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Left: Winola Lana Del Rey AZ Bs Cl 1 Multi Excellent (Vladimir Envy This)

Right: Wildhertz Let's Dream Big AZ BS classified - 1st Junior Bitch 2019 National, multi Excellent (Ch Eroica Erotic Erik/Ch Arkahla You Lookin at Me)

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"Nothing like a nap after a busy morning"

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## President's Report

### Welcome to the Spring Edition of the National Quarterly Review.

#### NBC Meeting

Recently held in Adelaide, this was our first face to face meeting since the AGM in 2020. By now all reports should be with the clubs, and I hope you enjoy the reports as you will find some very interesting reading. I would like to publicly send my congratulations to our new trainee Breed Surveyors Glen Gregory, Kurt Morton and Jess Kada all are very well known to us as both as breeders and judges, this is excellent for NSW as all three are based here. Hopefully, next year we have a few new applicants from other states.

I would like to thank the Executive on the work they did for this meeting, excellent work, team.

#### Sieger Show

As I write this many of our members are heading home from this wonderful event. I am looking for to the reports and experiences I am hoping they will share. If you haven't been, put it on the bucket list. It is something everyone should experience at least once, the amazing dogs and people you will meet, and the wonderful food and beer huts are super...

It was extremely pleasing to see Craig Rice and Hazy Doherty ( adopted Aussie's ) gaining the highest of honours with the VA7 placing, I think this photo really shows the excitement and sense of achievement they must have felt – well done guys, an amazing result.

## Editor's Report

Home from the Canberra Show and am going to play devil's advocate – are we having too many shows and members' competitions?

It's not so far back in memory that you had to be in Canberra no later than 8am in order to be within a bull's roar of the two rings. This year, with two renowned international judges, there was a single ring and none of the crowding or chaos that used to be seen on show day. This could of course be attributable to multiple causes – I was speaking with a prominent official of one of the canine organisations recently and they mentioned that across the board, entries were down by over 50%, so in that light, the GSD specialty is probably doing better than most.

But, over the coming twelve months or so, other factors are also going to bite. There is not a news program these days that does not mention housing affordability, costs of living or fuel costs. People, particularly the younger age groups, no longer have the disposable income to have weekends away or pay high show entries and I have a sense that choices will be made between necessities and luxury and entering every show around will be less of a priority for most. Shows are no longer a much anticipated event, but an every weekend occurrence. Is this killing the goose that laid the golden egg?

#### AGM

Our AGM is just around the corner, the clubs have all the nomination forms for positions, so if you have an interest in joining the GSDCA executive or have something important to add, see your club and get involved for the future of our breed and organisation we need everyone's input.

That's all for now,

All the best

*Sean Lynch*

GSDCA President



On to other news – the recent attack by two Rottweilers in WA is causing quite a stir around the country. It would be lovely to be able to distance ourselves from the offenders by saying they were backyard bred. Truth is, they were not. They were well bred, registered purebred dogs. A former Prime Minister, Bill Shorten has come out in the Herald Sun calling for breed bans. Until the full investigation is completed and released, we cannot pass judgement. However, hysteria is stock in trade for media and quite frankly, it will not take much complacency on our part for these ideas to take root and become a reality. It's not outlandish, it will be an outcome of us not defending and being proactive about our breed. There is currently legislation under consideration in at least 3 states and the GSDCA, along with other concerned canine organisations have been arguing for "Deed not breed", but it becomes a very faint voice when owners and breeders are not proactively promoting the safety and stability of our dogs. Sure, we can ZAP test, but this will only affect those animals within our ranks. The most prominent animals in the public eye are the ones that make their way into the hands of pet owners. If we have not bred the best possible temperaments, placed them in the hands of sensible and responsible owners and supported these owners, then the game will be lost.

*Yvonne Yun*

*In the rush to produce the National Edition, inclusion of the Sires Progeny Report was sadly omitted, obviously a great disappointment in some quarters. I apologise to Ian Urie and Melanie Groth that their work was not available to readers and to the owners of these animals.*

## 2023 National Sires Progeny

At the 2023 National Show and Trial, ten sire's groups were listed in the catalogue, and seven groups were presented which had the minimum of five animals present. Comments on the individual groups by NBC Executive Ian Urie and Melanie Groth are printed below (date of statistics @ 30.5.23).

### **\*OBAMA DU MONTGISON 'α' ED (Ger) Imp Deu**

(Sire: Asap vom Aldamar Dam: Josy du Montgison)

Linebreeding: Remo Fichtenschlag (3-4), Vegas Haut Mansard (5-4), 'T'-litter Fichtenschlag Thora/Tiana (4-5,4)



Presented to survey Nov 2021.

ANKC Registrations: 70 1 male and 5 female progeny presented from 5 Dams (Sire present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: Nil to date (SV HD-BW score 86, 60+ progeny x-rayed in Europe)

Progeny BS classified: Nil to date.

This is the first progeny group presented by Obama at a National. The progeny are sire-typical, above medium size, of slightly stretched proportions, with medium bone strength and good substance. Good colour and pigment, medium eye colour, some ears a little low-set, slightly short necks with some held slightly erect, good withers, firm straight backs, croups are slightly short and slightly steep. Good length of lower chest where some are slightly deep in under chest. Good forehands where upper arms could be slightly longer, and slightly deep hind angulations. Good length of forelegs and stand straight in front, stepping straight where the hocks could be firmer, some lifting of front feet with generally good length of stride in movement. Whilst this is a relatively young group, we look forward to seeing future progeny groups at the National from this almost 5 year-old son of VA Asap v Aldamar. Obama was placed Excellent 3 in Open Dog class, gaining the Bronze medal.

Placings in classes: **SC** - BPB P15, JB VG19, ID VG4, **LSC** - BPB VP8, PB VP2, P6, JB VG11, BPD VP3

### **\*VA DJAMBO VOM FICHTENSCHLAG 'α' ED HNeg Imp Gmy**

(Sire: Iliano vom Fichtenschlag Dam: Milana von der Barenchlucht) Linebreeding: Hill Farbenspiel (5,5-4), Hoss Larchenhain (5-5), Holly Fichtenschlag (5-5), 'T'-litter Fichtenschlag Thora/Tiana (3-2)



Presented to Survey July 2017. ANKC Registrations: 334. (Gold Medal 2017, NSW Sieger 2018)

5 progeny presented from 5 Dams.

(3M, 2F, Sire not present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: 70 - Mean hip score 9.8, 86% Normal elbows

Progeny BS classified to date: 35

This is the third National progeny group from German VA (litter brother of Siegerin Damina), and 2017 Australian Gold Medal winner Djambo, who is now 11 ½ years old. It comprised 5 animals, mostly from the Open classes. They are generally large, substantial, slightly stretched in proportions, with very good bone strength. Heads are good with dark eyes and large ears, necks of good length, normal withers, some showing a slight peak in the backline, with well moulded croups. Chest proportions are a little deep, with good length of under chest. Good length of foreleg. Some of the progeny stand not quite correct in front and step a little wide. Forehands show good length of upper arms, where some could be better angled. Hindquarters are good to slightly deep, with some looseness of the hocks. Movement is balanced with good ground coverage. The animals in this small group were of very good quality and typical of the sire.

Placings in classes: **SC** - JD VG17; OB EX4, OD EX8, EX13, EX17, **LSC** - OB EX11, OD EX10

**\*OLYMP VOM LARCHENHAIN 'a' ED (Ger) Imp Deu**

(Sire: Irone du Clos de Patmisand Dam: Havanna vom Larchenhain)

Linebreeding: Zamp Thermodos (5-4), Yasko Farbenspiel (5-5), R'litter Holtkamper See (5-4)



Presented to survey March 2021. 6 ½ years old.

ANKC registrations: 73

8 progeny presented from 5 dams. (1M, 7F, Sire present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: 4 (ave. score 5, SV HD

BW: 86) Elbows 4 (all 'N')

Progeny BS classified to date: 2

This is the first group presented at a National by Olymp, the 2022 Gold medal winner. Olymp was the sire of the stock coat Puppy Dog winner this year. His progeny are above medium size to large, of slightly mixed proportions, with medium bone strength. Some could be a little stronger in foreface, with dark eyes, good expression and good masking. Good colour and pigment. High withers, firm backlines, croups are slightly steep. Good chest proportions and good length of foreleg. The upper arms could be slightly longer, and most of the animals presented have slightly deep hindquarters. Hocks could be firmer, good firmness of elbows. Stepping with good drive and slightly restricted fore reach. Generally, the progeny are dry and firm with good ligamentation. Whilst this group was not large in numbers and relatively young due to limited registrations, we look forward to seeing more of his progeny presented in future. Olymp was shown in Open class and finished in 5th place, graded Excellent.

Placings in classes: **SC** - BPB VP6, P18, PB VP3, P5, P6, PD VP1, JB VG9, VG22, **LSC** - BPB VP11, MPB VP8

**\*Lenin von der Grafenburg 'a' ED (Ger) Imp Deu**

DOB: 15/09/2017

(Sire: \*Pepe von Bordetal Dam: \*Tattoo von der Grafenburg)

Linebreeding: Quenn Loher Weg (4-4)



Presented to survey Feb 2021. 5 ½ years old. ANKC

registrations 249

10 animals presented from 9 dams (2M, 8F, Sire present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: 20 Mean hip score 8.8 (SV HD BW: 80), 100% normal elbows

Progeny BS classified to date: 6

This is the first time Lenin has presented a progeny group at an Australian National Show and Trial. Of the twelve animals eligible for the progeny group, ten were presented. Lenin led his progeny group and competed in the Open Class with a credible 10th placing – Excellent. First overall impression of this young group is that the animals are very typey to the sire both in structure and pigment with some very high-quality individuals. He produced the LSC Gold Medal winning male, Babenberg Valentino only just two years and into the Open class. The group showed very good differentiation between the males and the females. Mostly they are medium strong, well coloured and richly pigmented, with good to very good proportions. The heads are well structured with very good masking and good ear set, better than the sire. The necks are of good length with level withers and good backlines and just slightly steep croups that in some cases could be a little longer. Overall, the forehands are good where the upper arm could be longer and the hindquarters are slightly deep. Good length of foreleg and chest proportions. Most of the animals were correct at front standing and stepping and slightly close at rear. The group demonstrated a very good willingness to walk and run with very good balance and ground cover. Some animals showed slight restrictions in the fore-reach; however, the drive was powerful. The mark of a very good sire is to produce progeny better than himself and Lenin has done that already in his first progeny presentation. Overall, Lenin has produced a harmonious, high quality progeny group for his first crop and we look forward to seeing the group grow in numbers and quality next year. Congratulations to the connections of Lenin von der Grafenburg.

Placings in classes: **SC** - MPB P14, JB VG3, VG4, ID VG2, IB VG11, VG17, VG21, **LSC** - IB VG6, VG10, OD Ex1



## **\*UK CH. CONBHAIREAN FREDDIE 'α' ED HNeg**

(Sire: Conbhairean Uno Dam: Conbhairean Quella)

Linebreeding: Larus v. Batu (4-4)



Presented to Survey Apr 2017. ANKC Registrations: 426. (NSW Sieger 2019)

15 progeny presented from 14 Dams.

(3M, 12F, Sire not present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: 92 - Mean hip score 6.4, 91% Normal elbows

Progeny BS classified to date: 57

This is the fourth time Freddie has produced a progeny group at the Australian National Show and Trial. At 10 ½ years he is now retired from stud. One of his sons produced the gold medal LSC female at the 48th National in 2022, and he was the sire of the Gold Medal female at the New Zealand National in 2022. Freddie was sire of the Intermediate winner and LSC Challenge bitch and the Bronze medal LSC dog at this year's National. Freddie has been a consistent producer of very good quality animals. He sires animals with very good characters and most importantly very good hip and elbow health. Freddie has been used widely in all States and his progeny are of predictable family type. Generally dry and firm, above medium size, very well pigmented where in some the colour and saddle markings could be darker, good substance, very good proportions and medium bone strength. Good heads, some ears are slightly wide set, medium to dark eye colour, good strength of upper and lower jaws, good length of necks, where some are held a little erect in stance. High withers, firm straight backs and well moulded croups. The upper arms could be longer with generally good lay of the shoulder, very good length of foreleg, slightly deep hind angulation with slightly long upper thighs. Very good chest proportions, standing correct in front, stepping a little close behind and correct coming, hocks could be firmer, very good sequence of steps with good reach and balance, moving with high withers and firm ligamentation.

Placings in show classes: **SC** - JD VG4, JB VG10, IB VG5, VG6, VG20, OD Ex19, OB Ex15, Ex16, Ex26, VG31, VG33, VG39, **LSC** - JB G15, IB VG1, VG3, OD Ex3, OB Ex9, Ex10, VG17, VG18

## **\*WULKANO-UNO VOM SCHNITZERTEAM 'α' ED Imp Hun.**

(Sire: Ulkan v. Maikhus Dam: Ixy v. Contra)

Linebreeding: Vegas Haut Mansard (4-3), Odin Niederforstbach (5-4)



Presented to Survey Feb 2021. ANKC Registrations: 360. (NSW and Qld Sieger, Vic Vice-Sieger 2022)

26 progeny presented from 23 Dams.

(5M, 21F, Sire present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: 16 - Mean hip score 7.8

(SV HD BW: 80), 100% Normal elbows

Progeny BS classified to date: 8

This is the second group presented at a National from this correct medium sized sire, who gained the Silver Medal at this year's show and is now retired from the ring at 6 ½ years of age. Uno has been a very popular sire, and his numbers registered have doubled since last year. His hip and elbow results are also excellent. The group was predominantly young last year but he now has progeny being exhibited in Open class, and this year he has sired five class winners. His progeny are generally of above average quality, and are very sire-typical. With good to slightly stretched proportions, bone strength is medium to strong, with good balance and substance, and very good overall firmness. Very good colour and pigment. Skulls are broad but stops could be a little more defined, medium eye colour and some slightly large ears. Good length of necks, some carried slightly erect. Very good firm backlines and well moulded croups that could still be longer. Some shoulder blades are slightly forward placed and upper arms could be longer. Good length of leg, firm elbows, stepping slightly narrow at rear where hocks could be slightly firmer. They exhibit fluid ground coverage in movement with good sequence of steps, very good reach and drive, and maintain a good wither line. Congratulations to his owners on a lovely progeny group and a successful show career.

Placings in show classes: **SC** - BPB VP1, VP2, P9, P12, BPD VP2, VP3, VP4, MPB VP2, VP5, VP6, P12, MPD VP2, P5, P6, JB VG2, VG11, VG12, VG20, VG24, JD VG1, VG2, VG3, IB VG1, VG4, VG7, VG19, VG23, ID VG3, VG5, OB Ex12, **LSC** - MPD VP1, PB VP4, VP5, JB VG1, ID VG2

**\*CHILI DELLA VALCUVIA 'α' ED Imp UK***(Sire: Ulkan v. Maikhus Dam: Ora della Valcuvia)**Linebreeding: Furbo degli Achei (3-4,4), Vegas Haut Mansard (4-3) Quenn Loher Weg (4,4-5,5)*

Breed Surveyed July 2020. ANKC Registrations: 356.  
 (Victorian Sieger 2022) 5 ½ years old  
 38 progeny presented from 22 Dams.  
 (7M, 31F, Sire present)  
 Progeny in HD/ED database: 59 - Mean hip score 6.8,  
 97% Normal elbows  
 Progeny BS classified to date: 23

This is the second group that Chili has presented at a National and it was the largest group presented. Chili was the Silver Medal winner last year and was not shown this year. From 35 that were exhibited in the show, seven won their classes, a very creditable achievement. Chili's progeny are generally of well above average quality and are very sire typical. They are above medium size, well pigmented and coloured, medium strong and well-proportioned to slightly stretched. Heads are well formed, with good strength of upper and lower jaws, eye colour is mostly dark, ears are of good size and well-set, with good length and lay of necks, high withers, firm backlines, and well laid croups that could be a little longer. Chest proportions show good depth with good to slightly short under chests. Forehand angulation is very good, where some upper arms could be slightly longer. Good length of foreleg and correct view from the front. Hindquarters are slightly deep but with good firmness of the hocks. Some progeny step slightly close behind, and movement is generally powerful and well balanced with very good ground coverage and correct sequence of steps. Another very impressive group from Chili, who has proved to be a very predictable sire. Congratulations to his owners.

Placings in show classes: **SC** - BPB P8, P19, MPD VP1, MPB VP1, PB VP1, VP2, JD VG5, JB VG1, VG7, VG8, VG15, ID VG1, VG8, IB VG2, VG3, VG8, VG9, VG15, VG18, G24, G27, OD Ex4, OB Ex3, Ex9, Ex11, Ex25, **LSC** - PB P8, JD VG1, JB VG2, VG9, ID VG1, VG4, IB VG2, VG9, OB Ex8

**Erata**

As predicted, and given Murphy's Law, there were some mistakes in the last edition, for which I can only apologise. To those who advised me of the problem. I can only apologise and re-publish the correct image. Unfortunately, with over 200 photos to manage, things can and as demonstrated, do go wrong.



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*Iniff Olympic Star  
 Iniff Kennels  
 6th Place BPB SC*



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 Dam: Vomambach Spartan  
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 Brd: D. Smith and B. Vincent.  
 Exh: D Smith and B Vincent*





### **Djambo von Fichtenstag**

#### **Hetty Choy**

##### **Why did you choose this dog**

At the German Sieger Show in 2013 Steve and I were ringside watching the judging of the Junghund (18-24 months) class and saw the judge Herr Teubert move a beautiful strong male up to the first from second place. His movement was outstanding and I could hear people saying why isn't the judge moving that second dog up. I had no idea who that dog was, on checking my catalogue, it was Djambo vom Fichtenschlag and he was crowned the German Junghund Sieger

Then in 2015 at the Sieger show I was watching some of the individuals of the working class males in the fields near the stadium with my friends Daphne and Paul Murray and we saw two beautiful males walking together with their handlers after completing their individuals. They looked a picture, we quickly consulted our catalogues, they were father and son, Iliano VA2 and Djambo vom Fichtenschlag VA7

Steve had been ill for many years so after his passing in 2016 I decided to import a top dog from Germany. Life had been difficult whilst caring for my beloved Steve diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia at age 49. He had seen and loved Djambo so I was just over the moon when it became possible to buy Djambo with the help of Jo Cathie. Why Djambo, well he is just a gorgeous male, he has strength, oozes masculinity, impeccable strength of character, beautiful black saddle and pigmentation, a lovely quality coat, super movement as demonstrated in the ring in Germany, VA in Germany x 2, Italy, Holland and VA1 France, his grandfathers are the German Siegers and legendary producers Remo vom Fichtenschlag and Vegas du Haut Mansard and his litter sister is the 2017 German Siegerin. A pedigree par Excellence I think

##### **What do you think he brings to the breed in Australia**

Djambo brings an impeccable, self-assured strength of character. Excellent black saddle and coat quality, strength of bone, masculinity, correct ear placement and carriage, he has a very dark eye, very good movement, a willingness to work, trainability, correct proportions and a characteristic which for me is important as most pups to go family homes, his progeny are not dog aggressive

##### **How do you see his impact on your kennel in the next five years**

I have never aspired to be a breeder as I only breed a litter once every two or three years if I want to keep a pup. That has been my choice, however I have bred and owned some very lovely dogs over the years. It is unlikely that I will still be actively involved in breeding and showing in 5 years time, as with so many other current enthusiasts of long standing, the tyranny of age, lack of handlers and other issues have become impediments. I currently have two lovely Djambo daughters that are a joy to live with and there may be a litter of Djambo grandchildren next year but you never know where life may take you

##### **What do you believe are his strengths**

Djambo's strengths are his masculinity, strength of bone, deep strong black saddle and pigmentation, dark eyes, correct ear placement and carriage, correct proportions, flawless character with many of his progeny excelling in IPO work, at a high level of obedience, tracking and producing offspring that are self-assured in all situations. He has produced some outstanding progeny in Australia and in New Zealand where a number of his sons are now also producing excellent top winning progeny and his daughters now of breeding age are producing class winners including at this year's National

I was delighted of course that his beautiful granddaughter Nera du Val D'Anzin was the 2021 German Siegerin and she has produced the outstanding young male Reno von Angelius Team, Junghund Sieger 2021, so the bloodline continues. It gives me joy to watch the bloodline successfully continue on.





## Chilli di Valcuvia

### Jo Cathie

#### Why did you choose this dog?

In 2018 we headed to the German Sieger show actively looking to purchase a son of Ulkan v Maikhus with a group of partners, feeling he was the most impressive sireline at the time. We selected a well placed young male but the owner was undecided about selling and in the end we didn't get him. In 2019 we tried again but still couldn't convince her, so we headed to Ulkan's group presentation and looked among the sons there. Chili was for us, a stand out in terms of what we were seeking and, despite some language difficulties we eventually identified him from his catalogue number and headed off to speak with Luciano.

We felt very much that this good sized, striking, glamorous dog was exactly what we needed to complement our own females at the time and should be of use at general stud.

What do you believe he brings to the breed in Australia?

We feel that Chili offers a particularly predictable type here in Australia, very much in keeping with the type of Ulkan himself. Good size, stylish and with very good

pigmentation. And, happily, he also offers outstanding health through our breed improvement schemes for hips and elbows and outgoing hardy characters striding through survey in number. **How do you see his impact on your kennel in the next 5 years?**

Chili has been in the country for three years now so we are beginning to see the next generation arriving through his sons and particularly his daughters. He has already complimented our previous stud dogs lines particularly well and has again delivered for his owners - females of high anatomical worth with the basics covered with gusto. Going forward these females should make a great foundation for the next

breeding decisions as their general quality is already high. He continues to add to his progeny group and with so many good animals around we expect to see his influence still grow into the future. He is dominant in producing class winning dogs of excellent type. He already has a stunning national medal winning daughter to his name at the earliest opportunity.

#### What do you believe are his strengths?

In our opinion Chili's strengths have been multifaceted. Firstly he has proven himself a dependably fertile and virile male. His strike rate has been outstanding since his arrival. Next he has produced highly predictable type and has SC and LC representative males and females competing at the top end of most classes. He has also, as aforementioned produced outstanding health, and thus quickly proven himself a popular choice with breeders. The females mated to Chili have been of outstanding quality which of course means quality results and we are very aware that it takes two! In Chili we have been able to confidently assist and look forward to the results.

In truth, the dog has managed to leave his owners rather in awe of his abilities. He continues to take us on a most enjoyable journey together.

## Thank You

*To those who helped and assisted our club and National Show Committee to present the 49th National Show & Trial, which was an overwhelming success, we thank you.*

*Such a large event takes a massive effort. Planning, administering, hosting and actually making sure the event delivers is no small feat, and we did it well.*

*Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways, both big and small. Your help was most appreciated and did not go unnoticed.*

*Thank you everyone who contributed, on behalf of the GSDCV National Show Committee - Vince Ebejer, Tony Mercieca, Cristine Begbie, Dearne Jackson, Ian Urie, Les Rudling, Jacinta Poole and Fiona Henderson.*

### CH\* Lenin vd Grafenburg 'a' ED Normal IGP2 (Imp Deu)

**Stephen Collins**

#### Why did you choose this dog?

Lenin was chosen because of his strong outgoing character and temperament evidenced by his working titles achieved prior to Two (2) years of age. His very good type and balance. His rich colour and strong pigmentation. Lenin's pedigree included many of the top producing dogs currently in Germany and several of our favourite animals.

#### What do you believe he brings to the breed in Australia?

Lenin brings medium strength, dry and firm animals with strong pigment and rich colour, very good proportions. Very good masking. Very good length of foreleg. Desire to move and powerful drive

#### How do you see his impact on your kennel in the next 5 years?

We hope that Lenin will positively improve our animals in the areas of hind quarter angulation, strength of character. It is hoped that he will also cement his rich colour and strong pigment into our animals. It is also



hoped that his daughters when mated will combine positively with the current stud dogs in Australia and future bloodlines to come.

#### What do you believe are his strengths?

We believe that Lenin's strengths are his ability to produce animals of very high quality, very good differentiation between males and females. Well formed heads with desired dark masking, dark eyes. Good backlines, very good chest proportions, correct fronts. Mostly producing animals without exaggeration.

### Wulkano -Uno von Schnitzerteam

**Jordan Petreski**

#### Why did you choose this dog?

We followed Uno's career as early as junior classes when he started making an impact around Eastern Europe. He was of interest due to his type, being a son of Ulkan who was gaining prominence at that time but also due to his strong producing motherline. As he matured and became VA1 at a young age by SV judge with very high praise, we knew he would be a dog that could contribute positively to the breed in Australia.

#### What do you believe he brings to the breed in Australia?

Uno is very predictable in bringing both mental and physical soundness, improving character, size and correct/normal movement. His motherline is his biggest asset. Ixy is dam and grand dam of numerous high quality progeny including multiple VA and highly placed animals (grand dam to this year's BSZS VA Felicita & V Heidi von Schnitzerteam - dam of SG10 Manila von neu Garmond)

#### How do you see his impact on your kennel in the next 5 years?

Uno has cemented for us and many breeders that have utilised him an absolutely sound foundation and base both in quality and overall health. We're excited to



already be seeing his grand progeny on the ground around Australia.

#### What do you believe are his strengths?

Character. Those that have met him know what we mean. Uno is best mate to his human buddy Rocco. Uno provides the breed a benchmark for the modern German Shepherd Dog. As I write this my newborn son sleeps next to me and I can only wish that he also has the privilege to grow up alongside a companion like Uno.

*Written by Jordan Petreski on behalf of Kennels Bronboreo & Lozani*





## Conbhairean Freddie

### Jo Cathie

#### Why did you choose this dog?

Following my first visit to Australia in 2014, and having met Brank and Chris Auwema previously in the UK, we each felt that Freddie blood would be a worthwhile addition to the country. We briefly looked at semen importation but when the opportunity to purchase the dog arose, we jumped at it. I was particularly confident in the dog as I knew several generations on both sides of his pedigree in depth and saw the dog grow up - I also had every faith in his breeder Heather, a close friend. He was purchased to stand at stud and was never intended as a show dog, having already had a super career in Europe where he was SG19 BSZS, multi V rated, and a UK Ch - however, we proudly exhibited Freddie with a very large progeny group at the 2019 NSW state breed assessment where he was awarded Excellent Merit 1, and crowned Sieger under Mrs Fay Stokes, a very proud moment for each of us and for his handler Kylie and his careful trainer James Murray. Freddie was almost 8 years old at the time.



#### What do you believe he brings to the breed in Australia?

Freddie is now of course no longer at stud, indeed he is enjoying his twilight years, but we feel very proud that he has provided a consistent recognisable breed type, as was our aim. He has produced some beautiful daughters with his own clean lines and steady character but above all else he has consistently produced outstanding hip and elbow health through our schemes and he has delivered for all those who used him - however he led a rather charmed life and was visited by some quite outstanding females from day one.

He has to date produced two national medallists and an excellent merit daughter among his lovely progeny.

#### How do you see his impact on your kennel in the next 5 years?

Because we are deep into Freddie's time in the country we can each see quite clearly his influence in our own kennels already... currently Stobar Fenela and her daughter Konstance, and Stobar Gambaa reside with Freddie at home. Fenela is expecting her third litter. Champion Cinderhof Khaleesii CCD, Ch Cinderhof Vandaal, sire of the 2022 LSC Gold medalist, Champion Cinderhof Sansaa ET (from Gambaa) and Cinderhof Evii are among the Cinderhof Freddie stock, with another young granddaughter Cinderhof Meliisandre new on the ground and looking to the future.

We have been very lucky that Freddie daughters have produced so well with our subsequent stud dog and as such, he has not only cemented himself as a cornerstone for his owners, but also for the breed in Australia in this generation.

#### What do you believe are his strengths?

Freddie's main strengths as aforementioned are in his ability to produce consistently above average health status across all lines and to bring quality daughters who evidently produce on.

However, his owners will remember him long after he is gone for his unflappable character, his social graces and his beautiful soul.

## Coat length in the German Shepherd Dog

Presented to WUSV Conference, Lerma 2023

Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc 2023

Dogs Australia Canine Health and Welfare  
Chairperson

The following is extracted from the presentation by Dr Hedberg to the WUSV Lerma Conference in Spain this year. It is effectively speaker's notes but highlights the key points for the subject.

### VARIATION IN COAT LENGTH



– all 3 types present

### Working capabilities of both GSD varieties

The FCI and KC Breed standards emphasise that both coat types must have undercoat ie. are double coated. Both varieties must have undercoat and should have weatherproof coats.

. Breeds such as Border Collies, Collie Roughs, Shetland Sheepdogs have medium long coats that are waterproof. They are double coated breeds with good undercoat.

- These breeds are used for working in the field, especially the Border Collie in many varied activities - agility, obedience... Their coat type is has never been considered a limiting factor to their working ability.
- Generations of breeding long coat to long coat in the Collie and Sheltie, **does not deteriorate** the coat fibre or vary the length.

### Coat Genetics

- FGF5 gene is part of the super FGF family (23)-fibroblast growth factor. FGF5 plays a role in embryonic development, cell growth, morphogenesis, tissue repair and tumour growth.
- The FGF5 gene is responsible for coat length in canines and quite a lot of other species including humans. The FGF5 gene controls the hair cycle and **tells the hair when to stop growing**. The Cys95Phe mutation of this gene is associated with the most common long hair phenotype seen in dogs.

- In the canine, this gene has two main alleles at the L locus – several other variants account for the coat type in long haired Akitas, Siberians and Samoyeds, while another variant accounts for all Afghans tested (5 recessive variants in total).
- The canine long haired allele Cys95Phe is **consistent** amongst over 60 breeds that can be tested. If other effects have been seen in common with this allele, it would be well recorded.
- This gene and it's various alleles exist in all breeds of dogs, while some may not carry the long coat allele, well over 60 breeds do carry the common mutation and can be DNA tested for its presence if required.
- This gene has not been linked with any other genes.

### Single coated breeds, no undercoat



### Basic genetics of coat length

- **Short coat allele is always dominant to the long coat allele.**
- The dominance of the short coat allele over the long coat allele is **NOT** complete, ie. there is a **blending** of effects of the long and short coated alleles. This results in a **small but notable increase in coat length** in heterozygous animals.
- In certain breeds (GSD, Malamute), the coat length is often of **medium length** and many of these dogs are **heterozygous at the L locus**.
- For ease of understanding I have labelled the short and long coat alleles as follows:-
- S = short coat allele, dominant
- s = long coat allele, recessive

### Homozygous short coat SS

The coat is short, tight, minimal ruff and pants. The coat can be too short,

Mole coats undesirable.







DOUBLE SHORT COAT HEAD SS – lacking ruff



Photos of *Heterozygous short coat Ss*

- Standard coat seen, good ruff, pants, good texture



Heterozygous heads Ss – good ruff, thicker coat



Homozygous long coat ss



LONG COAT HEADS ss



### What Defines A “Good” Long Coat?

- Undercoat - essential
- Coat that is weatherproof
- Should the ideal length be described?
- Faults ?
  - Lack of undercoat
  - Excessive looseness or length of coat
  - Parting of coat along the back (ie not weatherproof)
  - Excessive movement of coat (indicating looseness)



## Extreme Long Coats



## Genetic types possible

3 **genetic types** are possible with one allele inherited from each parent.

- SS = double short coat gene, homozygous dominant.
- Ss = short coat, heterozygous short coat
- ss = double long coat gene, homozygous recessive

**\*\*All coat types *must* have undercoat**

### Possible mating outcomes 1

#### Homozygous short coat SS

- SS to SS = all puppies SS, homozygous short coats
- SS to Ss = all puppies short coats,  
50% SS homozygous short coats,

50% Ss heterozygous short coats

- SS to ss = all puppies short coats,  
all Ss heterozygous short coats

**\*\*A homozygous short coat can NOT throw a long coat.**

### Possible mating outcomes 2

#### Heterozygous short coat Ss

- Ss to SS = all short coats  
50% SS homozygous short coats,  
50% Ss heterozygous short coats
- Ss to Ss = **75% short coats, 25% long coats**  
**Most common outcome seen**  
25% SS homozygous short coats  
50% Ss heterozygous short coats  
25% ss homozygous long coats
- Ss to ss = 50% short coats, 50% long coats  
50% Ss heterozygous short coats  
50% ss homozygous long coats

**\*\*Both parents *MUST* carry the long coat gene in order to get a long coat puppy.**

### Possible mating outcomes 3

#### Homozygous ss long coat

- ss to SS = all puppies Ss heterozygous short coats
- ss to Ss = 50% short coats, 50% long coats  
50% Ss heterozygous short coats  
50% ss homozygous long coats
- ss to ss = all puppies homozygous long coats

### Outcomes summary

- As can be seen from the outcomes, ***the dominant short coat always wins out.***
- The % of long coats will rarely rise above 20-25% unless the long coat gene is selectively and aggressively bred for.
- **Any** mating where long coats are produced from 2 short coats automatically means both parents carry the long coat allele.
- The best coats in the show ring are heterozygotes Ss.
- The double SS (homozygous) short coated dogs have minimal ruff, or furnishings around the hindquarter. Many look perpetually out of coat and pay the price in the show ring against their better coated siblings.
- However, these SS dogs mated to a long coat will not throw any long coats but all puppies will have short coats of good quality.

## Long Coat Statistics

- NZ – limited numbers, combined total under 500/year, intervarietal breeding allowed –  
2014 7.5% long coats, 2017 9.5% lc, 2021 11% lc
- Australia –combined around 4500/year, no intervarietal breeding at present



- 2016 18.5% long coats, 2018 18.2% lc, 2021 21.5% lc
- UK KC - 2021 combined total 8568, intervarietal breeding allowed, no separate registers.
- Germany
- 2020 combined total 9178 (5.5% lc/lc, 8.7% from sc/sc = 14.2% lc total)
- 2021 combined total 9625 (6.8% lc/lc, 8.5% from sc/sc = 15.3% lc total)
- 2022 combined total 8925, (7.8% lc/lc, 7.6% from sc/sc = 15.4% lc total)

\*\* The number of lc puppies being registered from sc matings is steadily dropping from 2012 1235, in 2022 only 680. However the combined total of lc puppies being registered is staying relatively stable at around 1200 -1400 for the last 10 years.

## SV Long coat statistics 2011-2022

### Development breeding Germany

year	studs LC registered n germany	litters LC registered in germany	puppies registered out of LC in germany	puppies registered out of SC in germany
2011	8	1	5	1,170
2012	29	12	62	1,235
2013	40	18	105	1,071
2014	66	39	221	1,050
2015	71	43	242	1,032
2016	105	54	278	1,016
2017	118	66	371	951
2018	129	80	453	860
2019	125	90	483	776
2020	154	86	498	797
2021	183	105	615	818
2022	171	123	677	680
total	1,199	717	4,010	11,456

## SV Short and long coat litter statistics 2020-2022

Litters SC ->		2020			2021			2022		
Monat	Wurfe (st)	Wurfe	Hunde	Stärke	Wurfe	Hunde	Stärke	Wurfe	Hunde	Stärke
Jan	111	823	5,4		133	717	5,4	104	558	5,4
Feb	153	829	5,4		173	908	5,5	170	900	5,3
März	133	705	5,3		80	511	5,7	154	824	5,4
1.Quartal	397	2.157	5,4		386	2.196	5,6	434	2.312	5,3
Apr	116	598	5,1		94	456	5,4	127	681	5,4
Mai	23	110	4,8		115	584	5,8	94	510	5,4
Juni	130	599	5,4		119	557	5,5	93	489	5,2
2.Quartal	269	1.392	5,2		318	1.777	5,6	314	1.677	5,3
Juli	228	1.200	5,3		84	405	5,5	59	384	5,5
Aug	111	519	5,6		195	883	5,3	110	595	5,4
Sept	154	591	5,5		193	1.000	5,5	9	10	5,5
3.Quartal	493	2.710	5,5		432	2.340	5,4	182	997	5,5
Oktober	87	574	5,9		175	953	5,4	215	1.177	5,5
Nov	109	590	5,5		168	930	5,5	224	1.242	5,5
Dez	180	862	5,6		127	749	5,9	25	132	5,3
4.Quartal	426	2.396	5,6		470	2.638	5,6	464	2.551	5,5
Gesamt	1.585	8.055	5,5		1.616	8.959	5,5	1.394	7.537	5,4

Litters LC ->		2020			2021			2022		
Monat	Wurfe (st)	Wurfe	Hunde	Stärke	Wurfe	Hunde	Stärke	Wurfe	Hunde	Stärke
Jan	6	43	7,2		8	44	5,5	6	29	4,8
Feb	8	50	5,3		5	28	4,7	16	77	4,8
März	7	43	6,1		10	64	5,4	13	65	5,8
1.Quartal	21	136	6,5		24	136	5,7	35	192	5,5
Apr	9	42	4,7		4	24	6,0	11	52	4,7
Mai	-	-	-		11	63	7,5	6	23	3,8
Juni	6	41	5,8		5	21	4,2	10	55	6,5
2.Quartal	15	83	5,5		20	128	6,4	27	140	5,2
Juli	15	84	5,5		4	24	5,5	7	35	5,5
Aug	7	32	4,8		18	118	5,4	11	58	5,2
Sept	7	50	7,1		13	67	5,2	1	6	0,0
3.Quartal	29	166	5,7		35	207	5,9	19	109	5,7
Oktober	5	27	5,4		11	73	6,5	23	120	5,5
Nov	14	72	5,1		11	68	6,2	18	119	6,3
Dez	6	39	6,5		9	44	4,9	1	7	7,5
4.Quartal	25	138	5,5		31	185	6,0	43	254	5,9
Gesamt	99	523	5,9		110	656	6,0	124	695	5,9

## Current prevalence of the long coat gene in the stock coat population – SV statistics

Litter stock coat- puppy in it with long			
Year	Total number of stock coat litters	Stock coat litters with a long coat puppy	Number of long coat puppies in stock coat litters
2020	1687	501	857
2021	1720	485	871
2022	1610	405	710

In 2022 only 1 in 4 litters, 25% contained 2 or less long coats.

Why intervarietal breeding should be allowed

- The ban on intervarietal breeding creates an artificial division of the breed.
- Long coat % vary from 10-22% of the breed – often resulting in numbers that are too limited to maintain a healthy population.
- Reduced access to dogs, particularly access to better hip and elbow sires and/or conformational sires. There is also a relative lack of depth of numbers in order to develop reliable long coat breed statistics.
- In countries with small or limited gene pools, this is creating many issues and is certainly not in the best interests of the future health and welfare of the breed.
- This artificial division is adversely affecting the long coat variety.

## Long coat situation in Australia

The Australian situation is different to the German one. We have a smaller gene pool (for both varieties) and that can become vanishingly small with the long coat population. In reality, it is too small to give enough genetic viability and variability to produce healthy and sound dogs to breed on with (we are down to 2 major female exhibition families).

Restricting the gene pool to long coats only, causes very real concern that this variety will go backwards in health areas in particular. We have limited health data of long coat sires of any depth available to us at this point, as do the majority of countries (apart from Germany) at this stage.

The GSDCA has in its charter the requirement to improve the health and welfare of the breed. By restricting intervarietal inbreeding at this early stage of long coat development, we are directly failing to assist this section of the breed.

Owners of long coat bitches are being forced to look overseas to get the quality needed to continue breeding,

with all the inherent risks currently here as well. At this time, it is not financially viable to import long coated stud dogs due to the limited stud market.

- The ANKC has moved allow interbreeding of the 2 varieties from 1.1.23.
- Open interbreeding of the two varieties will be allowed for 10 years. This will be reassessed after 7 years.
- The impact on the coat quality and length will be also be assessed in both varieties at the end of this time as will the health statistics.
- Of interest, in Saint Bernard's – allowed to interbreed coats, the swing lately is towards predominantly short coats.
- Collies (Rough and Smooth) while judged as varieties, are allowed to interbreed – this occurs more from the short coats to the long coats to improve the short coat quality.

## Actual users of intervarietal breeding

- The predominant users of any intervarietal breeding would be **long coat breeders** trying to **widen their gene pool**, get better hip, elbow and/or conformational improvements.
- The % of long coat breeders using this would not be very high (25-30% maximum), and most likely only every 2-3 generations to keep the genetics and health factors maximised.
- The % of short coat breeders using long coated dogs would be minimal (probably less than 2%), most commonly to improve coats (double short coat bitches) or to pick up specific family traits or body type.

## Summary

- Intervarietal breeding is essential for the future health of the breed, particularly with the **limited long coat numbers** in many countries.
- The **long coat allele is essential** for continued **good quality coats** in the short coat variety.
- By separating the varieties, there has been a gradual **increase** in the numbers of very short coats seen in the ring in Australia.
- This is an artificial barrier that has not assisted the breed. If kept in place, the adverse effects will continue to multiply.
- The German Shepherd Dog is a wonderful breed that needs to have as open a gene pool as possible in order to **ensure a strong future** of good health and welfare for the whole breed.
- The length of the coat should not limit any GSD from having a healthy genetic future.

## Obedience Chair Report

Since my last report I have been involved in 2 Zap Assessment day's, one in Perth and the other in Melbourne. All participants seemed to enjoy the experience with many comments on how both their dogs and themselves enjoyed being involved. Now that Zap is being held in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Perth and soon to be Brisbane the next things to be looked at include the Worksheet, Database, and to find appropriate people to be added as assessors.

At the last Assessment in Melbourne we managed to put together a short video on all parts of Zap, so people can now look at it to understand what is involved. It can be viewed on the GSDCA website.

Congratulations to all who competed at the 49TH National Show and Trial and to the place getters and medal winners in all disciplines you should be proud. Special mention to all who competed for the David O'Rourke Dual Performance Trophy for highest place in show and pass in Obedience as it is now seeing many competing for this special award.

In June I was able to attend the WGSDA National Championship in Wagga NSW. It is interesting watching this in comparison to ANKC disciplines. The people involved were very positive and supportive of their fellow competitors.

By the time you read this I hope Obedience competitors will be looking at applying for GSDCA Obedience Awards with entry rules on the GSDCA website

Also those Obedience Judges on GSDCA list can apply to me for the council Obedience Judges Badge.

In this edition I have approached 2 more members to provide us with an article outlining experiences training their dogs in various disciplines. My thanks go to Chloe Raven with Logan and Rachel Tulloch with Chaanel and hope everyone enjoys their experiences.

Signing off now and I am sure there will be much to report for the next edition.

Regards,

**Alastair Henderson**





## Newcastle celebrates 50 years with a great celebration

It's been a busy year so far with the construction of the new office and separate Stenographer area at Ring 8. This project was made possible thanks to a Community Building Partnership 2022 NSW Government Grant of \$42,052

With the decommissioning and removal of our old Obedience Office the opportunity arose to locate the new building close to Ring 8, a better position for all users of this area.

Our next project in progress will be the installation of lights on one portion of the ring which will enable Tuesday night training to be held there in future. Lights are currently in position, though we just need to commission the project, which will occur as funding becomes available. But improvements will not stop there and will progress across the grounds over time.

The office was officially opened by Jodie Harrison MP (Member for Charlestown) on Saturday morning. Jodie spent time in the judging ring with both our judge Mike Bradley & our Steward, Yvonne Yun. Both Mike & Yvonne took time to explain the happenings of the ring and what we did. This opportunity could not be missed for a member of State Parliament to understand purebred dogs. Jodie said she thoroughly enjoyed her morning with us and even ventured to the All Breeds Show being conducted in the front CNCC Showgrounds.

Saturday Night exhibitors enjoyed a dinner of Spit Roast Pork and Lamb prepared by our President Paul, baked and steamed vegetables by Rose & fabulous desert supplied by Yvonne. The after dinner live entertainment was by the ever amazing Reggie Sinclair who has entertained us on several occasions and never disappoints.

The evening continued with a celebratory Cake, muffins and many other treats supplied by Angie Lynch.

All in all, the weekend proved a fitting celebration for a great 50 years.



## Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club 50th Anniversary Show Report

*Mike Bradley,  
Former SV Judge, Head Breed Surveyor,  
National Council and Club President.*



Mike has been involved in exhibiting GSDs since the late 1970's and with his wife Mary, his first litter registration was in 1980 under the "Bradwins" prefix.

His first Championship Judging appointment was in 1988 as a Specialist Judge, and he has travelled and judged

widely, recently in China (4 times) Pakistan (3 times) judging their Seiger Show in 2007, the Philippines at their Landesgruppen Seiger Show, Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide and Newcastle plus all Clubs in NZ.

He became the only New Zealander to obtain the S.V. Judging Qualification

in 1995, following breed exams under Herr Kaspers, then at the Australian Nationals under Erich Orschler and finally under Herr Herman Martin, SV President at the Swedish Seiger show. (1500 entries). For all SV Judges that concludes in your 70th year.

Under the Bradwins prefix the kennels was one of the first in NZ to achieve 50 individual Excellent rated progeny, 50 individual animals Breed Surveyed and 50 hip scored. Those figures are currently well into 70s. The progeny has also 12 Endurance qualified progeny, 11 Working Qualifications, 9 with CDXs, and 3 Obedience Champions.

Mike has been a fully qualified Breed Surveyor and currently the Head Breed Surveyor in NZ, a Working Qual examiner, presently National Council President again and still President of the Southland German Shepherd Dog Club.

In 2003 Mike was asked to stand for the New Zealand kennel Club (NZKC) board, the National kennel Control of NZ, now Dogs NZ, and was elected that year and served 9 years on the Executive Council and rose to the position of Senior Vice President. Mike is the first GSD Specialist, we believe, and the only ever breed specialist of any breed to do so.

Mike is looking forward to the Newcastle Championship Show appointment and thanks the club for the invitation.

Firstly, many thanks for the invitation to Judge in Newcastle especially celebrating the Clubs 50th. It is always a privilege to do so and always enjoyable. Many thanks to my stenographer Leeanne and stewards and the hardworking committee members from the canteen to those involved in the 50th, but in particular to Paul the

Club President and Kay his Secretary for their generous hospitality.

Temperaments were very sound, colour and pigmentation were strong and well spread throughout the classes. Heads and expressions were well defined between sexes, eyes were somewhat mixed, bone strength ranged from medium to above medium and their overall length of bone was pleasing. Withers ranged from normal to high with the majority in the normal, heights from above medium to very large with a couple oversize. Backs generally were good with only a few raising their backs during movement. Croups have improved since my last visit with the lay definitely improving but the length still requiring further improvement.

Similarly, the forequarter angulation showed good length of upper arms overall, but the angle still needs to improve as does the lay back to shoulder. Of course, this is a global issue and one we must strive to improve in the individual kennel programs firstly.

Over angulation, especially the length of the second thigh, is an area we must be vigilant in and the subsequent soundness that flows with it, but it was not as dominant as I was expecting, and if I may, I would issue a caution that we do not concentrate to such an extent on one issue that we lose the value of the overall animal and to put it into perspective.

Long coats were first introduced into New Zealand in 2013 and the inter breeding with both coat varieties strongly supported from day one. Yes, it took a little adjusting to accept as both Judges and breeders, but in our country we simply did not have the depth in our gene pool to do otherwise. So far it has been very good for our breed development in NZ and the quality of LSC thus reflected. But and there is always a but, I guess, is that the fronts when viewed from the front while standing really have to be addressed early plus the overall forequarter proportions from wither to brisket and to the ground is an area of concern but I strongly believe and hope that inter breeding will definitely aid us in this area.

Once again many thanks to everyone...

*Mike Bradley*





## The German Shepherd: A Jack of All Trades

Submitted by Alistair Henderson

German Shepherd dogs are versatile in nature, their trainability, attentiveness, and intelligence make for a super triad which sees them excel in several dog sports. Versatility was what drew me to the breed, after showing different breeds in the all-breeds ring, and competing in a probably too many different types of dog sports I really wanted a dog I could do it all with. Scent work one day, a specialty show the next and then out to the café for brunch after! Having two dogs at home already who weren't able to do both, I had strict criteria for an all-rounder dog; I wanted a show prospect, a sport dog, and above all, a loyal companion and pet, and if they were competitive at any level, I considered this a bonus.

It was important to me to purchase a well-bred dog, who came from health tested and proven parents, for me a dog is for life so ensuring our new family member had the best foundations for good health was of paramount importance. I set about finding a breeder who was producing puppies for the betterment of the breed, who was involved in actively showing dogs and who would be willing to help me with my first specialty dog after considering several local and interstate breeders, I decided my values aligned best with Cinderhof Kennels and after an honest discussion with the owner of the kennels, Jo Cathie, about what I was after, I was placed on a waitlist for a puppy. Approximately 6 months later I was presented with the very exciting opportunity to own a 6-month-old Long Stock Coat puppy, who we named "Tani" (Cinderhof Chaanel). Admittedly I reservations on brining an older puppy into our home, with my previous dogs I was fortunate enough to own them from 8 weeks, meaning I could largely control what they were exposed to and the manner in which they experienced things in their early life – previously I had though this to be a key to success in the sporting realm. Despite this, one look at her big brown eyes and we were sucked right in, my partner and I took the chance, we welcomed Tani into our home and haven't looked back.

Shortly after purchasing Tani, her breeder encouraged me to enter Tani and participate in my first ever specialty show. After years of watching them from the sideline I now had my very own dog in the ring. Well it only took one and we were hooked! There is nothing quite like seeing your dog in the ring, and the adrenaline of double handling it was honestly unlike anything I had experienced in the dog world before. I was so lucky to be introduced to a fantastic group of people who helped to guide me through our first shows and continue to be a giant reservoir of support. Since that first show, we have competed in 4 states, at 10 specialty shows and our very first National, making lifelong friendships and

memories along the way. We are very fortunate to be the owners of a dog who has done well in specialty shows, with all credit going to her breeder for producing such a conformationally sound dog. Tani won her first Bitch Challenge from the Junior Class, and has since gone on to win another Bitch Challenge and her first Reserve Bitch Challenge. In our first year together she has successfully passed the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Scheme, the ZAP Test and been Breed Surveyed Classified. Her achievements are beyond that of my wildest dreams and I am in awe of her every time she steps in the ring.



As an outsider entering the world of specialty showing, there were several aspects of the sport that I immediately identified as important to a dog's success, whilst first and foremost it is a competition of conformation it is evident that quite a lot is required from the dogs to be comfortable in the show ring. Dogs need to stand for an exam without too much fuss, accept a measuring stick, be mouthed by the handler or judge, remain neutral to a loud noise where a gun test is required and maintain engagement with the double handler or handlers. I wanted to ensure that Tani was set up for success wherever I had the ability to do so.

Our early months with Tani were centred around encouraging neutrality to distractions; dogs, people and livestock, whilst exposing her to a variety of locations and situations, the goal here was to build confidence and reward engagement with me through play and food irrespective of distractions. We also began all breeds showing shortly after she arrived, Tani obtained her Australian Championship at 9 months of age and her biggest achievements to date include being awarded Best of Breed at Sydney Royal Easter Show and a Runner up Best in Show. I believe showing can be a fantastic way to safely socialise young dogs and help familiarise them with being approached and examined by strangers.





Just as we have individual strengths and weaknesses so do our dogs, there really is a sport for every dog and handler team and I was determined to find the ones that worked for us. Having previous experience trailing my Border Collie in sheep herding I had a goal for my German Shepherd to be able to do the same I thought the idea of having a dog perform the tasks it was originally bred for would be a great way of preserving the working characteristics of the breed and a great way of allowing her to use her instincts. Whilst Tani and her Border Collie sister have wildly different styles of herding they both show so much enjoyment participating in the sport. With the help of the NSW Herding Association, and regular herding lessons Tani passed her herding instinct test with ease and can now participate in higher levels of herding trials.



Once we had achieved this goal of working with stock, I started to look for other entry level sports we could participate in and stumbled upon trick trailing, a relatively new sport which has only been recognised by ANKC since January 2020. Unlike many other dog sports, handlers are allowed to bring food into the ring, and reward the dog between tricks in the beginner levels. It's a sport that provides a great introduction to the trialling in a ring off lead for dogs and handlers. Tani took to tricks like a duck to water, her absolute favourite trick was the send over jump, where she would fly over the hurdle and come bounding back to me on the other side, making the judges laugh on more than one occasion. She qualified for her title with 3 back-to-back qualifying trials even tying for fourth place with her working-line brother Vinnie in one. We are now looking forward to trailing at the higher levels of this sport, and skills learnt here will help to translate to obedience in the future.





We are also working towards titles in several other ANKC sports including working pack dog, the endurance test, lure coursing, scent work and tracking. Activities like working pack dog, lure coursing and the endurance test, require dogs to be physically fit and well-muscled, having a dog who is fit also helps in the specialty ring, because of this participating in these sports requires very little additional training or effort beyond keeping her in good shape for the show ring. Teaching Tani to run alongside a bike for the endurance test has allowed us to use this as a form of exercise to help with conditioning and mental stimulation.

Scent work and tracking allow her to be in control, these sports require very little human direction beyond training them for the sport, and the actual action of looking for articles or target odours is largely up to the dog. Tani has shown great affinity for scent work and tracking which

is largely due to the breeds natural propensity for scent related activities. Training for and competing in dog sports has allowed us to develop a partnership where we work together towards a common goal. Much of my spare time is spent with her, bonding, training and trailing, at the end of the day for us its all about getting out, having fun, and enjoying our time together, I truly believe that is what dog sports is all about. Participating in any of the wide variety of ANKC performance sports on offer can help improve your relationship with your dog and is a great way to stimulate them both physically and mentally. I have found that many aspects of dog sports can help our dogs perform in the show ring, as it can be a great way to build fitness and strengthen the bonds between owner and dog. Owning Tani has been the best introduction to the breed I could've hoped for, she has met and exceeded all my expectations in every way.





## Lockdown Delivers for the Ravens

As many people know, 2020 was a strange year with lockdowns and lack of work etc. so our family decided that since we couldn't go on a holiday, perhaps it was time to get that German Shepherd we'd been dreaming of since we owned them in the UK years ago.



After doing some research, we found Elizabeth at Elkala German Shepherd Kennels and everything just felt right. We wanted a LSC but she was expecting a SC litter but we said that was fine.

We already had our hearts set on light blue boy and after coming to view the puppies at 6 weeks, we completely fell in love. Light blue boy was ours.



As it turned out, Logan was the long coat we always wanted and Elizabeth changed his papers and asked us if we would show him, we had no idea what this was but happily agreed.

Unfortunately, we didn't attend any puppy classes at the GSDAWA due to Covid and we could only go out on short walks, sometimes not seeing other people or dogs. Before long our sweet boy started reacting to other dogs and some people and we knew we needed to do something to nip this in the bud.



We were attending All Breeds classes and competitions from when Logan was 9 months old and this was when we started struggling to control him as was reactive around the other dogs - he was always a pleasure in the ring, happy to let the judges assess him and never reacted to the dogs in the lineup. However, he was unhappy waiting to go in the ring and in his crate all day waiting.

We were approached by a few people from the GSDAWA club that also were at All Breeds watching the show and they gave us training tips and it was the start of a great friendship where we could feed off their knowledge and support. It was advised we tried training at the GSDAWA club again so that Logan could compete in speciality shows.

We began having some issues with people at the club who didn't make us feel welcome due to our reactive boy and this stress became overwhelming for us which didn't help Logan. We weren't consistent in coming to the club due to this which in turn, didn't help.





However, we were lucky enough that there were also some amazing people at the club who saw that we were struggling and wanted to help us out. I decided that Logan needed some consistency and committed to weekly training at the GSDAWA club and found support with some trainers in their classes. I found that after a couple of months, Logan's behaviour started to improve a lot. I made friends who were happy for Logan to interact with their dogs and this made both Logan and I very happy. We also became good friends with Lee-Anne Shea especially, who helped us with specialty show training and is now Logan's favourite handler – she had

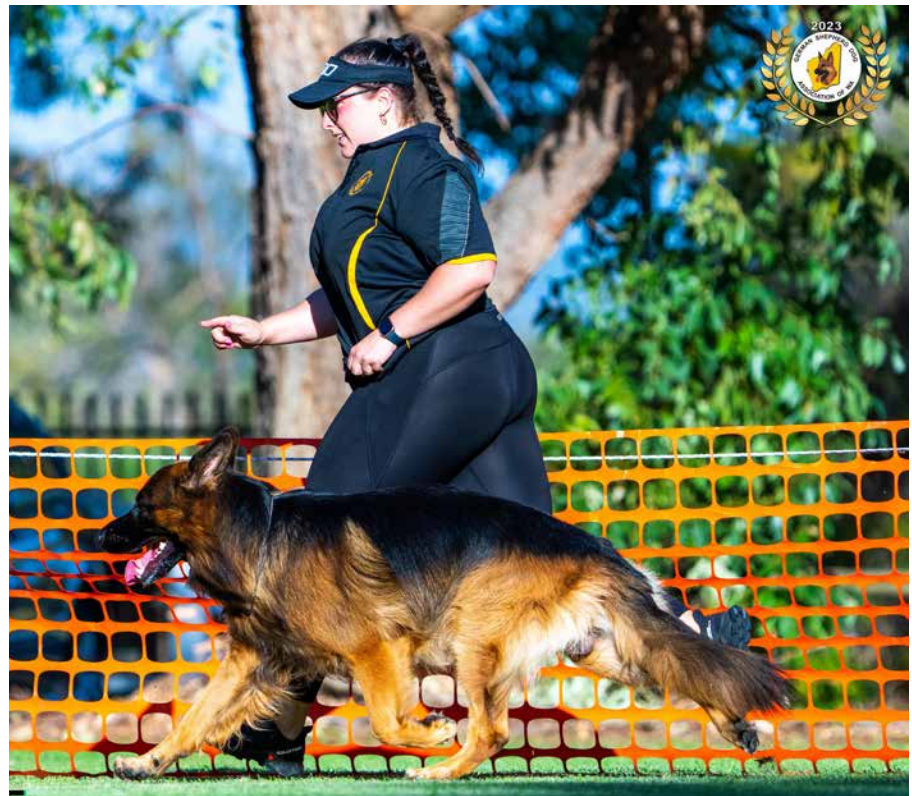
put endless hours into honing in with Logan, teaching us what to do to improve his show training and then we began to succeed in the specialty ring.

Everything started coming together. Logan was improving every day, he was happier on our walks and began to make friends with the local dogs around us, he was happy for strangers to give him a fuss and best of all, we started to succeed with him. Before long we achieved our Champion title, soon after we successfully breed surveyed Logan under Robyn Knuckey and gained a Tracking Dog title. This year, Logan competed for the first time at the Nationals and gained an Excellent medal and whilst he didn't make the pegs, we were overwhelmed with pride and joy at this achievement. He has also gained his ZAP and TDX titles as well as sired his first litter.

Logan and I are currently doing obedience training, something that I never thought we could do and we hope to gain a CCD & Rally title someday under the training and guidance of Lee-Anne. We are so grateful to the many people who have helped us on our journey with Logan and those who continue to support us in everything we do with him. We've learned a lot from having him and hope that when we get our next GSD, we do everything right from day one.

Logan is our world and we are so grateful that we've turned him around and people outside our family can see what a kind and loving boy he is. We will forever be grateful to Elizabeth from Elkala for our boy and can't wait to achieve more with him.

Written by Chloe Raven on behalf of the Raven Family (Jo, Steve, Phoebe & Elliot)





# CH\* Lenin vd Grafenburg 'a' ED Normal IGP2 (Imp Deu)



## Sires Progeny Report

Presented to survey Feb 2021. 5 ½ years old. ANKC registrations 249

10 animals presented from 9 dams (2M, 8F, Sire present)

Progeny in HD/ED database: 20 Mean hip score 8.8 (SV HD ZW: 80), 100% normal elbows

Progeny BS classified to date: 6

This is the first time Lenin has presented a progeny group at an Australian National Show and Trial. Of the twelve animals eligible for the progeny group, ten were presented. Lenin led his progeny group and competed in the Open Class with a credible 10th placing – Excellent. First overall impression of this young group is that the animals are very typey to the sire both in structure and pigment with some very high-quality individuals. He produced the LSC Gold Medal winning male, Babenberg Valentino only just two years and into the Open class.

The group showed very good differentiation between the males and the females. Mostly they are medium strong, well coloured and richly pigmented, with good to very good proportions. The heads are well structured with very good masking and good ear set, better than the sire. The necks are of good length with level withers and good backlines and just slightly steep croups that in some cases could be a little longer. Overall, the forehands are good where the upper arm could be longer and the hindquarters are slightly deep. Good length of foreleg and chest proportions.

Most of the animals were correct at front standing and stepping and slightly close at rear. The group demonstrated a very good willingness to walk and run with very good balance and ground cover. Some animals showed slight restrictions in the fore-reach; however, the drive was powerful. The mark of a very good sire is to produce progeny better than himself and Lenin has done that already in his first progeny presentation. Overall, Lenin has produced a harmonious, high quality progeny group for his first crop and we look forward to seeing the group grow in numbers and quality next year. Congratulations to the connections of Lenin von der Grafenburg.

**Placings in classes:** SC – MPB P14, JB VG3, VG4, ID VG2, IB VG11, VG17, VG21, LSC - IB VG6, VG10, OD Ex1



**\*CH Babenberg Valentino 'A' 'Z'**  
**1st Open Dog LSC**



**Taurorn Game On**  
**4th Junior Bitch**



**Asterhund Bebe**  
**3rd Junior Bitch**



**\*Rhosyn Maybe Magic 'A' 'Z'**



**CH\*Leberhine Tiver 'A' ,Z'**  
**2nd Int Dog**



**\*Tonaker Chhloe 'A' 'Z'**  
**11th Int Bitch**



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**Success is Measured by Excellents**



*We are currently hearing a great deal about gun testing due to some changes beyond our control. Given that temperament ranks so highly for the German Shepherd Dog, I wondered what our traditional position has always been and how that might need to change. Being aware that some work had been done historically, I approached James Rodger's widow Louisa for a bit of a back story to the following lecture.*

*It seems that the late Anita Pettenhofer asked James to write this somewhere in the 80s and then the late Joylene Neddermeyer prevailed on James to make this presentation to Surveyors. Enjoy the read.*

Editor.

## 1. Introduction

Due to the many misconceptions and misunderstandings of a large number of German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts (both old and new), as to the purpose and requirements of the gun test, it was thought that a short presentation would be helpful to address this situation.

It is my view that due to the demanding requirements of a working dog; the gun test is a critical part of the evaluation of a dog's temperament and therefore a firm reaction to the gun is required, rather than the current requirement survey rule of being only "sufficiently firm".

(Note: this matter was discussed at the NBC meeting in July 2001, where it was decided to put the above of the agenda for the forthcoming AGM in February 2002).

Whilst I do not believe that a major problem exists in this country with regard to gun-shy dogs, however, we must never allow a problem to arise.

## 2. Background

### 2.1 Current ANKC Standard Quotes:

1. "The German Shepherd Dog, whose planned breeding commenced in 1899, after the founding of the GSD Verein, was bred from the central German and South German strains of the existing herding dogs of those times, with the final goal of creating a working dog predispositioned to high working aptitude. In order to reach this goal, the Breed Standard was laid down, which relates to the physical attributes, as well as those of temperament and character"
- 2.; TEMPERAMENT – The German Shepherd Dog must be of well-balanced temperament, steady of nerve, self-assured, absolutely free and easy and (unless provoked) completely good natured as well as alert and tractable. He must have courage, combative instinct and hardness, in order to be suitable as a companion, watch, protection, service and herding dog"

### 2.2 Old WUSV Standard Quotes

1. "GENERAL APPEARANCE" Therefore, only a specialist judge should be engaged to assess the dogs presented to him for their temperament, including gunshot indifference"
2. "NATURE AND CHARACTER" – Stability of nerves, alertness, confidence, manageability, watchfulness, loyalty and incorruptibility, as well as courage, combative instinct and toughness are the most outstanding characteristics of a pure-bred German Shepherd Dog".

### 2.3 The Biology of the ear

Hearing is accomplished by pressures. Everyone knows what a dog's ear looks like and the hole, which it surrounds, which leads into the head. All the delicate mechanism of hearing is embedded in the heavy bone at the base of the skull. Technically, the outer ear which we see, is the auricle. In natural dogs with erect ears, these cone shaped organs can be moved to better collect the sound waves and conduct them down into the cavity where these vibrate against the eardrum. This is a membrane (the tympanic) which lies across the end of the auditory opening and is very thin and delicate. It has no vibrations of its own and is able to pick up vibrations of a variety of lengths and intensities.

Behind the eardrum there is a small cave (tympanic cavity), a tube (the Eustachian) drains it from its lowest part down to the throat of the dog and allows air to enter to insure equal pressure on both sides of the ear drum. Within the tiny cave, there is an ingenious arrangement of delicate bones – the mallet (malleus), the anvil (incus) and the stirrup (the stapes). The mallet is attached to the ear drum while its body attaches to the body of the anvil. This bone in turn attaches by its other end to the stirrup, the flattened area of which fills the end of a crooked tube called the cochlea.

While these three small bones undoubtedly make hearing more acute, a dog can hear fairly well without them, as was shown by a student who surgically removed them from a dog who was still able to hear after the operation.

Intense sound can destroy the end organ of hearing, the sensory part of the cochlear duct, called the Organ of Corti. Changes which are permanent can be produced by certain sound frequencies of considerable duration. This is nowhere nearly as severe as a loud blast, which may deafen by rupturing the ear drum and is of an entirely different nature.

In the matter of hearing, dogs and human beings live in the same world, but at times, quite different tones. By that, I mean that the dog can hear everything can hear, but a lot more too. He can hear fainter sounds coming from a somewhat greater distance. But he really puts us to shame when it comes to hearing notes of a higher pitch – higher on a musical scale (Example – stereo).

In the same way, dogs can hear cycles far up the scale. A man's hearing capacity begins at about twenty and stops at about 20,000 cycles per second. Dog's start at about

twenty but go up above 30,000 and some experimenters claim as high as from 35,000 to 70,000. (Cats hear up to 50,000).

Besides the cycles, we must consider pitch. This is the quality of the sound that depends on the rapidity of the vibrations. We hear best at about 2000 vibrations per second, a dog hears best at about 4000. Dogs respond to sounds to which we are deaf, because of the higher pitch.

### 3. Current Requirements of the Breed Survey Manual

#### Para. 7.6 Gun Test

Only those dogs and bitches which will stand sufficiently firm and sure during the gun test can be admitted to either classification

Dogs and bitches that fail the gun test shall not be admitted to either classification and shall be deemed to have failed the Breed Survey.

#### Para 11.4.4 Gun Test

The test shall be carried out at the conclusion of the temperament and character tests.

The handler shall walk to the designated position and stop without giving the dog a command, facing the Surveyors with the dog in stance and on a loose lead. The pistol shall be held downward at the side, and not rear of the Surveyor. Up to seven (7) dogs at a time may be tested at once.

The pistol shall be fired by the Surveyor or steward, twelve (12) paces from the dog, with a minimum of two (2) shots fired consecutively. A dog that shows a wandering movement or padding will be retested on its own by the firing of more shots.

Dogs must stand sufficiently firm and confident, showing no real concern from the shots discharged. The desired reaction is one of total lack of concern.

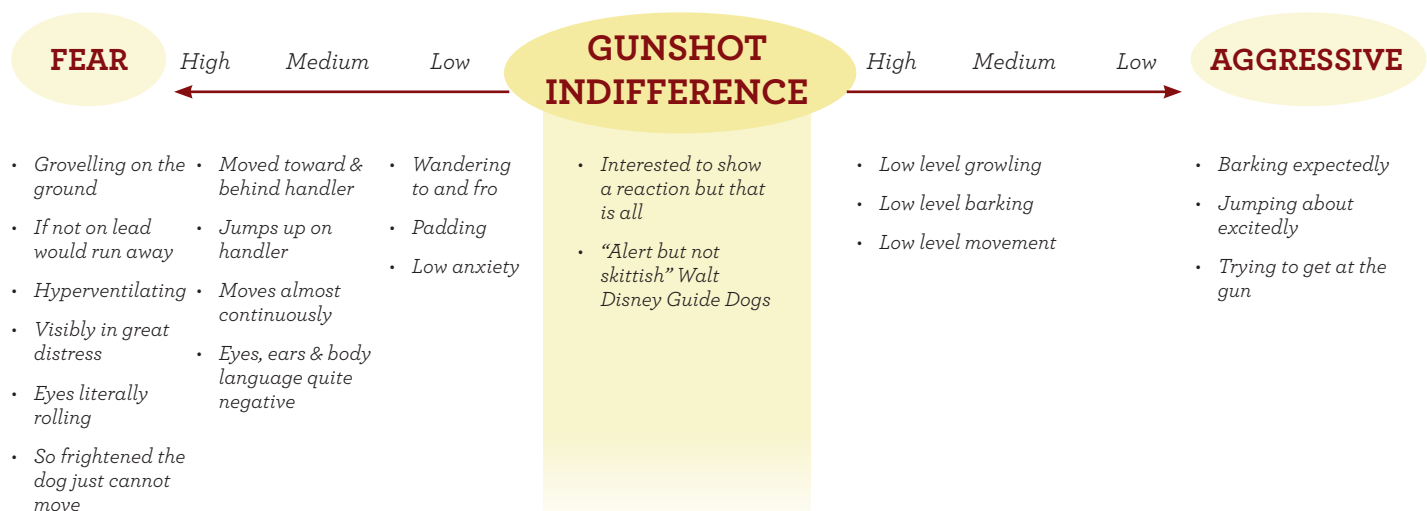
Gun shy dos will be those showing obvious discomfort and fear, padding their feet or wandering to and fro and cowering and hiding behind their owner.

## GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

### WORKING DOG REQUIREMENTS

**Calmness**  
**Self Assured**  
**Steady Nerves**  
**Fearless**  
**Sense of Purpose**

### SCALE OF REACTION TO THE GUN TEST





## 15. Appendices & Forms

### Definitions of Gun Sure

A gun sure dog normally reacts to the gun shot by standing in one spot and either being alerted or showing lack of interest. A gun-shy dog, adversely reacts to the gun shot by not standing in one spot and either moves around, jumps up on the handler, walks around the handler, hyperventilates, moves closer to the ground, looks fearful or anxious, sits or cringes. If the dog moves, retest. The main test is stability to the discharge sound.

### 4. The Assessment

A careful observation of the dog's immediate reaction to the rapid firing of two shots, will in the vast majority of cases determine whether the dog's reaction is "gunshot indifference, being the desired reaction or not.

Matters to be observed and subject to assessment by the surveyor are as follows:

*(Note: Remember that the dog is standing away from its handler on a loose lead)*

- Movement by the dog
  - Exactly what?
  - To what extent?
  - Toward or away from the handler
- Breathing rate
  - Is it noticeably higher?
- Eyes
  - What do they reveal?
- Ears
  - What do they reveal
- Overall body language and demeanour of the dogs
  - Is it positive or negative

As the surveyor is approximately twelve paces away from the dogs being gun tested, he or she is in the best position to judge these matters, as opposed to someone being thirty or forty metres away.

Yes, sometimes the assessment can be a little subjective, but that is where the surveyor's experience, knowledge and powers of observation come into play.

Sometimes, the reaction to the gun test is one of lack of conditioning and/ or socialisation, which should not be confused with actual gun shyness. These dogs should be re-presented after suitable conditioning to the gun.

There are numerous scientific experiments, as well as practical experience with the gun dog breeds, which support this statement.

In reality, the major problem with gun testing is a physiological one. That is, physically, the eardrum cannot take the "pitch of the sound and causes the dog great stress and discomfort and hence, the dog wants to run away. The higher the pitch, the greater the problems. By way of interest, Germany uses a 6mm gun whereas in some other countries the use a 9mm which is not as severe.

Remember that this dog may well have otherwise a generally sound temperament.

Alternatively, the above dog may still be of a generally nervous disposition, as evidenced by its behaviour generally, as well as to the gun.

Of course, gun shyness is highly inheritable. Therefore, we have to be firm in assessing dogs on the gun test for suitability for breeding in our survey scheme.

Obviously, it is very upsetting to all to see a dog in distress because of the gun test. Consequently, it is a fault similar to dentition, monorchidism, cryptorchidism coat, size and therefore should always be kept in the breeder's mind.

### 5. Conclusion

I hope that this presentation has assisted you in giving you an understanding of the gun test as well as the assessment.

Always remember that the purpose of the gun test for working dogs is "gunshot indifference", that is alert but not skittish. A nervous or aggressive reaction to the gun not only detracts, but also in many cases destroys a dog's ability to work.

Trusting this lecture has been helpful to your understanding of the gun test.

*James Rodger*

October 4, 2001



**JUDGES APPOINTMENTS AS AT 20/09/2023**

Date	Judges Name	Club Judging for	Suburb	Comment	Show Type
14/12/24	Bird, Chelsea (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Open Show GSD	Specialty
13/10/24	Hedberg, Karen (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition GSD	Specialty
12/10/24	TBA	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Championship Show & Trial GSD	Specialty
20/04/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	NSW SBE (20 & 21 July) GSD	Specialty
8/06/24	Ballantyne-Gordon, Sharon (QLD)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition GSD	Specialty
3/05/24	Hassgall, Wolfgang (Germany)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	National - Bitches (3, 4 & 5 May) GSD	Specialty
3/05/24	Mast, Rainer (Germany)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	National - LSCs & SC Dogs (3, 4 & 5 May) GSD	Specialty
31/03/24	Green, Greg (VIC)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition GSD	Specialty
30/03/24	Sykes, Carol (UK)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Championship Show GSD	Specialty
17/02/24	Morris, Matthew (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Open Show GSD	Specialty
16/12/23	Adamson, Melissa (SA)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	GSDL Members Competition GSD	Specialty
5/11/23	Tantaro, Vincenzo (VIC)	Other Vic	Skye, Vic	WDC of Victoria Championship Show GSD	Specialty
4/11/23	Mohanty, Sanjit (India)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	GSDCV Championship Show GSD	Specialty
28/10/23	Mohanty, Sanjit (India)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	West Coast Challenge GSD	Specialty
14/10/23	Cooke, Ian (SA)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	GSDL Championship Show (14 & 15 October)	GSD Specialty







*PD Zorro with her handler Senior Constable Cain Sims*

### **Beloved Police Dogs and handlers recognised at the German Shepherd Dog Show**

*Press Release by: Queensland Police Service  
27 July 2023 @8.15am.*

In a heart-warming ceremony held on Saturday, July 8, the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) Club of Queensland honoured two remarkable police dogs (PD) and their dedicated handlers for their exceptional contributions to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and the greater Southeast Queensland community.

The GSD Show, held at Dogs Queensland in Durack, was attended by a large contingent of community members and saw the prestigious awards presented to the handlers by the esteemed Dawn Fraser AC, MBE, who serves as the patron of the GSD Council of Australia.

The GSD Club of Queensland has been actively involved in acknowledging the outstanding achievements of service dogs, and these awards specifically recognised

the incredible work carried out in Queensland.

The two PD's, Zorro and Etta, received the Outstanding Canine Service Award.

The first recipient of the award was PD Zorro, who is handled by Senior Constable Cain Simms. Zorro is a QPS-bred German Shepherd who achieved his PD accreditation in November 2016 at the age of 17 months. Now eight years old, Zorro is set to retire in 2023 after a highly distinguished career, during which he has established himself as one of the QPS's finest tracking dogs. Zorro's exceptional service to the Queensland community spans multiple regions, including Brisbane, Moreton, Ipswich, Darling Downs, and Townsville. He has successfully located numerous individuals involved in various crimes, including homicide, armed robbery, property offenses, and has also assisted in finding vulnerable persons. Zorro's reputation precedes him, as his resume would indicate, consistently showcasing his remarkable dedication and effectiveness as a police dog.

The second recipient of the award was PD Etta, who is handled by Senior Constable Andrew Campbell. Etta is

a three-year-old German Shepherd specially bred and developed by the QPS for the vital role of technology detection. Etta's unique occupation involves locating and detecting technology devices, such as sim cards, USB sticks, and phones, which are often used by individuals involved in organised crime and child exploitation offenses. These devices are typically small and easily hidden, making them challenging to find but crucial as evidence to apprehend suspects.

Etta was selected from a litter of 10 puppies and underwent rigorous training, eventually becoming the first technology detection dog in the QPS. Her impeccable skills have been instrumental in complex investigations involving homicide, child exploitation, and organised crime.

GSD Club of Queensland representative, Annie Tamblyn, expressed her gratitude to PDs Zorro and Etta, and their handlers for their service.

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland proudly acknowledges the outstanding contributions of Zorro, Etta, and their handlers," she said.

*"They exemplify the essence of bravery, loyalty, and service.*

*Their bravery and relentless pursuit of justice has made our community safer, reminding us of the invaluable contributions of our four-legged protectors.*

*The awards to both PD Zorro, PD Etta and their handlers, is the recognition for their contribution to not only the QPS, but to the greater community of Southeast Queensland."*

As PD Zorro prepares to embark on a well-deserved retirement, having left a permanent mark on the QPS, and PD Etta continues her pioneering work in technology detection, and their legacies will serve as an inspiration to future generations of service dogs and handlers.

The QPS and the GSD Club of Queensland extend their heartfelt congratulations to Zorro, Etta, Senior Constable Simms and Senior Constable Campbell for their outstanding contributions and for exemplifying the true spirit of service and commitment.



PD Etta





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On 28th May an Endurance Trial was organised in conjunction with Dogs ACT. This is a long standing and successful collaboration of two decades with our Dogs ACT associates. It was pleasing to see a number of GSDs successfully competing in the trial. Club member and trial competitor Deb Smith is also an aspirant judge for the discipline.

In August the club, in conjunction with Dogs ACT, conducted a very successful Scentwork Trial with 47 entries at the Excellent and Masters level. Dogs ACT organised the Excellent elements, judged by Jo Bates, with the club conducting Masters elements, judged by John Sams. This collaboration with other clubs and organisations has allowed us to promote scentwork to our membership and provide more opportunities for competition. Club premises have also been made available for training days for aspiring Scentwork judges in September; with Novice teams from the club given the opportunity to participate in mock trials.

We welcome Glenn Gregory's recent appointment as an aspirant Breed Surveyor. Glenn is a long standing member and committee member of the club, and this appointment will enable more Breed Survey days to be held for breeders in the ACT and surrounds.

We are looking forward to our annual two Championship Shows to be held on the weekend of 30 September- 1 October. We have been fortunate to engage international judges Rene Jorgensen (Denmark) and Jens Becker-Olsen (Spain) for both days. Rene has also kindly agreed to give a talk to an interested group of breeders, judges and breed enthusiasts on the Friday prior to the show.



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The GSDC is busily working on the 2024 National via our dedicated sub-committee and volunteers.

A reminder that Accommodation bookings are open with Adelaide Shores.

There are still a number of class sponsorships available for both Conformation and Obedience. If you would like to sponsor a class or two, please head on over to our website:

<https://gsdcsa.org.au/national-show-trial/national-sponsorship-2/>

The 58th Balmead Shield Obedience Trial was held on 12 August. Two teams competed for the shield, Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club and the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc.

The Shield was won by our own club this year with a score of 526 and represented by team members:

- Mr Sam Ksiezak with Alimanda Nimble - scored 193 (qualified, excellent medallion & 1st place in ring)
- Mrs Lama Johnson with Jet Johnson - scored 142 (NQ)
- Mr Luke Hamra with Vonpeta Well That's Not Right - scored 191 (qualified, excellent medallion & 2nd place in ring)

Massive congratulations to our three super stars.

A Member's Competition will be held on 17 September with Mr. Glen Gregory (NSW) as our judge and with a total entry of 50.

We will be holding an Open Show in November with our own, Ms. Gayle Mercer (SA) as our judge.

The club will be holding a Golden Oldies and Cocktails Night on 28 October. This is once again a fundraising event towards the 2024 National. The evening should prove to be

Great fun with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's and games throughout the night. Hope to see you all there.



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We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of GSDCV Life Member Ben Glasheen. Ben was a club stalwart, making major contributions to club fundraising efforts over many many years. At the Eastern branch he was a jack of all trades helping in many areas to benefit the GSD and our club members. Like every Club, the GSDCV's strength is in our people. Ben will be sadly missed. Vale Ben.

Our Endurance Test held back in June had many successful competitors on the day, including six GSDs! It was a lot of fun. Congratulations to the following !!

- \*CINDERHOF SANSAA AZ  
John & Judith Strachan
- \*SANNJESA REMEMBER ME AZ  
Paul Stynes
- \*CH TOLLERHUND GRYFFINDOR AZ  
Lisa and Stephen Pretty
- BRONACRE SCORCHED CHILIPOP AZ  
Edwina Neale
- BRONBOREO GINGER MEG  
Michelle Mercieca
- \*INIFF CHICAGO FOLLY AZ  
Bob & Mandy Mackay

Our Double Exhibition shows were held in August, and luckily the Melbourne weather held out. Congrats to all exhibitors.

- GSDCV Exhibition No 1, Jo Cathie (NSW):
- LSC Bitch Winner  
\*ALLINKA WILL OF THE FORCE AZ
- LSC Dog Winner  
\*CH. BABENBERG VALENTINO AZ
- SC Bitch Winner  
\*JAYSHELL UTOPIA AZ
- SC Dog Winner  
\*GRAND CH DUX DI CASA NOBILI (IMP ITA) AZ

Following the show on Saturday, Jo Cathie presented the Australian Based Sires Update. This was a presentation of current Australian based sires and their bloodlines. An excellent seminar, providing lots of interesting information about available animals which was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks Jo !

- Exhibition No 2, Judge: Mr Hery Lau (Indonesia):
- Long Stock Coat Bitch Winner  
GABMALU LIBERTE
- Long Stock Coat Dog Winner  
\*CH TOLLERHUND GRYFFINDOR AZ ET
- Stock Coat Bitch Winner  
STOBAR KONSTANCE
- Stock Coat Dog Winner  
\*GRAND CH DUX DI CASA NOBILI (IMP ITA) AZ

As we head into September, our Track and Search Trial looms. It's marvellous to see how dogs use their noses. Is tracking something you might take up??? Should be a great weekend of 'searching'. Then it's onto the famous Melbourne Cup weekend double Champ Shows & Trial. Our last ZAP Assessment for the year will be on November 12th and a Structural Assessment will be held at Gippsland branch on November 18th too. Lastly we have our Open Show and final Breed survey on December 3rd. Phew, we're going to be busy Branches will begin plans for Christmas breakups and end of year parties so watch out for dates and stay tuned. Boy it's coming quickly !

*'My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility'*







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## Dogs on Show

Dogs NSW put on a great open day for the public to seek advice on a breed of dog, observe a variety of dog sports, a dog show and a pageant of breeds. 30 Breed Clubs were on display including the German Shepherd Dog League. Many thanks to Graeme Stevenson (with \*Pirlo von Aminius, Sundaneka Piper and Sundaneka Pancho), Tony Darcy (with Conkasha Black Spirit AZ, Maverick), Jackie Vaughan (with Tataben Maya Graceful Illusion) for helping on the stand all day. Anne Carr then brought a baby LSC Sundaneka Pirlos Elsa for a visit. For the first time we had 7 dogs in the Pageant with all the other breeds. Thanks to Caryl and Brodie Morris and Helen Ratcliffe and her mum for joining us in the Pageant.



EEWAA Photography

## 2023 NSW State Breed Exhibition

On the 24th & 25th June Mr John Fenner (WA) judged with a total entry of 70. For full results see the gsdl.info website. The title of Sieger and Siegerin can only be awarded to the first Excellent Merit in the Open classes and Vice Sieger and Siegerin can be awarded to second Excellent Merit in the Open classes and the judge was looking for animals that had progeny entered in the show for merit gradings.

- SC Sieger: \*Xander vom Grabfeldgau (imp Deu) owned by J Carroll and R Zammit
- SC Vice Sieger: \*Aust Ch Laiko vom Huhnegrab (imp Deu) owned by M & C Morris
- SC Siegerin: \*Ch Vladimir Me Me Im First owned by G & K Morton
- SC Vice Siegerin: no award
- LSC Sieger: No award
- LSC Siegerin: No award.

Congratulations to the following members who were class winners:

- SC Baby Bitch: Lagerfeldt Catch Me if You Can owned by J Haussler & L Kirkman
- SC Minor Puppy Bitch: Freevale Zelotypia in Pink owned by M & C Morris
- SC Puppy Bitch: Lawine Madame Butterfly owned by D Martin, M Singhal & D Smith
- SC Junior Bitch: Sadria Puts a spell on You AZ owned by M & C Morris
- SC Intermediate Bitch: \*Vladimir Th Ants Pants co owned by G & K Morton
- SC Baby Dog: Kingland Vino owned by L King
- SC Minor Puppy Dog: Azincourt Rudy (AI) owned by S Bird
- SC Junior Dog: Kuirau Ywan owned by L & J Fowler
- SC Intermediate Dog: \*Aust Ch Freevale Watchman owned by M & C Morris
- LSC Baby Bitch: Freevale Bumble Bee owned by M & C Morris
- LSC Minor Puppy Bitch: Azincourt Ravenna (AI) owned by C & J Bird
- LSC Junior Bitch: Azincourt Colette owned by C Bird
- LSC Intermediate Bitch: \*Ch Vladimir the Bees Knees co owned by G & K Morton
- LSC Baby Dog: Vladimir Wham Bam co owned by G & K Morton
- LSC Junior Dog: Ch Cinderhof Diaablo owned by C & J Bird

Two progeny groups were presented:

- \*Xander vom Grabfeldgau (imp Deu) owned by J Carroll and R Zammit (7 animals)
- \*Aust Ch Laiko vom Huhnegrab (imp Deu) owned by M & C Morris (5 animals)

Congratulations to the following Junior Handlers who were judged by M Groth:

## 13 to 19 years

- 1st Paris T
- 2nd Brodie M

Our generous sponsors were Royal Canin, Vebo Pet Supplies, Sires on Ice, K9 Pro and Community Clinic Physiotherapy.

## Breed Survey



Congratulations to all those that were classified at GSDL of NSW Breed Survey on the 5th August and thank you to the 5 surveyors that were present:

- Allendell Velvet Ribbons by \*Laiko vom Huhnegrab x Hausillevon Alma
- Pamakay Elsa Einstein by \*Jaci's Style Einstein x \*Pamakay Fortuna
- Bossface Monterrey by \*Xander vom Grabfeldgau x \*Bossface Too Much Heaven
- Shardon Wish Come True by \*Laiko vom Huhnegrab x \*Shardon Tranquility
- Stormnak Rex (LSC) by \*Jaci's Style Einstein x \*Adjure Daphne

## Social Walk

Saturday 12th August saw the GSDL hold their second very successful Social Walk along the Nepean River.

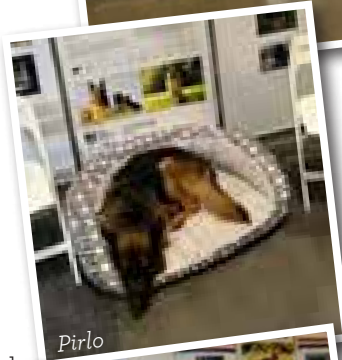
Everyone had a lovely time and it was great to see new people coming along.

There were around 18 dogs present, varying in age, and all were on their very best behaviour. The day was great promotion for our breed and we received lots of attention and happy snaps from the public. Thanks to our Life Members, Fay Stokes, Pam and Terry Jarvis, for supporting the Social Walk.



## Dog Lovers

Another great weekend showcasing the German Shepherd at Sydney Dog Lovers Show in the Dome at Olympic Park at Homebush on 26th and 27th August. A fantastic team of Tony Darcy with Maverick (Conkasha Black Spirit AZ) Yvonne Spek with Tana (Conkasha Montana Diva) Graeme and I with Pirlo ( \*Pirlo von Arminius), Manzana (Sundaneka Miracle Manzana) and Pancho (Sundaneka Pancho). So we had 2 males and 3 females over the weekend with a 5 month old, 12 month old, 5 year old and two 6 year olds to show their growth rate. Wayne Wagstaff, our obedience instructor and Rose Camilleri came out for support. So many comments about how calm and friendly the dogs were, such good ambassadors for the breed. As you can see the stand was very busy and the organisers gave us plenty of space. Information on the breed, the GSDL club and memberships was handed out.



Pirlo



Maverick and Tana



Manzana and Pirlo



Manzana



Crowds





## Ask The Breeder

A 15 minute session each day where Graeme Stevenson spoke about the breed and the importance of the breeder and the pups being registered with Dogs NSW and answered questions. Yvonne Spek spoke and demonstrated the importance of training and obedience.



Pancho



Rose, Wayne and Tana



Tana



Pancho



Pancho



Maverick



Graeme and Tana



Pirlo and Tana with Yvonne



Yvonne talking about training



Pancho and Tana

## Pat a Pooch

We had four 30-minute sessions over the two days with Pirlo, Manzana, Maverick and Pancho. Pirlo had his first Face time with someone who couldn't make it and wanted to meet him.



Pirlo



Pirlo Face-timing



Manzana



Pancho

Thank you to Dogs NSW for organising the Ask The Breeder.

A very tiring weekend for all. Tana had dinner and took herself to bed on Sunday night when she arrived home, tired puppy.



Karen Stevenson

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W: [gsdct.com/committee-members.asp](http://gsdct.com/committee-members.asp)**Tasmanian Club News September 2023**

We held our annual general meeting in August, welcoming Kristy Hall to the committee and thanking Brooke Summers who stood down this year. We were thrilled to bestow Life Membership on our Treasurer Sandra Parker. Sandra undertakes her duties in an exemplary manner, she is a safe pair of hands and trusted by our members. Sandra is very generous with her time, and in donating equipment and other services. Congratulations Sandra!

We are grateful for the support we receive from the Derwent Valley Council (DVC) who have undertaken important maintenance on the club house. We recently had a break in at the club house and have our fingers crossed that our latest grant application to the Council will be successful!

The grounds which are maintained by the DVC were in immaculate condition for our September Show. Thank you to our judges Robyn Knuckey, and Andrew O'Loughlin who made his Tasmanian debut on Sunday. It was lovely to catchup with life members Jeanie and Greg Priest.

\*Bodecka Ooh La La AZ won Best in Show on Saturday and \*Bodecka Mystique was Runner Up. \*Obama Du Montgison AZ (Imp DEU) took out Best in Show on Sunday and Roxamburg Caught in the Rain was Runner Up.

Donations were gratefully received from Carol Mason, Nicole Irvine, Melissa and Matt Lyall, Belle Parker Homes, Forest Planters PTY LTD, Sandra and John Parker, Anthony and Heather Butler, Pam and Terry Jarvis, Janet and Jurgen Haase, Gabrielle and Evan Peacock. Without this support from our members, it would be difficult to run such high-quality events. A big thank you to Jody and Charlie Rainbird, and Virginia Clayton for a great canteen – those homemade pies were a hit!

Our members Heather and Gordon Mathers, Janet Haase, Gabrielle Peacock, and Sandra and John Parker attended the German Sieger Show this year. Whilst the scheduling on Sunday was a trifle optimistic, we really appreciated the new ring layout with the opportunity to view all classes, and the great atmosphere in the stadium. It was a really professional event and a credit to the new SV show committee.

*Gabrielle Peacock*  
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E: [secretary@gsdcqld.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsdcqld.org.au)**GSDCQ Club NEWS**

The GSDCQ would like to thank the member clubs for agreeing for the GSDCQ to host the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia National Show in Trial. The date for this event is the 30th 31st May and 1st June 2025.

We have several fundraisers for this event with Bunnings Sausage sizzles, as this will be the main method we can fund raise as we have no access to the canteen. Though we will be running a major raffle to be announced after the National in Adelaide next year.

Quite a few Queensland members attended the very well run GSDCA National in Melbourne and the results were great with 71 QLD members dogs entered 69 exhibited. Of the 24 classes QLD members won 12 classes

57 of the 68 dogs entered were placed in the top 10

- 2 Challenges
- 2 Reserve Challenges
- 2 Gold Medals
- 2 Silver Medal
- Breeders Group

*Congratulations to you all.*

The GSDCA National Show saw our very own Laura Smicke as one of the judges, well done Laura, we are lucky to have you as our Obedience Coordinator.

After our July General meeting the GSDCQ membership now stands at 275 We are slowly growing, and we have reintroduced the discount vouchers for breeders to give to their puppy buyers to join the club.

Our biggest show event this year was the Double Header Championship Shows and Trial in July with 2 overseas judges. Mandy McAteer (UK) and Albert Balmer (Ireland) and 2 very special police dogs received a QLD club Service award. We had entries of 100 on the Saturday and 90 on the Sunday, which we were very pleased with. The judges were very well received, and it was a delight to host them and Coin McAteer and Claire Balmer. They enjoyed themselves that much they are going to come back to watch the GSDCA National in



2025. Our Restricted obedience trial was judged by Coral Pethers, and entries were up on previous years, great to see.

We had an EPIC catalogue 70 pages of wonderful information collated by our very own Kylie Zimmerlie

We had 2 Breed Surveys prior to the Championship Shows with 13 dogs presenting.

Our thanks to Carol ORourke and Robyn Knuckey who officiated at the first survey. Our thanks also to Carol ORourke, Robyn Knuckey, Jo Cathie, Melanie Groth and Louis Donald, who were the surveyors for the 2nd Survey.

The 3rd Obedience Course is underway run by the club, and its great to see SHOWIES out their with their dogs, as well as committed pet owners.

We have had some terrific events for the working fraternity with Unrestricted Rally trial 14th May, Double Tricks Trial 16th July, another one on the 4th November 15th July, Endurance Trial, and 2 restricted Obedience trials on the 8th July and 24th September in conjunction with the State Breed Exhibition.

We have recently implemented a training roster for Wednesday nights and Sunday training is doing well.

We have had a few problems with firing the gun, the firing of the gun has been reinstated at Wednesday Night training and on Sunday if there are no other shows on the ground.

We are currently working with Dogs QLD to provide a satisfactory solution to the firing of the gun. We will be firing the gun at the commencement of both our Members competition and State Breed, so that we don't interfere with other clubs and breeds showing their dogs on the grounds. We are discussing with Dogs QLD moving all our events to the Lure Coursing area so we can fire the gun without any restrictions.

Recent events in Queensland with 3 dog attacks have put our breed in the firing line, and given that there is currently a Government Investigative committee looking at changes to the Companion Dog and Cat act we have to be vigilant and pro-active to ensure that our members and breed are not disadvantaged. The GSDCQ reached out to the GSDCA for assistance, and the Sub Committee headed by Yvonne Yun, stepped up to the plate. A Legislative committee was formed, we were also joined by Dogs QLD, Rottweiler Club, Cattle and Kelpie Club and Nanango Obedience Club, a joint -submission was prepared and submitted and will be sent to the members. What is really great about this committee is it has galvanized and united not only GSD representatives but also includes different breeds representatives, and Dogs QLD.

I wish to inform the members that Sue Bruno has stepped down as Show Secretary, and on behalf of the club we thank Sue for all her hard work and stepping up when we really needed a Show Secretary. This role has now been taken on by Catherine Walker with a firm commitment

to be there for the 2025 GSD National Show and Trial.

The club is looking forward to their last event of the year with a breed survey on 23rd September followed by our members competition with Jess Kada, and on the Sunday 24th September the State Breed with Alistair Henderson judging.

Regards

*Sharon Thorp*  
President GSDCQ 2023



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