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And then the leaves came down...

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to Winter.

As the cold sets in the GSDCA and its members have an important survey to conduct to establish if the 48th National Show & Trail will be conducted in some form.

On the 4th May 2021 the Executive of the GSDCA held a meeting, part of the

agenda for this meeting was the discussion regarding the 48th National.

From that meeting it was decided to conduct a nationwide survey to all members asking for input for the future of the 48th National in 2022.

We felt that it was very important that all members had the opportunity to have a say on the future of the 48th National Show & Trail.

If you have not had a chance to look at this survey I would encourage you to get onto the GSDCA website before the close date.

In other news it has been very encouraging to see most club activities resume in all areas, from all reports the number of members attending is very strong.

During June and July a number of shows will be held in most states, some of these include in June GSDL on the 5th , GSDCSA on the 12th and 13th and GSDCWA on the 27th

During July Queensland GSDC will hold the annual double champ show on the weekend of the 3rd & 4th July followed by the Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC on the 23rd , 24th  $\,$  and 25th this will be interesting as they are having for the first time a three day show, it will be very interesting to see the entries for the Friday event, I wish all these club the best and I hope all the exhibitor's enjoy attending.

Very shortly the GSDCA will conduct the annual NBC and Judges meeting. It was decided at the recent Executive meeting that this will be held on the 31st July and to reduce any risk this meeting should be a Zoom meeting.

Overseas news - the German Sieger Show is still on track for later this year starting the 3rd of September. Other news the Italian Sieger Show is also looking like going ahead. With any luck we may be all able to travel to the New Zealand National on the 16th & 17th April 2022, this show will be held in Wellington.

Best of luck,

Regards

Sean Lynch

GSDCA President

### **EDITORIAL**

As we go to press, many of our readers will be in lockdown. This has impacts across the board - our printer, Victorian branches, our readers and most of all our friends and fellow enthusiasts. It is not hard to imagine how you are all feeling and the sense of foreboding that every press announcement brings. Please stay as strong as you can and use your dogs as the support they can be in times of stress and isolation.

In this edition, we asked members to share insights into some of the other pathways for the German Shepherd Dog and the generosity and breadth of things that our dogs get up to is astounding. This all stemmed from a meeting I attended some time ago in the All Breeds space, where Dr Robert Zammit remarked about dog breeds having been developed to assist humans and that for the mental health of a dog, it was always necessary to "give a dog a job". That bought to mind my brother's Kelpies and how instinctive their work ethic was - in fact, it was so strongly developed in the dogs he's had it made them hard to live with unless occupied with a meaningful job. And German Shepherds, as a working breed, are in no less need of stimulating activity to keep them sane. So, within these pages are some of the things our owners do with their dogs, for your consideration. Please celebrate the diversity of occupation and perhaps consider other options for your dog.

And of course, we had include service dogs and the breeding of dogs suited to service work. My gratitude to Joe Seidl for sharing his knowledge and experience goes without saying and I hope readers find his insights useful.

"Remember Ink" must have been extremely difficult for Dog Ops Handler Tony Potter to share. But. the legislation that has now been passed in South Australia as a result of Ink's passing is in some measure recognition of his sacrifice.

The famous philosopher Edmund Burke said "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it." For some older members, there will be recollection of the import ban or at least they've had an opportunity to read up on it from the Golden Jubilee edition. It may be hard for younger owners to understand the campaign that was mounted to allow our dogs to come into Australia from overseas. These days, it is a comparatively simple matter to purchase and import a dog; it's not so long ago that this just was not possible. Folklore abounds about the lengths to which enthusiasts have gone to allow us to own these outstanding animals. In this edition, you will also find a piece about that era, which I hope only increases how much you treasure our dogs.

So, again, I am in debt to so many contributors - I will not attempt to thank you individually because Murphy's Law will apply and I will get it wrong. Please just know that your contributions are valued and I hope everyone has a good read.

Yvonne Yun

### INTRODUCTION FROM

### Mr Stephen Collins

Judge Committee Chairperson



Mv involvement with the GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG began in 1973 with my wife Christine when we purchased our first dog. We became members of the GSDC of SA Inc., in the same year and commenced Obedience training.

We have been members of the Club since 1973 and were granted Life Membership to the

GSDC of SA in 1998, and have received a Service Award from the GSDC of Australia.

I have held numerous committee positions on the Committee of the GSDC of SA including that of President, Hon. Secretary (current), 2nd Vice President, Breed Affairs Chairperson.

We registered the **RHOSYN** prefix in February 1975, with our first litter born in July of the same year.

Our first visit to a National event was the Fourth National at Nuriootpa in 1976 as a spectator. We have exhibited at all but approximately Five Nationals since that first experience.

I achieved my ANKC German Shepherd judge's license in 2002.

GSDC of A Inc Specialist Judges License in 2007

GSDC of A Breed Surveyor in 2010

I have Judged German Shepherd Specialist Shows in North and South Island (NZ), ACT, NSW, WA, Qld and Tasmania also in SA.

We have bred Seven (7) National and Main Breed Show Class winners, National Breeders Group Winner, a National Silver medallist and numerous top ten placed animals.

We have imported into Australia Ch \*Gigolo v Elzmundungsraum 'a' ED Bronze Medallist 2007, Vice Sieger 2007, also the 2008 Gold Medallist \*Vimo vd Hopfenhalle 'a' ED, \*Artus schloss Worthersee 'a' ED multi Excellent, \*Esko ad Haus Zygadto 'a' ED multi excellent, Ch\*Calle v Westervenn 'a' ED multi Excellent and \*Lenin vd Grafenburg 'a' ED multi Excellent

I look forward to working with the aspiring judges enabling them to complete the Extension course in a timely manner. I also look forward to input from the current judges to further improve the training course and to encourage a new generation of aspiring judges.

### **WE'VE ALL GOT A** LOT TO SAY....

### **BUT HERE'S YOUR** CHANCE TO BE HEARD!

The National Show and Trial has always been a key event in our calendar and with the changed circumstances we are encountering across the world.

We have been unable to meet at this annual event for the past 2 years.

The GSDCA would like to hear your views about the 2022 National, so if you have not already done so, please obtain your password from your club and visit:

### National Show and Trial Member Survey on the GSDCA website.

It's so easy to do, takes a couple of minutes and will be brilliant feedback to inform decisions.

### **CLAIM THE COVER**

We're now looking for Spring images. Anything that says "Spring" is very welcome. It might be a field of flowers. a backdrop of lambs, a Spring Festival ... as long as it says spring and brighter days!

Images need to be high resolution. Closing dates for submission for future editions are:

SPRING Needed by 5th Aug, 2021

**SUMMER (Christmas)** 

Needed by 5th Nov. 2021 Autumn Needed by 5th Feb, 2022

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

They should be forwarded to:

revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Get Clicking!

### **APOLOGY**

The editor wishes to offer a very big apology to Lee Baker of Amberg Kennels for the error in reporting the HD/ED results in the Autumn edition. Mrs Baker successfully achieved her Gold Medal for ED by submitting a total of 51 xrays.





# \*CHAMPION SIOBAHN GREYT EXPECTATIONS

(CH. VLADIMIR GREYT SENSATION X CH. EROICA CATCH ME IF YOU CAN)

1<sup>st</sup> Baby Puppy Bitch Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon

1st Minor Puppy Bitch Andrew O' Loughlin

1st Junior Bitch Dr Karen Hedberg

1<sup>st</sup> intermediate Bitch Challenge Bitch Jenny De Lucia

1st Intermediate Bitch Res Best Bitch Jane Pike

1st intermediate bitch Challenge bitch Greg Green

- Best In Show -

LOVED AND OWNED BY
YVONNE YUN & KURT MORTON

Eukanuba AMBASSADOR

### THE TOP FIVE FOR ME .....

#### For Jess Kada

I have been asked to pick 5 of my favourite dogs. Gosh, where do I start.

Past dogs? Current dogs? Dogs from my time? Those prior to my time?

I have decided to include one dog from each of the above, plus a "wow" dog.

#### A dog from the past: Iwan vom Lechtal



For me, this dog impressed with his correct proportions, balanced angulations and absolute correct type. He was not over exaggerated in any way. He was both a super show dog and an amazing producer. Iwan has produced some of the top animals behind our current lines. An import from Germany who made a huge impact on our breed in Australia.

### A current dog: **Gary vom Huhnegrab**



A current dog and one I would take home right away! For me, he is a male of correct German Shepherd type and proportions. A very striking dog both in stance and in movement, he is well coloured, strong and substantial.

I have had the privilege of meeting this very handsome dog and seeing him in the flesh, and I believe he is absolutely one of the best. A VA1 top producer and from one of the top kennels in Germany, Gary has sired some of the top animals that exist today.

A dog from my time: Zicke vom Feuermelder



This bitch is from more recent times, and I believe she is one of the best bitches imported to Australia. For me this bitch presents a complete picture, balanced, harmonious and feminine with clean lines. Her movement speaks for itself, smooth and effortless, whilst maintaining a complete picture of a working dog. From the famous Feuermelder kennel, I really like this bitch.

#### A dog prior to my time: Darkana Kalani



Kalani was the epitome of a top show bitch, and I believe she was well before her time. This bitch presents type and harmony. Not overdone in any way, a feminine female of correct proportions. Her record speaks for itself, including 3 Gold Medals. Historically one of Australia's top bitches.

### My "wow" dog: Spencer Di Casa Massarelli

I have loved this male since he was a young pup. He may not be anatomically perfect, however I just love his type and his breeding. A black and red, attractive, expressive dog, he really makes a statement, particularly in stance. He has a gorgeous German Shepherd head and for me overall he really has that "wow" factor.



### \*ULLE von TRONJE 'a' Normal, ED Normal (Ger), IGP1, Kkl

Ulle is a true medium size (63cm) son of VA2 Kaspar von Tronje and VA2 Fussel vom Hulsbach.

After release from quarantine in March, at his first show in Australia at just 2 1/2 years old.

Ulle was made Victorian State Sieger, graded Excellent Merit by specialist judge Mr Vince Tantaro.



This dog was most impressive in stance and it was hard to believe he only recently arrived in the country. He is a true medium size dog with very good strength, substance and definitely masculine. He reminds us that a male German Shepherd Dog need not be top size to be masculine. He performed faultlessly during the movement phases and showed sustained far reaching movement, high wither and very good overall firmness with the desired willingness to work tirelessly. He has no linebreeding and is quite sound. His pedigree offers a high degree of predictability as both his sire and dam are very well constructed. I look forward to viewing his progeny in the future. It is indeed a pleasure to award him Excellent Merit, and the title of 2021 Victorian Stock Coat Sieger.

V Tantaro - Victorian SBE 2021







Dam: VA Fussel vom Hulsbach

Ulle is standing at stud in Victoria.
For Stud enquiries contact Michael Dawood on 0432 331 114

### My top 5 GSDs

### Robyn Knuckey

I have put a slightly different spin on this from the last magazine, looking at my top 5 animals that have lived in Australia - not those living in Europe. This process has taken me on a trip down memory lane and has been a very pleasant one. As you will see my heart always lies with the females, they are truly the basis of any breeding program.



Zicke vom Feuermelder (imp DEU). Zicke for me is the most beautiful female imported into Australia. Her sire Ritchi Eichenplatz is a Furbo son and her mother is the top producing female Amanda am Seeteich (mother to the famous Y Feuermelder litter). Zicke always impressed when in the ring, with her beautiful type and proportions and ability to cover the ground at any speed. She won 2 Nationals and dominated the show ring over that time. She is wonderful example of a truly noble GSD female. I had the honour of judging Zicke in Melbourne, for which I will always be grateful for the opportunity. She is 10 years in a couple of months and leading the life she deserves in Tasmania.



Sanjessa Electra. Marley was a Kwint daughter and her mother Sanjessa Copy Cat was the litter sister to Crusty Demon. Marley was a super moving female, better on the move than on the stack. My best memory of Marley was winning the National in Newcastle, with her easy, expansive movement that covered the maximum of ground, with the minimum of effort. She went on to win another Gold and a Silver medal. Few females can manage 3 medals with breeding programs to be included. I could watch her in the ring all day.



Hagenstolz Draw Card. Whoopi was bred in the purple of the time, her sire Dorsten Monte Cito won a total of 6 National medals and her beautiful mother Landrina Majic Melody herself a National Gold Medallist. Whoopi won 2 Golds and a Bronze medal. Again, showing what it takes to stay at the top as a female. This beautiful female was unexaggerated and had a strong presence in the ring, epitomising the feminine standard of a German Shepherd Dog.



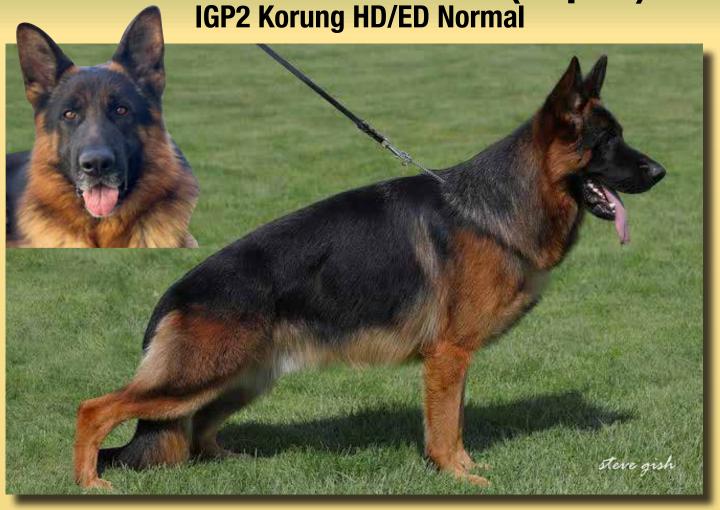
Alderhaus Yonni. A beautiful female that was very well known to me as she was born a few doors down and I saw her grow from a day or two old. Yonni was sired by Karlstadt Tumblin Dice and her mother was Alderhaus Lara. Yonni was a beautiful type of female, medium size and strong. In stance always presented beautifully and very harmonious. Her type would still stand up today. At a walk few animals could beat her, she won a Silver and then a Gold medal the following year. The year she won the Gold, she totally owned the ring, it was her day.



Dorsten Monte Cito. I need to have one token male in the group. Monte Cito was an excellent show dog winning a total of 6 medals - 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze. His sire was Hasenway Putz (himself a Gold Medallist) and his dam was Ambala Lovely Lady. He was a very correct dog and without exaggeration. To win 6 medals is an amazing feat to show the longevity of this beautiful dog, that also produced National Gold Medallists.

We live in different times now where we don't see animals being presented multiple times and dominate in the open classes.

### **OBAMA DU MONTGISON (Imp Fr)**



Arguably the best son of VA ASAP who is currently the most popular sire in Germany



Sire: Asap v Aldamar



Dam: Josy du Montgison

### **Obama has already produced some outstanding progeny in Europe**



Dam: Vizzavona Namibia



Dam: Zara D'ulmental



Dam: Mailys du Montgison



**Dam: Bianca vom Gleisenauer Schloss** 

Obama is owned by Sandra Parker, Sally Bick, John Carter and Barbara Blythe and will stand at stud in Victoria. Frozen semen will be available.

Stud fee is \$2500. An additional \$200 non refundable service fee is payable if a bitch is to be collected and dropped back to the airport.

Bitches must be breed surveyed at the time of mating.

Phone / message Sally Bick 0419 355 311.

### A GREAT DAY OUT FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

### Chelsea Bird

If you are a keen promoter of our breed and want to socialise your dog, there is nothing better than attending an Agricultural Show.

Our family have been attending Ag Shows for over 20 years and we find the atmosphere and environment are great day out giving us the opportunity to see local produce/exhibits, whilst showcasing our dogs to the general public and introduce our charges to so many new experiences.

Being in an "all breeds" environment, the public can see the traits that the various breeds have and it's a fantastic way to promote our hobby. Our aim is to showcase good healthy examples of the breed and show correct characteristics and types. The characteristics and type are important parts of our breed and to be able to show this to the public is invaluable. Being on hand we are able to discuss and help them understand breed standards, what we breed for and the history of our breeds.

Promoting responsible breeding just follows and we are able to educate the general public about the lengths we go to improve the breed bloodlines and the importance genetic health screening e.g hip/ elbow scoring, eye testing and general health testing to insure the animal we produce is the best it can be. As responsible breeders our puppies are raised in a family environment with lots of noise adjustments, learning manners and being a part of the family. We also explain the importance of keeping your puppy/ dog up to date with worming, parasite prevention, vaccination and micro-chipping and also showing how we provide puppy pack and their registration papers with pedigrees and generations of careful breeding and planning. We also find that it is a good opportunity to discuss grooming, general care and advice of training.

Ag shows are a great way to interact with the general public on a large scale, and as we travel quite a bit for these shows to different towns and regions it gives us a larger stage on which to present our dogs; the public quickly gain insight into the benefits of buying from a responsible breeder, being able to see, touch and experience well bred animals. When the time comes for them to make a purchase they have a yardstick of the breed and understanding of quality. It makes buying from a backyard breeder unacceptable.

These shows give us a chance to show that our dogs are not only show dogs but loved members of our families, and the dedication that we put into the presenting our dogs and breeding well socialised and healthy dogs. The shows make us accessible to the general person and easier for them to find us.

We also find that Ag Shows are a great way of getting puppies and older dogs out to experience new environment and be accustomed to another part of generalised life. Ag Shows have so many attractions, sideshow alleys, different animals and rides which all have different sounds and smells that are unique to these kinds of shows. Its is all a learning curve for them and adjusting to it helps build stronger characters and being comfortable in a new environment. We are able to teach them to weave through the general public, stopping to allow people to pat them, patience of waiting in lines and exposing them to unaccustomed noise and crowds. .

Bigger shows are great platforms for this like each of the Royal Shows, such as The Royal Easter Show or The Royal Queensland Show. These shows are a whole new environment and learning opportunity on a much larger scale. Upon arrival and departing these shows the dogs have to walk through rides, sideshow alleys, other dogs and the general public. This means that they are exposed to the same stimuli mentioned, but on a much larger scale. We have always strived to try and allow our dogs to sit and be available for the public to pat, play with and interact with them. Not only is this good for socialisation but it is allowing people to interact and learn the breed and see just how gentle and loyal the breed can be. It also allows them to speak to us directly about the breed, share our knowledge about the breed and give the pointers about training and grooming.

And for the cost of your show entry, you can eat all the Fairy Floss you want. A pretty good deal in anyone's language.











### JUDGES AND BREEDERS



M.B Willis 1991 (extract). Those who breed and those who judge in the ring collectively mould the future of a breed.

The main breeding developments come from the show ring.

Those who judge should be interested in the breed and in the author's opinion, actively involved in it in some way or other. In essence, judging the breed should be based upon assessing the dog against the standard and throughout the world judging should be the same or similar in all countries. The standard is the blueprint for both breeders and judges. It describes an outstanding example of the breed, allowing latitude where appropriate, but is also quite strict and specific on certain breed essential areas.

The qualities needed in a breeder are not necessarily those of a judge - and many a successful breeder has not had the personality to fit them for judging. Many breeders, even those who judge are quite unable to assess a dog or bitch accurately, allowing their judgement to be influenced by such things as whose dog it is etc., or who handles it, or even by the fact that that they do not know enough about the breed to be able to evaluate the dog. If you are one of those judges who considers yourself a better judge than you really are, then there is a real danger in that you will select animals that are simply not as good as you imagine them to be.

Judges need training and judging has to be constantly honed by practice. When you walk into the

middle of the ring you have total power for the day and you have to be capable of wielding that power sensibly and honestly, and have the confidence to wield it without caring what anyone thinks. But you have to be involved with the breed since those who are not can make a mess of judging and then simply walk away leaving the breeders to sort out the mess. Judges who are gentle in their criticism or eulogistic in their critiques or who share the "prizes" around are often popular. They will get more invitations than tough judges. But popularity does not make a good judge. Judging is about skilled evaluation not popularity.

In the wild, nature is responsible for selection. Disease and predators kill off the weaker individuals and only those strong enough to survive get any opportunity to influence the next generation. With domesticated animals, it is man who determines which animals will be used for breeding. The breeder's plans might be upset by early death in or unexplained infertility. but in the main man decides which dogs will form the breeding population and thus man's decisions determine in the large part, how the next generation will be formed. As a result of breeders having actively taken over some of the role of nature in terms of selection of breeding stock, it behaves all breeders to understand in some detail what will be the consequences of their breeding decisions and actions. Breeders will only begin to make progress when they start to look at dogs as individuals with failings and virtues and to assess them in that way and not on the basis of where they were born.

## Give a Dog a Job

### **REMEMBER INK?**

By Brett Williams

**Editor - Police Journal** 

Dog Ops handler Senior Constable First Class Tony Potter never could describe his relationship with his dog, Ink. It was that special; and 10 months later, he still feels the pain of losing his old mate.



Dog Ops handler Tony Potter jumped clear as the two would-be ATM thieves drove straight at him in their getaway car. Luckily uninjured, he immediately looked for his partner, German shepherd police dog Ink, and spotted him "curled up in a ball on the ground".

Potter did not yet know it, but Ink had taken a savage beating from the now fleeing criminals. They had broken four of his ribs and ruptured a disc in his

But his attackers were about to crash their car. Karma, some would call it. Police would catch one at the crash scene and the other a few days later.

Ink, meanwhile, strained to get himself up off the ground. He managed it but, once he was upright, Potter could see an arch in his back and his body literally bent out of shape. "Buckled", he called it.

And with all his then unknown injuries, Ink tried to walk but got only a few steps before he simply collapsed.

Says Potter: "I thought: 'Shit, we're in trouble here! He's in a pretty bad way."

That trouble had started just a few minutes earlier, around 2 o'clock on a dark June morning in 2014. The police communications centre called for a patrol to respond to an alarm at O'Halloran Hill. It was on the Hilltop Shopping Centre and Potter and Ink were close by, just on Majors Road.

Potter, when he heard the call, thought: "We're on here, big time!" and headed for the complex. He pulled up in front of the ATMs but could see no one around them, or inside the building as he peered through its glass frontage.

So, Potter got Ink out his patrol car and set about checking the entire perimeter of the building. Once

around the back, he spotted the two offenders, both wearing balaclavas. Startled by Potter and Ink, the pair bolted.

"So," Potter says, "I yelled out my challenge: 'Police with a dog! Stop where you are!' But they took a run

The challenge was in line Dog Ops training and, once issued, gave Potter every justification to release Ink to chase the offenders. So, Ink bolted, and Potter followed but, within just 100 metres, lost sight of the dog in the darkness.

And, unknown to Potter, was that the offenders were headed for their getaway car. They had left it parked behind a retaining wall adjacent to the shopping centre car park.

Ink was right behind them as they charged around the corner of the wall and toward their car. Potter, breathless from the chase, turned the corner a few moments later.

"By that time," he says, "the headlights (of the getaway car) just came on, and I had no perspective of where my dog was at that point. The car just started to drive straight towards me. I jumped out of the way because they actually tried to hit me and then took off."

That was when Potter looked for, and spotted, Ink curled up on the ground before the creature struggled to his feet but then collapsed.

It would later emerge that one offender, the first lnk had tried to grab, had belted him with a metal case for oxyacetylene nozzles.

The other offender had repeatedly slammed one of the car doors on lnk as the dog tried to stop him getting away.

But now, an extremely worried Potter called for backup. "My dog's down!" he exclaimed. "I need urgent help!" But the help he needed - as Ink lay motionless in a corner of the shopping centre car park - was not from patrols but rather a vet.





"Everyone jumped on board," Potter says. "Bosses even came up on air and said: 'We'll find an emergency vet. Use lights and sirens, whatever you need to do.' "

But what Potter first had to do was somehow lift Ink, a seriously injured 40kg dog, into his patrol car. He rightly feared that by picking him up he could cause him more damage.

"I just thought: 'I've got to get him to medical help,' " Potter recalls. "So, I scooped him up as best I could and as gently as I could. I then had to manipulate him into one of the pods and lay him down as gently as possible.

"The emergency vet was down on Anzac Highway. I went there as fast as I could, thinking: 'I hope he's all right back there (in the pod)."

Soon after 2am, Ink was in the veterinary surgery getting medication to relieve his pain, calm him, and steady his breathing. He underwent X-rays, too, to shed light on the extent of his broken bones.

For around the next 24 hours, vets kept lnk under observation until he was stable. Surgery staff then transported him to his regular vet at AdelaideVet animal hospital.

The extensive damage Ink had suffered, and the uncertainty that hung over his recovery, left Potter gutted. He even came to feel, wrongly, as if he had caused Ink's injuries by sending the dog after the offenders.

So, for the first 48 hours after the attack, he faced an overwhelming struggle with emotion. Some of it came to the surface back at the Dog Operations office the next day.

"I saw my OC and we were just talking about a few things and I lost it in front of him," Potter says. "I couldn't control the emotion.

"He (Ink) hadn't proven himself operationally at that point - he was barely a year into the job. But he was just such a wonderful dog, so there was that fear of losing him."

After a few days in the animal hospital, Ink had begun to breathe more easily. But the fuller his breaths became, and the further his lungs expanded, the more risk he faced.

The possibility was that one of his broken ribs might puncture his lung. And that was exactly what happened.





Potter got a call about the development and charged straight into the hospital. There, veterinary surgeon Dr David Mason explained that Ink would not survive without emergency surgery.

For Potter to okay the surgery, he would himself need the okay from his superiors, as SAPOL would have to cover the costs. He immediately sought, and secured, the necessary approval, so Mason was able to get the surgery underway.

But he encouraged Potter not to hang around and swore to keep him informed of Ink's progress. So, Potter and his wife, Trish, went to kill some time over a bite to eat at a restaurant.

"I couldn't eat," Potter says. "I was worried senseless. I said to Trish: 'I've got to go back there (to the hospital).' So we went, and Ink was still on the operating table."

Potter watched the remainder of the surgery from a viewing area. He could see his beloved lnk with his chest cut wide open as Mason continued to operate. The scene struck him as "horrific".

But a moment eventually came when Mason directed a thumbs-up gesture at Potter. That gave the worried handler at least some comfort.

The Potters hung around until the operation was over and, when Mason emerged from theatre, he assured them that the surgery had gone particularly well. He expected Ink to make a full recovery.

"But he had to stay in hospital for a while," Potter recalls. "It ended up being 11 or 12 days, and then we took him home."

And it took Ink three months to make that full recovery and be fit enough to return to work. Once there, he got through a skills audit and back on the road with Potter, who was never to find him gun-shy.

"He was fine," Potter says. "He didn't shirk anything. I even went back to the scene of the attack and recreated it at night to see if anything spooked him. But, to him, it was just a location. It meant nothing.

"As far as giving him the command to go forth and

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engage, hunting crooks, and following the scent, he was back to being a police dog."

Indeed, over the next three years, lnk proved himself entirely up to the task. He wound up deployed 826 times and apprehended 56 offenders. One of his most memorable finds was a murder suspect who had fled from the scene of his crime at a Port Adelaide residence.

Not long into their search for him, Potter and Ink came to the edge of the Port River. Ink appeared "just up and staring, like an alert", leading Potter to think: "We're on!"

"I was looking and could see no disturbance in the water," he says, "but the dog was on scent. I thought: 'Is he (the offender) in here somewhere, or has he come this way?' "

The track seemed lost, so Potter headed back to the forward command post. And, while there, a local resident, whose house fronted the river, reported seeing a man emerge from the water and enter his front yard.

Potter, Ink and another police officer sprinted off toward the resident's house. Ink regained the scent back at the river's edge and followed it across several house fronts. He found the suspect hiding at the side of a house behind some bins.

His efforts helped bring about a murder conviction.

In another case, as Ink went about tracking a rape suspect in the western suburbs, he found a bandanna on the street. The victim identified the item as belonging to the suspect, and a later DNA test linked it to him as well. That evidence led to the suspect's

Ink excelled in tracking the suspects of less serious offences as well. There were the two men who had undertaken their graffiti art in a four-storey city building under renovation.

Ink had found nothing in his search of all the floors and scaffolding. But, on the rooftop, he came to a low wall, stood on his hindlegs, and indicated toward the neighbouring rooftop.

"Nothing was clearly visible," Potter says. "But police on cordons made their way to the other rooftop and found two offenders hiding behind air conditioning

Of course, Ink had his off-duty life as well, at home with the Potters, and it went on just as it had before the attack.

"He knew when it was 'game on'," Potter says, "but, when it wasn't, he was a lovable, beautiful dog. He was a people dog, very approachable."

The 2014 attack seemed not to have left Ink in any way incapable of work or play. But the veterinary advice had always been that he was likely to suffer spinal arthritis (degenerative joint disease).

And, during some routine training in 2016, Potter and his colleagues could see that Ink was "having some issues". Subsequent X-rays confirmed the presence of arthritis. The consensus was to give Ink another 12 months of active duty and then transition him into retirement.

Before that time came, however, Potter had taken on



his next German shepherd partner, Jax. And, once he had graduated, it was time for five-and-a-halfyear-old lnk to step down. He served his last day in policing on November 5, 2017.

But there was never a thought that he would live out his days anywhere but with the Potter family. SAPOL released him from its employ and signed him over to Potter.

That suited Ink perfectly, but he was still to face some heartbreak: the sight of the new Potter-Jax partnership going off to work without him. He would watch as the patrol car backed out of the driveway and the gates closed.

"And there's Ink standing there," Potter says. "The head would drop, and you'd think: 'Oh shit, sorry, mate,' because that's all he's known."

But Ink was not to suffer total boredom in his new stay-at-home life. Neighbour and firefighter David Green offered to take Ink on walks on the days when both Potter and Trish were working. He had himself owned German shepherds and not long lost his last

"That worked really well," Potter says. "He almost had a second family. They loved him to death; and he got stimuli and attention while I wasn't there."

Daily life, at home and at work, had fallen pretty well into place. Potter and Jax had bonded well; Ink and Jax got along fine at home; and Ink had that second family for company.

He still got the pleasure of walks with his master. too. But it was on those walks in 2020 when Potter noticed a certain lethargy about him. And it got worse.

Potter suspected it was a case of the arthritis worsening and so took Ink to the vet.

"And, within seconds," he says, "they knew something was dramatically wrong. They pulled his lip up and there was no colour in his gum. Then they said: 'We need to get oxygen into him quickly,' and that's when my heart sunk.'

Ink was not producing red blood cells. He was suffering from leukaemia.

"I called my wife," Potter says, "and, at that stage, I was out in the car losing it, and pacing around the block. I said: 'You better get here because I don't know if we'll be taking Ink home.' And she freaked out."

After Trish got to the vet surgery, Dr Simon Craig confirmed that Ink was producing no red blood cells and would soon die without treatment. But that treatment would involve multiple blood transfusions, for days in a row, and massive doses of steroids.

Trish, out of her deep love for Ink, backed that option and insisted that it proceed - at any cost. The equally anguished Potter, however, found the strength to consider the alternative both he and Trish dreaded.

He simply asked: "With all he's been through, do we want to put him through anymore?" Then came a brief exchange between Potter and Craig.

Potter: "What's the go, mate?"



**ENTRIES CLOSE: 9th July 2021** 

### NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB. INC 2 CHAMPIONSHIP & 1 OPEN SHOW ON THE WEEKEND OF 23rd, 24th, 25th July 2021

CNCC SHOWGROUND, HILLSBOROUGH RD - HILLSBOROUGH NSW

### Classes to be judged 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 (Dogs and Bitches)

Entries to: Showmanager & The Secretary N&HRGDSC Inc 42 Olney St, Ellalong NSW 2325 Enquiries: 0402421385 or (02) 49981021 Extreme Weather: 0402421385

Order of Judging:

Mrs Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon (Qld) Friday

All SC Bitches followed by LSC Bitches, all SC Dogs followed by

LSC Dogs. General Specials.

Mr Stephen Collins (SA) all SC Bitches followed by LSC Bitches Saturday

At the conclusion of bitches Mrs Jenny De Lucia (SA) all SC Dogs followed by LSC Dogs

Mr Stepen Collins (SA) General Specials

Sunday Mrs Jenny De Lcia (SA) all SC Bitches followed by LSC Bitches

At the conclusion of bitches Mr Stephen Collins (SA) all SC Dogs followed by LSC Dogs

Mrs Jenny De Lucia (SA) General Specials

Judging Commences: 8.30am all 3 days. DOGS NSW Representative Mrs K. Clarke

Entry Fees: \$35.00 1st Entry \$30.00 subsequent entries and Baby Puppy.

Catalogue Included with first entry.

This event will be conducted under the Hillsborough Dog Showgrounds COVID Safety Plan.

Critiques available in Junior, Intermediate & Open No Championship points awarded at the Friday Show. Grading Awarded at the judges discretion in all classes. Excellent medallions will be awarded only in the Open Classes if the animal has been successfully Breed Surveyed and is over 24 months of age. Grading Certificates will be available in all classes.

PRIZES: Class winner Trophy & Sash General Specials Trophy & Sash. Places 2-5 Sash

Trophy for the highest placed Australian Bred SC Male exhibited in the Open Class.

Non return of Vests (if used) will incur a charge of \$30.00 per vest.

Camping on ground - see Caretaker. Club run Canteen.

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PLACES TO STAY:

Pet Friendly Accommodation Reign Inn Newcastle Sleepy Hill Motor Inn House beside the Lake. Gateshead Motel



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Craig: "I've been doing this for 20-odd years, and I've never seen a dog recover from this."

Potter: "That's enough. I can't put him through anymore."

"So, we made the decision," Potter says, "to put him to sleep. I said to Simon: 'I've never done this before. What do we do?'

"He said: 'It's very quick. It's just an injection. The dog won't be in any pain.'

"I just gave him (Simon) the sign, and he said: 'Now?' And I just said: 'Yeah.' '

The Potters moved to a consult room in which they were to have their last moments, agonizing as they would be, with Ink. They sat on the floor and cuddled him, as Potter whispered the words "good boy" to

"It was just to reassure him," Potter says, "and to make sure we had physical contact with him, that he felt us there.

"I was crying like a baby. I couldn't control it. I just could not physically control it. And, because it was killing me, I said to Trish: 'We've got to do this.' So, I signalled to Simon: 'Let's do it.'

Craig quickly restated the procedure he was about to follow and then gave Ink the injection.

"He was gone in less than 60 seconds," Potter recalls, "but it was gentle. I saw his eyes going out and we were holding him as he died.

"Simon knew him well and just kept saying: 'I'm so sorry.' I said: 'Mate, you've got nothing to be sorry about. I wanted someone who knew Ink to do it.'

"We got up to exit by a side door and I said to Simon: 'Will you look after Ink for me? Treat him well.'

"We got his ashes and took them home about a week

Today, Potter works with Labrador drug dog Elly, but Ink is never far from his thoughts and, of course, remains in his heart.

Their relationship was, to him, so special that he finds it impossible to put into words, impossible to define.

But, after he took his mate's ashes home, he knew just the place for them. It was a spot at his back gate where Ink used to sit and "watch the world go by". And the indoor tribute to him was, and still is, his photo in the TV room at the back of the house.

"He has pride of place off to the side there," Potter says. "So, we look at his smiling face often."

The attack on Ink came after the SA parliament had increased to five years the penalty for the offence of causing death or serious harm to working animals. Parliament amended the legislation after the stabbing of police dog Koda in 2013. The sentences handed down for the two offenders' attack on Ink, and other offences, were five-and-a-half years with a two-and-ahalf-year non-parole period, and four years with a two-year non-parole period - suspended.

Story (Police Journal, April 2021) courtesy the Police Association of South Australia.

### AFTER THE SHOWS ARE OVER

Her name is Nelke. She was a show girl.

With ribbons in her hair and medals down to there.

#### RO.CH. \*SCHAEFERHUND NELKE, AZ, RAE, RM, ET.

Running around the Speciality ring, hearing the shouts of spectators and looking for treats from her handlers all excited her as she tallied up 37 Excellent medallions.

Obedience training began at the GSDCV Eastern Branch at the age of 8 weeks and socialising was fun.

Fun also was her quest for the Endurance Title.

Practice running beside a bike along the Mullum Creek in Ringwood was great for her show fitness and she bounced through the obedience component of the trial test which was short and basic.

Not so much fun was her performance in the CCD ring. Nelke lagged on her heeling and her lack of enthusiasm was blindingly obvious.

Rally Obedience was our saviour.

Nelke responded well to words of encouragement. the variation in exercises and the continuous movement.

Spinning, weaving through cones, walking backwards, distance drops and flying over jumps - there was no time to lag behind.

You Tube videos, laminating my own Rally signs, regular practice and seeking assistance from classes outside the GSDCV were invaluable in reaching the Masters level.

Two little words kept Nelke further motivated - "Pig's Ear". One utterance of those words and she knew that was her reward after she was out of the ring and in her crate

In March 2020, Nelke required one more Master's pass, over 90%, to gain her Rally Obedience Championship - but there were no more trials as Victoria went into COVID lockdown.

Nelke was getting older, new Rally exercises would be introduced in January 2021 and there was perhaps only one trial - run by OTEC - for the rest of the year.

On December 8th, 2020 at the age of 10 ½years, Nelke gained her Rally Obedience Championship with a score of 97%.





### **GUARDING OUR DEFENCE ASSETS**

Whether they are guarding our planes, working in a war zone or being parachuted into an area, our Military Working Dogs are always ready, willing and up for the job asked of them.

We interviewed Defence personnel to get some insights of GSDs in this field.

#### What tasks are Air Force dogs trained to undertake?

Air Force Military Working Dogs (MWD) and their handlers provide security, crime prevention patrols, emergency response, and intruder detection on Air Force Bases and in deployed locations around the world. Air Force MWDs are located at most Air Force bases across Australia and at times on Australian operations overseas. They are utilised by three operational units: Number 1 Security Forces Squadron, Number 2 Security Forces Squadron and Number 3 Security Forces Squadron. MWDs are employed in a variety of roles, including deterrence, protection of Defence property and assets, detection of unauthorised individuals, and search and surveillance of Defence assets.

The primary role of Air Force Security MWD teams is to deter, detect, and deny unauthorised intrusion on military bases and aircraft operating areas. MWD teams can also be used by Air Force Security Forces Squadrons for close combat patrolling and airbase protection duties.

### How long is the training period and do they remain with a single handler throughout their service?

The Air Force Security and Fire School MWD Training and Supply Flight at Amberley is responsible for sourcing, producing and supplying dogs to the Australian Army and Air Force, suitable for training as MWDs. The Puppies are usually placed into foster care at 12 weeks of age, and are usually returned at 32 weeks of age (approximately 8 months old), however, this may vary depending on the individual dog and how it is progressing in foster care. The Air Force conducts a puppy foster program where members of the public can volunteer to foster Air Force puppies. At around seven months of age, the puppies are recalled from foster carers and undergo assessments to determine their future development potential to become MWDs. Those dogs deemed to have unsuitable temperament or energy levels for further Air Force development are desexed and offered to other government agencies or offered for sale by Expression of Interest to suitable applicants.

Initial training period for a MWD is around 12-18 months. Training continues throughout their working life to ensure their skills don't perish. MWDs and their Handlers are carefully matched to ensure they work well together. Once matched, handlers and their dogs work together to maintain a high standard of fitness and training, including regular testing to ensure they are ready to deploy at any time. Handlers are responsible for the care and welfare of their dog

on a daily basis, including feeding their dog and cleaning their kennels. Over time, they form a strong bond. Dogs are ideally teamed with their Handler for the majority duration of their career to create and foster the important bond between the handler and the dog. However, due to changes in circumstances and priorities in the Handler's career, it is sometimes in the dog's best interests for it to be re-assigned to another Handler. The bond between a Handler and an MWD is very important, as some of our dogs behaviours can change very slightly depending on the type of event being encountered. The behaviour may be so subtle, that only the Handler can pick up the slight changes in the MWD's behaviour.

#### What are the qualities your personnel are looking for in a dog? How is this assessed?

The Air Force only breeds Belgian Shepherd Malinois. MWDs are chosen for a number of character traits, including high intelligence, agility and trainability. Progressive assessments are conducted during puppy development and continue through the initial training phase.

#### Does Air Force only accept males?

#### Do dogs see active service overseas and are they returned to Australia on completion?

If required, MWDs are deployed overseas with their handler and return to Australia with their handler in accordance with quarantine rules. The MWD has an attack-under-control capability, as well as the ability for ground and air-borne scent detection and trailing so can patrol flight lines and other operational assets. MWDs and their Handlers may also conduct patrols with Air Force Ground Defence personnel in deployed locations. Some MWDs are trained to become Explosives Detector Dogs in support of airbase and air operations security.

### If the dog does not complete "bootcamp" what happens to them?

Dogs deemed to have unsuitable temperament or energy levels for further Air Force development are de-sexed and offered to other government agencies or offered for sale by Expression of Interest to suitable applicants.

#### When a dog is retired, what is his future?

Retirement for a MWD is only conducted into a private home environment of a qualified MWD Handler. All MWDs over the age of eight are assessed yearly by the Senior MWD Handler at the unit and the Number 95 Wing Audit Team for suitability to continue in the work force or be retired. At approximately nine years of age, MWDs are usually ready for retirement. Some MWDs may retire earlier, and some may continue to work effectively past this age. Retirement is dependent on the dog's health and ability to continue to work in a security role. For a MWD to be retired, they undergo an extensive range of testing from a Senior MWD Handler, and also an independent Senior Handler, to evaluate their suitability for release from Air Force service. Each dog must also pass the RSPCA rehoming test for temperament and placement into a

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home environment. It is crucial to ensure that each MWD is assessed as having a temperament that is deemed suitable and safe prior to retiring into the civilian community.

### If anyone wished to explore this option for a dog, who should they contact?

Retiring MWDs are only ever placed into the homes of qualified MWD handlers. In the majority of cases they remain with their working handler even after retirement due to the strong bond they have formed after years working together.



















### POLICE DOG GRIFFIN

In terms of dogs and jobs, there are probably no more high profile dogs than those working with Police across Australia.

Acting Senior Sergeant Dave Sampson, currently in Officer in Charge of the Dog Squad Training Centre very generously agreed to a request for an interview. He provides answers to quite a few questions we may all want to ask!

### What breeds does Queensland Police use as working dogs and what work do they do?

The QPS (Queensland Police Service) utilise a number of dog breeds to align specifically to their role. We currently have just over 85 dogs working throughout Queensland. The majority are placed along the Eastern sea border; however we do have a number placed in remote areas such as Mt Isa.

Our General Purpose dogs (tracking, apprehension and searching) consist mainly of German Shepherds. We do have a handful of Dutch Shepherds. It's a personal choice for us to prioritise German Shepherds. From our experience they consistently perform to a very high standard across all disciplines. They also possess tremendous work ethic. 65 of our 85 dogs are General Purpose.

Within the field of drug and cash detection, we utilise Labradors due to their keen noses and trainability.

Within the field of human remains and blood detection we utilise German Shepherds and Springer Spaniels.

Within the field of firearms and explosives we utilise Labradors, a Belgian Maliniois and a Border Collie.

#### Does Queensland Police have their own breeding program or recruit from outside?

We do both.

In terms of general purpose dogs, on average we turn over 10-12 dogs yearly due to age retirement. In order to meet that succession we have 3-4 German Shepherd litters per year. We have 5-6 breeding females in our system and we utilise one of our current working police dogs as the sire. To supplement those numbers, we purchase 8 week old pups each year from private breeders of working line German Shepherds. Those numbers amount to 6-10 per year.

All dogs aimed at our General Purpose programme commence training with our development team as early as 8 weeks of age. Teaching them good habits early is key. This is the same for our detection programme.

We do not breed Labradors for detection. They are purchased from private breeders.

### When you recruit a dog, what traits do you particularly look for?

We are looking for a stable temperament with solid drive. We find it is those traits that auger well for our end product. The dog must enjoy the work and training.

### What is the pass rate of trainees?

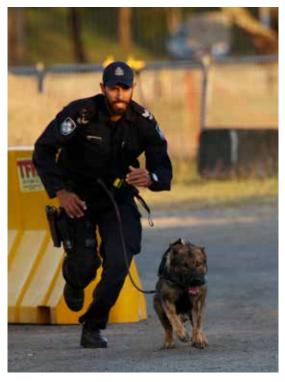
Our dogs have undergone training and development from a young age. By the time a dog is ready to commence a training course (16-18 months of age) we will have a good understanding of the dog and any strengths/weaknesses they may have. We would not commence a dog on our full time training course if we did not believe they had a high chance of being successful. There is of course some who don't measure up despite showing plenty of promise. But due to the fact we have good insight into all our dogs selected for course the pass rate is 80%.

#### How do you match dogs with handlers?

Work does go into matching the dog with the right handler. We look at everything from personality of dog and handler right through to what geographical location the dog is to be placed. For example tracking conditions in the heat and dust of Mt Isa is vastly different to areas such as Brisbane. If a dog is more suited to the tracking conditions of Mt Isa, that's where they will be placed.

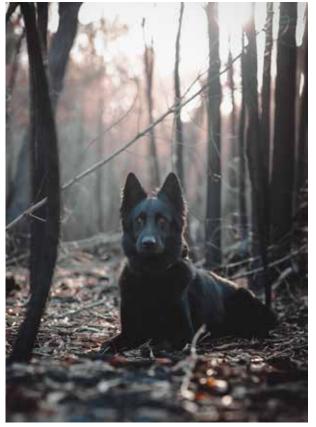
#### Could you tell us about a couple of high profile cases that were successful because of dogs?

Where do I start. The QPS dog squad on average tracks approximately 2000 people each year. These are offenders wanted for serious and violent offences within the community down to missing bush walkers. Our detection dogs are responsible for locating millions of dollars worth of dangerous drugs, cash and firearms. I'm in a position where I get to read all the good work throughout the state every morning. I'm continually genuinely blown away with the results being achieved by our dog teams, both in the detection and general purpose space. Our dog teams are often in the media having value added to high profile cases.



Senior Constable Felipe Peraza and Police Dog Ziggy

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Police Dog Griffin



Drug Detection dog Evans



Police Dog Rad



This is a Police Dog Rad - A Firearms and Explosive Detection Dog. 7 year old Lab.



### A VERY BUSY RICKY

By Cathy Workman



Cathy Workman & Ricky at the National doing Rally

MI joined the Eastern Branch of the GSDCV with my new puppy Ricky in 2013. Over the past 8 years we have attended training on many Sunday mornings and have progressed through the classes to be in our current class 4. We have learnt so much through the knowledge and experience of the amazing instructors at the Branch.

Ricky is so enthusiastic about everything we do, I decided to enter trials. Our first title was Endurance Test which was a 20 km run. I ran with Ricky, but handlers could also ride a bike next to their dog. We tried obedience and gained a Community Companion Dog title. Unfortunately following a number of bad experiences Ricky is now dog reactive so we could not continue with this discipline as it requires off lead group exercises. We then tried Rally Obedience where you and your dog work together as a team performing various exercises to complete a course. Unlike obedience, in Rally, handlers can talk to and praise their dogs. We progressed through with titles in Rally Novice, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent and Rally Advanced Excellent. We are yet to try Masters which involves a number of tricky exercises, like healing backwards that we are yet to conquer. A personal highlight for me was competing in Rally O at the 47th GSDCA National Show and Trial in 2019.

In between rally trials we also tried tracking. In this sport the handler needs to trust their dog and follow them at the end of a 10-meter lead through large open areas like paddocks and bushland. Ricky passed all 8 tests and gained the title Tracking Champion. We next tried Track and Search where we passed Test 1 only to have COVID steal 2020. Track and Search also involves finding a hidden (missing) track layer but is held in more residential areas and tests are both day & night. We are planning to continue with this again soon.

Over the past three years Ricky and I have been attending Scent Work classes. Scent Work is like hide and seek with specific odours. I can't see or smell them but Ricky with his amazing sense of smell can indicate to let me know where they are. This is such a fun game for dogs building great teamwork between them and their handler. Because it is not a group sport it is perfect for nervous or reactive dogs. In March this year Ricky received the title Scent Work

Ricky is now officially "T.CH JAYSHELL GHAN CCD. RAE. SWN. ET."

### WHAT MY DOGS MEANS TO ME AND DOES FOR ME

If it wasn't for my dogs, I wouldn't be leading the life I am now. They allow me to live independently in my own home. For around 22 years now I have been in a wheelchair with only one useable arm. The first few years were hell. It was spent in a home full of dear old oldies. But I was given the opportunity to live in a house of my own. I flew at the chance on the condition I could have my dogs with me.

So, in we moved and our new life began. Vandal was 6yrs old when I started to train her to help me get through each day. After her came Caddie who was one of the best workers I have ever owned. She was one hell of an Assistance Dog. At home now I have Ice who is my present Assistance Dog and Finn who tries very hard to help I think. These dogs help me from the time I get out of bed in the morning until I end up in it again at night. They help me getting dressed and undressed, picking up things for me, fetch and carry all sorts of things, Putting the washing in the machine and taking it out when its finished. Ice makes sure I remember to take my medicine. If I forget, she won't let me leave the house. When we go for walks, if I am about to have a narcolepsy attack she pulls my hand off the control of the wheelchair and barks at me. They help me in the garden by carrying things and moving stuff. Both just love it when we need to dig a hole. Ice is by my side when I go out. She, like the two before her have given me the confidence to face the world each day and cope with life. I could make a huge list of the physical and mental things the dogs do for me, but the best of all is our bond and it is that bond that keeps us going and working together. Oh, and the squeaky balls.



Me with Ice during training.

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My two dogs Ice and Finn visiting me in hospital Ice, Roxy and Maverick which I have trained. Cheers, Jo

FRANKIE THE STORY DOG

Frankie, a three-year-old female German Shepherd Dog, and her owner/handler Ms. Edwina Davis, successfully joined the Geelong Story Dog team in 2020. She is sponsored by the GSDCV and is the first GSD to participate in this program throughout the Geelong region.

Story Dogs is a program that aims to make reading fun for children, and so develop into confident, lifelong readers.

"Animals are ideal reading companions because they help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure. listen attentively, do not judge, laugh or criticise, allow children to read at their own pace and are less intimidating than peers or adults." (Source:www. therapyanimals.org/read/)

Frankie and Edwina really enjoy helping selected Year 2 students each week with their reading at The Geelong College Junior School.

It has already had a very positive impact with the students who are keen to showcase their literacy skills to their new best friend!

Frankie is loving the attention from the children and will no doubt contribute to developing confident, competent lifelong readers and some wonderful memories.

Frankie and Edwina also successfully completed The K9 Support Therapy Dog and Handlers Course in January 2021. With this additional qualification, this dynamic duo, is looking forward to helping people deal with trauma and bringing joy to different sections of the community from the elderly to young children.

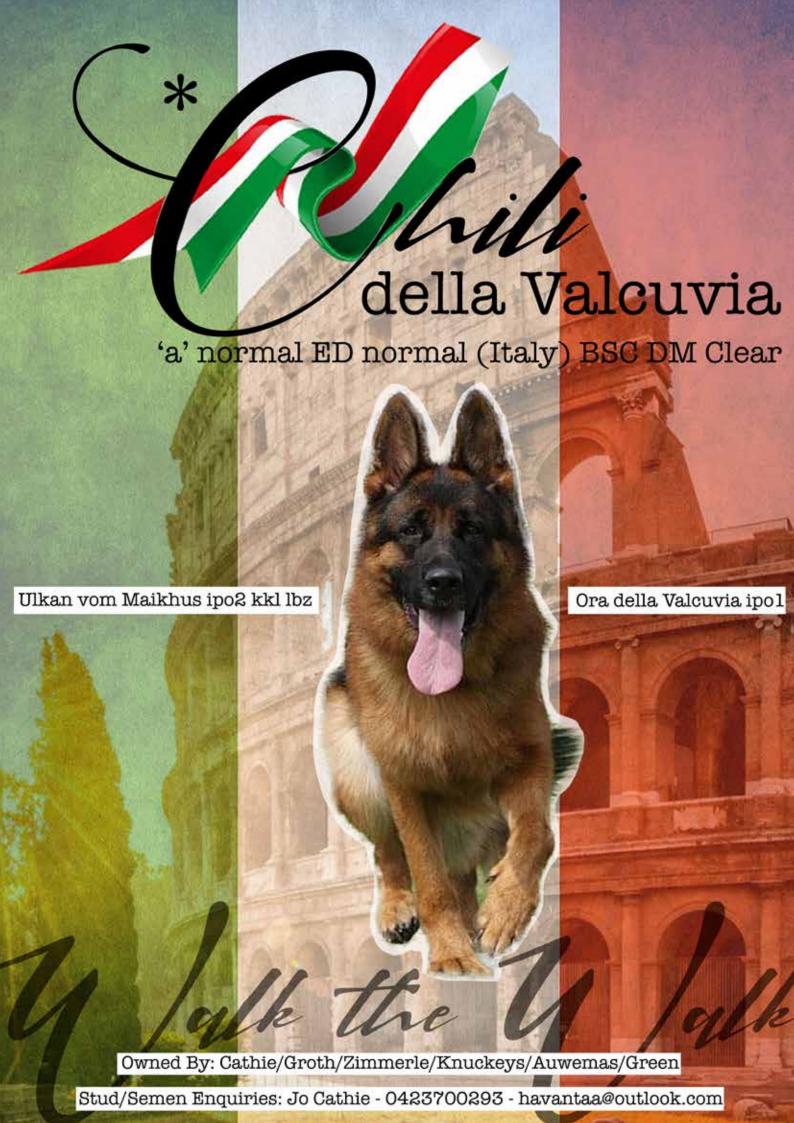




### ONCE IN A LIFETIME

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to welcome Kira (CH Volscain Akira AZ UD RM HIT) into my life in 2012 thanks to Maureen Kail. She has been an all round amazing dog to train, compete and above all live with. I'd had some previous success in obedience with another dog and caught the bug, and when Kira came along it was great to be able to do the dual performance with her in obedience and show and she taught me so much.

Kira has achieved some great results for me including multiple Excellent's in both Show and Trial plus







Cinderhof Raffaa Dam: "Vanland Ava



Cinderhof Romaa Dam: \*Vanland Ava



Kuirau Ulkan Dam: \*Kuirau Chakira



Kuirau Uphoria Dam: \*Kuirau Chakira



Kelinpark U Are Maverick

Dam: \*Kelinpark Nutella



Freinhauf Nigella Dam: \*Freinhauf Elle McPherson



Kingland Matilda Dam; \*Kingland Sambooka Twist



Vladimir Supercalifragelistic

Dam: \*Vladimir LegenWaitforitDary





Jayshell Wifi Dam: \*Jayshell Kenzie



Kuirau Uptown Funk



Bodecka Out Of Control
Dam: \*Bodecka Mayhem



Freevale Sweet About Me
\*Freevale Inner Beauty



Jayshell Watusi Dam: \*Jayshell Kenzie



Bodecka Ooh La La Dam: \*Bodecka Mayhem



Crife Chili Pepper Dam: \*Karabach Philadelphia



Volscaro Chili Micci Dam: \*Volscaro Hypnotic Poison

### PENNY AND PLATO



For some dogs, it's not so much a matter of being given their job, but claiming it and owning it for their lifetime. Plato claimed Penny two years ago and is a best bud, defender and great builder of confidence and self esteem. He makes no judgements and whilst he is a family dog, he and Penny have the most amazing relationship.

And if ever you need a lift, he appears in a most amazing video https://youtu.be/P1mqS1NFsfU





### THE NOSE KNOWS!

Usually when we think of dogs using their nose, the odd Beagle or Bloodhound comes to mind.

But Lynn Tranter and Polly (Mydnytblue Endlespossibilities) are out and about proving that the GSD is equally adept. After all, what's drug detection and tracking if not nose work?

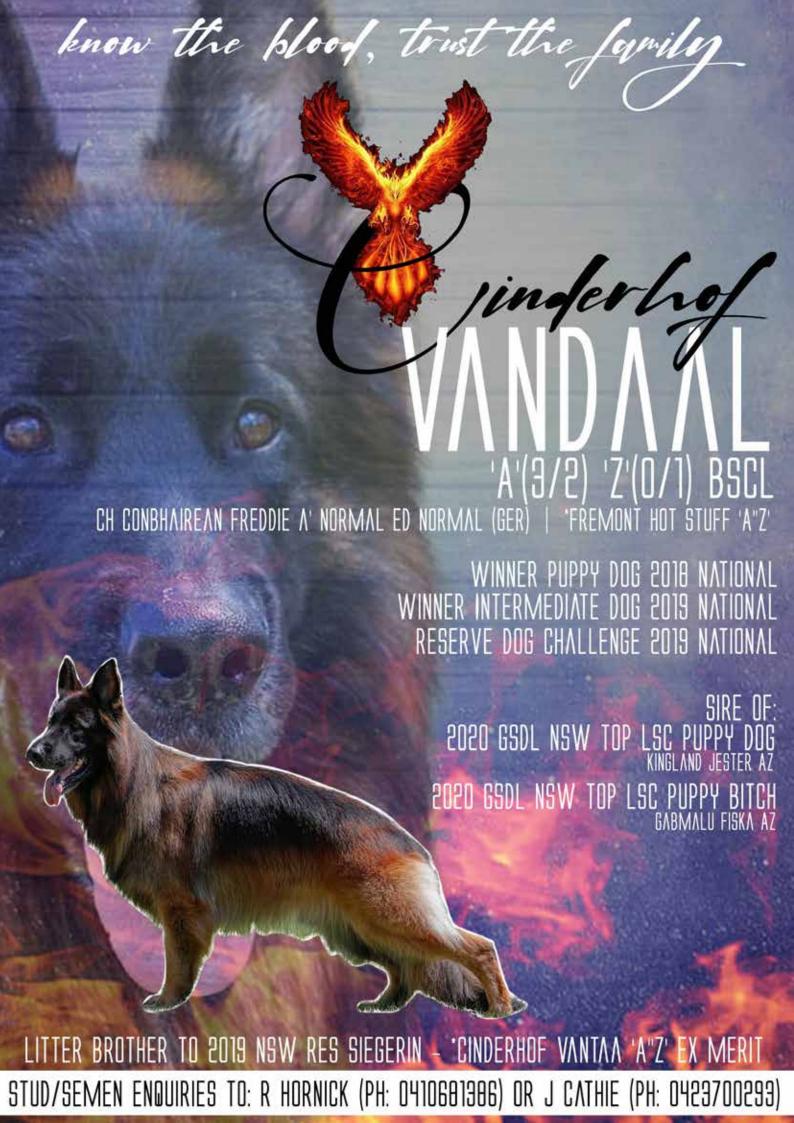
Lynn reports "This is a new sport to Australia . Polly has only been doing this for a short time and has taken to it like a duck to water. She has progressed well due to her natural ability and keenness to work"

Good luck ladies!"



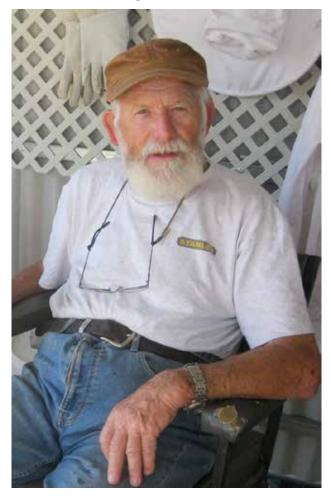






### AN INTERVIEW WITH JOE SEIDL FROM **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

And breeder of dogs selected by SA Police.



To question 1. What were the characteristics in the puppies you bred, that made "fit " the police selection criteria?.

A.: The characteristics looked for are what our breed standard describes as T.S.B., "Drive, Self confidence, Resilience". It is a continuing selection process, starting with the genetics of the parents.

The early neurological stimulation of the puppies, and at 4-5 weeks a modified version of the Volhard puppy aptitude test. The natural development progress of the puppies is then continually monitored and a final short list made at the age of 10 weeks.

The best 3 are then removed from the litter and the kennel for further evaluation at their police compound. A final selection of the 2 best puppies, with high play and prey drive is then made, at the age of 12 weeks.

### Q 2: Did you actively breed for these traits ?.

A.: Yes, but it was extremely difficult to archive with "show lines" . Some progress was made once I was introduced to the Volhard Puppy Aptitude test, by the guide dog association.

This gave me a pre-selection tool at an early age and orked reasonable well.

#### Q 3: Why did I breed for those traits ?.

A.: They are absolute necessary for any competitive dog sport activity.

### Q.: 4. For puppies not going in to this work, how did you channel their skills in an ordinary situation ?.

A.: Puppies are not born "job" ready, but have to be trained for whatever task they are selected for. The aptitude test, tells me what inherited genetic traits they have, which helps with the selection process for their new homes or the task to be selected for.

This applies to both my show lines and working lines. Puppies are puppies, if you don't train them, any potential they have will stay dormant. It is a misconception, that working lines are superior to show lines in their" working "ability .My first trained PD dog was a "Gagarin von Bad Boll" son, Vom Kogelberg Hasso " a show line, refer : National magazine August 2010. Then there was "Red" (Vom Kogelberg Baron), who was 2006 dual performance winner at the National. He also gained his IPO 3 title. The marked difference between show lines and working lines is the success rate. Out of 10 Show line litters , I got 3 good dogs suitable for this type of work, with my working lines, out of 3 litters, I got 5 PD and 3 IPO titled dogs,

### Q.: 5. How hard was it to find the right home for puppies bred this way ?.

A.: I breed show lines as well as working lines -Horses for courses-. To find the "right" home is always of concern. I don't advertise, as there are other means of communications. Most of our puppy buyers a prepared to wait for the next litter.

Even so, I not only test my puppies, but also any future owners, who are invited for an interview , before the puppies are born! This is especially important with my working line puppies, as they have the potential to be misused. It was for this reason I kept a low profile for the last 10 years, unfortunately there is a thing called" FaceBook ".

### Q.: 6. What do you believe has changed in the GSD of today ?.

A.: I have no problem if a change means adaption to new circumstances due to changes to the "scope of work", or the position of our dog in society. Adaption of this kind have occurred since the beginning of our breed and are necessary for the dog to continue to be relevant.

The 2 biggest and most sudden and far reaching changes I have seen were the adoption by the SV. of what they called "Hochzucht", which changed the whole structure and looks of the GSD. Then there was the collapse of the East German Communist regime, which in turn made thousand of "working" line dogs redundant, dogs that were bred for one purpose only. As there was no interbreeding for 40 years prior to this, a complete different style of dog developed in the East and the West. This is still the case today. We have one group or style, which breeds for Conformation with little or no regards for the working ability. Then the other group which breeds only for their "working" ability, with very little or no consideration for conformation. The dog has not changed, we changed the dog. As an organisation, we can fool ourselves or face reality.

In my opinion there is no chance of reconciliation, both sides have valid reasons and motivations for their type of activities. Both have a different clientele base with different needs and aspirations. Does anyone still remember SV 2000, and why it happened?.





#### Q,: 7. Lastly , what is your kennel prefix and a bit about your kennel.

A.: My relationship with the breed started in a small village in Austria. We joined the GSDC of SA, more than 40 years ago, after we purchased our first GSD, "Zandastein Asaboson" and we have been actively involved ever since. My main interest for most part of the first 20 years was in the working ability, and my participation in most ANKC discipline and to a lesser extend in IPO work. I held many positions on and off committee,: Obedience instructor, branch manager, first vice president, trials manager, grounds and infrastructure and for 15 long years tattoo officer. I also qualified as a novice, open and endurance obedience judge. It was during this time as tattoo officer and club obedience instructor, where I noticed things I was not happy about. When I brought some of my misgivings to the notice of committee . I was curtly told -"Do better if you can".

I took up the challenge, purchased a "Hagenstolz" and a "Baccara" bitch and started breeding under the "Vom Kogelberg" prefix. And a challenge it was! Even more so, when I started to breed "Working" lines, and dare I say, put one in to the National Show, ! The rest is history.

I hope you have enjoyed reading,

### Joe Seidl



### IF DOGS COULD TALK

### Dr Robert Zammit



Hesperocyon (40-34 million years ago)

The old man wiped the soil from his hands with his handkerchief but not before wiping his eyes. Clare had made him promise. For his closure, he had to place the first soil on her coffin.

"I'm so sorry, Mark. I don't know what to say," said his friend.

"There are no words, Tony, but thank you for all your support. Not just now, but over all the years."

They had been friends since school. Tony was there when he first met Clare and now, he was here some fifty plus years later to support him through the saddest time in his life, saying goodbye to life's partner; soul mate was a cliché Clare never loved but it described their love totally. How would he cope, he thought?

Home now, the house empty. Just then, as if to say, 'not totally empty, not totally alone,' his young German Shepherd nudged under his elbow. Clare made him buy the dog before she passed. And somehow, the dog knew his job.

Some months later, Mark sat at his desk, the glow from the computer screen summonsing him, but there was no urgency. Ancestry. A late in life hobby or just a curiosity. Or a need to find something to do since Clare's passing? His young German Shepherd laid quietly on the old man's office lounge. "I probably know more about your ancestry than mine," said the old man. He had always talked to his dogs but noticed even more so now that he lived alone. He will probably be my last dog, he thought.

Though young and rambunctious whenever they went to the park, the dog loved retrieving a tennis ball making exercise for the young pup much easier and pleasant for both. The old man sat back in his large comfortable chair, resting his eyes for a moment.

Moments later the old man heard the dog speak, "What ya doin'?" asked Strauss. Clare had given the German Shepherd that name; one of her favourite composers.

"Working on my family tree," answered the old man.

"Just like my pedigree," said the dog.

"Sort of, but I'm going further back. Right back to my origins. Not sure why? Something to do; something to keep me from going crazy, after losing......'

"Wow sounds impressive," said Strauss. He knew he had to get Mark's thoughts of his loss, even though

Clare would never be forgotten by either of them. "So can you go back to my origins?" asked the dog trying to deflect the moment.

"Yeah, guess I can. But how far back do you want to go?"

"Well, that Adam guy was the first man, so tell me who was the first dog?" This made the old man laugh but he answered, "Dogs first came onto planet earth around 30 to 40 million years ago. Canine remains were first found on the great plains of North American."

"How do they know they were canines?"

"The teeth," replied the old man. "Your long front teeth, are called canines and that's where the canine family derived their name."

"So, when did you guys first hit the planet? Humans, I mean. Same time as us canines?"

"No. The first members of the Homo genus started around two and a half to three million years ago. These were stone age humans that remained hunters and gatherers for a long time. In fact, it wasn't until some 40,000 years ago that humans and canines came together in a mutual pact to become more efficient hunters."

"So why did you humans pick canines and say not, felines?"

"Cats are solitary hunters with not as much social structure as dogs. Canines work in a pack with very defined hierarchy - no one knows just how you do it, but wolves seem to run down their prey with certain members going left side, others right while others push the prey from behind. All this interaction along with a very define social structure is the reason dogs have bigger brains than cats."

"Yeah, well I always knew that one," said Strauss. "And we don't ambush our prey, right?"

"That's correct," said the old man.

"So, we eat more herbivores and omnivores in the wild and rarely eat avian, right," said the dog.

"Yes, that's correct too." Mark wondered where this was going.

"Well how come you humans have taken to feeding us chickens, avians, then calling it natural, when it so un-natural? And then they only give us the carcass!"

"Guess some people don't really know what is natural. Lucky dogs are pretty hardy, much hardier that humans. So, in most cases they get away with feeding un-natural products,"

"But if I'm the dog that has a bad reaction, like having a chicken bone stuck somewhere, or getting that paralysis thing us dogs get from raw poultry, telling me I'm unlucky because we are usually hardy enough is no consolation. Like you said, I have four big canine teeth so from my perspective I only like sticking them into a chicken after its barbequed and then only the meat as a treat! I've visited your old practice with you when one of those young veterinarians had to pull a cooked bone out of a dog. Give me a brisket bone or a lamb neck any day, thank you very much. Anyway, let's get back to my ancestry, so we started in North America then went to Europe. And that was it for

"No, when it comes to a hardy family, canines are near

the top. There are four branches of the canine family and the hardiest easily survived the Ice Age - they are still up in the cold, living in icy conditions, the Artic Fox."

"Woo there, pilgrim," said Strauss. "You tellin' mich, (that's German for moi, which is French for me)," added the dog, "that German Shepherds are related to the Artic Fox?"

"Not directly. There are four branches of the Canine Family. The foxes are on a branch on their own, South American Canines and boy there are some strange ones there like the Maned Wolf or the crab-eating fox then the two branches of the 'true dogs', the African dogs and Bush Dogs are on one branch and, the "true dogs", the wolves, jackals, coyotes and domestic dogs on the final branch."



"Us dogs then, us domesticated guys, we're cousins if you like, to wolves. You're telling me we are close buddies with the big boys, the biggest, the most feared canine, the wolf. The BIG BAD WOLF!"

"Correct," said Mark, "but what I've never understood is that despite sharing ninety nine percent of your DNA with wolves, you still hate going out on wet grass."

"Very funny," replied Strauss, "but us dogs made you guys better hunters."

"Correct," said the old man.

"But in truth, we did most of the work," said the dog, "and humans got the credit, right? I mean, we ran the prey down, raced in for the dangerous assaults then once we had the prey down, you humans came in."

"Guess that's true,"

"Seems to me," said the dog, "things haven't changed much."

"To be honest, it was dogs that brought about humans biggest change; biggest advancement that is rarely given recognition. When dogs were given the job of herding animals, this allowed humans to do advanced farming and obtain regular high-quality protein for brain development as well as access to material for clothing and even housing. Even the plants humans could grow improved because they could get ample fertilizer from the animals they kept for food."

"So, at this point, dogs had two jobs, hunting and herding," observed the dog.

"No, they also guarded the village as well as the men they went out hunting or herding with, even paying close attention to children, ensuring their safety too. Dogs were selected for breeding only if they displayed these traits, so it became part of their very fiber, embedded in their DNA to want to be with and care for humans."

"So, canines spread across the planet by following humans around?" asked the dog.

"No, canines had already colonized every area on earth before humans were on earth. It was easy for domestic animals to just follow humans around the planet because canines had already adapted to every environment; they just came together in a mutual contract that well and truly cemented the caninehuman bond."

"Contract?" asked the dog.

"Yes, an unwritten contract. The deal is we feed you guys, make sure you have shelter, teach you what humans need, and you guys happily fill your half of the contract by doing your job. You guys loved doing your part from the start because, as I said, it's in your DNA to love humans and you love working with them, even a desire to please humans."

"Well, there is something I don't get," said the dog. "Dogs went to every continent with humans, obviously like Europe. And I'm a German Shepherd, like I'm, German right. But an Australian Shepherd is an American? How does that work?"

"Yeah, it's a bit of an oxymoron," answered the old

"Seems humans are full of those moron things. I mean, it's in dogs' DNA to want to be with you guys; not just to hang around because the contract says we want to work with you, we're entitled to work with you. Then some moron just locks us in a back yard, takes us for a walk a few times a week, never fulfilling their part of the contract to give us a job. Worse still, when we find our own job, our own industry like barking at any noise, digging in the garden to help out or clawing at the back door in case an intruder is inside, then the moron blames the dog for doing bad behaviour even though the human never gives the dog a job! Reckon many of you humans are in breach of contract."

"I can't argue with that; after all, as humans came to realise how talented dogs are, they gave them a raft of different jobs. Your great ability to smell allowed humans to teach you to smell out, well, pretty much anything from drugs, bombs, cancers, termites, truffles and even lost humans."

"Yeah, we do a lot of that lost human stuff," said he dog. "Even when you humans are emotionally lost, dogs seem to have a knack of finding them and bringing them back. Yet so many dogs don't even get a chance to do that when they're just locked away."

The sharp bark startled the old man; the dog was only alerting to the person using the tap in their front yard.

The old man, rose from his chair, patted the dog, telling him, "It's ok. Just the young man that runs past here a few times a week and uses our tap to keep himself hydrated. No harm." Picking up the lead, the old man spoke to the dog again, "Come on boy, let's go do some training. Gotta fill my part of the contract."

### HAND REARING/ SUPPLEMENTING **PUPPIES**

### Sandy O'Rourke

Puppies are solely dependent on their carers for food and warmth, their carer being their mother, their breeder or a combination of both. It is vitally important that both these requirements are met fully. You will have your successes and unfortunately sometimes it is not meant to be but at least you know you tried your best.

Most breeders will on some occasion need to hand rear or supplement puppies, this article is intended as a broad guideline and not a rigid regime but having raised numerous pups over the years some of my tips may be helpful to those attempting it for the first

The formula I use is homemade although some of you may prefer a commercial formula I have had great results using this formula:

10 oz Goats milk (I use long life as I can keep it in the pantry just in case) If long life is not readily available you can use fresh goats milk from the milk department.

1 cup Whole milk yoghurt (make sure it is whole milk not skim milk yoghurt) I use Jalna with the vellow lid.

1 egg yolk

½ tsp Karo Syrup or liquid glucose (DO NOT substitute honey as this can contain bacteria)

Whisk or blend, strain into a container and store in the refrigerator, the reason I strain is that it eliminates any stray egg white and yoghurt curds which can block the teat. Shake prior to using.

You can use Carnation Evaporated milk but it must be diluted with 3oz of boiled water. I much prefer the goats milk if possible as I found the Carnation rather rich and gave the puppy scours.

The formula should only be kept for a maximum of 24 hours in the refrigerator and then discarded. Before use, it should be warmed to body temperature prior to feeding, a drop on your wrist should not be felt meaning it's neither too warm or too cold. I heat the bottle in a jug of hot water, heating in a microwave can start the yoghurt and egg thickening causing the teat to constantly block.

My preference is an Avent 125ml babies bottle which has a wide neck teat, this give the puppy some resistance which increases the sucking strength. The formula should drip drop by drop through the teat not run so start with a newborn baby teat or 0-3 month size. I am not a fan of special pet nursers, if you imagine the size of a bitch's nipple compared to a teat on a pet nurser, puppies are far better on a baby teat. If you feel the teat is too slow you can always enlarge the hole with a sterilised needle. Too fast and the puppy will have milk coming from its nose, which can be an early sign that the puppy has aspirated

into the lungs, too slow and the puppy will tire before getting its fill. It's ok to have milk bubbles around the mouth but not the nose.

For weak or very small puppies I use a wedge shaped make-up sponge, it is amazing how puppies take to this and almost swallow the sponge, if very small you can cut the wedge in half lengthways, sponges are also good for slowing down feeds if the puppy is a fast feeder and choking on the formula. There are some very good videos on youtube that demonstrate sponge feeding.

If the puppy is weak or has had issues you may have to feed little but often, every two hours until the puppy regains some strength, then you can go to three hourly and by the time the puppy is 2 weeks every four hours or so. Obviously if the puppy is crying you can offer another feed, sometimes they didn't have enough at the previous feed and need topping up. I have noticed that puppies tend to go longer between feeds during the night but maybe only by an hour or so. (You will soon discover what dreadful programmes are on TV at 2.00 and 3.00am).

Prior to each feed you will need to stimulate the puppy to urinate, gently wipe the appropriate area with a damp tissue, urination should be immediate, after every second feed you need to stimulate the puppy to poo, again gently wipe the area with a damp tissue. Sometimes a poo takes longer and you probably will not get one every time. A firm but gentle rub around the tummy area usually gets things moving, you may even find that puppy is doing it all on its own so check the bedding for any signs. Poos should be like toothpaste which stick to bedding like you wouldn't believe. Sometimes puppies can get urine scald on their tummy, like nappy rash, I use Curash powder which usually clears it up. It is very important to burp the puppy after each feed otherwise you will have a grizzly puppy with wind. The other thing I like to do is place the puppy on a blanket for a few minutes, sit down with them and watch them find you, after all you are mum and the source of food and warmth, this also has the benefit of giving them some exercise which they would normally get from littermates jostling for a nipple and rolling around. This also gives you an amazing bond with the puppy, some puppies I have hand raised for other people still recognise me months later.

It is important to weigh puppy at least twice a day if not twice to make sure it is gaining weight, if it is not gaining there may be an underlying problem such as an infection which you should see your vet about.

Now we come to the warmth section, temperature control is vitally important in raising puppies. With no litter mates or mum to provide warmth and puppies unable to regulate their own body temperature we have to make sure they are comfortably warm without overheating. Veterinary recommendations about the puppy environment are:

"Newborns should be maintained in a draft-free environment. Heat lamps and electric heating pads are not recommended due to the risk of burning their underdeveloped skin layer. Hot air or water blankets should be used, but always ensure that there is a temperature gradient in the environment that will allow the puppy to move away from the heat source. During the first four days of life the environmental temperature should be maintained at 29.5 - 32.0 0 C. The temperature is then gradually decreased to approximately 26.7oC by the seventh day to about

22oC by the end of the fourth/fifth week.

	Normal body	Recommended
	temperature of the Newborn	ambient temperature
Week 1	35.5 - 36.7	29.5-32.2
Week 2	37.2	26.7
Week 3	38	26.7
Week 4	normal stable temperature	26.7
Week 5	normal stable temperature	22

For the first 2-3 weeks I use a plastic picnic basket which is well ventilated, I line the basket with a woollen blanket with the sides hanging over, wool is the best material for retaining heat. I then use a heating disc, if you don't have a disc a hot water bottle will suffice, down one end with a thick piece of vetbed or sheepskin on top of the disc. I then use a muslin baby wrap on top (much easier to wash than sheepskin). At the other end of the basket I put a soft toy which I have disembowelled and put a \$2 alarm clock inside and sewn up again. This not only provides comfort for the puppy but also a cooler area for the puppy to migrate to. Chilled puppies can also be a serious issue, cold puppies are generally whingy and restless, never feed a chilled puppy, warm it up slowly and gently before offering food. I found on ebay some cheap digital thermometers which are very useful for checking the temperature inside the basket, so one of those goes in as well. I usually like the temperature around 30-32 degrees depending on the ambient temperature. I then fold the woollen blanket into the basket so we have a nice warm nest free from draughts. If the ambient temperature is

high you may have to open the basket and uncover the pup, otherwise you run the risk of overheating, when the temperature is high make sure the pup has a cool area to migrate to. Obviously if you have several puppies or larger breed babies a plastic crate is a good substitute for a picnic basket. By two and a half to three weeks puppies are ready for the outside world and spend some time in their "playpen" usually a cardboard box lined with bedding, their familiar toys and in a part of the house where things are happening in my case the kitchen or family room.

Hopefully by 3 weeks weaning can begin and we are well out of the woods.

www.leerberg.com has lots of information on hand rearing and was the source of my puppy formula recipe.

Sometimes, despite our best efforts, there are those puppies that fail to thrive, often described as fading puppies. There are many factors that affect fading puppies, including lack of passive transfer of immunoglobulins from their colostrum (lack or quality, lack of volume or lack of ability of the puppy to absorb it through their intestines). Another factor is that new born puppies with poor immune support are very susceptible to sepsis, this can occur through the gut, lungs, skin etc. The mother may nurture the robust puppies and leave this little one to the side. It is probably best to seek immediate veterinary advice should you notice this happening, as such puppies will frequently have underlying conditions, including congenital defects that mean no matter how much nurturing you provide, this little one is not destined to survive. This is nature at its harshest and it is best to know before you start that perhaps this little one was not meant to make it.

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### FROM THE VAULT

### THE IMPORT BAN - 1929 TO 1972

### Mr. James Rodger

#### Introduction:

The majority of today's German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts have probably no idea of the extent of the hysterical and emotionally based discriminatory legislation that was enacted by Federal and State governments, as well as local government authorities in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's, all with the common aim of the total destruction of the German Shepherd

It seems crazy, but it did happen here in Australia and the following pages set out, in broad terms, the extent of those totally discriminatory laws.

In a letter from the Federal Minister for Customs and Excise, dated June 25, 1957, it was admitted that "... THE INTENTION OF THE EMBARGO BROUGHT DOWN IN 1933 WAS TO LESSEN THE VALUE OF THE BREED BY PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF **NEW BLOODLINES."** 

As outlined in the enclosed material, the prime movers in this horrendous legislation were the pastoralists and graziers throughout Australia. These were the German Shepherd Dogs' public enemy Number One, as evidence of their influence and presence can be found in almost every piece of anti-German Shepherd Dog legislation that was enacted.

Whilst it is totally beyond the limited financial and manpower of the GSDCA to research and publish the entire chain of events that led to all of the discriminatory laws against the German Shepherd Dog in Australia, it must be stressed that the selected material is considered to be an accurate portraval of the facts. In choosing this material, care was taken to present the most representative picture possible. In other words, the reader should gain from the examples provided an overall insight, rather than a detailed account of every aspect of every discriminatory law passed in Australia.

The initial reaction of the German Shepherd Dog enthusiast is evidenced in the reprinting of a couple of 1929 covers from the weekly dog journal, "Dog World of Australasia" whose proprietor and editor, Mr David Moore, was a staunch supporter. In fact, he imported the very famous stud dog Brutus of Nunneshall, who had a huge impact of the Australia German Shepherd Dog scene.

(Note: this section as written from detailed information obtained from the official records of the Australian Customs Service in Canberra by the late Mr W.C.Kinsman, Secretary, Australian National Kennel

The assistance and co-operation of Mr Kinsman and the officers of the Australian Customs Service (particularly Mr Clive Leverington) is warmly acknowledged and appreciated.)

### Background

Undemocratic, disgraceful, highly unfair, grossly discriminatory, pathetic, terrible and hopeless are some of the very powerful adjectives used by German Shepherd Dog fanciers for over fifty years in describing the absolutely tragic and unique circumstances of the Federal Government in placing a ban on the importation of German Shepherd Dos in Australia. This infamous ban was officially locked into place when the signatures of the then Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, John Lawrence and Baron Stonehaven were placed on the Customs Proclamation No 171, dated 7 June 1929 (pursuant to the Customs Act 1901-192), which was a consequence of a Cabinet decision on 1 May 1929, a copy of which is reprinted below.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD IN THE CABINET ROOM, NO 2 SECRETARIAT, CANBERRA ON THURSDAY 2 MAY 1929 AT 10 O'CLOCK.

#### Present

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Mr Gibson Senator McLachlan Major-Gen Sir N.R.Howse Senator Ogden Major-Gen Sir T.V.Glasgow

Agenda Subject and Deciaion

No: 251

Alsation Wolfhounds - Question of prohibition of importation into Australia

Cabinet decided that a recommendation made to the governor General in Council that the importation of Alsation dogs into Australia be prohibited for a period of five years (notification of Decision 24/7/28).

### How did this ludicrous situation occur?

In today's world, some 60 odd years after the events of the 1920s, it seems quite extraordinary that the illogical and emotional forces of a few individuals acting in complete ignorance and self interest, crippled the development of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia for such an extended period of time and caused such tremendous harm to the breed's public image, which unfortunately is still evident in some areas of Australia today.

NO OTHER BREED OF DOG HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO SUCH OUTRAGEOUS DESCRIMINATION IN AUSTRALIA AND PROBABLY NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD FOR THAT MATTER.

As early as 24 December 1926, the Queensland Government had made representation to the Prime Minister urging the placing of an import ban on certain breeds of dogs, but this request was initially denied on 18 February 1927 on the grounds that the request lacked substance.

Pressure was again brought to bear and the matter was reconsidered, with the Federal Government agreeing in principle to the placing of an import ban on the "Alsatian" dog on 12 August 1928.

As expected, this decision was greeted with a loud howl of protest from the Alsatian Breeders Association of Australia and the Director General of Health (via the Director of Veterinary Hygiene, Dr Robertson) was requested to investigate the situation of the Alsatian Dog and report back to the Federal Government.

Not surprisingly, the report concluded that there was "....no reason why the Alsatian should be singled out as being either vicious or a sheep killer". But

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#### The Import Ban 1929-1972

even Dr Robertson's report was not enough to save the situation, as the most powerful and politically very influential Graziers Federal Council of Australia entered the fray and urged the Federal Government to implement the importation ban as quickly as possible.

(Note: Pg41-42 of the GSDCA's Golden Jubilee Edition records the letters from Dr Robertson, The Deputy Premier of Qld and the Graziers Federal Council of Australia. The last paragraph of this letter clearly shows the thinking that the Alsatian was a dangerous breed and was likely to mate with the Dingo and produce wolf dogs, which would be infinitely worse trying to control than the already problematic dingo!!)

As stated earlier, the initial import ban was for an interim period of five years, with the Federal Government reviewing the situation in 1934.

The review found no grounds to change the status quo and the Customs Proclamation No 265 was signed on June 6, 1934 by the then Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Sir Isaac Isaacs, which sealed the fate of the German Shepherd Dog for almost forty years.

### The lifting of the Import Ban

Although numerous individuals had tried to have the import ban lifted in both the pre- and post World War II eras, the authorities remained firmly opposed.

A small change to the rules was made on 21 June 1955, which allowed "desexed Alsatian Dogs" to be imported into Australia. Another interesting twist was that in 1962, the Customs Service agreed to the desexing requirements being released for all Australian bred German Shepherd Dog returning home, after being proved they had originally been exported.

There seems little doubt that the establishment of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia in 1960 and the subsequent staging of the 1st National Show in Sydney in 1967 provided the background to which enthusiasts could be motivated to mount a concerted campaign to have the Import Ban lifted.

From the records available, there seems to be little doubt that the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria (GSDCV) led the way. The GSDCV had tried two or three times in the early to mid 1960's to generate support for such a campaign, but for whatever reasons, such efforts failed. During the late 1960's the late John Fletcher succeeded in mobilizing and co-ordinating all sections of the GSDCV to an unprecedented level of support. His efforts, although at times abrasive and emotive, captured the imagination of all and with the assistance of a paid Public Relations organization resulted in the German Shepherd cause gaining exposure on a scale never previously though possible.

The fund raising of the GSDCV during these times was extraordinary. It is fair to say that the GSDCV led the way and quickly gained support from other states, principally New South Wales and South Australia.

It is interesting to note that the then President of the Graziers Federal Council, (Dr Locke), resided in Melbourne, as did the then Minister for Customs and Excise, Mr Don Chipp. The GSDCV spent considerable time and effort in exposing the Minister to all facets of the German Shepherd Dog, via the activities of the

Consequently, the efforts of the German Shepherd Clubs and zealous individuals from all over Australia brought to the attention of the politicians. bureaucrats generally and departmental officers that "...the import ban was based on false, illogical and emotive ground and was thus totally discriminatory".

Unfortunately, little of this material is available, although a report from the GSDCV printed on pg 52 of the GSDCA's Golden Jubilee Edition and a response from Professor Whitmore, Dean, Faculty of Law Australian National University to the GSDCA, details evidence of the types of activities being promoted

However, politics being what it is, the then Minister for Customs and Excise, Mr Don Chipp in addition to the forceful moral support mentioned above, required a sound, logical and scientific evaluation of the benefits of introducing new German Shepherd dog blood into the country. For various reasons, this report was required to be produced in its entirety in nine days to enable the Minister to have it analysed and processed through the various government departments, as well as the Graziers Council, the Liberal and National parties and finally the Federal Cabinet fir approval, prior to parliament being dissolved for the historic 1972 election.

Thus the Luxton Plan was born and a submission by Mr T R Luxton on behalf of the Kamarn Breeders Foundation was quickly put together with a selection of eminent letters and reports being presented from such people as Professor JP Scott, Research Scientist , Center for Research on Social Behaviour, Ohio, Mr A R Clark, General Manager for Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, D C Blood, Head, Department of Veterinary Clinical Science University of Melbourne, R G Beilharz, Senior Lecturer in Animal Breeding, University of Melbourne, Michael Tucker, Dog Trainer and Author of several behaviour books on dogs, (Copies of these submissions are all recorded in the GSDA Golden Jubilee pgs52-55, 58 - 59.)

It should be stressed that the importance of this document in bringing to an end the 42 year old ban cannot be over emphasised.

The Submissions' purpose was quite clear:

"In this submission the minister's consideration is sought for the relaxation of sufficient of the current restrictions upon the import of the German Shepherd Breed of dog, to facilitate a scientific breeding program of this animal.

The objective would be to produce a dog that has a reliable temperament and the proven ability for guide dog, security wok, domestic companion dog and other useful functions. Also, we seek as a by-protect the general improvement of temperament and stability of the breed in Australia.

Finally, the scientific evaluation that the Minister required was completed and forwarded to the Minister of primary Industry, Mr Ian Sinclair for his consideration. A reply was duly received some weeks later. However, it is important to note that in the intervening period both Messers Chipp and Luxton had canvassed the individual members of the Grazers Federal Council of Australia. This included Mr Luxton attending a special meeting of the Council in Bairnsdale in early November 1972, specifically to obtain that bodys' permission to lift the import band, thus allowing the Minister for Primary Industry to positively reply to the Minister for Customs and Excise.

The breakthrough that the German Shepherd world had valiantly strived for for so long had "finally"

However, there was one final hurdle to be overcome the trial period of twelve months.

Accordingly, representations from breeders and clubs continued to flow to the Minister, stressing how well things were going and what a retrograde step it would be to reimpose the ban.

Finally, a reply from the Minister for Primary Industry was received dated 13 February 1974 and a press release published on 5 March 1974.

Thus the final chapter in this long running sage had been written. The German Shepherd Dog was now on the same footing as any other breed and was free to pursue unhindered its ultimate breeding destiny: to be genetically capable of serving mankind better than any other breed.

In conclusion the following succinctly sets out the sad and painful history of the import ban. Let us hope that ho other genuinely recognised breed suffers this ignominious fate.

2 May 1929 \*Cabinet decision to prohibit the importation of Alsatian dogs for a

period of five years.

7 June 1929 \*Customs Proclamation prohibiting the importation of Alsatian dogs

for a period of five years without the permission of the Minister for

Trade and Customs

6 June 1934 \*Customs Proclamation prohibiting

(indefinitely) the importation of Alsation dogs without the permission of the Minister for Trade and Customs.

21 June 1955 \*Approval by Minister for Trade

and Customs of recommendation that desexed Alsation dogs be permitted importation, provided the animal had been in the possession of the importer for a

reasonable period

1962 Note: In an administrative decision

> taken in 1962, the desexing requirement was waived for male dogs where it could be established that they had been bred in Australia and subsequently

exported.

24 November 1972 \*Decision by Minister for Customs

and Excise to lift the import ban

for a period of 12 months

25 January 1974 \*Decision by Minister for Customs

and Excise to remove the ban

altogether.

5 March 1974 \*Final press statement to this

effect.

Retyped from the GSDCA Condensed History of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia - Golden Jubliee

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### NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS



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Our Easter Championship show was a huge success in so many ways; a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, a great entry of 137 and an enthusiastic judge. Ms Jane Pike was due to judge in 2020 but due to COVID-19 finally got to judge in 2021. Her Best SC Dog was \* Olymp vom Larchenhain (Deu) and her Best SC Bitch was \*Ch Vladimir Me Me Im First. Her Best LSC Dog was Lettland Flint(AI) AZ and her Best LSC Bitch was Gabmalu Fiska AZ.

Junior Handlers was judged by Ms Chelsea Bird:

Under 7s - 1st Ava Over 13s - 1St Paris

2nd Brodie

It was nice to get back to showing in a more normal environment.

Due to the huge success of our last Survey and training day with many new members we decided to make a morning of it. We started with show training with Tony Darcy and Matt Morris whilst Wayne Wagstaff conducted the obedience training with a lot of new equipment, he personally owned and shared. A highlight for many was the variety of equipment which the dogs and owners thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you, Wayne, for so generously sharing and setting up your equipment.







Then at 11am the Survey began with a great audience. Congratulations to the owners and breeders for the following dogs being successfully classified at the 16th May survey:

Laiko vom Huhnegrab (Deu) -

Sastor v Huhnegrab x Weika v Team Huhnegrab owned by M & C

Kaygarr Dark Night - Conbhairean Karlos x Ursa v Thorarinnn owned by G Allen

Sheznova Luca - Djambo v Fichtenschlag x Sheznova Sunkisst owned by W & T Curry

Glenbala Party in Rio - Iliano v Juvenisty x Glenbala Perfectly Vibrant owned by G & K Gregory

Riechstag Tilly Divine -Conbhairean Karlos x Hausillevon Oma owned by L Nicholas

Hausillevon Urana - Hausillevon Garmin x Hausillevon Fara owned by J Gordillo

Sundaneka Evening Exotique - Sundaneka Fleetwood Mac x Sundaneka Baileys on Ice owned by G & K Stevenson

Kadama Drop It Like Its Hot (LSC) - Juwika Destroyer x Karraine Hayleys Legacy owned by E & B Foley



The day concluded with a sausage sizzle which was cooked by two young girls to perfection, thank you. Thank you to Tony Darcy for organising the day. Many stayed and took the opportunity to take photos of the dogs. A very successful day helping each other.

Our June Open Show on the 5th June will be judged by Mr Vince Tantaro (Vic) and our next survey is on 18th July at 11am. Let's hope all proceeds as planned without any restrictions.

The new lights have been appreciated at training and late shows making everything much clearer and brighter.

**Karen Stevenson** 



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Life seems so normal again, its hard to imagine the same time last vear amid covid closures and lockdowns. Let's not take it for granted.

Back at our AGM in March, in addition to our election of a full Club Executive and presentation of title awards, we added one surprise. **Ken Smith** was presented with a GSDCV Outstanding Service Award. A very well deserved award to Ken, who has been branch manager of our Skye training branch for 18 years, a member of our Management Committee for the same time, he is an obedience instructor and most recently has been the administrator of our Trainee Instructor program. Ken is one of our Club's quiet achievers, iustly rewarded for his efforts and commitment to bettering the GSDCV, our members and their dogs over a sustained number of years. Thank you and Congratulations Ken!



Ken Smith

After missing out last year due to covid, we were back to collecting for the annual Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. For

our 37th year of collecting, we collected \$25,827.40. Bringing our grand total over the years to \$673,931.40. What an effort, all for the kids. Thanks and well done to our Western branch for leading and co ordinating, and our Eastern branch who also helped out rattling the tins.

Anzac Day this year fell on a Sunday, meaning most branches were closed for training as a mark of respect. Some of our Ballarat branch members joined the Anzac Day parade in Ballarat, representing dogs and animals in war. Well done, great respect! Most of our training branches are seeing great numbers attending training, with several having 90+ dogs each week. Great to see so many members out with their dogs enjoying time together. Keep it up!

Our State Breed Exhibition and Trial on May 8th and 9th saw a good entry of 86 in the show and 39 in the trial and rally rings.

The Winner of Winners in the trial ring was BODECKA INTEROGATOR UD, handled by Andrew Saliba, who achieved a score of 199 in the Open ring prior to the runoffs.

And the coveted Dual Performance Award was won by \*ARRISTAR LYKA BAT OUTA HELL AZ, Exh/ handler Amanda Barr with a 5th of 9 in SC Open Bitch conformation and in Obedience CCD 90/100, 3rd place. Yay!

Progeny groups for \*UK. CH. CONBHAIREAN FREDDIE A ED (IMP UK) and \*CHILI DELLA VALCUVIA A ED (IMP UK) were great to see, well done to all owners

The Veteran's Parade saw \*Ch. Jayshell Glasgow AZ and \*Grand Ch. Schaeferhund Balleena AZ CD RN ET both star as they lapped the ring in their 'retirements'. Both looked fantastic and enjoyed their moment in the sun with their proud owners 🖳



Balleena Veterans



Glasgow Veterans

Of course the highlight at the SBE is the off lead gaiting of the open classes, and seeing the owners in the ring with their dogs. There were some great performances from the owners running a lap (and the dogs too<sup>1</sup>). Most importantly, Congratulations to the dogs awarded Excellent Merit by judge Mr Vince Tantaro. A fine achievement.

#### **LSC OPEN BITCH**

Exc. Merit 1 \*LORDAVO ROYAL SYMPHONY AZ

#### **LSC OPEN DOG**

Exc. Merit 1 \*DENARGUN ZHIVAGO AZ

Exc. Merit 2 \*CH. BODECKA CASANOVA AZ

### **SC OPEN BITCH**

Exc. Merit 1 \*KELINPARK ROZATA ΑZ

### SC OPEN DOG

Exc. Merit 1 \*ULLE VON TRONJE (IMP GMY) 'A' ED (GMY)

Exc. Merit 2 \*DJANGO VOM TEAM PANONIANSEE 'A' 'ED'

Exc. Merit 3 \*CH. FREINHAUF HASTA LAVISTA BABY AZ

For our all important 13 Club, our most recent additions are Bonshannon Della, owned by Ian Sprigg and Iniff Anzac Spirit AZ CCD, owned by Jacinta Poole.

Heading into winter our competitions are ramping up. We have our Tracking Trial coming up, our Endurance Test and our Track and Search Dog Trial so Good Luck to all exhibitors!

My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility'



#### **GSDC of TASMANIA**

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The GSDCT has had a great start to 2021. Membership numbers are on the rise, training attendees are well up and show entries have risen from 29 in February to 40 at our shows held over the weekend. On Saturday May 22nd and 23rd we welcomed Carol O'Rourke and Stephen Collins to officiate at our championship shows and breed survey. with 3 animals presented, all were classified on the day. Congratulations go to the owners and connections of Sup Ch Allendell Quick Silver, Castastar Incognito and Awatea Nice as Pie. Sunday's am show saw Carol O'Rourke award Best in Show to \*Bodecka Casanova and Runner up Best in show to \*Hasenway Danger Man. Stephen Collins judged the Pm show and awarded Best in Show to \* Friedental Spices Saffron and Runner up in show to \*Bodecka Casanova. Congratulations to all.

On the 18th and 19th of September the club is holding 2 championship shows with judges Sharon Ballantyne - Gordon and Andrew O'Loughlin officiating. We look forward to holding a great weekend and hopefully with another good entry, we have been extremely fortunate to have had a few interstate exhibitors at our shows of late.

The 2022 year will see the club enter into its 50th year and we will be holding a weekend of shows and celebrations. Further details will be given as they are organised.

















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#### **News from the West**

I was privileged to attend the farewell of our past Patron James Clarko - due to COVID 19 and the restrictions placed on the community we celebrated a life well lived almost 12 months since his passing. The City of Stirling put on a splendid reception held at the Trigg Surf Club. A fitting farewell to a teacher, councillor, politician, Speaker of the House and most importantly a lover of our breed.



Peter Flynn (S.A.) adjudicated our S.B.E. in April- the weather was glorious, sportsmanship was good and the winners were gracious.

#### SBE Results 2021- Long Stock Coats

Babyawn Mi Gracie Baby Bitch -Grace

Minor Bitch -Iccara Desert Rose

Minor Dog -Iccara Winter Is Coming

Puppy Bitch - Hauberk Flight Risk

Junior Bitch - Eroica Olietta

Intermediate

Lawine Diamond Bitch -

Essence AZ

State Siegerin - Glenbala

**Ambitious Dream** 

State Sieger - \*Iccara Nailed It

#### SBE Results 2021- Stock Coats

Baby Bitch -Alderhaus Ivy Evelyn

Baby Dog -Volscaro Chilicci

Ivar

Minor Bitch -Chevyvale

Absolutely Devine

Minor Dog -Chevvvale Azlin

Puppy Bitch -Volscaro No Effie

**Furries** 

Puppy Dog -Shaygar Wicco Kodi

Junior Bitch - Volscaro Fires Fury

Junior Dog -Hauberk Brute

Force

Intermediate

Bitch -Bronboreo Adrianna

State Siegerin - Freinhauf Elle

Mcpherson

State Vice

Siegerin -\*Seigen Berry

Lucious

State Sieger - \*Albata Nicco

Top Lady Handler -Dianne Roberts Trophy - Freinhauf Galiana - Chris Smith - 100 points **Exc Qualified** 

#### **Child Handlers 2021**

Intermediate Handler -

Allison Shea 1st place -

2nd place -**Boston Humphries** 

3rd place -Lexie Garvey

Senior Handler -

Ella Campbell 1st place -

### Obedience and Rally 2021

CCD - 1st place - Freinhauf Galiana 98 points Qualified

CDX - 1st place -

\*ROCH Sabaranburg Purple Rain CDX RAE HTMN 95 points Qualified

UDX - 1st place -

TSGCH Brooksvale Phanta UDX RN HTM.S AZ 197 points Qualified

Rally O - Excellent A - 1st place -Lindenhelm French Champagne AZ CDX RA 98 points Qualified

Rally O - Novice - 1st place -\*Grandwest Quintina Exc 95 points Exc Qualified

Rally O - Advanced - 1st place -Lindenhelm French Champagne AZ CDX R 99 points Exc Qualified

#### **Obedience - Graduation** classes 2021

Pre-Kindy - Chevyvale Chevy -Henia Vaughan

Advanced Pre-Kindy - Odin - Mark Plowman

Kindy - Bellas Charm - Valerie Bell

June will be a busy month with a Breed Survey, Open Show (Eva Fekete), Members' Competition (Natalie Humphries) and an Open Day at DogsWest - I am sure we will have a great attendance from the public who will have the opportunity to see demonstrations on our training of the youngsters ably supported by our breeders.

Until next time - enjoy your dogs they are the best friends you will ever know



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Squeaks

### **Margaret Adams Editor**



#### **GSDC of QUEENSLAND**

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#### **Queensland is Rocking and** Rolling.

We have had a change in our show secretary due to work commitments and we welcome Sue Bruno to the team, ably assisted by Kylie Zimmerlie our Vice President.

The March members competition was well patronized though the heat was very unlike March in QLD, we all went home slightly sunburnt. Nicky McDermott judging was well received, and everyone enjoyed the day.

We have since had our double header members competition on the 15th and 16th of May 2021. We had a change of Judge due to the proximity and timing of the Newcastle show, so Jenny Delucia couldn't judge, we look forward to having her judge in QLD another

Our replacement judge for the Saturday was Ian Urie, and he received a good entry, (63) and we all enjoyed his judging. The up and coming Jess Kada, judged Saturday (61) and was also very well received. The weather was beautiful and we hope that everyone enjoyed the weekend.

We saw the very handsome and still wowing the ring Combhairean Karlos show for the last time. and he was also awarded the Best exhibit at the Members Competition on Saturday.

Astasia Kennels informed us that this weekend was their last show, Les and Brenda we hope to still see you at events, but your quality breeding will be missed in the ring. Enjoy your retirement.

We managed to secure permission to hold 2 RallyO trials on this weekend. Which unfortunately were not well attended, but you

have to start somewhere, we will continue to have more events for our Obedience fraternity. Congratulations to Cathy Shailer and Fergie with gaining their first pass in Obedience.

Our survey for North QLD is going ahead in June and at this stage we expect 8-10 dogs which is terrific. Our surveyors will be Carol ORourke and Fay Stokes.

Our members competition and survey for Zone 2 in August has been approved and we look forward to this event with the judge being Melanie Groth. The surveyors will be Louis Donald and Sharon Ballantyne - Gordon.

Preparations are underway for the double header Championship show, and Trial and we have managed to secure sponsorship for most classes. We also hope to have an exciting stud Dog raffle drawn on the Sunday.

Our first Zoom meeting only had about 6 people attending via ZOOM, and we discovered how good the microphone was it picked up every noise in the room. At our general meetings members now have the opportunity to have a full dinner at the meeting. I for one will be taking advantage of this, as well as a cappuccino. So members can come and dine, or participate via Zoom.

Wednesday trainings are slowly getting back to normal after a short closure due to COVID and then Garry Williams our Secretary and Training coordinator hospital visit and subsequent recovery. We are glad he is well on the road to recovery.

We have plans to hold Sunday training weekly during the lead up to the Champ Shows and Trial, for members that can't make it Wednesday night or would like a 2nd training night.

Discussions are underway to hold a puppy picnic this year, and members are discussing another members competition in late October.

Plans are also underway to have a stand at the Ekka showcasing the breed and the Club.

On behalf of the club I would like to congratulate the dogs that have been surveyed so far this year,

March: Kellinpark Skittle, Bluemax Salted Peanut, Bluemax Gunner, Kaygarr Dior, Lawine Red Baron and Imagick Guiletta.

May: Iccara hard Rocco, Kingland Jester, Debbar Luna, and Ktique Royale.

A big thanks to all the exhibitors and supporters of our events. We couldn't do it without you.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sunny Queensland for our Championship Shows.

#### **Sharon Thorp**

President GSDCQ 2021



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The GSDCSA has been busily hosting our Member's Competitions, The Balmead Shield Trail and getting prepared for our June Championship shows to be held on the 12th and 13th. Stephen Collins (SA) judged our members' competition in February which presented 36 exhibits. We then followed this with a Members Competition in April, judged by Kurt Morton which presented 51 exhibits. We are thankful for Kurt to have travelled from Sydney for our members competition.

The GSDCSA are proud of our members and their exhibits. Special mention to the animal's exhibited in Open Class and received their first time excellent award.

\*Delaforce Royal Rookie (AI) AZ \*Rhosyn Calles Show Girl AZ \*Tonaker Mollie AZ \*Ch VonpetaQwackawoody AZ \*Arkahla Bippity Boppity Boo AZ \*Rhosyn Dainty Affair (AI) AZ \*Babenberg Sebastian AZ \*Wildhertz Let's Dream Big AZ \*Brajandi Rubious Hagrid AZ

It was great to be able to hold a Breed Survey on February 21st with a total of 4 animals presented, one male and three females. The dog was a German import and his German breed survey was confirmed. All three bitches were successfully

classified. We then had a Breed Survey on May 2nd with a total of 11 animals presented and all successfully classified.

The club hosted a lecture on the GSD Forequarter on June 6th which was very educational -Thank you to Jenny De Lucia and Stephen Collins for putting this together for the club.

### **Upcoming for GSDCSA**

Over the Winter season the GSDCSA has scheduled the Champshow in June 12th - Judge: Greg Greg (VIC) and June 13th - Judge: Graeme Stevenson (NSW), Obedience Trial July 3rd - Judges: Tony Brennan for UDX, - Brian Fielder for Utility, - Neil MacDonald for Open, - Donna Vigor for Novice, Tony Brennan for CCD; Obedience Trial Aug 1st - Judges: Neil MacDonald for UDX, Jan Brabham for Utility, Tony Brennan for Open, Anne Twaddle for Novice, and Neil MacDonald for CCD; Endurance Trial 14th August - Vet: Dr. Neil Thies, Judge: Ros Kumela, Members Competition 15th August - Judge: Natalie Humphries (WA), Obedience Trial August 28th Lynne Stapylton for UDX, Anne Twaddle for Utility, Brian Fielder for Open, Jan Brabham for Novice, Lynne Stapylton for CCD. To keep up to date with when schedules and entries are available please follow the GSDCSA Facebook page or check our website.





Delaforce Royal Rookie (AI) AZ



Mollie



Sebastian Stance.



Vonpeta Qwackawoody.



**NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION** 

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March 27th saw our Club put together a great Open Show & Breed Survey. Greg Green from Victoria drew an entry of 96 Stock Coats & Long Stock Coats. Best in Show was Morton & Yuns Intermediate LSC Bitch Siobhan Greyt Expectations. Full results, critiques & photos are available on our website.



The last 12 months put a stop to most things, but it gave us an opportunity to get our ring at the CNCC Dog Showgrounds into a lovely condition for our exhibitors. Also putting some extra work into the Canteen and making improvements all the time.

Because there was a lack of shows last year we have also decided to put together a three show weekend on the 23rd 24th 25th July 2021. The weather will be lovely and crisp and very pleasant for the dogs, exhibitors and judges alike. Our Judges will be Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon from Queensland, Jenny De Lucia & Stephen Collins from South Australia. Come and join us for another great weekend.

The schedule and full details are available on Showmanager with entries open now. Lots of different types of accommodation available around the dog grounds & surrounds. Looking forward to putting together another COVID Safe function for the evenings.

We are currently running a Raffle via Showmanager as a fund raiser for the Club. It can be accessed via Activities after logging in. The Prize is a fabulous Quilt being quilted by one of Australia's Premier Quilters. Have a look I'm sure you will want to purchase more than one ticket.

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