

# **EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE HOLDERS UPDATE**

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#### A RECENT SUCCESS

The 49<sup>th</sup> National was a triumph of planning, organisation, efficiency, and attention to detail.

Many congratulations must go the GSDCV and its hard working 49th National Show Committee supported by a huge team who volunteered their time to assisted.

Huge thanks must go to the committee.

Vince Ebejer Dearne Jackson Fiona Henderson Jacinta Poole Les Rudling Ian Urie Cristine Begbie Tony Mercieca



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT - SEAN LYNCH**

A lot has happened in a very short period.

Firstly, I would like to express my congratulations to all the exhibitors at the National, I thought the sportsmanship and friendly atmosphere was amazing.

We all had a chance to check out the new imports, beautiful bitches, and young dogs that most haven't had a chance to see as yet. It seems we are back to normal.

Both Judges did an amazing job, and I am happy to say both judges respect Australia and our breeders.

Also, in this newsletter Melanie and Janet will report on their trip to Lerma.

Some valuable information and some big changes with the WUSV regarding Harmonisation

So, until the next show, take care and enjoy your dogs.

Best wishes.

#### Sean Lynch

#### The German Shepherd Dog Standard

The German Shepherd Dog is medium size, slightly elongated, strong, and well-muscled, the bones are dry and the overall construction firm.

The main characteristics of the German Shepherd Dog are steadiness of nerves, attentiveness, loyalty, calm selfassurance, alertness, and tractability, as well as courage with physical resilience and scenting ability. These characteristics are necessary for a versatile working dog.

To learn more about the breed please follow the link -

### **Extended Breed Standard**







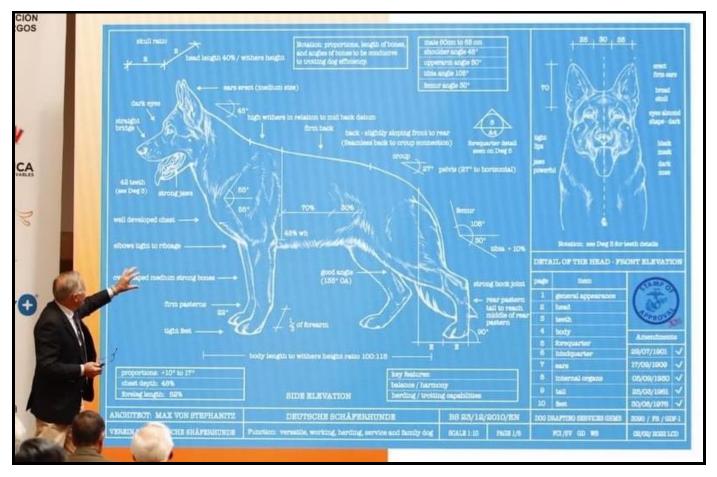
Look out for the National Edition of the Quarterly for all the National results and critiques. Closing date for ads and articles is the 14<sup>th of</sup> June 2023.

## FROM LERMA - MELANIE GROTH AND JANET HAASE

## Judges Seminar, World Congress, Show, Dog Sport, and a WUSV Special Assembly

There were three themes flowing through the WUSV GSD Congress and Judges seminar.

- **Ethics** in judging and breeding.
- **Health** of the dog, both physically and mentally.
- **Unity** connecting as a community to protect the wellbeing of the breed.



It was a full program of presentations over three 12-hour days; thought provoking and enlightening.

The theme of ethics was evident throughout and the effects of ethics on every facet of the GSD community from breeding dogs, pet food companies, hiding faults, judge corruption, concerning trends of linebreeding depression, canine welfare and the importance of positive identification and its impact on canine health schemes and breeding programs.

Australia was well represented though its presenters Karen Hedberg and Louis Donald. Louis's material has been embraced by the WUSV and its president, Heinrich Messler. As a country and a GSD community we can be immensely proud of their contribution to the breed on a global scale.

In all, seven Australians attended, Louis and Gail Donald, Karen Hedberg, Vince and Fran Tantaro, Melanie Groth and Janet Haase. They paid their own way to contribute to this amazing week of learning, collaboration, and innovation. As a country we have much to celebrate, and we felt the warmth and camaraderie from other countries who share our challenges. We share many common issues across our community of political agendas regarding canine welfare, health and diseases, and legislation.

All the presentations will be available online and we encourage you to view them as they become available.

## Takeaways from the WUSV Week

- The advantages in genealogy relating to health and character traits mean that DNA tools for identification and correct family may make it possible in the future to identify health and character issues.
- The presentation on LSC intervariety breeding has raised questions for the SV and WUSV to consider its current position.
- We must consider the character and working traits of our GSDs to preserve their inherent qualities as a herding, working, protective and social family pet. For this it means we need to implement a working assessment qualification that is proof the dog can use its brain if we wish an SV excellent in the near future (2025).
- Extremes in our breed are evident in both show dogs and working dogs. We must work towards balance.
- We met many qualified, enthusiastic breed judges that are not domiciled in Germany that speak English and could easily hold their own judging our events.
- There are many benefits for the GSDCA to remain as a WUSV member and rather than withdraw. The Congress proved that the WUSV can be an educator and binder of common goals to serve a diverse pool of GSD enthusiasts from around the world. The WUSV demonstrated it is an organisation that can serve the welfare and betterment of the GSD worldwide!



**One Breed - One World**