



EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE HOLDERS UPDATE

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A RECENT SUCCESS

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

Many congratulations must go to 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 self-assurance, 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 14th of 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.

Notation: proportions, length of bones, and angles of bones to be conducive to trotting dog efficiency.

male 60cm to 68 cm
 shoulder angle 45°
 upperarm angle 50°
 tibia angle 108°
 femur angle 90°

skull ratio
 head length 40% / withers height

ears erect (medium size)
 dark eyes
 straight bridge
 4/4 teeth (see Dog 5)
 well developed chest
 elbows tight to ribcage
 oval shaped medium strong bones
 firm pasterns
 tight feet

neck erect (medium size)
 45°
 high withers in relation to mid back datum
 firm back
 back - slightly sloping front to rear (seamless back to croup connection)
 croup
 27°
 pelvis (27° to horizontal)
 femur
 108°
 tibia + 10°

forequarter detail seen on Dog 6

70%
 30%
 48% wh
 good angle (136° OA)
 strong back joint
 rear pastern tail to reach middle of rear pasterns
 90°

32°
 1/2 of forearm

body length to withers height ratio 100-115

proportions: +10° to 17°
 chest depth: 48%
 foreleg length: 58%

key features:
 balance / harmony
 herding / trotting capabilities

DETAIL OF THE HEAD - FRONT ELEVATION

35 30 35
 70
 erect firm ears
 broad skull
 eyes almond shape - dark
 black mask
 dark nose
 light lips
 jaws powerful

Notation: see Dog 5 for teeth details

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2	head	
3	teeth	
4	body	
5	forequarter	
6	hindquarter	28/07/1901 ✓
7	ears	17/09/1900 ✓
8	internal organs	06/08/1930 ✓
9	tail	25/05/1961 ✓
10	feet	30/06/1976 ✓

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 VEREIN DEUTSCHER SCHÄFERHUNDE
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 Function: versatile, working, herding, service and family dog
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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 through 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