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In the interests of Council's member clubs and their members and following consultation with the Presidents of member clubs, the GSDCA wrote to the WUSV seeking clarification about the degree to which the Harmonisation policy being followed by the WUSV will impact Australian activities.

GSDCA Member clubs have recently decided against ZAP testing as a prerequisite to Breed Survey and have also reversed earlier decisions in regard to linebreeding. In principle, this meant the GSDCA was no longer able to comply with some the terms of membership of the WUSV. Other requirements in regard to our hip and elbow schemes and DNA testing to be lodged and held by Germany, the prohibition against artificial breeding practices and the necessity for stud dogs to be re-xrayed after 30 litters would have led to prohibitive costs for our members.

However, in the course of a recent Zoom meeting with WUSV Continental Director Heather MacDonald, it was made clear that animals without a working title would not be awarded an Excellent grading by any visiting SV judge. It was also suggested that this organisation would need to make an informal arrangement with the dogsport fraternity in order to accommodate the WUSV requests. As you will appreciate such an arrangement will place this organisation and its member clubs at odds with its governing body, the ANKC, and the state controlling bodies. Our CD did make it clear that Germany would not recognise two organisations in the same country.

As the GSDCA is starting to plan future Nationals and given the preference of local exhibitors to have SV judges, the Executive and Member Club Presidents resolved to confirm the position of the WUSV, in order to brief club members with facts, rather than hearsay.

Club members have the right to make informed decisions but cannot do so without the benefit of a clear and detailed outline of what will be required by the WUSV. The GSDCA, in the interest of members, also wishes to have an undertaking from the WUSV that the list of demands will be final, an undertaking that the CD was unable to provide.

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The GSDCA has been a member of the WUSV for 47 years and in the course of that membership probably paid the WUSV in the regions of a quarter of a million dollars. To protect the interests of constituent clubs and their members, the objective of the letter was to provide a factual briefing from the response, which we still await.

Rather than cause division and to a degree panic, the GSDCA wanted the WUSV to confirm that despite being well informed about local conditions, it still required compliance with its demands for Harmonisation.

Through no fault on the part of this organisation, this letter has been placed in the public domain, and we still await a response from WUSV. What we seek is confirmation and clarity so that individual members can understand the consequence of decisions we make at this time.

GSDCA Executive

GSDCA Member Club Presidents

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