

# THE German Shepherd Dog

## QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW



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Front cover: \* Waiting for lockdown to end and dog shows to resume! - Sheznova Luca, Sheznova Stevie and Sheznova Sunkist - Owned by W & T Curry

Back Cover: \* Zicke v Feuermelder ( Imp Deu) J & J Haase.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



A warm welcome to our spring edition....

I am hoping by time this goes to print we will all be out of lockdown and looking forward to spending some time socialising with our dogs and friends, I must admit I am hoping that the State borders will

reopen allowing travel for those that would like to attend shows that are coming up in November and December, lets all keep positive and look forward to the future.

In this edition and on our website you will find some interesting reports from our NBC and Judges meeting held in August, I am sure if you have any further questions please email Ian the NBC Chair with your questions. Also I would like to thank Yvonne for work she has done finding some very interesting articles for this edition and also a big thank you to the advertisers, it is great to see so many members showing us all the beautiful dogs especially since we have not attended many shows in the last 18 months – thank you.

The German Seiger Show was held in September , it was great to hear so many of our members watching the telecast. It was held with many restrictions and I must admit a little strange for me not seeing the progeny groups that have in the past be such an important part of the show, but I do understand the difficulties around showing dogs at the moment. I hope everyone enjoyed it but I know its not the same as being there , hopefully many of us will be able to attend next year.

During October the GSDCA Executive will meet once again with the GSDL to discuss the future of the 2022 National Show and Trail, we are confident the 48th National will be held in 2022 even though it may be a little different to those previous to COVID. We will update everyone as soon as possible with any news, I must also thank the GSDL for their support of the National in these very trying times.

All clubs would have now received notification of the AGM to be held in February 2022, make sure you attend your local club meetings to have your say on the future of the GSD in Australia.

Keep safe and well.

Regards

*Sean Lynch*

*GSDCA President*

# EDITORIAL

“May you live in interesting times” . Well, they've certainly been just that! My heart goes out to friends in NSW and Victoria who have endured two years of sustained uncertainty and loss – loss of freedom, loss of lifestyle and certainly our hobby has suffered.

Our front cover reflects how we are all feeling and we are all making lists of the first things we'll do when allowed out. Mine's a haircut – feeling like Yeti!

But there is light and hopefully, we will return to some form of “normal” very shortly.

And let's face it, there have been some positive and productive lessons through this – the GSDCA has now conducted two of its annual meetings via Zoom and they have worked very well. Maybe a way for the future.

In this issue, there is not a great deal from the show scene and that's to be expected. But there are a few very worthwhile reads, especially when it comes to facing the challenges we all face with raising puppies when in lockdown. Recently, in NSW there was a devastating infant death caused by the family dog. Val Bonney's article reminds us all as responsible breeders that not all puppy buyers understand canines or are capable of managing a testing young dog. With the lockdowns, there has been a major rush for puppies and we need to be aware that the current situation lends itself to future problem dogs. As breeders, there is a great deal we can do to insure that our breed does not become part of the problem.

The content this edition is quite varied and includes an option to test your knowledge of the conformation of the modern GSD., Looking at the older sketch, I am amazed at how different from the modern GSD is. The little test set is for readers to not only identify changes, but also explain why the change is of benefit. Hopefully, this will help fill an hour or so of your day and obedience folks are really encouraged to have a go because, as a working breed, the attributes of the dog are just as critical to your work as they are for the show ring and breed.

As always, I a must thank those who have placed their faith in the magazine to promote their wonderful dogs, the contributors of articles and all those club news contributors and preparers of mailing lists. I get to do the fancy bits, but without all of you doing what you do, there would be nothing to get “fancy” about. But this edition, I must send a very special “thankyou” to Val Bonney for her generosity, to Andrew Levien who took time out of an incredibly busy schedule to fill us in on Alithia and Linda, for whom I know writing her piece caused memories to come flooding back. Thankyou and enjoy the read.

*Yvonne Yun*

# WE DO NOT EXIST WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS

*Across Australia, our clubs exist purely through volunteer labour. They cover everything from stewarding, show management, canteens and catering to all of our management functions. If you get a chance, why not hold your hand up? This is the story of one such volunteer - Ian Marr*

How did I get started with my involvement with the German Shepherd world in Western Australia and how long have I been a volunteer with the club?

I got started when we got our very first German Shepherd in 1994 and I started with my involvement as a volunteer when I took on the role of Assistant Ground Manager at the training ground that we used in the Northern Suburbs of Perth also in 1994. I have been involved in many roles of the GSDA of WA since that first position.

The list of roles that I have been involved in are many and I have just completed 27 years of unbroken volunteering for the GSDA of WA, and I must say that I have enjoyed every one of those years.

I Joined the GSDA of WA in 1994 and became Assistant Ground Manager within 6 months of joining, a role that I held for three years. I became an Obedience Instructor at the Northern Suburbs ground in Padbury where I worked for 8 years then moved to our grounds at GSDA HQ where I have been an instructor for 13 years. Have worked on the Show sub-committee for 9 years during my time on this committee I was show committee Secretary for three years. I was the Minutes Secretary of the GSDA Executive and Committee for 3 years, Honorary Secretary of the GSDA Executive and Committee for 5 years and was President of the GSDA of WA club and club delegate at the GSDCA AGM's for 11 years (one spell of 5 years and another of 6 years). Was Secretary of the State Breed Committee / Judges Committee for three years. Did Ring Steward at all Shows for a total of 3 years then Chief Steward at all shows for a total of 5 years. In 2011 I became the Club Historian and I am endeavouring to put together a booklet on the history of the GSDA of WA. I became Training Supervisor for the GSDA of WA and re-joined the Management Committee as Obedience Chai in 2020. I was the GSDA Delegate at the 2021 GSDCA AGM Zoom meeting in place of the club President who was unable to take part due to work commitments

I was presented with the GSDCA Service award for Service to the Breed in 2020, a very humbling moment for me. It is always a nice feeling when recognised by your peers for work done in an area of great personal enjoyment.

One of the highlights of my time of involvement was getting the GSDCA AGM to Perth in 2010 for the first time thanks to some intense lobbying by me at preceding AGM's. It was a resounding success thanks to the tremendous work done by our volunteers who met all delegates at the airport and took them to the hotel and after the meeting was finished took everyone

back to the airport. Unfortunately the AGM has not returned to WA since this first time.

I attended a number of meetings in Melbourne and Sydney in 2006 in regards to the Schutzhund issue.

I was also a member of Dogswest Protest and Disputes Tribunal from 2008 to 2018

The challenges of being a volunteer are many and varied. There is a well-known saying that "you can please some of the people some of the time but you cannot please all of the people all of the time" and that is certainly true when working for the club as a volunteer.

The biggest problem that I see within our German Shepherd fraternity is the lack of younger members willing to get involved in the running of the various clubs throughout Australia. This is not just a problem within the GSD world but is a problem throughout most volunteer run clubs and organisations.

I totally understand that, in today's super busy world, younger people are time poor when it comes down to volunteering, but they, along with the older generation, needs to understand that without volunteers our clubs cannot survive and the older generation will not be here forever helping to run the clubs.

So, why have I been involved for such a long time?

I have always got involved in any organisation that I have been a part of over the years starting with junior sport, as my Son and Daughter were growing up. Becoming an instructor in Tee ball, Cricket and Junior Athletics and joining the committees of each of these activities.

I also took on the role of President of the school Parents and Citizens committee when they were in Primary School and President of the Parents and Teachers Committee when they were in High School, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the WA Education Department for 13 years of continuous service to the Education system in WA.

I have always found it fulfilling and rewarding being involved on a voluntary basis and I highly recommend that our younger members get involved and find out how rewarding it can be.

At this point I have to say that the members of the clubs also have a part to play to help ensure that younger people are encouraged to get involved and that they are given time to work into whatever role they step up to. It is so easy to criticise volunteers when or if they make a mistake, maybe we all need to accept that we are all human beings, and take on board that the only people that never make a mistake are the people that don't actually do anything. Food for thought.

When I was approached about putting something together regarding my experiences and background in volunteering in the dog world, I was a little concerned that people would think this was just an excuse for me to paint myself as some sort of special person rather than what I was hoping would be an article that would encourage more people to get involved as a volunteer.

I hope that I have succeeded in encouraging the younger members of our community to give it a try and see how fulfilling it is to be involved in helping to run your club in whatever capacity you choose.

Below are a few photos to show the various areas that I was involved in and always need volunteers.





*A couple of our volunteers receiving their Appreciation Awards after working on the roof of the clubhouse to do some maintenance work.*



*A group of members attending my night classes*



*The grounds looking terrific thanks to our volunteers. Ian and Kerrie who look after the mowing and fertilizing etc.*



*Burn off during the cooler months*



*Set up for one of our Championship Shows*



*Table set up for lunch with the Judge at one of our Championship Shows*

The above photos show the many and varied roles that are available for members to get involved in and there are many more areas that always need help in one way or another. If any member is interested in becoming involved after reading this article then I encourage them to take the first step and speak to a committee member and offer your services. You won't regret it.

Do I have a favourite activity in my voluntary roles? Without doubt it would be my involvement as an obedience instructor. It is so rewarding to see the improvement in the handlers during their time in the class and as they progress through the various levels of training. I get the opportunity to see how they are progressing when I occasionally step in to one of the more advanced classes to cover for an instructor, who wasn't available, from time to time.

Some of the areas that are always looking for volunteers in my club are:- Management Committee, Sub-Committees. Help with grounds and building maintenance, taking down rings after shows or trials, If you have a trade that could be helpful please let someone know that you would be happy to help out.

These are just a few of the areas that come to mind, there will be many more and every club would have its own list of areas needing help.

I hope that this article has the effect of encouraging more people to get involved especially the younger members and if so then it will have been a worthwhile exercise on my part.

*by Ian Marr*



# MY TOP 5

By Fay Stokes

*Having been asked to select my 5 favourite German Shepherds over the many years being involved with the breed I have chosen to select 5 imported males that I believe had a great influence on being able to produce a consistency of type regardless of what lines the bitch carried.*



**NZ CH. DUNMONAIDH JUNKER** imported to NZ via the UK travelled to the 8th, 9th and 10th National Shows where he effortlessly took out the Gold Medal on each occasion and left us in awe at what a beautiful grey sable dog he was and the Australian breeders took advantage and used this dog quite extensively with great success and his progeny certainly left their mark here. Junker is still one of the very very few dogs that have been critiqued by SV Judges as "correct forequarter".



**PHAL V AEGIDIENDAMM (Imp Deu)** was recommended by Herr. Jochmann to Jurgen Neddermeyer to purchase to help the breed here and whilst Phal did not like the show ring much, and certainly was not really a glamorous dog, he did win a Silver Medal at a National but the number of high quality females that this dog produced and the type and movement on those females was incredible and they in turn continued to produce quality stock another dog that for me left his mark.



**CAYOS VD NORISWAND (imp Deu)** a son of VA Janos VD Noriswand has been one of the most heavily used stud dogs to have been imported to Australia. Cayos was again a dog that set his own type and quality and for quite some time his progeny dominated the show ring. The dog was only ever exhibited once at the NSW State Breed Show where he quite comfortably took NSW State Sieger on his progeny.



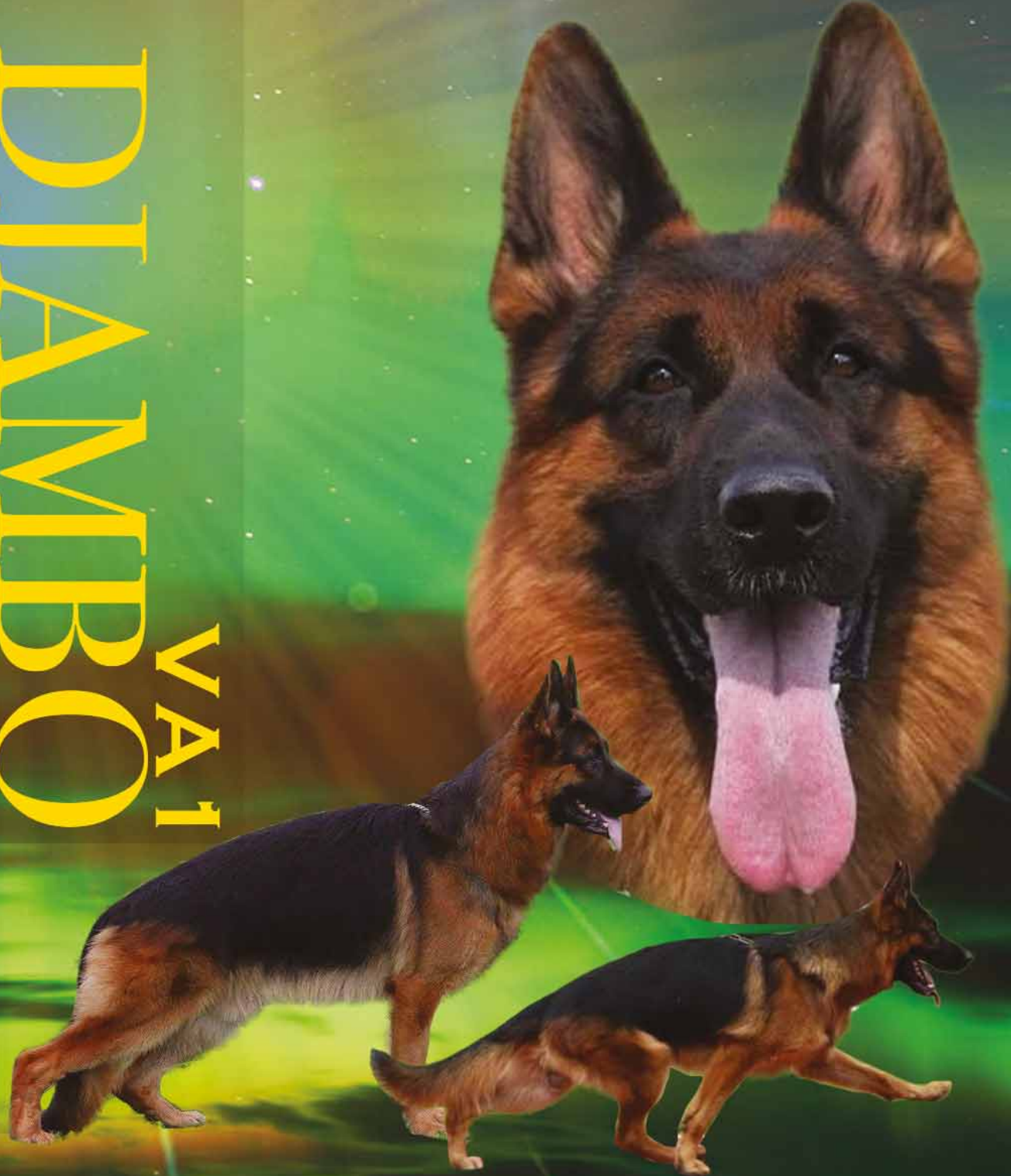
**CH. TOBY V PLASSENBURG (imp Deu)** another very widely used dog who again stamps his type on almost any female producing both top quality male and female progeny which have had tremendous success in the show ring and still today Toby progeny compete very successfully in the Open class as well as his females now producing on with very good progeny. Toby himself is well known to all having won Gold and Silver at our National.



**VA DJAMBO V FICHTENSCHAG (imp Deu)** of all the VA dogs to have been imported here to date certainly Djambo is the VA import that has consistently produced very high quality males and females and there is no doubt his progeny will continue to do him proud. Djambo continually stamps his quality of type and beautiful pigmentation. His progeny now progressing into the Open Class is proving tough competition.



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# THINGS WE DON'T TALK ABOUT.....

## WHY DOGS EAT POOP

*The American Kennel Club.*

*I am very grateful to the AKC for granting permission to reproduce this article. It may prove useful to breeders who get reports from owners of a pretty distasteful habit.*

Of all the repulsive habits our dogs have—drinking from the toilet, rolling in swamp muck, licking their butts—nothing tops the disgusting practice of dogs eating poop. Their motivation may not be to gross us humans out, but it certainly does. So much so, in fact, that poop eating is often a reason people try to rehome a dog or even opt for euthanasia.

There's a scientific name for this habit— *coprophagia* (*kop-ruh-fey-jee-uh*)—and also both behavioural and physiological reasons why some dogs view dung as a delicacy. If you have a poop eater, don't despair. There are ways to discourage the habit. Although not deeply probed by science — there are few studies on it — poop eating is a relatively common phenomenon. In a 2012 study presented at the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behaviour annual conference, researchers led by Dr. Benjamin Hart, from the University of California, Davis, found that:

- 16 percent (one in six) of dogs are classified as “serious” stool eaters, which means that they were caught in the act five times
- 24 percent of the dogs in the study (one in four) were observed eating faeces at least once

Hart wrote, “Our conclusion is that eating of fresh stools is a reflection of an innate predisposition of ancestral canids living in nature that protects pack members from intestinal parasites present in faeces that could occasionally be dropped in the den/rest area.” Translation: It's in a dog's DNA to eat poop.

The study consisted of two separate surveys sent to about 3,000 dog owners. While eating poop is repulsive to human sensibilities, it's not really all that bad from a canine point of view. Dogs evolved as scavengers, eating whatever they found on the ground or in the trash heap, so their ideas of haute cuisine are somewhat different from ours. In his ***Handbook of Applied Dog Behavior and Training***, animal behaviourist Steven R. Lindsay says, that coprophagia “may be one of several appetitive survival behaviours that have evolved to cope with the periodic adversity of starvation.” In other words, when food is scarce, you can't be picky.

### Poop Eating Is Normal for Dogs and Puppies

For some species, such as rabbits, eating faecal droppings is a totally normal way of obtaining key nutrients. In fact, if you prevent rabbits from doing this, they will develop health problems, and young ones will fail to thrive. Fortunately, dogs do not need to get nutrition this way. It is, however, a normal, natural behaviour at some canine life stages. Mother dogs will lick their puppies to urge them to eliminate, and clean up their faeces by eating it, for about the first three weeks after birth. Puppies will also naturally engage in this behaviour, eating both their own poop (autocoprophagia), poop from other dogs (allocoprophagia), as well as poop from cats and other animals. Some dogs find horse manure and goose droppings particularly appealing. Eating their own poop is harmless, but consuming poop from other animals may cause health problems if the stool is contaminated with parasites, viruses, or toxins. In most cases, this behaviour will fade before the puppy is about nine months old.

### Facts About Dogs Who Eat Poop

When it occurs in puppies, coprophagia is generally considered part of the process of exploring the world

around them. Most puppies will be satisfied with a sniff, but a few will want—like human children—to put everything in their mouths. One bizarre fact: Dogs will rarely eat soft, poorly formed stools or diarrhea. They appear to be attracted most to hard stools. Frozen poop, in particular, is gulped down with relish! (There is a reason why dog owners have coined the term “poopsicle.”) In his study, Hart made some other observations about why dogs eat poop:

- Coprophagia was **more common in multi-dog households**. In single-dog homes, only 20 percent of dogs had the habit, while in homes with three dogs, that rose to 33 percent
- Poop eaters are **no harder to house train** than any other dogs
- **Females are more likely to eat poop**, and intact males were least likely
- 92 percent of poop eaters **want fresh stuff, only one to two days old**
- 85 percent of poop eaters **will not eat their own faeces**, only that of other dogs
- Greedy eaters—**dogs who steal food off tables—tend to poop eaters**

### Why Do Dogs Eat Poop?

If your adult dog starts to dine on dung, **you should consult with your vet to rule out health problems** like:

- Parasites
- Diets deficient in nutrients and calories
- Malabsorption syndromes
- Diabetes, Cushing's, thyroid disease, and other conditions that might cause an increase in appetite
- Drugs, such as steroids

In many cases, dogs start to eat their own poop because of some kind of environmental stress or behavioural triggers, including:

- **Isolation:** Studies have shown that dogs who are kept alone in kennels or basements are more likely to eat poop than those dogs who live close to their people.
- **Restrictive confinement:** Spending too much time confined in a small space can cause the problem. It's not unusual to see coprophagia in dogs rescued from crowded shelters.
- **Anxiety:** Often a result of a person using punishment or harsh methods during house training. According to this theory, dogs may eliminate and then eat their own poop to get rid of the evidence, but then they are punished more. It becomes a vicious cycle.
- **Attention-seeking:** Dogs eat their own poop to get a reaction from their humans, which they inevitably will. So if you see your dog doing this, don't overreact.
- **Inappropriate association with real food:** Dogs who are fed in proximity to their faeces may make a connection between the odours of food and those of poop and will be unable to tell the difference.
- **Scenting it on their mothers:** Lindsay writes that in some cases, puppies will get confused by sniffing faecal odours on their mother's breath after she has cleaned them. Also, sometimes mothers may regurgitate food that is mixed with puppy faecal matter. He calls this an “appetitive inoculation,” which may set a puppy up to develop this bad habit.
- **Living with a sick or elderly dog:** Sometimes a healthy dog will consume stools from a weaker canine member of the household, especially in cases of faecal incontinence. Scientists hypothesize that this may be related to the instinct to protect the pack from predators.



## How to Stop Your Dog From Eating Poop

Veterinarians and dog owners have seen improvements with a handful of strategies, including:

- **Vitamin supplementation:** There's been a long-standing theory that dogs eat faeces because they are missing something in their diets, so a dog multivitamin could be helpful. Vitamin-B deficiency, in particular, has been a prime suspect, and studies have backed this up. In 1981, scientists showed faecal microbial activity synthesized thiamine, a B-vitamin. Other research found other missing nutrients.
- **Enzyme supplementation:** The modern canine diet is higher in carbohydrates and lower in meat-based proteins and fats than the canine ancestral diet. Some people have had success with a meat tenderizer that contains papain, an enzyme
- **Taste-aversion products:** The theory is that certain tastes and smells are as disgusting to dogs as the idea of stool eating is to us, so adding a poop-eating deterrent to food or treats will make the poop that's being produced less

appealing. Many of these products contain monosodium glutamate, camomile, pepper-plant derivatives, yucca, garlic, and parsley. Just remember to treat all the dogs in a multi-dog household if there's a poop-eating problem!

Perhaps the best way to stop the problem is through training and environmental management methods, including:

- **Keep the dog's living area clean**, including the yard, so there will be no poops for him to pick up.
- Cat owners should **keep that litter box clean or out of the dog's reach**.
- **Supervise your dog on walks**, and pick up after him immediately.
- Training. **Work hard on the commands "leave it" and "come."** One simple exercise is to teach your dog to come to you for a food treat as soon as he has eliminated. That way, the dog will develop a habit to run to you for a tasty tidbit, instead of reaching for the revolting one on the ground.

## POLICE DOG KAOS



Kaos and his handler are one of the most successful dog teams within the QPS both present and historically. Kaos was nearly always the first dog to be called in for high risk and dangerous offenders and was formidable in every sense. But there was

a dichotomy with Kaos, as although he was rightly feared by criminals he was also the first dog to meet and greet the sick children at the Children's hospital and loved the affection from them.



# SILAS vom WIERLINGS HOOK (Long Stock Coat)

STANDING AT STUD IN SYDNEY WITH JOHN & LEE MARTENS, AIMSWAY KENNELS

**STOP PRESS! Gualdo Di Savio a son of Silas was SG9 at the German Sieger Show 2021**

VA1 (Sieger) in Belgium & Poland, & VA5 Germany (2019)

SV Breeding Value size: 64.8cms - Normal Hips & Normal Elbows - IGP3 title.

Both his parents are multi VA. His sire is VA1 in Germany & Belgium. Orbit von Pallas Athene

His dam is VA1 in Belgium twice and VA2 & VA4 in Germany. Meggy vom Wierlings Hook  
"Silas" excels in personality and character.



## GERMAN BREED SURVEY:

Medium size, strong, substantial male, richly pigmented, strikingly expressive, praiseworthy black components over the back, correct overall structure, impressive head, high withers, firm back, good length and lay of the croup, correct angulations of the fore and hindquarters, straight front, slightly toeing out, balanced chest proportions, straight sequence of steps, powerful dynamic movement. TSB. Pronounced.

### Particular virtues:

Strikingly expressive, richly pigmented male of correct structure.

### Advice, recommendations & warnings for selection of a breeding partner:

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# SALVATORE vom GRAFENWALD (Imp Germany)

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DOB: 12/3/18 German Survey: 64.5cms SV Breeding Value size: 64.4cms  
Above medium size, strong. Very good head, good topline, very good fore and hindquarter angulation, good chest proportions, correct in front. Steps straight coming and going, very expansive movement with effective hindquarter drive.

Character Firm. TSB pronounced.

Pigmentation: Strong



## Comments by Robyn Knuckey at Breed Survey ratification on 11/4/21:

Dog presented in good condition. Overall very good type and pigment. Height on the day smaller than in Europe but the pasterns today could be slightly firmer. He has matured into a masculine male. The dog presented confidently and was gunsure on the day.

### Salvatore is from a very successful litter.

#### All 9 from litter have Normal hips & Normal elbows!

German Sieger Show results 2019 for litter mates:

Samira SG1, Sonia SG25 (181 bitches shown in class)

Saturn SG60 (139 in class)

Saabat SG2 (Long Stock Coat, 37 in class)

& Salvatore SG12 (139 shown in class)

Some other show placings for Salvatore:

VP3 Italian Sieger Show 21/9/19

SG1 Austrian Sieger Show 17/8/19

**SIRE: Mars von Aurelius, 4 times VA.**

**Normal hips. Normal elbows.**

**DAM: Lila vom Haus Thalie, 4 times VA1 in 4 different countries and once VA2 Germany.**

**Normal hips, Normal elbows.**

**Has any other import into Australia ever had a mother so highly show graded?**

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# WHEN WE GET TO TRAVEL WITH OUR DOGS AGAIN

ERHLICIOSIS A GROWING DANGER



## Emerging Disease – Ehrlichiosis in Dogs.

Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc. 2021

Ehrlichiosis is a tick borne disease affecting primarily dogs. It is not transmitted from dog to dog, transmission only occurs through infected ticks, the main one being the brown dog tick. The brown dog tick is widespread throughout mainland Australia. No brown ticks have been found in Tasmania. While ticks are mostly coastal, they can be found further inland.

**Ehrlichiosis is the disease** that is caused by a tick borne bacteria called Ehrlichia Canis.

Once a dog has been bitten by an infected tick, there are 3 stages of infection:-

1. Acute or early phase (3-4 weeks)
2. A subclinical phase (months to years)
3. Chronic or long term stage. (months to years)

Symptoms include fever, lethargy, enlarged lymph nodes, loss of appetite, discharge from the eyes and nose, weight loss, anaemia and bleeding disorders such as nosebleeds or bleeding under the skin that looks like small spots, patches or bruising.

The severity of symptoms varies considerably between dogs. The incubation period is 1-3 weeks after the tick bite, but the chronic form may not manifest for months or years following infection. PCR and ELISA tests give the most accurate diagnosis along with comprehensive blood tests. Affected dogs require veterinary treatment and supportive care, the earlier this is diagnosed and treated the better. Usually these dogs are treated with tetracycline drugs for a minimum of 4 weeks, shorter treatment periods may result in subclinical carriers. Seronegative PCR tests will indicate if the infection has cleared. If not properly treated these dogs can and do die.

### Distribution

This disease can be found worldwide, particularly in tropical and subtropical areas. Once the disease is in the brown dog tick population, it is very difficult to control. German Shepherds and Siberian Huskies are predisposed to develop more severe signs of disease with a worse prognosis (reduced cell-mediated immune response).

In extremely rare cases, infected ticks may infect people, however the species of Ehrlichia that affects humans have not yet been detected in Australia.

Ehrlichiosis is a **nationally notifiable** disease and the Government is conducting surveillance testing of dogs, particularly in the far north of Western Australia, Northern Territory and far north Queensland. The Kimberly and Pilbara regions are two areas affected in WA, along with Katherine and Alice Springs in the NT.

Dogs from affected areas are being monitored and their movement limited. Dogs moving from these areas could be required to be tested prior to movement and only travelling with healthy dogs that are on an effective tick control program.

Three dogs brought into NSW from the NT have tested positive for Ehrlichia and have since had veterinary treatment. Similarly in Queensland, a small number of infected dogs have been detected that were brought in from the NT. Human assisted movement of dogs is considered the most likely means of introducing E. Canis into Queensland. Wild dogs and foxes can also carry the disease.

In SA, a few infected dogs were detected in the far north of the state, however on testing, few ticks were found to carry the disease. However, this tick is found throughout the state.

### Prevention.

Maintain dogs on a tick control program – ensure you do not run over time before treating again, even 2-3 days late could cause issues.

Avoid taking dogs into tick infected areas such as the bush and long grass, especially on coastal areas.

Inspect your dogs for ticks daily for 5-6 days after being in tick infested areas.

### Travelling

The most likely way this disease will spread is by the transport of dogs interstate. Dog exhibitors like to travel far and wide for shows, often interstate. We should all be vigilant with providing tick control measures, and renewing these before we travel!

Do not take dogs running along beaches, through the bush etc without adequate tick prevention. Be aware at some shows, the grounds may back onto bush, do not walk your dogs through these areas.

### Long Term

We have to be aware that this disease will in all probability become far prevalent and widespread over the next 10 years. Tick prevention should become second nature especially when travelling.

Above article was sent to the ANKC as well as the DOGSNSW. Since that time there have been a few additional dogs that have turned up affected in both NSW and Victoria, all of which were from the NT.

The disease is now endemic throughout the NT, particularly within aboriginal communities dogs where there is very little control of any parasites. It is estimated that up to 50% of their dogs will die within the next year as there is very little one can do once this disease gets embedded in the dog's immune system.

Further on the actual Tick control, use of Serresto collars which repel ticks is the best option, as well as any other measures to control ticks. The problem controlling ticks within the Aboriginal communities is that the dogs are not easy to handle let alone get tick collars onto the dogs. The next best option is to treat these dogs on a monthly basis with something that kills ticks, however the tick has to bite the dog to get the disease and that's where transmissions take place.

The DOGSNSW NSW Charity has put funds forwards to AMRIC for the education of aboriginal communities around control of this disease and for tick control measures. Currently checks on ticks in the far north west of NSW show no signs of carrying the disease.



# TRAINING & PROGRESS WITH MISS CALI

by Michelle Monti



Cali (Artwiz Glitz n Glamour) became part of our family when she was 9 months old. She needed to be rehomed by her breeder as it didn't work out with her previous owners.

Our previous 12 year old GSD had passed away suddenly and I needed another Canine companion immediately!!! We picked Cali

up on a Saturday morning. That day will be forever etched in my memory as a happy day and a horrific day.

My husband took Cali for a walk along our street and they met with 2 off lead dogs. The encounter left both Cali & my husband with physical injuries. But also Cali became very reactive towards other dogs. I was fearful to walk her in case we passed other dogs.

Then began 1:1 personal training with various trainers over a 12 month period. I spent THOUSANDS of dollars on training with not much success trying to help her deal with the reactivity. I picked up a few tips from some of the trainers (not all of them) yet I was still left with an extremely reactive dog.

We joined the GSDCSA (German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia) approximately 12 months ago. Began our obedience journey in Class 1. I didn't really have high expectations of us getting past maybe

Class 3. Yet here we are currently in Class 5 and have also participated in some of the trial classes. With each graduation I cried tears of happiness & pride for my girl. Although still somewhat reactive in class, her obedience skills saw her through to the next.

One day whilst volunteering in the canteen, I had a conversation with Jenny De Lucia (First Vice President GSDCSA) discussing my concerns about Cali's reactivity. Jenny kindly offered to work with and assess Cali before our next class. It was a Wednesday night and Jenny took Cali walking around the grounds past each of the classes & dogs. Encouraging Cali to ignore her triggers and walk by calmly. Then Jenny handed Cali back to me and I continued the same with Jenny walking alongside us.

That night in class Cali was a STAR!! There was NO reactivity from her at all. And the following classes were much the same. Don't get me wrong she's no ANGEL just yet, however the improvement is MASSIVE. Even the Class trainers have noticed the difference. We are BOTH calmer & more confident now. We are not at the "off-lead" stage just YET....but we have the potential. So now before our training, I walk Cali around the grounds past all of the dogs to prepare her for our group class.

None of her recent progress would be possible without the help & guidance of the trainers & members at the Club. You don't need to spend hundreds or thousands of \$\$\$\$ on private trainers. There is always plenty of knowledge & help at your local GSD Club. The constant socialization is a benefit also. I'm more involved in the club as a volunteer in the Canteen and this has enabled me to get to know our members & more about the breed. I LOVE it!!

Cali and I hike twice a week with my friend Chris and her 5 year old male GSD Tallis (who also participate in Obedience at the club). We attend obedience every Wednesday evening & Sunday morning. I walk her everyday in between and also practice obedience at home. Even in the KITCHEN between preparing meals we practice our "finish your dog", "recall", "down from in front", "middle", sit & stand commands.

In the words of Molly Meldrum "do yourself a favour" get down to your local GSD club. There's so much German Shepherd knowledge & experience. All you need to do is ASK.

## JUDGES CHAIR REPORT

Having been appointed to the position in early May of this year there is not a great deal to report.

I am pleased to advise that Ms Jess Kada has been able to successfully complete the Judges Extension Course in these ever-changing times. Several other trainee Judges have unfortunately been caught up in the Covid crisis and have been unable to complete examinations or mentoring sessions due to cancellation of events or quarantine restrictions. However, I look forward to working with them and wish them every success for the future.

Matt Morris has been included into the training scheme even though he is not a qualified judge. Again, Matt has been hampered by Covid restrictions.

Early on from taking on the position I commenced discussions with Mrs M Merchant (ANKC Judges

Training Co Ordinator) regarding the acceptance of our training scheme as a way forward for those members of our fraternity who wish to become a German Shepherd judge only. Marie was quite receptive to this initiative and with a couple of amendments to our regulations it was put to the Judges meeting. This however received a lukewarm response and at this stage will be placed on hold and reviewed.

I ask All club's and judges to actively encourage younger, enthusiastic members of our fraternity to consider the prospect of entering into the judges scheme.

I would also like to remind everyone of the Social Media Code of Conduct. As a group we should always be respectful of others, be positive with comments and not denigrate any member of our fraternity or their animals.

Be Safe.

*Stephen J Collins*

# MY TOP 5

by Salvatore Pitelli



## Quenn Loher Weg

This male established himself as a cornerstone of our breed. Many times VA, but most importantly, Quenn was a producing sire. His progeny results were impeccable. Just to name a few Furbo, Tyson, Paers and the list goes on. For me a super male and a producing sire.



## Furbo Degli Achei

A son of Quenn, also an amazing producer, with impeccable character and a strong will to work. Also, a dog that when seen in the had presence and absolutely caught and held the eye.



## Mentos vom Osterberger Land

An impressive male and excellent producer. A dog with effortless movement, through its balanced build, always displaying a super character. Also, a male see

that I was privileged to see when he won the Italian Sieger show. I can still remember when he gaited past Ballack!



## Cronos Del Seprio

I was lucky enough to see this beautiful dog in 2014 when he won the class at the Italian Sieger show. Just an amazing athlete. I was having a chat with few other Breeders and we all agreed, Cronos was a moving star.



## Lago Bianca.

A female that never missed a beat when on the lead. I will never forget the day she won the Gold medal at the National in Melbourne. Bianca was sired by Kwint a dog that also cemented himself as the cornerstone of the breed here in Australia.

## NBC REPORT TO 2021 NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION MEETING

### NBC Chair Report:

This is my first report since being elected to the position of NBC Chair at the 2021 AGM. I step into big shoes vacated by the previous incumbent Jenny Yuen, who I also succeeded as GSDCV Breed Affairs Chair for five terms. I thank Jenny for making the hand-over as smooth and informative as possible. I have been attending NBC meetings for over twenty years, as a judge and Breed Surveyor and a Club delegate, but this will be my first in the Chair. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Registrars and



Officers who contribute to the NBC and make my job easier – HD/ED Registrar Doug West, NBC Registrar Melanie Groth, Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair Dr Candice Baker, Title Verification Officer Jenny Delucia, and National Database Coordinator Frank Moody. Thank you all for the work you do on behalf of the Council in your portfolios, and your reports follow here after mine. Thank you also to our Webmaster Jacinta Poole, and Minute Secretary Barbara Blythe for their ongoing assistance.

I welcome all to the 2021 NBC Meeting, which this year will be held as a Zoom meeting, after last year's meeting was cancelled due to problems associated with Covid-19. It will be a challenging undertaking, and to maintain some sort of order I will be asking all attendees to use the "raise hand" function when they wish to speak and to remain muted until invited to speak by the chair. I will also need to implement reasonable time limits on speakers, to ensure everyone who wishes to speak has the opportunity to do so. The situation with Covid has been very disruptive to our normal schedules, with many shows and Breed Surveys needing to be cancelled or postponed, and we have missed our major event the National now for two years running. Judges and Surveyors who have been prevented by Government orders from travelling between States have had to be replaced at short notice. There have been many new dogs imported during the last two years, and other than those who have seen them presented at Surveys, we have had very little opportunity to view them or their progeny, to assess their value to the breed in this country. The imported dogs whose titles have been verified by Jenny Delucia are included in her report and listed on the Council website. It should be noted that imported semen to be officially recognised in our schemes needs to be verified by a similar process, and any imported dogs or semen advertised for stud in the Review must be verified.

It is hard for me to summarise current problems in the breed with so few shows being run and the lack of opportunity to travel around the country and see the current crop of youngsters. There are many cases where young animals now approaching two years of age have been able to be exhibited only a couple of times in their careers. I reinforce my concerns that I expressed in my introductory article in the Review, that the prevalence of over-angulation and incorrect topline which is apparently being not only exhibited but often rewarded at shows in Europe is disturbing. We all need to keep the Breed Standard in mind when we make decisions about breeding and try to avoid compounding extremity in all respects. The trend towards curved topline and markedly bent lower backs has resulted in croups that are much steeper than is ideal, which also affects the way dogs move and propel themselves forwards, often with high stepping in the forequarter. I look forward to one day being able to assess the progeny groups at a National, along with the Judges Chair Stephen Collins, when we are again able to hold such a show.

Whilst the ZAP Character Assessment will no longer be a prerequisite for Breed Survey (voted out by the member Clubs as a 60-day motion after the AGM), I hold hope that the scheme may be able to continue on a voluntary basis, and the results from assessments may continue to be available for the information of breeders. Please note that in the presentation of Hip and Elbow progeny data issued last month, the description of "elbow producers" has

been modified in accordance with recommendations by Dr Karen Hedberg at the 2019 NBC meeting, with "Excellent producers" now listing dogs that produced 90% or more Normal elbows in progeny (previously 85%). Very Good and Good elbow producers have also been amended accordingly. There are several opinions being expressed that we should be seriously thinking about awarding the "Z" stamp to only those animals with Normal elbow scores. It should also be noted that cases of UAP which are often diagnosed before animals reach 12 months of age are not captured by our statistics, and the true situation may indeed be worse than it appears in the results. Both Candy and Doug have raised in their reports the incidence of Lumbo-Sacral Transitional Vertebrae, a spinal condition that is often remarked upon by the radiologists when reading hip x-rays, and Dr. Richardson has suggested that animals with this condition should not be recommended for breeding. It should be noted that this is not a scoring area within our Hip Dysplasia scheme and does not affect the awarding of "A" stamps, but Doug has suggested we could possibly create a field in the HD database to record and track the incidence of this condition for future reference.

Tooth certificates were issued to the following dogs since Jenny Yuen's last report to the 2019 NBC meeting:

Cert. 10126	*Freundhund Xin Xin For Faith	issued 24/07/19
Cert. 10127	*Shernaa Pakros	issued 12/08/19
Cert. 10128	*Hasenway Montgomery	issued 24/09/19
Cert. 10129	Castastar Jazmyne	issued 28/06/20
Cert. 10130	*Alwin vom Haus Nesgen	issued 24/09/20
Cert. 10131	*Rhosyn Twisted Secret	issued 14/10/20
Cert. 10132	*Conbhairean Karlos	issued 17/01/21
Cert. 10133	Bernloch Wanda	issued 04/03/21
Cert. 10134	*Uhlmsdorf Jack Black	issued 11/03/21

Something we all need to think about as we reach advancing years, is succession planning. Many Breed Surveyors and Council Officers are approaching seventy years or older, and we desperately need younger folk to think about moving up to take on positions into the future. Whilst there have been suggestions of introducing mandatory retirement, in an organisation such as ours which relies on volunteers, I prefer to think that we will know when the time is right to pull back gracefully and allow our successors to take on the mantle. It is particularly important for position holders to consider training a younger assistant to learn the vagaries of their portfolio, with a view to eventually handing it on well before we become incapable of performing the task.

I look forward to a successful meeting, and the challenges that lie ahead of us in pursuit of our hobby. We should keep in mind that it is in fact a hobby, and not get too serious about political aspirations and professional jealousies.

*Ian Urie, NBC Chair.*

# Our Dogs in the Community

## THE INNER CITY BOY, ROBBIEDOG

*By Linda Leman*

I've been asked by a close friend to write of my experiences owning a German Shepherd in the city. Inner Sydney to be precise. To be honest, this is something I've been putting off for some months, because even though I lost my GSD Robbiedog 3 years ago, his absence is still as painful as ever.

I've owned many breeds over my 60 years – Boxers, Cockers, Kelpies and Cattle dogs – but there is something utterly unique about GSDs that you can only understand once you've been loved by one.

Robbiedog was a gift, and no I would never recommend dogs as gifts, but this gift was from a trusted friend who knew my heart and soul. She knew we would be inseparable. And so it was: Robbie was a quiet, thoughtful chappy and destined to be a monster of a dog in size. He was strong and gentle, sensitive and imposing. People would often do a double take when they saw us walking the streets of Chippendale because they thought I was walking a bear. And this served us well because Chippendale, particularly back then, when it was a mixed bag of street crime, Asian students fearful of dogs, and terrace dwellers with small yappy critters. Being aware that my dog needed to be as social as possible I took him to the local parks every morning and afternoon. We formed lifelong friendships with other dog owners so this massive GSD would romp with Boston terriers, staffys, poodles and Chihuahuas every day. He was their friend and one of the pack.

The local kids involved in crime knew of Robbiedog and would give a free pass to not just me but my friends: "not that person, they're with the German shepherd lady" Early morning walks in the dark or late-night wanders around the neighbourhood were always safe for me. Because of Robbiedog. But his 'presence' was not just about protecting me. People who were fearful of dogs, any dogs, would warm to Robbie and let him win them over. His calm demeanour meant any nervous Asian Student, any toddler, anyone could feel at ease with his giant gentleness. So, with his naturally winning ways he was invited to people's places for dinner parties. To art galleries. To pubs, cafes, businesses and at events. I left him in the front office at Redfern police station one day when giving evidence of a crime. When I came down to collect him, he'd been taken behind the front counter and was playing with all the plain clothed coppers.



*Robbiedog's artistic side.*

Playing with people was one of Robbiedogs special talents: He was ball obsessed and so he was always quick to join in any footy match, no matter the code. The local Sydney Uni footy clubs loved training with him because they had to be lightning fast to keep the ball away from the big jaws. Asian students playing soccer at Central Park were a favourite of Robbie's too. At first the students would be fearful of the new German player, but as the games progressed and their skills along with it, they always finished up the session with group photos of their lion-like German player.



*Robbiedog with the guys.*

Robbiedog was also a much-loved member of the local doggie day care and the owners took great pride in explaining to owners of little dogs that their dogs had nothing to fear from this monster German shepherd and that he was the poster child for well behaved dogs of any breed.



*Robbiedog at doggie daycare.*

And speaking of poster child... he was also the star of the Commbank's advertising of their branch at Central Park. Oh... and numerous TV campaigns...



*Robbiedog Commbank window.*



Perhaps his only shortfall was in herding. He was a C Class breed so, unlike the kelpies and collies, his job was to keep the flock framed and controlled. Way too boring for this guy who quickly figured out that if he stayed still long enough the people watching over the proceedings would relax and light up or have a chat. It was always then he'd shoot into the flock to make them scatter. He never bit them – he just loved to cause some chaos and see the wool fly – it was totally worth getting shouted at by the person in charge. Perhaps because of his size, standing around in the baking sun and NOT being allowed to chase sheep wasn't his idea of fun, so he'd often look for ways to exit the exercise. One day he seemed to vanish completely – until we found him in the water trough!!!



*Robbie the dog, when the going got hot at sheep herding.*



*Robbie the dog - so that's where you are! The C Class herders too loved him – but with wry smiles and shaking heads.*

I think a large part of why I still struggle to get over his loss is that he took up an enormous space in every aspect of my life. In my neighbourhood he was famous, for his size and nature and for being such a gorgeous handsome dog in a landscape of little yappy things.

I often took him to work at Foxtel where he was adored by everyone and spoiled with cuddles and treats. One day a new security guard made scene over his presence and demanded I remove him. I told this security guard to check in with the Head of Security before saying another word. Obviously after being dressed down, he returned to sincerely apologise saying Robbie was clearly a favourite with security chief Ivor.

I took him to sporting events like my godson's footy

matches where he'd be draped in little kids wanting their picture with the big bear of a dog. The local police knew him and would even stop mid arrest to give him a cuddle. And to see plain clothes blokes with guns drawn suddenly go soft and gooey to say giddyay to Robbie the dog was quite something.



*Robbie the dog at the footy - not AFL, but ...*

He was the perfect inner-city dog: welcome everywhere by everyone except those with an intention to do harm. And even then, Robbie didn't have to 'do' anything – it was just his presence. I could never have asked for a better friend, companion or 2IC. He was my perfect boy, and to this day I still cry at his loss. Will I get another GSD? I believe I will. I've met other owners of German shepherds who were so devastated by the loss of their dog that they also couldn't face getting another Shepherd. I mean you don't just go out and get married straight after the loss of a partner do you. And the bond is THAT deep. I have known few humans I would rate as highly as this breed. But that's another topic... Yes, one day my heart will be ready again to be loved by this magnificent breed. And as I can't see myself moving from the city, I know the right choice will be a German Shepherd.



*Robbie the dog still with a ball.*

# Our Dogs in the Community

## KING OF THE ROAD

*Friedental Marcus Pierce*

*"Wolfe"*

**DOB 5th March, 2019 Friedental Marcus Pierce**

**Sire: Schaeferhund Rafael**

**Dam: Friedental Hot Chilli**

**Owned by Paul and Jill Lees**

Paul and Jill lived with Wolfe in Carnarvon, WA for about a year, before moving to the Tiwi Islands for six months. They have now made their way to Rockhampton, to their forever home.

Wolfe owns the back of the boat as well as the sidecar. He is becoming quite the celebrity in Rockhampton, and now that Paul has retired, they are inseparable.

Wolfe is described as having the gentlest temperament and is the friendliest, best behaved dog. As you can imagine, he is loved and adored by his owners



*Wolfe*



*Wolfe and Paul*



*Wolfe with Paul*

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# CHOOSING THE RIGHT PUPPY FOR TRIALLING

*By Kathie Minton*

1. *When choosing a puppy, what are the things you look for? Do you try to look for a dog that has your style or do you look for a new challenge and a dog that will test you?*

When I am choosing a puppy, I look for good hip and elbow scores from the parents, as soundness is very important for performance events such as obedience and agility. All my dogs have participated in the GSDCA hip and elbow schemes.

On two occasions my pups have come from obedience trialling mothers, as I knew these pups should have a great work ethic and they did.

My youngest dog however has no obedience lines in her background, but both her parents are top performing show dogs, Djambo and Kuirau Chakira. Chakira goes back on her dam line to Cayos, Toby and Jonkahra Matrix. These three males are in my older girls' bloodlines. I bought this dog as I thought I may become interested in showing her as well as trialling her in obedience.

I don't look for a dog that will challenge and test me specifically as all pups are a challenge and all dogs will test their owners many times during their lifetime. My dogs are Obedience dogs but not necessarily obedient dogs! They can bark and dig holes with the best of them!

2. *How important is early socialisation and training of your new puppy and how much time and effort do you put into it?*

Early socialisation is crucial to all dogs as it is a major part of us, the owners, assisting our dogs to be the best they can be. My pups spend a lot of structured time mixing with other selected dogs in various locations. I invite dogs who I'm sure won't frighten my young pup to mix with mine. My current girls have besties who are German Shorthaired pointers, Aussie Shepherds, Whippets and GSDs.

I invest an enormous amount of time into getting a young dog out and about. My latest one was a pup who was extremely car sick until she was about ten months old. That was a challenge as I really felt for her knowing that she was going to be sick even on a short car ride.

3. *How many Obedience Champions have you trained?*

I have trialled and titled nine dogs so far. I hope to continue until my body says enough!

I have had one Obedience Grand Champion, which is the highest title you can achieve. My dog was the fourth GSD in Australia to achieve this, one Obedience Champion, one UDX title, two UD titles, five CDX or Open titles, eight CD or Novice titles and nine CCD titles. My current dogs are trialling in Novice and Open.

4. *What keeps you going when your dog bombs repeatedly?*

This is an interesting question and one I'm currently dealing with my Open dog who is bombing stays at trials, though never moves at home or out at

training with other dogs.

When I am having problems, I go back and analyse why, what am I doing wrong that is stopping my dog from understanding what I want them to do. As a school teacher by profession I break down each exercise into what I call "teachable segments" then put two segments together and build on this to increase my dog's understanding of what I want them to do. I have learnt from each dog that I have trained and train my next dog a little differently due to what I have learnt from a previous dog.

During this lengthy lockdown I have made great use of videoing myself training my dogs at home using my phone and a cheap tripod. Usually, friends and I meet up and run each other through a trial class and critique each other.

5. *What are some of the benefits of obedience work-e.g., the dog can participate for much longer, the bond etc*

The benefits of obedience work are enormous. Most owners want a pet who fits into their lifestyle. I'm no different. My dogs go camping, swimming, visiting friends and to cafes too. As my work with my dogs has focussed on developing a bond between us, I believe that this allows them to settle very quickly into a new location e.g. campsite, beach or café.

My young dog has represented the GSDL at both The Dog Lovers show at the Sydney showground and the Sydney Royal Easter show. At both venues she was patted by a thousand children, including those with disabilities and in wheelchairs and in a very noisy and unfamiliar environment. As my children are now adults, I realised that she had never interacted with children, but I trusted her training and her temperament. At both events she had a great day and was a fabulous ambassador for our breed.

My older dogs were for years members of an all breeds massed obedience demonstration team that performed on the showground during the Royal Easter Show. Sadly, these demonstrations no longer occur.

6. *Why would you recommend obedience training and trialling to others?*

I come from a dressage background with horses and when I bought my first GSD in 1989 and joined my local GSDL branch for training I realised that obedience training was like dressage training with horses. Training satisfies my dog's physical and mental needs. If my young dog digs a hole that tells me I need to do more with her, challenge her. Since lockdown not one hole has been dug!

Obedience training generally benefits the community as well-trained dogs are better behaved and the owners are more knowledgeable. Considering most owners of our breed are pet people who simply want a well behaved and sociable pet it is so important that training begins early. Unfortunately, many leave it until the young dog becomes too strong for them to walk in their local area and displays destructive behaviour in the backyard. This makes it so much harder. I live on acreage and my dogs, and my clothesline are not in the same space as I know flapping clothes would be too tempting! As I said before I own obedience dogs, not necessarily obedient dogs!

Obedience training and trialling is very sociable,

there is a great camaraderie amongst competitors. It is a sport where most competitors are very willing to help others and offer training suggestions.

Another benefit of obedience training is when visiting the vet. I love the looks on people's faces when I enter the usually crowded waiting room with two GSDs and put them into a drop stay and walk away to the check in desk!

I train with this saying as my focus- be the most interesting thing to your dog on the paddock!

I train each dog slightly differently to match their learning styles, needs and stage of training. I heavily reward success- with food treats, balls, tugs and pats. I work out which reward has the highest value to each dog and use it appropriately. Currently one of my dogs has food as her highest value reward while the other loves to chase a ball.

Engagement and a strong bond are paramount to being a successful obedience competitor. Without either success in the obedience will be difficult to achieve. The dog also must have a great temperament with an aptitude to work.

Each of my dogs have progressed at different rates. My Obedience Grand Champion girl learnt very quickly. She was competing at a trial in CCD- the lowest level and a year later was competing in her first UD trial. At two years of age and due in season she went to her first of six Sydney Royal obedience trials. She won the Open class. She never came home from Sydney Royal without a win or placing. She loved the atmosphere. Her attitude was phenomenal. She is now over twelve and loving life.

#### 7. Have you gone on to other activities with your dogs because of their foundation obedience training?

I have dabbled a little in Rally obedience with a few on my dogs. As I have two left feet and no sense of rhythm, I have not tried Dancing with dogs. Due to my advancing years, I doubt I could run fast enough for Agility.

Many years ago, for a GSDL Main breed show, our branch put on a flyball demonstration which was a lot of high pressure fun.

I have tried tracking and really enjoyed it but as I was working full time I struggled to find the time to train in this discipline.

I look forward to a future of expanding the experiences of my dogs and myself into activities such as exploring the local river system and running freely on isolated beaches. I feel the strong foundation of obedience training will enhance these and any future activities we are fortunate enough to enjoy.



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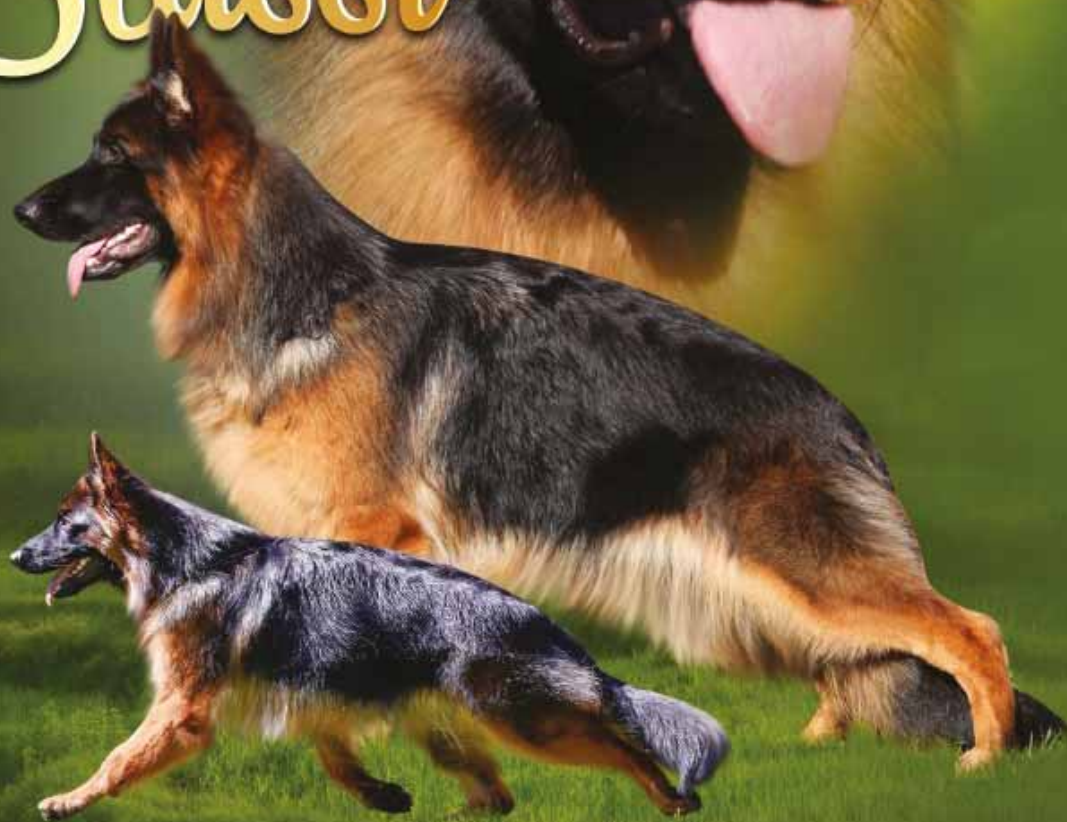
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DAM: \*STOBAR ELOUISE 'A'Z'





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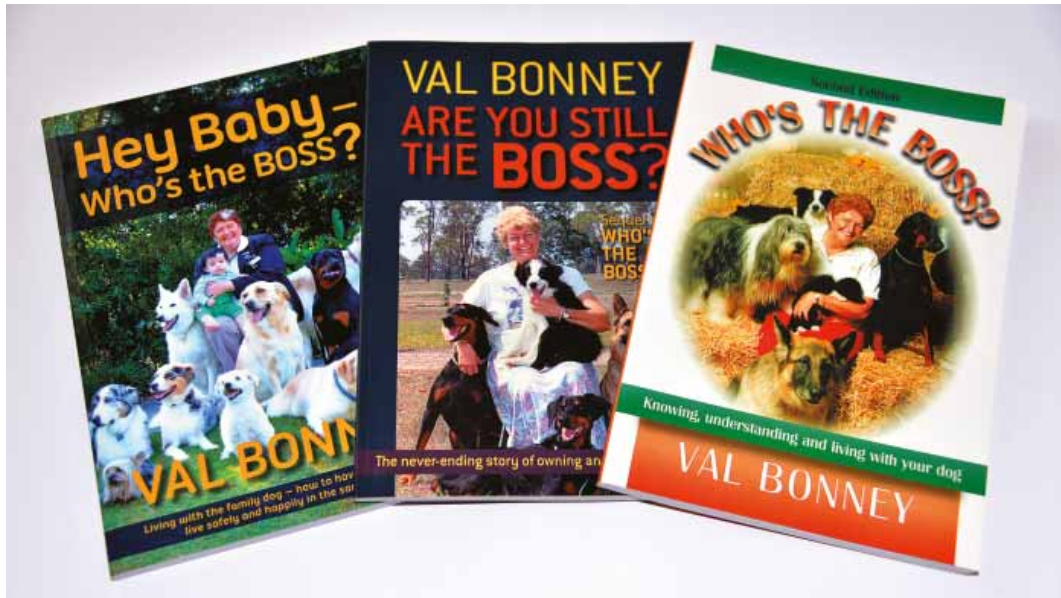
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# GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE NEW SOUTH WALES – A BRIEF OVERVIEW

*If you have breed experience and space in your home and your heart for a temporary canine guest in need of love and guidance, German Shepherd Rescue New South Wales would love to hear from you.*

Still growing into his ears and paws and rapidly mastering a gravity- defying head tilt, Max is as implausibly cute as any rambunctious German Shepherd puppy. He's a clever, exuberantly healthy boy with so much potential.

However Max is carrying a lot more emotional baggage than most young German Shepherds. He is anxious, reactive, hyper vigilant and clearly hasn't received the socialization that should be part of every dog's formative phase.



*Max Male 8 month old rescue from RSPCA with German Shepherd Rescue New South Wales*

Having recently landed in foster care with German Shepherd Rescue from a shelter environment that proved overwhelming and extremely stressful for him, Max is a prime example of why the only breed specific rescue group in that state is always eager to welcome more breed experienced foster carers.

As Linda Pierce, co-founder and dynamo behind the group explains: "most of our rescues are quite anxious to start with and they need a calm, confident carer who has the tolerance and patience to work with them and introduce them to new situations and give them encouragement".

"Very often," Linda adds, "the dogs coming into rescue require training and socialization and their manners need work, however the reward of seeing

an anxious dog become relaxed and responsive is immense".

And with more and more dogs needing to come into care – over 200 dogs are re-homed by this rescue each year, a figure ever creeping upwards and fostering literally saves lives.

German Shepherds come to the rescue from council pounds, RSPCA and AWL shelters – organisations which the group have cultivated a very positive relationship with – and direct private surrenders where the dog has become homeless due to reasons ranging from ill health, relationship break-ups, adverse pack dynamics or circumstance changes where there is deemed to no longer be sufficient space or time to care for the dog. At times the reasons for surrender are heart wrenching; other times they're more likely to inspire eye rolling or outright shock.

The all too common scenario, Linda says, is where people purchase an adorable puppy with little understanding of, or commitment to, the time, training and stimulation that such an intelligent, sensitive and intuitive dog requires. By the time these untrained, unsocialised dogs become teenagers they're deemed a 'handful' and they make up the bulk of the German Shepherds that find themselves in the bewildering position of being surrendered. It's not uncommon for pedigree dogs to also be surrendered.

At the other end of the age and activity spectrum is the sombre situation of mature age surrenders. Very often, these dogs have been cared for by a family since puppies, only to find themselves surrendered to this rescue or dumped at the pound because they've developed health issues that require additional spending. These dogs are typically chilled, grateful, mellow souls who are a delight to foster and a glowing testament to the wonders of good nutrition, supplements and modern joint treatments.

Usually, dogs coming into care will need at least some veterinary work done – think desexing, heartworm prevention, vaccination and help for skin issues and poor body condition.

Other times, the veterinary care and expense is much more involved, and much more expensive. Indigo, a petite and extremely pretty black German Shepherd, came into care at 18 months old with hips that the attending vet, Dr Luke Smith from Vineyard Veterinary Hospital described as, "the worse I've ever seen in a young dog".

German Shepherd Rescue arranged and we're very thankful to find a kind individual who funded the complicated hip surgery this adolescent German Shepherd required. Rescue then located a foster carer who, whilst not especially confident with reactive dogs, had an interest in aqua therapy and canine massage. Indigo is now pain free and running about like any other healthy teenage German Shepherd.

The mental health of a dog coming into care, regardless of the background is likely to need mindful attention because even a dog who doesn't present with visible behavioural issues is very likely to be confused and have shut-down. The critical element in helping a fraught dog transition into a more tranquil headspace is referred to as 'decompression' a time of focused relaxation where the dog is given a chance to simply chill out and relax in the foster carer's environment, create a relationship with their

carer, and if need be, hopefully start to move beyond traumatic memories. A minimum of two weeks is recommended for 'decompression' however it can take some dogs a lot longer to relax into their new setting.

Some of the dogs coming into care are so deeply traumatized or so reactive that they will need the help of accredited dog behaviourists – whose services do not come cheap.

Rescue dogs may be in care for anything from a few days to several months and special care is taken to match each dog's particular needs with the right home. A young and feisty working line German Shepherd will, for instance, have needs that are quite distinct. Strict requirements about fencing, the dog being an integral family member and being allowed to sleep inside, good nutrition and in many cases, ongoing training apply irrespective.

Most of the rescue dogs are rehomed by way of the group's membership with the "PetRescue website" or on the German Shepherd Rescue New South Wales Facebook page, also playing an important role.

Since 1997, when she first became involved in rescuing German Shepherds, Linda Pierce's journey has been marked by toil, tears and the type of 'Happy Tails' triumph that's given her the energy to keep helping our beloved breed. She's been joined by inspiring women such as Pauline Bellemore, the other co-founder who at times would have up to a dozen rescue dogs at her property. Pauline was the savior of countless dogs from shelters.

German Shepherd Dog League alumni have also played a big part in the rescue. Former Welfare Officers Hetty Choy and her successor, Jo Tucker have devoted many years to the rescue in the form of assessments of incoming dogs, transport, fostering, training and rehoming.

German Shepherd Rescue continues to have a productive and positive working relationship with the NSW German Shepherd Dog League and consistently take into care registered bred dogs who are very carefully rehomed.

In the meantime, there's sure to be some wonderful dogs coming up who will need fostering and rehoming.



*Another stunning registered bred rescue boy*



*Recent registered bred rescue - German Shepherd Rescue New South Wales*

Breakout: Ways to help German Shepherd Rescue NSW

# Become a foster carer.

# Become a mentor / support person for a foster carer

# Assist with transport

# Make a donation

# Share posts from the German Shepherd Rescue New South Wales Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/groups/369139316788745/>

# Spread the word

### **QUOTE FROM MAX VON STEPHANITZ**

*"When it comes to breeding for business – which is never effected by dealers, at least not by official dealers -, the dog is only a business commodity and nothing more, and is bred and treated as such. There again we encounter another danger for the race. The dog is no longer bred from the point of view of his services to the race, but only because he has a certain market value. In other words, the direction of the breed is influenced no longer by the experts, but by the buyers. The buyer, however, is mostly an unsuspecting novice,...."*

**Quote attributed to Max von Stephanitz, 1864-1936**



# 2021 Victorian State Sieger

***\*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 ½ years old.

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



**Sire: VA Kaspar von Tronje**



**Dam: VA Fussel vom Hulsbach**

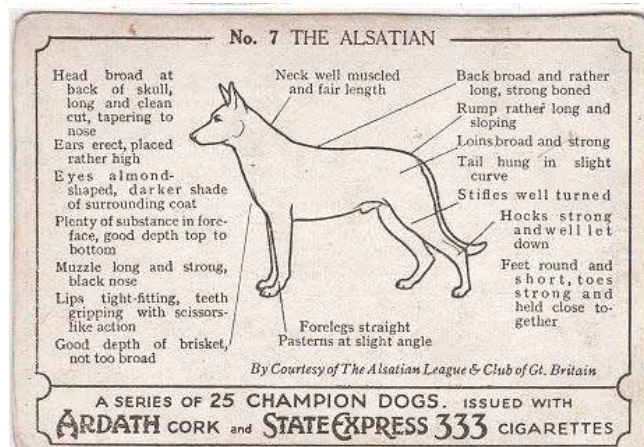
Ulle now has three litters on the ground in Australia and a fourth confirmed by ultrasound. Litters have been of good size (average eight puppies) and several pups from his first litter are showing a lot of promise at eight weeks of age. Ulle is very typical of his sire Kaspar, and this quality is already evident in his pups. He also has some very promising young progeny in both Germany and Denmark, from matings prior to his departure to Australia

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# DOGS DON'T CHANGE.....

Val Bonney

The following article was first published on 16th July, 2009 revised and re-published in August 2013 and appears again now after revision in July, 2021.

And it is just as relevant today as it was when first written 12 years ago.

My heart goes out to the parents of those children who have either lost their lives or been badly hurt by the family pet. But until more education is given on what is required in owning a dog, this type of incident is going to occur again and again.

And for me it all comes back to the same question.

It is now 2021 and dog bite incidents are escalating. We have just had the horrific event of a family dog killing a 5 week old baby. What made this incident even more horrifying was that the same dog had, a week prior killed a dog which had ventured into its yard.

So, back to my question - WHY WAS SOMETHING NOT DONE ABOUT THIS DOG ON THIS FIRST INSTANCE.

Of course our hearts go out to the family of this now lost baby, but our sympathy does not improve the situation, and we have to ask, why did it happen? Is it the lack of knowledge and understanding of what makes a dog tick, is it non acceptance of the responsibility of owning a canine and understanding the huge difference between canine and human

Hopefully this article may open up our minds and hearts to the potential of possibly we can do about it all.

The COVID pandemic has certainly increased our responsibilities 100 fold. More and more dogs at this time are being euthanized or rehomed because people bought them over the last 18 months for the incorrect reasons, and no longer want to have them around. The dogs have, in their opinions, served their purpose, but are now redundant to the individual's immediate, personal needs.

There are so many dogs out there at the moment that have the potential to become a problem and bring all dogs into disrepute through no fault on the part of the dog.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DOG BITES?

Who is responsible for the dog bites that are occurring? Is it the Dogs themselves? Is it the owners? Is it the Trainers/Clubs who are training the dogs? Is it the Breeders? Is it a total lack of education. Is it Councils and their attitude? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

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

I believe we have lost sight of the fact that a dog is a CANINE. It is not a HUMAN being. It doesn't think, talk, walk, eat like us. It is not a person in Dogs Clothing. It is and always has been and always will be a Wolf in Dogs Clothing, with thousands of years of heritage and instinct which says WOLF. Primary Instincts are to "FIGHT, FLIGHT, BITE & HUNT. Dogs are descended from the Wolf and are therefore natural predators.

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

People who handle dogs all the time are very aware of what they have. A working sheep or cattle dog is very rarely kept as a family pet. He is fed, and cared for because he is a working tool. If he fails at his job then he is of no further use to his owner.

**Education** for those of us who wish to own a dog as a pet is of prime importance, and it is an area that has been sadly neglected by most over many years. **Understanding what makes the dog tick**, has to be a subject taught to all prospective dog owners if our present problems are to be eradicated. It takes time. It will take a change of attitude by owners towards owning and living with a dog. The idea that you just have a dog, put it in the back yard and forget about it has to be eliminated. Buying or being given a dog is not something we should decide on easily. Type (Breed) of dog has to be taken into consideration. Families should discuss this well before any decisions are made. Can we all agree on size, Breed, length of coat, boundaries to be given to the dog, feeding, and general welfare of the pooch - all of this must be decided before the dog comes to live with us.

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

A dog sometimes becomes an extension of the owner's personality. The macho person, wants a macho image dog, so they go for the stronger more dominant Breed, and encourage it to become arrogant, dominant and often aggressive. This needs to stop, but human nature being what it is, this is a difficult area of ownership. Many others put human connotation on the dog. They ANTHROPOMORPHISE IT. (Humanise). This also causes huge problems.

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

There is a tendency in the training industry at the moment to use a different approach to what was considered the established method for over 60 years. These methods proved very successful, but as we move into a different century, then it is always a good idea to look for alternative or additional methods. There are many new ways of doing things today, and while many prove very successful, it doesn't mean that the older ways should be cast aside. They too

have their place. Some of the “new methods” are old methods couched in different terms.

Many are now teaching the general public who attend their classes that understanding pack structure is not important, but advocate the use a method of some difference. **“You never correct the dog”**. You **PRAISE** the dog when it does something right, and **IGNORE** it when it does something you don't like or you consider is wrong. This seems to be becoming very popular in many areas and with some trainers and instructors. While I understand using only this method may work with some animals particularly mammals that we train, it does leave a wide gap with the training of the dog. You don't take Dolphins, Sea Lions and other mammals home to live with you in your domestic environment, do you? They stay in their environment, are trained there and work there. While I thoroughly agree with **PRAISING** (Motivating is the word most currently used) for correct responses, and you can **IGNORE certain behaviour if while teaching a new exercise and the dog doesn't get it right, why are we not teaching these same innocent handlers that there is a cut off point?** An area where it is now time to give the dog an instant reprimand and mean it. How can you ignore the dog who growls, snarls, bites when it is told to do something? How can you just ignore the dog who has no home manners? Who rushes through the doorway, knocks you down the steps, takes over your favourite chair and won't get off? Where has your control gone?

Actions like these require an immediate correction for acting in such a **Wolf-like manner**. A dog misbehaving in the pack living in the wild is immediately and often severely reprimanded by the lead dog. It is a just punishment, and the dog accepts it without hesitation. If this distinction is not made with expertise and knowledge, to the people who own dogs, and they are allowed to go away with the idea you **never correct, you just ignore, then the problems we have will escalate at an alarming rate**. This is proving to be the case at the moment.

Dogs themselves:- Some dogs are born with genetic problems and really should never make it out of the first couple of weeks of its life. Human beings however, being the compassionate creatures we are, continually try to save the little, possibly neglected one in the pack. If Mum ignores a pup and will not feed it or look after it she often has very good reasons. She knows there is something possibly wrong with this puppy. If it was born in the wild, it would be allowed to pass quietly away. A Lioness will often push her cubs over a small bank just not long after they are born. She will then sit at the top of the bank and watch these little things endeavour to make their way back up to her. She will wait all day if necessary, but if one cub can't make it, she will walk away and leave it. She knows its chances of survival in the wild is negligible.

As human beings we find this difficult to accept. It is not our way. It is however the way of the wild. Remember our domestic pets stem from this heritage, and they have inbred in them all these perfectly normal instincts. **WHY DO WE KEEP INTERFERING?** Most Breeders try very hard to do the right thing by their breed, and the people who purchase them. They won't breed from dogs who show tendencies to be aggressive, or which show other non acceptable traits. In the main they really try very hard to maintain excellent standards.

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

Why don't we have to apply for permission to own a dog.? Why don't we apply to a panel of people who understand dogs, who can assess whether or not we are capable of handling the dog we think we would like to own. Are we fenced.? Will we take it to a reputable trainer? Will we try to understand the psychology of the dog.? How many dogs should we be allowed to own? I personally have a harbouring permit to own four dogs, but I am very aware that two (2) or more dogs make a pack of their own. Often one dog will encourage another dog to misbehave, and it is interesting to note how many **dog bites** there are that are caused by more than one dog being involved.

When a dog fight occurs between say two or three dogs, should another dog, or person try to interfere and get involved, all the initial fighting dogs may turn and attack the dog/person who is trying to interfere. This is a natural instinct of the dog. **NEVER INTERFERE PERSONALLY IN A DOG FIGHT. YOU WILL GET BITTEN.** Even if you own one of the dogs, that same dog in the heat of the fight, will turn and attack along with the others, anyone or anything who at that precise time, becomes an interloper.

A dog's teeth and claws hurt just as much in fun as they do in anger. Many young children get bitten by family pets when the children are allowed to play with the dog **UNSUPERVISED**. Children run and get excited, they yell and make a large noise. That's okay. That is normal for the young child. **BUT** when you allow the child out there to run with the dog, then we may have a problem. Children are excited, Dog gets excited, children's hand and arms are moving around in a flaying manner. Dog is a natural predator remember. He is going to grab at the arm. or anywhere else it can get hold of. This is not done to be nasty or to hurt, but in FUN. However, what we now have is a little child crying and hurt by their family pet. With a little more care and more education about the dog, this would not be happening. It is a very common problem, and can be solved very quickly when it is explained to parents with young children when they first take their very small puppies to well conducted Puppy Management Classes. Birth to 16 weeks is the best imprint period and between the ages of 8 to 16 weeks is when the puppy is most receptive to the information you wish to give it and to teach it -

## HOW TO LIVE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

I hope that reading this article will give you food for thought, and that all will understand the importance of education about what makes a dog tick and why this understanding is an essentially important part of owning a dog.

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# GERMAN SHEPHERD RECEIVES FIRST BIONIC LEG IN AUSTRALIA

By Dr A. S Levien

Veterinary Specialists of Sydney

Alithia was barely minutes old when her dam tried to assist her in a breech birth. That unfortunate moment of saving her pup, also took her off her foot and so it was that Alithia, the pup, had no right hind limb.

But this pup was strong and grew to be a beautiful young adult, albeit with 3.5 legs. While she did not suffer having no foot, she also did not really use her right hind when ambulating. Her new owner [Karina Hould] was brave and resourceful and knew there must be a better option than full limb amputation for her pup [Figure 1]. Eventually, at roughly 8 months of age, she and I met and



Figure 1 - Pre-op

together at Veterinary Specialists of Sydney (VSOS) where we planned the first of its kind operation in Australia. We discussed in detail, the pioneering surgery we were to undertake, but our goal, was not just to help Alithia, but to open a new branch of veterinary medicine and create a system by which many dogs around the world could be spared from irreversible limb amputations.



Figure 2 - Xray

Using technology adapted from humans, we redesigned and refined the implant for dogs. By performing a 3D helical CT scan at VSOS we were able to map out the exact geometry of her shin bone (tibia) and using computer aided design, the implant dimensions were drawn and size matched to Alithia's bone. Of course leaving nothing to chance, we made several sized implants to account for growth and geometry

of the tibia [Figure 2]. The implants were then manufactured in Switzerland before being sent to Australia over the ensuing months.

The surgical procedure we performed is known as "osseointegration". We use Titanium implants press fit into the bone. Titanium is the most biologically friendly metal known at this time. The implant traverses from within the bone to the outside world and connects to an external foot abutment through which the patient can then walk. The major

advantage of this technology, is that unlike a 'strap-on' prosthesis, the patient can 'feel' and perceive motion as they walk which is a much more pleasant experience. We call this sensation proprioception – the ability to perceive the limb in space. Additionally, there is no risk of pressure sores, as there is no strapping onto the limb of an object. While infection is a theoretical concern, with new technological advances and skilled surgery we were confident that this would not happen.



Figure 3 Alithia intra-op 2

At the end of May, once design and manufacturing was complete, Alithia went on to have the surgery performed. The surgery was a complete success with no complications and she began using her new leg straight away. There were 2 challenges we encountered as she learned to use her new limb. The



Figure 4 - Foot Design

first was that she had never used her right limb properly before and she had a tendency to place her left limb more centrally than a normal dog which meant it was interfering at times with the new leg. She quickly adapted to this and within 2 weeks was walking more normally. The second challenge we encountered was that she walked with a very crouched hind gait as is typical of German Shepherd dogs. Accordingly, we had to adapt her new foot to account for the varying angles with which she placed her foot and so it was that we developed a sickle shaped foot to account for the varied limb position yet always maintaining contact with the ground



Figure 5a - Follow-up

[Figure 4]. Once we fitted this new foot, she was like a duck to water and has been using the limb consistently ever since.

Alithia is now at home and has had all her follow-up x-rays and evaluations. She is able to go to the park and play with other dogs and go for walks with her mum like any other dog would. She seems to have no idea that she has a bionic leg and is getting along extremely well [Figure 5 and 6]. We are continuing to evolve the foot technology with improved design features and hope that in the near future we can replicate this procedure to many other dogs around the world.



Figure 5b - Follow up



Figure 6 - Running at the park

## Woo Hoo!

*Congratulations to:-*

*Vic G*

*Kathie Minton*



*On receiving his CCD Plaque in 2020 and*



*On the award of her Silver Plaque 10 Excellents*

## COMING UP Q4 2021!

30-Oct-21 Henderson Alastair VIC GSD Specialty GSDCV GSDC/WDC Weekend
24-Oct-21 Henderson Alastair VIC GSD Specialty GSDAWA West Coast Challenge
16-Oct-21 Butterfield Jean SA Group 5 Other Vic Sunraysia KC
09-Oct-21 Fenner John WA GSD Specialty GSDL Championship Show
03-Oct-21 DeLucia Jenny SA GSD Specialty GSDAWA Members Competition
01-Oct-21 Butterfield Jean SA Group 5 Other Vic Vic Poultry & Kennel Club Inc



# HIP & ELBOW DYSPLASIA REPORT TO GSDCA NBC (TO 31ST MAY 2021)

This report has been compiled to keep the Members updated on the GSDCA Hip & Elbow Control Scheme. Due to the Covid-19 there will be no physical NBC meeting and this report will give an update on what I would have reported on to the meeting.

This report covers the activity on Hip & Elbows over the past 12 Months. Councils Data Base now has **11,963** animals recorded as at **31/05/2021** for the full data base, comprising of 3462 **males (+2.49%)** and **8501 bitches (+3.53%)**.

Again this year the statistics have been extracted from the GSDCA data base and is an increase of 3.23% compared to last year's increase of 3.28% that was based on 11,589 animals. There have been 359 animals entered into Councils Database during the 2020/21 year covering the period 31/05/2020 to 31/05/2021.

The Hip scheme has now been in operation since 1982, 39 years, the Elbow Scheme commenced in 1993, 28 years ago, and it has been my pleasure to have been involved from day one when I developed a data base to record the results initially for Hips then in 1993 elbows were included, the data from this was subsequently supplied to council once the current data base was developed. To see the pass rates improve over the years demonstrates the value of the scheme. Those breeders and owners that have supported our scheme are to be congratulated and thanked for their loyalty.

The following charts comprise data extracted from the Database, and covers the period **31st May 2020 to 31st May 2021 the last 12 months**, however the whole data base is also reported on to give the complete picture in regards to Hip & Elbow Dysplasia in this Country & NZ.

Table: 1 Full Data Base to 31/05/2021								
State Club	Total Submitted		'A' %		'Z' %		'UAP' %	
<b>ACT:</b>	220	1.84%	188	1.57%	214	1.79%	0	0.00%
<b>BH</b>	34	0.29%	28	0.23%	34	0.28%	0	0.00%
<b>NCHR:</b>	480	4.01%	434	3.63%	472	3.95%	1	0.01%
<b>NSW:</b>	<b>2906</b>	<b>24.30%</b>	<b>2572</b>	<b>21.50%</b>	<b>2844</b>	<b>23.77%</b>	18	0.15%
<b>NT:</b>	87	0.73%	63	0.53%	83	0.69%	1	0.01%
<b>NZ:</b>	686	5.73%	542	4.53%	636	5.32%	15	0.13%
<b>QLD:</b>	1897	15.86%	1592	13.31%	1827	15.27%	28	0.23%
<b>SA:</b>	1425	11.91%	1257	10.51%	1374	11.49%	22	0.18%
<b>TAS:</b>	413	3.45%	358	2.99%	393	3.29%	6	0.05%
<b>VIC:</b>	2309	19.30%	2016	16.85%	2224	18.59%	36	0.30%
<b>WA:</b>	1504	12.57%	1319	11.03%	1458	12.19%	12	0.10%
<b>Year 2021:</b>	<b>11,963</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>10,371</b>	<b>86.69%</b>	<b>11,561</b>	<b>96.64%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1.16%</b>
Year 2020:	11,822	100.00%	10,238	86.60%	11,427	96.66%	137	1.16%
Year 2019:	11,297	100.00%	9,759	86.39%	10,925	96.71%	127	1.12%
Year 2018:	10,891	100.00%	9,393	86.25%	10,528	96.67%	124	1.14%
Year 2017:	10,510	100.00%	9,047	86.08%	10,531	100.20%	115	1.09%
Year 2016:	10,115	100.00%	8,681	85.82%	9,823	97.11%	110	1.09%

As can be seen from Table 1 on above, which gives a snapshot of the full database as at 31/05/2020, 11,963 animals have been processed through the scheme since records have been recorded electronically, some 39 years ago. During this time 10,369 animals have gained the "A" stamp giving a 86.68% pass rate this is a slight increase on the previous year's pass rate of 86.68%. With elbows there was 11,559 gaining the 'Z' resulting in a pass rate of 96.62% compared to previous year's 96.69% which is a slight drop. There are 139 cases of UAP recorded in the full Data Base giving a pass rate of 98.84%.

Table: 1a Last 12 Mths 31/05/2020 to 31/05/2021						
Club	Submitted		'A'		'Z'	
ACT:	12	3.34%	12	3.34%	12	3.34%
NCHR:	4	1.11%	2	0.56%	4	1.11%
NSW:	86	23.96%	80	22.28%	82	22.84%
NZ:	9	2.51%	6	1.67%	9	2.51%
QLD:	82	22.84%	74	20.61%	77	21.45%
SA:	58	16.16%	52	14.48%	55	15.32%
TAS:	17	4.74%	17	4.74%	17	4.74%
VIC:	53	14.76%	49	13.65%	52	14.48%
WA:	38	10.58%	33	9.19%	34	9.47%
Year 2021:	359	100.00%	325	90.53%	342	95.26%

Percentages based on 359 animals.

Table 1a above shows the results from the past 12 Months.

There have been 359 animals submitted to the Scheme during that period 31/05/2020 to 31/05/2021 Compared to Last year's 385. 325 gaining the 'A' this year, with a pass rate of 90.53%, and 342 gaining the 'Z' with a pass rate of 95.26%. During the 12 Month period there were a total of 6, animals that recorded UAP 98.33% pass rate. Comprising of 3 = NSW .84%, 1= Qld .28%, 1=SA .28%, and 1= Vic .28%. Once again NSW has submitted the most animals with 86 animals presented (23.96% of the total presented for the year), 80 of them gained the 'A' (93.02% pass rate) and 82 gaining the 'Z' giving a pass rate on Elbows of 95.26%.

Close behind NSW is Victoria who recorded a total of 53 (14.76%) of the total for the 12 Month period. 49 of them received the 'A' (92.45% pass rate) and 52 gaining the 'Z' giving a pass rate on Elbows of 98.11% for Victoria.

Table 1E Full Data Base to 30/5/2021 : Elbow results

Club	BORDERLINE		NEAR NORMAL		NORMAL		GR1 ELB		GR2 ELB		GR3 ELB		UAP	
ACT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	23	1.20%	9	0.32%	6	0.03%	0	0.03%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	0	0.00%	1	0.01%	39	3.51%	8	0.64%	3	0.20%	0	0.03%	0	0.01%
NSW:	2	0.00%	4	0.04%	446	21.34%	90	3.35%	42	1.38%	0	0.12%	3	0.12%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.01%	23	0.70%	7	0.09%	3	0.06%	0	0.03%	0	0.01%
NZ:	0	0.00%	1	0.01%	147	4.45%	39	1.32%	15	0.47%	0	0.02%	9	0.13%
QLD:	1	0.00%	4	0.01%	238	11.62%	43	2.58%	24	1.02%	0	0.10%	5	0.22%
SA:	0	0.00%	2	0.01%	128	8.97%	30	1.77%	16	0.68%	0	0.06%	6	0.19%
TAS:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	39	2.55%	14	0.50%	4	0.27%	0	0.03%	1	0.05%
VIC:	1	0.00%	1	0.00%	320	14.70%	99	3.12%	30	1.12%	0	0.07%	4	0.31%
WA:	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	160	8.69%	47	2.07%	47	1.52%	0	0.12%	1	0.08%
Year 2020:	4	0.03%	15	0.13%	9053	75.67%	1,823	15.24%	794	6.64%	67	0.56%	139	1.16%
Year 2019:	0	0.00%	4	1.11%	8395	74.82%	1777	15.84%	777	6.92%	67	0.60%	126	1.05%
Year 2018:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	8275	75.69%	1772	16.21%	776	7.10%	65	0.59%	124	1.13%
Year 2017:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7942	75.57%	1734	16.50%	765	7.28%	103	0.98%	118	1.12%
Year 2016:	0	0.00%	1	0.01%	7575	74.89%	1708	16.89%	752	7.43%	123	1.22%	112	1.11%
Year 2015:	0	0.00%	6	0.06%	7,193	75.07%	1,675	17.48%	734	7.66%	117	1.22%	107	1.12%
Year 2014:	0	0.00%	1	0.01%	6,825	72.38%	1,611	17.08%	723	7.67%	118	1.25%	99	1.05%

Table 1E is a breakdown of the various Elbow Grades from the full data base containing 11,963 animals. There has been a total of 4 animals with Borderline = .03%, Near Normal 15, = 0.13%, Normal, 9,053 = 75.67%, Grade 1, 823 = 15.24%, Grade 2, 794 = 6.64% Grade 3, 67= 0.56%, UAP, 139 = 98.84% pass.



Table 2 Full Data Base 2020/21		
Total Data Base	11,963	100%
Dr Lavelle. =	6,622	55.35%
Dr Wyburn.=	4,636	38.75%
Dr Richardson.=	705	5.89%
Females:=	8,501	71.06%
Males:=	3,462	28.94%
Stock Coat =	11,414	95.41%
Long Coat =	549	4.59%

Hips:		
<b>Total Hip Pass=</b>	<b>10,369</b>	<b>86.68%</b>
Total Hip Fail=	1,526	12.76%
Elbows:		
<b>Total Elb Pass =</b>	<b>11,559</b>	<b>96.63%</b>
Total Elb Fail =	333	2.78%
Total Elb UAP =	139	98.84%

**Table 2** shows the consolidated figures for the whole data base, 11,963 up 742 on last report, and 10,369 have gained the 'A' stamp giving a **pass rate 86.68%** for hips based on the full data base..

Dr Lavelle has adjudicated on **6,622** = 55.35%, since the start of the Scheme.

Dr Wyburn has adjudicated on **4,636** = 38.75%. up to 2011

Dr Richardson has adjudicated on **705** = 5.89% from 2011 to 2021 10 years.

The feminine influence with **8,501** (71.06%) continues to be much stronger than the males with **3,462** (28.94%).

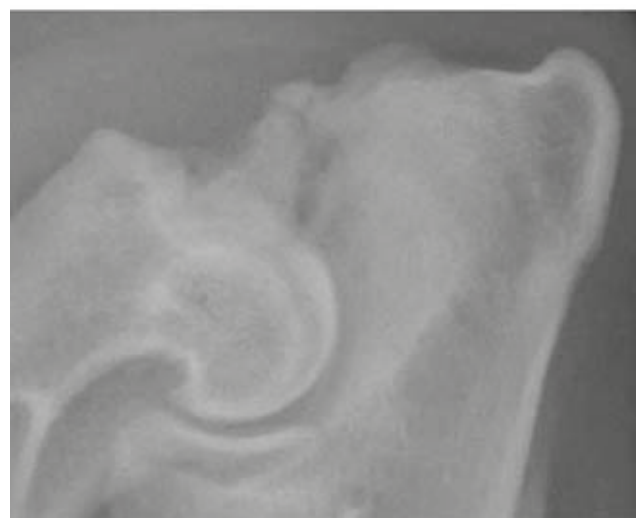
Elbow Summary chart below shows 11,559 animals passing the 'Z' with a pass rate of 96.63%.

Total number of animals with Near Normal 14 =0.12%, Normal elbow is 9,053 animals 76.67%,

Grade 1 =1,823 15.24%, Grade 2, 793 =6.63%, Grade 3 = 67 =0.56%, total number of Elbow Fail is 194 = 1.62%%.

Total number affected with UAP is 139 & this represents 1.16% of the total animals 11,963 in the database.

Elbow Summary:		
<b>Total "Z"=</b>	<b>11,559</b>	<b>96.63%</b>
Total Borderline =	4	0.03%
Total Near Normal =	14	0.12%
Total Normal =	9,053	75.67%
Total Gr1=	1,823	15.24%
Total G2=	793	6.63%
Total G3=	67	0.56%
<b>Total Elbow Fail=</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1.62%</b>
Total UAP in right Elbow =	96	0.80%
Total UAP in left Elbow =	87	0.73%
<b>Total No. animals with UAP =</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1.16%</b>
Elb's Not/Submitted =	70	0.59%



**Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP)** is a condition in which a bony protuberance within the elbow becomes detached from the ulna. This loose, bony fragment causes pain and lameness and contributes to articular damage within the elbow joint.

This condition is most commonly diagnosed in German Shepherd Dogs and Bernese Mountain Dogs. It is a consequence of elbow incongruity (such as ulnar notch incongruity or short ulna syndrome). In most dogs, this can cause obvious lameness and pain. Achieving an optimal outcome depends on early diagnosis and treatment.

Ununited anconeal process is most commonly diagnosed using simple radiography. However, in some subtle cases where the anconeal process remains loosely attached, it is necessary to use computed tomography (CT) to diagnose the condition.



In dogs affected by Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP), the best chance of achieving an excellent outcome is by early surgical intervention. Surgery can allow reattachment of the anconeal process but is only appropriate in dogs in which diagnosis is made early and where the loose anconeal process has not changed shape. In chronic cases of UAP where the fragment has changed shape, the most appropriate treatment is usually anconeal process removal. Fitzpatrick Referrals have employed a unique type of screw for anconeal process reattachment. This technique is combined with a proximal ulnar osteotomy (PUO) to allow the proximal ulna to move to a more favourable position relative to the humerus. In some select patients, PUO alone without a screw may be sufficient to allow the anconeal process to fuse to the ulna. Most dogs with UAP will live a normal happy life as a pet and will only experience pain resulting in lameness when excessive exercise is performed. UAP is probably inherited. **Treat it as a fault; don't breed dogs that have UAP to each other or to dogs with a family history of UAP.**

GSDCA Breed Average - Hip Scores (as at 31/05/2021) Australian bred dogs only								
GSDCA Yearly Average					GSDCA Rolling 5 Year Average			
Year of Birth	Number of Dogs (per year)	Sum of Total Scores (per year)	Average Total Score		Year of Birth	Number of Dogs (Over 5 yrs)	Sum of Total Scores (Over 5 yrs)	Average Total Score
1989	1	2	2					
1990	4	79	19.75					
1991	4	27	6.75					
1992	16	197	12.31		1992	33	489	15
1993	25	310	12.4		1993	63	837	13
1994	55	989	17.98		1994	122	1,905	122
1995	244	2996	12.28		1995	344	4,519	13.14
1996	659	7399	11.23		1996	999	11,891	11.9
1997	622	6914	11.12		1997	1,605	18,608	11.59
1998	630	7333	11.64		1998	2,210	25,631	11.6
1999	491	4658	9.49		1999	2,646	29,300	11.07
2000	493	4329	8.78		2000	2,895	30,633	10.58
2001	471	4717	10.01		2001	2,707	27,951	10.33
2002	467	3585	7.68		2002	2,552	24,622	9.65
2003	406	2827	6.96		2003	2,328	20,116	8.64
2004	485	3374	6.96		2004	2,322	18,832	8.11
2005	424	2608	6.15		2005	2,253	17,111	7.59
2006	445	2710	6.09		2006	2,227	15,104	6.78
2007	442	2740	6.2		2007	2,202	14,259	6.48
2008	437	2577	5.9		2008	2,233	14,009	6.27
2009	375	2535	6.76		2009	2,123	13,170	6.20
2010	408	3544	8.69		2010	2,107	14,106	6.69
2011	391	3060	7.83		2011	2,053	14,456	7.04
2012	467	3577	7.66		2012	2,078	15,293	7.36
2013	457	4194	9.18		2013	2,098	16,910	8.06
2014	402	3709	9.23		2014	2,125	18,084	8.51
2015	397	3427	8.63		2015	2,114	17,967	8.50
2016	378	3275	8.66		2016	2,101	18,182	8.65
2017	279	2445	8.76		2017	1,913	17,050	8.91
2018	332	2643	7.96		2018	1,473	12,942	8.79
2019	268	1973	7.36		2019	2,221	18,994	8.55
2020	359	2792	7.78		2020	1,802	15,112	8.39

Above is a chart depicting the Yearly Average and the Rolling 5 year Average.

The charts are based on the "year of birth" of the dog (not the x-ray date).

This is so we do not get distortion by animals submitted well after the normal 12 month age - it therefore gives a more accurate picture of the influence of Sires used at that time.

Unfortunately our scheme does not represent all German Shepherds that are presented for X-Rays, a large percentage goes through the Cheds Scheme and we are not capturing this data. So our records are not depicting the true situation. Perhaps this data could be captured and I could then report on both separately and as a whole, thus giving a complete picture of the status of the German Shepherds Hip and Elbows in this Country.

**Congratulations to the 22 Kennels below that qualified for GSDCA H&E Awards during the 2020 Year.**

A total of 22 Kennels achieved 31 Medallion's in 2020, 3 Bronze for Hips, 8 Kennels received both 'A' & 'Z' Bronze, 4 Silver for elbows, with 3 kennels gaining Silver in Both 'A' & 'Z' & 2 Gold for Elbows.

No Plaques were achieved this year.

NSW = 15, Qld = 3, Tas = 1, Vic = 1, WA = 5, NZ = 5 = 30

The Chart below depicts those Kennels that qualified in 2019/20 period for Council awards.

The awards were all forwarded to the various State Secretaries in March 2021, to be presented to the Kennels at a significant Club event.



## **Kennels that qualified for H&E Medallions in 2020 were published in Winter 2021 edition.**

Gaining Council's Awards are not easy to achieve, and it can take several years to receive the Bronze which is for successfully presenting 10 or more animals with your Kennel prefix gaining the "A" or a "Z" stamp. Silver is for achieving 25 and Gold is for 50, and there is a special Plaque awarded to those kennels achieving 100 (the 100 Club). It would be appreciated if Clubs could ensure that the postal address and phone number of their Clubs Hon. Secretary is on their web page. This would assist greatly when I go looking for that address to post any Awards that have been achieved by your members to you for presentation, and for anyone else that needs to contact the Hon. Secretary.

**With all Dogs now being Micro Chipped the H/E Application Form has a place to record the animal's microchip number. And if the Chip can't be found at the time of X-Ray a new chip is to be implanted by the Vet conducting the X-Ray, there is a place for the Vet to record the new microchip number on the H/E Application Form under Labelling. The Vet signs the form at the bottom right hand side declaring that they could not find the original Chip and has implanted a new chip, and that chips has been radiographically recorded on the X-Ray.**

I have been getting animals with the comment "lumbosacral transitional vertebrae" recorded on their result, on researching this and talking to Dr Lavelle and Dr Richardson I believe it's time to have some fields placed in the Data Base to capture this as it occurs and report on it accordingly. This condition can cause paralysis in dogs.

**Comment from Dr Richardson:** "Transitional vertebrae are congenitally malformed vertebrae situated at junction points between distinct segments of the spine where the vertebrae change shape, as from the ribcage to the lower back or lower back to the hips. This last, the lumbo-sacral region, is the place most transitional vertebrae occur in dogs. Transitional vertebrae will have characteristics typical of both spinal segments. OFA states that "transitional vertebrae are usually not associated with clinical signs." However, there are reports of Aussies with degenerative disease of the spine in the area of the transitional vertebrae. It may be that these abnormal vertebrae can be subject to increased wear-and-tear in physically active dogs which engage in activities that require spinal flexibility.

Transitional vertebrae are probably inherited. Treat them as a fault. Don't breed dogs that have them to each other or to dogs with a family history of transitional vertebrae."

There is 4 grading's for Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae: 0,1,2,3

Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae in dogs: classification, prevalence, and association with sacroiliac morphology.

A Study done by Natascha Damur-Djuric 1, Frank Steffen, Michael Hässig, Joe P Morgan, Mark A Flückiger found:

The prevalence of lumbosacral transitional vertebrae (LTV) was determined by reviewing the pelvic radiographs of 4000 medium- and large-breed dogs of 144 breeds routinely screened for canine hip dysplasia. An LTV was seen in 138 (3.5%) dogs. The prevalence was higher in German Shepherd dogs and Greater Swiss Mountain dogs, than in the other breeds, suggesting a genetic predisposition. There was no gender predisposition. The transverse processes of the LTV were divided into three types based on their morphological characteristics: lumbar type or type 1; intermediate type or type 2; and sacral type or type 3. In a symmetric LTV, both transverse processes are of the same type, while in an asymmetric LTV they are not. The frequency of occurrence of symmetric and asymmetric LTV was similar. In symmetric LTV, intermediate-type transverse processes predominated. Most of the asymmetric LTV had an intermediate-type transverse process combined with a lumbar or sacral type, respectively. Highly asymmetric LTV were often angled relative to the adjacent vertebrae. We hypothesize that an LTV is not the result of transformation of a lumbar into a sacral vertebra or vice versa, but rather is an autonomous intermediate type of vertebra. It occurs when the point of contact of the pelvis with the vertebral column is slightly cranial or caudal to its normal position. The resulting formative stimulus on the vertebral ossification centers, sagittally still separated, causes the various morphologies seen in LTV including the asymmetric variations.

**A reminder that the purchasing of a Hip & Elbow Control Scheme Application Form must be done prior to the animal being x-rayed, as the information from it is required to be embedded in the X-Ray, the animal must be 12 Months of age or older, the Application Form & State Contract numbers are not to be given out over the phone by the Registrar, forms are not transferable between animals.**

**Members can you please ensure your Vet reads all the instructions on the H&E Dysplasia Control Scheme Application Form before your animal is x-rayed, and saves any digital Disc's in the DICOM Image (i.e.: .dcm extension). Some x-rays received have had no copy of the Registration Papers, & some no self stamp addressed envelope enclosed for the return of the pink, These items need to be included. Please ensure that all the correct information is supplied as per the information & notes contained within the H&E Dysplasia Control Scheme Application Form, as this will get your results back to you much quicker from our Readers. Also ensure your Vet fills out their details (And that it is readable) in the greyed out area at the bottom left on the form, and completes the "Veterinarian Declaration" at the bottom right by signing it, if this is not completed the Form and x-ray will be returned. Some x-rays have been received and the required details have not been Radiographically identified, this will result in your animal having to be x-rayed again to get the positive identification embedded into the x-rays, no one wants to put their animal through general anaesthesia unless it's necessary, and then have the extra wait to get your results.**

**A big thank you to all the Members & Breeders who have continued to support the H&E Dysplasia Control Scheme over the years, and has seen the value in reducing the number of animals affected by this crippling disease. The pass rate is at an all time high, we need to continue to monitor this so we can be proactive if and when needed.**

**I would like to thank the various State Registrars around Australia and New Zealand for their input in distributing the H&E Forms to the Members.**

**I look forward to working with Ian Urie who I have known for many years. Thank you to Frank Moody the Database Coordinator for his continuing assistance & co-operation with problems as they have arisen.**

**Remember Dysplasia can only be diagnosed radiographically, and not by the naked eye by watching a dog move! Unless of course you are Superman.**

Thank You.

**Doug West.**

**GSDCA National Hip & Elbow Registrar.**

# NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS



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Firstly, remember our first time excellent mentions from our last Club News? Due to an editorial error, the names were omitted or printed incorrectly on some of the images supplied.

\*Brajandi Rubious Hagrid AZ proudly owned by Chris Rayner



\*Tonaker Mollie AZ proudly owned by TH Schoemaker



\*Ch Vonpeta Qwackawoody AZ proudly owned by Melissa Adamson



\*Babenberg Sebastian AZ proudly owned by Babenberg Kennels



The GSDCSA has had a very busy quarter and we started strong out the gate. We hosted our Roy Brabham Memorial Championship Show and Neddermeyer Memorial Championship Show on the 12th and 13th of June which were two very big days for exhibitors and our judges. Unfortunately our Victorian entrants were unable to travel and could not make the show which also meant our judge Greg Green (VIC) was unable to attend. Fortunately Ian Cooke (SA) accepted the judging position for us on such short notice and for that we are very thankful.

We would like to congratulate all our exhibitors and make a special mention to the below who had the same result on both days of the show.

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW Lenin vd Grafenberg a ed (Imp Deu)



RUNNER UP BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW Ch Leberhine Jeronimoe AZ



For the month of July we

cancelled our Wednesday evening conformation training due to the chilly weather but still had our obedience members braving the cold until SA went into a week's lockdown. This just enforces the relevance for QR Check-ins when attending the club grounds - please do the right thing or see the shepherd shop for a manual sign in.



Our Forequarter Lecture mentioned in the Winter edition was postponed to July 11th and was a great success and very informative. Massive thank you to our presenters Jenny De Lucia and Stephen Collins and Sophie Lawrence who live streamed the lecture to Facebook for our members to watch online if they couldn't make the lecture in person.

We had a Obedience Trial on July 3 which awarded 3rd Place in Open Dog to L. Khabbaz with his dog Kelebec Cross Fire CD with a score of 186.







We had a Obedience Trial on August 1 which awarded 2 GSD placegetters 3rd Place in Open Dog to L. Khabbaz with his dog Kelebec Cross Fire CD with a score of 188. 2nd Place in CCD was L. Shepherd with Gewalt Dardenelle with a score of 94.

We held a Breed Survey on the 8th of August with 6 entered and successfully classed. Congratulations to all dogs and their owners.

We held our annual Endurance Test (ET) on the 14th of August with near perfect weather conditions. We had a total of 9 entries with five passes. Congratulations to the owners and their dogs. Thank you to our vet, Dr Neil Thies (BVSc (Hons) MAVS) who ran the 20KM course yet again and has been for over the past 20 years. Thank you to our judge, Mr Brian Fielder, Stewards, Andrew O'Loughlin and Bon Jordan, Pacesetter, Wayne O'Loughlin and helpers, Gillian Smith (SACA Rep), Judy O'Loughlin, President, John De Lucia and Trial Manager, Jenny De Lucia.



Our members' competition has been scheduled for the 22nd of August 2021 with Mr. Salvatore Pittelli (SA) appointed as our judge and has almost 70 entries listed for the day. We are very excited to see the exhibits our members present and would like to thank all our helpers with a special mention to Donna Vigor (Stenographer), Peter Flynn (Child Handler Judge), and Marilyn Cooke (Steward).

We would like to thank all members who follow the QR Covid Check-In and rules associated with restrictions and ask that you continue to comply with these at

training, trials and competitions.

To keep up to date with competition schedules and entry open/ close dates, please follow the GSDCSA Facebook page or check our website.

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Victoria have been in an 'on again, off again' state for a few months now, with 'short' lockdowns of 2-3 weeks that often extend. But we know what other states are going through, that's for sure, so hang in there everyone.

Our branches have been busy back at training, with really good numbers attending each week. All those who bought new puppies in 2020 are still following through with training which is encouraging. We're seeing lots of pass up ribbons being awarded too !

Our Club's purpose built training attendance software has made contactless sign in easy and safe for all handlers at branches each week, and with the additional QR code sign in we have everything covered if there's an issue. Our Western branch's practices were considered 'gold standard' by Dogs Victoria when they had a covid case attend earlier this year, and could easily contact trace - much faster than authorities !

We were really lucky with lockdowns that our **Endurance Test** fell in some open space so we were able to conduct. On what turned out to be a perfect weather day, we had 21 entries, but only 15 taking to the start line (covid, in season, injury etc). 11 dogs successfully completed the 20km test. 7 GSD's started, and 5 were successful. All cruised around the course with their riders, demonstrating their fitness and enjoyment of being out and about.

Our successful exhibitors who can all add ET to their names were:

**\*JAYSELL RICKODO AZ** - owned by Vanessa & Damian Wisdom

**\*BRONACRE POPPED TO THE MAXX AZ TD** - Diana & Richard Oldfield

**CH. BRONACRE BLUE ICE AZ** - Bronacre Kennels Edwina Neale

**\*CH MAADRICA ANYA RN AZ** - Dianne & Bob Cameron

**\*SANNJESA QUEEN OF DIAMONDS AZ** - Abbey Cabel

Our ET was also a first for our own **ALASTAIR HENDERSON**, who recently completed his qualification as an ANKC Endurance Test judge (in addition to already being a GSD Specialist Show judge). Congrats to Alastair for expanding his judging repertoire ! The GSDCV ET was Alastair's first appointment as an ET judge and he did a great job 😊

We couldn't hold our June tracking trial due to covid lockdown, and we've just seen our GSD Exhibition and Lillydale Championship shows go by the wayside, but let's hope we get our Working Dog weekend of shows and trial off the ground. Only Covid knows if this will be possible!

Stay Safe.



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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 Morris

**Kaygarr Dark Night** - Conbhairean Karlos x Ursa v Thorarinn 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 Tantaró (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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Winter weather in Tassie usually slows down club activities but not this year, it's been great to see so many enthusiastic members and a number of new faces returning weekly to our puppy socialisation, beginners obedience and show training classes. With COVID restrictions in place all over the country the need to be able to socialise our animals and ourselves has never been more important.

The club is holding its AGM on the 22nd of August, further information will be posted to our club FB page which is updated regularly with club news and photos.

We are currently planning to hold our September championship shows and Breed Survey, Sharon Ballantyne - Gordon and Andrew O'Loughlin have been contracted and we are very hopeful that these will proceed as scheduled.

From all of us at the GSDCT, we hope everyone who is currently affected by lockdowns and restrictions, that you stay safe and well and hopefully we see you at a show soon.

**Ken Millhouse**  
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#### **News from the West**

How blessed we are to live in Western Australia? We truly feel for all members and their families in Victoria and New South Wales.

Our Premier hasn't hesitated in shutting not only our interstate but also our instar state borders as soon as one case is found in our community.

QR codes are mandatory and on the whole people are behaving well - this means our lives are normal with everyday freedoms.

In the past 3 months we have been able to hold 2 breed surveys, 1 Open Show, 1 Members' Competition, a Championship show, an E.T., an Obedience Trial and a Rally Trial.

Our Show Committee have been under stress trying to find alternative judges for the balance of our shows. I have no doubt they will succeed in securing judges for the members.

Our A.G.M. was held in the 1st of August - the Management Committee consists of: Ian Heard President, John Crace Vice President, Lucy Lubbock Secretary, Robyn Knuckey Treasurer, Ian Marr Obedience Chair, Tracy Roberts, Show Chair and Natalie Humphries as Breed Affairs. Congratulations to all and we look forward to a productive and successful 2021/2022.

#### **Results of our Trials are:**

Obedience:

C.C.D.

1st Freinhaus Galiana (IID Deu) handled by Chris Smith

4th Grandwest Quintina RN handled by Christine Barsby

Rally:

Masters:

4th Lindenelm French Champagne CDX RE handled by Tricia

McGregor  
8th OTCH TSGCH TCH Brookvale  
Phanta handled by Peggy Waller

Novice:

3rd CH Volscaro Play The Game  
CCD handled by Chris Barsby

Congratulations - great work by all

**Until next time - Stay safe**

**Margaret Adams Editor**



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The Queensland Club has been lucky with their closures due to COVID.

It was the goal of the GSDCQ committee this year to offer as many events as we could for the members of the club, to make up for the COVID closures last year.

By the time this edition of the Quarterly goes to print we will have had the following:

1 Open Shop

2 Championship Shows

2 Rally Trials

2 Obedience Trials

4 members competitions,

5 Breed Surveys.

It has been a challenge for the committee with snap lockdowns, both here and in other states, with dates of shows, and judges changing but we have got there. Though all have a few more grey hairs.

Our survey for North QLD went ahead in June with 9 dogs surveyed which is terrific. The surveyors were Carol O'Rourke and Fay Stokes. A great day was had by all in Ingham.

The July Championship shows, and Trial was changed to 1 show, and the date changed as well. The Judge also had to be changed. Entries were limited to resident Queenslanders, and on the day

of the show it was announced we were going into a lock down at 4 pm. Sharon Ballantyne - Gordon judged the event and we thank her for her judging and also her kind words to the club complimenting us on our ribbons, and rosettes.

The show was preceded by a breed survey 2 dogs were surveyed with Carol O'Rourke and Louis Donald officiating.

Due to lockdowns in other states the club decided not to hold its State Breed this year, rather to hold another Championship Show, and an Open Show, and Restricted Obedience Trial, scheduled for the 11th of September 2021. Mr Peter Flynn SA judging our Championship Show, Mr Bill Patterson our trial and Mr Andrew Ziebell the Open Show.

Our members competition and survey for Zone 2 is scheduled for the 25th of September a change of time, and a change of Judge. The judge now being Mr. Louis Donald. The surveyors are Louis Donald and Sharon Ballantyne - Gordon. At this time, we have a very good entry for the Zone 2 competition with 33 entries.

Our training sessions on Wednesday were closed down for a period, but are now back in full swing.

The Zoom General meetings are still not as well frequented as we hoped, but we are gradually increasing numbers. The dinner at WAGS is terrific and a few of us go for dinner prior to the Meeting. We hold all the clubs committee meetings on Zoom, which makes it so much easier for all the committee.

Plans were underway to have a stand at the Brisbane show unfortunately this was cancelled.

Despite all the difficulties this year I am pleased to announce the GSDCQ club grew in membership from 202 to 214.

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 when the borders reopen.

**Sharon Thorp**  
**President GSDCQ 2021**



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Summer is just around the corner and things are looking brighter for the Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club. With our Covid lockdown looking likely to be lifted in October we await with baited breath to see what we will be able to do in the coming months for training and the possibility of 2 Championship shows a Christmas Party and Club Excursion and Coffee morning to the shores of Lake Macquarie with our dogs.

With no shows or training in the later part of the year with lockdowns it has been hard to continue with our ground improvements but we have managed to keep up with some more maintenance and upgrades. The upgrades include continued improvements to our Canteen facilities. Because we maintain our own Rings on the CNCC Grounds at Hillsborough we have had some investment in further equipment and now a storage container for the equipment.

We are currently working closely with Lake Macquarie Council and the NSW Government utilizing the Government Grant Scheme to finance the construction and installation of a new Office which will be located next to the current Club House at the end of the Ring. This replaces the old Obedience Office which is scheduled for demolition. We are planning and hoping for the new office to be in place and operational for our July 2022 Shows.



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ACTGSDA Members please note:

The Associations Annual General Meeting scheduled for 19 August 2021 has been deferred to a date following the end of the lockdowns in the ACT and neighbouring LGA's. We will publish details in our Facebook page.

Thank goodness for our dogs, over the past few months their presence has created the reason and motivation to get out of the house, enjoy a walk or explore a new area in our neighbourhood as most of us have been living with lockdown.

Throughout the lockdown communication with our Members has been a priority managed via our Facebook page, newsletter and phone conversations.

Congratulations to Vic G and Allinka Versace AZ, otherwise known as Ace, on being awarded the GSDCA National Obedience Award for the Best Community Companion Dog 2020. Ace's average score was 98. Vic and Ace have continued on their winning way competing in CDX, he placed first in both the April trials with 197 and 192. In June he gained his CDX title with 198 and first.

Vic has also been competing with Russian Roulette (Chips) in CCD. At the June Trials he placed first and third with 95 and 92 respectively. Competing in July trials and earning the Judge's commendation he gained his CCD title with a perfect score of 100. Well done team!

Ludi P and Trixie have ventured into the trial arena and in three trials gained their CCD title with scores of 85, 95 and 85.

Victoria and Dex are keeping busy, not only are they competing in the newly recognised Tricks discipline, they have two passes in Scent Work.

In July, the Club was afforded a promotional opportunity through featuring in the lead article of the Canberra Times, Pet Owners Guide Supplement. The Club's services and the breed were highlighted.

We are all looking forward to returning to our 'new normal', training, participating in shows and catching up with fellow GSD colleagues.



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