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Time for Christmas and some summer fun!

*Front cover: *Ch Hillmagic Golden Calypso AZ and *Ch Hillmagic Platinum Nokosi AZ*

*Back Cover: *Pepper cooling off in Kununurra*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Firstly I would like to thank everyone for the support that you have shown to me over the last 2 years of my Presidency. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas as it looks like we may even get the chance to travel to see family and friends, so it

will be a very special Christmas.

2 years goes very quickly, but I am very proud what we accomplished under my Presidency with a special thank you to the support of all members of the GSDCA Executive. Some of the most important achievements have been;

- Our Financial position is stronger - When I first took over the bank balance over the previous 8 years had declined by \$80,000 - this was a 50% drop in savings from the 2012 Balance - at that rate the GSDCA would have been bankrupt within 6 to 8 years. I am very happy to announce a balance of \$103,250.00 which is a 29% increase in savings in just 2 years. I believe that we have turned the tide and we are looking a lot more viable going forward.
- Increased transparency - I believe under my Presidency the GSDCA has become much more transparent, holding Presidents meetings to inform all clubs on the state of affairs. This program will continue during my next term.
- Seeking Member views and input - We have also, for the first time asked the members what they want by holding a National survey for their opinion regarding the 48th National - this was a great success, and I thank all members for their input.
- Use of technology - COVID has given me the perfect storm to introduce Zoom meetings, this is the single biggest cost savings to the organisation - clubs are saving thousands of dollars, we have also become more efficient at these meetings and I believe this will get even better in the future as we all start to utilise this medium fully.
- The WUSV - to start with I don't believe anyone really understood exactly what was happening, certain parts of the Harmonisation have been deliberately kept quiet, I have brought this to a head asking Germany exactly what they expect of us and if it is not achievable what can we expect going forward with the WUSV. This is vitally important to know what the future will hold for us and our membership with the WUSV.
- Introduction of Australian Judges - Australian Judges judging the 48th National -WOW this is a big one - I hope it's a start of our new future. Firstly congratulations to Louis Donald and Jenny Yuen, you both have the responsibility and the

power to cement trust and belief in our own Australian Judges. I would like to think this is the start of something big, like lifting the ban in the 70's this is an opportunity of huge proportions and one I hope will be very engaging and insightful to all our members.

In any leadership role you are only as good as the team that you have around you. As President, I was surrounded by a dedicated and committed executive that have worked cohesively as a team. I really do appreciate their support and I look forward to continuing to work with many of you in the future.

Now since I mentioned the future, it is exciting and I can see a number of opportunities that I will drive in my next Presidency term. Some of these ideas that we should explore include;

- Engaging the youth - This is not new but this is the future of the GSDCA. Working with the Executive I would like to explore opportunities to engage our younger members who would like to see the inner workings of the Executive. There are several thoughts I have on this - be it a mentoring program, improving a youth sub-committee of the Executive, allowing each State to nominate a 'Youth Leader' who could be invited to Executive meetings (non-voting) but will allow those interested to get an understanding of how council works. I'm sure Members will have view and I would be keen to gather those inputs to set up our future leaders
- Improve relationships with other WUSV member countries - As many countries around the world are struggling with the commitments of the Harmonisation program, I believe its time to help each other, reach out so we can swap ideas for the future of the GSD globally.
- Increasing membership - this is a work in progress and something we will be addressing over the next 12 months.



Once again have a safe and Merry Christmas, I would like to congratulate all nominees for all positions and wish you all the best of luck.

Regards

Sean Lynch

GSDCA President

EDITORIAL

Well, that was 2021 and who'd have thought it could have turned out as it did! The entire year has been one of challenges and tests for all of us and nowhere has this been more so than with the GSDCA. Plans were made, then scuttled, unpleasant discoveries made that represent huge shifts for the Australian organisation and probably, most importantly, as a fraternity, we have been unable to come together to compare notes, gossip and generally test our breeding results against our peers. Trying times indeed.

For the QNR, there have also been some monumental challenges with lockdowns, supply chain problems and a lack of show activity, leaving very little material in that regard for reporting. We have been a bit light on breed material in 2021, so hopefully, this will change this coming year. Fingers crossed.

One of the more notable things to happen this year has been the re-appearance of advertising in the QNR. In this era of restricted movement and lack of shows, this has been one way that members can promote their animals and potential clients see what is available to them. And of course, some bitches have been seen, illustrating what some sires have produced. Advertising is not only a cost to the advertiser, it's a great deal of work and effort to get the right photos and prepare the material. To those who have offered their support through ads, my thanks for the confidence you have shown in the QNR and for your support of the GSDCA. The revenues that have been generated help to keep costs down and improve our bottom line.

Throughout the year, calls have been made to so many people across the country to share their knowledge and skills for the benefit of the membership. Again, the material provided doesn't just happen and requires a lot of preparation on the part of the authors. Their generosity and contributions provide a broad range of material for readers and is to be applauded.

And of course, our photographers. We've had some pretty dynamic photos this year and I am in awe of the skills that capture the GSD in so many different ways.

We have also been grateful to have some really outstanding pieces from veterinary specialists this year. Hopefully, the insights they have provided have provided options for someone out there. These articles were all written specifically for the QNR and take the practitioner away from their business. Their amazing contributions reflect their generosity.

This year, we also had a series about "My Top 5" and I called on a number of judges to provide an insight into what has been their top animals across time. When you look at their pieces, it often provides an insight into their "ideal" GSD and provides quite a lot of food for reflection and thought on the part of the reader. In a couple of instances, I can readily see where a preferred type for some has come from.

So, all in all, the QNR in 2021 has been a collaborative effort and I am hopeful that all members feel that there has been something for everyone to read this year. It has highlighted for me that we are a very diverse group and that whilst our focus must always be on breed and breed improvement, the proof of results is very much evident in some of the things

we do with our dogs. Annually, we breed around 4000 puppies and they enter the community without necessarily joining our ranks.

When we see what is within our ranks, we can be confident that our dogs in the wider community bring us credit and that this is probably the main reason why we cannot keep pace with demand for GSDs.

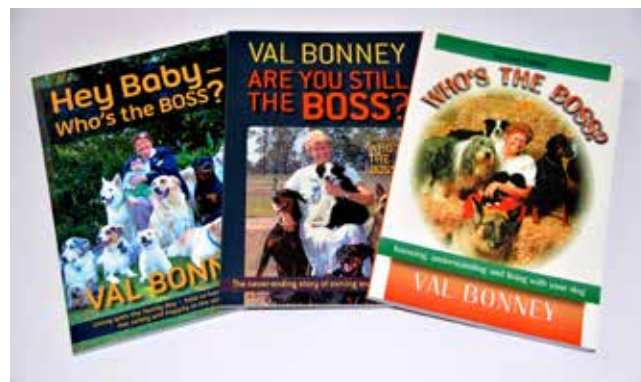
One of our contributors, Val Bonney, has made available three beautiful sets of her book for 3 lucky breeders as a great reference with which to support their puppy owners. The winners are:

Leanne and Melissa Brodie	SA
Marcelle Wetzlar	QLD
D & R Aliverti	NSW

Congratulations, the books are on their way now.

This edition was delayed for a number of reasons and hence, our theme cover is belated. However, hopefully everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and is looking forward to a brighter New Year in 2022. We all have to hope it will be better and that we will all be able to get together soon. Stay well.

Yvonne Yun



Breeders are generally the first port of call when our puppy owners strict a behaviour problem with their youngster, behaviour that we all recognise and modify early in proceedings.

With recent COVID pandemic we are seeing many puppies go into first time owner homes and for many new owners, the possibility of connecting with experienced GSD owners has become all but impossible.

Val Bonney is an acknowledged trainer internationally and she has shared her knowledge through her books. Hen you get those calls, perhaps you could consider suggesting these tools to your owners.

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PERFORMANCE DOG AWARD

Dual Ch. (T) Glenbala Ambitious Dream AZ BSC Ex Merit TSDX (Tabitha)
S: VA *Djambo Vom Finchenslag (Imp Deu)/ D: CH. Glenbala Ambitious Witch.



The Performance Dog Award presented to Kerrie Pearce.

Obedience

CCD Excellent Medallion
RALLY O Excellent Medallion

Tabitha gained her 14th Excellent in 5 disciplines on her fourth birthday.

Tabitha got her Excellent Medallion in Obedience in 2020 and her Excellent Medallion in Rally O in 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 put a stop to her Obedience / Rally O and this year (2021) she was unable to do more Obedience / Rally O because of cancelled trials, her “seasons”, and clashes with tracking with our other girl Tora. But Tabitha’s performance in Track and Search went unhindered.

Tabitha’s Show “Excellent” achievements as listed below: -



2021 LSC WA State Siegerin Ex Merit.

Tracking

Tabitha’s career in Tracking commenced in the 2019 season, achieving Excellent Gradings in TD1, TD2, and TD3. Tabitha was awarded Best First Year Tracking Dog in 2019 by Trackwest, and went on with her remaining tracks all graded Very Good, to be awarded Tracking Dog of the Year in 2020.

Track & Search

Starting off with Track & Search in 2021, with the same drive, Tabitha achieved an Excellent grading in her TSDX 4 Trial and has rounded out the 2021 season gaining her TSDX Title.



Show

8 Excellent Medallions,
1 Excellent Merit. 7 Best in shows.



4th Members Competition 2019, Judge Mrs. Robyn Knuckey (WA) – Best LSC Bitch Exc
 West Coast Challenge 2019, Judge Mr. Roberto Caputi (Ecuador) – LSC Challenge Bitch Exc
 1st Members Competition 2020, Judge Ms. Natalie Humphries (WA) - Best LSC Bitch Exc
 Western Classic 2020 Judge, Ms. Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon (Qld) - LSC Res Challenge Bitch Exc
 3rd Members Competition 2020, Judge Mr. John Fenner (WA) - Best LSC Bitch Exc
 State Breed Exhibition 2021, Judge Mr. Peter Flynn (SA) - 1st LSC Open Bitch Ex.Merit
 2nd Members Competition 2021, Judge Ms. Natalie Humphries (WA) – Best LSC Bitch Exc
 Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show 2021, Judge Mr. John Fenner (WA) – BIS Exc
 3rd Members Competition 2021, Judge Mrs. Jenny DeLucia (SA) – Runner up LSC Bitch Exc
 Tabitha qualified for her Australian Champion Title at age 12 months

Tabitha finished third in Intermediate Bitch at the 2019 National Show. (Judge Herr Harold Hohmann)

There were 14 bitches in the class and she was the youngest in the class being eligible for the Intermediate class by one day. As the youngest in the class she was of course bringing up the rear and then after the individuals she was called out 5th and finished in 3rd place. A super proud moment for us, and handler Wayne Martin.

She has excelled way beyond anything that we could have hoped for in all disciplines. A “full on” work ethic in every discipline.

Our grateful thanks go to Tabitha’s Breeders, Kim and Glenn Gregory (Glenbala Kennels), for entrusting us with a wonderful dog like Tabitha, and a special thank you to Wayne Martin, Tabitha’s specialty show handler, we appreciate your work with our special girl.

Team Tabitha: Owners, I Heard/K Pearce/ G&K Gregory. Handler Kerrie Pearce, Specialty Show Handler Wayne Martin.



Jai is a consistent performer winning 2019 'Best Rally Advanced Dog' and more recently



**Hard at it this year in April was
 *CH HILLMAGIC PLATNUM NOKOSI AZ CD RE.**

Jai completed his Novice Obedience
 (CD - 3 passes required over 170) and Rally Excellent
 (RE - 5 passes required over 80) titles to achieve his titles.

*Congratulations to Owner, Karen Hore and Jai.
 Perseverance has paid off.*

RESUMES FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS FOR GSDCA

JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Stephen J Collins



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

We have been members of the Club since 1973 and were granted Life Membership to the GSDC of SA in 1994 and have received a Service Award from the GSDC of Australia.

I have held numerous committee positions on the Committee of the GSDC of SA including that of President, Hon. Secretary, 1st

Vice President (Obedience), 2nd Vice President (Breed Affairs Chairperson)

We registered the RHOSYN prefix in February 1975, with our first litter born in July of the same year. We have bred Ninety (90) Excellent graded animals, Seven (7) National and Main Breed Show Class winners, National Breeders Group Winner, a National Silver medallist and numerous top ten placed animals.

We have imported several males from Germany since 2002, Ch Gigolo v Elzmundungsraum, Bronze Medallist and Reserve Sieger, Vimo von der Hopfenhalle Gold Medallist, Esko aus dem Haus Zygadto multi excellent graded, Artus vom Schloss Worthersee multi excellent graded,

Ch Calle vom Westervenn multi excellent graded and our latest male Lenn von der Grafenburg multi excellent graded. All of these males have been personally selected by myself for the breeding potential.

I am a current Company Director which I have held for over twenty-five (25) years, prior to that I held the position of Quality Manager (four years) for the largest air conditioner manufacturer in Australia and prior to that held the position of Quality manager at one of Australia's largest suppliers of components to the Automotive industry. I am very aware of the requirement for concise and accurate directives to achieve the desired outcome. I have had extensive experience with dealing people from various backgrounds and intellectual levels.

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

GSDC of A Inc Specialist Judges License in 2007

GSDC of A Breed Surveyor in 2010

I am still very active in breeding and showing our animals.

I was given the privilege to serve as Chairman of Judges Sub-committee earlier this year by the Executive. Having been in the position for approximately five (5) months I have found the position, challenging, and rewarding. I believe that if re-elected to the position that I can confidently carry out the position requirements.

I hope that in the future to be able to identify and encourage younger members of our fraternity to become involved in judging of our breed and be proactive in Council's affairs.

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

As an organisation we need to evolve with the times and circumstances which confront us daily. We need to be proactive to recognise opportunities to improve our sport and the organisation, along with the challenges that are placed in our path, whether they are from Federal, State or local government. These need to be addressed by our united membership for the benefit and continued survival of our sport.

Melanie Groth



My involvement in German Shepherds spans my whole life. I exhibited my first German Shepherd at the Brisbane Royal at 9 years of age in 1971. At that point in time the Specialist German Shepherd movement was in its infancy and with my family (Phyllis,

Harold and Nicky Ireland - Brackenbrae) I exhibited dogs as a teenager in both All Breeds and the Specialist ring.

My sister and I established the Edlenblut kennel in 1982. Our breeding program had multiples wins at the National level and at the MBE in 1987, 1988 and 1989. We added to the selection of European lines available to Australia, importing many highly regarding breeding dogs that established and maintained type in Australia at a time when our country was regarded by visiting German judges as only second to Germany.

In 1992, I gained my working group licence achieving my GSDCA Specialist Licence and subsequent Breed surveyor status. Judging appointments include all states of Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, England and Ireland. Family and life circumstances caused me to cease breeding in 2006. My last litter contained a Puppy Sieger at the 2007 Main Breed Evaluation. However, I have provided and continue to provide guidance and assistance to many successful breeders in Australia.

I am an educational leader with the NSW Department

of Education and have assisted the GSDCA and clubs across Australia in providing high quality workshops and seminars for breed surveyors, judges and breeders across Australia. AS NBC Chair I transformed NBC meetings, redirecting the group to a focus on education rather than administrative tasks that can be completed on line or through established communication channels. At present I hold the position of National Breed Survey Registrar, preparing reports for the NBC twice a year and in that time have reduced the processing time of surveys from in some cases 12 months to within 8 weeks.

In my work I mentor and support the development of high-quality teachers for the NSW Public Education system and in my hobby, I mentor and support the development of judges and breed surveyors to be the best they can be. Utilising these skills, I am looking forward to assisting those judges and trainees who are keen to enter the GSDCA world of judging. I am a collaborative, approachable leader working with and alongside people to build their capacity and confidence. I am able to work with Canine organisations to promote and support training schemes across Australia.

I look forward to working with the executive, clubs and judges across Australia to build a voice for our Council and establish mechanisms that support the development of Australian judges to be the best they can be.

I wish all the candidates for positions in 2022 the best of luck in the subsequent elections and regardless of the outcome, I remain a willing servant of the GSDCA and the German Shepherd Dog fraternity.

EDITOR

Yvonne Yun



My involvement with the German Shepherd Dog started in 1991 with the purchase of what was then called a glamour coat bitch, Quatorze Dallas. At that point, there was no prospect of showing what we know regard as LSCs, so Maggie and I went the

obedience route and she was my first brood bitch and foundation of Siobahn Kennels.

Whilst a small breeder, I have bred and shown both Stock and Long Stock Coat animals, have experienced the highs and lows of breeding and competition and can easily identify with the journey that so many of us have with dogs. Throughout my "dog" career, I have imported a single animal from Germany, Rena vd Wilhelmswarte and her influence remains in the animals with me today. My dogs remain with me until they pass and one of my greatest pleasures is having older dogs with me.

In the intervening 30 years, I became an active show exhibitor, breeder and have served my clubs and the Council in a number of roles over the years, ranging from Marketing Officer, Social Secretary and

Secretary for the GSDL and Welfare Officer for 8 years.

For National Council, I have held the role of Editor on three occasions – 2004/07, 2012/15 and throughout 2021.

My professional career has been a mix of Human and Corporate Service delivery and I continue to work as an Executive Manager in Local Government. In these roles, I am tasked with understanding and scoping community demands, balancing stakeholder expectations, raising funds for works and managing external government relationships. Throughout the COVID emergency, the role has included dealing with community welfare issues and supporting highly disadvantaged individuals to access the care and support they need to survive in a rapidly changing environment.

A key element for this work has been managing change and these are skills that are readily transferable into other roles.

If elected, my priorities would be to:

1. Continue to build revenues from the magazine to offset the cost burdens to clubs and members
2. To create an inclusive magazine that allows everyone who contributes to the production costs of the publication to find content of interest for them.
3. To encourage and develop younger members to pursue roles within our organisations and to develop some succession planning that provides a sustainable future for the organisation.
4. Promotion of the GSD and all clubs and Council as the authority for the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

It is my belief that we are facing some uncertain times and we will need to rise to challenges from many quarters. Throughout the last 30 years of my life, I have had the privilege of owning this wonderful breed; my passion is to see the GSD thrive into the future and regain its premier position in the Australian dog world. Any skills I may have that can serve to make this happen are available work with the Executive team in delivery of its objectives.

To all candidates, good luck and to all, stay safe in these very uncertain times.

*"The member clubs and Executive of
The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia
Wish all members the very best for 2022. "*

Janet Haase



My involvement with the German Shepherd dog commenced in 1975 when Jürgen, my husband, and I purchased our first German Shepherd puppy, Coeus Anita. Our interest in showing and breeding was

encouraged by the committed group of enthusiasts at the Malvern Branch of the GSDCV. Foremost amongst those enthusiasts was Walter Reimann, who was the inaugural Editor of the National Review. He took Jürgen and I under his wing. He mentored us and helped us purchase Dina vom Restrauch and Condor von Arminius who were the foundation animals of our kennel. Wally instilled in us a strong commitment to breed improvement and its associated schemes. With Jürgen, I have been privileged to own, show and breed a number of highly successful dogs, most recently Macho vom Lamorak and Zicke Von Feuermelder.

I bring to the role of editor a deep understanding of the breed, the breed improvement schemes and the ideals of council.

I love my dogs. They are an integral part of our family. I love having them with me; walking them, training them and ensuring they have an active, stimulating life. It's a daily pleasure to take them on adventures, to the beach, to the bush or to the coffee shop. I am thrilled to be regularly stopped and complimented my handsome boy and I use these incidental opportunities to promote the breed.

I bring to the role of editor a love and enjoyment of our breed.

I have held a variety of club positions over the years at state and National level. I was National Breed Survey Registrar for three years. I worked with James and Louisa Rodger on the editorial team for the Quarterly National Review for a number of years. I am currently the Breed Affairs coordinator for Tasmania.

I bring to the role of editor a deep understanding of the workings of council and a knowledge of the processes involved in producing the magazine four times a year.

I have recently retired from my work as an educational leader and school principal and now have the time and the necessary skills to take on a more active role within National Council. I look forward to producing a magazine that engages, educates, entertains and most importantly, reflects the ideals of National Council.

I bring to the role the ability to communicate effectively, to collaborate, to build support and foster involvement.

I look forward to working with the executive and clubs across Australia to produce a high quality, cost

effective magazine that reflects the interests of all our members.

I wish all the candidates for positions in 2022 the best of luck.



Kantenna Alejandro AZ HIT - Owner: Jeanne Gant
Relaxing in Yamba



With the 50th National to be with us soon

To commemorate the 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial, we are looking at making exhibitor tokens to celebrate this special occasion.

Expressions of interest are being sought for anyone to come up with a design such as a small plaque or hexagonal medal fitting for this prestigious event.

Cost and size will need to be considered as we would be needing to strike about 300 - 400 tokens.

If you would like to contribute your design, please send to John De Lucia via email to john.delucia1959@gmail.com

RUDY

Von Haus Edmond

(Imported Sweden) a ED (Gmy)

SG 1 Holland Sieger Show

SG2 Belgium Sieger Show

SG 33 German Sieger show

State Seiger Queensland

GSDCA Excellent Elbow Producer

100% Normal Elbows

Standing at Stud

PROGENY OF RUDY

Debbbar Jenny

Rhosyn Dainty Affair

Awata Nice as Pie

Riechstag Renata

Gewalt Gran Torino

Ktique Royale

Contact: Sharon Thorp, 0412112372



Ch. Vladimir Me Me I'm First

MIMI

#1 Show Bitch NSW GSDL
2019 - 2020

#1 Show Bitch NSW GSDL
2020 - 2021

Multi Best In Show winner
NSW Puppy Siegerin - Ms M Groth

1st Puppy Bitch - Miss J Kada

1st Inter - Mrs M Adamson

1st Inter - Mr G Green

1st Inter - Mrs N Humphries

1st Inter - Ms S Ballentyne-Gordon

1st Inter & Best Bitch - Mr A O'Loughlin

2nd Open & Res Best Bitch - Dr K Hedberg

1st Open & Best Bitch - Mrs M Adamson

2nd Open & Res Best Bitch - Mrs J Delucia

1st Open & Best Bitch - Mr G Green

1st Open & Best Bitch - Ms J Pike

Back to back Top Show
Bitch NSW GSDL



VA Djambo vom Fichtenschlag Ex Merit x Ch. Vladimir Greys Th New Black Ex Merit

Loved and owned by Grant, Dianne & Kurt Morton
Vladimir German Shepherds

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PROGESTERONE IN THE BITCH

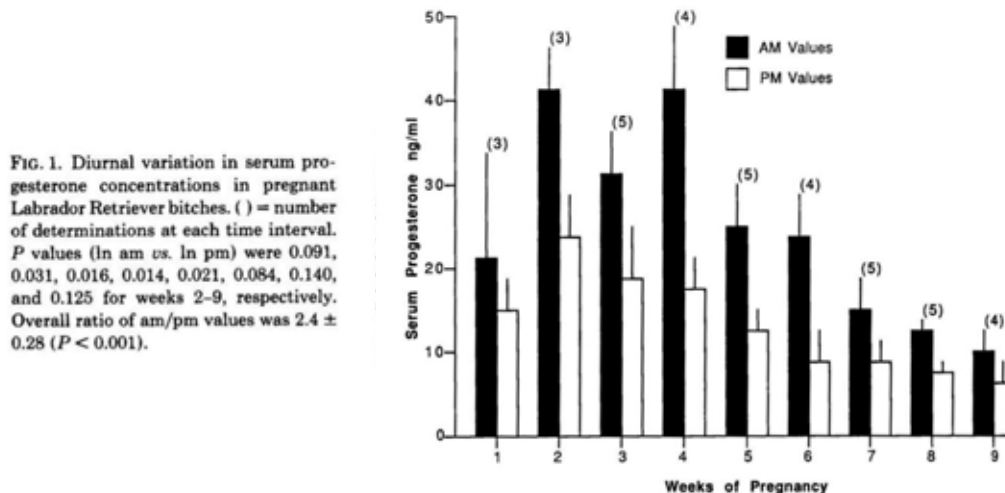
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Progesterone is a naturally occurring pregnane, which is an endogenous steroid molecule that is double bonded (4-ene) between the C4 and C5 positions and the two ketone groups (3,20-dione), one at the C3 position and the other at the C20 position. Exogenous progesterone comes in many forms, including synthetic and natural and can be delivered via injection, orally or via a bio adhesive gel emulsion. In the bitch, Scott-Moncrieff and Eilts determined the half-life of serum progesterone after intramuscular injection to be 12 hours, where Malbrue determined administered oral natural (micronized) progesterone to be 12 hours and intravenously 24 hours. Progesterone is metabolized primarily by the liver and excreted by the kidney, with some uterine involvement, described in women administered vaginal micronized progesterone (Levine & Watson, 2000).

Progesterone is secreted by both small and large luteal cells from the corpus luteum. It's primary role is to maintain pregnancy, and in the canine has been proven to be required to maintain pregnancy by performing ovariectomies mid-gestation (~35 days) and maintaining a pregnancy with supplementation to term (Eilts et al, 1994). Interestingly, follicular cells in the bitch experience preovulatory luteinization in which more and more follicular cells switch their biochemical pathways of steroidogenesis to produce progesterone instead of estrogen (Christensen, 2011) which is a unique phenomenon in the bitch. We use this early production of progesterone to monitor ovulation timing.

In the bitch, Progesterone peaks at approximately 4 weeks post ovulation and then steadily declines to less than 6nmol/L at parturition. Progesterone is variable and there are many factors that can affect the value obtained on sampling. Steinetz et al, ascertained that Progesterone during diestrus exhibited a conspicuous and statistically significant diurnal pattern, with it's serum being twice as high at 8am than 3pm (Fig 1.). Interestingly, Relaxin, estradiol and prolactin did not show diurnal pattern at any time during pregnancy.



Thuroczy also studied the same phenomena during pro-oestrus and oestrus until the time of ovulation. Again, Progesterone exhibited a conspicuous and statistically verified diurnal pattern, with its serum concentration being highest in the PM during oestrus and reverting to the AM peaks after ovulation. This study also revealed that values of progesterone concentration were significantly higher in serum than in EDTA-plasma; heparin-plasma and fluoride oxalate potassium-plasma.

In 2012, Sontas et. al, published a meta-analysis of progesterone concentrations in pregnant bitches which revealed that progesterone rises to a maximum of about 80-100nmol/L at 1-2 weeks after the LH peak and progressively decreases through about 30nmol/L at 6 to 7 weeks to <6 at parturition.

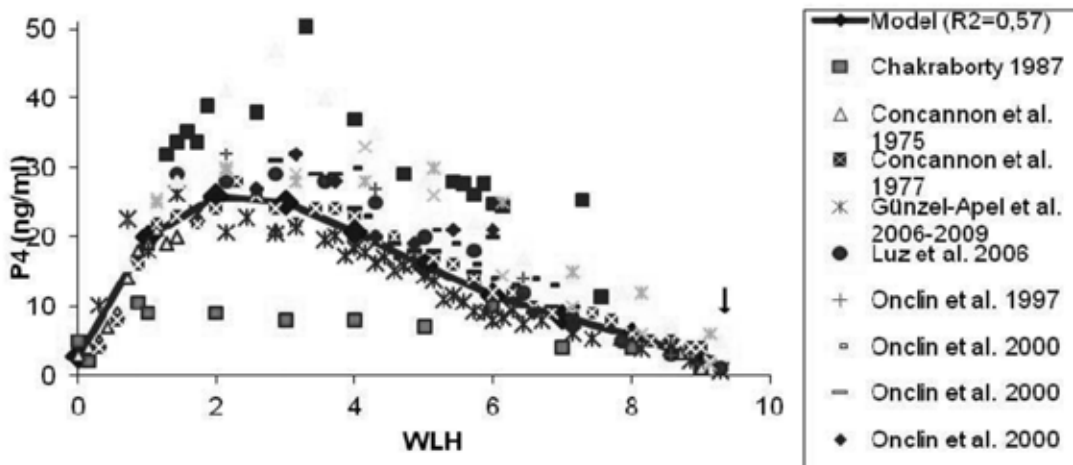


Fig. 2. Mean serum concentrations of serum progesterone (P4) during pregnancy (P4) concentration pattern of a group of 109 bitches with normal pregnancy. W-LH = weeks after the LH peak

CHAMPION SIOBAHN GREYT Expectations

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

1st Baby Puppy Bitch
Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon

1st Minor Puppy Bitch
Andrew O' Loughlin

1st Junior Bitch
Dr Karen Hedberg

1st Intermediate Bitch
Challenge Bitch
Jenny De Lucia

1st Intermediate Bitch
Res Best Bitch
Jane Pike

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Challenge bitch
Greg Green

1st Open Bitch
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normal canine pregnancy have been reported, but the range of values at defined stages of gestation is fairly broad. In this study, a total of 109 bitches (Beagle n=62, Labrador retriever n=24, German shepherd n=11, cross-bred n=8, unknown breed n=4) with normal pregnancy were included (Fig 2). The take home message here is that all dogs follow the curve with enormous variation – each plot is a different group of dogs, not individuals, and there can be such a large difference between groups.

As described earlier the bitch is dependent upon the production of progesterone from the corpus luteum to maintain pregnancy. Once plasma progesterone declines to levels below 6nmol/L for a period of 24-48 hours, expulsion or resorption of uterine contents occurs be it at term or pre-term (Smith, 2018). Clinically it is difficult to determine if the progesterone levels drop due to the pregnancy itself, due to other causes or due to primary luteal insufficiency. Hypoluteoidism is characterized by insufficient progesterone secretion by the corpora lutea during pregnancy and is difficult to diagnose because a decrease in plasma progesterone concentration is a normal physiological response to fetal distress and it accompanies premature delivery or abortion due to any cause (Görlinger et al, 2005). There are reports of suspected cases or an increased risk for hypoluteoidism in certain breeds (i.e., primarily German Shepherds) (Betcher et al, 2010; Rosset et al, 2010) which may indicate a genetic component, however, no further research published that examines this possibility (Hinderer et al, 2021).

Supplementation of progesterone to the pregnant bitches comes with considerable risks for the bitch and the puppies, including prolonged gestation and dystocia, agalactia, pyometra and resultant septicemia, placentitis, masculinization of female fetuses, fetal abnormalities, or fetal death (Eilts, 1992; Tsutsui, 1983; Görlinger, 2005), it is unsurprising that most veterinarians use caution against its use without a firm diagnosis (Hinderer, 2021).

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Glossary of terms:

- Agalactia** – not producing milk
- Corpus luteum** – anatomical structure on the ovary where the ovulated egg arises from and remains throughout pregnancy releasing progesterone to maintain said pregnancy
- Diestrus** – period of quiescence between oestrous cycles
- Diurnal** – of or during the day
- Dystocia** – difficulty in birthing, can be due to multiple factors such as foetal size, pelvic size, foetal death, failure of uterine contraction
- Endogenous** – arising from within an organism
- Estradiol** – oestrogen hormone produced in the ovaries
- Exogenous** – arising from outside an organism
- Follicular cells** – cells of the ovaries where the egg arises from
- Luteal** – associated with the corpus luteum and hormone production
- Luteal cell** – cell associated with corpus luteum on the ovary at the time of ovulation and pregnancy
- Luteinization** – maturation of the follicular cells on the ovaries – luteinization hormone released to aid ovulation together with theca interna cells and granulosa cells that in turn create a corpus luteum
- Molecule** – small cellular substrate or compound, defined as 2 or more atoms bonded together
- nmol/L** – nanomoles per liter – unit of measurement of progesterone levels in the serum – not to be confused with assessing via ng/mL – nanograms per milliliter
- Oestrous** – period of sexual receptivity, in season/heat
- Ovariectomies** – removal of the ovaries, done surgically
- Ovulation** – discharging of eggs/ova ready for fertilisation
- Parturition** – whelping
- Placentitis** – infection at the site of the placenta
- Pro-oestrus** – period of early sexual receptivity at the beginning of a season/heat
- Prolactin** – hormone produced by the pituitary gland in the brain that stimulates milk production
- Pyometra** – infection within the uterus
- Relaxin** – hormone produced by the uterine lining during pregnancy
- Septicemia** – infection within the blood stream
- Serum** – protein rich blood component
- Steroidogenesis** – production of hormones or steroids that naturally occur in the body
- Synthetic** – man made or made by chemical synthesis
- By Candice Baker – resource wikipedia

OUR NOSE WORK JOURNEY



OUR nose work journey began in 2017 when I came across a Facebook post advertising K9 Nose Work® classes. I was intrigued and thought that spending more time with our lovely German Shepherd Winola Little Boots, known as Lexie, could be fun.

My family had German Shepherds my entire life, my husband and I have owned three. I have never competed in dog sports before, but I must say I am totally obsessed with nose work and have been actively involved from the beginning. I love that it's a sport for all types of dogs, and only 1 dog participates at a time. I have spent a lot of time working with Lexie to be less reactive around other dogs and contribute some of this success to nose work activities. I have met so many great people during this time, and some I call my close supportive friends.

K9 Nose Work® was founded in California in 2006 with six dogs and has caught on worldwide with thousands of dogs being exposed to this activity and sport. I like to describe K9 Nose Work as scent detection for all types of pet dogs, where a dog gets to use their natural hunting and scenting instincts; while being supported by a handler and having lots of FUN at the same time.

Back to 2017, Lexie and I attended a 6 week Introduction to K9 Nose Work course, this comprised of a 1 hour class per week. Lexie was what I referred to as reactive around other dogs, especially in proximity to other dogs, she would have sensed my uncertainty about this new location and activity. I need not have worried as the instructor was wonderful and I really loved that the wellbeing and safety of the dog were paramount. Only one dog is permitted in the search area at any time, all the others are either crated or secured in a vehicle. The first class introduced K9 Nose Work and how empty cardboard boxes are utilised, the evening went well. Fast forward to week six, we had learned a lot, and we graduated which was such a relief and so exciting. This was just the beginning, Lexie loves going to what I call 'sniffies'.

Following graduation, we enrolled in a 6 week introduction to odour class. The introduction to odour class is a similar program to the initial intro classes, however introduces a target odour for the dog to find. The target odours used in K9 Nose Work® are essential oils, starting with birch and eventually introducing anise and clove. The 6 week block flew by way too quickly as we were loving these classes. The classes in Queensland stop over the summer period due to the heat and ensure a safe environment for the dogs. Even though only 12 weeks had passed I think I was hooked and couldn't wait for classes to recommence.

2018 was another fantastic year, Fred Helfers, a subject matter expert and detection dog training legend came to Australia from the US to present his workshop Understanding Olfaction from 'Foundation to Finesse', Lexie and I were privileged to secure a working spot. He had me laughing when attempting to teach me to dance around boxes whilst Lexie was attached to a long line. The aim of this exercise is to teach the handler to manage a long line, without getting it getting tangled or dropping the leash on the boxes, or the floor or your dog whilst giving the dog plenty of space to search for odour without you blocking the source of the odour, and then reward the dog with food promptly. It is like trying to learn to drive a manual car, back in the day. Fred and I have remained in contact, he has always happy to answer any queries I may have.

As 2018 came to an end Lexie and I were presented with the Ultimate K9 Sniffer Squad founding member medal and the Ultimate Team Award at the annual presentation and Christmas party. How exciting to receive an award for spending quality time with your dog.

The Ultimate K9 'Sniffer Squad' have a Facebook page that encourages students and members to ask questions, seek instructor feedback, post videos and generally brag about how good our dogs are. I was extremely proud of Lexie and was keen to learn, so was a regular contributor to the group.

In addition to this being an activity for fun, it is also a sport that you can compete in at trials which appealed to my competitive streak. Prior to trialling it is a requirement for the dog to be registered with the Australian Canine Scent Work Association (ACSW®), the registration is active for the lifetime of the dog. All dogs are eligible to register i.e., pedigree, rescue, mixed breeds etc. All handlers are required to have an active ACSW® membership to trial. To compete at a trial, the dog / handler team must successfully complete an Odour Recognition Test (ORT) for the relevant target odours.

An ORT tests the dog's ability to detect the target odour and the handler's ability to observe or read the dogs change in behaviour. Although successful completion of an ORT is required to trial it does not predict a dog's readiness for trial. Some dogs are not ready to be crated, or sit in a vehicle for a full day, or have the stamina to search four areas at a trial for example. One year after commencing Lexie successfully achieved her ORT for anise and birch and 5 months later clove, she was awarded her ORT Title.

Some people might suggest I am crazy, although most of the readers are probably dog-obsessed so would understand, 2 years into our journey I drove 13 hours to compete at our first trial. We were not successful in achieving the NW1 title as we only got a score of 75/100, you need 100 points to title. Although we didn't title this time, we were awarded a Partnership Award, they can be awarded for each

element, where the judge believes the team showed exceptional quality. In my opinion, these awards are very special, and as this was our first trialling attempt, I came away feeling successful. 3 months later we achieved our NW1 Title.

Fast forward over the next 5 years and we continue to attend 6 week blocks of training. We have never missed a block and there is still so much to learn and practice.

COVID-19 slowed down our trialling opportunities, however, we have successfully achieved the following Titles L1V, L1E, L1I and NW2 in 2020 – 2021.

I have volunteered many hours at K9 Nose Work events which has afforded me the opportunity to observe hundreds of dog / handler teams and co-hosted a few trials. I love watching the joy and love the handlers have for their dog.

Keen to develop my knowledge, in early 2020 I travelled to the USA with a few other Aussies and attended the California Narcotics Canine Association (CNCA) conference, where I caught up with Fred Helfers and was very lucky to meet some more great professional detection dog handlers such as Cameron Ford from Ford K9. Cameron produces excellent Podcasts titled K9s Talking Scents, the topics are suitable for new and experienced handlers.

During the USA trip, I was afforded the opportunity to volunteer at a NW3 trial at Riverside, California at an Air Reserve Base and was privileged to be a Judges Steward for another renowned detection dog handler Pete Stevens. Another highlight of this trip was to visit one of the hotels in Las Vegas and be taken behind the scenes into the professional canine kennels, meet the Director of the K9 detection team and chat about the detection program implemented. There was even time for a photo shoot with one of the dogs.

In 2020, I decided (with a little encouragement from my instructor) to enrol in the Certified Nose Work Instructor (CNWI) training and certification program. The training is conducted by two of the creators and founders of K9 Nose Work® and the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). By early 2021 I had completed all the requirements and became a CNWI. Wow, that was exciting. One of the takeaway messages this is an obedience free activity, the aim is to ‘...help free up the dogs from the influence of human control, even for a little while, and enjoy the game on their terms’. This is probably one thing new handlers struggle with when they initially commence the Intro to Nose Work block, standing back and observing their dogs and allowing the dog to do what it's naturally born to do.

For the past year I have been co-instructing K9 Nose Work® classes, we have a high percentage of our students continuing with classes beyond the intro classes. It is so rewarding being part of their nose work journey; and watching the bonds being built and strengthened with their dogs. We have dogs on week 1 that will not leave their handlers side, some will not put their head in a box, some are so wary of others in the room, it is so rewarding watching the dogs gain confidence over the weeks. The students smiles and the cheers as they watch the other teams have some wins. At classes we encourage the students to think of all the dogs as our dogs, there is so much to learn from watching all teams. I don't have any favourites, but my heart beats that little bit faster when I watch our students that have GSD's. Who can resist a GSD puppy with floppy ears, and awkward puppy gait?

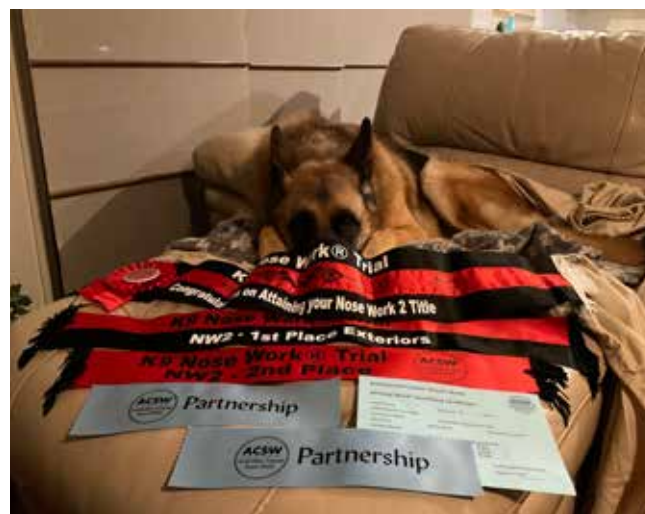
2021 took me to another level as I recently finalised

the requirements as an ACSW® certified Level 1 Judge, and I am sure 2022 will be a great year.

If you are looking for a different activity or sport for your dog, I can highly recommend K9 Nose Work®. It is suitable for dogs of all ages, dogs with disabilities, environmental sensitivities, reactivity or require space around other dogs or humans, small or giant-sized dogs. It is an activity for all dogs if it has a nose, it can participate. If you are looking for further information have a look at ACSW® <https://acsw.com.au/>

Who knows where life will take you, love your dog, they are here for such a short time.

Donna Williams & Lexie



****Lenin vd Grafenburg***

'a' Normal (ZW 78) ED Normal IPO2 BH, AD V Rated (Imp DEU)

2019 BSZS JHKR (Intermediate) SG28



SIRE: *Pepe v Bordetal **DAM:** *Tattoo vd Grafenburg

Line breeding: Quenn Loher Weg 4-4

Lenin has a super character, richly pigmented and excellent work ethic, and his bloodline includes: -
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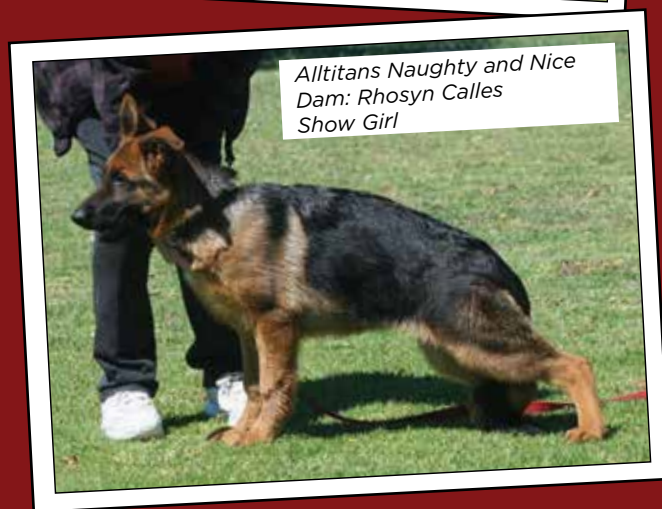
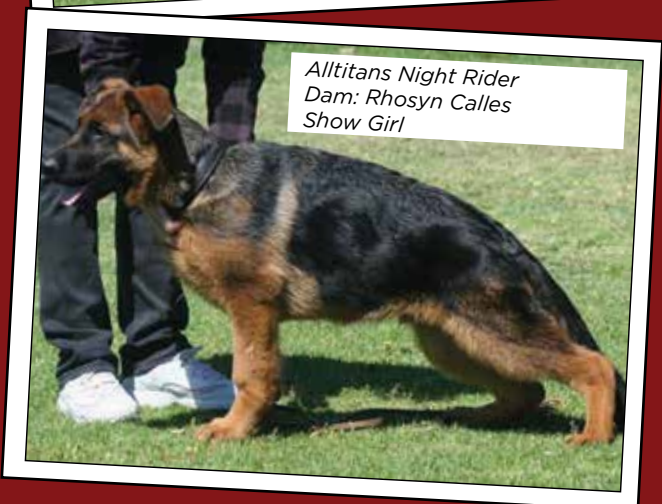
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Name: Sundaneka Yalina
 DOB: 21.3.21
 Sire: *Pirlo von Arminius (IMP DEU) IGP3
 HD:normal ED:normal
 Dam: *Sundaneka Inca Gold AZ
 Owner: GD & K Stevenson



Name: Vondelrae Geeze Louise
 DOB: 23/7/2021
 Sire: Stolzerhund Remember Me
 Dam: Wildhertz Let's Dream Big
 Owners: J & L Phillis & C & J Bird



Name: Belluna Celtic Light
 DOB: 1/5/2021
 Sire: CH Alimanda It's All About Me AZ
 Multi ex
 Dam: Belluna Allize AZ multi ex
 Owner : Serena Mitchell - Belluna kennels



Name: CINDERHOF SANSAA
 DOB: 12th May 2021
 Sire: *Chili della Valcuvia
 Dam: *Vanland Ava AZ
 Owner: Judith and John Strachan



Name: Babenberg Valentino
 DOB: 11/03/2021
 Sire: *Lenin von der Grafenburg a ED
 (Imp Deu) IPO 2
 Dam: *Babenberg Tiffany AZ
 Owner: Babenberg Kennels



Name: Sheprose Dream Catcher
 DOB:
 Sire: Obama du Montigson
 Dam: Ch Sheprose I've got Morals
 Owner: Beryl Owen



Name: Komatzu Funky Merlin
 DOB: 27/04/21
 Sire: Macho Vom Lamorak
 Dam: Komatzu Back in Barrack bscl
 Owner: Jak Redmond



Name: : Kingland Olive
 DOB: 12/8/21
 Sire: *Chili Della Valcuvia (Imp UK)
 Dam: * Kingland Venice AZ
 Owner: Lorraine King



Name: Kingland Franklin
 DOB: 16/8/21
 Sire: *Chili Della Valcuvia
 Dam: *Kingland Fancy That AZ
 Owner: Lorraine King



Name: Roxamburg Coming To Get You
 DOB: 19/06/2021
 Sire: *Wulkano-Uno Von Schnitzerteam Dam:
 Dam: *Ch Roxamburg Rebel For Kicks Az
 Exh: Glenn & Kristy Hall



Name: Germulf The Lucky One
 Puppy DOB: 04/09/2021
 Sire: *Rimerini Expect The Unexpected AZ
 Dam: * Astasia Ziki AZ
 Owner: Ms T Stacey & Miss K Stacey.



Name: Vladimir Th Ants Pants
 DOB: 26.6.2021
 Sire: *Chilli della Valcuvia
 Dam: *Vladimir Me Me I'm First
 Owner: Grant, Dianne and Kurt Morton

Team Azincourt

Hope that your Christmas was a great celebration at the end of 2021



And we look forward to Catching up with everyone around the rings in 2022.

We are keen to introduce our new team members to everyone and look forward to having Dior continue her success.

But more than anything, stay safe and travel well in what we hope will be a better year for all.

Very best wishes from
Azincourt Kennels, Chelsea, Jessica & Sharon Bird

SHOWING POTENTIAL



Name: Gewalt Just Cruzin
 DOB: 18th July 21
 Dam: Gewalt Pink Panther AZ
 Sire: CH Schaeferhund Xesko
 AZ CL 1 DM Clear
 Owners: Halina Sweeney and Helen Bondarenko



Name: Sheprose calamity Jane please
 DOB: 29/04/2021
 Sire: Xander vom Grabfeldgau
 Dam: Kyoara Holly
 Owner: Beryl Owen



Name: Debbar Quentessa
 DOB: 09/05/21
 Sire: Chili Della Valcuvia
 Dam: Debbar Isabella
 Owner: Mrs D O'Keefe

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SOCIALISING PUPPIES, JUVENILES AND DOGS

Val Bonney

How important is this.?

The word “socialising” has been around for many years. Many meanings have been allotted to it, most of them quite correct, just worded in different ways. Breeders, owners, and trainers have understood the importance of socialisation for a long time. Accordingly, they spend much time socialising puppies and juveniles from a very early age. However, it is not just for very young dogs. Socialising happens throughout the dog’s life in any new circumstances the dog and owners find themselves in. It is something we need to do for life. When training puppies and families, the word “familiarise” can be used in place of socialisation, which may help the client get a real handle on what socialising means.

How important is it for our puppies, in particular, to be well socialised?

It is one of the most important things we can do for any new puppy we may take on. Without proper socialising, our puppies don’t have the tools they need to live comfortably in the world. Socialising gives the dog a chance to practice their emotional response to a stimulus; that way, the stimulus itself is not so scary in the future.

For example, when talking about people, if you are scared of heights and no one ever exposes you to them or allows you to experience it in a safe environment, where you can process your emotional response, you will continue to be scared of heights. Your dog’s feel the same way about your vacuum cleaner, hairdryer, and the dog next door; they need time to process the stimulus and form a reaction, which you, as the owner, are there to guide.

Socialising/familiarising is not a difficult thing to teach. It just needs to be identified by the owner, and then time needs to be taken to teach the dog. If you read their body language, the dog will often let you know they may be having a hard time with something new. By paying attention to what the dog is “saying”, owners can understand their puppy or dog’s needs through their body language. Having a puppy is a three-way street. You and your family, the dog, and the environment in which they live.

Definition of socialising (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)*
transitive verb

- 1: to make social especially: to fit or train for a social environment
- 2: to adapt to social needs or uses
3. intransitive verb: to participate actively in a social group

Definition of familiarising (Oxford Dictionary) *

give (someone) knowledge or understanding of something.

Furthermore, when discussing socialisation with canines, it is often broken down into three main sections:

- 1) Canine - Canine
- 2) Canine - Human
- 3) Canine - Environment

Canine - Canine Socialising:

The puppy starts socialising as soon as it is born. It hopefully has been born to a healthy, sound mum with a great temperament and is one of several offspring. It has the feeling of others around it, even though as yet it can’t see them. It feels pretty secure where it is and is hopefully feeling comfortable in its environment. In a relatively short time, it is mixing with its siblings, playing with them. By about 4 to 5 weeks of age, it is learning to read the body language each are telling the other and giving back the body language they all puppies/dogs understand. Pup is already socialising (being social in its environment and forming the disposition it will carry into adulthood.) Of course, this includes biting and mouthing, but that will have to wait until another article. This biting and mouthing is another important period which needs to be understood and explored in a future article.

Dog to dog “bullying” is not acceptable but can be quite normal behaviour with littermates. A good handler of the litter will stop any form of bullying they may encounter when it is noticed. Stopping any bullying is crucial, as it allows the puppies of smaller size in the litter to feed and gain strength freely.

Suppose the pup is removed from the litter for any reason at this crucial age. In that case, it may never have had the chance to learn about the body language which is vital for dogs to understand as they get older. If not taught and understood by their new owner how important it is, they may never really reach their full potential. This is where socialising with other pups around their age grouping plays an essential role in their adult lives. Things such as puppy school, friends or family’s dogs, and more, are all great examples of ways to build up your furry friend’s canine-canine socialisation skills.

It can’t be emphasised enough how important it is that you choose or recommend the best puppy school you can. Puppy schools of note are not just about product and play; it is far more than that. It is essential to understand why the puppy does the things it does and how to work with them using their instincts to hear, point, run, or a hundreds of other things the puppy was born to do.

It is highly recommended that you go and see the puppy school in action before you choose or recommend them for training. Puppies need to be around other puppies and be able to play, sometimes even what we might consider a little over the top, without being afraid. This play teaches the dog how to interact with their furry friends, what another dog will tolerate, and what it won’t. It provides them with a chance to experiment with behaviour and receive direct feedback on their actions, which is how they learn from each other, especially when they are young. This should be balanced with the puppies co-existing in the same space, without necessarily being on top of each other playing and touching. Remember, socialisation and play can be two separate things for the dog to learn; all play is technically socialisation, but not all socialisation is play!

What happens to a puppy between the age of 8 to 16 weeks sets the basis of its actions for the rest of its life. It is the most potent “imprint” period in the

dog's life cycle. It is such a critical time for any dog, regardless of breed. Your dog never forgets the good things that happen during this time, but nor does it ever really forget any trauma that may occur, and it certainly sets a strong foundation for your dog's ability to continue to further learning/obedience, Rally-O, Herding, Trick Training, Scenting etc.

Puppies should socialise with both dogs of their age and older dogs but always err on the side of caution when introducing older dogs to a puppy. This includes older dogs already in residence, and on-lead introductions in a neutral space can be beneficial.

Canine - Human Socialising:

Dogs must become very comfortable around humans of all ages, sizes and circumstances. Dogs can become fearful when they are only ever handled by only one person. It's not the case, however, that they are guaranteed to become fearful. Still, it certainly makes it much easier for the dog when they mix with a wide variety of people. Being handled by young children and older people helps the dog understand that there is more than one human they need to understand. Done well, young dogs should not have any problems with humans ever.

How do you socialise canines with humans?

It starts by managing the puppy when around other people and not allowing them to jump up, bark etc. An easy way to begin to do this is to place the dog on a lead before people arrive at your house, if possible, and tether them to a particular spot; this may be a bed, crate, or something else sturdy. This will eliminate your dog's ability to run at the door, jump on guests and develop bad habits. As people enter your house, instruct them to stay calm, and once they have entered, retrieve your dog and introduce them on lead to the guests. The presence of the lead allows you instant control of any destructive behaviours that may occur. It is also critically important to praise good behaviour, not just focus on the negative. This same method can be applied to meeting people in public. Inform the person to stay calm and manage your dog's behaviour with your lead and perhaps some treats if they do the right thing (a pat or toy works too!). Practising this whenever possible helps the dog settle quickly and allows them to understand how they should behave. It gives the dog an understanding of how to manage their emotional response to seeing another person, which is often exciting and instead, it allows you to keep them under control and well-behaved. These are all good training practices. There are others.

Until COVID-19, our puppy training included swapping puppies. Each family or owner took another puppy for just a few minutes. At Bonnies, we recognised that some owners were really on their own at home, so swapping puppies allowed for every puppy to be handled by different people. It could be seen that this had a very profound effect on the puppies over several weeks. More confidence with everyone allowed the puppy to be as comfortable as possible. It had very positive ongoing outcomes for vets, groomers and others who worked on or with the puppy in the future, as the puppy understood they were safe. They knew exactly how to behave when handled. If you are not in a position where you can attend puppy training, this is one of the most important things you can try to organise for your puppy while they are little. Get them to interact calmly with as many people as possible. People

who understand just what they are doing!

It is suggested that each family have a set of written rules all can uphold, when it comes to socialisation. How do we want our puppy to interact with others? What do we do when they see another person or dog? What is expected from them before they are allowed to greet another person?

Families could put their list of rules for the dog on the fridge, so everyone is on the same page on how to approach things: same commands, same voice corrections, same hand signals, same rules. We encourage clients to use common words each family member can understand, which may even be in another language. This can be a bit of extra fun and can provide you and your puppy a little bit more of a special connection, as they will only understand you (however, be careful with this if you leave them somewhere to go away on holidays). Remember, like humans, we understand the language we are taught. Remember here dogs understand the sound words make, (each word used has a different sound to the dog not whether it is in English or a different language.) Hand signals should be used with vocal commands as well as on their own. Dogs understand and read body language. Use hand signals - even if they are different to the standard hand signals used in obedience, it is ok. As long as the whole family uses precisely the same signals, the dog will learn and develop regardless.

Canine - Environment Socialising:

Way too many people forget the value of environmental training. We suggest that everyone at puppy school train and mentor the puppy with everything they use at home. If, for example, they have a vacuum cleaner, they should bring it out and walk around pushing it when it is not turned on. The puppy will begin to understand there is nothing that will hurt or bother them. After doing this a couple of times, then turn it on and start to use it. Generally, and where possible, it is suggested that another family member have the puppy on a lead and let the puppy go up and look at - and sniff, then say, "come", and give them a treat or reward when the dog returns to them and ignores the distraction. It may take a couple of times over a few days. Still, the puppy will learn to manage their emotional response to seeing the vacuum.

There are puppies who love the robot cleaner. Before it barked and jumped on it, then a little time spent with the puppy training, they now have a puppy who rides around on top of the Robot without barking but just having fun going for a ride. If he gets too excited, they turn it off and put it away. The Robot I mean not the puppy.. Puppies are puppies and not robots - they love to have fun.. Thank goodness for that.

When you get a puppy, walk them alongside you when you take out the wheelie bin. Introduce them to the blower, mower, whipper snipper etc. Don't expect them to know what things are purely because you do; they don't know about anything when they are little; they need to be shown!

A very common phrase trainers will hear, "My dog does this perfectly at home but just won't do it here (at training)!" The response to this question is often something along the lines of, do you have all the same smells at home? Do you have all of the other ten dogs at training at home? Do you have these plants at home? How many times has your dog been asked to do these things around distractions? It is

essential to realise that training in your house, whilst extremely valuable, does not mean that training will be applicable in different environments, that needs to be taught. All and any training makes for great socializing.

Final Thoughts:

Training at home, in the home environment with one set of rules, is setting the puppy up for success into the future, not failure. Consistent, balanced, calm, controlled, concise commands given correctly and in a timely way gives our new puppy every chance in the world that they will have the very best life they can. It doesn't matter where you live, whom you live with, what you live in or whatever lifestyle you choose; a puppy who is beautifully socialised has every chance to become your best mate. When people ask, "When do we train and for how long at a time?" we say the following. Whenever you engage with your puppy, you have an opportunity to educate and train them.

One minute of positive interaction done consistently over the day is enough. If you have four people in the family and each person gives the puppy one minute of their time 4 or 5 times a day means the puppy is learning consistently. Over a day, this can equate to 20 minutes of positive engagement. And pup/dog is not even aware it is being directed into becoming a wonderful companion. Win, Win. Good luck, and give your furry friends a pat from us!

Article Written by The Bonney Family (Val, Peter and Christian) 3 Generations of us.

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P.S. (Spelling using a Z is American English, i.e. Socialise / Socialize - relates to human interaction, and whilst we should try not to anthropomorphise human feelings and traits onto our canine mates, we acknowledge this can be used as a generic term used for canine interactions)

THREE WOMEN WHO MADE IT HAPPEN AND THEIR RECOLLECTIONS

"In this modern age, most judges who visit us from Germany have English as a second language. This wasn't always the case and the GSDCA was absolutely reliant on our interpreters to hold international shows. They have provided us an invaluable service and we are including a profile of Honey Gross-Richardson and the recollections of Friedl Gehring and Elke Effler. Rain and shine, all three women were out there dealing with all the personalities and hub bub of the show, taking it in stride and allowing us to hear from officiating judges. Well done ladies!"

Honey Gross-Richardson

It is my honour and privilege to put together this recognition of the wonderful service given to the German Shepherd Breed and the various dog clubs and organisations that Honey Gross-Richardson has been involved in over many, many years.

When I was asked to do this article I wondered where I would start in trying to capsule all the involvement that Honey has had with so many organisations. I decided to concentrate mainly on her involvement with the GSDA of WA and of course the GSDCA and later in the report I will list all the organisations that she has been an integral part of.

It was in mid 1971 that Honey, along with her husband Ulrich Gross and their home bred GSD Rex, joined the GSDA of WA. Rex was used to being walked off leash in Germany and was finding it difficult to cope with the WA laws where the GSD's came under the Alsation Dog Act which meant having to be constantly on leash. So Honey joined the GSDA where Rex could train side by side with dogs of his own size. Training with Rex in Balga was fun for both Honey and Rex.

Honey became an instructor with the GSDA around 1973 and was asked by Peter Neville, who was the

Training Supervisor at the time, to teach her style of training to all the trainee trainers from that time on.

A few years later Honey met the Agricultural Protection Officer (Rick Richardson) who administered the Alsation Dog Act in WA. Rick tattooed every GSD on arrival in WA and checked the sterilization papers. Honey introduced Rick to the GSDA of WA where they became inseparable. The rest, as they say, is history when Honey became Honey Gross-Richardson.

Honey and Rick bred under the pre-fix of Ameliaberg and this is where my wife and I first met Honey when we purchased our first German Shepherd, which was named Ameliaberg Fames Honey, in 1994 and so began a very long and enjoyable friendship with Honey.

Honey's Happy Training from Pre-Kindy to UD was the training tool used by the GSDA of WA along with weekly homework sheets to help the new puppy owners in their quest to own a well behaved and well socialised German Shepherd. It was recognised that the new members would probably have difficulties in remembering everything taught to them at training during class and the homework sheets would help enormously.

Honey spent some considerable time (about 6 years) working with the demonstration team with Tobarro Dingalara (Konig) who made GSDA of WA History by becoming the first Australian Obedience Champion of our breed in Western Australia.

Some photos below demonstrating some of the activities of this special lady.



Honey presenting one of our members (Eric Herson) with his Winner of Winners award from the 2011 National German Shepherd Dog Show and Trial in Sydney



Honey presenting a trophy to our current Club President (Ian Heard) at one of the recent presentation days.



Honey was the proud recipient of the WUSV Honour Certificate and medallion for her time as the SV Liaison Officer and interpreter.



Honey stepped away from her long held position of Obedience Chair / Training Supervisor of the GSDA of WA in 2020 after about 45 years in the role. Honey also ran the Northern Suburbs ground at Otago Park for a number of years on her own until it became too much for her which coincided with the ground being closed during the early part of the COVID 19 Lock Down in Perth. The ground was actually closed on the 16th March 2020.



I would suggest that this could probably be an absolute favourite photo which shows Honey with her very dear friend and long-time GSDA of WA Patron James Clarko (Deceased)

James was Patron for over 40 years and Honey took over the role in 2020. Jim, as he was always known by his many friends, would have been delighted to have known that his friend Honey was being recognised for her work with the German Shepherd Breed.

The GSDA of WA will be forever grateful for the Time, Devotion and Commitment that Honey has always shown towards the Club, The Members and most of all the German Shepherd Breed. She has been a stalwart of the GSDA of WA, the GSDCA, Dogswest and of course as Liaison Officer for the WUSV.

Listed below is the list of clubs and positions held by Honey during her time of involvement:-

- ANKC - Interpreter, GSDCA / WUSV Liaison Officer.
Group 5 & 6 Championship Show Judge.
Obedience, Rally O, ET, Tracking, TSD, and Agility Judge
DWD Judge (Heelwork to music and freestyle) Trick Dog Judge
- GSDCA - Specialist Judge and Breed Surveyor (Now Retired)
The GSDCA Service Award was presented to Honey at the 2005 Queensland National Show by the GSDCA President Vince Tantaró. Honey was the Chair of the GSDCA Obedience Committee from 1996 to 2001
- GSDA of WA- Obedience Chair for over 40 years now retired.
Made a Life Member of the GSDA in 1982
Became the Patron of the GSDA of WA in 2020
- Dogswest - Former Obedience Chair and representative
Former Director of Dogswest Canine Good Companion Programme and Temperament Assessor for the programme.
Life Member of Dogswest.

Foundation member of Trackwest in WA

Patron of Advanced Tracking Club of WA

Honey and Rick's Ameliaberg Pre-fix bred 50 GSD's with the A and /or Z Stamps and 30 Breed Surveyed and/or ET & Performance titled dogs.

Honey was a lecturer on training with positive reinforcement and behaviour modification for special needs dogs.

As an active member of the GSDA of WA for 50 years, Honey thoroughly deserves this formal recognition and I sincerely hope that I have done this story of her recognition justice.

It has been my absolute pleasure to be involved in the recognition of the special person that Honey certainly is.

Ian Marr.

Obedience Chair of the GSDA of WA

A JUDGES VOICE

ElkeEffler



An interpreter's role at our shows is obvious. We are the ears and mouthpiece for the assigned judges; we follow them step by step and convert their German into English, and back again. It requires intense and total concentration, and you will have seen

me fixating on a point or object as I listened and feverishly attempted to remember, if not every word, certainly the gist of the of the message. Everyone sees You see us in the tent, our back to the dogs, translating to the stenographer as the judge critiques. You hear us translate the judge presenting and describing his classes, and later, his words of wisdom, at the trophy presentation evening. But what is it like for the interpreter?

In the early eighties, Friedel Gehring and Juergen Neddermeyer were run off their feet, interpreting and fulfilling their judge's appointments. Management urgently needed another interpreter, and so my volunteer interpreting career began.

I remember my first show. It was the National, and I worked for Walter Martin, who didn't need an interpreter but still insisted on having one. Jurgen was the other interpreter, but I cannot remember his judge. Friedel judged the baby puppies. Although Walter was hugely popular, we instantly miscued. A highly amusing and prolific storyteller, with a knack for always being the centre of attention, surrounded by people howling with laughter, I detected another side, and he knew it. I couldn't always keep a smile pinned to my face or laugh at his tales. We rubbed along as best we could, without ever warming to each other.

That show taught me a valuable lesson. I learned my role had to include being alert, keeping the peace, and standing buff if a judge was not in the best of moods. As my confidence grew with experience, my style improved and I could usually keep the peace by finding something humorous to exploit. And sympathy is always a useful tool.

I'm not the life-and-soul-of-the-party type, but my funny bone is fast off the mark. As soon as a judge and I have overcome the first awkwardness of a new acquaintance, and we find something to laugh about, restraint drops away. German is such a funny language, I love it. I know, I know, many won't believe me, but, trust me, German is dry, humorous and so very witty. We settle into our language, a sense of camaraderie happens by osmosis, and we know this will be a super show. However, I realised early on only to take the lead if 'my' judge was shy. 'Don't hog the limelight', became my mantra.

Quickly gauging a new judge's idiosyncrasies, strengths and weaknesses, and their working style helped ensure the judge's tent was a happy and well-functioning place. Of course, everyone in the tent contributed. But the interpreter carried the responsibility by being the direct conduit between the judge and everyone else. It depended on how well the interpreter conveyed words, body language, tone, and demeanour - that special something that makes a person an individual. It all played a huge part in how well the tent, and by extension, the ring, the handlers, and therefore the dogs, performed. Sometimes, I thought it prudent to check. 'Do you really want me to say that?'

'Err, perhaps not.' Or, 'Of course!' Then I would think, 'Okaaay,' take a deep breath and jump in. Be it on your own head, not mine.

To illustrate a positive result, a few years pre-covid, I interpreted for a new judge. We hit it off, as did his wife and me. He was funny and liked to joke, especially when describing the dogs on the pegs. By the afternoon he was on a roll, and through me, had the spectators falling about laughing. He found it refreshing to have his words translated into the same style as he gave them. Going by people's reactions, he knew I had correctly translated his compliments and jokes. It cemented our friendship and endeared him to the spectators and participants alike. He felt understood, welcomed, and part of the group. They liked him and accepted any negative comments in good part.

A competent stenographer who understands the breed standard is a godsend for interpreters. They help make the world go round more smoothly. Stenos such as Louisa, Fran T, or Barbara B., but others too. Sometimes I'd get a word or 'expression-tick' in my brain, when translating on the fly. An awkward turn of phrase sometimes floated into my head, refusing to dislodge. I could then quickly double-check with the stenographer for a better version. If the old phrase refused to budge, at least the stenographer knew what I meant and adjusted accordingly.

A few clumsy English expressions permanently took up residence in my brain, and would pop in to say hello at the next show. I would groan, 'Damn, there it is again. Tell me again please, what is the better version?' I didn't want my work to sound like translations, it should sound English. You guys had no idea how I agonised over such details.

During my first interpreting show, by Saturday evening, my voice box had gone into spasm and barely squeaked. I had never used my voice so much over so many days. Panic. How to survive Sunday, that most important of all days, open dogs, and bitches? Gargling, sucking throat soothers, a night's sleep, my voice hoarse - I presented for duty Sunday morning and survived.

My voice gave out on me one more time, after which I learned to take care of it. With more experience and consistently positive feedback, my confidence grew, the stress lessened, my voice thanked me and dutifully strengthened. I settled into enjoying myself. But I never lost the intense focus I paid to words like 'slightly' because it mattered so much to breeders and owners.

Most judges were easy to work with, and some were painful. I recall an outrageous display of bad manners at a Sydney National. Jurgen Neddermeyer had the

dubious pleasure of interpreting for Dr Beck, who did not need an interpreter, but, like Walter Martin, insisted on having one. On the Saturday evening social, Dr Beck addressed a large audience after dinner, where he gave full rein to his arrogance. How Jurgen managed not to sock him one, I will never know. Jurgen hardly started translating, and Dr Beck instantly corrected him. He did this throughout his whole address. Jurgen struggled but kept his manners. Fortunately, I never encountered this type of rudeness during my career.

One or two judges lacked charisma. They were ordinary, basic, and with an average understanding of anything. When my usually successful charm efforts didn't work, I shrugged my shoulders, knuckled under, and did the best job I could for the participants and their dogs, which is always the best motivator, anyway.

We had the prima donnas, oh boy, we had some beauties. Sorry guys, I'm naming no names, but you can probably guess. Nothing was good enough to please their lordships. Querulous, demanding, ungrateful, arrogant, and expensive.

How to handle them? I learned that my auntie-mama, soothing approach, usually did the trick. 'There, there, you are doing a wonderful job. I hear your dog placed VA last year? Do you have a photo of him with you? I'd love to see it.' You get the picture. Self-centred judges were hard work. And yet, successfully managing them gave me satisfaction knowing my contribution to be meaningful. If the judge was happy, the tent functioned, and the ring hummed.

Then there were the shy, reserved ones. Yes, some German judges are shy, albeit not many. I grant you. Because I am reserved born of shyness too, I found it relatively easy to work with them. Not a barrel of laughs, but okay. They needed to be shielded from too much chatter and questions, preferring to sit quietly and observe. When the judge realised I was a buffer for him, our short friendship warmed, and the show went well.

Friedel alerted me early in my career on the disloyalty existing between the judges. She was right. Sometimes their backstabbing was breathtaking. Occasionally, their venting was justified. Who can forget that disastrous National where my judge was so out of his depth? The show threatened to turn turtle, and he nearly fell apart. His colleague worked hard to help him whilst privately fuming. I kept my judge upright and functioning, and helped him with his speech for the trophy presentation. He begged me to present the speech for him as he couldn't do it. I turned on my grandmama act, virtually held his hand, and got him up. He faced the crowd and delivered his address. It was one of my most shining moments.

I miss interpreting. It has been a gas and a privilege. Mixing with the in-crowd ceased to be difficult for me a long time ago, and is now fun. Interpreting was the one truly useful way I could contribute to our wonderful breed, be in the thick of it, hear extraordinary stories, be active in the ring, meet interesting people and reacquaint with old friends. Even though thirty-odd years is a long time, I would do it again in a heartbeat if needed.

THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE ROLE OF AN INTERPRETER

Friedel Gehring



I have been invited by the editor of the German Shepherd Council of Australia to give an account of my over 20 years' experience as an Interpreter.

Here goes!

It has been quite a journey to fulfil this role to the best of my ability. Let me start with the given criteria without question must be to translate an ACCURATE account of the Judges' verdict.

What presented the challenge was to work with the appointed Judges who all had their own individual style and interpretation of what represents the breed standard of the German Shepherd dog and judge accordingly. It was a given that the interpreter could translate seamlessly and be in tune with the judge no matter what.

There were times when a judge took you on a journey in their choice of words relishing in flamboyance and finesse of describing a dog's virtues. This made our role very enjoyable indeed even though challenging at times to ensure an accurate translation in line with this elevated choice of words of what one may term flair.

Then there were times when it was somewhat difficult to follow and translate for a judge. To avoid misunderstanding I took it upon myself to query what I heard just to make sure I got it right. It was on those rare occasions that I was mostly met with appreciation but sometimes otherwise. It was part of the job to work harmoniously with all personalities even the hard to please ones! It was fun, nevertheless.

It is worth noting here that most SV judges are quite fluent in English and are constrained by the SV's code of conduct to only critique in their mother tongue. They mostly fully understand our translation and any queries, rarely raised, were promptly addressed and clarified.

It is normal for a judge and interpreter to at times discuss an interpretation of a given critique prompted by the judge, which made it interesting for us to accept that there are many ways to say the same thing (many roads lead to Rome).

Then there are the Prima Donna Judges! Oh Boy let the fun begin?! At times I found the job somewhat tedious by virtue of repetition of the same terminology. The saving grace has always been your

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PEPPER OF KUNUNURRA

Dave Lee hales from Tel Aviv and arrived in Australia 18 years ago and has settled in the west.



Five years ago, he teamed up with Pepper, a beautiful girl bred by Nat Humphries and his life since then has been a partnership, with Pepper going wherever he goes, as much as possible. When Pepper was 12 months old, he re-located to Kununurra with his work and was able to pursue his other passion, photography. Obviously, this landscape had a great deal to offer in terms of adventure and beauty and their treks have revealed so many outstanding visions of Australia.

The excursions these two took were mainly day trips, where they would hike together between 1 km and just over 4kms from the car to access amazing, untouched sites surrounding Kununurra and the Ord River area. Being pristine areas, the treks did not come without the challenges Australians are familiar with – the native wildlife such as some pretty formidable snakes and the odd croc or two, both saltwater and freshwater. Dave has made it a rule

never to allow Pepper into any waterhole where he wouldn't go and is very watchful hiking across the bush – there are no tracks this far out!



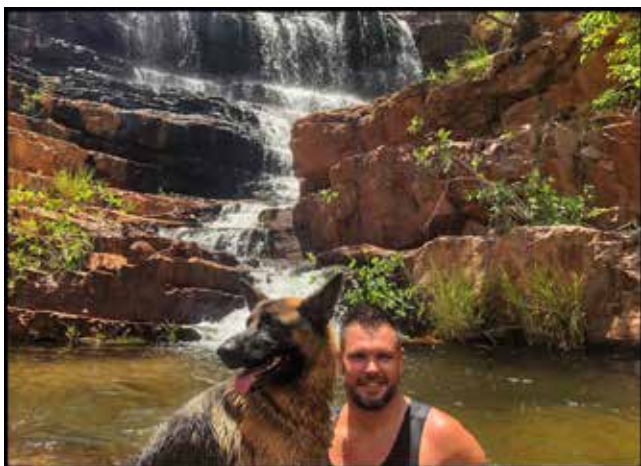
Every outing was an exploration and Pepper has taken to it with gusto. She is an avid swimmer and relished the opportunity for a dip, particularly when the heat was so punishing for a GSD. Dave remarked that the biggest challenges for man and dog are heat and remaining hydrated. Out here they only have three seasons – the dry, the build up and the wet season and even at its coolest, the area is pretty warm by most standards.



For Pepper, there was an added challenge – her paws on hot rock and rough terrain. Dave has adapted some ankle socks to protect her feet and she, as you can see, has taking to this lifestyle with gusto.



But don't think Pepper's life was all exploring. At home in Kununurra, particularly when Dave as a serving Police Officer was on extended assignments away from home., Pepper was the protector of Dave's partner Tash and their three children. Dave described her as very much a family dog, tolerating the enthusiastic attention of their 16 month old and welcoming into the home other animals in need of care



The Lee family has recently re-located to Perth, where Dave notes that Pepper is more comfortable with less heat.



But you have to wonder how long it be before these two get itchy feet to go exploring again!



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trusty stenographer working tirelessly at your side making sure you are in tune with one another. I have always been so grateful for their expertise. It is after all a team effort!

We “the interpreter” are the tolerated ones and sometimes the liked ones. Mostly we try to be the Invisible ones if that's possible???

Some Judges like you at their beck and call around the ring and will expect you to be there to assist in small ways apart from interpreting.

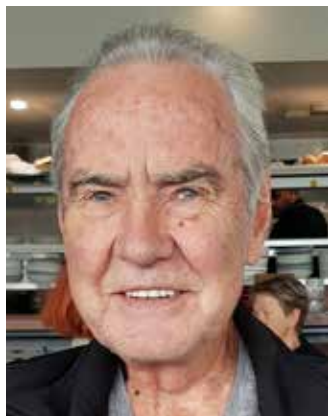
The interpreter has a role to play in the scheme of things that is governed by the personality of the judge and his/her wishes.

Always enjoyed by us but not to be seen by exhibitor and/or spectator as being involved other than what we are engaged for!

I particularly enjoyed interpreting the judge's verdicts at the conclusion of judging the classes and the wrap of the Show. Although at times challenging some judges would be so emersed in their critiques that they'd forget to take a breather between lengthy summations.

At the end of the day the role of the interpreter is nothing more than a mouthpiece for the judges.

IF YOU WANT A JOB DONE, FIND FRANK!.....



Frequently, at a dog show you will pass someone whose face has always been there, but frequently, you will not appreciate the contribution they've made to our hobby.

For fifty years, Frank Moody has made mammoth and sustained contributions that have benefitted the German Shepherd Dog and the lasting value that

these have to each and every one of us, whether we are breeding better dogs because of the tools he's helped provide or we own a dog that is the result of the knowledge his tools provide.

As with all of us, it all started with that first dog which Frank acquired in Adelaide in 1971 and so began his service to the breed with Frank an active member of GSDCSA from that point, till moving to Brisbane in 1974, where he held a number of roles, amongst them Show Secretary. It was whilst living in Queensland that Frank established Shaleedy Kennels.

Frank again re-located in 1978, this time to Melbourne, which he has made his home since. On arrival, he re-established his links with the German Shepherd world immediately and in the intervening 43 years, some of the roles that Frank Moody has held are:

- Joined Western Branch committee in 1982 as Social Secretary.
- Branch Manager of Western Branch from 1988 to 1990, and again from 1999 to 2002.
- Became a GSDCV Tattoo Officer in 1982 and ceased as of 2017 when tattooing ceased.
- GSDCV Tattoo Registrar from 1984 to 2004.
- GSDCV Show Instructor in 1989 to current.
- Received Outstanding Service Award in 1991.
- Member of Constitution Committee 1995/96 (complete re-write of GSDCV Constitution) – and again from 2014-2017.
- Secretary of GSDCV in 1996.
- Vice-President of the GSDCV from 1991 to 1994, again in 1997, again 2003 to 2004, and again in 2018 to 2019.
- President of the GSDCV from 2004 to 2007.

For his tireless service to the Victorian Club, Frank received a Life Membership in 1997.

Whilst the Victorian Club has benefitted greatly from Frank's involvement, the wider GSD community would not have done so had it not been for his at the Council level. In the "good old days" before

microchips and government databases, the only way to trace a GSD bred by a member was through the ear tattoo. In an era when thousands of dogs were bred each year, Frank took on the task of managing our tattoo schemes at a national level from 2002 to 2015. All of our breed schemes were reliant on the accuracy of the records held and as with every task he undertook, his professionalism was outstanding.

In 2006 the need for digital records was recognised by Council, and Frank not only assisted the programmer Daryl Bourke and more recently Rob Filardo to build and refine the database, he took on the task of Coordinator from 2006, a role he continues to hold until the current day.

As an organisation, the GSDCA has recognised Frank Moody's service on a number of occasions with:

2001 – GSDCA Service Award at Melbourne National

2015 – GSDCA Special Recognition award for his services as GSDCA Tattoo Registrar

2015 – GSDCA Appreciation of Service Plaque for his database work.

But perhaps when next we run into Frank around the ring, a word of thanks from each of us is in order. The ease with which we can all check a pedigree, look up a dog's health status, trace ownership or just generally understand the development of our breed is largely down to the dedication over a very long time by a single individual. You only have to be present with Frank at an AGM to appreciate the depth of his knowledge, his "steel trap" memory and a pretty wicked sense of humour that has served us all for longer than many of us have owned a GSD.

Hats off to Frank Moody!

COMING UP Q1 2022!

12/03/2022 Groth Melanie NSW GSD
Specialty GSDCV Championship Show

27/02/2022 Butterfield Jean SA GSD
Specialty GSDCSA Members Competition

19/02/2022 Tjerkstra Pieter QLD GSD
Specialty GSDL Members Competition

13/02/2022 Cathie Joanne NSW GSD
Specialty GSDCTas Championship Show

12/02/2022 Knuckey Robyn WA GSD
Specialty GSDCTas Championship Show

30/01/2022 Morton Kurt NSW GSD
Specialty Other Vic Ballarat Dog Club
(Bulla)

Our Dogs in the Community

SARABI'S STORY

My partner Luke and I had always wanted a German Shepherd. It was a first for us but we knew we were now ready to commit to this beautiful breed.

We welcomed Sarabi from Arkahla Kennels to our lives in November 2019. This has been one of our best decisions. She is our world and we would do anything for her. She comes with us on every adventure possible and she has truly changed our lives for the better.

Sarabi was reactive to dogs and people when we first got her, we could not go past another dog or person without her lunging/barking. As she was a tiny puppy most people did not care. However, we knew if we did not put an end to it we would soon have a problem on our hands. We tried various trainers with little to no results and in the end we made the decision to follow our breeders advice and attend The German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia (GSDCSA) at West Beach.

We joined the GSDCSA at the end of 2019. There are two different paths you can take: showing and/or obedience. For us the obedience classes were better suited to our lifestyle and the goals we wanted to achieve.

This decision has definitely helped us get where we are today. So much knowledge and help from everyone involved. We would not be where we are without the help of all the instructors, particularly Michael, Les, Robert, Natalie and Tom. They were all there since we started, which was when Sarabi was just 14 weeks old! We attended every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. We made sure not to miss any classes as we wanted to give Sarabi and ourselves every opportunity to learn. The classes start from basic obedience (class 1) all the way to advanced (class 5), then if you choose to you can enter the world of trials.

Sarabi and I took on the classes whilst Luke never missed a session either. He was always there watching and learning from the side.

We completed all classes and in the end did a couple of the trials classes as well. We were really encouraged by the instructors to enter a trial. This for me was nerve wracking but in the end I just thought "We have put so much work and time and I think we are ready". So on the 30th of May 2021 we entered our first Trial, The Balmead Shield. Thanks to all the knowledge learned and practised at the GSDCSA,

Sarabi and I placed 2nd out of 18 other competitors. This was a big achievement for us and something I will never forget.

When we were not training for obedience, we would be over with the show dogs learning all there is to know about German Shepherds. We were lucky to have our breeder be part of the GSDCSA. Judy and Andrew from Arkahla Kennels have also been a big part of our journey. They have always been very happy to answer any of our questions and concerns. They also introduced another part of the GSDCSA to us. This was having Sarabi take part and successfully passing a Breed Survey. This involves making sure that the best traits for the breed continue on in future generations, including getting hips and elbow scores completed. This was a huge learning curve for us and something we are very grateful to have done. We also could not have achieved this successfully without the help of Robert Evans. He has also always been really supportive and helpful throughout our time at the GSDCSA.

Our engagement with the show and obedience team plus our commitment to Sarabi's training ultimately led us to winning the Dog of the Year Award for 2020 at the GSDCSA. We were honoured and humbled by this as it demonstrates the support, appreciation and acknowledgment by the club.

What we really like about the German Shepherd Club is how much help and support you receive. Instructors and other members of the club are always happy to hang back and have a chat. This was a great help because it meant nothing was ever missed.

You also meet great people along the way who become friends and part of your life outside of the club.

We started with a 14 week old puppy with some issues, to now having a beautiful 2 year old well rounded companion who we can take everywhere and not feel stressed!

We completed our time at the club in 2021. However, we still have connections and friendships that we know are going to be there for a very long time. If we decide to have another puppy later on, we will definitely be back!

If you are considering taking your puppy to a friendly and welcoming club, I would highly recommend the GSDCSA!"

Sarabi, Luke and Mariana!



*Chevyvale
Chevy AZ.*

*Owned
by Mark
and Henia
Vaughan.*

CLAIM THE COVER

We're now looking for Summer or Christmas images. Anything that says "Summer / Christmas" is very welcome.

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

Autumn Needed by 5th Feb, 2022
Winter Needed by 5th May, 2022
Spring Needed by 5th August, 2022

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

They should be forwarded to : revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Get Clicking!

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The German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc. is proud to host, on behalf of the GSDCA Inc.



The 48TH GSDCA NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL



3rd, 4th and 5th June 2022
Bill Spilstead Canine Complex,
44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills. NSW



ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON FRIDAY 6th May, 2022

CONFORMATION JUDGES

All LSC Dogs & Bitches & all SC Dogs
 All SC Bitches

Mr. Louis Donald (QLD)
 Mrs. Jenny Yuen (VIC)

OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Novice and CCD
 Open
 UD & UDX

Mrs. Vyvyan Mannion (QLD)
 Mrs. Lynn Klecka (VIC)
 Mrs. Maria Wheeler (NSW)

RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Novice and Master
 Excellent and Advanced

Mrs. Vyvyan Mannion (QLD)
 Mrs. Lynn Klecka (VIC)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE

Mr. Peter Hersant (QLD)

(The GSDL reserves the right to substitute judges, if necessary, or to alter scheduled judging times, if required, due to COVID or extreme weather conditions. No entry fees will be refunded)

ENTRY FEES	Class	First Entry	Subsequent
CONFORMATION:	Baby Puppy	\$28.00	\$20.00
	Minor & Puppy	\$38.00	\$30.00
	Junior, Intermediate & Open	\$45.00	\$35.00
OBEDIENCE & RALLY	All classes	\$38.00	\$30.00

Initial entry includes catalogue. Please use separate entry form for each class/exhibit. Please include the following information on entry forms – Breed Survey status denoted by *, Hip and Elbow status.

ONLINE ENTRIES available at www.showmanager.com.au

POSTAL ENTRIES: Show Manager, PO BOX 78 Waterford West, QLD 4133. Please include stamped addressed envelope for receipt.

No entries accepted without fees.



ONLINE SALES: Merchandise will be available on GSDL website – www.gsdl.info

BREED SURVEY: Thursday, 2nd June, 2022 at 3.00 pm (if required). Venue: GSDL Grounds 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills. Enquiries: Fay Stokes, State Breed Survey Coordinator Ph: 0401 019 213 and must be received no later than 7 days prior.

Double Handling of German Shepherd Dogs (LSC&SC) is permitted at this Show (ANKC 14.1.2)

JUDGING TIMES

FRIDAY 3rd June 2022

CONFORMATION: Vest collection from 7.00am. Judging commences at 8.00 am. **Bitch Ring:** SC Baby, Minor and Junior Bitches. **Dog Ring:** LSC Baby, Minor and Junior Bitches, then LSC Baby, Minor and Junior Dogs followed by SC Baby, Minor and Junior Dogs.

RALLY OBEDIENCE: Vetting 9.00-9.30 am. All judging commences at 10.00 am with Novice, Excellent followed by Advanced, Master. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. *All class winners must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 5th June 2022.*

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – classes will be judged by Mr. Peter Hersant (QLD) during the lunch break. Ages 7 to under 10 years of age, 10 to under 13 Years of age, 13 to under 19 Years. Entry and Photo Release forms available from Show Secretary showsecretary@gSDL.info or from the Show Secretary's office on the day.

SATURDAY 4th June 2022

CONFORMATION: Sires' Progeny assembly in the **Bitch Ring** at 7.15 am. **Parade commences at 8.00 am** in the **Dog Ring**, followed by Breeders' Groups. At the conclusion of the Breeders' Groups, judging of conformation classes will commence.
Bitch Ring: SC Puppy and Intermediate Bitches.
Dog Ring: LSC Puppy and Intermediate Bitches followed by LSC Puppy and Intermediate Dogs, then SC Puppy and Intermediate Dogs.

OBEDIENCE: Vetting/check in from 8.00 to 8.30 am. All judging commences at 9.00 am with UD, UDX followed by CCD, Novice and Open. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. Winner of Winners will be judged on Sunday during the lunch break in the Dog Conformation ring (from CCD, Novice, Open, Utility & UDX class winners with qualifying scores). **All class winners must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 5th June 2022.* GSDCA Rules apply to all awards and gradings.

Judging in all rings to cease at 12.00 noon, for the Official Opening ceremony and presentation of GSDCA awards.

SUNDAY 5th June 2022

CONFORMATION: Commencing at 8.30am. **Bitch Ring:** SC Open Bitches. **Dog Ring:** LSC Open Bitches, LSC Open Dogs, SC Open Dogs, followed by all Challenges. **No Inter-sex or inter-variety judging.* Gun testing will be conducted in all Open classes.

The 48th National Show & Trial trophy presentations will be held following the completion of judging.

Judging in both rings to cease at lunch time for the Winner of Winners Obedience competition, to be held in the Dog Ring.

Exhibitors please note: It is your responsibility to ensure you are ready when called to enter the ring. The exhibitor will be held responsible for the return of their allocated vests. Any vests not returned within 7 days of the event will incur a \$50.00 fee per unreturned vest. Only persons with 'Authorised Passes' will be permitted to enter the rings.

RETIRING ANIMALS

Animals eligible to retire at the National GSD Show and Trial will be: Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners, National Challenge and Reserve Challenge winners and National GSD Show and Trial Class winners. (For further details refer to Section 35, National Show Manual on GSDCA website.)

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Conformation: Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat (ANKC classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 11 dogs/1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 11a bitches) Baby Puppy – 3 months and under 6 months, Minor Puppy – 6 months and under 9 months, Puppy – 6 months and under 12 months, Junior – 9 months and under 18 months, Intermediate – 18 months and under 36 months, Open – 6 months and over. (Ages apply from the first day of the show, 3/6/2022).

SPECIAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Sires' Progeny Parade: Entry is automatic. A minimum of five progeny, aged nine months or over and entered in the Conformation Classes, both SC and LSC, will be automatically catalogued with the Sire's name and exhibit number. The Sire need not be present or entered in the show. *The classes are non-competitive but will receive commentary. Only sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey scheme are eligible.* Exhibitor vests are not worn in the parade.

Breeders' Groups: Breeders' may enter as many teams as desired. All animals must carry the breeder's prefix and be of one coat variety. Each team must consist of 5 animals over 9 months of age from at least 2 sires and 2 dams. A separate entry form for each team must be received by the closing date of entries - no entry fee. Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary by close of judging on Friday 3rd June, 2022. All animals listed in a Breeder's Group must be entered in the show.

GSDCA Member Clubs Obedience Challenge:

Teams of four exhibits compete, with the scores gained in their respective classes within the National Trial. Exhibits can be mixed from different classes of obedience. Names of teams, handlers and dog's names must be provided to the Trial Manager prior to the commencement of the Trial. At least three of the exhibits must qualify. Exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored. The winning team is that team which has the highest aggregate qualifying scores.

SPECIAL PRIZES

CONFORMATION – A Memorial plaque and trophy will be awarded to the winners of the following classes. The “**Walter Reimann**” memorial plaque to the Open Dog SC winner. The “**Roy Brabham**” memorial plaque to the Open Bitch SC winner. The “**Juergen Neddermeyer**” memorial plaque to the Open Dog LSC winner. The “**Thomas Luxton**” memorial plaque to the Open Bitch LSC winner. Gold, Silver & Bronze medallions to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place exhibits in the Open classes (LSC & SC) that are graded Excellent. Plaque & sash for all class winners and Breeders Group winner. Sash & memento for 2nd to 10th place in each class. Trophy & sash for all Challenge Winners. The “**Max Stokes**” memorial plaque to the Junior Bitch SC winner. The “**Barry O’Rourke**” memorial plaque to the Junior Dog SC winner. The “**James Rodger**” memorial plaque to the Intermediate Bitch SC winner. The “**Joylene Neddermeyer**” memorial plaque to the Intermediate Dog SC winner. The “**Sam Bonifacio**” memorial plaque and trophy is awarded to the most successful SC kennel and the **GSDCA LSC Breeders Trophy** awarded to the most successful LSC kennel, over the 3 days.

OBEDIENCE – The “**Rick Richardson**” memorial plaque and trophy will be awarded to the Winner of Winners. Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Winner of winners run off. A plaque & sash for all class winners. Sash & memento for 2nd to 5th place in each class.

DUAL PERFORMANCE – The “**David O’Rourke**” memorial plaque, trophy and sash will be awarded to the best Dual Performance exhibit in the Show and Trial. (Rules may be viewed at the Show Secretary’s office over the weekend).

GRADINGS

CONFORMATION: Gradings will be awarded at the Judge’s discretion. “Promising” and “Very Promising” in Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes. “Good” and “Very Good” to animals over 12 months in Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes. The grading of “Excellent” and National Excellent medallion will be awarded as per GSDCA rules only to exhibits 2 years of age or over, entered in the Open Classes and classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme (or other GSDCA approved scheme).

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY: Gradings will be awarded to those exhibits achieving the following scores in Novice, Open, Utility and UDX classes: “Good” 170-179 points, “Very Good” 180-189 points, “Excellent” and medal 190-200 points, in CCD class and Rally Classes “Good” 85-89 points, “Very Good” 90-94 points, “Excellent” and medal 95-100 points.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND CRITIQUES

Results and critiques will be published in the Quarterly National Review. Official photographers will be present at the venue and will photograph all animals presented in the ring.

All Obedience competitors are requested to present themselves and dogs for photos at time of check-in. Exhibitors may supply their own photograph to the National Review Editor within 15 days of the event. Please refer to the Editor’s requirements which will be printed in the catalogue.

CORPORATE TENTS

Pre-erected corporate tents will be ringside for those who have booked. No cooking is permitted in corporate tents. Cost: \$400 per 3m x 3m tent. Corporate tent bookings will be available on line through the GSDL Shop via www.gsdl.info. Links to the online shop will be provided on the GSDL Facebook page. **Exhibitor owned tents/gazebos may only be erected after 3.00 pm on Thursday 2nd June, 2022.**

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

Advertising in the catalogue will be available at \$150.00 per page (in colour). Email all advertising to Jo Cathie shepherdnews@gsdl.info in Microsoft Word format (A4 size) together with any photographs in .jpeg format by Friday 6th May 2022. There will be no loose-leaf advertising. Animals advertised must comply with GSDCA rules. Payment to be advised via the GSDL website (www.GSDL.info)

SOCIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY: MEET & GREET Commences 3.00 pm. Free sausage sizzle at grounds. *Please advise numbers attending on Show Manager or booking slip, for catering purposes.*

SATURDAY: DINNER & LIVE BAND in the marquee on the grounds at 6.00 p.m. Bookings are essential. Bar facilities will be provided.

SUNDAY: TROPHY PRESENTATION at the completion of judging on Sunday – **light refreshments will be provided.** *Please advise numbers attending on Show Manager or booking slip, for catering purposes.*

48TH NATIONAL MERCHANDISE

Items pre-ordered and with payment received before 6th May 2022 will be available for collection at the National. Products can be viewed at www.gsdl.info A limited number of selected items will be available for sale at the event and orders will also be taken on the weekend, for delivery at a later date.

ACCOMMODATION: Refer to GSDL website www.gsdl.info Camping in self-contained vans available at Dogs NSW www.dogsnew.org.au/about/camping

CONTACTS (No calls after 9pm please)

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Email: showsecretary@gsdl.info

Trial Manager: Barb McKittrick (0405 001 427)

DogsNSW show rep: Monika Kawicki

BOOKING SLIP 48TH NATIONAL GSD SHOW & TRIAL

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 6th MAY 2022



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

Name

Phone Email

Mobile No. for contact at show

CONFORMATION (Initial entry includes Catalogue)

NO.

Baby Puppy	Initial	\$28.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$20.00	X	\$.....
Minor Puppy and Puppy	Initial	\$38.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$30.00	X	\$.....
Junior, Intermediate and Open	Initial	\$45.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$35.00	X	\$.....

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

All Classes	Initial	\$38.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$30.00	X	\$.....

Online entries to: Show manager www.showmanager.com.au

Paper entries to: Show Manager

PO Box 78

Waterford West, Qld 4133

Cheques made payable to GSDL

CATALOGUE @ \$15.00 each \$.....

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday Meet & Greet (no charge, advise number attending)

Saturday Dinner & Live Band @ \$30 per head \$.....

Sunday trophy presentation (no charge, advise number attending)

DONATIONS

Class Trophy @ \$150 \$.....

Sashes @ \$100 \$.....

Total \$.....

Please go to the website for further details www.gsdl.info

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS



2021 Summer Quarterly - GSDL Report

Our Members competition on the 5th June went ahead although our judge, Mr Vince Tantaró (Vic) was unable to come to NSW due to the Covid-19 uncertainty. I think we were very lucky to get the show in. Mr Terry Jarvis (NSW) kindly stepped up to judge so it could go ahead. It was a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, with an entry of 90.

His Best SC Bitch was *Lucie Du Lamentin (Deu) and his Best SC Dog was *Ch Sheznova Django AZ.



His Best LSC Dog was *Kuirau Orlando AZ and his Best LSC Bitch was Konkasha Solar Diva.



Congratulations to our Junior Handlers who did a great job and were judged by Mrs Karen Stevenson:

Under 7s - 1st Ava

10 to under 13s - 1st Brodie

2nd Paris

3rd Bailey

13 to under 19s - 1st Isabel

2nd Robert

The State Breed, to be judged by Mr Louis Donald (Qld) was cancelled. The Dog Lovers Show was cancelled for this year and rescheduled for August 2022. Regrettably the July and the September survey, training and sausage sizzle had to be cancelled.

Hopefully planned events will be able to go ahead now vaccination numbers are up.

Plans for the 48th National are going ahead for the 3rd -5th June in Sydney. The conformation judges are: Mr L Donald (Qld) - all Stock Coat Males, all Long Stock Coat Males and Females and Mrs J Yuen (Vic) - all Stock Coat Females. A full schedule will be issued very soon. For the third attempt we look forward to seeing everyone in Sydney for a great get together after trying times.

Our Survey Day for double vaccinated on the 6th November began with obedience and show training then the survey followed by a sausage sizzle, thank you to Tony Darcy, Wayne Wagstaff and Matt Morris and many helping hands.



Congratulations to the owners and breeders of the following dogs who were successfully classified with 3 surveyors present:

*Bossface Romper Stomper AZ
 - Fremont Watson x Bossface Halifax

Owner Mr M & Mrs Theris

*Sundaneka Blaze N Guns AZ
 - Sundaneka Young Gun x Sundaneka Nooschka

Owner G & K Stevenson

*Reje Ace AZ - Labo v Schollwether x Reje Debra AZ

Owner D & P Marano

*Bourbon Havlovicky Cert a ED (Imp CZE) - Willis-Bruce Anrebri x Dalka od Police Ceske

Owner Miss M Stendara

*Silas vom Wierlings Hook a ED LSC (Ger) - Orbit von Pakkas Athene x Meggy vom Wierlings Hook

Owner Mrs L Martins

*Sundaneka Schicco AZ (LSC)
 - Vablo vom Osterbergerland x Sundaneka Bella Donte

Owner J Anderson

*Hausillevon Ulma AZ (LSC) - Hausillevon Garmin x Hausillevon Fara

Owner Mr L Helo

*Hausillevon Landa AZ - Kingvale Heart to Beat x Schfax Vegas Miranda

Owner Mr G Santos

*Stormnak Marley AZ - Jaci's Style Einstein x Adjure Daphne

Owner M Nakouzi

*Kuirau Signorina Lillana AZ - Freinhaus Hannibal x Kuirau Jorgie Girl

Owner P D & J Murray

*Lawine Houdinis Surprise AZ
 - Iliano von Juvenisty x Lawine Takira

Owner Mrs C Pickard

The GSDL AGM went ahead on the 29th November and the new committee was elected. We welcome our new committee members:

President - Jessica Kada

Vice President - Grant Morton

Secretary - Cassandra Booth

Treasurer - Jacqueline Fabian

Show Secretary - Kurt Morton

Breed Affairs - Melanie Groth

The full committee and contacts can be found on our website. Our thanks also to the outing committee members for their hard work for the club.

The GSDL December Championship Show on 11th December was judged by Mr Glenn Gregory (NSW) with a pleasing entry of 92 with the SES checking every QR check in and proof of vaccination. A busy day that ran very well and finished in good time. The Challenge SC Dog was *Olymp vom Larchenhain (Deu) and Challenge SC Bitch was Randinka Honeysuckle AZ. The Challenge LSC Dog was *Silas vom Wierlings Hook (Deu) and Challenge LSC Bitch was Eroica Nova AZ. Thank you to Glenn Gregory, Sandy O'Rourke as assistant to Kurt Morton in the Show Secretary's office and Greg Jones for the smooth running of the show.

During the lunch break complimentary sandwiches, wraps and drinks were served followed by the Annual Point Score Awards Presentation. Due to Covid distancing it was difficult to get decent photos. All Life Members were invited to the Presentation and lunch.



Point Score Winners were:

Puppy Bitch - Sundaneka Ruby Pirl

Puppy Dog - Kingland Lone Ranger

Adult Bitch - * Vladimir Me Me Im First

Adult Dog - *Ch Sheznova Django

Puppy Bitch LSC - Iccara Desert Storm

Puppy Dog LSC - Jaywind Encore Solo

Adult Bitch LSC - *Siobahn Greyt Expectation

Adult Dog LSC - *Cinderhof Vandaal

Dams Progeny - *Kuirau Chakira

Sires Progeny - *Djambo v Fichtenschlag (Deu)

Breeder - Kuirau



The full final Point Score for 2020-2021 can be seen on the GSDL website under Results.

During the Presentation the GSDL showed their appreciation to the life time dedication of Fay Stokes (Secretary) and Terry Jarvis (President) as they take a well earned retirement. They left the League in an excellent financial position. Hope they can enjoy future events.



Preparation is now in hand working towards the 48th National on June 3 - June 5 2022 with fingers crossed.

The February Members Competition will be judged by Peter Tjerkstra (Qld) on February 19 4:00pm to 11:00pm.

The next Breed Survey will be on February 26th at 10:00am.

We welcome Mr Tony Gibson (NZ) to Australia to judge our Easter Championship Show on April 16th and 17th.

Recently the League lost two valued members: John Nolan who generously donated to League events and supplied many exhibitors with collars and leads, our thoughts are with his wife Judy and family; Allan Butler, a true gentleman well remembered by the obedience fraternity, our condolences to his family and friends.

Hope everyone is staying healthy, safe and coping. Looking forward to eventually being back with our interstate breeders and exhibitors. So glad we have our dogs. Wishing everyone a fantastic 2022.

Karen Stevenson



ACT GSDA

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Just as we were all becoming used to living with a 'new normal' and planning activities for 2022 shows, trials and other club activities postponed or cancelled because of Covid- out of the blue Omicron pops up, delivering yet again more uncertainty especially when planning shows involving overseas Judges.

When looking back at 2021, the Club has had a very good year with the Training School being very active having negotiated the Covid requirements to enable training to be conducted after the two lockdowns. The numbers attending training have been fantastic, with the baby puppy class instructors being kept very busy. Our new instructors have been a welcome addition, given the numbers attending training.

Club members, complying with Covid restrictions, have been able to participate in Trials. Vic G and Uhlmsdorf Russian Roulette AZ CCD (Chips) achieved a first in CD with 196. Janet and Blake have been pursuing Nose Works and achieved their Novice Title.



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August seems like so long ago with Christmas knocking on our doors and carols starting in shopping centres.

On August 22 our members' competition went gangbusters with Mr. Salvatore Pittelli (SA) appointed as our judge and had 67 entries exhibited on the day. We were very excited to see the exhibits presented and would like to thank all our helpers with the ring setup assisting the day to flow with ease. A special mention to Donna Vigor (Stenographer), Peter Flynn (Child Handler Judge), Marilyn Cooke (Steward) and our great canteen and catering volunteers.



Alimanda Excuse Me



Kaperville White Diamond AZ



Mr Pittelli said overall the quality of the dogs shown on the day was quite good, especially within the top place getters in both stock and long stock coat classes. We would like to congratulate all our exhibitors: Best Bitch LSC was CH Beautrae XFavourite AZ and Best Bitch SC was *Kaperville White Diamond AZ DM Clear. Best Dog LSC was *Alimanda Excuse Me AZ and Best Dog SC was *Lenin Von Der Grafenburg (Imp Deu).

We then backed this member's competition up with another member's competition hosted on October 17 with Jenny De Lucia SA our judge. Mrs De Lucia had 45 exhibits on the day to which she said overall the quality of the exhibits was good to above average. The Best LSC dog was *Ch. Alimanda Excuse Me AZ while the Best SC dog was *Alwin v Haus Nesgen a ED (Imp Deu). The Best LSC Bitch was *Ch. Damonte Madison Avenue (AI) AZ whilst the best SC bitch was *Gewalt Party Like A Rockstar AZ.

We had an Open Show on the 14th of November with Kari Harding SA, our judge with 44 entries to complete the show agenda for the 2021 year. Our Best LSC Dog was Kyndom Lets Get Down To Business while the best SC dog was *CH Leberhine Joker AZ. The Best LSC Bitch was CH Damonte Madison Avenue (AI) AZ and the Best SC Bitch was CH Vonpeta No Harmonisation AZ.

Our members enjoyed the annual presentation day on December 5 to wrap us up for the 2021 calendar year. Congratulations to our award recipients and thanks to Santa who made an appearance. Special mention to Joe Seidl who is retiring from the committee after his lengthy contributions. More photos can be seen on our Facebook page.



Once again we wish to remind members to follow the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Facebook page and check in with the website to keep up to date.

We would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday

period. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year. We have a working bee on January 8, puppy day on January 9, training will resume on January 30 with shows and trials kicking off pretty soon after. Dates are published on the website.

Kiara Stacey

GSDCSA



GSDC of QUEENSLAND

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The Queensland Club members would like to wish all our sister clubs, their members and dogs a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

In December the GSDCQ held their AGM, and congratulations firstly to all those that won awards, this year. Wags Café provided us with some lovely nibbles.

The committee was all reelected uncontested and we welcome Dace Houghton onto the committee in the position of Breed Affairs.

Snapshot of GSDCQ this year.

- The club financials show we are in a good position moving forward to next year.
- 25 animals were surveyed this year in Queensland.
- 71 AZ contracts were issued up to the end of September 2021
- Breed Rescue: Wanting a German Shepherd Dog 65 and needing to home 57
- 7 Shows in 2021
- 6 Breed Surveys held. (Largest Zone 3 with 9 dogs surveyed)
- Record Entry Zone 2 show with 47 entries
- 4 trials were held.
- Wednesday Night show training

has been well attended and has made a profit

- 25 litters listed on puppy listings
- 3 Newsletters sent to members and Christmas edition to be sent out shortly
- 3762 Page likes on the GSDCQ Facebook page
- 28,794 visits to web site between January and Start of November.
- 22 committee meeting in 2021
- 6 General Meeting and 1 AGM.

Regards

Sharon Thorp
President GSDCQ 2021



GSDA of WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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News from the West

Merry Christmas from the West – we hope you have all been able to celebrate and enjoy your Christmastime with family and friends.

The weather here has begun to warm up and we need to be alert for those wriggly snakes in the bush.

Busy time at the end of November with our Annual Fun Day, followed by a forum to discuss the future of our association – lots of suggestions to be looked at so we can form a business plan to take us into the next decade – then did someone say Breed Survey – what a day! The committee organised a Sausage Sizzle at the local Bunnings the following week which was a successful event.

We are now in summertime socialisation and training – sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm. This week will be the last until the New Year to enable our hardworking trainers to get a well-earned break. I sincerely thank them for all their

efforts, patience and dedication in helping getting and keeping members on a path to having well-adjusted and well socialised puppies which will give a great example of our breed to Joe Public.

Thanks to all our volunteers who take care of the grounds and training – they are the lifeblood of our association.

To our fantastic Rescue people – thank you for going above and beyond – you are angels.

Until next year – Margaret Adams Editor

Winners from the G.S.D.A. of W.A. Presentation day – Congratulations to all these beautiful dogs for giving great performances for their owners.

Obedience Awards

Best Lady Handler - Tricia

McGregor

Encouragement Award - Nikolai Dalglish

Kalgoorlie Trophy - Diane Webb

DiCosta & Jansen Trophy- Diane Webb

Norm James Consistency Trophy - Henia Vaughan

Conrick Trophy - John Stuart

Presidents Cup - Kerrie Pearce and Glenbala Ambitious Dream

Endurance Test Qualifiers:-

T Roberts - Volscaro Bellissimo

T Roberts - Seigen Berry Lucious

S Beisley - Iccara Brother In Arms

H Sweeney - Gewalt Mindys

McKenzie

R Laubsch - Volscaro High Hopes BSC

Tracking Dog

R Laubsch - Volscaro High Hopes BSC

R Laubsch - Ch Volscaro Lenton Brae BSCI.1

Tracking Dog Excellent

Diane Webb - OTCH ROCH

Maercec Uber Magic TD HTMN FSI

Track & Search Dog

Kerrie Pearce - CH(T) Dual CH

Glenbala Ambitious Dream TSD

Track & Search Dog Excellent

Kerrie Pearce - Dual Ch Glenbala

Ambitious Dream TSD

Eric Protti - TCH TSGCH Volscaro

Summer Breeze AZ ET CW

Track & Search Champion

Eric Protti - Volscaro Summer

Breeze AZ ET TSX

Track & Search Grand Champion

Eric Protti - TSGCH Volscaro

Summer Breeze AZ ET CW

Companion Dog CD

R Laubsch -

Companion Dog Excellent CDX

Tricia McGregor - Lindenhelm

French Champagne CD R

Community Companion Dog CCD

Chris Barsby - CH Volscaro Play The Game

Chris Barsby - Grandwest Quintina RN

Chris Smith - Freinauf Galiana (UD Deu)

Utility Dog UD

Diane Webb - ROCH Sabaranburg

Purple Rain CDX RAE HTMN

Rally Novice

Chris Barsby - Grandwest Quintina

Chris Barsby - CH Volscaro Play The Game

Rally Excellent

Tricia McGregor - Lindenhelm

French Champagne CD RN

Winners of Show Trophies

All Class Winners for 2021

Best Baby Dog LSC -

Friedental Hairy Maclary

Best Baby Dog SC -

Bronboreo Pablo Escobar

Best Baby Bitch LSC -

Iccara Kaleidoscope Colours

Best Baby Bitch SC -

LaShadas I Am Imogen

Best Minor Dog LSC -

Iccara Winter Is Coming

Best Minor Dog SC -

LaShadas Ima Rascal

Best Minor Bitch LSC -

Iccara Desert Rose

Best Minor Bitch SC -

LaShadas I Am Imogen

Best Puppy Dog LSC -

Iccara Winter Is Coming

Best Puppy Dog SC -

Shaygar Wicco Kodi

Best Puppy Bitch LSC -

Iccara Desert Rose

Best Puppy Bitch SC -

Volscaro No Effie Furrries

Best Junior Dog LSC -

Iccara Winter Is Coming

Best Junior Dog SC -

Jarrahaus Doomeekwik

Best Junior Bitch LSC -

Eroica Olietta AZ

Best Junior Bitch SC -

Volscaro Fires Fury AZ (Tied)

Best Junior Bitch SC -

Hauberk Coba AZ (Tied)

Best Intermediate Dog LSC -

*Iccara Brother In Arms AZ

Best Intermediate Dog SC -

Lashadas Ed AZ

Best Intermediate Bitch LSC -

Lawine Diamond Essence AZ

Best Intermediate Bitch SC -

Bronboreo Adrianna

Best Open Dog LSC -

*Sabaranburg Skywalker AZ Exc

Best Open Dog SC -

*Sabaranburg Rosko AZ Exc
 Best Open Bitch LSC -
 *Dual CH (T) Glenbala Ambitious
 Dream AZ TSD Ex.M
 Best Open Bitch SC -
 *Sabaranburg Reikki AZ Exc
 Best WA Bred LSC -
 *Iccara Brother In Arms
 Best WA Bred SC -
 *Sabaranburg Reikki AZ Exc
 Most Consistent Show Dogs
 (Tied scores in both of these
 competitions)
 Most Consistent Show Dog LSC -
 Iccara Winter Is Coming
 Most Consistent Show Dog LSC
 - *Ch Lawine Diamond Essence
 AZ Exc
 Most Consistent Show Dog SC -
 Bronboreo Adrianna
 Most Consistent Show Dog SC -
 Chevyvale Bianni
 Runner-up Top Show Dog LSC -
 *Iccara Nailed It AZ Ex.M
 Runner-up Top Show Dog SC -
 *Seigen Berry Lucious AZ Ex.M ET
 Top Show Dog LSC -
 *Dual CH (T) Glenbala Ambitious
 Dream AZ TSD Ex.M
 Top Show Dog SC - *Sabaranburg
 Reikki AZ Ex.M

Youth Handlers

Best Intermediate Handler - Alison
 Shea
 Best Senior Handler - Ella
 Campbell

Australian Champion Titles

Gewalt Domino
 Lawine Diamond Essence
 Shaygar Venetian Tru Blue.



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As we make a start to 2022, we can only hope things go a little better than last year. That said, we did our best in 2021 to cater for our members whenever covid restrictions allowed. Despite closures upon closures, we also had many weeks where we could open and training at branches was chock-a-block full of dogs and handlers enjoying getting out. And

puppies galore 😊.

Most branches were open until late December, giving maximum training times, especially to puppies and young dogs. Many will be back at training early January. No rest, but we do it for the dogs. Parties and break ups were low key, but everyone go into the spirit of training and enjoyed what we love the most. Being with our dogs.

Our long awaited 105th Championship Show, held with the Working Dog Club Champ show is always our big show weekend of the year. We had to push it back to December, but it was still great to see everyone back in the ring. And especially nice to have some interstate visitors and entries, always a pleasure to see you all ! Judged by locals Alastair Henderson and Nicky McDermott (just to be on the safe side with covid) we saw some lovely dogs get a chance in the ring to strut their stuff. Our main winners were:

LSC Challenge Bitch *CH Maadrica
 Anya AZ CCD RN TD ET

LSC Challenge Dog *Jayshell
 Rickodo AZ

SC Challenge Bitch *Aust CH
 Shardon Under My Spell AZ

SC Challenge Dog *Chili della
 Valcuvia

From the Obedience trial, the coveted Dual Performance Award went to *CH Maadrica Anya AZ CCD RN TD ET. Exh: Mrs D & Mr R Cameron 1st of 6 LSC Open Bitch and 1st place Novice Obedience 184/200pts. Well Done !

At the WDC Champ Show:

LSC Best of Breed *CH Maadrica
 Anya AZ CCD RN TD ET

SC Best of Breed *Chili della
 Valcuvia

In the WDC General Specials runoffs, Best Junior in Show went to LSC bitch Bodecka Ooh La La (AI) AZ

We look forward to shows and trials in 2022, and many will be making plans already to enter events. Of course we have high hopes for the National Show & Trial in Sydney in June too. On the home front, we have our March 12 & 13 Champ Show & Trial and our Club AGM on March 20th to look forward too as well. And of course most importantly there will be full on training at all branches for everyone 😊.

Our new inductees into our 13 Club in late 2021 have filled us with joy, with 3 siblings joining the 13 Club. *Glenraco Upsadaisy AZ and Glenraco Mellow Fellow AZ CD, owned and bred by Gayle Johnston, along with *Glenraco Golly Gosh AZ CD RE, owned by Dearne Jackson - an amazing family tree !. Selbeck Charisma AZ owned by Alan and Deb Smith and *Volscairn Udo AZ owned by Judy Levron were also welcomed. Long and full lives for all.

We thank and recognise everyone who helped and assisted our club during 2021, your efforts to help our members and their dogs do not go unnoticed and is what makes our club great - volunteers pitching in and helping others, no matter what. Despite covid and training branches being closed for up to 18 weeks of the year, our training numbers and events for 2021 were still very strong - a testament to our members and their commitments to their dogs. Well done 😊.

So onward and upward into 2022. See you in the ring or at the training branch !

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