



German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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Presenting

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

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It is with great pleasure that I present the 2021 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

This Annual Report includes the activities and involvement of the Council, including the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive, Position Holders and Member Clubs during the year.

All persons in charge of areas within a GSDCA portfolio were approached to submit a report and I very much appreciate those who have taken the time to provide the history of activities throughout the year.

The historical importance of these reports will be of immeasurable value to those who follow us within the Breed.

On behalf of the Executive, I acknowledge that this year like last, has been a difficult one due to Covid and the reports reflect this, but we sincerely appreciate all those members of Member Clubs who have shown commitment and dedication with contributing towards the running of each Club and the many disciplines our dogs undertake i.e. show, trial, breeding, breed survey, public pet expos etc. where best they could this year in an effort to help showcase our beloved breed across the country.

I trust you will enjoy reading the information contained in this report and every effort was made to ensure all names are correct within this report and apologise for any errors that may have been overlooked.

I thank my fellow Executive, Member Club Presidents and position holders for their prompt and efficient response, thereby enabling this report to be completed in readiness for the 61st GSDCA Annual General Meeting being held via Zoom on 5th and possibly 6th February 2022.

Lyn Phillis
Honorary Secretary

PATRON

Mrs. Dawn Fraser AC MBE

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The GSDCA Executive 2021

OFFICE BEARERS

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| President | Mr Sean Lynch |
| National Breed Commission | Mr Ian Urie |
| Judges Committee | Mr Louis Donald/Mr Stephen Collins |
| Secretary | Mrs Lyn Phillis |
| Treasurer | Mr Peter Flynn |
| Obedience Committee | Mr John Delucia |
| Editor Quarterly National Review | Mrs Yvonne Yun |

POSITION HOLDERS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair | Dr Candy Baker |
| HD/ED Registrar | Mr Doug West |
| NBC Registrar | Ms Melanie Groth |
| Dog Database Coordinator | Mr Frank Moody |
| Title Verification Officer | Mrs Jenny DeLucia |
| National Show Liaison Officer | Mrs Jenny Kenworthy |
| Trophy Officer | Mr Terry Jarvis |
| Webmaster | Ms Jacinta Poole |
| Youth Coordinator | Mr Kurt Morton |
| Breed Research and Legislation Officer | Mr John Fenner |
| Public Relations Officer | Mr Paul York |
| Public Officer | Brenton Lowes |
| Historian | N/A |

MEMBER CLUB COMMITTEES FOR 2021

ACT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| President | Wolf Meffert |
| Vice President | Sasha Beljanski |
| Secretary | Veronica Fairbairn |
| Treasurer | Mona Wood |
| Training Coordinator | Jenny Kenworthy |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Veronica Fairbairn |

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| President | Jessica Kada |
| Vice President | Grant Morton |
| Secretary | Cassie Booth |
| Treasurer | Jacqueline Fabian |
| Training Coordinator | Wayne Wagstaff |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Melanie Groth |

NEWCASTLE & HUNTER REGION GSDC

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| President | Paul York |
| Vice President | Keira York |
| Secretary | Kay York |
| Treasurer | Rose Vitullo |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Gavin Bean |
| Obedience Coordinator | Dom Close |



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| President | Sharon Thorp |
| Vice President | Kylie Zimmerle |
| Secretary | Garry Williams |
| Treasurer | Fred Flower |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Dace Houghton |
| Obedience Coordinator | Laura Shimdkte |

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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|--|-------------------|
| President | John DeLucia |
| 1 st Vice President Obedience | Jenny DeLucia |
| 2 nd Vice President Breed Affairs | Christine Collins |
| Secretary | Stephen Collins |
| Treasurer | Peter Flynn |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Christine Collins |
| Obedience Coordinator | Jenny Delucia |

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA

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| President | Ken Millhouse |
| Vice President | Dave Griffin |
| Secretary | Maureen Lowery |
| Treasurer | Sandra Parker |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Janet Haase |
| Training Coordinator | Ken Millhouse |
| HD/ED Administrator/Show Secretary | Carol Millhouse |
| Public Officer | Gabrielle Peacock |

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA

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| President | Vince Ebejer |
| Vice President | Tony Mercieca |
| Secretary | Dearne Jackson |
| Treasurer | Fiona Henderson |
| Breed Affairs Administrator | Nicky McDermott |
| Training Administrator | Les Rudling |

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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| President | Ian Heard |
| Vice President | John Crace |
| Secretary | Lucy Lubbock |
| Treasurer | Robyn Knuckey |
| Breed Affairs Chair | Natalie Humphries |
| Show Chair | Tracey Roberts |
| Obedience Chair | Ian Marr |



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Sean Lynch



I would like to express a warm welcome to all Presidents and guest to the 2022 AGM of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

I am very proud what the GSDCA has accomplished in the last 2 years, I have already listed this in the review but it's important that it is part of my report. Some of the major accomplishments of the GSDCA include

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 alot more viable going forward.

- **Increased transparency** – Over the last 2 years the GSDCA has become much more transparent, holding more meetings with Club Presidents 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 program had been deliberately kept quiet. We have brought this to a head asking Germany exactly what they expect of us and if this 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.

All these items are still a work in progress and I look forward to the challenge that's ahead of us as an organisation.

Also at time of writing this, the AGM of the GSDL was held with an all-new committee elected. Congratulations to the new President Jess Kada and her team , we wish you all the best.

To outgoing President Terry Jarvis I would like to thank you for the many years working for the German Shepherd Dog not only as President but also as a Judge and Breed Surveyor. You have dedicated a life time to our beautiful breed and from the GSDCA Executive we thank you.

Fay Stokes has also seen a life time of dedication to our breed and the GSDL committee with the last 20 years as secretary. Thank you Fay for all the work you have done for so long and continue to do as Judge and Breed surveyor, the GSDCA Executive thank you.

I would now like to take this opportunity to thank the current Executive for the work that's was done over the last 2 years. Special mention to Steve Collins who stepped in to fill the role of Judges Chair, and I can state that Steve has done an amazing job. Also to Yvonne Yun who has taken the Review to another level and increased the advertising beyond expectations, thank you to both on a fantastic year, something to be very proud of. To the remaining Executive who all have filled their roles to a very high level, thank you



TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Peter Flynn

2020/2021 Financial Year



This is my second report as Treasurer. I would like to thank the member club office holders for your assistance and prompt payment of invoices. Also, thanks to my fellow executive holders for their support.

I can report that the GSDCA made an Operating Surplus for the year of \$23,246 compared to an Operating Surplus of \$5,735 last year. This is a very pleasing result. The main contributors were:

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| • Quarterly National Magazine | \$18,941 |
| • HD/ED | \$ 4,399 |
| • Breed Surveys | \$ 2,547 |
| • Other | \$(2,641) |

The continuation of the COVID pandemic and resulting lockdowns and state border closures led to the Annual General Meeting and National Breed Commission meeting being held via Zoom which resulted in significant savings in accommodation and travel costs from prior periods (i.e. 2018/19 and prior). Also, with the cancellation of the National Show and Trial, the Quarterly Review publishing costs were reduced as the National edition requires significantly more pages and photos. Please note that there are only three editions of the quarterly magazine accounted for in 2020/21 as the Spring Edition was published in October 2021.

The council financials were also improved by the increases in fees that came into effect on July 1, 2020. This means the increased fees are effective for 12 months of this financial year versus 3 months in 2019/20 financial year.

As at September 30, 2021 the council's cash balances totalled \$104,694 which is a sound position, but still down when compared to \$148,754 back in September 30, 2013. However, it is a \$24,337 increase on September 30, 2020 balance of \$80,357.

If you have any questions please contact me before the meeting by phone (0468 814 438) or email (treasurer@gsdcouncilaustralia.org) so I can prepare the required information.

Peter Flynn
Treasurer
German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

Independent auditor's report to committee members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2021 and the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2021, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Association's constitution.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. to meet the requirements of the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Members of Executive and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Members of the Executive are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The members of the Executive are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Pronouncements/Australian-Auditing-Standards/Auditors-Responsibilities.aspx>

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.



William Buck
ABN 38 280 203 274



G.W. Martinella
Partner

Dated this 7th December 2021



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 8:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.


In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2021:

- (a)
- (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;
 - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
 - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;

has or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

- (b) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc has received directly or indirectly from German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than those who are employees and remunerated under normal commercial terms.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



PRESIDENT



TREASURER

Dated: 7th day of December 2021



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mrs Lyn Phillis



Welcome to the 61st Annual General Meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council being held via Zoom.

2021 was another odd year with as many challenges as were experienced in 2020 in relation to COVID-19 and snap lockdowns with many clubs having to postpone and reschedule their shows or making last minute decisions, on the day, in relation to them. I applaud those clubs and committees in relation to their quick thinking and forwarding planning to enable the shows to proceed for the members.

This year saw the NBC/Judges meeting, President's meetings and meeting with our Executive as well as WUSV Continental Director, Ms Heather McDonald all being carried out via Zoom, something I feel will now become usual practice. Business can be discussed on a more regular basis and decisions made in a far quicker time frame. There are still bugs which need ironing out and different procedures to be adopted to enable the meetings to run more smoothly, although I think we are all getting the hang of them now.

It is certainly exciting that in 2022 the GSD League will be hosting the 48th National which has been cancelled for the past two years due to Covid. This will be a huge effort for the League to undertake in a short time frame and I'm sure everyone will be eager to support this National and assist where possible.

What is even more exciting is that it will be judged for the first time by our own Australian Judges. Congratulations to Louis Donald and Jenny Yuen on your appointment and in making Australian GSD history. Hopefully this will pave the way for the future in allowing our Australian Judges to also experience this amazing opportunity.

I would like to thank the Member Clubs for their support throughout the year and their patience as I continue in this role. Please don't be shy in bringing things to my attention, 'my door is always open'. I am far from perfect and in a busy life always welcome another set of eyes or a reminder.

I would also like to thank my fellow Executive members for their support and guidance throughout the year, as well as past Secretary Val Moody, who I would be lost without her ongoing assistance.

I look forward to meeting up with you in 2022.

The following Awards that would have normally been presented at the 2021 National Show and Trial were presented to the recipients by each Member Club at one of their major club events.

Congratulations are extended to the following:

GSDCA Service Awards: N/A

GSCCA Special Recognition Award: N/A

GSDCA Retiring Breed Surveyor & Specialist Judge: Mrs Fran Farley

GSDCA Specialist Judges Badge: N/A

GSDCA Outstanding Canine Services Award: Police Dog "Kaos"

GSDCA 2021 Retiring Dogs: N/A



GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS FOR 2021

| MEMBER CLUB | <i>(7 years to under 10 years)</i> NAME | <i>(10 years to under 13 years)</i> NAME | <i>(13 years to under 18 years)</i> NAME |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| GSDC Victoria | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| GSD League of NSW | Harrison Bland | Paris Turoczy | Isabell Lacey |
| GSDC of South Australia | N/A | Cienna Acciarresi | Baylie Mercer |
| ACT GSD Association | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| GSDC of Queensland | N/A | N/A | Eliane Wetzlar |
| GSDC of Tasmania | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| GSD Association of WA | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| N&HR GSDC | N/A | N/A | N/A |

GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS 2020:

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| GSDCA BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG Kuiray Octavia Handler: Kathie Minton Average Score: 99 | GSDCA PERFORMANCE DOG *Dual Ch (T) Glenbala Ambitious Dream AZ TSDX Handler: Kerrie Pearce Award: Excellent | GSDCA BEST NOVICE DOG N/A |
| GSDCA BEST RALLY NOVICE DOG N/A | GSDCA BEST RALLY ADVANCED DOG N/A | GSDCA BEST RALLY MASTER DOG N/A |
| GSDCA BEST RALLY EXCELLENT DOG N/A | GSDCA BEST NOVICE DOG N/A | |
| BEST UTILITY DOG N/A | EXCELLENT DOG N/A | EXCELLENT HANDLER Kathie Minton |

HONOUR ROLL

The following awards, due to postponement of the 2021 National has no winners to record.

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| Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS |
| Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES |
| Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - DOGS |
| Medal Winners – Long Stock Coat - BITCHES |
| Medal Winners – Obedience |
| Breeders Group Trophy |



| MEMORIAL PLAQUES No winners due to postponement of the 2021 National. | |
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| Walter Reimann Memorial Plaque <i>Open Dog Winner (SC)</i> | |
| Max Stokes Memorial Plaque <i>Junior Bitch Winner (SC)</i> | |
| Roy Brabham Memorial Plaque <i>Open Bitch Winner (SC)</i> | |
| David O'Rourke Memorial Plaque <i>Dual Performance Winner</i> | |
| Rick Richardson Memorial Plaque <i>Winner of Winners</i> | |
| Sam Bonifacio Stock Coat Breeders Trophy <i>Most Successful Stock Coat Breeder</i> | |
| GSDCA Long Stock Coat Breeders Trophy <i>Most Successful Long Stock Coat Breeder</i> | |
| Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque <i>Open Dog Winner (LSC)</i> | |
| Thomas Roger Luxton Memorial Plaque <i>Open Bitch Winner (LSC)</i> | |
| James William Henry Rodger Memorial Plaque <i>Intermediate Bitch Winner (SC)</i> | |
| Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque Intermediate Dog (SC) | |

MEMBER CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President ACT GSDA – Mr Wolf Meffert

As noted in last year's report, the association's activities was still severely restrained by the pandemic. As we operate from the Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), an ACT Government owned and operated facility our activities were subject to government controls. EPIC is also the major Covid test facility in the ACT so access to our training area is very restricted.

However, attendance at Wednesday night training has been excellent, generally with some 80+ dogs taking part. This is an excellent outcome and a credit to our Obedience training team.

We again had to cancel our October 2021 Conformation Shows as the required ACT Government Covid management plans would have been excessively cumbersome, and of course our overseas judges would not have been available.

Club members have been able to participate in local obedience trial with successful outcomes.

Our current membership stands at 312 members. This increase is due to some extent by extending memberships to compensate for the times lost due Covid lockdowns during the year.

The Association was able to honour two of our long service members, Veronica Fairbairn and Jennifer Kenworthy, with Life Membership. This was well deserved as these two ladies have played essential roles in the operation of the Association for many years.

We look forward to regaining some level of normality in 2022, but are concerned that our politicians appear to still be enjoying the concept of controlling the population through fear and draconic measures.



One issue confronting the association in 2022 is setting a date for our October Show. With the Sieger Show having been moved to the weekend before our regular show date we believe that it would be impossible to contract SV judges for our date. There will also, assuming reasonable normal overseas travel will have returned, the issue of a large number of Australian enthusiasts attending the Sieger Show and finding our usual date as being too onerous. We are currently looking for a suitable date in May 2022 and will provide plenty of notice of this earlier event.

President GSD League – Ms Jessica Kada/Mr Terry Jarvis

I am pleased to have the opportunity to provide this report for the GSDCA AGM.

The 2021 year has come to an end and has finished with a change of guard. The recent AGM held on 29 November 2021 saw the league welcome a new committee.

I would like to thank both Fay Stokes and Terry Jarvis for their many years of service, commitment and contribution to the GSDL and to the German Shepherd Dog breed. Likewise, I would also like to thank the outgoing committee of 2021.

The new 2022 committee is energised and ready to provide direction for the members to enjoy our breed, adapt to the current times and bring the club together again as one.

Just two weeks into the job, the new committee ran a very successful show on the 11th December, with a great entry of 92 under Mr Glenn Gregory (NSW). Originally scheduled as a two- day show, the new committee adjusted this back to 1 day to include our Annual Awards Presentation and Complimentary Lunch for all members.

Santa and his German Reindeer joined us for our Christmas get together. Our life members also received an invite to the complimentary Christmas lunch and Annual Awards Presentation. This was very well received by the members.

Progress continues with the preparation for the 48th GSDCA National Show and Trial to be held on 3rd, 4th & 5th June 2022. Our officiating confirmation judges will be Mrs Jenny Yuen (VIC) judging Stock Coat bitches and Mr Louis Donald (QLD) judging all Stock Coat Dogs and Long Stock Coat Dogs & Bitches.

Obedience judges contracted are Mrs Vyvyan Mannion (QLD), Mrs Lynne Klecka (VIC) and Mrs Maria Wheeler (NSW). The schedule will be published in the Summer Edition of the National Review.

For the 2022 year ahead we have 7 shows and 6 surveys planned. This includes the National Show & Trial. Our survey days will now be conducted as combined BBQ & Social days with activities such as introduction to Obedience and Rally-O.

The new committee have pushed forward with providing virtual meetings for the league, allowing those country members or those who live a distance from our clubhouse to still participate in the ongoings of the club. Successful Committee & National Meetings have already now taken place virtually.

As 2022 will be my first year as President, I look forward to the challenge and to providing direction to move our club forward, involve our members again and move with the times.

Let's get back out there in 2022 post COVID and enjoy our wonderful breed again.

Jessica Kada – President German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc.

As this year was officiated by the previous committee, I would like to include the following report from the outgoing President for the 2021 year. Please see below.

The league has had a reasonably quite 2021 due to the Virus in NSW with all of us vulnerable to contracting the Virus so do not be complacent and think that it won't get you because you just never know. Obey all instructions that come out from the authorities and keep your heads down we all need to be here when it's all over.



It is up to us one and all to follow the recommendations laid out for us by the powers that be at Government and Dogs NSW level. We have a responsibility to ourselves our families and our friends to do the right thing and keep our distance. Do not forget to keep in contact by phone or email with people you have not heard from for a while as they may be suffering the isolation and just need someone to talk to. Each State government is working hard to see that we have the minimum of disruption, but some States are suffering more than others and I wish all is well in ours and your own area of life and activities.

There were three (3) Breed Surveys held during the year totaling 28 Animals so at least we are getting some action on the dog front. We have had show and obedience training back on the grounds and the members are keeping a safe distance and enjoying the outings just in time for the Christmas shutdown and also the wet weather claimed a lot of our training nights with the grounds unusable for weeks on end.

As far as the League goes as you well know not a lot has been happening as we only got a few sessions of training in before the grounds were inundated with rain and we were flooded out and Dogs NSW closed the grounds for shows and training and then the virus did not get any better no training, no meetings National cancelled till 2022 and Fay Melanie Dianne and Greg and myself had to go into overdrive as most of the National show was in place and we had to put on hold all the arrangements that we had made, stop production on Marketing items cancel tents Etc. and find new dates for the National with Dogs NSW in 2021. We started off with the Easter weekend which was approved then moved to the next weekend and due to some interference of some sort from outside found ourselves back out to June.

There being no Committee meetings or General meetings the Executive carried on with the running of the League and keep the full committee and Members up to date with the latest as it comes in. I did not believe that we will be any shows or training until the latter part of the year if at all but we managed to squeeze a few surveys and shows in which was a bonus for our members. The League has been left in a sound financial position

The National Show Committee is now up and running and getting the where are we up to dates to push forward for the June National Show 2022.

I would like to thank the Committee for their assistance during 2021 especially our hard working Secretary Fay Stokes, Treasurer Dianne Coppini and Webmaster Fran McAdam.

I wish the new committee for 2022 well in their endeavors into the New Year.

Cheers

Terry Jarvis – Outgoing President German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc.

President N&HR GSDC – Mr Paul York

What a year this has been, with having the start of the year looking like we would be able to start our shows and training in full. What happened but another lockdown.

It seems like forever since we have been able to get together but things still continue. We had to cancel our Breed Survey in February due to the Extreme Heat. We did however get to have our little show in March which turned out to be a major success with an entry of 96. The day included a Breed Survey and to say everyone was exhausted after would be an understatement. Thank you to everyone who contributed. A successful Canteen was in operation on the day and we thank Pat and Janice from the Rottweiler Club for their assistance.

Unfortunately, our July Shows were postponed and we worked hard to get the Long Weekend in October approved by Dogs NSW Show Committee. Just having to change some judges around so we could continue. This date would not have been possible without the Canberra Club agreeing we use the weekend for this year. Alas, it was not possible for the Shows to go ahead due again to Covid restrictions. Disappointment all round. Considering we already have ribbons, Black Hawk sponsorship & trophies ready to go.

So, we try one more time. This time we await a decision from the Show Committee and taking into consideration the NSW Health and Government Regulations regarding opening up to outdoor activities and large gatherings we will see if the last weekend in November is possible for 2 shows. We realise that we will not be able to have interstate judges. So, we will have 2 NSW judges. We thank Fay Stokes & Graeme Stevenson for their efforts judging that weekend. We



appreciate everything that DOGS NSW has done for the Club in considering our efforts to conduct our Specialty Shows this year. We were able to run 2 small shows even if they were wet.

We have had a great major sponsor in Black Hawk, who continue to support our Club. This year we have had a lovely donation of funds from one of our members as well. So thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and look forward to all your continued help in the future.

The Easter weekend the Club ran a 5-day Canteen for the Northern District Rottweiler Club who also use Ring 8 at the CNCC Showgrounds. Thank you to those who helped out that weekend it was very much appreciated. I really do need to mention a couple of people in particular here who are very special friends to our Club. Kerry & Rick Clarke being non-members worked from daylight till after dark to help feed the Rottweiler exhibitors and this weekend did become a major fund raiser for the Club.

Our Social functions with members this year were limited but we did manage a Christmas Party at the grounds with members their families and dogs.

President GSDC of Queensland – Ms Sharon Thorp

It is my pleasure to present the Presidents report for this AGM.

I am pleased to announce we finished the year with 211 members, a slight growth on last years numbers.

It has been quite a year. Given COVID -19 threw a spanner in shows and events that were planned, the Committee actually held 22 committee meetings, in order to deal with the changing requirements and shut downs. All committee meetings were held via ZOOM.

4 General meetings were also held with a massive turn up of 34 members either present on the phone or on Zoom at our November GM.

Zoom attendees at meetings has not been supported as I would have liked, but hopefully next year we will see more members join. I encourage those members that are not involved in showing or trialing to be involved and help us help give more events that GSD enthusiasts would like.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the committee who have worked so hard this year, and for most it was their first time on committee, or in the role they held.

I would also like to thank Lance Young Treasurer at the beginning of the year who managed to transition the accounts to online. A time consuming job given the bureaucracies of Banks. We are pleased to hear that Helen Lances wife is much improved.

To Karl and Sarah Maresh who served as HD and Minutes secretary at the start of the year, we hope you are enjoying your new home here in Brisbane, and your new jobs.

It was the aim of the committee this year to give as many events as possible back to the members as we could, given the previous year of lock downs and no shows or trials and I am very proud of what has been delivered.

It was a shame the EKKA was cancelled as we had plans for a stand at this event to showcase our wonderful breed.

I would like to acknowledge and thank

Our judges for shows this year, Mrs. Nicky McDermott, Ian Urie, Jess Kada, Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon, Louis Donald, Peter Flynn, Jenny Delucia and Andrew Ziebell (Open show judge). Our trial judges Laura SchMike, Laurie Knauth, Annie Tamblyn, and Bill Patterson.



A big thank you to our State Surveyors Mrs. Carol O'Rourke, Mr. Louis Donald and Mrs. Sharon Ballantyne Gordon who adjudicated 5 surveys this year. We appreciate you giving up your time to Breed Survey our Dogs.

Gail Donald for all her effort and terrific photos that she takes of all the events.

Alison Drinkwater and Bronwyn Hurley for live feeding the classes of shows where possible. I know these were very well received.

To our committee my heartfelt thanks for the hard work and your support this year.

Our Secretary Garry Williams has dealt with all the correspondence and enquiries to the club in a very efficient and timely manner. He has pointed out that it is difficult for people with an interest in the breed or who have a pet dog to join the club if they don't know anyone. To that end anyone who applied for membership, and didn't have a mover and seconder he contacted them as to why they wanted to join the club, so members could make an informed decision regarding their membership. A great initiative by Garry. He has kept members informed, with his emails, and dealt with the ongoing correspondence with changes to events. Thank you, Garry, for all your hard work this year and I look forward to working with you next year.

Mr. Fred Flower. Treasurer/ Breed Affairs/ Merchandise/ Membership

Our treasurer, Fred stepped into the role after Lance left, he has taken to it like a duck to water and has initiated changes to save the club money. Memberships and also Eft payments through SQUARE. Fred also is now looking after the membership lists, and he organized the merchandise that the club now has.

Fred is our GO TO Person, he also took Sunday training for a while, he made the wonderful hides that are around the ring for shows, and with Garry Williams assistance set the rings up for all the shows.

Add to that position of Breed Affairs of which has been run with military precision, and on two occasions acting Show Secretary. Fred has been invaluable this year. Well done Fred.

Kylie Zimmerlie

Our VP, Kylie has jumped in to fund raise to assist Sue with the Show Secretaries position, by helping get things ready for shows, schedules, catalogues, and offering her time to assist anyone that need it. She has certainly been an asset to the committee. Thank you, Kylie,

Laura Schmique Obedience Coordinator

The work this lady does to promote the Obedience side of the club is commendable, and hopefully next year more of the obedience fraternity will turn out for the events.

Laura has raised sponsorship for the trials and shows, and also completes the catalogues for events. In fact, she actually a one man band for this facet of the club, and due to her efforts, the club will be hosting 6 events next year, Restricted trials, unrestricted trials, Double Rally and Tricks and an Endurance event. Well done Laura, and thank you for all your hard work.

Sue Bruno Show Secretary

Sue stepped into this role, partway through the year, I don't think she knew what she had let herself in for. But with very few hiccups the shows have all really ran well. Well Done Sue and especially thanks for sewing the ribbons on the excellents, as I know how much you dislike sewing. Organizing people from the All-Breed fraternity to be our stewards has been a resounding success with all wanting to come back and do it again. With 7 shows being held next year you will be kept busy and we are so pleased you are staying on.

HDED.

Jocelyn Philp started the year as Show Secretary, and due to a new job wasn't able to continue in the role, but has come back as HDED registrar, a position she held last year. All contracts have been issued speedily, and returned to members. She has reported to the Treasurer and the GSDCA on contracts issued, in a way that sees the club receiving invoices from the GSDCA in a more regular manner. Thanks Jocelyn.

Minutes Secretary.

Marcelle Wetzlar minutes are a Presidents dream, and the meeting is hardly over, and the minutes are returned. She does an excellent job, and she has also successfully tried her hand at typing critique's. Very pleased Marcelle you are staying on next year.



The club is represented in the zones by 2 representatives they are subcommittee positions but this year they were invited to be part of the management committee meetings, this allows for greater understanding and knowledge what is happening in the club for the Zonereps. The club members are geographically spread and we are a state club, so zone representation is very important.

Zone 2 /Website/ Facebook/Newsletters Bronwyn Hurley,

Bronwyn has successfully organized fund raising and a show and breed survey for the Zone, which had a record entry. Apart from that role Bronwyn has also produced 3 first class newsletters, I look forward to the Christmas newsletter. She has looked after the Facebook and web site page. The Editor used to be part of the committee, and I personally feel the amount of work that goes into the public side of the club, Facebook and website, as well as the newsletter this position should be reinstated to the committee.

Zone 3 Phil Gillies,

A very large and successful breed survey was held in Zone 3. Phil organized the event, and it was very well received by the members in the Zone. Well Done Phil. We have had some interest from people in Zone 3 to join the club and Phil is always willing to give them a call and have a chat as to why they want to join the club.

There are several very other important subcommittee positions:

Breed rescue Jean Hansford has held this role with the assistance of her husband Brian, and with their assistance GSD find new loving homes. Jean has also been the club's assembly steward for our events and I thank her so much for all her work she does for the club.

Puppy Listings

Annie Tamblin faithfully and with great accuracy ensures the puppies listed on the club's website meet the club's requirements. She has filled this position with dedication for many years, Thank you very much Annie. With the advent of COVID -19 a lot of puppies don't get onto the puppy listings as they are already sold I am sure Annie will welcome your listings next year. Annie also coordinates publicity for the club, and was successful in getting channel 10 to the award of Police Dog Kaos, publicity for the breed such as this is priceless. Well done Annie.

A last big Thank you to Cathy Shailer who has put together several catalogues and grading certificates for us. Thanks Cathy.

If I have forgotten anyone my apologies.

At times this year the management committee thought WHAT NEXT but we muddled through, and learnt on the job. We hope to extend the scope of the club activities to more general events, training education days, fun days, Zap testing, and Puppy picnics so that all members can be involved, if you are prepared to give a hand organizing a day give us a shout we welcome anyone to assist.

All committee members have renominated this year, and we will come out next year stronger and better than ever. The Annual report will be emailed to all members, and to the GSDCA, and the club will provide the documentation needed to Dogs QLD and Office of Fair Trading before we take our Christmas break.

On top of the stresses that COVID brought we were also the targets of malicious, hateful, slanderous, untrue, and very upsetting emails from an individual, which has caused us all concern. We have seen the Police sought legal advice, regarding this and hopefully next year it will cease.

On a more positive note, 2022 brings the return of the National in Sydney with Australian Judges, and I urge all GSD enthusiasts to attend.

We have our fingers crossed depending on border restrictions to have an overseas judge for one of our July Championship shows next year.

To close thank you to all that have supported the events this year, and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



Merry Christmas to all members, your families, and of course your dogs. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

See you all in 2022.

Regards
Sharon Thorp
President GSDCQ



GSDC of Queensland Financials have been provided to the GSDCA Executive.



TREASURERS REPORT 2020/2021

I would like to start this by saying that I took over as Treasurer at the end of April, this was after Lance due to private issues had decided to resign, I took over the books in a very neat and tidy position, I would like to thank Lance for the effort he put in.

During his time as Treasurer Lance changed the bank account to a CBA account called COMMBIZ, this account allows us to pay our accounts without the use of a cheque book, a much nicer system, all being done online with two authorizations for payments as required by our constitution, He also changed our accounting package to an online MYOB program called MYOB Essentials, this system imports deposits to our bank account directly into MYOB making reconciliation each month very easy, unfortunately during the change over the system managed to lose all of our previous reconciliations, most of which were sorted out before I took over, the last few months I was able to sort out with the help of my Accountant Daughter.

The auditors report is attached, with the audited profit and loss showing a loss of \$5,626.65, the majority of this loss is taken up by the club in this financial year paying a sum of \$4,055 to GSDCA for HD-ED contracts which were purchased but not paid for in the 2019/2020 financial year, this was brought about by the reports not being sent to GSDCA hence we had not been invoiced for them, there was also an Aug Invoice GSDCA for Quarterly Reviews for \$1,102.50 that had not been paid, we also had an expense of \$2,253.54 in legal fees, which was due to the club obtaining legal advice as to what could be done to stop the Leishman emails. All up this is a total of \$7,411.04, without these expenses this financial year we would have made a small profit.

With the hard work of the current committee an amount of \$3,063 was raised by Donations/Sponsorship & Raffles, making it possible for 5 of our 6 Shows and Members Comps to run at a profit, the only very small loss was the open show.

You will notice that Show Training is showing quite a large profit, this is because Dogs Queensland had not issued us with an invoice for the use of the grounds and lights for some time, this has now been rectified in this financial year. Going forward DQ have changed there system where we pay now pay in advance monthly.

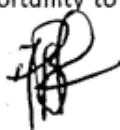
We are currently holding approx. \$1,400 in merchandise, merchandise made us a small profit this year.

The interest on our term deposit this year was much lower than previous years, being only \$1,099.49, with interest rates being so low, and for the current year it will be even less, I am looking to see if we can find a better return, but with the RBA rate being so low this is a difficult task.

In conclusion I believe the club is in a very healthy state, we have had a difficult year due to Covid lockdowns and show cancellations but have come out the other side very well, this financial year should be even better with the borders opening allowing our interstate neighbours to enter our shows and returning us a better income.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Fred Flower
Treasurer
German Shepherd Dog Club of Qld (inc.)



Breed Affairs Registrar Report 2021

With the turmoil of the last year having to change or cancel events so many times I believe the club has done very well to be able hold 5 surveys this year.

I believe it would be the first time for many years that the club has managed to hold a survey in all 3 zones in the same year, this did not come without some added expense to the club, but I believe it was well worth the expense. A big Thank you must go to John Oar for being the surveyors taxi service whilst they were in Nth Qld. and for kindly, not only looking after them but allowing them to stay at his home, saving the club a considerable amount.

In Zone 1 this year we had 12 dogs surveyed with all being classified, with our three Qld surveyors, Carol O'Rourke, Louis Donald and Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon taking part, Zone 2 survey was held at Bullyard (Near Bundaberg) we had 4 dogs surveyed all being classified, the surveyors on the day were Louis Donald and Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon, and in Zone 3 we had a survey held at Ingham with 9 dogs being surveyed all being classified, the surveyors on the day were Carol O'Rourke and Fay Stokes (NSW), In all 25 Animals surveyed for the year, all of which were classified, an excellent result.

I would like to thank Carol O'Rourke as the GSDCA Breed Affairs Co-Ordinator for Qld, Louis Donald, Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon and Gail Donald for making things easy for me this year, most contact with them being made to cancel or move a survey.

I have decided not to be the Breed Affairs Registrar this coming year, I will continue to look after the Treasurers portfolio that I took over in April after Lance resigned, Thanks to all.

Fred Flower
Breed Affairs Registrar
German Shepherd Dog Club of Qld (inc.)

HD & ED Report for 2021

I would like to thank Karl Maresh for doing a wonderful job unfortunately Karl couldn't continue on in the position. The second half of the year has been great with a few contracts being issued.

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|----------------|----------|
| December 2020 | 10 |
| January 2021 | 8 |
| February 2021 | 7 |
| March 2021 | 5 |
| April 2021 | 2 |
| May 2021 | 8 |
| June 2021 | 6 |
| July 2021 | 8 |
| August 2021 | 1 |
| September 2021 | 15 |
| October 2021 | 1 so far |
| Total of | 71 |

Looking forward to a year of less lock downs and more dog shows.

Ta Jocelyn Philp



Show Secretary Report

This is the first time that I have taken on the role as Show Secretary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee for their support throughout the year.

Unfortunately, the lockdowns and constant restrictions prevented our interstate friends from participating in most of our shows in 2021, however the committee made the decision to push on and continue running the shows for its local members.

Fortunately, our first two shows were supported by our interstate friends with Nicky McDermott officiating at our first Members Competition in February and Ian Urie/Jess Kada officiating at our double header Members Competition in May. Both shows were very well received and we hope to see more interstate support in 2022 when the border restrictions lift.

Moving on throughout the year, our July Championship Show was changed to a one day show format given the border restrictions with Sharon Ballantyne officiating, and with the addition of an Open Show judged by Andrew Ziebell. The decision to split the double champshow to another one day format in September was also well received by the members and well supported.

Our Zone 2 Show was judged by Louis Donald with great success and well supported by the southern and northern members. Well done to Bronwyn and her team at Bullyard who did a fantastic job to bring the show together in very hot conditions. Louis was a very popular choice as a Judge and it showed with record entry numbers.

Our next Championship Show in September was judged by Peter Flynn and again was well supported by the members with our final Members Comp in October judged by Jenny DeLucia which was again well supported by the members.

The Committee supplied Hides for the October show for the first time, providing better and safer double handling aids for all of our future shows. I think they went down really well and will be continued into 2022 and beyond.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors for our Championship Show this year who helped to make our shows financially viable this year.

Very special thanks to Fred Flower who has been invaluable with his eager assistance and readiness to help wherever and however he can. You've made such a difference and I really appreciate your capable assistance.

Thanks also to our always supportive Jean Hansford for capably organising everyone in the assembly area as well as Alison for her terrific live video feeds of all the shows. I'd like to also thank Carol O'Rourke for assisting at the October show in my absence.

Finally, I'd like to thank our hard working committee for all of their tireless work during trying times and look forward to a very successful 2022.

Obedience Report 2021

What a year for 2021. 2021 saw the come back of trials. Not only did we hold our gazetted July and September Restricted Trials we also held our very first Double Rally Trial. Although the attendance at these trials was not great, we should still be thankful that we were able to hold trials, as there are still states that cannot.

The low attendance of these trials was greatly impacted by Covid 19 and border closures, but now that borders are opening, next year's trials should hopefully be well attended.

We had some great sponsorship for this year's Obedience Events, we saw K9 Pro, Pet Accessories Warehouse, Von Ultimate and Mans Best come on board with prizes for competitors, place winners, raffles etc. It was greatly appreciated and hopefully we can manage to secure more sponsorship for next year.



Remember this is your club, if you know any small businesses or can help communicate with potential sponsors, it would be greatly appreciated.

Throughout this year, I have been working on “How do we increase our Obedience Numbers?” The answer..... Have unrestricted trials. Yes, that’s right, The GSDCQ has been given approval from Dogs Qld to host unrestricted breed trials. So, in 2022, due to other Obedience clubs current gazetted weekends, the GSDCQ will still hold our 2 Restricted Obedience trials in July and September, and I currently have 3 proposed dates in April, July and August for a Double Rally and Double Tricks Trial, which is sitting with the Qld Dog Sports Committee for consideration.

I am also looking at a date to host an Endurance Trial as well, one of the clubs successfully completed a night trial at Durack, so this opens up even more opportunities for the club.

A big thank you to fellow GSDCQ members who have supported me personally within my role as Obedience Coordinator, the members from Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club, who have come along and helped steward at the Obedience Trials. All these events take a team to be successful, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for your strong support you have shown me this year.

Here’s to a more positive and exciting 2022

Regards
Laura

Website Report /Facebook/Club Newsletters Club

Newsletters

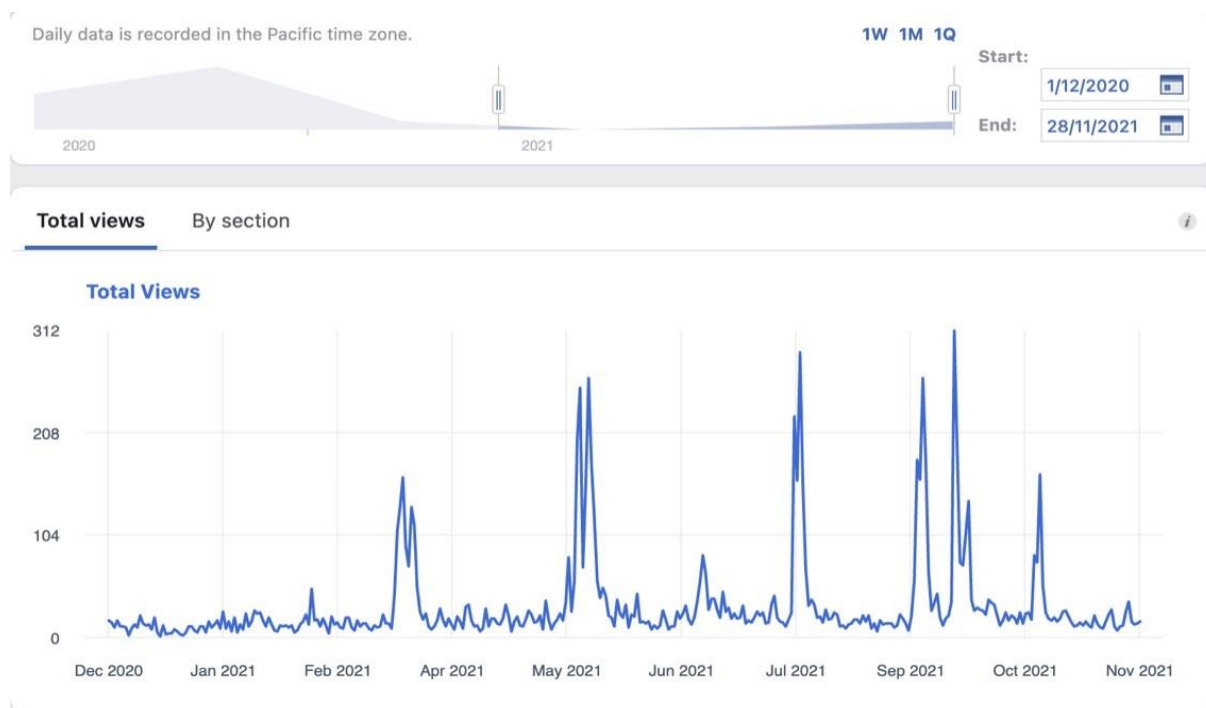
The Club newsletters were circulated in December, May and October there will also be a Christmas Newsletter later this year.

Facebook

The club Facebook page has had a very positive response with the shows being live fed either by myself or Alison Drinkwater. As usual Gail’s beautiful photos are always much appreciated.

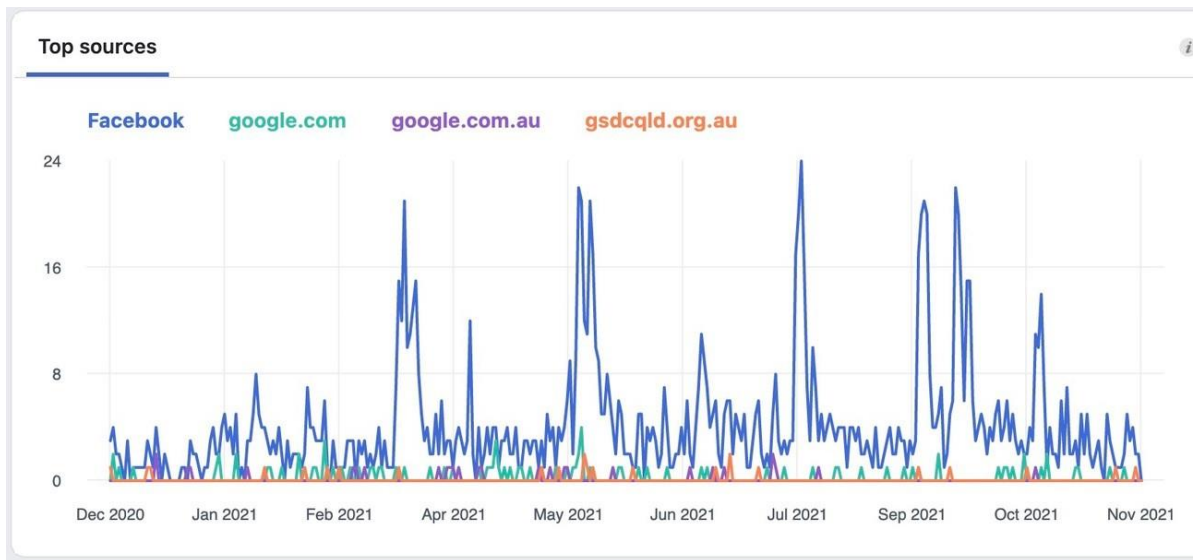
The following stats have been pulled from the GSDCQ Facebook page. Total views peak times seem to be when Gail’s pics are uploaded as well as the livefeeds on the page at shows.

TOTAL VIEWS



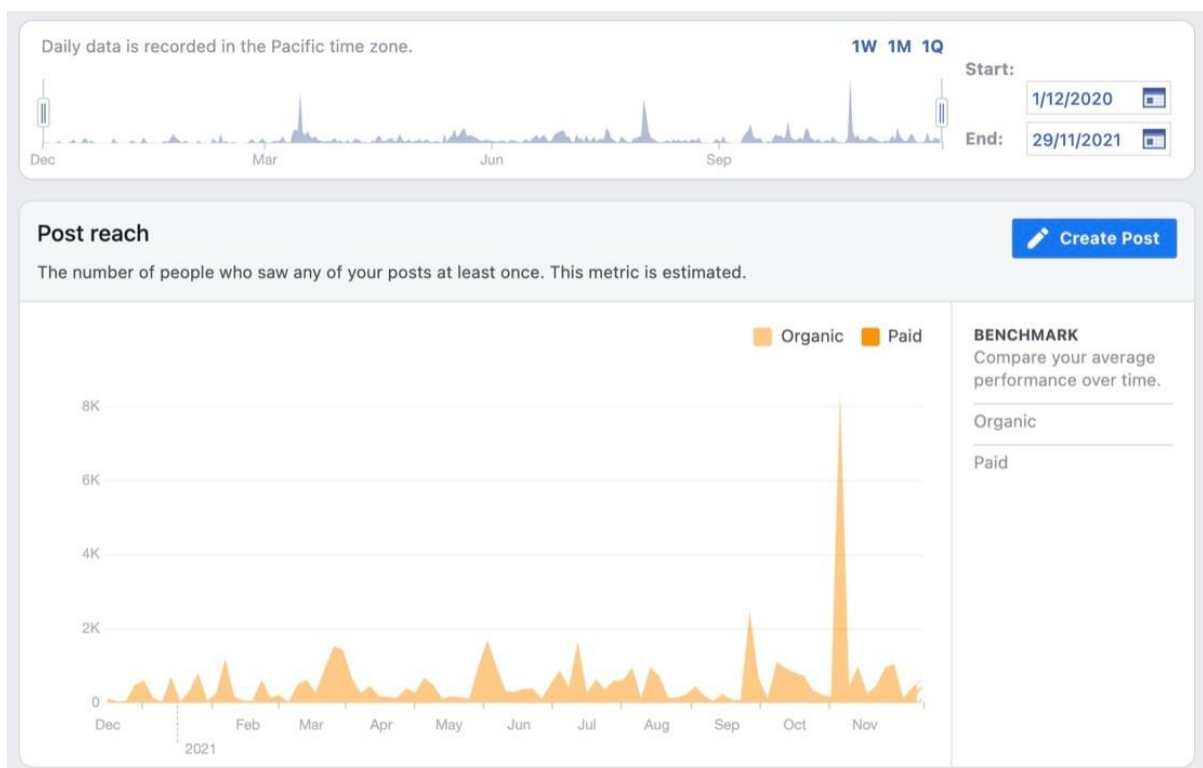
TOP SOURCES

Facebook is by far the top source of Facebook clicks



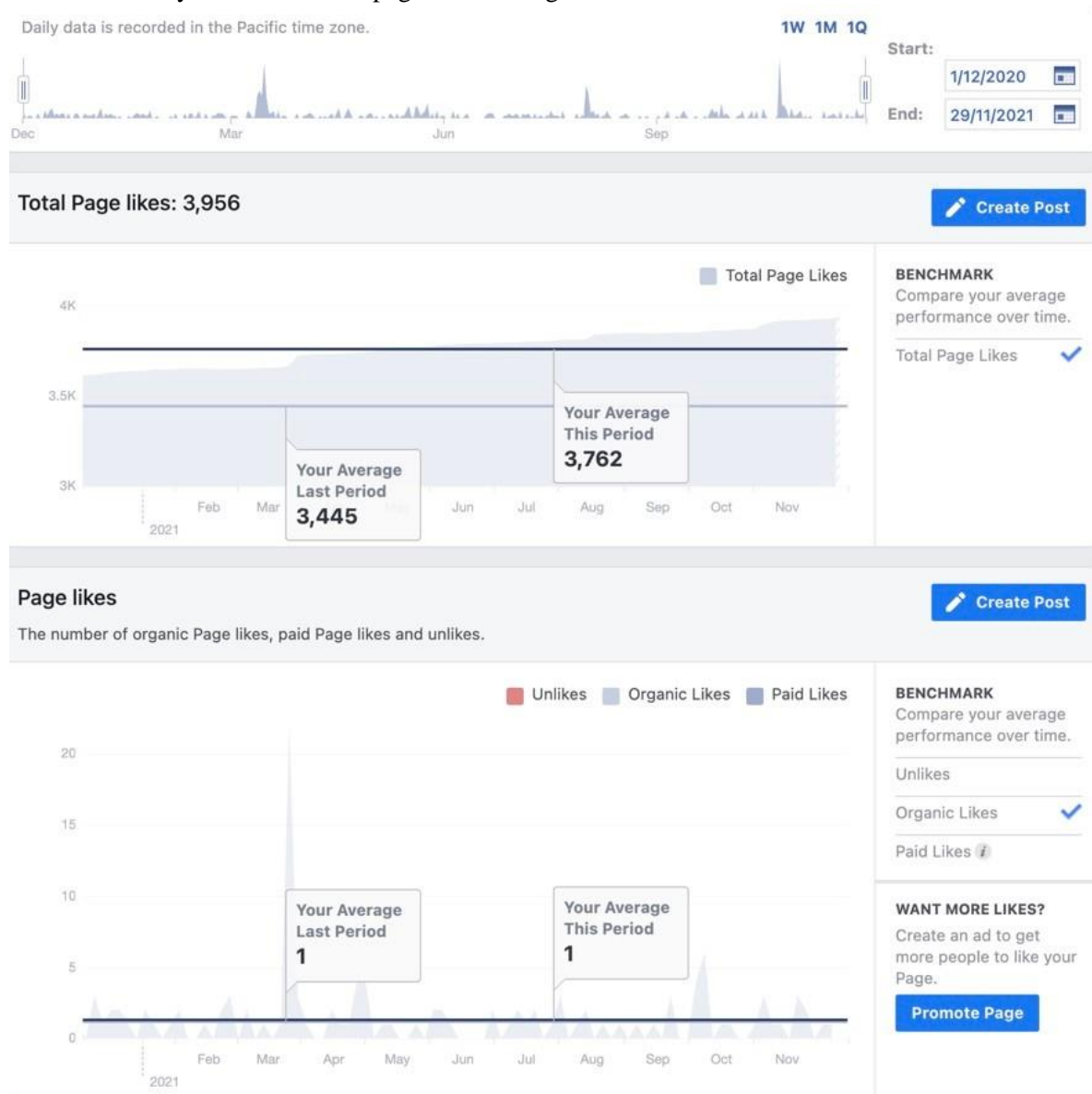
POST REACH

The peak period this year was October through to November.



TOTAL PAGE LIKES

There is a steady increase of new page likes during 2021.



Website

The website has been updated with 2022 forms and when the show dates are all sorted and approved, I will update the 2022 calendar.



The data received from Jacinta on the GSDCQ website traffic is as follows;

2021 Year to date

| Month | Unique visitors | Number of visits | Pages | Hits | Bandwidth |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Jan 2021 | 4,081 | 5,929 | 328,319 | 445,948 | 2.23 GB |
| Feb 2021 | 3,443 | 4,968 | 290,548 | 387,180 | 1.71 GB |
| Mar 2021 | 2,697 | 3,555 | 274,268 | 378,946 | 2.46 GB |
| Apr 2021 | 2,382 | 3,048 | 462,788 | 569,286 | 2.59 GB |
| May 2021 | 2,434 | 3,528 | 390,057 | 501,552 | 3.19 GB |
| Jun 2021 | 2,287 | 3,484 | 106,544 | 206,982 | 2.35 GB |
| Jul 2021 | 2,209 | 2,971 | 59,478 | 153,164 | 2.11 GB |
| Aug 2021 | 2,445 | 3,340 | 41,478 | 136,451 | 2.12 GB |
| Sep 2021 | 2,511 | 3,504 | 34,393 | 134,056 | 2.14 GB |
| Oct 2021 | 3,944 | 5,463 | 135,413 | 232,367 | 2.06 GB |
| Nov 2021 | 361 | 411 | 12,503 | 22,349 | 212.31 MB |
| Dec 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 28,794 | 40,201 | 2,135,789 | 3,168,281 | 23.18 GB |

2020 Year

| Month | Unique visitors | Number of visits | Pages | Hits | Bandwidth |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Jan 2020 | 3,944 | 5,715 | 162,811 | 247,161 | 1.53 GB |
| Feb 2020 | 12,719 | 36,875 | 233,120 | 311,050 | 1.87 GB |
| Mar 2020 | 5,260 | 27,103 | 260,409 | 344,814 | 2.72 GB |
| Apr 2020 | 3,955 | 8,726 | 91,122 | 248,675 | 2.38 GB |
| May 2020 | 6,418 | 12,169 | 517,237 | 705,506 | 4.25 GB |
| Jun 2020 | 3,564 | 4,794 | 186,865 | 326,258 | 2.31 GB |
| Jul 2020 | 3,635 | 5,279 | 205,412 | 340,605 | 2.46 GB |
| Aug 2020 | 3,643 | 4,899 | 281,469 | 416,006 | 2.16 GB |
| Sep 2020 | 3,771 | 5,034 | 266,774 | 401,083 | 2.06 GB |
| Oct 2020 | 3,746 | 5,299 | 325,310 | 432,634 | 1.99 GB |
| Nov 2020 | 3,177 | 4,526 | 365,794 | 467,062 | 2.04 GB |
| Dec 2020 | 3,200 | 4,397 | 305,936 | 408,240 | 2.10 GB |
| Total | 57,032 | 124,816 | 3,202,259 | 4,649,094 | 27.87 GB |

The reasoning I feel for the decline in traffic from 2020 to 2021 is due to Covid

19. In 2020 there was a huge demand for puppies and that the website was utilised to search the puppy listings posted monthly.

Cheers Bronwyn Hurley GSDCQ

Zone 2 Rep/Website Manager/FB page Administrator

Zone 2 AGM Report

Zone 2 had a very eventful Members Comp on 25 September with Judge Louis Donald where he had a record number of 47 Qld entries! A great day was had by all. There were 4 dogs presented for Survey and all were classified.

Zone 2 will hopefully hold members comp and survey proposed date is on 20 August 2022. Melanie Groth's contract is being held over to 2022 due to Covid Border closures. We are awaiting dogs Qld approval, the Bullyard grounds are available on that day.



The raffles were well received and the money raised helped contribute to the cost of the show.

A big thank you to all the exhibitors that travelled to the show.

Regards Bronwyn Hurley

Zone 3 Annual report - 2021

Finally, after many years we were able to organise a Breed Survey in Zone 3. The Survey was held in June on a beautiful warm and sunny day to enable Surveyors Carol O'Rourke and Fay Stokes, with the grateful assistance from Sharon Ballantyne, to put the dogs through their paces. Nine Dogs were presented on the day and all nine passed Survey.

In February the Cairns City Kennel Club hosted Glynis Hendricks from Havelock German Shepherds for an obedience workshop where handlers were given the opportunity to learn new techniques and gain some beneficial tips to use while training their dogs.

Puppy Listing report 2021

This year there was a total of 25 listings vs the same time last year with 23 listings – so a very slight increase.

And yes, after coordinating the listings with breeders for nearly 16 years I'm still regularly receiving phone calls, texts and emails from people looking for GSD puppies & older dogs.

So breeders, I'd love some more puppies, older dogs and expected litters to list going into 2022.

Wishing all members and their families (& dogs of course) a very special Xmas and new year.

Annie Tamblyn Puppy Listings Office

German Shepherd Dog Rescue 2020/2021

This past year has shown an increase in the number of people wanting a German Shepherd Dog and also those who are needing to rehome their dog. The numbers are 63 'wanting' and 57 'available'. This would seem to indicate a pretty even situation, but the range of needs and availability of exactly what they want vary so much. The usual requests abound, such as 'service dog', 'elderly walking friend', 'dog trainer', 'retired and lonely', 'have another dog who is lonely' but fortunately this year we have not had any calls for a guard dog other than a couple of cases of northern Queensland people asking for a dog that 'looks' vicious, as both families had been broken into during the night when they were in bed and survived a nasty incident.

Some 'available' dogs have strange histories – been to a behaviourist; litter mates (aged 6 & 7 years) (2 & 5 years) (2 & 4 years) - really sad if you can't move them on together; submissive; handful; nervous and strange; boisterous; wild; no small dogs please; escapist with separation problems resulting in broken windows, reserved, clingy and a dog relocating from Tasmania to far-north Queensland suffering from heat stress. These problems make re-homing them a lot more difficult but never impossible. Marriage breakdowns, moving interstate or downsizing are quite common reasons also.

Every colour imaginable – black and tan, black, sable, white, bicolor; normal coats, long stock coats; ages ranging from 10 months all the way through to 11 years.

People from all places – Toowoomba, Gympie, Townsville, Gold Coast, Cairns, Broome, Gatton, Coolangatta, Maroochydore, Pomona and of course many suburbs of Brisbane as well. Some people, but certainly not all, are prepared to travel to find their perfect dog and that makes placing a dog a lot easier.

Every task has its ups and downs and Brian and I do enjoy most of it, and I'm sure a lot of people really appreciate our help. It is a rewarding occupation even with the few hiccups we encounter along the way. We know it is a really good service for surely the best breed going around - the **German Shepherd Dog**.

Jean and Brian Hansford



President GSDC of South Australia – Mr John DeLucia

Even though we are all still having to deal with Covid and the restrictions, the SA club was able to hold events which were well received by all. Our club is very fortunate to have four new members join the Committee for 2022. These members are relatively new members to our club, they are young and full of new and innovative ideas and I look very forward to working with them and moving forward to very exciting times.

I extend a big thank you to our major sponsor, Royal Canin and am very happy to report outstanding sales of Royal Canin in our Shepherd Shop. I thank the members for their support in purchasing their pet food needs from the club. I also extend a thank you to all the members who helped out at club events as your support is invaluable.

Our membership has increased in 2021 which is very pleasing considering the tough times that we have had since 2019. The club is once again in a very health financial state which is very pleasing.

The club will be holding another Obedience Instructor's Course early in 2022, run once again by our First Vice President, Jenny De Lucia. I wish the candidates well and all the best for the future.

The club held five obedience trials in 2021 with three being held in August which was a little difficult in terms of resources however, were well attended and received.

The club conducted four Breed Surveys with a total of 25 animals being presented. We conducted four Members Competitions and one Championship Show with all being well attended.

A full Annual Report on club activities for 2021 can be found on the club's website.

President GSDC of Tasmania – Mr Ken Millhouse

It is my pleasure to present our annual report for 2021. Yet again we have had to work our lives and interests around Covid requirements, but I am happy to say here in Tasmania we have been able to not only get through relatively unscathed but also build on the ever improving culture and member base we are so fortunate to have.

Membership - The clubs membership numbers are holding steady relative to the last 2-3 years. We have unfortunately lost a few long term members as happens but have also gained a number of new members through our puppy socialisation classes.

Training – We hold training sessions each Saturday morning at the club grounds from 10AM. Starting with puppy socialisation and basic agility/Zap exercises this has proven to be very popular with the large number of new puppy owners we have been able to attract in recent times. Keeping the owners involved as their pups grow and mature is possibly the hardest challenge for a small club like ours. Once the youngsters are finished we have our basic obedience classes. From puppies to adults there's always someone needing a hand to learn the right way to behave. Show training has been very well attended this year across all age groups. With a number of different members taking the show classes and a wide variety of activities for those considering taking their dogs to breed survey or doing zap exercises. Regular gun testing, crowd testing and one on one interaction has seen very good ongoing results.

Shows – In February we were able to hold 2 shows. Jess Kada and Vince Tantaró officiated for us. Given the restrictions in place and the last minute lockdown for Victoria, the entry was well supported.

In May, Carol O'Rourke and Stephen Collins took the reins and with a few brave entries from mainland exhibitors the numbers were better than expected.

Our September back to back shows were unfortunately cancelled with border restrictions making travel to the state simply too hard to navigate with 14 day quarantine times and restricted boat sailings and airline flights.



Financials – As expected the club has had to tighten the belts some what over the last 18 months or so. It is very pleasing to note that our treasurer has done a fantastic job in keeping us on the right track to not only minimise the losses of losing shows but also finding ways of keeping the revenues coming in with the option of now being able to accept online card payments via a square reader at training and shows for everything from food and drinks to memberships. Currently we are in a very steady and healthy financial position.

During 2022 the GSDCT will celebrate it 50th year anniversary. A number of events are planned to commemorate this very special milestone for the club. We have three weekends of shows and Breed surveys scheduled for February, May and September.

Ken Millhouse
President GSDCT inc



GSDC of Tasmania Financials have been provided to the GSDCA Executive.

President GSDC of Victoria – Mr Vince Ebejer

I am pleased to present my annual report on behalf of the GSDCV to the 2022 GSDCA AGM.

I would like to start by thanking our major sponsor, Royal Canin for their support through 2021 and I am pleased to report they have agreed to continue our long-term relationship into 2022.

Restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic continued with lockdowns off and on during the year, causing events/training to be either cancelled or postponed. Events possible in some areas and not others, training possible in some areas and not others made 2021 seem more like an extension of 2020 rather than a separate year. When we finally were able to resume normal training and events, the added requirement of ensuring those attending were ‘vaccinated’ caused its own set of problems. As we do, we were able to adapt, work out new systems and procedures to comply with the government regulations and move on, finishing off the year quite strong and ready for what 2022 may bring.

While some events were cancelled, this year we were able to conduct our Champ Show and RTB Trial in March, SBE and RTB Trail in May, and while the ‘Working Dog ‘Show was not able to be held over the Çup’ weekend, were able to hold it in place of our open show in December. We were also able to hold 4 breed surveys, and an Endurance Test. Unfortunately, our tracking trials were cancelled.

Given the lockdowns we faced, while physical training numbers were not what they could have been, surprisingly, memberships were substantially up with 3485 financial members spread over 1765 units up from 2672 members spread over 1402 units in 2020, which itself was a bigger year than 2019. We are pleased to say that the GSDCV continues to grow. This can only be attributed to our structure, with our Branches spread across Victoria, in most cases, German Shepherd owners do not have to far to travel to find a training branch. This combined with our online presence and ‘word-of-mouth’ recommendations no-doubt assist to bring in the members. Once joined, the Branches, committees and instructors have a great relationship with the membership base, providing not only training for the GSD, which was maintained throughout the year providing tips and homework for the members to keep up their training during the lockdown periods, a great social atmosphere as well, which ensures members return year after year.

As always, whether lockdowns or not, the business of the GSDCV continues, with many a hard working members giving up their valuable time to ensure our organisation continues to fulfill its obligations to governments, local, state and federal, Dogs Victoria the members and the Breed.

Planning for the 2023 National Show and Trial is underway, though at this time we are yet to receive confirmation of our requested dates. Hopefully by the GSDCA AGM we will have further updates to pass on.

Audited GSDCV financial statements will be detailed in the GSDCV 2021 Annual Report. Copies of this report will be available following the GSDCV AGM scheduled for March 2022.



President GSDA of Western Australia – Mr Ian Heard

I am pleased to present my first Annual Report to this AGM on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Association of WA (Inc).

2021 has been a much better year for us here, in the West, than 2020, we have been able to hold all of our shows except one Championship Show and all of our trials.

Our fund raising was given a boost with the running of two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles throughout the year, I would like to thank those involved for their drive, and hard work in making these happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my grateful thanks to our many other volunteers who freely give their time for the benefit of our members. Our club could not function without the dedication of these volunteers.

We also ran, what was named a Future Directions workshop. The intention of this workshop was to bring in ideas of what members want from their club. This was well supported, including some new members with several ideas coming forward, for improvement of our club. We will follow through on these ideas, with the intention of giving our members what they want, within reason. You can't please all the people, all the time.

We also instigated an up to date financial software program to keep with the times, and assist with keeping a better handle on where our club is financially at any one point in time.

Many thanks to our Treasurer, Mrs. Robyn Knuckey for the background work in organizing the Sausage Sizzles, the Future Directions Workshop, and the upgrading of our financial software.

As always we have been well supported by our Sponsors and I list them below in recognition of their continuing support:-

Meals For Mutts

The Meals For Mutts Company (MFM) is a new sponsor of our club and the response to the new biscuits by our members has been tremendous. I welcome them to the partnership and hope we can be partners for many years to come.

Scarboro Toyota

Scarboro Toyota has again been a great sponsor of our club and I thank them for the continuing support.

Animal Health

I offer my thanks to Troy Lyon and his team at Animal Health for their continued support of our club by the sale of biscuits to us at a very competitive price and also for the supply of goods that we sell from the club shop.

Armadale Mower World

Craig and Armadale Mower World continue to support us with their servicing of our ground equipment on a regular basis and their advice when needed by us.

I urge our members to support our sponsors who continue to support us.

Our Sunday Obedience Training continues to be well attended and I urge the breeders to continue handing out the four free lesson certificates which are very popular with the new puppy buyers.

As always, we continue to encourage our newer members to consider getting involved as a volunteer. There are many ways for them to be involved and if they are interested then they should speak to any member of the various committees.

We have an active group of volunteers who have been involved for many years and I'm sure they would be delighted to see some new members on board.



I am looking forward to the year ahead in the hope that we can continue to work together for the benefit of all our members and our beautiful Breed.

I have included below reports from our various committee chairs and club Position holders.

Reports from our Management Committee Members.

Show Committee Chair

Obedience Chair

Breed Affairs Chair

Reports from position holders

Puppy Listing Officer, ID Officer, Stud Dog Registrar

Trials Committee Chair

HD/ED Registrar

Membership Officer

Membership Officer Report:

As of 3rd December 2021 our membership numbers are:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Double memberships | 94 |
| Single memberships | 141 |
| Life Memberships | 38 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS | 367 |

Since the beginning of this financial year (2021-22), we have had total:

New Members 72

Renewed Members 91

Members who haven't renewed 40

We have seemed to maintain steady numbers despite current members not renewing.

Membership renewals have made a transition to email from paper-based mail to help cut down costs, but many emails have been sent to Junk Mailboxes and have been missed. I have utilised the Club's Facebook page to help raise awareness.

I have been looking into online database alternatives to replace the current exhaustive Excel spreadsheet. Moving to an online platform would help increase memberships as it should streamline the renewal process and encourage new members with an easy-to-use application process after their free sessions are completed.

Tamara Touzel

Show Chair Report

This year has all round been quite successful in running specialist shows.

We only had to cancel one Championship show this year, unlike our Eastern States clubs.

Our State Breed Exhibition, judged by Peter Flynn (SA) 86 entered, 62 exhibited.

October members Comp judged by Jenny De Lucia (SA) 75 entries, 54 exhibited.

West Coast Challenge judged by Steve Collins (SA) 72 entered, 55 exhibited.

Robyn Knuckey (March Members Comp) 54 entered 40 exhibited.

Natalie Humphries (June Members Comp) 52 entered 36 exhibited.

John Fenner (Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show) 39 entered, 30 exhibited.



Our 3 Interstate judges all received a great number of entries, thus proving that we should endeavor to keep trying to bring them in for our bigger shows.

Our first Open show received an entry of 10, the second Open Show received a slightly higher entry of 22. Unfortunately, there is not a huge support for the Group 5 All Breeds judges within our show fraternity, however we offer these shows to our trainee judges, so they can have more hands-on experience with our GSD's.

Thanks to Lee-Anne Shea, Kerrie Pearce, Robyn Knuckey, Sharon Southwick, Jenny Boekelman, Peyton Burgess, Ian Marr, Dorothy Marr, Leanne Irvin & John Fenner for all your work on the committee this year. Unfortunately, Nicole Smith stepped down recently, so thank you to you too.

I look forward to 2022, working with the returning committee and any new members.

Tracy Roberts
Show Chair

Obedience Chair Report

I will start this report by recognising and thanking all the Instructors, Trainee Instructors and helpers for the time and effort that they all put in, on behalf of the members, all year round. They are the heart of our club and I sincerely hope that the members fully appreciate the work that they do every year on our behalf holding obedience classes and/or socialisation classes for 50 weeks of the year. A phenomenal effort by any standard.

I would also like to personally thank John Glenney for his work as Head Trainer, a position he has held for some time now. John gives so much of his time, and I thank him for the time and effort that he gives us every year. He is also involved with the Trials Committee and has been our Returning Officer for a number of years.

The Trials Committee comes under my portfolio and is chaired by Diane Webb and I thank her and her committee for the great work they do during the year. A report from the Trials Committee will be included at the end of this report.

This report covers all of 2021.

The year has had its ups and downs with some interruptions because of the COVID Pandemic but overall we have been able to run Obedience Classes on most Sundays and on Most Wednesday nights during the summer months.

I must give special recognition to the new Beginners class which is run by Kym and Karen with help from Laurel, Iain Mac and our trainee trainer Heather. This class has been an absolute success and the photos and videos that Kym puts on her facebook page, and the club facebook page, are viewed and enjoyed by German Shepherd people all over Australia and also in New Zealand.

Kym and Karen also submitted a terrific article to the National Review based on the success of the beginner class and it was very well received. It was a marvellous article and I recommend all German Shepherd members to have a read of it if they haven't already done so.

We have been lucky enough to have been able to run our obedience classes almost all year with only very minor disruptions caused by a couple of very short sharp lockdowns. When I look at other parts of Australia and see the difficulties that they have had to overcome to enable them to train we have been very fortunate here in the West.

We decided that in 2021 we would change the way that we run the graduations. We decided to run two graduations for the year, the first as the SBE Graduation the week before the SBE and the second one will be the end of year Closed Club Trial Graduation in November. The two graduations in the middle of the year will be run, as Assessments, by the instructors of each class level.

This system has been run during this year and has proved to be very successful. A decision will be made at the Trainers workshop in January 2022 on whether to continue with this format.



It would be remiss of me not to Mention Kerrie Pearce and Ian Heard who between them look after the maintenance of the club grounds. The grounds have never looked better than they do now and it is all due to the time and effort put in by these two hard working members.

I am thoroughly enjoying my role of Obedience Chair which of course includes being back on the Management Committee of our great club

Below is the report from the Trials Committee Chair Diane Webb.

Ian Marr. Obedience Chair

Trials Committee Chair Report

During 2021 the Trials Committee ran 5 combined Obedience & Rally Trials. These trials were our 4 all breeds trials in February, May, July and the October West Coast Challenge plus the State Breed Exhibition Trial in April.

The May Trial was the rescheduling of our April Trial that had to be cancelled due to a three day COVID lockdown. Our all breeds trials continue to be well supported by the obedience community. We were also able to conduct our July Endurance Test with another COVID lockdown ending the day before.

The members of the committee and volunteers are thanked for their hard work on trial days with office work and stewarding, and not forgetting our hardworking judges without whom our events could not proceed.

Thank you to our President, Ian Heard for his support representing the Management Committee at our Trials and his work behind the scenes in ground maintenance, Kerrie Pearce for mowing the grass when Ian unavailable, John Glenny for ring set up, and Kerrie, Sue Peters, and John and Andy Crace for giving up their Friday mornings to join me in the cleaning the clubhouse and tidying of the grounds. The conditions of the grounds on trial days continue to be commented on favourably by the competitors. Sincere thanks must go to Lucy Lubbock for manning the canteen in February and October. A club member, Trish Humphrey, kindly donated a delicious pumpkin soup for our Endurance Test.

Thank you must also go the Club Sponsors. Scarboro Toyota has continued to support the Trials with their cash donation during these difficult times. The Committee looks forward to promoting the Club's new major sponsor Meals for Mutts to the WA obedience community.

Diane Webb, Trials Chairperson

Puppy Listing Officer

Another busy year, the only exception being school holidays of course.

Genuine enquiries are most grateful for the help , information package and advice given.

Breeders update:

On behalf of the Breed Affairs Chair I will be asking all breeders to forward their DogsWest Breeders' Registration number for inclusion in all of our advertising to comply with DogsWest Regulations.

Also reminding them of the recently updated transfer requirements by DogsWest. I will confirm with DogsWest that transfers to be effected – no longer handing over the paperwork to the vendors for them to effect transfer.

Stud Dogs Registrar

Owners of up and coming dogs which have been recently imported and/or breed surveyed will be contacted over the holiday break and invited to supply details for inclusion on the Stud Dog page. Possibly we could ask the Breed Registrar to send me the names of any potential stud dogs after a breed survey is held so our contact with owners can be immediate.



Identification Officer

Our rescue group – S.A.F.E. Perth continues to be the lifeline for many German Shepherds often they require information on dogs handed in to them. Other queries come from the general public who buy a puppy/dog from Gumtree and are researching its history, vets and council rangers. Most times we can reunite the registered dogs with the breeder and subsequently the owner.

Webpage

After a few hiccups we are currently up to date. Intending to finally put up the 13 club and Centenarians page over the break.

It is difficult sometimes when people change things within their group or circle, often not seeing the ripple effect on other portfolios so we must ensure that communication is kept up and received by all those affected by any change.

Editor

I am in my 16th year as Editor – I am still enjoying it so many interesting articles to research and share. This portfolio also includes the Club Page report for the National Review. I send members Information updates – on a weekly basis if required and our monthly calendars to enable members to see when events are happening at our Headquarters and closing dates for trials, shows, breed surveys etc.

Margaret Adams

Breed Affairs Chair

I decided to stand for Breed Affairs Chair again this year and took over the role in August.

The Breed Affairs Committee consists of the following people.

John Fenner, Robyn Knuckey and Honey Gross Richardson (Retired) Judges

Leanne Irvine as Breed Survey Registrar, Vicki Beaton as HD ED Registrar and Margaret Adams as ID Officer and Puppy Listing Registrar.

Dr Candice Baker as veterinary advisor.

The end of last year saw the Specialist Veterinary Dermatologist Dr Meng Siak from WAVES finally give his talk to our members on peri anal fistulas (Anal Furunculosis) which had been delayed due to covid restrictions.

This year we had Specialist Emergency and Critical Care veterinarian Dr Katrin Swindells from WAVES give a talk on Emergency First aid and Blood donors on 10th October. This talk was very well received by our members and also our first attempt at Live streaming.

More talks are in the pipeline for next year.

The Breed Affairs committee will meet again in the New Year to discuss the GSDCA AGM agenda items prior to our clubs SGM.

Natalie Humphries

State Breed Survey Registrar – Report 2021

While 2021 has been a COVID year of compromise, and not much different to 2020 in some respects, this year, we have got back to the ideal situation where we had scheduled six breed surveys spaced at relatively even schedules throughout the year.



Fortunately, we have been able to conduct all of the scheduled surveys, albeit the June survey had no entrants, due to a postponement. The scheduling of six surveys provided members with the most opportunities to survey their animals at the earliest opportunity.

In 2021, the number of animals presented for survey has been down on previous years, despite the large number of animals being bred in COVID times, as recorded in the Dogs West 'Canine News'.

The first survey in February had only one participant who was successfully surveyed. The second survey in April, had a total of four participants, all of whom were successful in gaining their breed survey classification.

The fourth scheduled survey in August, had a total number of 5 animals entered, all Stock Coat females. One of these requested that their survey be postponed until the October Survey, leaving 4 remaining in the survey. Three of these successfully gained the status of "Breed Survey Classified". The remaining female was requested to be re-presented at a future survey.

The fifth survey, in October, two weeks before the West Coast Challenge had two entries, both females, one Stock Coat and one Long Stock Coat. The Stock Coat was the entry held over from the August Survey. Both of these females successfully completed survey to gain the "Breed Survey Classified" status.

The sixth and final survey for 2021 had three entrants, however, two of these have deferred their surveys until a later date. The one remaining exhibit, a Long Stock Coat female, was successfully classified.

Congratulations to all of the owners and breeders of the 11 animals successfully surveyed in 2021.

A summary of the surveyed animals for 2021 is in the table below.

A big thank you to all of the members who have applied to survey their dogs for ensuring that the paperwork has been completed correctly and submitted on time.

| Surveyed Animals 2021 | Number |
|---|--------|
| Classified Males - Long Stock Coat | 0 |
| Classified Males – Stock Coat | 2 |
| Classified Females – Long Stock Coat | 3 |
| Classified Females – Stock Coat | 5 |
| Failures | 1 |
| TOTAL | 11 |

We are still having some issues with photos being submitted within the required seven (7) days of the Breed Survey as per regulation 5.1.3 of the Breed Survey Manual which reads:

"A coloured, high resolution photograph is to be posted/mailed to the NBC Chair within seven (7) days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized".

L. Irvine, GSDA of WA SBSR.

HD/ED Registrar

Total of 49 HD/ED contracts issued for the financial year 1.10.20 – 30.09.21.

Vicki Beaton.



NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORT – Mr Ian Urie



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

The 2021 NBC Meeting was held as a Zoom meeting, after last year's meeting was cancelled due to problems associated with Covid-19. I expected it to be somewhat of a challenge, but with assistance from our Secretary Lyn it all went fairly smoothly, and we were able to conduct the business of the three meetings scheduled in one day. Naturally we were unable to conduct the judges workshops and seminars which normally form a part of the NBC weekend. The situation with Covid has been very disruptive to our normal schedules, with many shows and Breed Surveys needing to be cancelled or postponed, and we have missed our major event the National now for two years running. Judges and Surveyors who have been prevented by border closures from travelling between States have had to be replaced at short notice. There have been many new dogs imported during the last two years, and other than those who have seen them presented at Surveys, we have had very little opportunity to view them or their progeny, to assess their value to the breed in this country. The imported dogs whose titles have been verified by Jenny Delucia are included in her report and listed on the Council website. It should be noted that imported semen to be officially recognised in our schemes needs to be verified by a similar process, and any imported dogs or semen advertised for stud in the Review must be verified.

It is hard for me to summarise current problems in the breed with so few shows being run and the lack of opportunity to travel around the country and see the current crop of youngsters, and thus assessing the Progeny Groups at the coming National will be challenging without the opportunity to make any prior assessments. I reinforce my concerns that I expressed in my introductory article in the Review, that the prevalence of over-angulation and incorrect topline which is apparently being not only exhibited but often rewarded at shows in Europe is disturbing. We all need to keep the Breed Standard in mind when we make decisions about breeding and try to avoid compounding extremity in all respects. The trend towards curved topline and markedly bent lower backs has resulted in croups that are much steeper than is ideal, which also affects the way dogs move and propel themselves forwards, often with high stepping in the forequarter. I look forward to seeing the National finally come to fruition in Sydney in 2022.

Whilst the ZAP Character Assessment will no longer be a prerequisite for Breed Survey, I hope that the Clubs will vote to allow the scheme to continue on a voluntary basis, and the results from assessments may continue to be available for the information of breeders. Please note that in the Hip and Elbow progeny data which is issued bi-annually, the description of "elbow producers" has been modified, with "Excellent producers" now listing dogs that produced 90% or more Normal elbows in progeny (previously 85%). Very Good and Good elbow producers have also been amended accordingly. There are several opinions being expressed that we should be seriously thinking about awarding the "Z" stamp to only those animals with Normal elbow scores. It should also be noted that cases of UAP which are often diagnosed before animals reach 12 months of age are not captured by our statistics, and the true situation may indeed be worse than it appears in the results. Both Candy and Doug have raised in their reports the incidence of Lumbo-Sacral Transitional Vertebrae, a spinal condition that is often remarked upon by the radiologists when reading hip x-rays, and Dr Richardson has suggested that animals with this condition should not be recommended for breeding. It should be noted that this is not a scoring area within our Hip Dysplasia scheme and does not affect the awarding of "A" stamps, but the NBC meeting agreed with Doug's suggestion to create a field in the HD database to record and track the incidence of this condition for future reference. We note with thanks for his previous work, that the contribution of Dr Graeme Allen as adjudicator for our HD/ED schemes has come to an end with his retirement, and we are currently seeking a replacement.



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

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|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cert. 10126 | *Freundhund Xin Xin For Faith | issued 24/07/19 |
| Cert. 10127 | *Shernaa Pakros | issued 12/08/19 |
| Cert. 10128 | *Hasenway Montgomery | issued 24/09/19 |
| Cert. 10129 | Castastar Jazmyne | issued 28/06/20 |
| Cert. 10130 | *Alwin vom Haus Nesgen | issued 24/09/20 |
| Cert. 10131 | *Rhosyn Twisted Secret | issued 14/10/20 |
| Cert. 10132 | *Conbhairean Karlos | issued 17/01/21 |
| Cert. 10133 | Bernloch Wanda | issued 04/03/21 |
| Cert. 10134 | *Uhlmsdorf Jack Black | issued 11/03/21 |
| Cert. 10135 | *Gabmalu Echo | issued 16/10/21 |

Something we all need to think about as we reach advancing years, is succession planning. Many Breed Surveyors and Council Officers are approaching seventy years or older, and we desperately need younger folk to think about moving up to take on positions into the future. It is important for position holders to consider training a younger assistant to learn the vagaries of their portfolio, with a view to eventually handing it on well before we become incapable of performing the task.



National Hip Dysplasia & Elbow Dysplasia Scheme Registrar – Mr Doug West

This report covers the activity on Hip & Elbows over the past 12 Months. Councils Data Base now has 12,112 animals entered as at 7th Dec 2021, this is an increase of 149 +1.24% since my last report to the NBC that was based on 11,963 animals entered as at 31/5/2021.

The 12,112 animals comprise of 3,498 Males= 28.88%, 8,614 Females =71.12%.

They came from ACT= 222= 1.83%, BH= 35= 0.29%, NCHR= 484= 4%, NSW= 2,933= 24.21%, NT=87= 0.725, NZ= 688= 5.68%, QLD= 1,923= 15.88%, SA=1,447= 11.95%, TAS= 421= 3.48%, VIC= 2,342=19.33%, WA= 1,530= 12.63%.

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

The following charts comprise data extracted from the Database and covers the period to the 7th December 2021, however other statistics are also reported on to give the complete picture in regards to Hip & Elbow Dysplasia in this Country & NZ.

| Table: 1 Full Data Base to 7th December 2021 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| State Club | Total Submitted | | ‘A’ % | | ‘Z’ % | | ‘UAP’ % | |
| ACT: | 222 | 1.83% | 190 | 1.57% | 215 | 1.78% | 1 | 0.01% |
| BH | 35 | 0.29% | 28 | 0.23% | 34 | 0.28% | 0 | 0.00% |
| NCHR: | 484 | 4.00% | 437 | 3.61% | 476 | 3.93% | 1 | 0.01% |
| NSW: | 2933 | 24.22% | 2598 | 21.45% | 2871 | 23.70% | 18 | 0.15% |
| NT: | 87 | 0.72% | 63 | 0.52% | 83 | 0.69% | 1 | 0.01% |
| NZ: | 688 | 5.68% | 543 | 4.48% | 638 | 5.27% | 15 | 0.12% |
| QLD: | 1923 | 15.88% | 1618 | 13.36% | 1850 | 15.27% | 29 | 0.24% |
| SA: | 1447 | 11.95% | 1281 | 10.58% | 1396 | 11.53% | 23 | 0.19% |
| TAS: | 421 | 3.48% | 366 | 3.02% | 401 | 3.31% | 6 | 0.05% |
| VIC: | 2342 | 19.34% | 2049 | 16.92% | 2256 | 18.63% | 36 | 0.30% |
| WA: | 1530 | 12.63% | 1344 | 11.10% | 1484 | 12.25% | 12 | 0.10% |
| Year 2021: | 12,112 | 100.00% | 10,517 | 86.83% | 11,704 | 96.63% | 142 | 99.83% |
| Year 2020: | 11,955 | 100.00% | 10,362 | 86.68% | 11,552 | 96.63% | 6 | 0.05% |
| Year 2019: | 11,220 | 100.00% | 9,688 | 86.35% | 10,849 | 96.69% | 6 | 99.95% |
| Year 2018 | 10,835 | 100.00% | 9,386 | 86.24% | 10,528 | 97.17% | 6 | 99.94% |
| Year 2017: | 10,510 | 100.00% | 9,047 | 86.08% | 10,172 | 96.78% | 6 | 99.94% |
| Year 2016: | 10,115 | 100.00% | 8,681 | 85.82% | 9,831 | 97.19% | 5 | 99.95% |

Percentages for full data base are based on 12,112 animals.

As can be seen from Table 1 above, which gives a snapshot of the full database as at 7th December 2021, 12,112 animals have been processed through the scheme since records have been recorded electronically, some 39 years ago. During this time 10,517 animals have gained the “A” stamp giving an **86.83% pass rate** this is a slight increase on the previous year’s pass rate of 86.68%. With elbows there was 11,704 gaining the ‘Z’ resulting in a pass rate for Elbows of **96.63%** compared to previous year’s 96.69% which is a slight drop. There are 142 cases of UAP recorded in the full Data Base to date; giving a pass rate of 99.83%.



| Table: 1a Data Base 12 Month Period from 1/10/2020 to 30/09/2021: | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Club | Submitted | | A' | | Z' | | UAP | |
| ACT: | 9 | 2.79% | 9 | 2.79% | 8 | 2.48% | 1 | 0.31% |
| N/C: | 6 | 1.86% | 4 | 1.24% | 6 | 1.86% | 0 | 0.00% |
| NSW: | 54 | 16.72% | 52 | 16.10% | 54 | 16.72% | 0 | 0.00% |
| NT: | 0 | 0.00% | 3 | 0.93% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| NZ: | 7 | 2.17% | 3 | 0.93% | 7 | 2.17% | 0 | 0.00% |
| QLD: | 68 | 21.05% | 61 | 18.89% | 61 | 18.89% | 2 | 0.62% |
| SA: | 51 | 15.79% | 51 | 15.79% | 50 | 15.48% | 1 | 0.31% |
| TAS: | 22 | 6.81% | 22 | 6.81% | 22 | 6.81% | 0 | 0.00% |
| VIC: | 60 | 18.58% | 57 | 17.65% | 58 | 17.96% | 1 | 0.31% |
| WA: | 46 | 14.24% | 42 | 13.00% | 43 | 13.31% | 1 | 0.31% |
| Year 2019: | 323 | 100.00% | 304 | 94.12% | 309 | 95.67% | 6 | 98.14% |

All % above are based on 323 animals.

Table 1a above shows the results from the past 12 Months. There have been 323 animals submitted to the Scheme during the period 01/10/2020 to 30/09/2021 Compared to previous year's 370. 304 gaining the 'A' this year, with a pass rate of 94.12% up on last year's 90.81%, and 309 gaining the 'Z' with a pass rate of 95.67% up a little on last year's 96.49%.

During the 12 Month period there were a total of 6, animals that recorded UAP 98.14% pass rate.

The various States submitted: ACT: with 9 gaining the 'A', 8 gaining 'Z' with 1 UAP. N/C has 4 gaining the 'A', 6 gaining 'Z'. NSW = 52 gaining the 'A', 54 gaining 'Z', NZ= 3 gaining the 'A', 7 gaining 'Z'. Qld : with 61 gaining the 'A' & 61 gaining 'Z' with 2 UAP's. SA with 51 gaining the 'A', 50 gaining 'Z' with 1 UAP. Tas: with 22 gaining the 'A' & 22 gaining 'Z'. Vic: with 57 gaining the 'A' & 58 gaining 'Z' with 1 UAP. WA: with 42 gaining the 'A' & 43 gaining 'Z' with 1 UAP.

This year Queensland has submitted the most animals with 68 compared to Last year's 63 animals presented. Close behind is Victoria with 60 compared to L/Y's 73, NSW with 54 compared to 92 last year, then WA with 46 animals presented compared to last year's 59.

Table 1E Full Data Base 12,112 animals to 07/12/2021 : Elbow results

| Club | BORDERLINE | | NEAR NORMAL | | NORMAL | | GR1 ELB | | GR2 ELB | | GR3 ELB | | UAP | |
|-------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-----|-------|
| ACT: | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 161 | 1.33% | 36 | 0.30% | 20 | 0.17% | 3 | 0.02% | 1 | 0.01% |
| BH. | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 24 | 0.20% | 8 | 0.07% | 3 | 0.02% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| NCHR: | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0.01% | 384 | 3.17% | 73 | 0.60% | 22 | 0.18% | 3 | 0.02% | 1 | 0.01% |
| NSW: | 2 | 0.02% | 3 | 0.02% | 2,343 | 19.34% | 387 | 3.20% | 160 | 1.32% | 13 | 0.11% | 19 | 0.16% |
| NT: | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 66 | 0.54% | 10 | 0.08% | 7 | 0.06% | 3 | 0.02% | 1 | 0.01% |
| NZ: | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0.01% | 440 | 3.63% | 152 | 1.25% | 53 | 0.44% | 2 | 0.02% | 15 | 0.12% |
| QLD: | 1 | 0.01% | 4 | 0.03% | 1,449 | 11.96% | 300 | 2.48% | 119 | 0.98% | 11 | 0.09% | 29 | 0.24% |
| SA: | 0 | 0.00% | 2 | 0.02% | 1,126 | 9.30% | 207 | 1.71% | 77 | 0.64% | 7 | 0.06% | 23 | 0.19% |
| TAS: | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 322 | 2.66% | 57 | 0.47% | 30 | 0.25% | 3 | 0.02% | 6 | 0.05% |
| VIC: | 1 | 0.01% | 1 | 0.01% | 1,794 | 14.81% | 357 | 2.95% | 130 | 1.07% | 8 | 0.07% | 36 | 0.30% |
| WA: | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0.01% | 1,078 | 8.90% | 246 | 2.03% | 175 | 1.44% | 14 | 0.12% | 12 | 0.10% |



| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Year 2021: | 4 | 0.03% | 13 | 0.11% | 9,187 | 75.85% | 1,833 | 15.13% | 796 | 6.57% | 67 | 0.55% | 143 | 98.82% |
| Year 2020: | 4 | 0.03% | 15 | 0.13% | 9053 | 75.67% | 1,823 | 15.24% | 794 | 6.64% | 67 | 0.56% | 139 | 1.16% |
| Year 2019: | 0 | 0.00% | 4 | 1.11% | 8395 | 74.82% | 1777 | 15.84% | 777 | 6.92% | 67 | 0.60% | 126 | 1.05% |
| Year 2018: | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 8275 | 75.69% | 1772 | 16.21% | 776 | 7.10% | 65 | 0.59% | 124 | 1.13% |
| Year 2017: | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 7942 | 75.57% | 1734 | 16.50% | 765 | 7.28% | 103 | 0.98% | 118 | 1.12% |
| Year 2016: | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0.01% | 7575 | 74.89% | 1708 | 16.89% | 752 | 7.43% | 123 | 1.22% | 112 | 1.11% |
| Year 2015: | 0 | 0.00% | 6 | 0.06% | 7,193 | 75.07% | 1,675 | 17.48% | 734 | 7.66% | 117 | 1.22% | 107 | 1.12% |
| Year 2014: | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0.01% | 6,825 | 72.38% | 1,611 | 17.08% | 723 | 7.67% | 118 | 1.25% | 99 | 1.05% |

Table 1E is a breakdown of the various Elbow Grades from the full data base containing 12,112 animals. There has been a total of 4 animals with Borderline = .03%, Near Normal 13, = 0.11%, Normal, 9,187 = 75.85%, Grade 1, 833 = 15.13%, Grade 2, 796 = 6.57% Grade 3, 67= 0.55%, UAP, 143 = 98.82% pass rate.

Table 2 Full Data Base 2020/21

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Data Base | 12,112 | 100% |
| Dr Lavelle. since 1996= | 6,744 | 55.68% |
| Dr Wyburn.1993 to 2011 = | 4,636 | 38.28% |
| Dr Richardson. Since 2010= | 732 | 6.04% |
| Females:= | 8,614 | 71.12% |
| Males:= | 3,498 | 28.88% |
| Stock Coat = | 11,524 | 95.15% |
| Long Coat = | 588 | 4.85% |

Hips:

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Hip Pass= | 10,517 | 86.83% |
| Total Hip Fail= | 1,528 | 12.62% |
| Total not Submitted= | 67 | 0.55% |

Elbows:

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Elb Pass = | 11,704 | 96.63% |
| Total Elb Fail = | 339 | 2.80% |
| Total Elb UAP = | 143 | 1.17% |
| Total not Submitted= | 69 | 0.57% |

Table 2 shows the consolidated figures for the whole data base, 12,112 up 149 on my last report, 10,517 have gained the 'A' stamp giving a **pass rate 86.83%** for hips based on the full data base.

Dr Lavelle has adjudicated on **6,744** = 55.68%, since **1996** the start of the Scheme.

Dr Wyburn has adjudicated on **4,636** = 38.28%. 1993 to 2011.

Dr Richardson has adjudicated on **732** = 6.04% since 2010.

The feminine influence with **8,614** (71.12%) continues to be much stronger than the males with **3,498** (28.88%).



GSDCA Breed Average - Hip Scores (as at 31/05/2021)

Australian bred dogs only

| GSDCA Yearly Average | | | | GSDCA Rolling 5 Year Average | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <u>Year of Birth</u> | <u>Number of Dogs (per year)</u> | <u>Sum of Total Scores (per year)</u> | <u>Average Total Score</u> | <u>Year of Birth</u> | <u>Number of Dogs (Over 5 years)</u> | <u>Sum of Total Scores (Over 5 years)</u> | <u>Average Total Score</u> |
| 1989 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| 1990 | 4 | 79 | 19.75 | | | | |
| 1991 | 4 | 27 | 6.75 | | | | |
| 1992 | 16 | 197 | 12.31 | 1992 | 33 | 489 | 15 |
| 1993 | 25 | 310 | 12.4 | 1993 | 63 | 837 | 13 |
| 1994 | 55 | 989 | 17.98 | 1994 | 122 | 1,905 | 122 |
| 1995 | 244 | 2996 | 12.28 | 1995 | 344 | 4,519 | 13.14 |
| 1996 | 659 | 7399 | 11.23 | 1996 | 999 | 11,891 | 11.9 |
| 1997 | 622 | 6914 | 11.12 | 1997 | 1,605 | 18,608 | 11.59 |
| 1998 | 630 | 7333 | 11.64 | 1998 | 2,210 | 25,631 | 11.6 |
| 1999 | 491 | 4658 | 9.49 | 1999 | 2,646 | 29,300 | 11.07 |
| 2000 | 493 | 4329 | 8.78 | 2000 | 2,895 | 30,633 | 10.58 |
| 2001 | 471 | 4717 | 10.01 | 2001 | 2,707 | 27,951 | 10.33 |
| 2002 | 467 | 3585 | 7.68 | 2002 | 2,552 | 24,622 | 9.65 |
| 2003 | 406 | 2827 | 6.96 | 2003 | 2,328 | 20,116 | 8.64 |
| 2004 | 485 | 3374 | 6.96 | 2004 | 2,322 | 18,832 | 8.11 |
| 2005 | 424 | 2608 | 6.15 | 2005 | 2,253 | 17,111 | 7.59 |
| 2006 | 445 | 2710 | 6.09 | 2006 | 2,227 | 15,104 | 6.78 |
| 2007 | 442 | 2740 | 6.2 | 2007 | 2,202 | 14,259 | 6.48 |
| 2008 | 437 | 2577 | 5.9 | 2008 | 2,233 | 14,009 | 6.27 |
| 2009 | 375 | 2535 | 6.76 | 2009 | 2,123 | 13,170 | 6.20 |
| 2010 | 408 | 3544 | 8.69 | 2010 | 2,107 | 14,106 | 6.69 |
| 2011 | 391 | 3060 | 7.83 | 2011 | 2,053 | 14,456 | 7.04 |
| 2012 | 467 | 3577 | 7.66 | 2012 | 2,078 | 15,293 | 7.36 |
| 2013 | 457 | 4194 | 9.18 | 2013 | 2,098 | 16,910 | 8.06 |
| 2014 | 402 | 3709 | 9.23 | 2014 | 2,125 | 18,084 | 8.51 |
| 2015 | 397 | 3427 | 8.63 | 2015 | 2,114 | 17,967 | 8.50 |
| 2016 | 378 | 3275 | 8.66 | 2016 | 2,101 | 18,182 | 8.65 |
| 2017 | 279 | 2445 | 8.76 | 2017 | 1,913 | 17,050 | 8.91 |
| 2018 | 332 | 7929 | 23.88 | 2018 | 1,473 | 12,942 | 8.79 |
| 2019 | 268 | 5769 | 21.53 | 2019 | 2,221 | 18,994 | 8.55 |
| 2020 | 359 | 2792 | 7.78 | 2020 | 1,802 | 15,112 | 8.39 |

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

This chart are based on the “year of birth” of the dog (not the x-ray date).

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

Congratulations to the 16 Kennels below that qualified for GSDCA H&E Awards during the 2021 year.



16 Medallions were achieved in 2021, 3 Bronze for Hips, 1 Kennel received both 'A' & 'Z' Bronze, 2 Silver for elbows, with 2 kennels gaining Silver in Both 'A' & 'Z' & 1 Gold for Hips & 1 for Elbows.

No Plaques were achieved this year.

The Chart below depicts those Kennels that qualified in 2020/21 period for Council awards. The awards will be all forwarded to the various State Secretaries in January 2022, to be presented to the Kennels at a significant Club event during 2022.

Unfortunately, our scheme does not represent all German Shepherds that are presented for X-Rays, a percentage goes through the "Cheds Scheme" and we are not capturing this data. So our records are not depicting the true situation. This was an item on the NBC agenda, this data should be captured in the near future, and I will then be able to report on both separately and as a whole, thus giving a complete picture of the status of the German Shepherds Hip and Elbows in this Country.

Kennels that qualified for H&E Medallions in 2021 were:

| Kennel | Owner | Award | State |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| ALLENDELL | Mrs R Ralphs | 'Z' Silver (25) | NSW |
| HAUSILLEVON | Mr J Novelli | 'A' (25) & 'Z' (26) Silver | NSW |
| JAKNELL | Mrs A & Miss J Kada | 'A' Silver (28) | NSW |
| KINGLAND | Mrs Lorraine G King | 'A' Gold (53) | NSW |
| REICHKAISER | Mrs Hemnelina Birac | 'Z' Brz (13) | NSW |
| CASTASTAR | Mrs A C Doyle | 'Z' Silver (25) | QLD |
| KASSAAR | Mr E M Verhoef & Ms L K Friend | 'A' (25) & 'Z' (26) Silver | QLD |
| TRANGOLD | Mrs Lynn Tranter | 'A' Brz (11) | QLD |
| VONDARCOR | Miss Amanda Parry | 'A' (13) & 'Z' (14) Brz | QLD |
| ALIMANDA | Mrs Jean Butterfield | 'Z' Gold (50) | SA |
| DAMONTE | Mrs V Drummond | 'A' Bronze (10) | SA |
| AMARADA | Mr G & Mrs G Cullen & Miss J Cullen | 'A' Brz (12) | TAS |
| ELSASS | Lorraine & Tony Massis | 'Z' Brz (10) | TAS |
| ZANDRAC | Mrs Rachel Jones | 'A' Silver (25) | VIC |
| MAERCECI | Miss Candy Baker | 'Z' Brz (10) | WA |
| SABARANBURG | Mr Brian & Mrs Lucy Lubbock | 'A' Silver (25) | WA |

It would be appreciated if Clubs could ensure that the postal address and phone number of their Clubs Hon. Secretary is on their web page. This would assist greatly when I go looking for that address to post out Awards that have been achieved by your members to you for presentation, and for anyone else that needs to contact the Hon. Secretary.

2 Appeals were lodged during the past 12 Months and both were both successful.

Dr. Graeme Allan advised he is no longer available to Adjudicate for us, Dr Lavelle is going to speak to a colleague that may be interested in taking over from Dr. Graeme Allan.

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

I have been getting animals with the comment "lumbosacral transitional vertebrae" recorded on their result, on researching this and talking to Dr Lavelle and Dr Richardson I believe it's time to have some fields placed in the Data Base to capture this as it occurs and report on it accordingly. This was an item for the NBC meeting, but it was decided not to put in a new field, but just to record it in the Comments. I find this decision disappointing, as a field would be easier to monitor the problem.



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

There are 4 grading’s for Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae: 0,1,2,3

Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae in dogs: classification, prevalence, and association with sacroiliac morphology. A Study done by Natascha Damur-Djuric, Frank Steffen, Michael Hässig, Joe P Morgan, and Mark A Flückiger found;

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you

Doug West
Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Registrar



National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms Melanie Groth

The activities of Breed Surveys across Australia continued to be affected by COVID restrictions in 2021. The restrictions affected the total number of surveys held once again, and as such Clubs held similar numbers of surveys to 2020. State Clubs navigated restrictions despite severe lockdowns in NSW and Victoria, whilst other states were free to hold surveys with distancing restrictions. A total of 25 surveys took place across Australia during 2021 with 136 dogs presented to survey, 6 less than 2020 with 126 gaining classification. A breakdown of the number of surveys, animals presented and classification by state is presented below in Tables' 1 and 2. Table 3 data displays state numbers of classified and non-classified animals with reason for inability to be classified.

Table 1 No. of surveys per state 2017 - 2021

| State Club | Year | ACT | N&HR | GSDL | Qld | SA | Tas | Vic | WA | TOTAL |
|------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Surveys | 2017 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 31 |
| | 2018 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 33 |
| | 2019 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 31 |
| | 2020 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 25 |
| | 2021 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 25 |

The number of surveys held across the states remained on par with previous years with the exception of Queensland who increased their numbers to six. Fay Stokes joined Carol O'Rourke as the second surveyor. to attend the far north Queensland survey in June, where 9 animals were presented. This was due to the unavailability of other surveyors from the Queensland team

There has been a good spread of surveys across the year. The Tasmanian club schedules its surveys in conjunction with shows, as does Queensland when organising surveys for its northern members. Western Australia also holds surveys in conjunction with member comps and shows due to the vast distances that people need to travel. Judges are also assisting with surveys for clubs they are officiating at in particular in Newcastle and Tasmania where there are no resident surveyors.

Table 2 Animals presented to survey in each state 2017-2020

| State Club | No. BS | Class-ified | Fail | No. BS | Class-ified | Fail | No. BS | Class-ified | Fail | No. BS | Class-ified | Fail | No. BS | Class-ified | Fail |
|------------|--------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|------|
| | 2021 | | | 2020 | | | 2019 | | | 2018 | | | 2017 | | |
| ACT GSDA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| N&HRGS DC | 7 | 7 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| GSDL | 29 | 28 | 1 | 26 | 23 | 3 | 37 | 34 | 3 | 25 | 23 | 2 | 45 | 44 | 1 |
| GSDCQ | 27 | 27 | 0 | 20 | 15 | 5 | 30 | 26 | 4 | 25 | 22 | 3 | 17 | 16 | 1 |
| GSDCSA | 26 | 25 | 1 | 24 | 22 | 2 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 39 | 38 | 1 | 33 | 31 | 2 |
| GSDCT | 8 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| GSDCV | 27 | 21 | 6 | 21 | 18 | 3 | 40 | 37 | 3 | 29 | 37 | 2 | 42 | 41 | 1 |
| GSDAWA | 12 | 11 | 1 | 25 | 24 | 1 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 23 | 19 | 4 | 29 | 29 | 0 |
| Totals | 136 | 126 | 10 | 142 | 126 | 16 | 160 | 150 | 10 | 182 | 166 | 16 | 192 | 184 | 8 |

Higher numbers of animals being brought to survey has continued to decline since 2017. The number of failures decreased on last year's numbers, however less dogs were presented. Anecdotally, the numbers presented may have been affected by restrictions made to height in July 2020 with not so many oversize animals testing the system in 2021.



Table 3. GSDCA Club Breed Surveys January 1 – December 31 2021

| Club | No. of surveys | Classified | Fail | Reason |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---|
| ACTGSDA | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| GSDL | 3 | 28 | 1 | 1 – insufficient anatomy |
| NHRGSDC | 1 | 7 | 0 | |
| GSDCQ | 6 | 27 | 0 | |
| GSDCSA | 4 | 25 | 1 | 1 - oversize |
| GSDCT | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 - oversize |
| GSDCV | 4 | 21 | 6 | 3 - oversize, 1 – character, 2 - gunshy |
| GSDAWA | 5 | 11 | 1 | 1 - character |
| Total 2020 | 25 | 126 | 10 | |

Reasons for Fail

10 animals across Australia were unable to be classified. Seven stock coats and 3 long stock coats (all oversize).

Table 4 GSDCA Breed Survey Fail 2021 including coat type and reason

| Reason | Anatomy | Failed Gun Test | Oversize | Character/ Temperament | Total |
|-----------|---------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|
| Number | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| Coat Type | SC | SC | 2-SC / 3 LSC | SC | |

Long Stock Coats

Table 4 provides a comparison of numbers presented to breed survey in each state over five survey years. In 2021, 38 animals were presented for Breed Survey with 35 gaining a classification. The number of long stock coats being presented to survey continues to increase despite the slump in 2020 with numbers in South Australia returning to 2018 figures. Most states continued growth in numbers presenting to breed survey.

Table 5 Number of Long stock coat breed surveyed 2016-2021

| State Club | Year | | | | | |
|------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
| ACT GSDA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| N&HRGSDC | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| GSDL | 6 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| GSDCQ | 6 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| GSDCSA | 12 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 4 |
| GSDCT | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| GSDCV | 9 | 5 | 14 | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| GSDAWA | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| Totals | 38 | 23 | 41 | 40 | 34 | 20 |

State Registrars

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Registrars in each state. At times, it is an unenviable task dealing with people who are not prepared with the proper paperwork and fail to meet the deadlines of having this in a week prior to the survey. This can cause anxiety for those in the role and I would ask the general members to be more mindful in the lead up to having their dog surveyed so that the process runs smoothly for all involved. I would encourage all members to familiarise themselves with the Breed Survey requirements prior to making an application as the forms have been updated and require further information. <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/gsdcacontent/uploads/2019/10/GSDCA-BS1-Application-Form-July-2019.pdf>



As a matter of priority, owners should be ensuring that they supply an appropriate five generation pedigree to reduce the number of errors that could occur in assessing the line breeding.

There have been some difficulties with obtaining paperwork within a given time frame and this makes the process frustrating for owners waiting on certificates. All registrars have been furnished with an outline of what is required to ensure a seamless transition of information. As a result of improved systems in most states the length of time taken to process surveys has been reduced markedly this year.

The registrars in Western Australia, Queensland and Victoria have become very proactive in providing photos for the data base. Clubs could consider appointing an official photographer at surveys and this may assist in ensuring photos are provided for the database. Photos for survey are still slow in other states. However, the onus is still on the owner of the dog to ensure an acceptable photograph is forwarded within a reasonable timeframe for the database.

Table 5 – GSDCA Surveyors and club personnel by state

Breed Survey State Registrars 2021

| Club | Active Breed Surveyors | State Registrar | State Registrar email |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| ACTGSDA | NBC Chair appoints | Veronica Fairbairn | wmeffert62@gmail.com |
| GSDL | Fay Stokes (Coordinator), Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis, Graham Stevenson | Pam Jarvis | tepe@bigpond.net |
| N&HRGSDC | NBC Chair appoints | Gavin Bean | Gavin.bean@honeywell.com |
| GSDCQ | Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballantyne, Louis Donald | Fred Flower – outgoing Dace Houghton incoming | breedaffairs@gsdcqld.org.au |
| GSDCSA | Peter Flynn (Coordinator), Jean Butterfield, Steve Collins, Jane Pike, Doug West | Jenny Delucia | jjdelucia@bigpond.com |
| GSDCT | Alastair Henderson | Janet Haase | janet1602@gmail.com |
| GSDCV | Alastair Henderson (Coordinator) Greg Green, Vince Tantaró, Ian Urie, Jenny Yuen | Gill Cafari | cafari@bigpond.com |
| GSDAWA | Robyn Knuckey (Coordinator), John Fenner, Natalie Humphries | Leanne Irvine | hotnote1@bigpond.net.au |

Final comments

The processing of surveys has been reduced markedly now due to the efficiency of the registrars in each state. I thank them for their assistance throughout the year. Thank you to Fred Flower who has passed on the reins to Dace Houghton for 2022. Fred filled big shoes when he replaced Gail Donald in the role and has convened 6 surveys throughout the year and done a great job. Leanne Irvine also new to the role in 2021, did a great job processing work for Western Australia after taking over from Vicki Beaton who had been an outstanding registrar for over 20 years for the club.

The calendar has been finalised for next year. It has been impossible to keep it up to date on the GSDCA website during 2021 due to the changing nature of lockdowns and rescheduling on surveys. I think we did at least five updates throughout the year. The 2022 calendar will be distributed in January.

Thanks to Frank for always being on hand to fix things when they inevitably go pear-shaped and to Ian for his support and guidance.

Melanie Groth
NBC Registrar



Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair - Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)

In many ways, things are somewhat similar to last year, COVID restricts us and has also created a rise in puppy acquisitions in the general public. With that has come quite a lot of general concerns and queries about health issues from the general public.

Filtering calls and emails have aided general enquiries, I believe people genuinely appreciate having someone to talk to that understands and has the knowledge to talk through an issue.

A few health articles for the review have been written over the past 12 months for both Jacinta and Yvonne. I will obviously continue on this task and work together with Yvonne on common topics.

DNA disease testing

There is absolutely no reason to discourage breeders doing this, but it needs to be done for each generation, ongoing. You cannot rule out a disease based on parentage being clear. There are false negatives in DNA/genetic testing, it can come down to collection and processing techniques (not enough DNA on the sample medium). However, there are also some diseases that are tested for that are only based on a small population of dogs or single dog's DNA to prove the disease. It in turn has been proven that there could be other genes causing that mutation or expression of that disease trait.

Therefore it can be difficult to give black and white breeding recommendations based on the DNA testing. Breeders want to hear "Do not use an affected animal and do not use carrier to carrier to avoid producing affected animals". However, it is not that clear cut. The reason for this is that an affected animal may not always be the result in a carrier to carrier mating. Also, an affected animal may not go on to exhibit the disease, this is due to a number of factors. Specifically when we consider degenerative myelopathy, this is thought to be an auto immune disease that causes a progressive peripheral neurodegenerative disease eventually causing paralysis from the hindlimbs in a forward progression. So, in the case of DM, the immune system has to have a trigger for the disease trait to be turned on.

Early desexing debate

The most recent article published in July 2020 on when to desex dogs is very helpful and insightful. The paragraph on German Shepherds gives us a nice clear recommendation on age to desex. The data suggests that there is no increased risk for cancers with early desexing, however, delaying desexing until 2 years of age for males and until over 2 years of age for females will decrease the risk of joint disorders and urinary incontinence.

It's available for free to download as public access on the web.

Assisting Decision-Making on Age of Neutering for 35 Breeds of Dogs: Associated Joint Disorders, Cancers, and Urinary Incontinence

Hart, B., Hart, L., Thigpen, A & Willits, N.

Published July 2020

Lumbosacral diseases – transitional vertebrae

I've written about this in previous NBC and AGM reports, but it has come up again this year.

Transitional vertebrae – the last vertebrae in the lumbar spine (at the start of the pelvis) is unbalanced, containing anatomy from the sacrum and the lumbar spine, due to this unbalanced load bearing, degeneration of the lumbosacral joint occurs. As a result they end up with Cauda equina syndrome or narrowing of the lumbosacral spinal column. Signs result from compression of the spinal cord or the nerve roots at this location (through the pelvis). Back pain is noticeable during jumping, climbing or any kind of hyperextension on the back. The tail may be weak in advanced cases and compression will lead to weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs, finally faecal and urinary incontinence will follow. Osteochondrosis of S1 (occasionally L7) is also a predisposing factor and German Shepherd Dogs appear to be over represented for this condition. We should probably be considering this condition as a main differential in the common diagnosis of degenerative myelopathy for somewhat similar presenting signs – weakness, limp tail, uncoordinated hind limb gait etc.

If a transitional vertebrae is noted on hip radiographs, serious thought should be given to breeding with that animal, as the trait can be passed on. To the average person degenerative changes in the spine in this location and higher up can bear similarities upon presentation to Hip Dysplasia and more degenerative spinal conditions that are non-painful such as Degenerative Myelopathy.



Perianal furunculosis/fistulas

Subjectively Perianal furunculosis (PAF) seems to be more common lately (based on facebook discussions). It is a painful and debilitating, immune mediated disease that commonly affects German Shepherd Dogs. In severe and chronic cases, euthanasia may be required. This is why it is important to recognise this disease early and commence specific treatments. In some cases, PAF may be associated with food allergy and therefore an elimination diet is recommended in all cases. PAF is not due to anatomical factors including low tail carriage or increased density of perianal glands. Signs include : Blood in faeces/discharge around anus, straining to defecate, multiple smaller patches of faeces, licking at anus (rarely scooting due to pain), unsettled, pacing, inappetence, lethargy.

On physical examination, lesions include deep fistula tracts and discharge (ranging from mucoid to blood tinged) around the perianal tissue. In severe and chronic cases, large cavitation and ulcers are seen. Surgery is no longer recommended – medical and dietary management and longer term topical management are mainstay treatment. It can be expensive and frustrating to manage and treat. Some will go into remission but often can be a lifelong treatment or management commitment.

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

(special thanks to Dr Meng Siak for his talks and article for our review on this disease)

Skin allergies

Particularly common for our dogs and consideration to breeding animals that are itchy should be strongly deterred, the phenotypical trait of itchy dogs is all we have to go on in terms of trying to exclude it from our breeding pool. Regardless of cause – seasonal itch (atopy), food allergy, contact allergies, hypersensitivities etc. General management of these animals takes a lot of commitment and regular visits to the vet for the GSD owner. Food (hydrolysed diets, single protein diets, home made diets), anti-itch medications (steroids, apoquel, cytopoint injections, cyclosporin, sometimes antibiotics and antifungals etc), supplements (omega 3 supplementation/fish oil), topical management (anti itch, anti fungal, antibacterial shampoos, skin conditioners or barrier replacements, anti parasite medications) are all part and parcel of skin allergies.

Ehrlichiosis canis in the north

E. canis is a rickettsial bacteria that sits inside cells, it is transmitted via the brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*), and it is transmitted to the dog within 3-6 hours of attachment. The brown dog tick is worldwide. One year ago we had the first reported outbreak in the north west of Western Australia (Kununurra). It is important to remind people about tick prevention if travelling to the north in Australia – northern WA, Northern Territory in particular. Ideally prevention needs to be used aggressively due to the short window of time before the tick can pass on the bacteria. Current recommendations are topically acting permethrin based products, such as a Seresto collar. Systemic prevention won't work fast enough. Looking for ticks, removing them, regular washing and monitoring whilst in endemic regions.

The disease itself can be devastating – initially a sudden fever based illness approximately 2-4 weeks post tick bite. Lethargy, lack of appetite and bleeding can occur. This phase responds to treatment and may result in a cure. The next phase can be missed, it can lay dormant, the bacteria is sequestered in bone marrow, spleen and a lack of platelets persists (primary clotting cell). Lastly, longer term, which is terminal, bone marrow failure, lack of all cell lines, blood poisoning, spontaneous bleeding and anaemia. Testing to diagnose the presence of *E. canis* can be performed through VetPath and IDEXX laboratories on blood samples.

Behaviour – covid – medications – fear impact periods and management

Since COVID and the rise in young dogs that may have missed their early commitment to socialisation and training seems to have brought behavioural issues. A lot of the general public are seeking vet advice about behaviour management techniques. It is important for our clubs and trainers to offer lots of support, unless vets have a background in training or breed specific behavioural management it is difficult for them to give a holistic approach to behaviour management and anti-anxiety medications end up being dispensed. Some of those medications are helpful during re-training and commitment to training phases. However, it should be considered that making the commitment to training without medications should be encouraged, or weaning off those initial behavioural modifying medications whilst training for long term behavioural management and correction be considered with the right training guidance.



Educational and training articles on socialisation, fear impact periods and ongoing training at a club level will help remind and assist our general GSD owners. Educate, educate, educate. You can't control what people will do at home but you can advise and aid them via the clubs.

Elbows

I would really like to recommend discussion on elbow scores and breeding. My thoughts are that we should only be breeding with animals with normal elbows, and that any score on the elbows or any change – grade 1, 2 or (obviously) UAP should not be recommended for breeding and be failed as such.

My reasoning for this is that once an elbow score or issue arises and you continue to use those animals with scores it is immensely difficult to get eradicate the problem from your lines, which has the potential to predispose your pets to elbow disease.

Joint disease is multifactorial, but when you raise a breeding animal without excessive weight, without excessive strain or exercise or trauma and still end up with a score on the elbow/s it really should be eliminated from the breeding pool. There is too strong a genetic link at this point.

I believe it may be timely to encourage discussion and advice from our radiologist friends, council position holders and members.

Furthermore, young dogs who have been diagnosed with a UAP and have not been presented to the GSDCA scheme are not accounted for in the breeding value of the sire and dam and decreases the degree of predictability for the issue to keep arising. Clarity and communication is encouraged to report these back to myself or our NBC chairperson so they can be filtered back through to our surveyors and appropriate breeding recommendations can be given to breeders at the time of breed survey.

JPS

Juvenile Pubic Symphysiodesis procedure seems to be one of the banes of a lot of breeder's lives with puppy buyer communications. This is a surgical procedure that uses electrocautery at the growth plate at the top of the pelvis, this in turn causes early closure of the growth plate. The effect of this is to halt bone development from this growth plate so that as the rest of the pelvis continues to grow, providing better coverage of the hips. The best results are achieved if surgery is performed at 14-16 weeks of age, while the pelvis is still growing and developing. Between 16-20 weeks of age a good outcome is still possible, but significantly reduced compared to 14-16 weeks. Dogs greater than 20 weeks of age are unlikely to get a successful result.

As such, at a puppy's second or third vaccination, the vets are discussing and recommending this procedure to a lot of breeds who fall into the "HD" category. Vets are labelling the breed without consideration of the parents and responsible raising of these puppies.

Whilst controversial, given the difficulty in diagnosing or predicting hip dysplasia in such young animals, we cannot ignore the fact that it is being performed on our breed. This is still at the forefront of our minds to ensure any breeding animals are identified if they have had such a procedure done and subsequently pass the GSDCA hip and elbow scheme and are then bred from. A tick box consent on the hip and elbow application forms should be considered to advise that this particular pup did not have the procedure performed.

There has been discussion about this being an over-servicing problem with vets, however, I believe this is something that is out of our control. We can however, educate our puppy buyers and put a note with their vaccination card to discuss with the breeder if the vet wishes to recommend having a JPS performed on their puppy.

Don't forget we are all here for the love of the breed, let's keep our discussions and future of the breed open minded and inclusive.

Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair



National Title Verification Officer – Mrs Jenny Delucia

This report for Title Verifications covers the period July 2020 - November 2021

During this time, a total of 14 animals have been verified, compared to 8 animals for the same period last year.

Of these, 13 x were Males, 1 x Female and includes 1 x Long Stock Coat and 1 X Imported Semen from a LSC Male.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Django vom Team Panoniansee | (France) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Alwin vom Haus Nesgen | (Germany) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Pirlo von Arminius | (Germany) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Ondja du Val D'Anzin | (France) | Non-Surveyed female, SC |
| Lenin von der Grafenburg (Ost) | (Germany) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam | (Hungary) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Laiko vom Huhnegrab | (Germany) | Non-Surveyed male, SC |
| Bourbon Havlovicky Cert | (Czech) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Salvatore vom Grafenwald | (Germany) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Olymp vom Larchenhain | (Germany) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Ulle von Tronje | (Germany) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Silas vom Wierlings Hook. | (Germany) | Surveyed male, LSC |
| Obama du Montgison | (France) | Surveyed male, SC |
| Wunderstern Elemzzi | (Estonia) | Surveyed male, LSC Imported Semen |

The online Title Application Form is working well, and my preference is for the information to be typed in rather than hand-written due to clarity.

Jenny Delucia
Verification Officer

National Database – Mr Frank Moody

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 61st GSDCA AGM.

I would like to commence my report by recognising the significant work of Rob Filardo who undertakes all the programming and development work of the Database on a voluntary basis. The hours that Rob puts into the background are huge, the GSDCA could not afford to pay professional rates for this programming.

HD/ED Sire Statistics

The updated HD/ED Sire Statistics as at 31st Dec 2021 as prepared using the GSDCA Database, will be available approximately mid-January and placed on the GSDCA website.

Data Update

Dog Database - Registrations are currently up to 23rd November 2021 – being 314,056 dogs.

Tattoo/Microchip – Microchips are uploaded when we receive the ANKC Registrations.

HD/ED - There are now over 12,100 results in the database.

Breed Survey - There are now over 2,150 results in the database.

ZAP – There has only been one Assessment in 2020 with 6 results in the database.



User Activity

We continue to see a steady growth in the number of Visitors and the number of Visits to our Database – this is a very encouraging trend, as Breeders/Members continue to use this facility.

The use of the Database continues steadily with a slight increase year over year, as can be seen by the table below.

| Monthly average | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|--------|
| YEAR | Unique visitors | Number of visits | Pages | Hits |
| 2015 | 372 | 659 | 18,277 | 28,744 |
| 2016 | 398 | 722 | 16,870 | 28,795 |
| 2017 | 427 | 857 | 19,682 | 34,451 |
| 2018 | 477 | 992 | 18,629 | 35,840 |
| 2019 | 597 | 1,198 | 18,978 | 37,056 |
| 2020 | 656 | 1,267 | 16,732 | 34,161 |
| 2021 | 627 | 1,385 | 17,057 | 31,792 |

Breed Survey photos

Please continue to encourage Owners to submit photos for inclusion in the database.

Photos are very important so that we have a pictorial record of the dogs surveyed, so please supply these to the NBC Registrar ASAP

Thank you

Thank you to Rob Filardo, Ian Urie, Melanie Groth, Doug West and the Breed Surveyors for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.

Frank Moody
Dog Database Coordinator



JUDGES COMMITTEE – Mr Stephen Collins



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

I am pleased to advise that Ms Jess Kada has been able to successfully complete the Judges Extension Course in these ever-changing times. It is planned that Jess will be presented with her Judges badge and certificate at the 2022 National.

Nikki McDermott, Kurt Morton and Andrew O'Loughlin unfortunately have not been able to complete any further stages of the Extension course due to the cancellation of events. It is hoped that these will be able to be completed early in 2022. Matt Morris is also in limbo with the progression of his Extension course.

I would encourage the Member Clubs to look at appointing our Trainee judges to upcoming events in 2022 to enable them to complete the Specialist Judges Extension course.

There are two (2) motions up for discussion and determination at the Annual General Meeting and I ask that all members of our fraternity carefully consider these motions.

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

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

Be Safe.

Stephen J Collins



OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE – Mr John Delucia



The year has still been affected by Covid and it seems will continue to be a problem for some time yet. We are fortunate however, that the National can go ahead and will be held in Sydney in 2022 so let's keep everything crossed that all goes well.

We did have some winners of Council trophies and these have been presented and published in the Quarterly Review and listed below. Congratulations to all winners.

Regarding the ZAP Test, I have had discussions with our Council President, Sean, and all Club Presidents with the proposal to have the ZAP held on a voluntary basis. All club Presidents agreed and this item is on the Agenda.

An extra point to this is that clubs with non-resident Surveyors and members in remote areas, clubs need to be able to put forward suitably qualified people to conduct this test so hoping that this will also proceed.

I have also contacted all clubs about having articles of interest submitted by individuals highlighting their own experiences with training and socialisation of their dogs in the public arena. The phone calls and response from the general membership has been very encouraging so I will keep this going with reminders sent to clubs again in the New Year.

Once again, I thank all club Presidents and the Executive for their support and encouragement.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe 2022. Look after yourselves and your pets and see you in 2022.

Best Community Companion Dog:

Kuiray Octavia, Handler: Kathie Minton, Average Score: 99

Performance Dog Award

*Dual Ch (T) Glenbala Ambitious Dream AZ TSDX, Handler: Kerrie Pearce

Excellent Handler Award

Kathie Minton





The focus of this last year has been to re-engage with our wider membership, those members without whose support the magazine could not exist and to diversify the content of the publication. There has also been a drive to offset some of our costs to reduce the nett burden of the QNR to the organisation.

To do so has required immense support from so many people, those who have given so generously of their time, skills and knowledge to help produce a magazine of original content and one which hopefully delivers some reading of interest to breeders, exhibitors, the obedience fraternity and those involved in other pursuits that draw upon the incredible range of talents that GSDs possess and can draw on.

It has certainly been a learning curve for me and has engendered a new respect for our breed and those individuals who do such amazing things with their dogs. Hats off to all of you!

It is worth noting that all of our contributors are busy people who go out of their way to make time to create original material and not only do I applaud your unselfish generosity, but thank you for juggling your life demands to deliver to meet my schedules. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible support from our printer, Maroondah Printing – their patience has been infinite.

The pandemic has certainly created a number of challenges in terms of providing information for show enthusiasts and breeders. Quite simply, on so many occasions, events have been cancelled or postponed. When you consider that our annual National Show accounts for an entire edition each year, material for show and breed sectors has been light on the ground. There has also been the lack of awareness of stud dogs and what sires are producing, because being such a visual and experiential pursuit, we all like to see the dogs available to us.

The Executive took a very brave decision this year and allowed the reduction of costs for advertising for the 12 month period and this has paid off on many levels. We will have generated revenues in excess of \$5000 this year, a very marked improvement on recent history. Not only have revenues increased, but owners have been able to engage nationally with members who may not have been aware of their animals and what they have to offer.

Following from this, I would recommend to the membership a permanent change in the cost; quite simply, when we are competing for the advertising dollar, the current adopted rate is just too high for most to justify. The rate currently in operation seems far more viable for stud dog owners and others to justify.

Aside from the other trials of 2021, this Executive has had to confront and manage what has come to light from Germany. To say this has not been easy would be an understatement and it is “green fields” territory of which none had experience. For my fellow Executive, it has been severely testing, stressful and demanding of their time and concerted effort. There has been greater demand for their commitment than ever before and I would commend to you all the leadership they have provided, immediately they became aware of the problems that have been presented. I can assure that we frequently do not agree with one another and many robust discussions have occurred. But the uniting sentiment has been one of concern for our members and their expectations and for our breed in Australia.

It is a given that none of us wants to re-live 2020 or 2021. However, the events of these times have created opportunities for us all to develop some new ways of doing things and new knowledge that should make us stronger going forward.



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Show Liaison Officer – Mrs Jenny Kenworthy

I am sure that you will agree that the most used word over the past two years has been ‘unprecedented’. This has been the experience of our fraternity when we consider the plight of the 2020 and 2021 National German Shepherd Dog Shows and Trials.

2022 is already looking positive with the planning for the National to be hosted by the German Shepherd Dog League to be held in June well underway. A ‘first’ for a National in that all the conformation classes will be judged by Australian Judges.

The conundrum presented by the Covid situation was that the National Manual is written with the underlying assumption that the show will be judged by overseas judges, hence requiring the Executive to act in consultation with Member Club Presidents to resolve this situation. The conduct of the trial also required negotiation.

Resultantly amendments to the National Show Manual are required to accommodate changes to judges, gradings etc, as well as some layout changes. It is planned to present these to the Judges 2022 meeting.

Trophy Officer – Mr Terry Jarvis

A year gone that everyone could do without and we are leading into another one that could prove a bit hairy. My job is a little easier this year as the 2022 Trophies are still sitting in my garage awaiting new owners, Bronze Statues with various other items for the 2022 National that will happen.

This stock is all ready for the 2022 National in Sydney. Where do I put it as the COVID 19 virus is still with us and you can’t fit all the Toilet rolls and Paper towel in the garage as well as all the National stock. As with most people garage space is critical and scarce so where do you park the car? Outside of course, because the garage is choked up with Toilet rolls, Paper towel and National Trophies.

Enough of the fun stuff, apart from the 2021 National no show in Sydney other things on the National front had to go on so there it sits waiting for 2022 which is hopefully going ahead with no problems.

Merit award plaques were down this year due to the lack of Trials and Shows or competitions. These are ordered through your club Secretary. These are a Council award and your club orders them through the Trophy Officer who can be contacted on email tepe@bigpond.net.au or you can contact me by my mobile 0407 271 418.

Here’s looking to a brighter 2022 and keep well.



The GSDCA website is the key source of information for members, including downloadable copies of our main documentation. Current GSDCA news and documents can quickly be referenced to keep up to date and informed. There is also a useful reference source of information for those looking for GSD breed information.

What's available on the website ?

- GSDCA Regulations, together with current forms, fees and charges
- Reference Manuals – Breed Survey, National Show & Trial
- A summary of all title verifications completed for imported dogs, bitches and semen
- Recent HD & ED statistics, updated twice yearly
- Show results and critiques – from every club show
- Future Judge appointments for each member club
- Back editions of each Quarterly National Review
- Recent news from the GSDCA and relevant reports ...and much more
- Veterinary and health articles



The quickest way to access the **GSDCA Dog Database** is via the website homepage. Complete HD&ED and Breed Survey records for all dogs are available. If you've never had a look, log in and search dogs in what is a valuable breed resource.



The **Breed Health Feedback form** is accessible via the home page of the website. It is vital

to collect data on our dogs and their health. Everyone can contribute by filling in the form, which is collated by Dr Candy Baker. The information submitted is confidential, and can be used in the future to gauge trends of illnesses we find are over represented in the GSD. We encourage everyone to take the time to submit your dog's medical information – it might save another dog's life one day.



Our Facebook page is used to promote major news announcements and compliments our online presence.



Our stats for 2021 are a little down on previous years, mirroring the lack of general activity due to covid 19.

The pages and articles visited demonstrate a visitor mix of those looking for information about our breed and members keeping informed about the GSDCA.

| | Number of visits | Pages | Hits |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|----------|
| Total 2021 | 65,671 | 46,988 | 1,924,44 |

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website remains low. Our website hosting costs \$120/year. Hosting the GSDCA Dog Database costs \$155/year. Domain registration per year is \$21.95. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally at no charge. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$297 per year. Late in 2021 the website hosting was moved to a new provider following a business buyout. The new host is a well established Australian owned and based business with a solid reputation. There were no issues during the migration.

Visit the GSDCA online !

www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

www.facebook.com/GSDCA

Any suggestions for improvements, contributions of content or other suggestions are always most welcome.

Email website@gsdcouncilaustralia.org



Youth Coordinator – Mr Kurt Morton

As it was in 2020, 2021 has once again been heavily impacted by COVID-19. The ‘dog’ scene across the country has been limited in its offerings and as such, there has not been much to report or update on.

Some important notes include that the majority of member clubs now have dedicated and consistent Junior Showmanship classes and some have instigated representation of ‘Youth’ on member club management committees in dedicated positions.

I look forward to the 2022 season and in particular the upcoming National to be held in NSW and am hopeful for a return to normal activities which will provide opportunities in the Youth space. I look forward to ongoing work with and through the GSDCA and its member clubs.

Breed Research and Legislation Officer – Mr John Fenner

Report not received

Public Relations – Mr Paul York

Report not received

Historian – N/A

NATIONAL SHOW REPORT 2021 – Host – GSD League

Due to COVID-19 pandemic the GSDCA 48th National Show & Trial has been postponed until June 2022.

GSDCA SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED DURING 2021

No awards presented in 2021



GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

| YEAR | NAME OF DOG | CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED |
|------|--|--|
| 2005 | Police Dog "Titan" | June 2005 |
| 2005 | Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES | June 2005 |
| 2006 | Police Dog "Silky" (VIC) | March 2006 |
| 2006 | Police Dog "Duke" (QLD) | September 2006 |
| 2007 | Police Dog "Tyson" (QLD) | September 2007 |
| 2007 | Police Dog "Hutch" (QLD) | September 2007 |
| 2007 | Police Dog "Bear" (SA) | December 2007 |
| 2008 | Police Dog "Carts" (NSW) | March 2008 |
| 2008 | Police Dog "Koby" (SA) | March 2008 |
| 2009 | Police Dog "Ike" (QLD) | June 2009 |
| 2010 | Police Dog "Salem" (VIC) | May 2010 |
| 2010 | Police Dog "Zac" (QLD) | July 2010 |
| 2011 | No Awards Given | ----- |
| 2012 | Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD) | May 2012 |
| 2013 | Police Dog "Riggs" (| May 2013 |
| 2014 | No Awards Given | ----- |
| 2015 | Police Bitch "Angel" (| May 2015 |
| 2016 | Police Dog "Rumble" (WA) | March 2016 |
| 2017 | Police Dog "Quinn" (| May 2017 |
| 2017 | Seigen Quintessential "Cade" (WA) | May 2017 |
| 2018 | Police Dog "Ruger" (SA) | April 2018 |
| 2019 | Police Dog "Ike" (VIC) | April 2019 |
| 2020 | No Awards Given | ----- |
| 2021 | Police Dog "Kaos" (Qld) | August 2021 |

PLEASE NOTE:

The following information can be found on the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) website www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org

- The GSDCA National Winners
- The GSDCA Main Breed Exhibition Winners
- The GSDCA Service Awards List
- The GSDCA Development Milestones



GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS HISTORY

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>PATRON</u> | <u>PRESIDENT</u> | <u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u> | <u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u> | <u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u> | <u>SECRETARY</u> | <u>TREASURER</u> | <u>EDITOR QNR</u> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1960 | Vacant | Mr R Brabham | N/A | N/A | N/A | Mrs B Ryan | Mrs B Ryan | N/A |
| 1961 | Vacant | Mr R Brabham | Mr V Huth | N/A | N/A | Mrs B Ryan | Mrs B Ryan | N/A |
| 1962 | Vacant | Mr R Brabham | Mr K Stubbs | N/A | N/A | Mrs B Ryan | Mrs B Ryan | N/A |
| 1963 | Vacant | Mr R Brabham | Mr D Carnegie | N/A | N/A | Mrs B Ryan | Mrs B Ryan | Mr R Brabham |
| 1964 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Brabham | Dr G Giles | Mrs B Ryan | N/A | Miss J Atkinson | Miss J Atkinson | Mr R Brabham |
| 1965 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Brabham | Mr B Cooper | Mrs B Ryan | N/A | Mrs J Brabham (nee J Atkinson) | Mrs J Brabham | Mr R Brabham |
| 1966 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Brabham | Mr B Cooper | Mr G Hardham | N/A | Mrs J Brabham | Mrs J Brabham | Mr R Brabham |
| 1967 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Brabham | Mr B Cooper | Mr G Hardham | N/A | Mrs J Brabham | Mrs J Brabham | Mr R Brabham |
| 1968 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Brabham | Mr B Cooper | Mr G Hardham | N/A | Mrs J Brabham | Mrs J Brabham | No Review Published |
| 1969 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Brabham | Mr B Cooper | Mr G Hardham | N/A | Mrs J Brabham | Mrs J Brabham | No Review Published |
| 1970 | Judge Mitchell | Mr R Wing | Mr R Brabham | Mr G Hardham | N/A | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Neddermeyer | No Review Published |
| 1971 | Judge Mitchell | Mr B Cooper | Mr E Van Bael | Mr J Neddermeyer | N/A | Mrs F Stokes | Mrs F Stokes | No Review Published |
| 1972 | Judge Mitchell | Mr V Atkinson | Dr I Upton | Mr J Neddermeyer | N/A | Mrs F Stokes | Mrs F Stokes | No Review Published |
| 1973 | Judge Mitchell | Mr I Murrell | Mr G Hallinan | Mr S Beeton | N/A | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Neddermeyer | No Review Published |
| 1974 | Mr D Chipp | Mr I Murrell | Mr S Beeton | Mr G Moody | N/A | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Neddermeyer | No Review Published |
| 1975 | Mr D Chipp | Mr S Beeton | Mr G Moody | Mr G Hallinan | N/A | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Neddermeyer | No Review Published |
| 1976 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr G Moody | N/A | Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald | Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald | Mr W Reimann |
| 1977 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr G Moody | N/A | Mr P Burrett | Mr P Burrett | Mr W Reimann |
| 1978 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | N/A | Mr P Burrett | Mr P Burrett | Mr W Reimann |
| 1979 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | N/A | Mr P Burrett | Mr P Burrett | Mr W Reimann |
| 1980 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | N/A | Mr W Steinbacher | Mr W Steinbacher | Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger |
| 1981 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | Mrs F Moody | Mr P Burrett | Mr W Steinbacher | Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger |
| 1982 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | Mrs F Moody | Mr W Steinbacher | Ms F Gehring | Mr J Rodger |
| 1983 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mrs F Farley (nee Moody) | Mr M Stokes | Mr W Steinbacher | Ms F Gehring | Mr J Rodger |



** In 1983, the AGM approved an Executive recommendation that the Vice Presidential system be abolished and be replaced on a functional basis as described below.*

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|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|--|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1984 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | Mr D O'Rourke | Mr P Burrett | Ms F Gehring | Mr J Rodger |
| 1985 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | Mr U Schwab | Mrs M Barnes | Ms F Gehring | Mr J Rodger |
| 1986 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr M Stokes | Mr U Schwab | Mrs M Barnes | Ms F Gehring | Mr J Rodger |
| 1987 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mrs A Pettenhofer | Mr M Stokes | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Rodger |
| 1988 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mrs A Pettenhofer | Mr M Stokes | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Rodger |
| 1989 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr M Stokes | Mr S Bonifacio | Mr F Valastro | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Rodger |
| 1990 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr M Stokes | Mr S Bonifacio | Mr F Valastro | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Rodger |
| 1991 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr M Stokes | Mr S Bonifacio | Mr F Valastro | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Rodger |
| 1992 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr M Stokes | Mrs F Farley | Mr F Valastro | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr J Rodger |
| 1993 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mr M Stokes | Mrs F Farley | Mr F Valastro | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr R Stephens |
| 1994 | Mr D Chipp | Mr L Donald | Mrs F Farley | Mr B O'Rourke | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs M Barnes | Mr J Neddermeyer | Mr R Stephens |
| 1995 | Mr D Chipp | Mr M Stokes | Mrs F Farley | Mr V Tantaro | Mr D O'Rourke | Mr N Richardson | Ms F Gehring | Mr R Stephens |
| 1996 | Mr D Chipp | Mr M Stokes | Mr B O'Rourke | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs H Gross-Richardson | Mr N Richardson | Mr L Young | Mr A Christie |
| 1997 | Mr D Chipp | Mr M Stokes | Dr K Hedberg | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs H Gross-Richardson | Mr N Richardson | Mr L Young | Mr A Christie |
| 1998 | Mr D Chipp | Mr M Stokes | Dr K Hedberg | Mr L Donald | Mrs H Gross-Richardson | Mr J Rodger | Mr L Young | Mr A Christie |
| 1999 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Dr K Hedberg | Mrs F Farley | Mrs H Gross-Richardson | Mrs M Barnes | Mr S Collins | Ms C Spalding |
| 2000 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Dr K Hedberg | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs H Gross-Richardson | Mrs M Barnes | Mr S Collins | Ms C Spalding |
| 2001 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mr D O'Rourke | Mrs H Gross-Richardson | Mrs V Moody | Mr S Collins | Mr A Christie |
| 2002 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Dr K Hedberg | Mrs D Howard | Mrs V Moody | Mr B Knight | Mr A Christie |
| 2003 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Dr K Hedberg | Mrs D Howard | Mrs V Moody | Mr B Knight | Mr A Christie |
| 2004 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Dr K Hedberg | Mrs D Howard | Mrs V Moody | Mr B Knight | Ms Y Yun |
| 2005 | Mr D Chipp | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Dr K Hedberg | Mrs D Howard | Mrs V Moody | Mr B Knight | Ms Y Yun |
| 2006 | Mr D Chipp (Deceased) | Mr B Knight | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs D Howard | Mrs V Moody | Mrs J Kenworthy | Ms Y Yun |



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|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2007 | Vacant | Mr B Knight | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs M Wrigley | Mrs V Moody | Mrs J Kenworthy | Mr D Halling |
| 2008 | Vacant | Mr B Knight | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs M Wrigley | Mrs V Moody | Mrs J Kenworthy | Mr D Halling |
| 2009 | Vacant | Mr B Knight | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs M Wrigley | Mrs V Moody | Mrs J Kenworthy | Mr D Halling |
| 2010 | Vacant | Mr B Knight | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mr B O'Rourke | Mrs M Wrigley | Mrs V Moody | Mr S Lynch | Mr D Halling |
| 2011 | Vacant | Mr B Knight | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mr B O'Rourke | Mrs J Urie | Mrs V Moody | Mr S Lynch | Mr D Halling |
| 2012 | Vacant | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mr B O'Rourke | Mrs J Urie | Mrs V Moody | Ms. J Pike | Mrs Y Yun |
| 2013 | Mrs D Fraser AO MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mr B O'Rourke | Mrs J Urie/ Mr J DeLucia | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Mrs Y Yun |
| 2014 | Mrs D Fraser AO MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mr J DeLucia | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Mrs Y Yun |
| 2015 | Mrs D Fraser AO MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mr J DeLucia | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Mrs Y Yun |
| 2016 | Mrs D Fraser AO MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Neddermeyer | Mrs R Knuckey | Mr J DeLucia | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Ms. J Poole |
| 2017 | Mrs D Fraser AO MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Ms M Groth | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs J Urie | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Ms. J Poole |
| 2018 | Mrs D Fraser AC MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Ms M Groth (Resigned 7/5/18) | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs J Urie | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Ms. J Poole |
| 2019 | Mrs D Fraser AC MBE | Mr V Tantaro | Mrs J Yuen | Mrs R Knuckey | Mrs J Urie | Mrs V Moody | Ms J Pike | Ms. J Poole |
| 2020 | Mrs D Fraser AC MBE | Mr S Lynch | Mrs J Yuen | Mr L Donald | Mrs J Urie | Mrs L. Phillis | Mr P Flynn | Ms. J Poole |
| 2021 | Mrs D Fraser AC MBE | Mr S Lynch | Mr I Urie | Mr L Donald/Mr S Collins | Mr J Delucia | Mrs L Phillis | Mr P Flynn | Mrs Yvonne Yun |

