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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Welcome to the
GSDCA National
Review Spring Edition.*

This year has really flown by and what a year it has been, as COVID becomes a memory (I hope) things seem to be starting to feel normal again.

The German Sieger Show...

Many of our members had a chance to attend the German Sieger Show in September, first time since 2019.

The GSDCA representative was the Judges Chairperson Melanie Groth with assistance from Janet Hasse (Tasmanian President)

Some really good news from this meeting was the fact that SV judges will still award the Excellent Gradings up to 2025. We are still waiting on a letter of confirmation back from the WUSV but this was one of the most important points coming from this meeting.

You will find Melanie's full report within this issue, I would like to thank both Melanie and Janet for taking the time to attending the meeting on behalf of us all.

AGM

Most clubs by now would have had the first meeting for nominations for the positions of Secretary , NBC Chairperson and Obedience Chair – these are all very important positions within the GSDCA Executive and I look forward to seeing these new nominations from the clubs.

I have been blessed to have an excellent secretary work with me over the last 3 years. Lyn Phillis has been outstanding in this position and I will miss her but I hope she enjoys her retirement from this role, thank you Lyn you have made my job much easier.

The Obedience position has been held by John De'lucia, again an outstanding member of the GSDCA Executive – I know John has been re-nominated so I wish him luck in the upcoming election.

The final Executive position to be elected this year is the role of the National Breed Commission Chair held by Ian Urie. At times this is a demanding job and Ian has always been up for whatever is on his plate. I believe Ian is also seeking re-election so I would also like to wish him all the best with the upcoming election.

One other non-Executive but vitally important position is available – Youth Officer – currently held by Kurt Morton but due to club and other commitments Kurt will be retiring from this position this year. Kurt has done an amazing job and I would like to thank him for everything he has achieved over the last few years , we will miss him but we look forward to welcoming a new Youth Officer.

At this time I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas , keep safe and enjoy everything Christmas has to give.

Sean Lynch
GSDCA President

EDITORIAL

This edition contains a great deal of material that relates to the 2022 National. Sadly, your Editor messed up and many of the regulations and stipulated requirements for that edition were overlooked, unfortunately, not just by the Editor. But, in some instances, had she been more vigilant, some at least, specifically, obedience critiques, would not have happened.

So now to public apologies for those impacted -

To Louis Donald and Jenny Yuen, please accept my apology for not using the reviewed critiques that were provided and which no doubt took enormous effort to complete. The modified versions have been placed on the GSDCA website for those wishing to view the updated critique.

To the owners of the Gold Medal winning stock coat bitch, my apology for not substituting the photo they provided in all areas. To insure that the correct image is adequately promoted, you will find in this edition a "pull out" poster that includes the correct image. The intent of the two inserts is that the pull out sections can be removed from this magazine and inserted into the National edition to provide a more complete historic record.

To the other medal winners and the memorial trophy winners, I apologise unreservedly. I failed to check what was required.

To the obedience competitors, I can only but imagine your disappointment at having no assessment of your performance on the day. Please understand that this was entirely beyond my control, and that of the presiding judges. A number of oversights have come to light for this area of competition and these could not have been foreseen, without unwelcome oversight. Again, my apologies to both judges and competitors alike.

So, apologies having been said, how do we fix it going forward?

One of the major criticisms has been substitution of photos. In 2023, those exhibitors wishing to substitute photos will need to be aware that if photos are not submitted as per requirements, then the substitution will not happen. I am assured that Trials management will be absolutely as per manual for the next National. Other "tweaks" will be made to insure that, as much as humanly possible, all will live up to expectations.

Now to other things that have been taking up a lot of time - legislation in NSW.

Increasingly in Australia, we are seeing minority groups represented in our state parliaments. This must be viewed from two perspectives - the first is that on so many occasions it prevents any party from gaining the majority it needs to govern in its own right, without doing deals with these minorities.

The second is that we need to understand the processes and be so vigilant of what is going on and act immediately our rights are being threatened. We do not have the resources of some of the extreme views; what we do have is our votes. Those wishing to win these need to take account of our views and honour their undertakings.

In NSW, as a result of intensive lobbying by a very small number of individuals , organisations and parliamentary friends, such as One Nation

and the Shooters and Fishers Party, an eleventh hour reprieve was won on the Puppy Farming Amendments to the Companion Animals Act. Provisions for an exemption for members of recognised organisations have been included in the draft to go to the lower house for voting after the NSW elections.

Let's also not ignore the impacts radio "shock jock" Ray Hadley, whose probing interviews have highlighted so well the problems with these amendments.

Let's claim this as a "Win"

Whilst a great "win" in terms of Labor's sponsorship of the proposed exemption, our ongoing reminder to all candidates is the only way we can lock in the desired result.

In NSW, politicians will be seeking your vote. Tell them what they have to do to get it at every opportunity.

Finally, this edition is the fourth this year and coincides nicely with the upcoming Festive Season. It has been a very eventful and, at times, stressful year. Coming out of COVID, I'm sure that we were all hoping for something much brighter.

But, whilst in some respects it has not met expectations, we have so much to be thankful for. For me this year, images of the love that fleeing Ukrainians have had for their pets continues to resonate.

We are so fortunate in Australia that our Christmas will be peaceful and a time of joy.

To every reader my sincere wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas and every thing you see for yourself in 2023.

Yvonne Yun



*The Executive and
member clubs of
The German Shepherd
Dog Council of Australia*

*Extend to all readers our very
best wishes for the happiest
Christmas*

*And we trust that
2023 brings you and
your family peace,
success and joy.*



SYDNEY DOG LOVERS SHOW

Our major promotion for the year was Sydney Dog Lovers Show in the Dome at Olympic Park at Homebush on the 6th and 7th August. A great team of Tony Darcy with Maverick (SC Conkasha Black Spirit AZ), Yvonne Spek with Tana (SC Conkasha Montana Diva) and Graeme and I with Rio (LSC *Sundaneka Rio Grande) and Schnook (LSC Sundaneka Schnook). The dogs were great ambassadors for the breed with many comments about their friendly nature and lots of pats and cuddles. Our stand was very popular and busy. AS Rebecca from PETspot said "your stall was certainly popular, so many people who passed by our stall were raving about it." We had 3-4 dogs on the stall each day.



Rio with some very proud children.





Tana



Schnook



Maverick

30-minute session at Pat a Pooch.

We had 4 sessions over the two days



Tony and Maverick



Karen and Schnook

Ask a Breeder – a 15-minute session each day

Graeme Stevenson spoke about the breed and answered questions and Yvonne Spek spoke about training and obedience.





The German Shepherd Dog League was the runner-up of the PETspot Raffle and won \$125 gift card. Photo is with Rebecca Ames and Jeremy Lay from PETspot. An exciting end to a wonderful weekend.



Thank you to Dogs NSW for organising tables and chairs for the breed stalls.

ERATA

The Editor apologises for the oversight in the production of the National edition of the Quarterly National Review and draws readers' attention to the correct images of the two animals where there has been a problem:



CINDERHOF ITALIAA

1st Place Open Bitch

Cinderhof Italiaa

DOB: 29.9.2018

Sire: Macho vom Lamorak

Dam: Frienhauf Havoc

Owned by J. Cathie and K. Zimmerle



FRIENHAUF PEDRAA

2nd Place Junior Bitch

D.O.B. 21.2.2021

Sire: Chilli della Valcuvia

Dam: Frienhauf Havoc

Owned by: K & R Knuckey, J. Cathie and M. Groth

ELSASS GERMAN SHEPHERDS

RASTI'S BREED SURVEY DIETER NITSCHKE

Medium sized, powerful and full bodied.

Very good building ratio, absolutely dry and firm, very well pigmented.

Expressive, powerful head, with dark eyes, correct, firm ears.

High withers firm back, harmonious top and underline, very good length and position of the croup, very good angulations of the fore and hindquarters, balanced chest proportions.

The front is straight, seen from the front and rear he walks absolutely straight and shows very dynamic gaits with powerful replenishment and far-reaching movement, while remaining absolutely sublime in every phase of the gait test in the withers. Secure nature TSB pronounced.

Rasti Vom Gamsetal

Male German Shepherd
Nov 19, 2018

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| Yack Von Del Nando 2012-10-25 German Shepherd | Homar dei Colli di Uzzano 2008-06-16 German Shepherd | Furbo degli Achei 2006-04-11 German Shepherd | Quenn vom loher Weg 2003-02-10 | Uran vom Moorbeck |
| | | | Fenia degli Achei 2002-03-18 | Elsa vom Kuckucksland Baru von Haus Yu Arlet Degli Achei (1998) LOI 98-63706 |
| | Gabi Vom Schwedenring German Shepherd | Cassia dei Colli di Uzzano 2004-04-30 German Shepherd | Esko vom Danischen Hof 1997-02-06 | Jango vom Furstenberg Una von Oxsalis |
| | | Wegas vom Fichtenschlag 2007-11-06 German Shepherd | Dora delle Cinque Terre 2002-12-30 | Vallum von Arminius Beli d' Ulmental Pakros d'Ulmental Rangoon du Haut Mansard |
| Odette Vom Merkur-Stern German Shepherd | Fred vom Rumbachtal German Shepherd | Mary vom Poxdorfer-Tannenhof 2006-07-07 German Shepherd | Vegas du Haut Mansard 2004-03-16 | Wilko vom Fichtenschlag Lufti vom Huhngrab Zasko vom Thermodos Sindy vom Schacher |
| | | Yerom vom Haus Salihin 2005-06-21 German Shepherd | Tiana vom Fichtenschlag 2005-01-01 | Zeppo vom Klebinger Schlob Carmen von der Jahnhohe Henry von der Duneschenke Ira vom Schwalmbergthal |
| | Jin vom Merkur-Stern 2009-04-29 German Shepherd | Zaira vom Rumbachtal German Shepherd | Gauner von der Roten Matter 2004-04-18 | Baru von Haus Yu Dolli von der Werther-Muhle Uran vom Moorbeck Elsa vom Kuckucksland |
| | | Floro degli Achei 2006-04-11 German Shepherd | Maxi vom Klebinger Schlob 2002-01-20 | Orbit von Tronje Wanda vom Larchenhain Uran vom Moorbeck Elsa vom Kuckucksland |
| | | Foxi vom Merkur-Stern German Shepherd | Mark vom Schwalmbergthal 2002-02-22 | Baru von Haus Yu Arlet Degli Achei (1998) LOI 98-63706 |
| | | | Heksa von der Werther-Muhle 2001-04-28 | Yasko vom Farbenspiel Mary von Tronje Larus von Batu Wanda von der Burg Hausbrunn |
| | | | Quenn vom loher Weg 2003-02-10 | |
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Pedigree online

The information herein does not serve as an official registry document

ELSASS GERMAN SHEPHERDS

RASTI VOM GAMSETAL IMP Germany

IGP3 NORMAL HIPS AND ELBOWS – DNA VERIFIED – DM CLEAR – SV(AD)

V23 BSZS 2021



**ELSASS GERMAN SHEPHERDS WILL BE WELCOMING
RASTI TO TASMANIA MARCH 2023**

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AND TASS MASSIS**

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**Bitches collected and boarded on site
EMAIL – elsassgsd@gmail.com**

49TH GSDCA NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL

28th, 29th and 30th April 2023
KCC Park, 655 Westernport Highway, Skye, Victoria 3977

Hosted by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria
on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2023

| CONFORMATION JUDGES | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mrs. Heather Macdonald (UK) | SC Dogs, LSC Dogs and Bitches |
| Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (UK) | SC Bitches |
| OBEDIENCE JUDGES | |
| Ms. Laura Schimke (QLD) | Community Companion Dog |
| Mrs. Kim Houlden (VIC) | Utility Dog Excellent and Novice |
| Mr. Charlie Giles (ACT) | Open |
| Ms. Elaine Temby (ACT) | Utility Dog |
| RALLY JUDGES | |
| Ms. Laura Schimke (QLD) | Novice |
| Ms. Elaine Temby (ACT) | Advanced |
| Mrs. Kim Houlden (VIC) | Excellent |
| Mr. Charlie Giles (ACT) | Master |
| Ms. Chelsea Bird (NSW) | JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE |

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

| ENTRY FEES | Class | First Entry | Subsequent |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| CONFORMATION: | Baby Puppy | \$28.00 | \$20.00 |
| | Minor & Puppy | \$38.00 | \$30.00 |
| | Junior, Intermediate & Open | \$48.00 | \$40.00 |
| OBEDIENCE & RALLY: | All classes | \$38.00 | \$30.00 |

Initial entry includes catalogue. Please include the following information on entry forms – Breed Survey status denoted by *, Hip and Elbow status and ANKC titles gained. No entries accepted without fees.

POSTAL ENTRIES: Show Secretary, GSDCV Inc., PO Box 135, Kallista, Vic., 3791. Please include SAE for receipt.

ONLINE ENTRIES available at www.showmanager.com.au



ShowManager .com.au
"More than just online entries"

ONLINE SALES: Merchandise and catalogues available at www.gsdcv.org.au/shop



BREED SURVEY: If required, to be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 3.00 pm at KCC Park, Skye.

Enquiries: Mrs. Gillian Cafari, GSDCV Breed Survey Registrar, ph (03) 5420 7385.

Applications close: 20th April 2023.

JUDGING TIMES

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL 2023

CONFORMATION: Vest collection from 7.00am. Judging commences at 8.00 am.

Bitch Ring: SC Baby, Minor and Junior Bitches.

Dog/LSC Ring: LSC Baby, Minor and Junior Bitches, then LSC Baby, Minor and Junior Dogs followed by SC Baby, Minor and Junior Dogs.

RALLY: Vetting/Check in 9.00-9.30 am. All judging commences at 10.00 am. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. **All class winners with qualifying scores must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 30th April 2023.* GSDCA rules apply to all awards and gradings.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP – classes will be judged by Ms. Chelsea Bird (NSW) during lunch break. Ages 7 to under 10 years of age, 10 to under 13 Years, 13 to under 19 Years. Entry and Photo Release forms available from Show Secretary (show@gsdcv.org.au) or the Show Secretary's office on the day. Entry is free. Entry form and release must be handed to the Show Secretary by 11.00 am Friday 28th April 2023. Parents must sign the release form, or the entry will be denied. If a child cannot solely control the animal they are exhibiting they may be asked to leave the ring. No adults will be permitted in the ring.

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023

CONFORMATION: Sire's Progeny assembly 7.15 am, parade commences at 8.00 am SHARP in the Dog/LSC ring, to be followed by judging of Breeders Groups. Conformation judging will then follow.

Bitch Ring: SC Puppy and Intermediate Bitches.

Dog /LSC Ring: LSC Puppy and Intermediate Bitches then LSC Puppy and Intermediate Dogs, SC Puppy and Intermediate Dogs.

OBEDIENCE: Vetting/check in from 8.00 to 8.30 am. All judging commences 9.00 am for Community Companion Dog, Open, Utility Dog and Utility Dog Excellent. The Novice class will commence after the Utility Dog Excellent class has completed. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. Winner of Winners will be judged in the Dog/LSC Show Ring on Sunday 30th April 2023 during the lunch break (CCD*, Novice, Open, Utility & UDX class winners with qualifying scores. **CCD optional as must compete off lead.* **All class winners with qualifying scores must attend the trophy presentations at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 30th April 2023.* GSDCA Rules apply to all awards and gradings.

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

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023

CONFORMATION: Commencing at 8.00 am.

Bitch Ring: SC Open Bitches.

Dog/LSC Ring: LSC Open Bitches, LSC Open Dogs, SC Open Dogs, followed by all Challenges. **No Inter-sex or inter-variety judging. Judging in both rings to cease at*

lunch time for the Winner of Winners Obedience competition, to be held in the Dog/LSC Ring.

Gun testing may be conducted in all Open classes.

The 49th National Show & Trial trophy presentations will be held following the completion of judging.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

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

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Conformation: Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat (ANKC classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 11 dogs/1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 11a bitches). Baby Puppy - 3 months and under 6 months, Minor Puppy – 6 months and under 9 months, Puppy – 6 months and under 12 months, Junior – 9 months and under 18 months, Intermediate – 18 months and under 36 months, Open – 6 months and over. (Ages apply from the first day of the show, 28 April 2023).

RETIRING ANIMALS

Animals eligible to retire at the National GSD Show and Trial will be: Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners, National Challenge and Reserve Challenge winners and National GSD Show and Trial Class winners. (**For full details and requirements refer to Section 36, National Show Manual on GSDCA website.*)

SPECIAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

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

Breeders Groups: Breeders may enter more than one group. All animals must carry the breeder's prefix. Each group must consist of 5 animals over 9 months of age from at least 2 sires and 2 dams and be of one coat variety. All animals listed in a Breeder's Group must be entered in the show. A separate entry form for each team must be received by the closing date of entries - no entry fee. Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary by close of judging on Friday 28th April 2023.

GSDCA Member Clubs Obedience Challenge: Teams of four exhibits compete, with the scores gained in their respective classes within the National Trial. Exhibits can be mixed from different obedience classes. Team details including handlers and dogs' names must be provided to the Trial Manager prior to the start of the Trial. At least three of the exhibits must qualify. Exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored. The winning team is that which has the highest aggregate qualifying scores.

SPECIAL PRIZES

CONFORMATION: A Memorial plaque and trophy will be awarded to the winners of the following classes:

Walter Reimann - Open Dog SC winner

Roy Brabham - Open Bitch SC winner

Juergen Neddermeyer - Open Dog LSC winner

Thomas Luxton - Open Bitch LSC winner

Joylene Neddermeyer - Intermediate Dog SC winner

James Rodger - Intermediate Bitch SC winner

Barry O'Rourke - Junior Dog SC winner

Max Stokes - Junior Bitch SC winner

Sam Bonifacio - most successful SC kennel and

GSDCA LSC Breeders Trophy - most successful LSC kennel.

Gold, Silver & Bronze medals to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place exhibits in the SC & LSC Open classes that are graded Excellent. Plaque & sash for all class winners and Breeders Group winner. Sash & memento for 2nd to 10th place in each class where numbers permit. Trophy & sash for all Challenge Winners.

OBEDIENCE: The **Rick Richardson** memorial plaque and a trophy will be awarded to the Winner of Winners.

Gold, Silver & Bronze medals awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Winner of Winners run off.

Plaque & sash for all class winners. Sash & memento for 2nd to 5th places in each class.

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

GRADINGS

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

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY: Gradings will be awarded to exhibits achieving qualifying scores as per the GSDCA National Trial Manual 7.1.6 and detailed in full in the catalogue.

Excellent medals will be awarded to exhibits obtaining a score of 190 or more in Novice, Open, Utility and UDX classes, or 95 or more in CCD and Rally classes.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND CRITIQUES

Results and critiques will be published in the Quarterly National Review. An official photographer will be present at the venue and will photograph all conformation place getters.

Exhibitors may supply their own photograph to the National Review Editor within 15 days of the event. Refer to the Editor's requirements printed in the catalogue.

All Obedience and Rally competitors are requested to present themselves and dogs for photos at time of trial check-in.

CORPORATE TENTS & EXHIBITOR TENTS

Ringside corporate tents available. **Bookings online open 11 am AEDST Saturday 4th February 2023.** No cooking permitted in corporate tents. Cost: \$400 per 3m x 3m tent. **Limited Exhibitor tent/gazebo ringside spaces** can be pre booked free of charge online from 11 am AEDST **Saturday 8th April 2023.** Avoid the Thursday rush, reserve your tent spot !. **No set up before 3 pm Thursday.** www.gsdcv.org.au/shop

49TH NATIONAL MERCHANDISE

Items pre-ordered and with payment received before 24th March 2023 will be available for collection at the National. A limited number of selected items will be available for sale at the event and orders will also be taken on the weekend, for delivery at a later date. Products can be ordered at www.gsdcv.org.au/shop

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

Advertising in the catalogue will be available at \$150.00/page (colour). All advertising is to be emailed to webmaster@gsdcv.org.au (A4 size, attach jpg photographs) by Monday 3rd April. Animals advertised must comply with GSDCA rules. Payment to be sent with entries to the Show Secretary or paid online at www.gsdcv.org.au/shop

CLASS SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship of all classes is available and welcomed. Class Trophy & memento \$150, Class sash \$100. Sponsor names detailed in catalogue. Sponsorship can be completed online www.gsdcv.org.au/shop

SOCIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY: Meet & Greet Starts 3.00 pm. Free sausage sizzle at grounds. **Please advise numbers attending on Show Manager or your booking slip, for catering purposes. (Bar facilities will be available)*

SATURDAY: 'National Social' For those wanting to gather together, drop in to **Coffee Barn Bistro**, Marriott Waters, (5 mins from KCC Park). From ~6.00 pm. Food provided, drinks at bar prices. Tickets \$35 each. Buy online.

SUNDAY: Trophy Presentations

At completion of judging on Sunday. *Complimentary nibbles, bar facilities available at own cost. *Please advise numbers attending on Show Manager or your booking slip, for catering purposes.*

ACCOMMODATION: Refer to GSDCV website www.gsdcv.org.au Camping in self-contained vans available at KCC Park (no shower facilities) – book directly with Dogs Victoria. www.dogsvictoria.org.au

NATIONAL BOOKING SLIP: Download a booking slip if needed: www.gsdcv.org.au/2023national/schedule

CONTACTS (No calls after 9pm please)

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WUSV MEETING REPORT - NUREMBURG

Delegate: Melanie Groth (Executive - Judges Chair)

Support person: Janet Haase (President GSDCT)

Preamble:

An informal meeting occurred on Thursday afternoon 22 September at the Max Morlock Stadium Nuremburg, with SV President Henry Messler, Continental Director Heather McDonald, Janet Haase and myself. Herr Messler was keen to speak with us to let us know that the SV/WUSV were distressed at the possibility of losing Australia from the global membership. He wanted to assure us that he understood the challenges we faced with regards to our government and ANKC regulations and that the Board had discussed our issues at length. He said that throughout the past 12 months they had become aware of a number of countries that were facing similar challenges. He did point out that the Board remained committed to Harmonisation but were prepared to work with countries to find positive solutions and work arounds that could be mutually agreed upon in order for clubs to reach and maintain their level.

He stressed to us that his position as SV President and Germany being the homeland of the GSD, he is committed to ensuring the breed, its ability to work and think were the highest priority and of utmost importance; hence the emphasis in the harmonisation program on character, temperament and ability to work as the founder originally designed for the breed.

As the breed and society have evolved, there is now acceptance that the original purpose of the GSD is evolving from a service, protection working dog and undergoing adjustments due to changes in social structures, societal beliefs, living conditions, politics and welfare and that breeds of dogs in general had adapted to become important in family and social situations as both companion and protector. He also reiterated to us that the Max von Stefanitz viewed the long stock hair as a major fault and regarded it as an impediment on the function, utility and type of the GSD.

Herr Messler was informed that the GSDCA works democratically and that proposals put to our organisation by the Board over the course of the 2022 BSZS would ultimately need to be agreed upon by the membership. He was informed that the clubs across Australia had recently met with their members with regard to the SV motion to expel Australia, and that the majority of clubs had voted to remain in the WUSV at this point in time.

He reiterated to us that the SV/WUSV would **not ever** be forcing us to comply with protection work, as he understood that would be against our organisational and some government regulations. He did say however, that he would prefer us not to impede the activities of groups that are not affiliated with our Canine bodies and therefore not subject to the same regulations.

He wanted to let us know that the Board was prepared to work with us and that he envisaged approval for; a restructure of the constitution and working parties be formed to embrace the changing nature of our breeding, showing and sporting activities. (See meeting notes for WUSV meeting 26 Sep.) This was based on recent global events, inability of countries to meet the European benchmark and court cases with the FCI that could impact the activities of the organisation. He looked forward to a positive meeting with the Board on Friday and further to that Monday. He was not so positive about South Africa, however their situation was not discussed with us.

WUSV Board 23 September 2022

After several rescheduled meeting times Janet and I met with the board at around 10:30am on Friday 23 September. Present in the meeting were:

President Heinrich Messler, Vice President Imran Hussain, Board members, Renee Rudin, Roberto Caputi, Helmut Seteki (CEO), Helga Siedel (Minute Secretary), Heather McDonald, Continental Director, Janet Haase GSDCT and Melanie Groth (Judges Chair GSDCA Executive)

Introductions were made and the President welcomed us warmly to the meeting and reiterated that the Board had been distressed by the possibility of losing such a strong member club to the organisation and wanted to work with us to try and find solutions to maintaining our membership. He asked us to outline what our issues were.

I explained the following points:

The members were dissatisfied with the rules of harmonisation

1. The members were upset at the introduction of the rule to prevent SV judges awarding Excellent gradings.

It was explained that for forty years the members have looked forward to SV judges providing guidance and knowledge when they visit Australia and awarding excellent gradings to our dogs, based on their anatomical virtues and performance in the ring. We had never sought to attain the VA grading as we knew that was not possible as a working title was required. It came as a shock that the SV had made the decision to impose this on the Excellent grading as well.

We were told that at the SV headquarters dogs exhibited under SV judges were only recorded as SG if they did not possess a working title. This was something that members in Australia were unaware of.

2. Confusion within the Australian membership that the SV required protection work to meet harmonisation schedules, despite intervention from the Continental Director, it was difficult to reverse opinion.

We explained that due to geographical isolation and diversity of state laws, in order for members to be treated equitably and have access to training facilities and clubs it was impossible for us to provide the necessary infrastructures for IPO working titles. The cultural makeup of the population and history with regard to the importation ban and entrenched attitudes to German Shepherds as dangerous dogs, the organisation had to protect the dog from further discrimination. We explained that in Victoria, dogs with a working title were automatically placed on the dangerous dog list, therefore Victorian members importing dogs do not want their titles to be recognised otherwise they are faced with limitations for their dogs in public places having to wear muzzles etc. Herr Setecky was astounded that this was the case.

The Board reiterated that they would not force Australia into protection work due to the legislations etc, however stressed that the GSD is a working dog and therefore it is necessary for inherited characteristics to be passed on to further generations so that the character and working ability of the dog is maintained. We discussed alternative working titles that could be possible in order for dogs to meet the working component that would make them eligible for the excellent grading.

For example, the Council could implement its own working test, approved by the SV Board and administered by the GSDCA (a combination of components such as obedience, agility, tracking) to qualify for an excellent grading.

Other stand-alone titles that could possibly be approved for eligibility of an SV Excellent grading are:

- Tracking
- Herding
- Search and Rescue
- Agility
- CCD or Novice or other titles possibly Rally O or higher

The GSDCA test could be a combination of elements from each of these, administered by the GSDCA and Breed Surveyors and possibly GSDCA judges. Continental Director Heather McDonald, offered support to work through these options with the GSDCA.

3. The HD/ED scheme, being forced to use the SV system when he had our own systems in place that had served the country well and we had 40 years of historical data collected.

The response to this was to outline issues of identity theft, microchip tampering and anomalies by certain countries. Australia was not implicated in this behaviour, however we were made aware that the SV had faced serious issues of impropriety and strict measures were imperative to ensure that the identity of dogs could be assured through DNA, the X-ray view of the dog that included the patella (Unique identifying factor) and having the global data kept by the motherland. The Board advised that the Working Dog Club in Australia had set up a scheme that members could use alongside our own scheme.

The Continental Director informed us of the route that the British members had undertaken and that it was entirely possible for Australia to contribute to this. The SV would like to see that the scheme was available to members. Earlier versions of setting up our own readers to meet parameters had been superseded by the production of a document for veterinarians to use that covers how the X-ray should be taken (including the patella), DNA (Orivet) check at the time of X-ray matching up with the microchip number. It also creates a level playing field across the world with the grading system for hips and elbows.

4. Inter-varietal breeding

The Board are aware that our Kennel Control has introduced inter-variety breeding of the SC and LSCs . Given this is now part of our rules and regulations they understand that it is impossible to interfere in that, however they require some form of commitment from the GSDCA that indicates that we do not recommend inter-varietal breeding.

The reasons for this are as follows: LSC was viewed by the founder as a fault as the coat was an impediment to the working ability and conditions for working. The President felt it was a mistake to accept the LSC into the fold however that was done by a previous administration and cannot be undone. Herr Messler has been informed of genetic evidence that states that if we allow inter-variety breeding, after 20 years, LSC will outnumber SC. It is his belief that the LSC and the pre-potency of the length of hair, particularly the underline, that the silhouette does not resemble the shape of a GSD. It has begun to look like another breed.

For the above reasons the SV cannot accept inter-variety breeding and they ask that Australia consider the risk to the standard of the GSD, resulting from this decision and recommend to breeders in Australia that although they can register GSDs resulting from inter-variety breeding that they give due consideration to these facts and not participate. They would not consider dogs from deliberate inter-variety breeding for the grading of excellent.

5. AI was discussed and the Board has decided that due to our geographical isolation that they will not impose sanctions on Australia for the use of this technology.
6. Puppy character test is voluntary at present in Australia and they hope that this can form a pre-requisite for our Breed Survey in the future.
7. DNA testing – The SV are exploring avenues for Orivet to use the same markers and therefore the Continental Director will keep us updated on opportunities to be able to use the scheme. Further discussion about DNA testing – we explained that Orivet is used by one of the state canine bodies in Australia and that people living in Queensland, DNA test at the same time as microchipping for registration. Furthermore, we explained that breeders from interstate are now voluntarily DNA testing their dogs using the Orivet scheme in Qld. It was explained that German dogs are DNA tested as puppies when chipped then the DNA checked against that information when they are X-rayed at 12 months.

As a result of the meeting the WUSV Board agreed to pull the motion regarding expulsion from the WUSV from the Agenda of the Annual meeting to be held on the following Monday.

After discussion of all of the topics it was decided that if Australia could commit to working on implementing the ideals discussed in this meeting over the next 18 months, the SV would lift the ban on the Excellent gradings by SV judges until the 2025 deadline for harmonisation implementation.

The Board were informed that no decisions could be made here today and that agreements to the proposals from this meeting would be communicated to the council for voting on by the members in due course.

Herr Messler felt it may be advantageous for Helmut Setecki to visit Australia during the time of our National Show where he could provide insight and answer questions that the members may have of the WUSV Board.

This commitment of good will to work on these items was requested in writing to the Board.

Melanie Groth

5 October 2022

WUSV Annual Meeting – 26 September 2022

8:30 – collection of interpreter devices and sign in.

9:00 - The President welcomed the delegation of clubs to the meeting, citing that the WUSV were entering a new era in how meetings were conducted with more consideration being given regarding the GSD globally. He acknowledged that the world had faced significant challenges in the past two years with regard to the Corona Virus and more recently the Russian invasion of Ukraine and this had impacted many people and their families within our fraternity. He also acknowledged a number of high profile people who had passed since the WUSV had last met. This included Clemens Lux, Luciano Musolino and Herr Muller. A two minute silence was held in their memory.

Elena from the Ukraine was invited to speak to the delegation and she thanked the clubs who had provided support to their country as it battled the war. Support had been provided in evacuating people, providing homes and temporary shelters for GSD and refugees. Particular assistance had been given to enable Ukraine to still compete in Denmark. It was a very emotional statement of thanks.

President Messler took the floor again informing us that of a possible 248 votes, 183 were present providing a quorum for the meeting to proceed. He spoke about changing legal frameworks and the undertaking of revising the global association.

He spoke about the introduction of harmonisation to strengthen the position for the German Shepherd Dog globally and having the one standard; instead of what was happening to other breeds where countries' were changing the standards to suit their own purposes and thus watering down the original intent of the standard of particular dog breeds. A court case with the FCI was won to protect the original standard produced by the homeland of the dog breed.

He stated that fewer purebred dogs were being bred across the world and that rules and regulations were impacting on dog ownership and this has affected our breed which used to be a working breed, acknowledging now that the German Shepherd had to be versatile in order to meet the growing need for it to be a working, sport, and/or family dog, hence the social environment had become vitally important. Dog ownership in compounds has become a problem and as a result there are less numbers of dogs being bred. This posed the questions of

“How do we save dog breeding and adjust to meet these changing needs?”

“What does the individual want?”

The answer includes; quality assurance, well bred, with good appearance, mental and physical checks in their pedigrees, judges need to assure quality.

Therefore, the theoretical model for leverage was to implement this globally. The WUSV reached a turning point and now needs to review its rules and regulations in order to be able to meet the needs of the various countries across the world, ensuring that the statutes globally are relevant to the law.

As a result of this he proposed that a working party of lawyers and relevant administrators be formed to review the regulations of various countries and regions to put forward proposals that would assist the WUSV to support the breeding of German Shepherd Dogs globally.

Agenda items 4.1-4.8 were addressed regarding the financials, budget proposals, election of auditors. It was proposed that should a member club require funds for running sports events; that they were entitled to apply for financial assistance from the SV in the form of a proposal should they need backing.

Introduction of Public Relations Officer – new position – the meeting welcomed Wolfram Berendt.

Wolfram extended an invitation to countries to send in information about their activities throughout the year.

Agenda Item 5 – Election of Board of Directors.

Imran Hussain had informed the Board prior to the meeting that he would not be re-standing for his position, therefore the Vice President position was to become vacant at this meeting.

Renee Rudin was elected unopposed Vice President

Roberto Caputi was elected unopposed Board Member

The vacancy left by Mr Hussain saw three proposals from the floor. Mr Plotzka (United Schutzhund Club of America), Dr Laraki (CD – Arabic region), Mr Yap Seng Tek (Singapore).

The result of a secret ballot was as follows

Vadim Plotzka 123 – elected to the WUSV Board

Yap Seng Tek 47

Dr Laraki 14

WUSV Statutory Amendments – Review Rules and Regulations – core team of lawyers to be approached: Claudia Remeliah, Manfred Kopf, Peter Alinsmire, Richard Brauch.

Proposal for sub committee to form and review the WUSV Constitution. Names were taken from the floor from various countries.

10.1 – Feedback on membership returns

A request was made to provide accurate figures of membership, activities within the country, improve the transparency of events and calendars.

10.2 – 10.12

- Algeria not enough members for full membership – Junior membership accepted
- Australia exclusion motion withdrawn
- Brazil – full membership granted
- Jordan junior membership granted
- Poland – junior membership granted
- Russia proposal removed from agenda
- Tunisia junior membership granted
- Uganda junior membership granted
- Hungary – allowing them to hold shows until they sort out issues with other club in their country

10.12 Miscellaneous Items – Items 1,2,3,4, 8 – pushed to the working party to provide recommendations

Items 6 postponed, 7 passed, 9 and 10 withdrawn.

11. 1.1 Panama given another year to sort fees, if no contact they will be removed from the WUSV

11.1.2 Venezuela recovering and paid some of its debt.

12 Review of events – Bernd Weber (2022), Helmut Buss (2021) and Lutz Wischalla (2022) delivered reports on the working males and females of 2021 and 2022.

Meeting concluded at 3:10pm

CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA (HD) AND JUVENILE PELVIS SYMPHYSIODESIS (JPS) SURGERY EXPLAINED

By, Jenny De Lucia and Isabella De Lucia

Hip dysplasia (HD), is not a congenital defect; it is not present at birth. Multiple studies have demonstrated that all normal puppies are born with “perfect” hips; that is, they are “normal” for a newborn with no signs of dysplasia.

HD is a genetic disease passed on from the sire or dam of the puppy. HD arises primarily as a heritable condition, i.e. one that is inherited genetically, however, nutrition and physical activity during growth and development also play a role. Purchasing a puppy bred from parents that have undergone X-ray screening and have passed a recognised Hip Dysplasia Scheme, will reduce the chance of the puppy developing HD. The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA), has in place a Hip Dysplasia Scheme since 1982. Animals that gain a pass in the HD scheme are awarded an ‘A’ Stamp and certificate indicating that the overall quality of the hips is suitable for breeding. The minimum age at which German shepherds can go through the scheme is 12 months as this is the age when the growth plates have closed. Screening is undertaken of breeding stock to ensure the control/reduction of severity of HD within the breed. Hip X-rays are assessed for various aspects of hip construction and looseness of joints and given a score for each hip. Only animals that score no more than 8 in any one hip, and no score greater than 3 in any one area, are awarded a pass if going through the GSDCA Scheme. From 1982 to January 2022, there have been 10,518 passes through the GSDCA HD Scheme. When a puppy is purchased from a registered breeder, it should have with it a five-generation pedigree showing the parentage of the puppy for five generations back and the hip and elbow status of all ancestors within that pedigree.

Juvenile Pelvis Symphysiodesis, (JPS), is a surgical procedure performed in immature dogs that are at high risk for arthritis associated with hip dysplasia. The surgery involves using an electroscalpel to manually manipulate bone development and stop the growth of the pubis (part of the pelvis) to alter the growth/shape of the pelvis, while increasing the ball’s degree of coverage by the socket to diminish hip laxity. JPS surgery needs to be performed on puppies less than 18 weeks of age while the pelvis is still growing. As the rest of the pelvis continues to grow normally, the two sides of the pelvis are forced to rotate slightly downward, causing the hip sockets to assume a slightly more horizontal orientation. Females undergoing this surgery are desexed at the

same time due to the impact the JPS surgery has on the female’s ability to give birth.

It is being broadly suggested by some veterinarians to owners of German shepherd puppies, that simply due to the breed, HD is a common problem therefore, to prevent future hip problems in their puppy, that JPS surgery should be carried out. Some vets will not back this up with proof in the form of an X-ray but rather a physical diagnosis, while some vets will X-ray. The preferred method of X-ray seems to be PennHIP. PennHIP should be performed by an accredited vet who is able to read and score the x-ray accordingly. To become PennHIP accredited, veterinarians must undergo training and a certification process to demonstrate competency. Disturbingly, JPS surgeries are being carried out based on results of a PennHip X-ray taken by non-accredited vets and many of the X-rays being taken are using PennHIP theory to produce a Distraction Index (DI) but are not PennHIP method. Studies have shown that the PennHIP method has a very high degree of reproducibility between examiners. In other words, a dog should have similar distraction scores no matter which PennHIP certified veterinarian performs the radiographs. This high degree of consistency is attributable to the inherent biomechanics of the canine hip joint and to the quality-assurance training that all PennHIP network veterinarians must successfully complete.

The research-based hip-screening procedure known as PennHIP (which stands for, University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program), has proven to be the most accurate and precise method to measure hip laxity.

PennHIP screening involves three separate radiographs (X-rays).

1. The Hip Extended Radiograph

2. The Compression Radiograph

3. The Distraction Radiograph (DI)

1. The Hip Extended Radiograph - The dog’s hind legs are placed in “extension” with both hind legs straight, to identify radiographic signs of hip arthritis also known as osteoarthritis (OA).

2. The Compression Radiograph - The dog’s hind legs are positioned in a neutral, weightbearing orientation and the femoral heads (balls of the femur) are gently seated into the acetabula (hip sockets). This view can identify critical anatomic landmarks of the hip and determine how well the femoral head fits into the acetabulum.

3. The Distraction Radiograph (DI) - The dog’s hind legs are positioned in the same neutral position as the compression radiograph and a Distraction Device is placed between the dogs’ legs with the dog on its back. The device acts as a fulcrum to apply a lateral distractive force. The DI is a measure of hip laxity—the inherent distance the ball can be displaced (distracted) from the hip socket—and is expressed as a number between zero and one.



Juvenile Distraction View



Compression View



Adult Distraction View



Hip Extended View



Distraction View

Taken from the University of Pennsylvania (PennHip), "There are no level 1 or level 2 studies to definitively show the efficacy of JPS to prevent or delay osteoarthritis. Therefore, it should not be considered a routine procedure backed by scientific evidence". Furthermore, "If distraction images are not read by trained eyes there will be high variability in Distraction Index (DI) scores and ultimately, the value of the technique will decline or become worthless".

Level 1 studies are the highest level of study - large population, long duration, x-rays performed regularly over the life time of the pet of those that had JPS and those with similar radiological signs at 16 weeks that did not undergo the study, performed at an

educational/teaching/research facility with rigorous process and controls, etc. As the standards reduce, i.e. small population with less and less controls, procedures put in place or retrospective study then the level of reliability of the data reduces.



The radiograph above shows the hip extended view of a 16 week old border collie with normal hips.



This is the same 16-week-old Border Collie, incorrectly x-rayed using PennHIP under Distraction View – the rods to perform the view are not positioned wide enough.

The stifles are covering/superimposing the femoral heads.

The distraction has been severe resulting in likely cavitation of both hips (levered forcefully out of the acetabulum resulting in a large air bubble in both views).

EXERCISE AND DIET

As previously mentioned, HD arises primarily as a heritable condition, however, nutrition and physical activity during growth and development also play a role. Exercise is important for a young puppy however, too much exercise can have a detrimental effect. As a general guide, 5 minutes of exercise per month of age up to 12 months of age is a good rule of thumb. Natural free running is the best form of exercise for a puppy because when they tire they can easily stop. More strenuous exercise should not occur until the dog has reached the age of 12 months.

Diet of the puppy is just as important. Studies into dogs and nutrition show us that feeding excessive calcium, phosphorus and vitamin D together with a high energy diet and rapid weight gain that causes rapid growth, can result in joint disorders.

Overall, this article has defined what HD is and how it is passed on, whether it be through genetics or an environmental factor. It has explained what JPS surgery is and the reason it is being performed by veterinarians who are usually unaccredited. When purchasing a puppy from a registered breeder they will provide you with any and all genetic information you may need to avoid unnecessary stress and panic by an unaccredited vet informing you that JPS is needed when as evidenced through this article, it is not. If you have any questions regarding this surgery or if you are pressured by a vet, the best course of action is to contact your breeder or someone from your local German Shepherd Dog Club as they will be able to recommend a vet for a second opinion and provide you with any genetic information you may need. The most important thing to take from the above information is this – JPS surgery is not a necessary procedure for a young puppy, it causes trauma and stress for both the owner and the puppy and can have ongoing issues that develop from this surgery. Ensure you are seeking information from a vet recommended by your breeder and understand any diagnosis given to you. Your breeder will always be available to help and provide you information and if the animals have gone through a registered hip and elbow scheme as explained above then the risk of developing HD has already been minimised.

Below is a chart showing average weight relative to age for both male and female German shepherd dogs.

| AGE MONTHS | MALE AVERAGE KG | FEMALE AVERAGE KG | AGE MONTHS | MALE AVERAGE KG | FEMALE AVERAGE KG |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 3.5 | 3 | 7 | 27 | 23 |
| 2 | 7 | 6.5 | 8 | 29 | 25 |
| 3 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 31 | 26 |
| 4 | 17 | 15 | 10 | 32 | 27 |
| 5 | 21 | 18 | 11 | 33 | 28 |
| 6 | 24 | 21 | 12 | 34 | 28 |

YPSILON

DI CASA CAPUTI

HD/ ED Normal KKL DM Clear



Sire of 3rd place Open Bitch, Stock Coat - Ch. Vladimir Remember The Name!

Sire: Arre vom Huhnegrab Dam: Baily vom Huhnegrab

Ypsilon's first progeny has passed the hip and elbow scheme

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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)

On Sunday the 18th September 2022, the GSDA of WA took part in the 2nd Dogswest Open Day at the Dogswest grounds.

This is the second time we have been involved in this special day and once again it was a day well spent enabling us to showcase our beautiful breed.

We had a very good turnout of GSDA members with their super well behaved German shepherds, and our gazebo was kept very busy with our members speaking to people who were very interested in our breed.



Three of our volunteers relaxing before the Open Day started Kym Glenny, GSDA PR Officer. Ian Heard Club President and Kerrie Pearce, Club Minutes Secretary.



First of the visitors In front of our gazebo (the Red one)



GSD Security On Guard.



Starting to get busy near the gazebo

In the Gazebo we had information leaflets, club and breeder business cards, and promotional posters; we also had the club banner on full display. We had pens with the club logo on and GSD badges for sale.

We had between 40 & 50 club members attending the Open Day which was up there with the highest representation of any breed at the event.



Crowds beginning to build up



Now that is a very relaxed GSD



Very young puppy chilling out



A young boy making a new friend



One of our members with his two dogs. Both very relaxed

We also put on two demonstrations during the day which were well attended. The first one was a group of young dogs who were doing some of the Beginners class work that we do at the club and all the young dogs did very well including the youngest puppy that we encouraged to go through the tunnel.



The owners of this baby came to see us about training their new Puppy and they will be joining us next Sunday for their first Beginners Class Session. Welcome to the club Arlo & Christian



Group photo just before we started the beginners' class



We started with the dog walk laid flat on the ground to help the puppies get used to the different feel under foot and to help the handler work on keeping the puppy on the boards



We then put the dog walk up on its stand once the puppies had a couple of tries on the dog walk laid flat on the ground. They all did very well.



Lining up ready to go through the Tyre



Happy Puppy having just gone through the tyre



The above photos show the set-up of various rings on the grounds and show the amount of gazebos set up by the various breeds. There were about 100 gazebos set up around the two ring setups plus a number of food and drink vans around the grounds. It was a very well run event that we were delighted to be a part of.

The second Demo was with three dogs and handlers. They were, from the right, Kerrie Pearce with Triple Champion, Glenbala Ambitious Dream CCD RN better known as Tabitha aged around 5 years old, Kym Glenny with Iccara Green Beret better known as Duke aged 7 years, and James McDonald with Adashad Nord better known as Colby aged 6 month. The Demo consisted of some heel work with a Sit, Stand and Down, plus a couple of Right About Turns thrown in for good measure. This was followed by a forward into the weavers and then through the tunnel. The Demo finished with Tabitha doing a couple of twirls while healing, Duke doing a retrieve and Colby doing a retrieve also. All three dogs worked really well considering that this was their first Demo and special mention needs to be made of young Colby at 6 months old.



The photo above was the Demo team getting ready to start the Demonstration. From the left were James and Colby, Kym with Duke and Kerrie with Tabitha.



Duke coming out of the tunnel



James and Colby doing the weavers



Kerrie and Tabitha doing the weavers

The Open Day was a long, but very enjoyable, rewarding day, seeing all the German Shepherds on their absolute best behaviour. Well done to all our members that came to the Open Day, They were a credit to our Breed, our Club and themselves for the work that they have put into their training.

Also well done and a huge thank you to Kym Glenny for arranging this day as our PR Officer. Thanks must also go to Kerrie Pearce, Ian Heard, Iain McIntosh, Anastasias Hope, Sue Smith, Jacqui Sorensen, Jean McCowan, Vicki Beaton, John Fenner, Ian and Dorothy Marr for the time and effort you all put in during the day.

We will always be willing to take part in this day as long as Dogswest continue to run it. It really is great ways to show case the German Shepherd Breed to potential new owners.

Ian Marr on behalf of the GSDA of WA PR Officer

TS.CH.GRAND CH.T.CH.NEUT.CH.TRI. CH.STOBAR QUENTIN AZ BSC1 CDX RN ET

Breeder: Stobar Kennels Sire: Odin Delle
Terre Matildiche Dam: Stobar Diksy

As Quentin's show career came to an end, I was looking for our next challenge and it was suggested that tracking could be a fun option. Initially my goal was to obtain the entry-level tracking title – TD (Tracking Dog) so I spoke to a few people already involved in tracking that were happy to share their knowledge that gave me the confidence to get started. We gained our first title in early 2018 and found tracking to be addictive so we continued working our way through to test 8 and gained our Tracking Champion title later that year.



After this we progressed to Track and Search which is held in and around suburban parks and streets as opposed to bush and paddocks and completed our first three trials at the end of 2019 obtaining his title of TSD (Track and Search Dog). Unfortunately COVID put a stop to any further tracking for 2020 and 2021 so once trials resumed earlier this year we took every opportunity to attend all available track and search trials including an interstate trip to Adelaide. As we progressed through the different track levels (10 in total), along the way Quentin obtained his Tracking Search Dog Excellent title (TSDX) and then his Track and Search Champion title (TS-CH) and then finally his Grand Champion Track and Search Dog title as he nears his 10th birthday.

The final ultimate test requires the dog to track at night for an unknown person walking a trail of approximately 1,200 metres. The Tracklayer commences walking the trail and at some point after the first turn the Tracklayer is picked up and travels in a motor vehicle with the windows open, for a distance of approximately three hundred (300) metres and includes two turns. Following this the Tracklayer leaves the vehicle and completes the trail on foot to the designated end. The dog must wait 4 hours before commencing looking for the tracklayer who must be found in order for the dog to pass the test which I'm happy to report Quentin with an "Excellent" grading.



Quentin is now a rare Dual Grand Champion (show/tracking) and also holds four other championship titles and has been awarded "Excellent" gradings/medals across three separate disciplines (show/obedience/tracking).

Tracking is an addictive sport made even more enjoyable by the comrade of spending the day with other triallers sharing their experiences and swapping training tips. Dogs are naturally good at tracking but we need to teach them to follow the tracklayers scent to the end and that's the fun of this sport working as a team with your dog to pass. If you are looking for a new challenge, I encourage you to give tracking a go, you and your dog will love it.

Training was fun for both Quentin and I as dogs are naturally good at tracking but we need to teach them to follow the tracklayers scent to the end. Tracking is an addictive sport made even more enjoyable by the comrade of spending the day with other triallers sharing their experiences and swapping training tips.

Recently Quentin and I ventured to Bendigo to track in the Bendigo Obedience Dog Club TSD trial and Quentin passed his test 10 and obtained his "Grand Champion Track and Search Dog" title with an "Excellent" grading. This completes our tracking journey which spanned 4 years (thanks Covid) and took us all over Victoria and interstate and required us to complete 18 separate tracking tests. The final test requires the dog to track at night for an unknown person walking a trail of approximately 1,200 metres. The Tracklayer will commence walking the trail and at some point after the first turn the Tracklayer will be picked up and travel in a motor vehicle with the windows open, for a distance of approximately three hundred (300) metres. This portion of the track includes two turns. Following this the Tracklayer will

leave the vehicle and complete the trail on foot to the designated end. The track will have 6 to 8 changes of direction in total. The dog must wait 4 hours before commencing looking for the tracklayer who must be found in order for the dog to pass the test. Quentin is now a rare Dual Grand Champion (show/tracking) and also holds four other championship titles and has been awarded "Excellent" gradings/medals across three separate disciplines (show/obedience/tracking).

Looking for a new challenge, I was encouraged to try tracking so after



UPCOMING JUDGING APPOINTMENTS

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| 3/12/23 | Adamson, Melissa (SA) | GSDL Orchard Hills, NSW GSDL Members Competition GSD Specialty |
| 5/11/23 | Tantaro, Vincenzo (VIC) | GSDCV Skye, Vic WDC of Victoria Championship Show GSD Specialty |
| 7/10/23 | Cooke, Ian (SA) | GSDL Orchard Hills, NSW GSDL Championship Show (7 & 8 October) GSD Specialty |
| 30/07/23 | Pike, Jane (SA) | NHRGSDC Hillsborough, NSW Championship Show GSD Specialty |
| 29/07/23 | Bradley, Mike (NZ) | NHRGSDC Hillsborough, NSW Championship Show GSD Specialty |
| 9/07/23 | Balmer, Albert (Ireland) | GSDCQ Durack, Qld GSDCQ Championship Show GSD Specialty |
| 8/07/23 | McAteer, Mandy (UK) | GSDCQ Durack, Qld GSDCQ Championship Show GSD Specialty |
| 3/06/23 | Brabham, Jan (SA) GSDL | Orchard Hills, NSW GSDL Sanction Show GSD Specialty |
| 28/04/23 | Griffith, Malcolm (UK) | GSDCV Skye, Vic National ♂ Bitches (28, 29 & 30 April) GSD Specialty |
| 28/04/23 | MacDonald, Heather (UK) | GSDCV Skye, Vic National ♂ LSCs & SC Dogs (28, 29 & 30 April) GSD Specialty |
| 8/04/23 | Sykes, Carol (UK) | GSDL Orchard Hills, NSW Championship Show (8 & 9 April) GSD Specialty |
| 19/03/23 | Pike, Jane (SA) | GSDC Sth Isl Christchurch, NZ SIGSL GSD Specialty |
| 18/03/23 | Knuckey, Robyn (WA) | GSDC Sth Isl Christchurch, NZ SIGSL GSD Specialty |
| 11/03/23 | Knuckey, Robyn (WA) | GSDCV Skye, Vic Victorian SBE (11 & 12 March) GSD Specialty |
| 25/02/23 | Tantaro, Vincenzo (VIC) | GSDC Sth Isl Dunedin, NZ Otago GSDC GSD Specialty |
| 12/02/23 | Pittelli, Salvatore (SA) | GSDL Orchard Hills, NSW GSDL Members Competition GSD Specialty |
| 12/02/23 | Groth, Melanie (NSW) | GSDCTas New Norfolk, Tas GSDC of Tas Championship Show GSD Specialty |
| 11/02/23 | Pike, Jane (SA) | GSDCTas New Norfolk, Tas GSDC of Tas Championship Show GSD Specialty |

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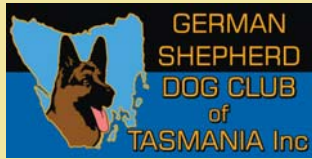


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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS



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In August we held our AGM and elected our new office bearers and committee.

Our new committee:

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| President | Janet Haase |
| Vice President | Tass Massis |
| Secretary | Gabrielle Peacock |
| Treasurer & Membership Officer | Sandra Parker |
| Public Officer | Russell Lowery |
| Breed Affairs | Lorraine Massis |
| Show Secretary | Zac Munnings |
| HD/ED | Carol Mason |
| Committee | Brooke Summers Tenaya Beaton Maureen Lowery Jurgen Haase |

I would like to pass on our sincere thanks to those leaving the committee. We are truly grateful to these members for dedicating significant time and energy to guide and support our club in the pursuit of its goals and endeavours.

Retiring members

- Ken and Carol Millhouse, thank you for the work and energy offered to the club. We'll miss their experience and knowledge and look forward to their involvement with the club continuing.
- Dave Griffin thank you for being one of the mainstays of the club, always there to provide advice and guidance.
- Kristy Hall thank you for the dynamic and can do approach you brought to your committee role. We've valued your input and look forward to your involvement with the club continuing.

September Breed Survey

Congratulations to the owners of the following animals who were successfully Breed Surveyed in September under Sharon Ballantyne Gordon and Steve Collins.

Awatea Veeree Interesting

Ronanline Go with the Flo

Elsass Queen Sheba

Elsass Ballack Caviar

Ch Sapharo Arctic Dream

Our September back to back shows were well supported by members and interstate exhibitors. Congratulations to the all winners and place getters.

A special shout out to the challenge winners.

Saturday - Judge Steve Collins

Stock Coats

Jenny Joseph's Bodecka Mayhem

Lorraine Massis's Sadria Tassie

Storm,

Long Stock Coats

Jenny Joseph's Bodecka Ooh La La

L Brownhill's Ch Sapharo Arctic Dream

Sunday - Judge Sharon

Ballantyne Gordon

Stock Coats

Tenaya Beaton's Komatsu Extra

Hot Ruby

Kiorah Kennel's Gewalt Grand

Torino

Long Stock Coats

D and L Organ's Lordavo Royal

Symphony

L Brownhill's Ch Sapharo Arctic

Dream

Many thanks to our Show Secretary, Zac Munnings for all his work in organising and running the shows. We really appreciate his contribution to our club and rely on his excellent organisational abilities to ensure the events run smoothly. Also many thanks to the band of workers who support Zac. Your support is highly valued.

Congratulations to the owners and breeders of the following animals who have recently passed the A and Z schemes.

Elsass Norah Jones A/Z

Roxamburg Evita A/Z

Roxamburg Just Like Fire A/Z

Roxamburg Funhouse A/Z

We are looking forward to our February Shows, Breed Survey and Puppy Character Test with judges Jane Pike and Melanie Groth.

A special mention to our training team, Carol Mason and Maureen Lowery who come along every Saturday to help members train and socialise their dogs. Thank you.

Janet Haase

President GSDCT



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The end of the year is fast approaching, and the QLD club finished the year with

251 memberships. Which is an increase of 50 from last year.

The Members Competition in Zone 2 was held on the 20th August Judge Mrs. Melanie Groth.

This event though a fun day, didn't have many entries, and for a judge to give up a days work and a weekend to travel for this event, we have decided it will only be held every couple of years so hopefully more entries. Thank you Melanie for judging the show, and so pleased your bag turned up prior to the commencement of the shows.

The breed survey prior to the event was officiated by Melanie Groth and Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon. Thank you ladies and congratulations to the owners of the 2 dogs who passed at the event .

A big thank you to Jo Cathie for presenting her Australian Sires Presentation for members on 9th September prior to the show. It was very well received.

We had our last shows and restricted Obedience Trial in

September 2022

Open Show – Mr. Glen Wilshire (QLD) 29 Entries

Members Competition – Judged Jo Cathie (NSW) 62 Entries

State Breed Competition – Judged by Greg Green (VIC) 74 Entries.

Restricted Obedience Trial – Judges Val Bonney and Mr. W. Doyle.

A breed survey was also held on Saturday with 11 dogs passing breed survey

Congratulations to all the dogs and owners, and a big thank you to Jo Cathie for assisting our resident Surveyor Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon. Great job ladies with so many dogs.

It was a huge weekend, and enjoyed by all.

Alison again took live feeds on Sunday. Thanks again Alison

A big thank you to all of the judges, for officiating at the above events, we do appreciate you giving your time, and your expertise and comments.

The club will be holding a Breed Survey in November as our final event for the year with all 3 Queensland resident surveyors present. A big thank you on behalf of the club to Carol O'Rourke, Sharon Ballantyne Gordon, and Louis Donald for officiating at our surveys here in Queensland. Gail Donald provides wonderful photographs for the members at our events, and Gails photos are very professional, we are very lucky to have her here in Queensland. Thanks Gail.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the hard work the 2022 committee have put in .

Secretary Mr Garry William who deals with all the correspondence and communications with Dogs QLD, and enquiries to the club.

Treasurer Mr Fred Flower, who keeps the clubs books excellently.

These 2 gentleman also ensure the rings are put up for each event. Fred also does the catalogue and grading certificates for our events, and the merchandise. and is our resident Pigs Ear cooker.

Thank you both for your wonderful contribution to the club.

Vice President Kylie Zimmerlie-

Kylie organizes the sashes for all events, and also the schedules, and assists the show secretary, she has

also turned her hand to stewarding and steno, this year. Well done Kylie.

Mrs Marcelle Wetzlar Minutes Secretary. Her minutes are terrific and her prompt return is appreciated. Great work Marcelle.

Mrs Dace Houghton Breed Affairs. Dace took on this position this year and travelled all the way to Bundaberg for the breed survey, and ensured that all paperwork was correct for all the surveys held this year. Thank you very much Dace. Unfortunately for the club Dace will be moving over the border into NSW early next year, and the GSDCQ constitution requires committee members reside in the state.

Jocelyn Philp – HD ED registrar. I am sure people will agree that Jocelyn has ensured all contracts are sent out in a very speedy manner. Jocelyn has decided not to run next year, but her efforts over several years are very much appreciated. Thank you Jocelyn.

Sue Bruno Show Secretary. Always there with a happy face and welcoming to all exhibitors, her little extras she adds to the show bags are certainly appreciated, as well as the bowl of lollies always at the show secretaries tent. Thanks Sue.

Laura Schimke – Obedience Co-Ordinator. Laura is a star she runs all the Obedience events, and is very proactive. A big thanks Laura. And we look forward to your father Laurie Knauth running some obedience sessions next year.

Bronwyn Hurley – Editor. Bron looks after the face book page, the website, and also does the clubs newsletter. Thanks Bron for all your efforts.

A thank you is also extended to

Bronwyn Hurley Zone 2 Rep

Phil Gillies Zone 3 Rep

Annie Tamblyn – Puppy Listings and also media relations

Jean Hansford – Breed rescue and our resident assembly steward.

The club wouldn't function without all these people and I am sure members appreciate their efforts as much as I do .

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE QUEENSLAND CLUB

Regards

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Goodness this year is really slipping away I can't believe this is the last report for 2022.

The Show and Trials year is now complete – congratulations to all the winners and placegetters.

To those members who have farewelled their beloved dogs this year – my deepest sympathies – it never gets any easier.

Our two Members' Competitions with Andrew O'Loughlin and Kurt Morton judging were much appreciated by the members.

The West Coast Challenge is done and dusted for another year with Mr David Middleton (U.K.) adjudicating – although I didn't stay all day I enjoyed his judging.

This coming Sunday is our Quarterly General Meeting – I suspect there may be a surprise or two tabled at the meeting.

Shortly we will be holding our final graduation and Closed Club Trial then we will be going into night socialisation classes until early 2023.

We are planning a Fun Day at the end of November – the raffle prizes look sensational – immediately following that is our final Breed Survey for the year.

The year wraps up with our Presentation Day where trophies will be awarded to members who have gained titles in the various disciplines of Obedience and also the Australian and Grand Champions in Conformation. Perpetual trophies for all disciplines and special categories are awarded via the point score and points earned at training.

It only leaves me to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and sincerely hope that 2023 is one of joy and success – but please remember your dog doesn't have

a clue what grading or trophy you receive of its behalf – they just want you to love them for what they are – your best friend.

Cheers – stay safe Margaret Adams Editor G.S.D.A. of W.A.



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In the last quarter we had Natalie Humpries (WA) judge our Members Competition on July 24. The competition had 71 entries with Best Bitch LSC awarded to *Leppsdorf Mystic Myrah AZ, while Best Bitch SC was *Ch Vonpeta Zap AZ. The Best Dog LSC was *Ch Vonpeta Qwackawoody AZ ET, while Best Dog SC was *Ch Lenin vd Grafenburg a ED (Imp Deu).

The obedience trial for August 7 had six German Shepherds entered.

Jamie and Lyn Phillis hosted their Handling and Double Handling seminar on August 14 which was well supported with many eager members engaged.

We only just had our Members Competition on October 23, with our judge Mel Adamson (SA) who had 48 entries. Best Bitch LSC was *Ch Taurorn Cant Faze Chelle AZ, while Best Bitch SC was *Ch Vonpeta Zap AZ. The Best Dog LSC was Babenberg Valentino AZ, while Best Dog SC was *Ch Lenin vd Grafenburg a ED (Imp Deu).

We have the Open Show coming up on November 13 with Ms Rebecca Jamieson (SA) the judge.

To keep up to date with competition schedules and entry open/ close dates, please follow the GSDCSA Facebook page or check our website. We have also had a new Facebook page created for the "Shepherd Shop - G S D C S A" so go and give that a like to keep up to date with the stock available.

Thank you kindly,

Kiara Stacey - GSDCSA



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It might be wet down here, like everywhere else, but it still means dog training goes ahead. The dogs don't care about a bit of rain that's for sure. Both our metro and country based branches have been managing flood waters and flooded grounds right through winter so we hope by now all have dry feet and the sun is shining.

We've held our Track and Search dog, several breed surveys and held the Lillydale and our Exhibition shows during winter, so it's been busy despite all the weather hurdles.

Late in the winter Track and Search Dog trial season TS.CH. GRAND CH.T.CH.NEUT.CH.TRI. CH.STOBAR QUENTIN AZ CDX RN ET, owned by Stuart Macdonald achieved another feat, finally achieving his "Grand Champion Track and Search Dog" title with an "Excellent" grading. Quentin is now a rare Dual Grand Champion (show/tracking) and also holds four other championship titles and has been awarded "Excellent" gradings/medals across three separate disciplines (show/obedience/tracking). Yay to a well performed dog across all disciplines, a great example for all !

On October 2nd our Geelong branch held an official opening of their new off leash fenced ring, named the Maureen Williams Memorial Ring. Maureen was the Branch's Secretary and Membership Officer for many years and was instrumental in keeping the Geelong Branch going to be what it is today. One of Maureen's daughters, Kelly and three grand children Addison, Olivia and William and special guest, Maureen's dog Jac unveiled the plaque. Geelong Mayor Peter Murrihy formally opened by the ring by cutting the ribbon. A great day of celebrating for all involved and a lovely way to remember a hard working club person.

Lillydale Champ Show: Mrs Viv McCambridge (NZ)

LSC Challenge Bitch - *CH MAADRICA ANYA AZ RN CCD ET TD

LSC Challenge Dog - *LENNY VOM TEAM ARMADA AZ (IMP GRC)

SC Challenge Bitch - CINDERHOF ROMAA

SC Challenge Dog - *CH DUX DI CASA NOBILI AZ (IMP ITA)

GSDCV GSD EXHIBITION: Mr Andrew O'Loughlin (SA)

Winner LSC Bitch - *CH MAADRICA ANYA AZ CCD RN TD ET

Winner LSC Dog - *AUST GR.CH. LORDAVO ROYAL COMMANDER AZ RN

Winner SC Bitch - *CH. JAYSHELL TOUCHEE (AI) AZ ET RN TDX

Winner SC Dog - *OBAMA DU MONTGISON AZ (IMP DEU)

GSDCV 107th Champ Show: Mr David Middleton (UK)

LSC Challenge Bitch - *GABMALU HELGA AZ

LSC Challenge Dog - BABENBERG VALENTINO AZ

SC Challenge Bitch - *VONPETA WHEN THE BELL RINGS AZ

SC Challenge Dog - *ALWIN VOM HAUS NESGEN (IMP DEU)

Working Dog Club Champ Show: Mr Greg Green (Vic)

Challenge LSC Bitch - *KAYGARR ESTHER AZ

Challenge LSC Dog - *AUST CH EROICA ICE ICE BABY AZ

LSC Best of Breed - *KAYGARR ESTHER AZ

Challenge SC Bitch - *CH CINDERHOF ITALIAA AZ

Challenge SC Dog - *ALWIN VOM HAUS NESGEN (IMP DEU)

SC Best of Breed - *CH CINDERHOF ITALIAA AZ

In the WDC Group Specials
- Best in Show Minor Puppy - CINDERHOF DIAABLO

Our Champ Show/Working Dog Club show and trial weekend was nearly derailed by rain, with a flooded KCC Park and a delayed start to the show and trial imposed on us, but true to form, our volunteers, our exhibitors and spectators just 'got on with it' and turned out having a great weekend, despite the rain. We saw some lovely dogs in the show ring coming from all over Australia, and our trialers all did well despite very difficult conditions. Well done all!

So we look to wrap up 2023. As an end of year treat, we'll be running

a ZAP assessment on December 4th, so another great chance for members to participate in this simple character assessment test.

To round out the year all our 11 training branches will have Christmas celebrations to recognise their hard working handlers and dogs who train each week. Most will take a break from full training. But many will continue with puppy classes throughout December and January, as we know how important that early time in a puppy's life can be 😊.

Of course, don't forget the National Show & Trial, 28-30 April 2023. We've released lots of info about this event already, so make sure you check our website www.gsdcv.org.au/2023national and of course our event facebook page www.facebook.com/2023GSDNational where you'll find all the latest and most up to date news. We can't wait to see you all!

So from all of us at the GSDCV, Merry Christmas, Happy New year and Happy Holidays to all!

'My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility'



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Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club Inc held their AGM on the 18th October 2022. The Executive are President Paul York, Secretary Kay York & Treasurer Rosemarie Vitullo. Our July 2023 Championship Show is in the planning stage and our judges for the Show have been contracted. Mike Bradley from New Zealand and Jane Pike from South Australia have agreed to officiate.



Looking forward to a great weekend and reintroducing to our exhibitors Saturday Night 'Food & Fun' so keep yourselves posted for more information as it comes to hand. Hoping this year to come back with a big night.

Our Obedience Training has expanded from our Tuesday night run by Dom & Rose Vitullo to include a training session on Sunday afternoon. Classes are becoming more popular with different exercises for dogs and owners. Our own Wayne Garner and Pat Ohm have been doing a great job and everyone commenting on what a great time is being had by all. As you can see from the photos a few invited guests and friends of the German Shepherd have attended for the socialisation aspect of training.

The Club has also voted to pursue Scent Work to be added to the Training and Trial Calendar.



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Breed Survey

Huge congratulations to those animals that were successfully surveyed by members today at Castle Hill

Azincourt Davinaa Claire (LSC)
- *Ch Siobahn Greyt Impact x Ch Lindenelm Fancy Tickled Pink

Kuirau Uphoria - *Chili Della Valcuvia (Imp UK) x *Kuirau Chakira

Ch. Vladimir Supercalifragilistic -
*Chili Della Valcuvia (Imp UK) x
*Ch Vladimir Legen Waitforit Dary

Also congratulations to the newest surveyor Ms Jo Cathie (NSW) on completing her first survey of 3 animals.

13's Club

Welcome to the 13's Club:

Isa - *Asterhund Isadorable AZ -
Born 22/ 7/ 2009 - Loved & owned
by Julie Delriego

Yana - Jaknell Sweet Revenge AZ
- Born 17/6/09 - loved and owned
by Anne and Jess Kada

Darius - Pamakay Darius AZ - Born
27/01/09 - Proudly owned, loved
and bred by Julie and Rodney
Delriego.

Chloé - *Ch Carobria Rascal AZ ET
BSC Cl 1 (Multi Excellent Graded)
- Born 20/9/08 - Very much loved,
owned and bred by Carolyn Becker
and family.

2022 NSW State Breed Exhibition

This exhibition was held at Luddenham Showground on 27th & 28th August as our home grounds were still closed. The sponsors were Royal Canin, Vebo and Sires On Ice. Our judge was Ms Natalie Humphries (WA) with a total entry of 73. For full results see the gsdl.info website. The title of Sieger and Siegerin can only be awarded to the first Excellent Merit animal in the Open classes. Vice Sieger and Vice Siegerin is awarded to the second Excellent Merit in the Open classes.

State Sieger - *Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam (Imp Hun) co-owned by J Petreski



State Siegerin - *Ch Vladimir Legen Waitforit Dary -
owned by G & K Morton



Vice Siegerin - *Ch Vladimir Remember Th Name - owned by G & K Morton



State Siegerin (LSC)- *Siobahn Great Expectations -Co-owned K Morton

Vice Siegerin (LSC) - *Ch Eroica Nova - co-owned by J & C Bird

Congratulations to the following members who were class winners:

SC Minor Puppy Bitch - Sadria Puts A Spell On You - owned by M & C Morris

SC Puppy Bitch - Filevas Absolutely Heidi - owned by D Stojanovski

SC Junior Bitch - Vladimir Th Ants Pants - owned by G & K Morton

SC Intermediate Bitch - *Ch Vladimir Supercalifragilistic - owned by G & K Morton

SC Minor Puppy Dog - Kuirau Ywan - owned by L & J Fowler

SC Intermediate Dog - Pamakay Yahoo Serious - owned by JA Delriego

LSC Minor Bitch - Bhuachaille Liquoricedrop - owned by P Smith

LSC Junior Bitch - Vladimir Th Bees Knees - co-owned by G&K Morton

LSC Intermediate Bitch - Lawine Pleiades AZ - owned by PR & DJ Smith

LSC Minor Puppy Dog - Cinderhof Diaablo - owned by C & J Bird

LSC Puppy Dog - Gilarisha Mighty Maximus - owned by L Helo

LSC Junior Dog - Sundaneka Dascha AZ - owned by GD & K Stevenson

Child Handlers congratulations to:

7 - 10 year olds - 1st Harrison B

13 - 19 year olds - 1st Paris T

Our next major event is our double header October Championship Show held on 8th and 9th October and we welcome and look forward to overseas judges:

- Mrs. Susan Belfield (UK) on Saturday

- Mr. Tony Gibson (NZ) on Sunday

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THEY'RE HERE!

Every year in Australia, dogs die with snake bite. Recent La Nina weather patterns will impact the behaviour of our reptilian friends, so with the kind permission of the team at Animal Emergency Services, we are printing an extract from their very comprehensive article to help us all not to become too complacent about snakes.

We wish to thank Animal Emergency Services for their generosity in sharing their knowledge and we are printing this material to remind the "old hands" what summer can look like! It should also provide an excellent resource to hand to new, novice owners to help them understand what to do in an emergency.

Top read the entire article, go to: <https://animalemergencyservice.com.au/blog/a-guide-to-snake-bites-on-dogs/>

Signs and symptoms of snake bites on dogs

Animal Emergency Service treats thousands of cases of dogs who have been bitten by snakes in Australia each year. Although there are subtle differences between the symptoms and signs depending on the breed of snake, the main signs of a dog snake bite include:

- Collapse followed by apparent recovery
- Lethargy
- Muscle tremors, shaking and reduced eye blinking

- Dilated pupils
- Sudden onset of weakness/wobbliness (ataxia)
- Complete paralysis
- Inability to control bladder and bowels
- Irregular bleeding from the nose, bit site, mouth
- Discoloured, dark urine (often bloody)

What you'll learn

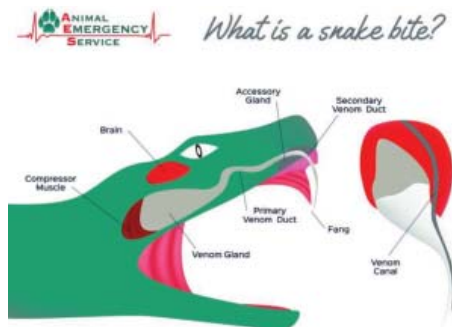
This guide provides information on what to do if your dog is bitten by a snake, the signs and symptoms of snake bites, and is the ultimate guide to snake bites on dogs in Australia.

- What is a snake bite?
- What are the dangers of snake bites in dogs?
- What does a snake bite look like on a dog?
- What are the symptoms and signs of dog snake bites?
- How can I tell if my dog has been bitten by a snake?
- What do I do if my dog is bitten by a snake?
- How do I protect my dog from snake bites?
- How do I treat a snake bite on my dog?
- How will the vet treat my dog for a snake bite?
- How long does it take a snake bite to kill a dog?

What is a snake bite?

There are many species of snakes in the world, and the most venomous snakes are found right here in Australia. Snakes are unlikely to bite dogs, cats, and humans; however, if they are stepped on, attacked or provoked they may bite, piercing through fur and flesh to deliver often a fatal dose of toxin.

As can be seen by the diagram below, venom is stored in the venom gland. Poisonous snakes use their fangs to bite through their victims' flesh, and venom travels through the primary and secondary venom ducts down through the venom canal where it is injected into their prey.



Some species of snakes are classified as non-venomous, meaning that other than mild symptoms and site wounds, they are not dangerous to dogs, cats, and humans. These bite wounds may also need attention at your local vet, and regardless of whether you are sure of which breed of snake has bitten your dog, it is always best to seek emergency vet treatment.

What are the dangers of snake bites on dogs?

1. Snake bite sites can be difficult to identify on dogs
2. Dogs may not show symptoms immediately after being bitten, but may have received a fatal dose of envenomation
3. The longer the dog snake bite is left untreated, the more advanced the clinical signs and the lower the chance of survival
4. The dangers of snake bites on dogs are high due to their natural hunting instincts
5. The only way to identify a snake is to count the scales of the physical snake or perform a snake detection test in clinic
6. Not all veterinary practices stock snake anti-venom, it is essential to ring ahead
7. Snake venom can compromise the dog's blood coagulation (clotting) and can cause them to bleed to death
8. Snake bites can cause internal damage to kidneys, muscles, and the respiratory system

What does a snake bite look like on a dog?



Snake bite on a dog's lip - photo courtesy of Perth Vet Emergency's Dr Rebecca Outred

Snake bites can be difficult to identify, as your dog may not appear to be in pain and the bite wound may be hidden underneath their fur coat. Because snakes have small, razor

sharp fangs, the site of the wound may only have faint puncture marks (these could even look like a scratch). It is rare to find the bite site as there may not be a bruise, swelling, or redness, so if you suspect your dog may have been bitten by a snake, it is important

to take note of the signs and symptoms of snake bites in dogs.

A little known symptom of snake bites in dogs, includes an immediate collapsing event followed by apparent recovery and seeming normal. This is a sign that the dog has been given a lethal dose of the venom. For more information about these symptoms and others, read our blog post – What are the symptoms and signs of snake bites on dogs?

How can I tell if my dog has been bitten by a snake?

A dog's reaction, signs or symptoms from being bitten by a snake can be varied and not appear clinically significant for up to 24 hours after the bite occurs. For this reason, it can be difficult to know if your dog has been the victim of a snake bite. Even the most experienced emergency vet may be unable to tell that your dog has been bitten by a snake based on these symptoms alone, and will need to perform testing with a snake identification kit upon arrival.



Brown snake detected in a snake detection kit - photo courtesy of Animal Emergency Service Tanawha

If you have witnessed your dog being bitten by a snake, it is important to seek immediate veterinary attention – the longer your dog goes without treatment, the lower the rate of survival. If you have seen your dog playing with a snake, and your dog collapses but then gets up immediately and appears to be fine – call your nearest veterinarian to check if they have snake anti-venom as it is likely your dog has been bitten.

Tony Harrison, a popular Gold Coast Snake catcher, has had his own personal experience – losing two of his beloved dogs to a brown snake. His top 5 tips on looking out for snake activity in your backyard include:

- Noisy birds: heightened bird activity can be associated with snakes
- Dogs barking: excited dogs can be a hint that a snake is present
- Cats stalking: be on the lookout for cats that are stalking ground prey, especially in long grass
- Pet birds: may be agitated in cages and be making a lot of noise
- Dog behaviour: dogs attracted to a particular place in the backyard or clawing at the ground – can indicate cane toads or snakes



What do I do if my dog is bitten by a snake?

Top first aid tips for snake bites on dogs:

- Do not panic, and keep your dog calm
- Seek veterinary assistance immediately
- Phone your local vet and let them know you are on your way (in case they do not stock snake anti-venom they will be able to point you towards a vet that does)
- If it is at all possible, apply a firm bandage above, below, and over the site of the bite (if you know where your dog has been bitten). This assists in stopping the venom from spreading to the heart
- If the bite wound is on the face or neck, remove your dog's collar as the area may swell
- Attempt to reduce your dog's movement and activity

What not to do if your dog is bitten by a snake

Snakes only bite when they feel threatened, so don't attempt to pick up, capture, or kill the snake. If you can identify the breed of snake, make sure to tell your vet, as this will allow them to administer life-saving anti-venom. Try not to over-excite your dog, as this can worsen the effects of the venom due to the adrenaline running through the body. Do not attempt to suck the venom out of the dog's bite wound – if you have an open wound in your mouth and the venom enters your bloodstream, this could be lethal. Don't apply a tourniquet, as this stops the supply of fresh blood to the limb causing major health problems (which could include causing the limb to die).

How do I protect my dog from snake bites?

Australia's climate is the perfect backyard for snakes; particularly in the spring and summer months when the weather heats up. Add to this, Australia has the top ten most venomous snakes in the world.

With the dry and hot conditions prevalent through vast parts of the Australian states, reptiles will seek food sources in places they are not normally found – enter the suburban backyard (porches, empty pot plant pots, sheds, fencing, piles of wood, junk piles and more).

Keeping your pets away from snakes can be difficult, as often you may not be home to monitor them – particularly during the heat of the day. Animal Emergency Service Veterinarian, Dr Courtney Reddrop, offers valuable tips on how to protect your dog from snake bites.

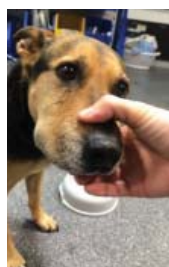


“The most important thing to note is that in protecting your pets from snakes, you must attempt to minimise their known habitats. Keep scrubby and bushy areas cleared and pruned. Remove potential food sources that bring in rodents, as rodents are top food sources for snakes. Mow your lawns, as snakes hide in long grasses which can also make them difficult to see.”

How do I treat a snake bite on my dog?

Five of the top ten deadliest snakes in the world reside right here in Australia, with a population estimated to be approximately 170 species of land snakes and 32 sea snakes. With so many species of snakes, and so many variations of colourings, it can be difficult to identify which snake has bitten your pet. The only way to identify the snake is a scale count of the animal or a snake venom detection kit performed

in clinic. It is important therefore, regardless of whether the snake can be identified or not, to seek immediate vet treatment. Note: it is almost impossible to treat snake bites using home treatment.

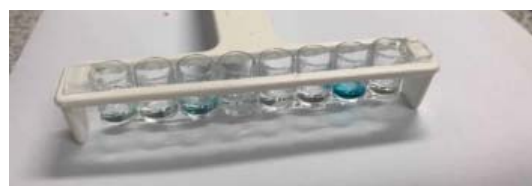


Anti-venom is the life-saving product administered to pets, and is available at most veterinary clinics and emergency hospitals. Animal Emergency Service has stock of anti-venom at all times, but your local vet may not – so it is important to phone your vet before you visit to ensure they can give your dog appropriate medical care. For more information,

read our article: [What is the best treatment for snake bites on dogs?](#)

How will the vet treat my dog for a snake bite?

Snake bites are treated as one of the top veterinary emergencies, and it is likely that on arrival your vet will direct you straight through the clinic to receive immediate attention. For this reason, it is always best to ring ahead and let your vet know that your dog has been bitten by a snake; this way they can prepare for your arrival. This means ensuring a snake detection testing kit is on hand, anti-venom, and equipment such as oxygen or a mechanical ventilator (life support) ready to be used if necessary.



Snake detection kit – picture courtesy of Animal Emergency Service Carrara

Snake venom causes the blood to be unable to clot, therefore the potential to bleed profusely into the chest or via nose and mouth primarily are a concern. This means snake bite victims may also require blood transfusions and other blood products to restore clotting factors and blood cell counts. Although it is common for vets to have emergency blood supply, your dog may require large amounts, so it is always recommended to call your local vet first to make them aware you are on your way. To read more about treatment for snake bites on dogs, visit our article: [What is the best treatment for snake bites on dogs?](#)

The signs and symptoms of snake bites in dogs can become very serious in nature very quickly, it is likely that your dog will require intensive nursing treatment during recovery from snake envenomation. To read more about pet intensive care during recovery, click [here](#).

How long does it take a snake bite to kill a dog?

This question is not a straight-forward one to answer – your dog's survival rate depends on a number of factors including the type of snake, how much venom has been injected, and the time lapsed between the snake bite and when anti-venom is administered. Each pet responds differently to the venom effects on musculoskeletal and respiratory systems and kidney damage.

The most common cause of death from a snake bite is paralysis of the respiratory (breathing) muscles which can happen within 1 hour to 24 hours after the bite.

