December 2020) for awards.

KENNEL	OWNER	STATE	A STAMPS	Z STAMPS	X RAYS SUBMITTED
GOLD 50+					
AMBALA	MRS L BAKER	NSW		GOLD	51
CONKASHA	MR T DEVINE	NSW		GOLD	54
SILVER 25+					
ABELARA	MR R VERNON	QLD	SILVER	SILVER	32/30
BABANGA	MR PR AND MRS KP YORK	NSW	SILVER	SILVER	27/30
BRONBOREO	MR B J PEREIRA AND MR R PRITCHARD	WA	SILVER	SILVER	26/29
JAKNELL	MRS A AND MISS J KADA	NSW		SILVER	27
SABARANBURG	MR BRIAN AND MRS LUCY LUBBOCK	WA		SILVER	26
SIOBAHN	MR A AND MRS Y YUN	NSW		SILVER	25
VOLSCARO	MS T ROBERTS AND MRS L PEARSON	WA		SILVER	31
BRONZE 10+					
CINDERHOF	MRS L LYNCH AND MS J CATHIE	NSW	BRONZE	BONZE	10/10
HAUBERK	MR G CONNOLLY	NSW		BRONZE	12
KAYGARR	MR G AND MRS K WILLIAMS	QLD		BRONZE	10
MOREKOS	MIS M STENDARA	NSW	BRONZE	BRONZE	11/11
REICHKAISER	MRS H BIRAC	NSW		BRONZE	13
REICHUND	MIS LIS AMLEHN	NZ		BRONZE	15
ROXAMBURG	MR G AND MRS K HALL	TAS		BRONZE	11
SADRIA	MR S J MORRISSEY	NSW	BRONZE	BRONZE	10/10
SARELLE	MRS R CLEATOR	NZ	BRONZE	BRONZE	13/13
SCHFAX	MR S ZUMBO	NSW	BRONZE	BRONZE	12/12
TRANGOLD	MRS L TRANTOR	QLD		BRONZE	10
UNFEHLBAR	L TERRY-BRADY	NZ	BRONZE	BRONZE	20/18
VOLSCAIN	VOLSCAIN KENNELS	VIC	BRONZE		24



The awards have been forwarded to the various States to be presented to the Kennels at a significant Club event.

****Lenin vd Grafenburg***

'a' Normal ED Normal IPO2 BH, AD V Rated (Imp DEU)

2019 BSZS JHKR (Intermediate) SG28



SIRE: *Pepe v Bordetal

DAM: * Tatoo vd Grafenburg

Line breeding: Quenn Loher Weg 4-4

Lenin has a super character, richly pigmented and excellent work ethic, and his bloodline includes: -

Zamp Thermodos, Fred Rumbachtal, Pakros D'Ulmental and Hill Farbenspiel

Standing at stud to approved bitches

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Success is Measured by Excellents

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION IN THE BITCH

An introduction to AI and discussion focusing on factors influencing its success

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Artificial insemination (AI) with canine semen holds many advantages over natural mating, including:

- **Assessment** of semen prior to insemination
- Ideal **placement** of semen in the bitch's reproductive tract
- **Dilution with extender** to promote the length of sperm survival
- **Shipment** of semen (fresh or frozen) allows the stud to be located at a **significant distance** from the bitch, and
- **Diversification** of breeding lines.

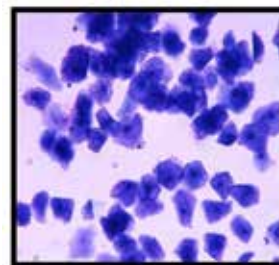
However, it is very important to recognize the many factors that influence pregnancy rates following insemination, and how we can influence these factors to give us the best chance of success. This article will introduce the 3 major contributing factors and discuss how they can impact the result.

1. Timing of insemination

Incorrect timing of semen deposition is the most common cause of unsuccessful inseminations. Determining the optimal time for breeding of the bitch is not as simple as one might think. Significant individual variation with regards to behaviour, receptiveness and vulvar changes during a heat cycle ensure we cannot rely on these visual changes to tell us their most fertile day/s. Thankfully we have additional tools available that, in combination, enable us to ensure breeding occurs during the bitch's period of maximum fertility:

- Progesterone (High Accuracy):** Progesterone hormone is measured by a blood test. Whilst there are many machines offering P4 testing it is **very** important to understand the variation in accuracy between different machines due to their testing method. This means that many 'in-house' tests at vet clinics can give a result that may not be accurate and can give you incorrect breeding information.

Explained: Progesterone rises in correlation with release of other hormones from the brain that stimulate ovulation, meaning we can assess the date these hormone rises and ovulation occur by monitoring the progesterone rise. Blood tests should begin 5-7 days after the onset of heat. A number of samples may be required (3-4 on average), with the date for next blood test determined after each test. It is important to note that we rely on the trend of the rise, rather than one specific reading, allowing us to correctly determine the days of hormone surge, ovulation, and egg maturity to determine best day for insemination.



1 Microscopic cytology assessment of vaginal cells

- Vaginal Cytology (Moderate Accuracy):** Taking a gentle swab of the top layer of cells in the vagina tells us a lot about where the bitch is in her cycle. It is a simple, cheap and instant procedure which many vets can interpret. If confidence is lacking we can interpret microscopic images remotely if they send images through.

Explained: When a bitch gets closer to her peak fertile period, she begins to build up layers of cells in her vagina. These layers function to protect the bitch both from the physicality of mating and entry of bacteria at the time of mating. As cell layers build up, the top layer of cells becomes further from the blood supply, changing the appearance of the top layer cells seen under the microscope from a healthy 'poached egg' (round, large central circle) to a dying 'fried egg' (flat, irregular shape), telling us she is nearing her peak fertile period. At the time of fresh insemination or natural mating we want to see >85% of the cells looking like fried eggs.

- Vaginoscopy (High Accuracy):** 'Vaginoscopy' describes visualisation of the vaginal lining with an endoscope attached to a TV screen using the same scope as for transcervical insemination.

Explained: The vaginal lining changes in appearance from swollen, pink, moist folds (proestrus and early estrus) to gradually reducing in moisture, swelling and becoming pale in appearance. This tool is especially important to use in combination with progesterone testing in frozen semen inseminations when we only assume the semen to survive for 12-24 hours inside the bitch.



2 Vaginoscopy image

- Physical and Behavioural Changes (Low accuracy):** It is important to remember that behavioural changes can be used as a guide only. Many bitches will show receptive behaviour at times other than their fertile periods and reliance on these changes alone significantly reduces her chance of pregnancy.

	Proestrus	Estrus
Behaviour	Attractive to male <i>But</i> not receptive to mating	Receptive to mating (including backing up, standing for male) 'Flagging' (lifting tail up & waving side-to-side)
Vulva	Swollen, turgid (firm)	Softens, reduces in size, becomes wrinkly
Vulval Discharge	Bloody, red	Lightens in colour and eventually becomes clear

When performing multiple natural matings, with young fertile animals, timing is less vital and behaviour can be a very useful determinant. However, when performing AI, a much greater requirement for specificity of timing is required to ensure the procedure is the most efficient, economical and successful as possible.

2. Semen Quality

Whilst our focus is often predominantly on the bitch, it is very important to remember that the quality of the semen inseminated, regardless of method, is of course a very big determinant in the success of AI! When we are discussing semen quality, we first break it down into the **type** of semen used:

Fresh Semen describes an ejaculate collected at the time of insemination. It has the longest viability and can survive for up to 7-10 days in the bitch's reproductive tract! It is inseminated immediately into the bitch (also known as 'side-by-side insemination') and consists of the entire ejaculate.

Chilled or Shipped Semen is semen collected, prepared and then shipped to the location of insemination of the bitch in a special box. This technique involves the dilution of the entire ejaculate in special extenders that protect the sperm as it is being cooled to the shipping temperature of 4°C. Semen treated in this way can remain viable for up to 4 days (though ideally we inseminate within 48 hours of collection) and allows a cost effective and efficient alternative for studs that are located at a distance from the bitch.

Frozen Semen is stored in liquid nitrogen at -196°C. The freeze-thawing process is very rigorous and will cause some degree of sperm damage, reducing the lifespan of the sperm to only 12-24 hours in the bitch. Additionally, a 'dose' for insemination is a minimum number (minimum 100 million normal & progressively motile sperm), therefore it is commonly only a fraction of the entire number of sperm produced in the ejaculate.

Whilst the semen types are written above in order of decreasing end-use quality semen in a young, fertile, stud dog, it is important to note that assessment of all semen at time of AI is very important. Appropriate semen assessment should include:

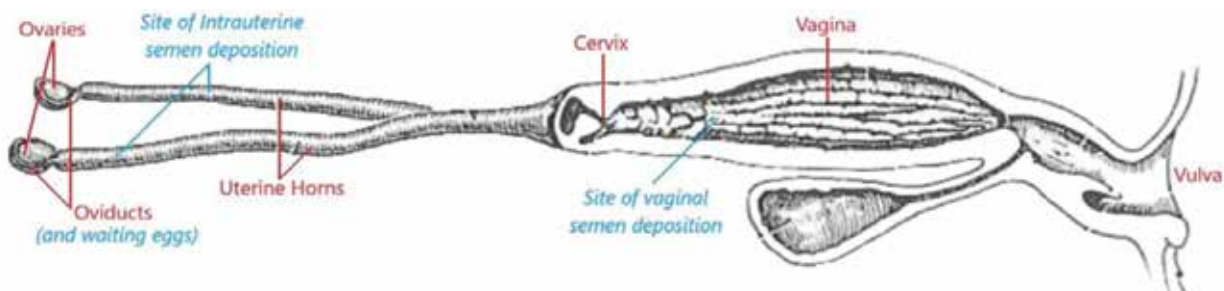
- Motility (%): How many of the sperm (as a %) are moving, or 'motile'
- Concentration (sperm/ml): How many sperm are in each millilitre of liquid, which can then be converted to determine the total number of sperm in the sample
- Morphology (% normal): What percentage of cells display normal shapes ('morphology') and what abnormalities in shape are present (indicating a disruption to sperm development in the testes).

Analysis of each of these parameters should be performed and recorded at the time of collection – this is of course at the time of insemination or close to for fresh and chilled semen, but will have been performed on all frozen semen you are looking to use or purchase. For this reason, if you are looking to use frozen semen we always recommend asking for a copy of the semen freezing/thawing report to send to your reproduction vet for analysis prior to completing the purchase.

3. Site of semen deposition

When using compromised semen, deposition directly into the **uterus** is required to maximise chance of pregnancy. This is because it is as close as possible to where the eggs are waiting to be fertilised.

The diagram below helps to visualise the different locations for semen deposition. Remember, the eggs awaiting fertilisation will be located between the ovary and uterus in the oviducts!



At VRC we utilise **the transcervical insemination (TCI)** technique for intrauterine semen deposition. TCI involves deposition of semen using a specifically designed scope that allows visualisation of the bitch's cervical opening. A soft catheter is passed through the cervix and into the uterus where the semen is then deposited. There are many advantages of the TCI technique including:

- Anaesthetic risk- free:** TCI is performed on the conscious, standing bitch

- b. **Non- invasive and surgery- free:** Standing procedure not requiring abdominal surgery
- c. **Speed:** TCI is an outpatient procedure which, in most cases, is completed in 5 minutes
- d. **Low stress:** The speed of TCI allows you to be present for the procedure ensuring the insemination is a stress-free as possible.
- e. **Semen options:** TCI allows us to successfully inseminate with all types of semen including frozen
- f. **Consecutive inseminations:** Unlike surgical insemination, the nature of the technique allows us to perform inseminations on consecutive days. This is particularly advantageous when using poor- quality semen that is not expected to last more than 12-24 hours in the bitch.

The alternative technique for intra-uterine semen deposition is surgical insemination. This is a much less technically demanding technique that requires the bitch to undergo a full general anaesthetic and open abdominal surgery. Whilst pregnancy rates via this method are equal to that of TCI, at VRC we do not perform inseminations via the surgical approach given the availability of TCI as a non- invasive and ethical alternative.

Vaginal Insemination using a Mavic Catheter

When using fresh or chilled semen with adequate sperm numbers and quality, deposition of semen into the very end of the canine vagina can result in pregnancy and litter sizes equivalent to natural matings.

Ideally, vaginal inseminations are performed using a special catheter called a **mavic catheter** (pictured). This catheter has distinct advantages including

- Deposition of semen at the very end of the vagina (closest to the uterus)
- The balloon has two purposes
 1. Prevent backflow of viable sperm
 2. Mimics the swelling of the dogs' penile glands to stimulate contractions and push the semen towards the waiting eggs.



Vaginal insemination is non-invasive and requires less skill than TCI, therefore being a more cost effective method for insemination when using good quality semen.

First Excellent



Gambalu Echo AZ

Owned by Mel and Raechel Hornick

Awarded at GSDL Inc Christmas Show 2020 by Judge Jenny De Lucia.



Aust. Champ. *Duclyffe A Winters Tale AZ

Owner Karen Johnson

Show GSDL October 2020 by Judge Karen Hedberg Bvsc.

Alwin vom Haus Nesgen (imp Gmy)

HD/ED Normal IGP1



Sire : Hugh Eigenplatz

Dam: Wicki Gilkertal

Breed Survey

Above medium size, medium strong, substantial, dry and firm. Very good pigment, very good formed head with good expression. Good withers, firm back, croup is of very good length slightly steep. Very good hindquarter angulation, good forequarter angulation, straight front, steps correct coming and going, strong gait with very good hindquarter drive. TSB pronounced

Alwin is proudly owned by Salvatore Pitelli (and Peter Flynn and is available at stud to approved bitches.

Contact Salvatore: 0433 824 987 lagogsd@icloud.com

Peter : 0468 814 438 peter.flynn048@gmail.com

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Summary of Motions from the 60th 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 60th Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc., held on 6 February 2021, via Zoom meeting.

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 2021 (except where the meeting agreed to allow immediate action), and for full details as per the minutes, please contact your Club Secretary.

Lyn Phillis

Honorary Secretary - GSDCA Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 59th AGM (February 2020) under the 60 day rule:

Motion 1 Carried	<p>Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.2 be rescinded"</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain a qualifying pass in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The prescribed ANKC Performance Disciplines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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.
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Motion 2 Carried	<p>Motion: "That the current Regulation 2.1.6 be rescinded":</p> <p>2.1.6 The formula to establish the number of votes to which the Member Clubs are entitled to are detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 50 membership unit = 1 vote • 51-100 membership unit = 2 votes • 101-200 membership unit = 3 votes • 201-300 membership unit = 4 votes • 301-400 membership unit = 5 votes • 401-600 membership unit = 6 votes • 601-800 membership unit = 7 votes • 801-1000 membership unit = 8 votes • 1001-1200 membership unit = 9 votes • 1201-1500 membership unit = 10 votes • 1501-1800 membership unit = 11 votes • 1801-2100 membership unit = 12 votes <p>To calculate the membership units, use the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Single membership = one (1) unit Double membership = two (2) units Family membership = two (2) units Junior membership = nil <p>Motion: "That a new 2.1.6 Regulation be accepted":</p> <p>2.1.6 The formula to establish the number of votes to which the Member Clubs are entitled to are detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 50 membership unit = 1 vote • 51-100 membership unit = 2 votes • 101-200 membership unit = 3 votes • 201-300 membership unit = 4 votes • 301-400 membership unit = 5 votes • 401-600 membership unit = 6 votes • 601-800 membership unit = 7 votes • 801-1000 membership unit = 8 votes • 1001-1200 membership unit = 9 votes • 1201-1500 membership unit = 10 votes • 1501-1800 membership unit = 11 votes • 1801-2100 membership unit = 12 votes <p>Calculation of membership units will be based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Single membership - one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age. Dual membership - two (2) units = maximum 2 adults no children. Family membership - two (2) units = maximum 2 adults with children under 18 years of age. Life Member - one (1) unit = 1 adult with or without children under 18 years of age. Junior membership - nil.
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Motion 3 Carried	Motion: Current Regulation: 3.6.1.10 DNA Parentage 3.6.1.10 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: [2019] a) ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration, b) Dogs Queensland DNA Program, c) SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme" or d) Any other GSDCA recognised scheme. Proposed amendment: DNA Parentage 3.6.1.10 That for animals born after 1st January 2022, 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: [2019] a) ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration when enacted; b) Dogs Queensland DNA Program; c) SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme" or; d) Any other GSDCA recognised scheme. Suggested that this motion be held in abeyance until we have an actual scheme in place and then discuss the options. After discussions, the following motion was put. Motion: That this item be rescinded until the ANKC scheme is enacted. It was felt that it should go to clubs for further discussion under the 60 day rule.
Motion 4 Carried	Motion: "That as of the 2020 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial, the Barry O'Rourke Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the Junior Dog (SC) winner."

13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2020/2021

No increases to be considered for the 2020/2021 year.

14 Election of Officer Bearers

14.1 Election of Executive

National Breed Committee Chair Mr. Ian Urie
 Secretary Mrs. Lyn Phillis
 Obedience Chair Mr. John DeLucia
 Editor Quarterly National Review Mrs. Yvonne Yun

14.2 Election of Position Holders

Public Officer Brenton Lowes
 HD/ED Registrar Doug West
 NBC Registrar Ms. Melanie Groth
 (appointed post meeting)

Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair Dr. Candy Baker
 National Show Liaison Officer Mrs. Jenny Kenworthy
 (appointed post meeting)

Website Officer Jacinta Poole
 Historian Vacant
 Trophy Officer Terry Jarvis
 Breed Specific Legislation Officer John Fenner
 Public Relations Officer Paul York

Ian Urie stood down for position of National Show Liaison Officer and subsequently Jenny Kenworthy was appointed.

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

National Breed Commission (NBC) meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

17 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting

Judges Committee meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

18 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee

Judges Committee meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee

Obedience Meeting was not held due to COVID-19.

20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

20.1 Motion – "Executive required to breed under guidelines as per Breed Surveyors and Judges.

"That as of 2021 the GSDCA elected Executive members be required to breed under the guidelines set down for GSDCA Judges and Surveyors."

Not voted on until the voting of Motion 4

20.2 Motion - 2 Breed Surveyors at Small Club Surveys

"The rule that requires a minimum of 2 Breed Surveyors to adjudicate at breed surveys is rescinded."

Member Clubs decided as it was not put as a motion and voted on originally that it be referred to 60 day motion.

20.3 Motion: - Motion: "Criteria and Eligibility to Participate

"Rescind Clause 4.10 – Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have linebreeding closer than (3-3). Accepted linebreeding is (2-4; 4-2; 3-3; 2-5; 5-2 or wider) [2019] Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3)". **CARRIED**

20.4 Motion: "Specialist Judges & Aspiring Specialist Judges, Breed Surveyors and Aspiring Breed

Surveyors.

a) "Rescind Clause 6.1 and 6.2"

Current Regulations:

That as of 1 July 2019 all GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges must sign the following GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver07/2019) (refer Appendix 9.3.1) to maintain their GSDCA Specialist Judge status. [2019].

b) "Rescind Clause 6.3 and 6.4"

Current Regulations:

Effective the 1 July 2019 all GSDCA Breed Surveyors and Aspiring Breed Surveyors must sign the GSDCA Service Agreement (Ver 07/2017) (refer Appendix 9.3.1) to maintain their GSDCA Breed Surveyor Status. [2019]

c) "Rescind Current Regulation - Clause 6.5"

6.5 GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge/Breed Surveyor, GSDCA Specialist Judge/GSDCA Breed Surveyor Review, Investigation, Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures. [2020]

21 Other Matters referred to the AGM **CARRIED**

There was no "Other Matters" referred to the AGM.

22 General Business

22.1 Discussion Item: NC&HR GSDC

1 Vote per club

1 Extra vote for those clubs that had over 25 dogs breed surveyed during the previous calendar year. (e.g AGM held February 2022 goes on 2021 Breed Surveys)

1 Additional extra vote for those clubs that had over 35 dogs breed surveyed during the previous calendar year (for example if Victoria or Sydney Surveyed 40 dogs, they would have 3 Votes at the AGM)

Affiliation fees remain same 6 February 2021 AGM. CPI increase each year @ 3% commencing in 2022.

Breed Survey numbers count include:

1. All dogs that pass a breed survey at the club, the club receives the credit no matter what club, including members from other clubs that attend the breed survey or imported dogs,
2. If a National is held by a club that includes a breed survey this is also included in the host clubs' numbers.

The system is to reward participation in the club's activities and give a fair vote to all clubs.

LOST

22.2 Discussion item: GSDCQ

"That two Obedience Judges be removed from the GSDCA Obedience Supplementary List as they are now deceased":

Mr. Mal Holland
Mr. Jodie Brown

CARRIED

22.3 Discussion item: GSDCQ

GSDCA Canine Outstanding Service Award for Police Dog Kaos

A submission was made to the 2020 GSDCA AGM for Kaos, but due to COVID hasn't come to fruition.

As Kaos turns 9 years old this year and is due for retirement, and the next GSDCA National is not until 2022. It would be wonderful if this dog receives the award that Kaos be presented the Service Award at Qld Championship Show and Trial in July 2021. The President has spoken to Sean Baxendell Senior Sgt OIC Brisbane Dog Squad, he was very excited about the award, and said the Queensland Police Dog Squad are always honoured when considered for this award. He has given the club an undertaking that should Kaos receive this prestigious award he would ensure that Kaos is not retired, until after the July Championship Show, and would be present to receive the award. He asked the GSDCQ to pass this comment on to the GSDCA. "Kaos and his handler are one of the most successful dog teams within the QPS both present and historically. Kaos was nearly always the first dog to be called in for high risk and dangerous offenders and was formidable in every sense. But there was a dichotomy with Kaos, as although he was rightly feared by criminals he was also the first dog to meet and greet the sick children at the Children's hospital and loved the affection from them."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22.4 Discussion Item: GSDAWA

That the Breed Specific Legislation Chair be re-named the Breed Research and Legislation Chair (or Officer).

The holder of this position gains knowledge from many sources and may need to consult with others such as Canine Controls and other Canine relevant organisations in order to advise GSDCA Executive as required. Quite often input from individual member states is also required. The holder of this position would be a direct resource to assist GSDCA Executive and other GSDCA Officers, e.g. similar to the Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair.

Addendum :

Verification of the title is required as either being Breed Specific Legislation Chair (as per GSDCA website) or Breed Specific Legislation Officer (as recorded on Special General meeting Agenda, Sunday 27th September, 2020).

Title to be amended from Breed Specific Legislation Chair to Breed Research and Legislation Officer

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Continued on page 24.



First Excellent Award

*Was your dog or bitch awarded their first Excellent award after January 2020?
Why not celebrate their achievement by sending through the details of their first excellent for publication?*

To do so, send an email marked "First Excellent for ".....(Dogs Name)" in subject line to the Editor with a high resolution stance photograph. Include in the body of the message the animal's Kennel name, owners name, show details where award made and name of judge.

For any queries, contact revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org.



YPSILON

DI CASA CAPUTI

HD/ ED Normal KKL DM Clear



Sire: Arre vom Huhnegrab Dam: Baily vom Huhnegrab
Ypsilon's first progeny has passed the hip and elbow
scheme

Contact Jess Lynch 0408691313

Apollo continues
to have a record of achievement
and we acknowledge those
who have awarded him so highly

APOLLO



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EXCELLENT MERIT – NSW STATE SEIGER

NATIONAL CLASS WINNER – HERR BRAUCH SV
VERY GOOD MERIT – MS M GROTH
EXCELLENT MERIT AND STATE SEIGER – M GROTH
BRONZE MEDAL 2019 – HERR HOHMANN SV
1ST OPEN - R/U BEST IN SHOW – MRS J DELUCIA
1ST PUPPY AND RES CC – MR L DONALD
1ST INTER AND RES CC – MR A HENDERSON
1ST OPEN AND R/U BEST DOG – MRS M ADAMSON
2ND OPEN AND R/U BEST DOG – DR R ZAMMIT
2ND OPEN AND RES CC – MR M BRADLEY
2ND OPEN AND RES CC – MS N HUMPHRIES

SHOW RESULTS

1ST OPEN, BEST DOG, BOB AND RUBISS - MRS J DELUCIA
1ST PUPPY AND CHALLENGE – SNR BEGGATIO SV
1ST OPEN AND CHALLENGE – DR K HEDBERG
1ST OPEN AND CHALLENGE – FRAU N HERMS SVS
1ST OPEN AND CHALLENGE – MISS J KADA
1ST OPEN AND CHALLENGE – MR I URIE
1ST OPEN AND CHALLENGE – HERR KALLENBACH SV
1ST OPEN AND CHALLENGE – MR G GREEN
1ST INTER DOG AND BEST DOG – MS S BALLANTYNE
1ST OPEN AND BEST DOG – MS J CATHIE SV
1ST OPEN AND BEST DOG – MR G GREGORY
1ST OPEN AND BEST DOG – MR A O'LOUGHLIN

**#1 DAM
NSW**

3 YEARS IN A ROW
2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20

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***CH. VLADIMIR GREYT SENSATION**

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NATIONAL WINNER

LOVED AND OWNED BY YVONNE AND TONY YUN AND KURT MORTON

Presents Her Multi Award Winning Progeny

***CH. SIOBAHN GREYT ENCORE**

A (2-2) Z (0-0)

LOVED AND OWNED BY YVONNE YUN
AND KURT MORTON



POPPY

***CH. SIOBAHN GREYT
TEMPTATION**

A (2-5) Z (0-0)

LOVED AND OWNED BY YVONNE YUN
AND CAROLYN BECKER



PEPPER

***SIOBAHN GREYT
EXPECTATIONS**

A (2-3) Z (0-0)

LOVED AND OWNED BY
YVONNE YUN AND KURT MORTON



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GSDCA 60 DAY MOTIONS

from the 60th Annual General Meeting held on the 6th February 2021 via Zoom Meeting.

1. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.1 GSDCA Zap Character Test be rescinded".

Regulation 2.14.2 **GSDCA ZAP** Character Test. For further information please refer to the ZAP Character Test Manual (01/07/2020) [2019]

- That the GSDCA will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test), effective 1 January 2020.
- All dogs born after 1 January 2020 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- A pass of ZAP Part 1 shall be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.

Rationale

The fact that COVID-19 has severely impacted the ability of our membership to undertake the usual activities associated with Showing, Trialing, Training and Breed Surveys, and has made the timing of the introduction of this regulation problematic at best and in some cases impossible to meet.

It is moved that this Regulation be rescinded at this stage and revisited at a time in the future when it may be achievable.

2. Motion: "That Laura Schimke be moved from the supplementary Obedience Judges list to the Preferred list".

Laure's Resume reads

I first became involved in dogs (German Shepherds) as a very young child, going to all the dog competitions with my father. My parents bred German Shepherds from 1978 to 1992 when I acquired my first German Shepherd dog.

I commenced training my first GSD in 1993 at the age of 13 at our local dog club. We gained our CD title in 1993, CDX title in 1994 and after some difficult learning curves and a severe dog attack, attained our UD title in 2000. I have since then trained other GSD's to different levels in Obedience, Rally O and Agility/Jumpers/Games, Endurance and Tricks and continue to do so with my current 2 German Shepherds.

At the age of 13 I became the youngest instructor at Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club Inc., instructing all levels from Puppy to Trialing Class. I am still currently an active instructor for the club. I have also held various positions within the club ranging from Vice-President, Secretary, Trial Secretary, 2 O/C Trainer, Head Agility Instructor, Demonstration Instructor and Committee Representative just to name a few. I have also been a steward at the Brisbane Royal for the past 20+ years thus resulting in been presented with the RNA Long Service Badge.

Due to my high involvement in the Logan Obedience club, it was only natural to then become a Judge. Therefore in 1998 I was accepted on the Judges

Trainee Panel, making me the youngest trainee judge in Australia at the time. I was elevated to Senior Judge Status in 2003. After taking a year off to concentrate on Judging I was accepted on the Agility Training Panel in 2005 and elevated to full Status (Agility, Jumpers and Games) in 2007. When Rally-O was introduced, I was accepted onto the Judges list for Rally.

I have judged in many places within Australia from Queensland (both locally and in Northern Qld), Western Australia, NSW (Northern and Far South) and Darwin. I have also judged at the Brisbane Royal on several occasions and have judged at the Melbourne Royal also.

My biggest judging highlight to date was the invitation I received to Judge Agility and Jumpers in Malaysia.

I am qualified to judge the following:

All Obedience Levels, All Rally Levels, All Agility Levels, All Jumpers Levels, All Games Levels.

Along with my Judging responsibilities, I am also on the Qld Senior Judges Panel, and now going into my second year as the German Shepherd Obedience Co-Ordinator for the GSDCQ.

3. Motion: (Two) 2 Breed Surveyors at club surveys

"That at Breed Surveys conducted by an affiliate Club of the GSDCA, there must be a minimum of two (2) qualified GSDCA Breed Surveyors to conduct the survey. In the event that two GSDCA Breed Surveyors are not able to be present to adjudicate the Breed Survey, the NBC Executive will, in consultation with the Member Club, appoint a second Breed Surveyor. Travel and reimbursement of expenses will be approved by the NBC & GSDCA for the second Breed Surveyor only".

Rationale

The requirement to have two Breed Surveyors present at a Breed Survey held by a member club has been in place since 2015. Consistency, quality and confidence in breed surveys were key themes discussed at the GSDCA Breed Survey forum. Having two Breed Surveyors present has proven both useful and beneficial, as well as appreciated by exhibitors. This motion formalizes the requirement.

4. Motion: Two (2) Breed Surveyors at small club surveys

"That dispensation is granted upon application by clubs where a survey is to be held 500kms from a capital city, the club is only required to have one surveyor at the survey".

Rationale

Firstly, it is a cost factor the cost to provide this service to the members in regional areas is expensive, and although council has agreed to pay for the 2nd surveyor bearing in mind concerns re the GSDCA loss of 50% of its savings, and especially post COVID flights can be expensive, added to this cost of accommodation / meals and travel this is an expensive exercise. e.g. A survey being planned currently for Zone 3 in QLD will incur a minimum of \$1200 in flight costs for 2 surveyors.

Secondly this cost might be incurred where there are only a couple of dogs to be surveyed, as has occurred in the past.

JUDGES

Introducing Laura Schimke, an old hand at obedience!



I first became involved in dogs (German Shepherds) as a very young child, going to all the dog competitions with my father. My parents bred German Shepherds from 1978 to 1992 when I acquired my first German Shepherd dog.

I commenced training my first GSD in 1993 at the age of 13 at our local dog club. We gained our CD title in 1993, CDX title in 1994 and after some difficult learning curves and a severe dog attack, attained our UD title in 2000. I have since then trained other GSD's to different levels in Obedience, Rally O and Agility/Jumpers/Games, Endurance and Tricks and continue to do so with my current 2 German Shepherds.

At the age of 13 I became the youngest instructor at Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club Inc., instructing all levels from Puppy to Trialling Class. I am still currently an active instructor for the club. I have also held various positions within the club ranging from Vice-President, Secretary, Trial Secretary, 2 O/C Trainer, Head Agility Instructor, Demonstration Instructor and Committee Representative just to name a few. I have also been a steward at the Brisbane Royal for the past 20+ years thus resulting in been presented with the RNA Long Service Badge.

Due to my high involvement in the Logan Obedience club, it was only natural to then become a Judge. Therefore in 1998 I was accepted on the Judges Trainee Panel, making me the youngest trainee judge in Australia at the time. I was elevated to Senior Judge Status in 2003. After taking a year off to concentrate on Judging I was accepted on the Agility Training Panel in 2005 and elevated to full Status (Agility, Jumpers and Games) in 2007. When Rally-O was introduced, I was accepted onto the Judges list for Rally.

I have judged in many places within Australia from Queensland (both locally and in Northern Qld), Western Australia, NSW (Northern and Far South) and Darwin. I have also judged at the Brisbane Royal on several occasions and have judged at the Melbourne Royal also.

My biggest judging highlight to date was the invitation I received to Judge Agility and Jumpers in Malaysia.

I am qualified to judge the following:

- All Obedience Levels
- All Rally Levels
- All Agility Levels
- All Jumpers Levels
- All Games Levels

Along with my Judging responsibilities, I am also on the Qld Senior Judges Panel, and now going into my second year as the German Shepherd Obedience Co-Ordinator for the GSDCQ.

Laura Schimke



THE GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARD

was for: Best Rally Excellent Handler/
Dog team for 2019

*Recipient: Lauren Brownhill, with Dual
Ch(T) Supr. Ch Rimerini Dare To Dream
'A,Z' CCD RE*

DOG FIRST AID KIT

*Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS
MANZCVS (ECC)*

Have you ever been in a situation at home or on a holiday, where your dog has injured itself and you've felt a little helpless about what to do until you can get veterinary attention? Keeping a basic Dog First Aid Kit may be a good idea not only in times of despair at home but also if traveling long distances or on holiday with your dog or dogs.

Some basic home care kit and techniques are following to buy time before getting to the veterinarian for further attention. Particularly if there is quite a distance to the nearest vet or a time delay for unforeseeable circumstances.

A lot of serious issues require very prompt veterinary attention, this may aid for more simple problems that aren't life threatening or require immediate treatment. It is important to make a call to a veterinary clinic or emergency clinic to seek advice.

There is a table at the bottom of the article to help you with a kit, however, the article will explain where and why it should be used and when to seek veterinary advice and consultation.

Trauma // Wounds :

It is important first and foremost to be aware of the fact that no matter how tolerant or well behaved your dog is, in times of pain and severe pain they will bite. Care and Caution should always be taken to avoid being bitten. Folded towels and blankets over their head or around their neck can be used to provide protection if trying to move or restrain for short periods.



If you do not have a muzzle on hand you can make a basic one using gauze bandage. By making an upside down loop to pass over the dog's muzzle, then passing either end of the bandage around the back of the head and tying a knot. Be aware that the give in the bandage and if the loops is quite far back on the muzzle that they can still bite, so try to place the loop half way down the muzzle.



If you believe there is a fractured limb, do not attempt to bandage, just protect the dog from moving around too much and causing more trauma until veterinary attention can be sought.

An open wound regardless of the cause needs to be cleaned and covered to avoid further contamination, control bleeding and can often provide pain control. Wounds should be covered in three layers as a general rule. A primary layer which would be a non-stick dressing, a secondary padding layer to provide comfort and absorption and a tertiary layer which provides a protective layer.

Include in your kit :

- Melolin non stick dressings
- Soffban or Vellband or flat cotton wool roll
 - o Gauze conforming bandage can be used over the top of a soft layer to add pressure for bleeding but is not essential
- Vetwrap self adhesive bandage
 - o Elastoplast / elastic adhesive bandage can be used as an outer layer and can be used to overrun the edge of a bandage to help hold it in place



- Muzzle, soft rope or strong gauze bandage

- Flat board to transport a dog with possible back or pelvic trauma
- Thick blanket and towels
- Scissors, tweezers
- Saline or table salt and clean fresh water (1.5 teaspoons of salt in 1L of water)
 - Alternatively Betadine diluted to look like weak tea is appropriate for irrigating open wounds

Veterinary attention should then be sought as soon as possible to administer appropriate pain relief and further treatment as needed.

Heat stress :

In hot ambient temperatures or times of excessive exercise, which can sometimes be light exercise in an unfit dog (overweight, concurrent health conditions etc) dogs are susceptible to heat stress which can be deadly.

- Water (to drink)
- Water (to wet down, particularly feet, belly, inside hind legs)
- Water (to freeze and put in water bowls or clam shells)
- Cool mats or towels saturated with water
- Fan or air-conditioning
- Cool misters
- Rectal thermometer (37.8-39.0 normal temperature range for dogs)

Seek immediate veterinary attention if you notice one or two of the following things happening during hotter temperatures.

- Excessive noisy panting
- Weakness or wobbliness on their legs
- Pale gums
- Collapse
- Seizures / fitting

Gastro-intestinal signs :

Vomiting, diarrhoea, lack of appetite or not drinking enough will cause dehydration. Having a few basics on hand will aid simple gastroenteritis or stress causing a problem with dehydration. Ongoing vomiting for 12 hours or more warrants attention promptly. Vomiting and watery diarrhoea together should require veterinary attention the same day, particularly immediate attention is required if the diarrhoea contains blood regardless of volume.

- Electrolyte concentrate or sachets, such as Lectade or recharge
- Immodium 2mg every 8 – 12 hours can be used for diarrhoea, but you must advise your veterinarian of it's use
- Peptosyl for diarrhoea



Constipation :

For simple short duration of straining or producing dry stools

- Fresh water
- Electrolytes
- Actilax/Lactulose/dulose suspension 5mls every 8 hours (ensure no xylitol)
- Metamucil natural granules – 1 tablespoon daily
 - This is also helpful for large bowel diarrhoea (frequent defecation, mild mucous and fresh blood noticed) – however, veterinary attention should be sought for underlying cause and assessment



Gastric Dilation Volvulus / Bloat :

This is a surgical emergency and veterinary attention must be sought immediately to ensure survival. There is nothing that can be given at home to decrease the symptoms or delay the progression.

Toxins :

Ingestion of toxins – there are no “safe” things to give your dog to induce vomiting at home, it is always recommended to seek veterinary attention. If you are hours from the nearest vet the safest thing to have on hand to induce vomiting is washing soda crystals (not powder) and no more than 1cm³ per 20kg of body weight, which would equate to approximately 2 medium sized washing soda crystals. Always seek veterinary advice via telephone as a starting point upon ingestion of potential toxins.

Hot spots / / Dermatitis / / Skin irritation // allergic reactions :

Hot spots and dermatitis tend to have an overgrowth or infection present if the skin is especially red and moist with ooze or discharge, this needs to be assessed by a vet and have appropriate cytology assessed for appropriate antibiotic or anti-fungal treatment if indicated. This can be done whenever you are able to make an appointment within a reasonable time frame.

In the interim the following topical therapies can be used and ideally good to have on hand at home:

- Chlorhexidine wipes or solution/antiseptic
- Malaseb or Paw Mediderm shampoo
- Antihistamines for itch, such as cetirizine/zyrtec 10mg

Antihistamines can be used for simple allergic reactions, such some local swelling or mild irritation from a bee sting, however, more diffuse swelling, hives, collapse, vomiting or diarrhoea following an insect bite needs immediate veterinary attention and then a prescription for an epipen to have on hand at home.

Include in your kit:

Wounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melolin non stick dressings • Soffban or Vellband or flat cotton wool roll • Vetwrap self adhesive bandage
Trauma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muzzle, soft rope or strong gauze bandage • Flat board • Thick blanket and towels • Scissors, tweezers • Saline or table salt and clean fresh water (1.5 teaspoons of salt in 1L of water) • Rectal thermometer • OR; Betadine
Heat Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rectal thermometer • Fans • Towels + water
GI signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrolyte concentrate or sachets, such as <i>lectade</i> or <i>recharge</i> • Immodium 2mg • Peptosyl • Fresh water • Actilax/Lactulose/dulose suspension (ensure no xylitol) • Metamucil natural granules
Toxins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing soda crystals (seek veterinary advice)
Allergic reactions / skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chlorhexidine wipes or solution/antiseptic • Malaseb or Paw Mediderm shampoo • Antihistamines – seek veterinary advice

BREEDER BEWARE

The relationship we have had with government has always been rocky. We have silence for a while and then, without warning, things are being done that will rob us of our hobby if we do not do something – and that means each and every one of us.

To illustrate, DOGS NSW is currently embroiled in a battle with the Department of Primary Industry(DPI), who have reportedly passed over \$20m tax payer dollars to the RSPCA to conduct puppy audits. This means that the RSPCA can turn up on your doorstep without notice, demand access to records, your property and fine for any breach of the Code of Practice for Breeding Dogs and Cats. Ostensibly this “innovation” was rolled out to eliminate puppy mills and to alleviate the suffering of unfortunate animals and puppies caught up in the practice. So, that’s a good thing you say. Agreed, but as always, the devil is in the detail.

And the details include:

- No differentiation between commercial organisations breeding on massive scale and the hobbyist
- No Standard Operating Procedures for RSPCA officers
- No right of appeal or appeals process for breeders found wanting. Its simply what the auditors says and that’s it.
- A Code of Practice that was developed in the early 2000’s and has not been updated since.
- (<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/animal-welfare/general/codes-of-practice/breeding-dogs-and-cats>)
- A lack of consultation with all stakeholders
- Inconsistent and authoritarian approaches by auditors
- A total lack of engagement with DOGS NSW by the RSPCA and DPI.

And on the list rolls!

There should not be a single one amongst us that does not support moves to eliminate inhumane practices in animal breeding. As a former GSDL Inc Rescue Officer of 8 years standing, I am fully aware of some of the practices that happen. But, as a breeder of over 20 years standing, I object rigorously to being treated as guilty when the two organisations I belong to have had for many years regulated practices and oversight of what I do to insure that I do to insure that the animals I raise are bred in the best possible conditions, not those that would apply to a production line .

So, I would urge everyone to get involved, raise your voice and make sure that you know what’s going on and do whatever you can to make sure that our hobby and passions are not stolen from us silently. One of the reasons the Minister in NSW has given for not acting is that the Federal Government is intending to introduce a National set of Guidelines within the next 3 years. And at law, Federal statute overrules state. We need to be on our guard now.

A NOVICE VIEW OF THE SPORT OF TRACKING

As you do, I found myself wanting to do more than just showing, knowing the versatility of my favourite breed, the German Shepherd Dog. I was looking around for something else for myself to do and more importantly, giving my dogs something to do other than being “just a show dog”. I had heard the arguments that show dogs don’t make it in other disciplines and vice versa, not one of my beliefs.

Naturally, I considered going back to obedience, but knew my dogs needed more than doing set routines many times over; having done obedience before, I found myself hankering for something that would not only satisfy my dogs need for activity, but give me some new challenges. I’d been there and done obedience; time for something new. Agility was next on the list for consideration, but in my view, not a GSD forte, to be honest. Sheep herding was hard to access with the nearest workshop being 8 hours away at the time and local farmers being dubious of a big hairy dog being allowed, let alone being able, to work their sheep.

I moved back to NSW in 2006, from Brisbane. I had a bit of a hiatus from showing and living outside of Australia. In 2008, I was gifted a male puppy by my friend, Lyn Gregor. His name, firstly Travis, secondly Aust Ch.*Kelinpark Travellin Man BSCL1 AZ. He was the son of Cayos Noriswand and Kelinpark Onya (Orpheus daughter). He gave me a new lease of dog life. When he was 2, Lyn suggested we come and have a look at Tracking, my response “What is that?” Lyn’s reply “It is awesome”.

The Tracking season in the district starts in April, the cooler months, and snakes go into hibernation. Lyn invited myself and partner to a trial to “have a look”. So we set out at 4:30am from Coffs Harbour to a place called Fineflower, ³/₄ of an hour west of Copmanhurst. When we arrived, we saw a camp full of tents, dog cars, a camp kitchen, with a camp cook, (bless Mary for her meals) and people donning jumpers, beanies gloves and parkers. The foot wear was a bevy of army boots, gumboots, hiking boots and most importantly gaiters. This was the fashion of the tracking trial.

We were invited to follow a competitor who was just about to do a T1, this is a 400m track set out in a paddock at around 6am in any weather. When we reached the start of the track, the only two people who usually follow the dog, the judge and steward, advised us to stay in order to minimise noise levels, so as not to put the dog off his work. At the start was a sock, dropped by the tracklayer to give a young dog a clue as to what had to be found.

Well, the dog, a GSD, scented the sock and away he went. Looking into the distance and the way the dog was heading, we had no idea where the track went - quite simply, there was NOTHING except acres of grass, some trees, a few head of steers and NOTHING. To watch this dog work his way down the track, change direction to check a scent and change back when he realised it wasn’t the right way, negotiate fallen branches, shrubs, find another article dropped by the tracklayer, take the change of directions like he was on rails to find his prize, the tracklayer in the hide at the end of the track. The

dog and his handler are a true team, with the handler supporting the dog, revelling in the joy on the dog’s face and the pride on the owner/handler’s face, palpable. The judge, steward too, showed their joy at the result of the dog using its instincts to find the prize. The sincere, shared pleasure of a competitor doing well. I WAS HOOKED.

Back at ‘camp’ more congratulations for the dog and competitor from EVERYONE, there was the usual dissecting of the track, what the dog had done well, what the handler should have done etc etc etc. It was all encouraging. After all the morning tracks had gone out and come back with passes and fails as with any dogsport, however, all the comments were encouraging and ‘how to’ for the next competition offered and taken on board. What a community and the Camp Mum provides a scrumptious breakfast.

We went home thinking this is awesome, a weekend away in a beautiful location with fabulous, helpful people.

How do you train? Well, this isn’t as hard as it seems and I am by no means an expert, just a novice. Thankfully, my partner at the time being a carpenter/builder had lots of explorer work socks. Not for long....

We simply started with walking about 50 metres. Placing a sock that had been worn by my partner for 12 hours, 🐾 at the start of the ‘track’ then walked about 10 metres placed another on the track until the articles had been placed and the person had laid down under a blanket. The socks were placed on the ground with a treat as an incentive for the ‘find’. Lots of praise and encouragement for the dog when he follows the ‘track, finds the articles and ultimately the person.

Travis (Kelinpark Travellin Man) took to this like a duck to water, from memory I remember training twice and then entering a trial. I ordered my tracking harness, my 10 metre lead (or 2) and away we went.

The trial was run by Grafton Obedience Club. The first thing to do on the morning of the ‘track’ was muster. This is where you meet your judge; yes you are allowed to talk to your judge, show them your tack (Lead and Harness). The lead must be 10m and a proper tracking harness that is comfortable for the dog.

I am told that my track is over the creek and goes out at 6:30am (first track of the day) and just follow the steward and the judge would meet us there. Off we go. The tracklayer went out 15 minutes prior to walk the track, allow it to age and take up the markers. The first track layer can be a known person (known to dog and owner) this gives a novice dog a chance. At the start time the judge showed where the start marker was (a flag and a sock) wished us good luck and said see you at the end.

I remember thinking this will be fine, we can do this - then looking past the start peg and thinking where on earth is the track? How on earth do I know where to go? There are no footprints by the tracklayer, I didn’t know any identifiers, it was Travis and me both absolute beginners. It felt like jumping out of a plane and not knowing where to land. Anyway, off we went, Travis scented the first sock and away he went, head down walking a little side to side following the scent. I had no idea, how to read him or know when he was working and when not. All of a sudden he turned left and sure enough after about 20 metres was another

article, picked up the sock showed the judge and away we went, straight ahead, then he stopped put his head up looked around then head down circled looking for the track. My encouraging words "Find the track" I didn't have a damned clue 😊 then he found it and charged to the hide and found his prize. I will never forget the look on Trav's face of a job well done, the smile and joy on his face and the relief and amazement on mine of the amazing job he did. It was an eye opener. The judges' words "the dog did great work, the handler needs work" LOL. He was given a very good grading, despite of his handler.

I may have given the impression that tracking is easy and it is easy to start. However, there are a lot of learning curves along the way. As the team go through the ranks, passing their first track. The distance increases from 400 to 1.2 kilometres for a TDX. To gain titles, Tracking Dog (TD) your team will need a Pass in TD1, TD2, TD3. Tracking dog excellent (TDX) you will need to pass TD4, TD5, TD6 and TD Ch you will need a pas in TD7 and TD8.

As your team progresses through the levels, the degree of difficulty increases not only in length but also in the time left before the team is sent out on the track. The corners in the track change in complexity of the angle of the corner and the introduction of cross tracks. This means that another person will walk across the track twice to add difficult to the track. This tests the dogs ability to make a decision on the right track to take.

The sport of Tracking is a discipline that allows you and your dog to become a team, to work together, to grow. You learn your dog's body language, you know when they are working or whether they are leading you down "the garden path". More than once they will indicate the direction of the track and keep telling you and telling you until they give you a look that says 'IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW BETTER, OFF WE GO....' only to find the judge saying *Cathy, you should have listened to your dog and the track ends.*

I have since taken Travis, Pink (Vladimir Hard Act to Follow), Patti (Aust Ch *Kelinpark Icing on The Cake AZ) and Fergie (Aust Ch *Eroica Duchess of York AZ) to their Tracking Dog Titles, hoping to have their TDX titles by the end of this season. Kensii (*Crytara Pink Soxx AZ) passed her TD1 with an excellent grading and will continue her tracking journey. Travis only needed another pass to get his TDX title but sadly passed away too young as did Pink.

At the end of the day Tracking is you and your dog. Whether a pass or a fail, it is a dogsport



Waiting to be found

that bonds a dog to its owner. The community is encouraging and helpful. Big Thanks to Lyn for my start and encouragement with Tracking and the encouragement and friendship of the Tracking community. I will forever be in wonderment of our breed's versatility and work ethic, they never cease to amaze.



Where the hell is the track???



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The survey of November 8 went ahead under COVID-19 restrictions with no spectators or overall assessment at the end. I would like to thank the 3 surveyors who were present.

Congratulations to the following dogs, breeders and owners who were successfully classified:

Bhuachaille Evander LSC owned by P Smith.

Nikobishunde Isabella owned by N & M Kirkham.

Freevale Joie de Vivre owned by M & C Morris.

Beychief Hearts on Fire owned by A & T Mills.

Sadria Chantilli owned by S Morrissey & C & M Morris.

Pirlo von Arminius (Deu) IGP3 owned by K Stevenson was presented for verification.

Although, due to COVID 19, in a different format the GSDL AGM went ahead on November 30 and the new committee was elected. We welcome our new committee members:

Tony Darcy - Vice President

Matt Morris - Breed Affairs

Vanessa Bland - Shepherd News Editor, Merchandising

Marilyn Nicholas - Show Secretary

Wayne Wagstaff - Training Co-ordinator

The full committee and contacts can be found on our website.

Our December Christmas Members Competition on Saturday December 12 went ahead with threats of border closures and rain on the night. It was a great entry of 124 under Mrs Jenny De Lucia (SA). Her Best SC Dog was

*Khayem Revelation and Best SC Bitch was * Aust Ch Shardon Under My Spell. Her Best LSC Dog was *Cinderhof Vandaal and Best LSC Bitch was Siobahn Greyt Expectations. Thank you to Jenny De Lucia for judging in uncertain times.



We made our first event for 2021 on February 21 a very social outing for all and it was great to be back with each other in a more relaxed environment. The day began at 9 o'clock with Tony Darcy and Matt Morris running show training classes and Wayne Wagstaff taking the obedience training. New puppies were there just to socialise.

Then at 11 o'clock the survey was run with many new members able to watch. We had 4 surveyors present and all 9 dogs were successfully classified. Congratulations to the following dogs, breeders and their owners:



Jaknell Back in Black owned by A & J Kada.

Bemboka Firepower owned by D Aliverti.

Glenbala Perfect in Pink owned by G & K Gregory.

Lozani Kikka Helga owned by D Stojanovski.

Aimsway Livi owned by J & L Martens.

Hausillevon Angy owned by J Gordillo & F Huertas.

Sundaneka Wildfire Tequila owned by G & K Stevenson.

Siobahn Greyt Expectations (AI) LSC owned by K Morton and Y Yun.

Sundaneka Whistling Gypsy LSC owned by G & K Stevenson.



Then Tony Darcy, Trevor Moore and a group of helpers organised the sausage sizzle and drinks for at least 50 people. A very successful day for all with a positive vibe which will be done again in the future.

We can look forward to Ms Jane Pike (SA) judging the GSDL Easter Championship Show on Saturday April 3. Thank you, Jane, for accepting our appointment.

The next Breed Survey will be May 16 2021. Show and Obedience Training will begin at 9am, followed by the Survey at 11am then a Sausage Sizzle. All members and new puppy owners are welcome.

Let's hope we can share our love for the German Shepherd and the show atmosphere with all of Australia during 2021.

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Victoria is back up and running at full steam again. Phew ! Despite a few hiccups for covid, our club is back into full training and planning and holding events for 2021. We've got our covid plans mastered and we hope for no further shutdowns.

Late last year some of our freedoms returned and club life resumed. Most of our branches barely closed over the Christmas holiday period as we worked hard to help all our members with their dogs. What is usually a 6 week break for most became

a 1-3 week break as we catered for our members who missed so much training last year and those with new puppies. We have heaps of new puppies and young dogs training and learning each week which is great.

Our first Breed Survey for 2021 in February saw 9 dogs classified. Congrats to owners and breeders. There was a big crowd to watch which was great too !

Bronacre Uluru Jackaroo - Gerry vom Schacher x Bronacre Uluru Matilda (F Farley)

Bronacre Popped To The Maxx - Seigen Bliss Myass x Bronacre Salted Popcorn (D & R Oldfield)

Blakngold Morebangforyourbuck - Schaeferhund Logun x Blakngold Get Rich Quick (V Stocks)

Vanharley Oakley - Xeno von Arjakjo x Vanharley Intrige (D Colson)

Kelinpark Rozata - Djambo vom Fichtenschlag x Kelinpark Butterscotch (A Leverett)

Jayshell Tijuana - Macho vom Lamorak x Ch. Jayshell Kenzie (N McDermott)

Willmaurs Elly Mae - Conbharirean Freddie x Stobar Charlotte (W & M Goodwin)

Stobar Heidee (LSC) - Conbharirean Freddie x Vanland Ava (G Singh)

Karabach Quite A Skywalker - Conbharirean Freddie x Sadria Tillys Pepper (M Rovetto)

Our first big event back was our 104th Championship Show & Trial, held on March 6th and 7th. We had a great entry in both show (121) and trial (33), with 5 dogs entered for the Dual Performance trophy. Everyone was keen to get back in the ring ! Our winners were:

LSC Challenge Bitch *JARVINIA CHIQUITITA Brd/Exh: Narelle Cullen

LSC Reserve Challenge Bitch *LORDAVO ROYAL SYMPHONY AZ Brd/Exh David & Lorelle Organ

SC Challenge Bitch *ICA VON DER ZENTEICHE Exh: KR, RT & CA Knuckey

SC Reserve Challenge Bitch *HASENWAY DIXIE CHICK AZ Exh: J Haase

LSC Challenge Dog *DENARGUN ZHIVAGO AZ Exh: A. Leverett

LSC Reserve Challenge Dog

*JAYSHELL RICKODO AZ Exh: V&D Wisdom

SC Challenge Dog *CHILI DELLA VALCUVIA Exh: Cathie, Zimmerle, Groth, Green, Knuckey & Auwema

SC Reserve Challenge Dog *KHAYEM REVELATION ET AZ Exh: K F Graham

Dual Performance Winner *ARRISTAR LYKA BAT OUTA HELL AZ Exh: Mrs A & Mr J Barr - CCD 100/100 pts, 6th of 14 Open Bitch, graded Excellent

Obedience Trial Winner of Winners: JAYELLA WOT R THE ODDS CD TDX TSD (Bluemax Zoomba x Ts. Grand.Ch. Dual Ch. (Ts) Killara Aella UD) Brdr/Exhr: Mr I & Mrs D Woollard: Open class Q 193/200pts.

Special presentations were made on Saturday at the show to outgoing GSDCA Executive members Vince Tantaró, Val Moody, Jenny Yuen, Julie Urie and Jacinta Poole for their service to the GSDCA. Current GSDCA NBC chair Ian Urie and GSDCV President Vince Ebejer made the presentations.



On Sunday we also made a special presentation to our dog judge Fran Farley, in recognition of her final judging appointment as a GSD specialist judge. Thank you Fran for your contribution to the GSD and our members, you have given so much knowledge over the years. A big thank you for your final show !!



Our AGM will be held on March 20th where our current executive will be returned unchanged. We will farewell three Branch Managers in Ken Smith (Skye), Terry Taukus (Northern) and Edwina Neale (Bendigo). Thank you for your service to our members. We welcome Carla Srb

(Skye), Diane Page (Northern) and Deb Hill (Bendigo) to their roles as branch managers for 2021.

We're all looking forward to an action packed 2021, without covid interruptions !.

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It has been a very promising start to 2021, with record numbers of dogs in training and thirteen classes on a Wednesday night. It has also been really pleasing to see so many puppies and handlers at training. Our instructors have put together an exciting new obstacle course to assist them build their confidence and start to learn new skills.

This year has also started with an opportunity for some of the club members to compete in the RNCAS Royal Canberra Championship Dog Show at Exhibition Park in Canberra on the 27 of February. We are very proud of Vic Grzeskiewics who with Jackson (Uhlmsdorf Black Label UD) was awarded Best of Breed - Dog, Dog Challenge and Best In Group and with Chips (Uhlmsdorf Russian Roulette) awarded Second Baby Puppy Dog. While, Mona Wood with Rolly (Uhlmsdorf Casino Royale) was also awarded first Baby Puppy Dog and Baby of Breed.


A key initiative of the club this year is implementation of the YELLOW Lead Program in the club. This program now being utilised internationally in 45 countries, creates awareness and provides a clear indicator, that some dogs need a little more space. Our club thinks this is a great idea and positive way to make members aware, that just like people, not every dog is the same and some need extra space.

Importantly, we are educating our members that just because a dog

is wearing the YELLOW lead, not to jump to the conclusion that it must be aggressive. A dog that is wearing the YELLOW lead is educating people that they need space – which could be for a range of reasons. Some reasons why a dog would be wearing yellow are nervous dogs, illness or recovering from surgery, deafness or blindness, elderly dogs, shyness, fear or anxiety. The lead is simply a warning sign not to touch the dog without asking the owner first. Importantly, it can start a conversation around the YELLOW lead and why the dog needs support.

We have some dogs in our club wearing these YELLOW leads, that are working with a club instructors, to assist them with their issue. This includes giving advice, training one on one, special consideration in classes and assessments. There is also a plan discussed with the handler and a strategy where appropriate to transition the YELLOW lead back to a standard lead. We believe this is an important initiative that assists both people and dogs to be safe.





GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB of TASMANIA Inc

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The start to the 2021 year has been a busy one. Training has recommenced and with an influx of members attending on a weekly basis and Obedience having regular attendees also. After last year being a total wipeout it was great to be able to hold a Breed Survey with 3 animals being successfully classified and to hold 2 Championship shows in February. Our officiating judges were Jess Kada (NSW) and Vincenzo Tantarò (VIC) who almost didn't make the weekend due to Victoria going back into lockdown on the day before he was due to arrive, quick re-organising saw Vince sailing Bass Strait on Friday evening instead of a quick flight Saturday morning. Although numbers were only 29 per show it was still great to be able to get dogs shown. During the lunch break,

Vince presented the Gold medal for Hips and Elbows to Pat and the late Kevin Eaves - Tennant of Karraine Kennels, this being a first for a Tasmanian German Shepherd breeder. Also presented was the Bronze medal for Hips and Elbows to Glenn and Kristy Hall of Roxamburg Kennels. Congratulations to both breeders on your achievements.

Meetings are currently being well supported by members and due to some great sourcing and organising, fundraising is well underway for the year. Our next Breed Survey is being held on Saturday 22nd May and also AM/ PM shows on Sunday 23rd, judges are Carol O'Rourke and Stephen Collins.

Ken Millhouse
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News from the West

We have had a FANTASTIC turnout at our evening training sessions. I have had the pleasure in attending the Beginner's Class with some young pups.

Great fun to be had and owners are thrilled at their babies' accomplishments. I hope these new members see the merit in continuing to train their dogs as they get older and join in activities our association offers.

I continue to receive requests for puppies – since the COVID19 Pandemic there seems to be a renewed interest in obtaining a puppy – of any breed or description. Sadly some advertisements on Gumtree seem to be asking prices as high as \$5500 for a puppy of questionable breeding. I say this not as a criticism of any puppy but when you can see the markings or ear carriage and size are not of a German Shepherd if makes you sad for those who are falling for

the trick. The seller states it is a pedigreed puppy but when asked for the papers, the response is - the breeder will send them to me and I will send them to you. A couple of callers have been cheated out of their hard earned money by buying from scam sites. Recently I had a call from a lady who was interested in a pup on Gumtree I voiced my concern however she did go and look and sent me photographs of this pup only 4 months old that had to be muzzled when greeting people. I am trying to track down the breeder via the vet who inserted the microchip so hopefully we can get this puppy some help to be less reactive before it is on sold without being socialised sufficiently. I believe it is our responsibility to help and ensure our breed's reputation is protected.

We had our first 1sts for the year

The 1st breed survey for the year with a new import being presented -Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam - congratulations to the connections of this beautiful boy.

Our 1st Obedience and rally O trial - all went off well I believe - congratulations to those who participated. I have been informed that Christine Barsby with Player Ch.Volscaro Play the Game AZ BSC did really well in his first trial scoring 96/100 2nd place and a medal.

Diane Webb excelled - as always - Raine - the multi-titled Sabaranburg Purple Rain - coming 2nd with an excellent score of 197 in UD at the Dogs West Eukanuba Summer Carnival.

Last but not least to Tracy Roberts and team Volscaro - a weekend of brilliant performances by all of her dogs she presented at the Western Classic.

Congratulations to everyone who has had a win recently .

To those who have lost their dog recently - our deepest sympathies - may they walk by your side forever.

As always be kind to your dogs they are the best friends you will ever have.

Margaret Adams Editor




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Queensland News

At the GSDCQ AGM on the 30th November 2020 a new committee took the reins of the club, a few oldies, who have served on previous committees but mainly fresh faces to the GSDCQ management committee.

This committee is committed to moving the club forward in a positive manner, and to offer as many opportunities to the members to show case their dogs as we can.

After a quiet year due to COVID 19, the recommencement of Wednesday night training in January has been popular with over 20 members attending. We have now introduced bi- weekly Sunday morning training to offer an opportunity for people who cannot get to Wednesday night, and for those that would like a 2nd training session.

The club has its first show in March with a member's competition, in conjunction with a Breed survey and an obedience demonstration. Our judge is Mrs. Nicky McDermott.

At the time of writing this report entries are 63 dogs, with a few days to go, the club is very happy with this entry. The next event is a Double header members competition the 15th and 16th of May, also in conjunction with a Breed Survey. Our Judges are Mrs. Jenny Delucia, and Ms. Jess Kada. We are waiting Dogs QLD approval to also hold an Obedience trial with the event.

Our Double header Championship shows on the 3rd and 4th of July, with a Breed Survey be held on the Friday prior to the event. Unfortunately, with the travel restrictions this year we will not have an overseas judge. Our judges for the event are Mrs. Jenny Yuen and Mr. Alistair Henderson. Our Obedience judge is Mrs. Vivian Mannion.

We are delighted that at this event the GSDCA Service Dog Award will be presented to Queensland Police Dog Kaos. This will be Kaos last public outing as a Police dog as he will be retired after the event.

A breed survey is currently being planned for June in far North QLD at Ingham, with interest for 8 dogs at this event.

In August (pending approval) there will be a member's competition and Breed survey in Zone 2 at Bundaberg.

In September our State Breed will be held in conjunction with an Obedience Trial and Breed Survey. Our Judge is Mr. Peter Flynn.

We have organized raffles for the first 2 events with a portrait prize for the raffle held in March, and a Puppy Tunnel for the May raffle.

The club also hopes to raise some funds though a couple of Bunnings sausage sizzles this year.

The club is moving with the times, membership renewals are being sent out via an invoice. This was an initiative of the previous committee and works well, as the GSDCQ membership currently stands at the same number as we finished with last year.

As Queensland is such a large state, an example is that it is further from Cairns to Brisbane, than Melbourne to Brisbane. A way had to be found to include members outside the Brisbane area into participating in club meetings.

To allow as many people as possible to attend our general meetings we are introducing Zoom

participation, we are starting small with 20 people on Zoom, for our March Meeting, and also members will be attending the meeting. A camera and speaker have been purchased to utilize, fingers crossed it works out well.



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Meng graduated from Murdoch Veterinary School in 2006. He spent one year in private practice before returning to Perth to pursue his dream of becoming a veterinary dermatologist. From 2008 to 2014, Meng worked in two busy referral dermatology clinics, initially as an intern, then resident in veterinary dermatology. In 2014, he passed examinations to become a specialist veterinary dermatologist with the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS).

*He works as a consultant on veterinary skin and ear diseases and performs many diagnostic procedures to identify dermatological issues and has special interests in antibiotic resistant bacterial skin and ear infections including methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* (MRSP)-the dog equivalent of MRSA in people. He published the first paper on MRSP infections affecting dogs in Australia and continues to update himself on new treatment options. Other interests include management of allergic and immune mediated skin diseases.*

Perianal furunculosis affecting German Shepherd Dogs

And about Perianal Furunculosis in the German Shepherd.....

Introduction and pathogenesis:

Perianal furunculosis (PAF) is a painful and debilitating, immune mediated disease that commonly affects German Shepherd Dogs (GSD). In severe and chronic cases, euthanasia may be required. This is why it is important to recognise this disease early and commence specific treatments. In some cases, PAF may be associated with food allergy and therefore an elimination diet is recommended in all cases.

PAF is not due to anatomical factors including low tail carriage or increased density of perianal glands.

Presenting signs:

Signs associated with PAF include

- Blood in faeces/discharge around anus
- Straining to defecate
- Multiple smaller patches of faeces
- Licking at anus (rarely scooting due to pain)
- Unsettled, pacing
- Inappetance, lethargy

On physical examination, lesions include deep fistula tracts and discharge (ranging from mucoid to blood tinged) around the perianal tissue. In severe and chronic cases, large cavitation and ulcers are seen.



Diagram 1: PAF can range from mild to severe

Differential diagnoses

- Anal sac rupture
- Anal sac tumor
- Penetrating foreign body
- Other immune mediated diseases including mucocutaneous lupus erythematosus
- Deep bacterial or fungal infections

Diagnosis:

In mild cases, diagnosis can often be made based on clinical suspicion (i.e. breed, middle aged) and clinical experience. However, in more severe and chronic cases, further diagnostics may be required.

These include

- General anaesthesia (not sedation) to allow pain-free examination of perianal tissue (e.g. number and depth of fistula tracts, communication between tracts and rectal tissue, involvement of anal sacs)
- Ultrasound examination of anal sacs for rupture, and presence of deep-seated foreign body
- Superficial tissue bacterial culture and extended antibiotic susceptibility testing
- Tissue biopsies for histopathology, deep tissue bacterial culture and extended antibiotic susceptibility testing, fungal culture

Treatment

Historically, options include surgery (e.g. enbloc excision and reconstructive surgery, tail base amputation, anal sac removal), laser therapy and cryotherapy, were commonly recommended but these are **no longer recommended**. This is because the outcome post-surgery is poor with complications including

- Persistent clinical signs
- Wound dehiscence
- Faecal incontinence
- Anal stricture

Medical treatment options are recommended and specifically the use of oral ciclosporin +/- ketoconazole. The latter is used to delay metabolism of ciclosporin, allowing a lower dose rate of ciclosporin to be used as this can be cost prohibitive.

Oral prednisolone is another treatment option and while this medication is cheap, the undesirable side effects including increased hunger, thirst, urination and panting, makes it less preferable. Other medications include azathioprine and mycophenolate mofetil but they may be associated with potentially serious side effects.

In many cases, the lesions become secondarily infected and further complicates PAF. Oral antibiotics often for extended course of at least 4-6 weeks are necessary. The antibiotic selected should ideally be guided by results of bacterial culture and antibiotic susceptibility.

Duration of treatment and prognosis

The duration of treatment and doses of medications depends on the clinical severity of lesions. Once the PAF is in remission and the patient less painful and more comfortable, topical treatments including tacrolimus can be started.

The long-term prognosis of PAF is good, unless there are complications associated with severe and chronic disease, including scarring, anal sac rupture and stricture. Most dogs can be managed comfortably using once to twice weekly oral medications and once to twice a day topical treatment.



Figure 2: The prognosis of PAF can be good if diagnosed and treated early

SERVICE RECOGNISED

Presentations to retiring Executive Position holders on behalf of GSDCA



These first two should have been presented last year, but due to Covid19 and the cancellation of the 2020 National where these awards are normally presented, this was not possible.



Vince Tantaro - President 2012 to 2019 (8 years).

Vince's contribution to the Council both during this last term and his former term of 7 years from 1999 to 2005 can not be understated. His strong leadership style and concern for the well being of both the organisation and the breed that we represent has held us in good stead for almost a quarter of the Council's 61-year history. Thank-you Vince, on behalf of the GSDCA and the Member Clubs.



Val Moody - Secretary 2001 to 2019 (19 years). Val has dedicated a large part of her life to this position, and all who know her and have had any dealings

with the Council over the years know that without a doubt she was the best Secretary we could ever have been privileged to have in the position. She worked alongside Vince during both of his terms, as well as that of Bruce Knight in between, and incredibly for much of that time she was also Secretary of the GSDCV, one of our biggest Clubs. Val, your contribution has been immense and will be sorely missed, but your retirement is most certainly well deserved. Thank you on behalf of the Council and the Clubs.



Julie Urie - Obedience Chair 2017 to 2020 (4 years).

Julie has put her heart and soul into the Obedience Committee position for the last 4 years, as she did during her previous term of 3 years from 2011 to 2013. Over her recent term she was responsible for finalising the manual for the CWA scheme, which was then adapted to formulate the Manual for the ZAP scheme after it was introduced from the WUSV Harmonisation program. Julie is a long-time Dual Performance Competitor, and she has a strong belief that a GSD can and should be a working dog as well as a show dog. Thank-you Julie, on behalf of the Council for your service.



Jacinta Poole – Editor QNR 2016 to 2020 (5 years).

Jacinta took on the role of Editor with gusto, and took the magazine to a new level, with content of interest to all of our broad membership. Her IT skills were also of much benefit in her dual role as Webmaster (which thankfully she is continuing in) and she has enhanced the Website, and in fact all of the technical online aspects of the Council schemes with her knowledge and skill. During this time, she was also Editor and Webmaster for the GSDCV, as well as a Training Branch Manager. Jacinta you are a woman of many talents, with a calm, balanced outlook and seemingly boundless energy, and we are sorry to see you go from the Executive. Thank-you for your service.



Jenny Yuen – National Breed Commission Chair 2019 to 2020 (2 years). Jenny has been a valued member of the NBC Executive for the last two years. She is a respected judge and Breed Surveyor and has many years of experience in the breed both as a breeder, exhibitor and administrator. For many years she held the position of Breed Affairs chair in Victoria, and this skill-set transitioned smoothly into the National Role. As her successor, I indeed have a large pair of shoes to fill. Thank-you Jenny for your service to the Council.

Ian Urie

NBC Chairperson, 6th February 2021

Presentations to Jane Pike and Robyn Knuckey were made in their own States.



Robyn Knuckey – Judges Committee Chair 2014 to 2019 (6 years).

Robyn held this position for the last six years, in addition to a previous term of four years prior to her residing overseas for several years. Robyn's approach to her position both as Judges Chair and as a member of the Executive was always competent and professional. She refined the training schemes and introduced educational workshops as part of the annual Judges Committee meetings. Thank-you Robyn, for your service to the GSDCA totalling ten years.



Jane Pike – Treasurer 2012 to 2019 (8 years).

Jane held the position of Treasurer and minded the finances of the Council for eight years. Apart from being an excellent treasurer and contributor to the Executive, Jane also chaired a Working Group to look at updating the Council's medals and trophies, and was responsible for the production of the new National medals, and the updated GSDCA Excellent medallions. She continues to assist the Executive by regularly updating the Judges Appointments document. Thank-you Jane, for your service to Council.



and
Christine
Collins
retires as
a Judge
and Breed
Surveyor

GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS FOR 2019

MEMBER CLUB	<i>(7 years to under 10 years)</i> NAME	<i>(10 years to under 13 years)</i> NAME	<i>(13 years to under 18 years)</i> NAME
GSDC Victoria	Ryan Kelly	Joel Clark	Stephanie Jones
GSD League of NSW	Brodie Morris	Paris Turoczy	Zachary Bland
GSDC of South Australia	Cienna Acciarres	Baylie Mercer	Bree Hansen
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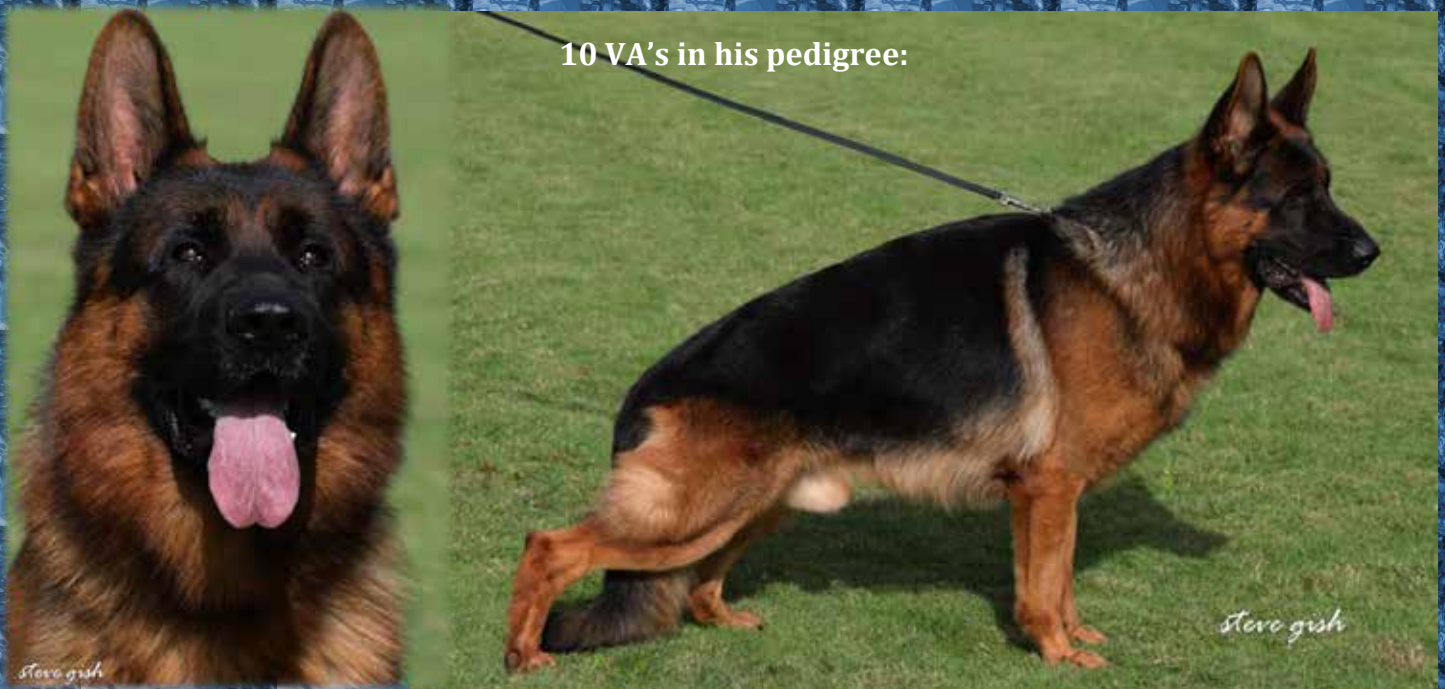


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Pirlo von Arminius

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SIRE: VA2 x 2(BSZS) *KASPAR VON TRONJE (DEU) IPO3 HD: Normal ED: Normal
DAM: V (BSZS)*NAOMY VON ADUCHT (DEU) AD IFH.2 IGP-FH IGP 3 IPO3 FH2 HD: Normal ED: Normal
 Litter Sister to VA1 (TH) Netzer von Aducht & VA(I) x2 Neymar von Aducht

VA2 ZE VAM(CN) Farbe degli Acheri



Naomy von Aducht Female Tail

VA2 Nigelschke Figo



VA1 Radlock von der Brucknerstrasse



Linebreeding:

VA5(B) Nadja Jabora (3-4) VA2(BSZS) Quenn Löher Weg (4,5-5) VA1(BSZS) Zamp Thermodos (5-5)

2019: V29 Bundessieger-Zuchtschau - Lothar Quoll

V2 Nikolaus Meßler

V3 Rainer Mast

2018:

SG1 Serbien Siegershow

SG1 Siegerschau Slovenien

SG16 Bundessieger-Zuchtschau

SG1 Jugendklasse Zucht- und Nachwuchsschau

SG1 Jugendklasse Zucht- und Nachwuchsschau)

SG1 Jugendklasse Zucht- und Nachwuchsschau

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Sincere thanks to Tina Martin and Peter Send for allowing Pirlo to join our family.

THE PASSING OF AN ERA

Anyone who has been around for a while will know that the names Prima Zorba and MT Barnes go hand in hand. These two were known across the country for the impact that Prima Zorba was to have on the development of the GSD in Australia, well before German imports were possible. There will be many pedigrees, which, if traced far enough back, will have Prima Zorba in the lines.

Sadly, MT passed recently and this signals the final chapter in a partnership that could probably be described as "larger than life."

MT was a bit of a nomad, moving a number of times across the country and it seems, loving life wherever she landed. We asked Margaret Adams for a few recollections of the pair.

One instance "I remember a phone call out of the blue - Hey Marg (I am thinking who the heck is this?) I'm heading to Perth and wondered if I can drop in?

When I realised who it was and the precious cargo of Prima Zorba - the living legend, was in the car with her - YEEEESSSS!!!!!! Of course.

She breezed into our home as if we had known her for years - she had driven across the country to reunite with her first love Lloyd Harrison.

The arrival of Prima Zorba a.k.a. Scooby Do or Scoobs was an enormous pleasure. I was honoured to be asked to be his stud mistress and even more honoured to have him hop into my van and come for sleepovers. Because of M.T. and Scoobs I bred some of my best dogs"

We trust they are reunited wherever they are and fun is the agenda!.



COMING UP Q2 2021!

27-Jun-21	Humphries Natalie WA GSD Specialty GSDAWA Members Competition
13-Jun-21	Stevenson Graeme NSW GSD Specialty GSDCSA Championship Show
12-Jun-21	Green Greg VIC GSD Specialty GSDCSA Championship Show
05-Jun-21	Tantaro Vince VIC GSD Specialty GSDL Sanction Show
16-May-21	Kada Jessica NSW GSD Specialty GSDCQ Members Competition
15-May-21	Butterfield Jean SA Group 5 Other NSW Lake Macquarie KC Newcastle
15-May-21	DeLucia Jenny SA GSD Specialty GSDCQ Members Competition
08-May-21	Tantaro Vince VIC GSD Specialty GSDCV SBE
17-Apr-21	Flynn Peter SA GSD Specialty GSDAWA SBE
11-Apr-21	Morton Kurt NSW GSD Specialty GSDCSA Members Competition
03-Apr-21	Pike Jane SA GSD Specialty GSDL Champ Show

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