

German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Introduction

The Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

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It is with great pleasure that I present the 2023 Annual Report of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA).

The Annual Report includes the activities and involvement of the Council, including the audited financial statements of the Council covering the financial year 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023, and the work undertaken by the GSDCA Executive, Position Holders, and Member Clubs during the year.

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

On behalf of the Executive, we thank Member Clubs for their commitment and dedication to the German Shepherd Dog, supporting the many disciplines our dogs undertake i.e. show, trial, breeding, breed survey, assistance dogs, public pet expos etc. in an effort to help showcase our breed across the country.

I trust you will enjoy reading the information contained in this report.

Janet Haase
Honorary Secretary

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The GSDCA Executive 2023

President	Mr Sean Lynch
National Breed Commission	Mr Ian Urie
Judges Committee	Ms Melanie Groth
Secretary	Mrs Janet Haase
Treasurer	Mr Peter Flynn
Obedience Committee	Mr Alastair Henderson
Editor Quarterly National Review	Mrs Yvonne Yun

Position Holders

Breed Health & Wellbeing Committee Chair	Dr Candy Baker
HD/ED Registrar	Mr Doug West
NBC Registrar	Ms Melanie Groth
Dog Database Coordinator	Mr Frank Moody
Title Verification Officer	Mrs Jenny DeLucia
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr Vince Tantaró
Trophy Officer	Mr Terry Jarvis
Webmaster	Ms Jacinta Poole
Youth Coordinator	Ms Chelsea Bird
Breed Research and Legislation Officer	Mr John Fenner
Public Relations Officer	Vacant
Public Officer	Mr Brenton Lowes
Historian	Vacant

Member Club Committees For 2023

ACT German Shepherd Dog Association

President	Sasha Beljanski
Vice President	Sean Hodson
Secretary	Wolf Meffert
Treasurer	Mona Wood
Asst Secretary	Jenny Kenworthy



German Shepherd Dog League

President	Jessica Kada/Graeme Stevenson
Vice President	Grant Morton/Terry Jarvis
Secretary	Cassie Booth/Fay Stokes
Treasurer	Mani Singhai/Janice Hood
Training Coordinator	Cathy Shayler/Wayne Wagstaff
Breed Affairs Administrator	Melanie Groth/Matthew Morris

Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC

President	Paul York
Vice President	Sean Lynch
Secretary	Kay York
Treasurer	Rose Vitullo

German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland

President	Sharon Thorp
Vice President	Kylie Zimmerle
Secretary	Garry Williams/Tracey Rehberg
Treasurer	Fred Flower
Breed Affairs Administrator	Peter Hersant
Obedience Coordinator	Laura Schimke

German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia

President	John De Lucia
1 st Vice President Obedience	Jenny De Lucia
2 nd Vice President Breed Affairs	Andrew O'Loughlin
Secretary	Stephen Collins
Treasurer	Peter Flynn
Breed Affairs Administrator	Andrew O'Loughlin
Obedience Coordinator	Jenny De Lucia

German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania

President	Janet Haase
Vice President	Tass Massis



Secretary	Gabrielle Peacock
Treasurer	Sandra Parker
Breed Affairs Administrator	Lorraine Massis
HD/ED Administrator	Carol Mason
Public Officer/Show Secretary	Russell Lowery

German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria

President	Vince Ebejer
	Tony Mercieca (Dec23)
Vice President	Tony Mercieca
Secretary	Deanne Jackson
Treasurer	Fiona Henderson
Breed Affairs Administrator	Vince Tantaro
Training Administrator	Les Rudling
	Sharon Hargreaves (Oct 23)

German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia

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



President's Report - Sean Lynch

I would like to welcome you all to the 2023 AGM of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. We have decided to have this meeting as a face to face after the success of the NBC and judges meeting in August earlier this year, even so I believe the GSDCA will continue to utilise the zoom style meeting format into the future as this have proven to be a massive cost saver to the GSDCA and the member clubs, it is certainly the way of the future and we hope to be able to use it with the face to face meetings on a rotational basis.

49th National

The 49th National saw the return of international judges to our shores. We welcomed Mrs Heather Macdonald and Mr Malcolm Griffiths, both very well known to us all. Malcolm has been visiting Australia since the seventies and Heather over the last 10 years has had a lot of involvement not only judging but also as our Continental Director. Both judges were well received and did an amazing job.

Our obedience classes judged by Ms Laura Schimke doing the CCD and Rally Novice, Mrs Kim Houlden judging our UD and Novice and Rally Excellent, Mr Charlie Giles judging our Open and Rally Master classes and finally Ms Elaine Temby judging our UD and Rally Advanced. It was a pleasure to watch the dogs compete. I would like to congratulate the Victorian Obedience team for a very well organised event, certainly a highlight of the National.

Our youth officer Ms Chelsea Bird had the honour of judging our Junior Handlers.

Congratulations must go to Harleen Kaur, Jayde Kelly, and Harrison Bland in the under 10 years and to Avery Kelly, Pippa Murphy, and Cooper Wisdom in the under 13 years - who all look like super handlers for the future.

In the 13 to under 19 years - congratulations to Paris Turoczy, Ella Campbell, Cienna Acciarresi, Tahlia Parsons, Tyson Tipene, Joel Clarke, Christia Rayner, and Lazar Dydakovic. Well done to all I am sure I will see you handling at different shows around the country.

All in all, the Victorian Club did an amazing job, very well organised, the grounds looked awesome, the catering was first class. Thank you to the team at the Victorian GSD Club on a job well done.

50th National

This year we will mark a milestone in our history as we celebrate our 50th National GSD Show and Trial. This show will be held in beautiful Adelaide, our confirmation judges will be Herr Rainer Mast and Herr Wolfgang Hassgall, both SV judges from Germany. While in the obedience we welcome Mr Brian Fielder, Mrs Jan Brabham, Mr Peter Dynan, and Mrs Donna Vigor. This is going to be an amazing event and one that you should attend.

Over the past year, here is a brief snapshot of what we have achieved:

- Introduced monthly executive reports so that the membership is well informed on the activities of the Council - these are circulated to club secretaries for distribution of their



membership and posted on the GSDCA website for members whose clubs do not keep them abreast of activities.

- Held an open forum for members with the Continental Director to answer questions about the WUSV and Harmonisation at the 2023 National Show and Trial.
- Met with Vice President of the SV, Daniele Strazzeri, to brief him on the activities of the GSDCA and its member clubs, provide background and history and an in-depth look at our Breed improvement schemes. This provided an excellent segway for meetings with the newly elected SV executive at the 2023 Sieger Show.
- Delivered workshops and presentations for judges and surveyors.
- Held ZAP demonstrations across Australia, trained further ZAP coordinators for clubs that do not have resident surveyors.
- Developed the protocols for ZAP assessments and fine-tuned the applications processes.
- Met with WUSV Board members and countries under Heather McDonald's Continental Directorship at the 2023 Sieger Show
- Repaired the damaged relationships with the Council and WUSV/SV and achieved a positive platform moving forward.
- Provided the WUSV with a 30-page document on the activities of the GSDCA and member clubs over its history.
- Developed, updated, and distributed the GSDCA gradings guidelines.

WUSV

This year we witnessed a new President and board. I am looking forward to the future with the WUSV as I do believe the new administration understand the issues that many countries are dealing with, and this will lead to a more sustainable future. We will keep the clubs up to date with as things happen.

Executive Members

I would like to point out the achievements of our two retiring Executive members.

Yvonne Yun not only has produced our German Shepherd Dog Quarterly National Review over the last 3 years but has undertaken the responsibility of chairing a committee to look into the NSW Dog Act, preparing a paper for the Animal Welfare Bill and representing the GSDCA at Parliament (NSW), for this work that most people don't see, I thank you and very much appreciate the work you have done.

Melanie Goth has been our Judges Chair for the last two years, during this time she has represented the GSDCA, once in Germany for the WUSV General Assembly meeting and a second meeting with the Continental Director, also during the year she travelled to Wagga to meet with



the new WUSV Vice President. I would like to thank Mel for taking time out of her holidays to attend these meetings on behalf of the GSDCA.

Melanie also put together a grading guide for all judges including an excellent section on the GSD teeth. Conducted ZAP training and many presentations for various meetings during her term. Thank you, Mel, you went well beyond what was expected.

At this time, I would like to thank the Executive members on the wonderful job they have all done over the years and best of luck in the upcoming election. To Yvonne Yun and Mel Groth who have decided to retire, I thank you for your assistance, loyalty, and advice over the last few years.

Sean Lynch
GSDCA President_



Treasurer's Report – Peter Flynn

2022/2023 Financial Year

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

I can report that the GSDCA made an Operating Loss for the year of \$(6,895) compared to an Operating Surplus of \$26,016 last year. A deterioration of \$33,011. The main reasons for the deterioration are:

- Quarterly National Magazine (\$16602)
- NBC/Judges Meeting (\$9932)
- Affiliation Fees (\$2032)
- New Equipment (\$2036)
- Trophies (\$2040)
- GST historical correction (\$1597)
- Breed Surveys (\$1381)
- HD/ED \$540
- Other (\$693)

The cost of producing the QNR increased by \$2388 although the number of magazines produced dropped by 1930 for the year. Which was mainly due to increased printing costs due to increased number of pages plus increased charges from the supplier. There was also a drop in the number of member subscriptions revenue of \$11,932, plus a drop in advertising revenue by \$2,255. For your information below are the member club subscriptions for this financial year and last year.

	2021/2022 FY					
	Oct	Feb	May	Aug	Total	Income
ACT	212	126	179	182	699	\$4,767.18
Victoria	1483	1708	1270	1487	5948	\$40,565.36
Queensland	152	143	152	160	607	\$4,139.74
West Australia	250	261	252	256	1019	\$6,949.58
New South Wales	282	234	253	261	1030	\$7,024.60
South Australia	226	165	189	197	777	\$5,299.14
Newcastle	65	34	61	70	230	\$1,568.60
Tasmania	44	49	50	39	182	\$1,241.24
Total	2714	2720	2406	2652	10492	\$71,555.44



	2022/2023 FY					
	Dec	Feb	June	Aug	Total	
ACT	107	111	107	93	418	\$ 2,850.76
Victoria	1674	736	1173	1172	4755	\$ 32,429.10
Queensland	141	147	167	167	622	\$ 4,242.04
West Australia	267	268	289	288	1112	\$ 7,583.84
New South Wales	191	203	237	237	868	\$ 5,919.76
South Australia	117	132	179	180	608	\$ 4,146.56
Newcastle	57	59	77	91	284	\$ 1,936.88
Tasmania	34	10	37	38	119	\$ 811.58
Total	2588	1666	2266	2266	8786	\$ 59,920.52
	Variance					
ACT	-105	-15	-72	-89	-281	-\$ 1,916.42
Victoria	191	-972	-97	-315	-1193	-\$ 8,136.26
Queensland	-11	4	15	7	15	\$ 102.30
West Australia	17	7	37	32	93	\$ 634.26
New South Wales	-91	-31	-16	-24	-162	-\$ 1,104.84
South Australia	-109	-33	-10	-17	-169	-\$ 1,152.58
Newcastle	-8	25	16	21	54	\$ 368.28
Tasmania	-10	-39	-13	-1	-63	-\$ 429.66
Total	-126	-1054	-140	-386	-1706	-\$ 11,634.92

The NBC/Judges Meeting was held face to face in Adelaide this year which resulted in travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for the Council Executive members, compared to last year where the meeting was held via Zoom. The increase in affiliation fees was an increase in WUSV fees with an increase in our member declaration. The new equipment purchase included a new laptop for the secretary \$1288, HD&ED printer repair \$521, and upgrade of the NBC Registrars' laptop of \$227. The increase in the Trophies cost is due to the council paying for the Sam Bonifacio Breeders Trophy and LSC Breeders Trophy for 2019 and 2023 National Shows held in Melbourne (Note: the GSDL did not invoice the council for these trophies for the 2022 National). The GST correction is a historical adjustment that goes back to 2018 and was made in consultation and agreement with the auditor.

As at September 30, 2023 the council's cash balances totalled \$153,075 which is an increase of \$38,848 compared to the \$114,227 back in September 30, 2022. The main reasons for the improvement are:

- Increase in Payables \$25,899
- Decrease in Receivables \$12,268
- Decrease in Inventories \$ 7,666
- Operating Loss \$(6,985)



The increase in Payables was mainly the amount owing to Maroondah Printing for the QNR printing and distribution that was invoiced in August 2023, and paid for after the year end in October 2023. The decrease in Receivables was that on September 30, 2022, the QNR invoices to the clubs were outstanding and paid in October 2022. The decrease in

Inventories was due to the council ordering 1000 Standard Conformation Medals at a cost of \$8,425 (excluding GST) in 2022 reduced by sales in 2023.

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

Peter Flynn

Treasurer

German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia



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Independent auditor's report to the committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, the statement of income and expenditure, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 September 2023, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Association's constitution.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Members of the Executive are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

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

William Buck

William Buck (SA)
ABN: 38 280 203 274

G. W. Martinella

G.W. Martinella
Partner

Dated this 30th day of November 2023.

Audit Report 2023 (GSDCA)



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 6:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc as at 30 September 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In accordance with the ACT Associations Incorporations Act, 1991, the Committee of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 September 2023:

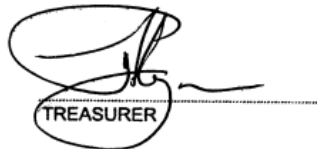
- (a)
 - (i) no officer of German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc;
 - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
 - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;

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

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

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


PRESIDENT


TREASURER

Dated: 18th day of December 2023



Secretary's Report - Janet Haase

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude to my fellow executives for the invaluable assistance and support they provided as I stepped into the secretary's role in February 2023. It was daunting following the footsteps of Lyn Phillis and Val Moody, both of whom set such high standards during their term in office.

I would like to thank two people in particular, Melanie Groth and Gabrielle Peacock, for their ongoing assistance, support, and advice.

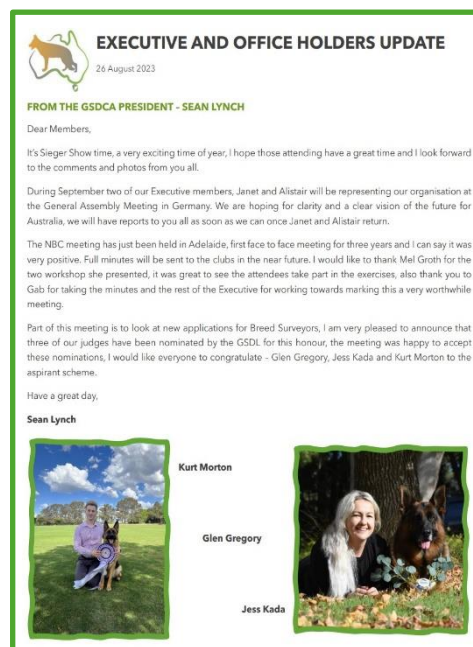
Gabrielle has acted as the unofficial Assistant Secretary, helping me with a myriad of tasks during the year. I always worked best in an atmosphere of collaboration and teamwork; therefore, I have really enjoyed working together on tasks with Gabrielle and utilising her extensive corporate and governance knowledge.

Melanie has been such a support, always ready to help and share her knowledge and expertise. She has vast understanding of our organisation and brings her eye for detail and structure to all things she does. Her writing skills are exceptional as is her ability to take an idea and document it clearly.

Reflecting on the recent activities of the Council, it is evident that the role of the secretary has grown. The compilation and distribution of monthly correspondence lists and the provision of regular executive updates to member clubs have significantly contributed to fostering effective communication and transparency within our organisation. I encourage all club secretaries to ensure they share the Executive Update to their membership as it plays a crucial role in keeping our members informed and engaged.

One of challenges I face in the secretary's role is obtaining timely information or feedback from member clubs. Whilst the majority of clubs respond promptly there are a few of clubs who are consistently very slow to reply or ignore the correspondence completely. It would be of great assistance if all clubs responded to correspondence within the timeframe required.

One noteworthy achievement during this period was the successful production of the GSDCA Breeding Program Progress Report. This comprehensive report meticulously outlines the Council's achievements, milestones, and ongoing efforts in advancing the standards of breeding within our community. I would like to extend my appreciation to Melanie Groth who contributed significantly to the creation of this document.



I had the privilege of representing the Council at two World Union of German Shepherd Clubs (WUSV) meetings. These international forums provided valuable insights, fostered international collaboration, and allowed us to share our experiences on a global platform.

Detailed reports of these meetings have been compiled and shared with the Council members. The exchange of information is vital in ensuring that our Council stays aligned with global best practices and continues to make informed decisions for the betterment of the German Shepherd breed in Australia.

Much appreciation must be accorded to Melanie Groth for her contribution to the Council in her role as Judges Committee Chairperson. She has provided outstanding leadership and guidance, both in her own portfolio and as a member of Executive.

As we move forward, I hope we can continue to work together towards the betterment of the German Shepherd breed in Australia.

Thank you once again for your trust and collaboration.

Janet Haase

Secretary GSDCA

Congratulations are extended to the following who received Awards at the 49th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2023 held in Victoria.

GSDCA SERVICE AWARDS:

Congratulations are extended to the following people that received the "GSDCA Service Award" at the 49th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2023 for their dedication to the German Shepherd Dog and continued support and commitment at Club and Council Level

- Jacinta Poole
- Dawn Fraser
- John De Lucia - Retiring Executive Officer
- Lyn Phillis - Retiring Executive Officer

GSDCA SPECIALIST JUDGES BADGE:

The GSDCA has a long-established aspirant/mentoring scheme that is designed to build the skills and confidence of newly licenced specialist judges who wish to contribute to the further development of the breed in Australia.



At the 49th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2023 the GSDCA President Mr Sean Lynch and GSDCA Judge's Chair, Ms Melanie Groth, presented GSDCA Specialist Judges Badge and certificate to:

■ Andrew O'Loughlin

GSDCA OUTSTANDING CANINE SERVICES AWARD:

Congratulations to Police Dog Zeus and Leading Senior Constable Simon Knight and A/Senior Sergeant Mark Boysen who received the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award at the 29th National German Shepherd Show and Trial 2023.

GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS FOR 2023

Congratulations to the following junior members who were presented with the GSDCA Junior Showmanship Award at the 49th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2023.

7 Years to Under 10
Harleen Kaur
Jayde Kelly
Harrison Bland

10 to Under 13 Years
Avery Kelly
Pippa Murphy
Cooper Wisdom

13 Years to Under 19 years
Paris Turoczy
Ella Campbell
Cienna Acciarresi
Tahlia Parsons
Tyson Tipene
Joel Clarke
Christia Rayner
Lazar Dydakovic.



GSDCA OBEDIENCE AWARDS 2023:

GSDCA BEST COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG	GSDCA PERFORMANCE DOG	EXCELLENT HANDLER
*Ch Hasenway Daddy Cool AZ CCD SWN RN	*Uhlmsdorf Russian Roulette (AI) AZ CDX	Not Awarded

HONOUR ROLL

Medal Winners - Stock Coat - DOGS		
GOLD	*Kaster van Contra (imp Deu)	Owner: J Kada, J Haase, Booth, J Haase, G Peacock
SILVER	*Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam (imp Hun)	Owner: J Petreski & B Pereira
BRONZE	*Obama Du Montgison (Imp Deu)	Owner: S Parker, S Bick, J Carter, B Blythe
Medal Winners - Stock Coat - BITCHES		
GOLD	*Ch Cinderhof Italiaa	Owner: J Cathie & K Zimmerle
SILVER	*Sadria What A Storm	Owner: S Morrissey
BRONZE	*CH Vladimir Supercalifragilistic	Owner: G & K Morton

Medal Winners - Long Stock Coat - DOGS		
GOLD	*Ch Babenberg Valentino	Owner: Babenberg Kennels
SILVER	*Ch Eroica Ice Ice Baby	Owner: K Williams & C Leonard
BRONZE	*Ch Jayshell Rickodo	Owner: V & D Wisdom
Medal Winners - Long Stock Coat - BITCHES		
GOLD	*Ch Kaygarr Esther	Owner: G & K Williams
SILVER	*Ch Eroica Nova	Owner: J Bird, C Bird & K Leonard
BRONZE	*Ch Lordavo Royal Symphony	Owner: D & L Organ

Medal Winners - Obedience		
GOLD	Hillmagic Laranga Bono	Owner: A Macdonald
SILVER	*Harlerose Angel	Owner: J Urie
BRONZE	Kaperville Gossip Girl	Owner: R Ballantyne



MEMORIAL PLAQUES AND TROPHIES		
Walter Reimann Memorial Trophy <i>Open Dog Winner (SC)</i>	*Kaster van Contra (imp Deu)	Owner: J Kada, J Haase, Booth, J Haase, G Peacock
Roy Brabham Memorial Trophy <i>Open Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	*Ch Cinderhof Italiaa	Owner: J Cathie & K Zimmerle
Hans-Juergen Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque <i>Open Dog Winner (LSC)</i>	*Ch Babenberg Valentino	Owner: Babenberg Kennels
Thomas Roger Luxton Memorial Plaque <i>Open Bitch Winner (LSC)</i>	*Ch Kaygarr Esther	Owner: G % K Williams
Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque <i>Intermediate Dog (SC)</i>	Ch Debbar Quall	Owner: D Okeefe
James William Henry Rodger Memorial Plaque <i>Intermediate Bitch Winner (SC)</i>	Lozani Panama	Owner: Z Petreski
Barry O'Rourke Memorial Plaque <i>Junior Dog (SC)</i>	Freinhauf Uther	Owner: JL Redmond
Max Stokes Memorial Plaque <i>Junior Bitch (SC)</i>	Cinderhof Cerseii	Owner: J Cathie, M Groth & G Donald
David O'Rourke Memorial Plaque <i>Dual Performance Winner</i>	*Eroica Jethro	Owner: C Whitford & C Leonard
Rick Richardson Memorial Plaque <i>Obedience Winner of Winners</i>	Hillmagic Laranga Bono	Owner: A Macdonald
Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy <i>Most Successful Stock Coat Breeder</i>	Cinderhof Kennels	Owner: J Cathie
GSDCA Long Stock Coat Breeders Trophy <i>Most Successful Long Stock Coat Breeder</i>	Eroica Kennels	Owner: C Leonard
Breeders Group Trophy	Cinderhof Kennels	Owner: J Cathie



GSDCA 2023 RETIRING DOGS:

Congratulations to Wulkano-Uno von Schnitzerteam (imp Hun) who, after an illustrious show career retired at the 49th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 2023.



Member Club President's Report

President ACTGSDA - Mr. Sasha Beljanski

Our Obedience school, the mainstay of the organisation, has been very well attended over the year. A special thanks and appreciation to the instructors for their dedicated support and participation.

As happens every year we have been closed a few times this year for different activities as Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), is an ACT Government owned and operated facility. This means that the grounds can be leased to other organisations, and this has been a major issue over the years. Annual events conducted at EPIC such as the Spilt Milk, Summernats, The Canberra Royal Agricultural Show and the Folk Festival all severely impact on the standard of our grounds.

We would like to congratulate club committee member Glenn Gregory for obtaining his Breed Surveyor License.

Our yearly dual show was returned back to the October long weekend. We again managed to contract two overseas judges Mr Rene Jorgensen (Denmark) and Mr Jens Becker-Olsen (Spain).

The show numbers were reduced this year which seems to be happening Australia wide. Which might mean we as an organisation may need to look at reducing the number of shows we are holding.

We have had numerous 'Scent Trials' in conjunction with Dogs ACT. These have been again very successful.

We held one Breed Survey this year on the 21st May.

We anticipate adding additional activities such as ZAP testing in the new year.

President GSDL - Jessica Kada

On behalf of the Management Committee of the 2022-23 German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc, I am very pleased to be able to provide this report for the GSDCA Annual General Meeting.

I would like to start by thanking our outgoing committee for all their hard work throughout 2022 and 2023.

The committee ventured into this commitment in 2021 with an intention of moving the club forward, bringing the GSDL into the 21st century and implementing new and exciting initiatives for our club members. I am very pleased that we have managed to achieve this and more.



Financially the GSDL is in an excellent position, with 2023 being the first year in some time to finish the year in a profit. This has been attributed to the responsible management of expenses and initiatives by GSDL committee members. Careful planning and organisation delivering an increase in income from investment in fixed deposit interest, canteen revenue, merchandise, raffles, and promotional items leading to overall profit for the club.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our judges who have officiated this year, many of whom had their first NSW appointment – Mrs Butterfield, Mr Pittelli, Mr Cooke, Mr Fenner, Mrs Brabham, and Mrs Eastwood (UK). Our show season for 2023 was busy, we held a total of 6 shows across the calendar. Our outgoing Show Secretary, Kurt Morton has done a wonderful job this year coordinating judges and ensuring our shows always ran efficiently and smoothly.

In 2023, Mani Singhal nominated for the position of Treasurer, and she has been a breath of fresh air. The role of Treasurer for a club the size of ours is not only time consuming, but also essential to have someone on board with such experience. In addition, the added requirements we have for an incorporated organisation are something we cannot take for granted and thank fully all our financial requirements were in the very capable hands of Mani this year. Mani has also gone above and beyond her role, in the interest of ensuring our club moves forward in the best possible way and that our members have a great club for many years to come. Having Mani in this role has certainly put my mind at ease knowing our club finances were in great hands.

As a committee we have enjoyed two years as a team of fantastic, likeminded people. We have continued to listen to our members and implement new and exciting initiatives. Unfortunately, however, our committee has also endured resistance to change.

During our time, we have been fortunate enough to achieve a long list of items for our members:

- 2022 National Show & Trial -Conducted under extremely difficult conditions, including moving to another ground, working around COVID delays and flooding. This was accomplished with only 6 months preparation time.
- Commenced and conducted Online meetings – Committee and General meetings to provide all members, regardless of their geographical location, with easier access to be involved in their club
- Established Electronic Banking
- Re-activated Obedience and Rally-O Trials to cater for our Obedience members and make the League inclusive again
- Fundraising for the club
 1. Raffles at Shows & Online
 2. Catalogue Advertising
 3. Christmas Calendars
 4. Sourced extensive sponsorship
sponsors secured – K9 Pro, Bunnings, Vebo, Sires On Ice, Goldmaid Images
- Major Food Sponsor ROYAL CANIN Sponsorship agreement in 2022 and 2023 and secured for another year (2024)
- Commenced Online forms and access for members – Membership Renewal & HDED Applications now accessible online



- Canteen - sadly our canteen had been non-existent for about a decade , so we were very excited to be able to provide this service to our members again, and pass on a percentage of any profit made, as a donation to our GSDL Welfare.
- Survey generated and delivered to involve members and seek feedback to guide decision making and include all members in the running of our club and inform regarding future events
- ZAP Tests initiated and up & running
- Members Social Walks - Introduced and conducted, a new and exciting initiative bringing our members and their dogs together and promoting our breed with the public
- Continued Term deposits. Profitable options researched, explored, and initiated to safeguard our members funds and earn decent interest and income for the club.
- Re-structure and development of the GSDL Puppy Booklet

Breed Surveys

We held a total of 6 surveys throughout 2023 and the League has surpassed its numbers for 2022 and continued the upward trend of more animals being classified into the Breed Survey system. This is a pleasing result for the club to see members continuing to support the Breed Survey scheme.

Year	No.	Classified	Fail	Total
2023 YTD	5	30	5	35
2022	5	27	3	30
2021	3	28	1	29
2020	5	23	3	26

At the August NBC/Judges meeting of the GSDCA, we welcomed three GSDL members into the aspiring surveyors' scheme. Glenn Gregory, Jessica Kada and Kurt Morton were all supported by the League to join the GSDCA aspirant breed survey scheme and their applications were accepted.

The GSDL held a ZAP assessment in February this year. The GSDCA Obedience Chair, Alastair Henderson attended to guide us in the GSDL's first official assessment. Nine animals participated and were deemed competent in this assessment. A second ZAP assessment is scheduled for November.

Trials

This year we brought Obedience & Rally-O Trials back to the GSDL Calendar. In October we opened the trials to the Working Dog Group, and this was extremely successful for the club. We had 51 entries for both Trials and the entire process was very well received. It was lovely to be able to have the presentations in the Clubhouse, and to have fabulous trophies and ribbons available for the exhibitors.

We would hope that trials will continue in the future as well as continue to be open to the working dog group through the contracting of quality Obedience and Rally Judges.



HDED

This year we implemented an online application process for the HD & Elbow contracts via the GSDL website, which was met with great enthusiasm from our members. This process allowed a faster process for our members to obtain their contracts.

GSDL Socials

During the year we ran two social walks along the Nepean River in Penrith. There was a lovely turn out of GSD owners attending on both occasions and it was wonderful to see so many GSD's in a social setting being beautifully behaved. We received so many positive comments from the public, many of which took the opportunity with great enthusiasm, to film us and take photos. A wonderful way to promote our breed, which I hope continues.

We now have an Instagram page linked with our Facebook page, created to reach a wider audience and update our members on a wider scale through the use of social media.

Our audience on Facebook has grown exponentially, with high engagement and the response rate is up 75% to general queries.

Fundraising - Our 2022 Christmas calendars were a very successful way of fundraising money for the club. We also ran 3 very successful raffles throughout 2023 which were very well received by our members who enjoyed some fabulous prizes.

The GSDL was also represented by our publicity team, at several events throughout the year. These are a great way of promoting our wonderful breed to the public.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who have supported me in my role as President over the last two years. It has certainly been a learning curve but one which I have enjoyed thoroughly. I leave the position knowing that our committee has done a marvellous job for our club and knowing that as we pass the responsibility onto the incoming committee, the club is in a great position ready to move forward into 2024 and beyond.

President N&HRGSDC - Paul York

2023 has been a great year for the Newcastle and Hunter Region GSDC.

Our finances have remained stable despite having approximately \$55k in capitol works. Our shows have been successful and have been conducted with all exhibitors exhibiting great sportsmanship and they have been held with a really positive atmosphere.

Grounds

This year the weather Gods have been much kinder than last year and it made conducting our annual show much easier. Wayne Garner has once again done a wonderful job in keeping the grounds pristine. This year both Exhibitors and Judges have left the grounds singing the praises of Hillsborough.



Capital Works

Some of the completed capital works projects are listed below.

- New Office
- Judging and Steno undercover area
- New storage shed at rear of new office.

Canteen

This year we once again undertook the task of not only running the canteen for our shows but also for the Northern Districts Rottweiler Club. These proved highly profitable.

Committee

This year it has been a pleasure to work with this bunch of people. It is a fact that not everyone always agrees and that is ok. What is important is that we work together with honesty and respect. This has been the case this year.

I note that Dom has highlighted the need for more obedience trainers. This has to be acknowledged and we must see what can be done to have more assistance given to those that volunteer their time.

Summary

On the whole I think that it has been a great year for the Newcastle and Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club. I believe that we can only get better and stronger.

President GSDC of Queensland - Sharon Thorp

I am pleased to report the club has gone from strength to strength this year. Our membership grew to 274 members.

Our shows were well attended; we were especially pleased with 100 entries for our Championship Show.

Show training on Wednesday and now regular Sundays was well received by members with good attendance most weeks. We have a roster for next year's show training and members have really stepped up to take their turn.

Obedience was reintroduced on Wednesday nights thanks to Laurie Knauth, and although it has been a bit slow starting, to have someone as experienced as Laurie is a real gain for the club. Next year this will be expanded to offer more advanced classes and also, we will be opening obedience training to other breeds.



This year a lot of work was put into a submission to the Government re changes to the Companion Dog Act. This is still a work in progress and the time will come when the suggested changes will be put to the community for their input and comment.

We were granted the 2025 GSDCA National Show and Trial and fundraising is well under way for this event. To date \$16K. We want to make it a fantastic event for all, and hopefully a profitable event for the club. the raffle is a CAR WOW that's a first, Go Big or Go Home.

I would like to say I am very proud to be part of the management committee as they are a great group of people who give selflessly of their time to run the club.

Garry Williams resigned recently as the secretary, due to health concerns re ongoing emails. This was a very sad way for Garry to leave his role, but also very understandable. I would like to thank Garry for all his hard work over the last 3 years. He has always ensured that the members are kept informed and has been my reminder to meet deadlines Thank you Garry you are truly appreciated.

Treasurer, Fred Flower

He is our Treasurer but so much more, not only does he keep the books of the club in top shape, he is there to assist in training, setting up rings, grading certificates, merchandise and also chef extraordinaire the sausage sizzles. I don't think people realise how much this man contributes to the club, need a hand Fred is there, and we are very lucky to have him. I am so pleased he has decided to stay on another year. He reported that the club made a profit this year of \$4,600.00, and the move to electronically sending out membership renewal invoices is working well.

Vice President, Kylie Zimmerle

Kylie's positive promotion of the club on a national level, has reaped benefits for the club. The catalogue she produced for the Championship show was a masterpiece, and her team of Jo and Cathy have brought to fruition the first point score for QLD. This is a wonderful initiative and includes all members of the club. Thanks Kylie, I wonder what new innovation you will bring to the table in 2024.

Minutes Secretary and HDED Registrar, Marcelle Wetzlar

A club couldn't wish for a better minute's secretary, she is so quick to return the completed minutes, Marcelle also took over from Ray Turner this year for HDED due to work commitments was unable to continue, Thank You Ray, and Marcelle stepped up to the plate and has filled this role admirably. The numbers applying for HDED contracts was down this year with 57 contracts issued. Marcelle is not standing next year, and I would like to thank her for all her hard work, including raffle ticket selling it is appreciated.

Breed Affairs Peter Hersant

Peter was new to this role, and he certainly has had a baptism by fire with some of the biggest surveys we have ever had ever, being held this year. Well done Peter and I look forward to working with you next year. In total 37 animals were presented for survey of which 31 were successfully classified.



Show Secretary Catherine Walker.

Catherine took over from Sue Bruno just before our Championship shows this year, a very busy time for a show secretary, and has handled it very well. She now has it all under control and has given her commitment to be here for the 2025 National. Thank you so very much for putting your hand up for this role, it is a big task and I know you are up to it.

A big thank you to Sue Bruno who gave her all for the club for several years in the role of Show Secretary, thank you Sue, now you don't have to sew any more excellents onto ribbons.

Trial Secretary Laura Schimke

Laura just goes along and does her thing in such a calm way, her introduction of rally and tricks to the offering of the club is great and the introduction next year of an Open Trial.

Laura organised 4 Tricks trials, 4 Rally Trials, 1 ET, and 2 Restricted Obedience Trials.

The obedience fraternity have never had so many events

You are a legend Laura, and we are very lucky to have you Thank you.

Editor/Facebook and Website as well as Zone 2 rep, Bronwyn Hurley.

Bronwyn has posted on Facebook before we finish talking about it, to inform the members. I look forward to her newsletters, and she is a valuable part of the management committee, Bronwyn and Alison live feeds of the shows have been very popular and our visits to the clubs facebook page whilst the shows are being live fed are terrific. Thank you, Bronwyn.

Our most northern Subcommittee member Phil Gillies, Zone 3 Rep.

Phil just rocks along up North and always bring some interesting comments to the meetings. Thanks Phil, we look forward to you being the rep in 2024.

A big thank you must go to Jean and Brian Hanford who continue to do Breed Rescue for the club, I can't remember how many years they have been offering this wonderful service. They have reported the numbers of dogs looking for new homes is up this year to 92 and unfortunately only 30 wishing to re-home. Thanks Jean and Brian. The quiet achievers and through your coordination a lot of shepherds have found new homes.

Puppy Listings/Media Officer Annie Tamblyn

Annie cheerfully works away each month on the puppy listings for the club, and on top of that she has worked closely with me with the work on the Govt submission regarding the changes to the Companion Dog act. Also, she tries very hard, to get the media to our events, and depending on what's on has been successful in obtaining TV and press coverage for the club. Annie has reported a significant increase in puppy listings this year from 20 -45. There was only 1 month where there were no listings. Thank you, Annie for the valuable service you do for the club.

A big Thank you to our breed surveyors this year Mrs Carol O'Rourke Mrs Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon and Mr Louis Donald, they have ensured that members have the opportunity to survey their animals and have adjudicated over some big surveys this year. Thank you very much for giving your time for us. It is appreciated.

2 Special mentions Gail Donald for your beautiful photos at all our shows and also at breed survey, and Alison Drinkwater for your live streaming of events. These 2 ladies contribute significantly in



promoting the club through these activates and we are the envy of many a club to have them here in QLD thank you very much ladies

The Queensland club functions as well as it does due to the commitment of the above people. A big thank you to the Management committee of 2023.

On behalf of the GSDCQ Management Committee 2023 we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2024 when we do it all again.

President GSDCSA - John De Lucia

A big thank you to all Committee members and members who have helped and assisted the GSDC of SA throughout the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our major sponsor, Royal Canin, for their generous and continued support of the club. Sales of Royal Canin have once again exceeded our expectations which is very pleasing.

A big thank you to, our Grants portfolio holder, Carl, who has received more grants for the club that will enable us to make much needed improvements to our facilities including new flood lights.

A massive shout out to those who volunteered at the Dogs SA Canteen and BBQ as the monies raised is being put towards the 50th National Show and Trial.

A quiz night was held at the club in 2023 which was exceptionally well attended and enjoyed by all. Four obedience trials were held, four breed surveys and one ZAP assessment.

The club manned a stand at Pet Expo over two days which was very well received by members of the general public who were able to discuss the breed and meet some of our member's dogs.

The Rottweiler Club of SA held their Championship Show at our grounds once again and while numbers were down, it was still a successful event.

The club conducted two Championship Shows, four Members Competitions and one Open Show during the year.

The club once again produced a financial surplus and overall, the club is in a healthy financial position. A full annual report can be found on the club website, gsdcsa.org.au

President GSDCT - Janet Haase

In August the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania held the AGM and elected our new office bearers and committee.



Our new committee:

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

We would like to pass on our sincere thanks to those leaving the committee, Zac Munnings and Brooke Summers and are very pleased to welcome back Kristy Hall. We are grateful to our committee members for dedicating significant time and energy to support the club.

Many of our members are actively involved in the speciality and all breeds show scenes, competing very successfully here in Tasmania and on the mainland. In addition, six of our members travelled to the Sieger Show in 2023. Given the cost and complexity of travel from Tasmania we're pretty proud of our crew.

Communication

The club has been very active on Facebook and found this to be an effective way to communicate to our members and promote our activities. Thank you to our Facebook administrators, Gabrielle Peacock and Maureen Lowery.

Finance

Club finances are in excess of \$10000.00 and all accounts are up to date. The club is in the process of fund raising with two great raffles on the go. We are grateful to the Derwent Valley Council for providing a community grant in October, and for their ongoing support with the beautiful grounds we enjoy on the banks of the Derwent River in New Norfolk.

Events

We enjoyed a super weekend of firsts in March with our inaugural ZAP assessment and a training Boot Camp including a photography session. We successfully ran 5 Championship Shows, 4 Breed Surveys (9 successfully surveyed) and 2 Zap character assessments over the year.

Thank you to all the judges, breed surveyors, stewards (and Kylie Zimmerle!) who made our 2023 events such a success, and of course our small but energetic committee.



Congratulations also to our members who achieved working titles this year, this along with ZAP, has improved our attention to character and working ability along with our traditional focus on the show scene.

Our Saturday training sessions continue to be very well attended - the camaraderie and fun of our weekly get togethers is great for dogs and members alike.

We are a very small club, but we have some very dedicated members who are a super group and I thank them for their hard work and commitment yet again this year.

We are looking forward to our February Shows, Breed Survey and Character Assessment, and to seeing our interstate colleagues during 2024.

President GSDCV - Vince Ebejer

As President of the GSDCV I am pleased to present this report to the GSDCA AGM.

I would like to begin by thanking our major sponsor, Royal Canin for their continued support during the past year and I am pleased to say that they will continue to support us in 2024. Our relationship with Royal Canin has endured for many years and has been to the benefit of not only our exhibitors, but to the general member who has access to this premium product at a discount through our vast branch structure. Our thanks also to our long-time friend, Monash Veterinary Clinic for their support over the years.

Members across the state were able to enjoy training their GSDs, with our larger branches training in excess of 90 GSD on any given Sunday, with our smaller branches training 20+.

In addition to this our Club conducted Trials, Endurance, Rally and Obedience, a Champ Show, our State Breed Exhibition, Open show, Zap Assessments, Structural Assessments and Breed Surveys, 4 Special General Meetings and regular Branch meetings and Management Meetings and a new batch of Instructors.

The largest event for the GSDCV in 2023 was the GSDCA National and RTB Trial - as I'm sure it is for which ever Club hosts the event. The National Show and Trial Liaison report notwithstanding, I'm sure it and our feedback has been circulated, from all reports and unsolicited feedback alike, apart for a few minor hiccups, exhibitors and Judges alike truly enjoyed the event.

While it takes a great deal of effort to run a Club the size of ours in normal circumstances and conduct events, the 'National' places an extra emphasis on the workload. A special thanks to those who put in the effort for the National, planning and execution for months prior, then during the event to set (the show and the obedience) rings up, pull these rings down, move sponsor product to the rings each day, set up the presentation area, do the vest collection, man the meet and greet



BBQ, the Breakfast BBQs, the merchandise tent, the bar (both tent and presentations) the list goes on. The merchandise was again a sell out success and the new sublimation 'T-shirt' being a huge seller as well as a new benchmark for something different. Another highlight was the speed in which results and pictures are posted and the National App. All of these highlights combined speak volumes to the dedication that is the core of the GSDCV.

Final numbers for the 2023 year saw the GSDCV with 2881 members over 1549 units, spread across the 11 branches. Numbers are down on previous years, though are in line with the ebb and flow of puppy births and financial pressures. Even so, the numbers are significant and can only be attributed to our reach across Victoria, our structure, inclusiveness and catering to all our members as well as the belief our committee, instructors and breeders have in our Club.

As always, the GSDCV could not function without the multitudes of volunteers that make the GSDCV what it is, from the committees to instructors to the general helper on the ground, it takes an enormous amount of effort each week and every time we conduct an event, their efforts cannot go unrecognised.

As in previous years, the GSDCV financial statements will be detailed in the GSDCV 2023 Annual report which will be mailed to the GSDCA Secretary as well as each of our affiliate Clubs.

President GSDAWA - Ian Heard/Ian Marr

Ian Heard has asked me to compile this report on his behalf due to his heavy work load while arranging his move back to Albury / Wodonga with Kerrie in January. I would like to add to my personal thanks to both Kerrie and Ian for their friendship and hard work for the club over the years that they have lived over here in the West. We hope that they enjoy their return to the East Coast. On behalf of the Management Committee and all the members of the GSDA we wish you both all the best for the future.

I would like to start this report by offering my grateful thanks to our many volunteers and Office Bearers who freely give up their time working for the benefit of our members. We could not function without the continual dedication of this hard-working group of volunteers. We are always looking for people to join us as a volunteer and I encourage you all to consider "what can I do to help run this great club" There are many ways that you can get involved and if you are interested then you should speak to any member of the Management Committee.

It is very encouraging to see the numbers attending training every Sunday Morning. with the numbers fluctuating a little each week. My thanks go to our hard-working group of Instructors for all they do for the club taking classes every week.



We have, as always, been well supported by our Sponsors during 2023 and I offer my thanks for their help and look forward to more in 2024.

Scarboro Toyota - We offer our thanks to Scarboro Toyota for the many years of support. Special thanks go to Rob van Helvoort for his support over many years. It is sad that the sponsorship has now come to an end.

Animal Health - I offer many thanks to Troy Lyon and his team for their continued support of the GSDA and also for the supply of goods that we sell from the club shop.

Armadale Mower World. - Many thanks to Craig and Armadale Mower World for their continued support with their servicing of our ground equipment on a regular basis.

Petzucka - We welcome Petzucka to our list of sponsors and look forward to the future with the company.

We urge our members to support the sponsors that continue to support us.

President's Report - submitted by Ian Marr on behalf of Ian Heard

The GSDA of WA has run a full calendar of Shows and Obedience trials during 2023 plus a couple of shows at DogsWest. We thank all judges who made the trip to the West to judge our shows, you are always welcome.

I thank Kym Glenny for taking on the role of Obedience Chair when I made the decision to stand for Vice President and I have no doubt that she will be a great asset to the club and the committee. Many thanks to the following people for the work that they do on our behalf during the year - Di Webb and the Trials Committee, Robyn Knuckey and the Show Committee, Natalie Humphries and the Breed Affairs Committee, Kym Glenny and the Trainers/Obedience Committee, Anastasia Hope, the Membership Office, Margaret Adams and her many hats that she wears on behalf of the club, Vicki Beaton, the Hip/Elbow Registrar, Breed Surveys arranged by Leanne Irvine and to all the volunteers that help to keep the club running due to their hard work.

Our membership numbers continue to stay steady which is very pleasing, let's hope this continues into the future.

I once again encourage all of our members to take an active role in making the GSDA a continuing success by offering to help, in any way they can, with the work required to keep operating for the benefit of our great breed. We have an active group of volunteers who have been involved for many years and I'm sure that they would be delighted to see some new members on board.

I have invited the chairs of each of the committees to submit a report and these are listed below: -

Vice-President's Report - Ian Marr

Nothing much to report as I only took on the position in August as a back up to our club President due to the possibility of his early departure to the Eastern States.

I again ran the Lucky Number Raffle with mixed results. If we had sold all 100 numbers it would have enabled us to offer 5 prizes of \$75 but as we only managed to sell 62 numbers this meant only one prize which enabled us to raise \$620 minus one first place prize of \$75 to give us a profit of \$550 which is a nice little fund raiser for the club. I would like to thank one of our members, Hayley Lockhart who kindly donated 5 sets of four homemade coasters as prizes in the raffle. Many thanks Hayley.

Secretary's Report -



There was no Secretaries report submitted for this AGM. Many thanks go to Kerrie Pearce for her work in the role of club secretary over many years. Your work has always been appreciated and we wish you all the very best on your next adventure over in the East.

Minute Secretary - Margaret Adams

I have just taken on the role of Minute Secretary to help our current Secretary, Kerrie Pearce, during her transition period before her return to the Eastern States sometime in January.

All of my tasks are communicating with the general public to paint our breed in a good light and help newbies understand the responsibilities in owning and training our beautiful breed.

Treasurer's Report - Lucy Lubbock

A report on the clubs Finances has been sent into the National Council by the GSDA of WA Treasurer.

Show Chair Report - Robyn Knuckey

For the calendar year of 2023 the GSDA of WA conducted a total of 7 specialist shows consisting of - 3 Championship shows, 3 Members Competitions and the State Breed Exhibition. We generally had lower entries through the middle of the year:-

State Breed Exhibition	Greg Green, Vic	62 entries
1 st Members Competition	Robyn Knuckey WA	40 entries
Walter Martin Memorial Champ Show	Glenn Gregory NSW	40 entries
Rick Richardson Memorial Champ Show	Natalie Humphries WA	38 entries
2 nd Member Competition	Nicky McDermott Vic	32 entries
3 rd Members Competition	John Fenner WA	32 entries
West Coast Challenge Champ Show	Sanjit Mohanty India	70 entries

A cost review across specialist shows in West Australia was conducted at the end of 2022 and an increase in entry fees was agreed to by the Committee for shows in 2023. As we are all aware, the cost of everything has increased in the last two years.

We now fully utilise the use of the Show Manager system with generating catalogues with a new cover. We also use an iPad to electronically record all placings. This has been very successful although this has come with a drawback regarding the Members Competitions. With no intersex competition, it doesn't complete electronically. We have raised this with Jeremy Cook, but it might be useful for a more integrated approach from the GSDCA.

During 2023 we lost a number of members from the Show Committee through resignations. Tracy Roberts & Lee-Anne Shea, most notably as Chair and Deputy Chair. This saw me being elected as interim chair of the committee.

I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of both ladies to support the shows for WA. Sharon Southwick also resigned from the committee but is still involved behind the scenes. Without their considerable input, the trophy tables, rosettes, table set ups would not be of the standard that we are used to. Thankfully these ladies will continue to order trophies and rosettes for all shows and coordinate sponsorships for the SBE & WCC. Jenny Boekelman resigned from the committee in June as she was struggling with a difficult litter and didn't have the time to produce the show catalogues for our shows. I acknowledge the many years that Jenny produced the catalogues for the committee and thank her sincerely. Dominic Auguste was a new member of our committee but



found it hard being an exhibitor and providing support on the day of the show. He is happy to help with taking down the ring at the end of the show.

I must acknowledge the commitment of Kerrie Pearce in her role of Secretary of the Show Committee for many years, her efficient and effective work in getting minutes out quickly and accurately, dealing with correspondence the same way. We wish her well in her new adventures when she and Ian head off back to the Eastern States sometime in January.

The GSDA of WA ran a Building & Amenities Champ Show on behalf of DogsWest during the year and the club applied to run an additional All Breeds Champ Show on the same day. Thanks to Leanne and Kerrie for the amount of work that they put in on behalf of the GSDA. One of the benefits was promoting the GSDA of WA in a positive light within the general canine fraternity and the extra revenue that the All Breeds Champ Show generated for the club.

Many thanks to the hard-working committee over the past 12 months. New members of the show committee are Lucy Lubbock, Sherrie James and John Crace who join Leanne Irvine, Ian Marr, Dorothy Marr, John Fenner, Andy Crace, and Sue Beasley on the committee for 2024.

Breed Affairs Report - Natalie Humphries

I would like to thank the registrars who work hard in this area of Breed Affairs

Breed Survey Registrar - Leanne Irvine has been the registrar for our breed surveys for the past year.

HD/ED Hereditary Diseases Registrar - Vicki Beaton has once again looked after this portfolio thank you Vicki.

Puppy Listing Officer, Stud Dog Registrar, Identification Officer

Margaret Adams has controlled these three areas for many years with her usual dedication for our breed. No matter what time people call up she sends them all the details they need. She is often the first point of contact to the general public and encourages potential new owners to do their homework and research our breed. She also contacts our current breeders on a regular basis to update upcoming litters or new stud dogs. The reuniting of lost dogs to their owners is another job that is on her list. Thank you Margaret.

My fellow Breed Affairs Judges/ surveyors Robyn Knuckey, John Fenner and now retired Honey Gross Richardson are an integral part of the team conducting Breed Surveys, judging shows, Zap assessments and participating in meetings both here and interstate.

Last but not least our wonderful honorary veterinarian Dr Candice Baker who contributes many articles, gives lots of advice and has done the odd talk to members. Candy is always willing to share her knowledge not only as a veterinarian but as a breeder. Thank you, Candy.

Last year we had a talk on GDV (commonly known as Bloat) by Dr Teo (Teffy) Fung BVSc (Hons), MANZCVS (Small animal medicine & Emergency and critical care) Resident in ECC at Waves Vet. I would like to thank the vets who give freely of their precious spare time to come talk to our members.

We now have a big new screen TV and microphone thanks to generous member donation that will make it much easier to present the talks so everyone can hear and see much better from now on.

The next talks I have organised (Dates to be advised) are: -

- Canine Blood Donor program. Could your dog save lives? Ms Chantelle Alexander Registered Veterinary Nurse at Waves Vet.
- Breed Specific Legislation Mr John Fenner Breed Surveyor/Judge.

If anyone would like to make suggestions for talk topics of interest, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to accommodate you.



Obedience Chair Report - Kym Glenny

I have only been in the role of Obedience Chair since our AGM in August so this report will be relatively short,

Our end of year Closed Club Trial & Graduation was held on Sunday 12th November. We had 36 entries across 7 classes. Well done to all competitors, winners, and place getters.

Congratulations to our Trainee Instructor, Heather Hobert, who is now a qualified GSDAWA instructor.

Many thanks to all the Trainers who give up their time week in, week out throughout the year to take classes and help our members learn how to train their dogs.

We have now moved to Wednesday night socialisation classes for the puppies and beginners.

From the 13th December we are on a two week break and will resume the classes on Wednesday 3rd January.

I wish all our members a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Membership Officers Report - Anastasia Hope

As at the 18th December 2023 we have 436 members made up of: -

134 Double memberships	270 members
125 Single memberships	125 members
2 Associate members	2 members
12 Double Life Members	24 members
15 Single Life Members	
15 members	

This is an overall increase of 42 members over the previous year.

We do have some difficulty in retaining our newer members, as many are not renewing after their first year. Reasons given are: too far to travel, work commitments, haven't got the time.

Public Relations Report - Kym Glenny

The third Annual Dogs West Open Day was held on Sunday 2nd April from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

The GSDA of WA was in attendance promoting our breed, Dogs West and Pedigree Dogs.

We were not required to put on any demonstrations this year. a number of GSDA members came along with their dogs to help promote the Breed and Club. The event was well attended by members of the public who had a positive experience with our breed. Many thanks to Karen Westmacott (Trainer), Anastasia Hope (Membership Officer) Iain McIntosh (Trainer) Ian Heard (Club President) Ian Marr (Training Supervisor at the time) along with Dorothy Marr, Jean McCowan, Lucy & Bryn Lubbock, Margaret Adams, Laurel Cowell and Vicki Beaton.

The GSDA held its Annual Children's Christmas Party on the 3rd December on a nice sunny afternoon which didn't get too hot for the children. There were 18 children in attendance for the party. They had games of musical chairs and a treasure hunt for four-year-olds and under. Prizes were given out for both games.

Each child received a bag of lollies on arrival. Food in the way of sandwiches, party pies, sausage rolls, chicken nuggets, mini quiche. crumbed mozzarella sticks and choc chip cookies was available. Santa and his Elf and Santas Reindeer dog pulling a sleigh arrived to the delight of the children. Presents were given out to the excitement of all the children. The bubble blowing presents/prizes were a big hit.

Santa's Reindeer Dog even joined in the musical chairs game. All the children greatly enjoyed the event.



Thank you to all the members who attended with their children and grandchildren and many thanks to Anastasia Hope, Loise Bingley, Brian and Lucy Lubbock, Kerrie Pearce and Ian Heard and Bodie (Jaywynd Balloo) as the Reindeer Dog,

Public Relations Report - Anastasias Hope who filled in for Kym Glenni on the day.

The club held the annual end of year Family Fun Day on Sunday the 19th November.

Approximately 50 members and their dog attended. It was terrific to see a real mix of young puppies right through to older dogs participating in the various games.

We had 7 games for people and their dogs to join in. The obstacle course was hotly contested with 26 entries. The Puppy Recall Race and Find a Treat were for puppies under 6 months with six entries in each. The Tunnel race was very popular with 22 entries, the Limbo had 15 entries, Sausage on a string had 21 entries with Honey Gross-Richardson judging the best trick and had to decide the three best tricks from 14 entries,

The raffle on the day raised \$488 for the club.

21 donations were supplied by club members and 5 local businesses. A full list of all donations will be sent out to all members in recognition of their generous donations.

Special thanks to Iain McIntosh who set up and ran the various events, running all the events very smoothly.

Thanks to Dorothy Marr and Jean McCowan for selling so many raffle tickets on the day. Ian Marr did a great job as MC and calling out the winners of the game prizes and raffle.

The canteen was open and special thanks must go to Louise Bingley and Kerry Daley for providing a great service/ Kerrie Pearce and Karen Westmacott did a great job helping out in many areas and thanks go to them.

Judging by the smiles on all the faces I'd say everyone, and their dogs enjoyed themselves on what was a very successful morning.

Thanks to everyone who helped on the day your efforts were greatly appreciated especially as I had to fill in at the last moment on behalf of Kym Glenni who was unable to attend on the day.

Trials Committee Report - Diane Webb

The Trials Committee chaired by Diane Webb ran their usual quota of Trials (obedience), Rally plus an ET trial.

Editor / Website (Communications) - Margaret Adams

During my time looking after the Website and editing the club newsletter I am very pleased to say that things have gone reasonable smoothly over the past 12 months. Another edition of the newsletter will be sent for Christmas. Information updates via emails are done mostly on a weekly basis.

Puppy Listing - Margaret Adams

Puppy enquiries have dried up a little this year, we can go 2 to 3 weeks without any enquiry, and this is because so many of our breeders advertise via their own Facebook pages. Breeders have just received a letter regarding the importance in using the puppy listings. They received an up to date 4 free training certificates, new membership forms and an updated version of the TS3 form. Some breeders only think to contact the association when they have one or two puppies left.

I have renewed a notice on our Facebook page encouraging the general public to go through the list. We continue to issue several booklets for new puppy buyers, also I am trying to help breeders and our rescue people by alerting the general public that occasionally we are looking for homes



for older dogs. The identification process apart from the usual searching on behalf of our rescue group, S.A.F.E. PERTH, has also enabled me to help people, who have taken on an older dog, to paint a bit of a pedigree picture of their dog.

Many thanks for the above reports which were put together at very short notice, unfortunately I didn't get all the reports due to the difficulty in receiving all reports at such short notice my apologies to anyone who missed out and we will try to ensure it doesn't happen next year.



National Breed Commission Report – Ian Urie

I wish to thank again the Registrars and Officers who form part of and contribute to the Breed Commission throughout the year. I will make special mention of our HD/ED Registrar Doug West, who has held this position since 1984. Thank you, Doug, for virtually half a lifetime of dedication to this portfolio, and for the work you did in helping to establish the database that we all now take for granted. Thank you as well to our ever-reliable NBC Registrar Melanie Groth, for managing the collation and publication of Breed Surveys from all States. Thanks, must also go to Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair Dr Candice Baker, Title Verification Officer Jenny De Lucia, and National Database Coordinator Frank Moody.

There has been a lot of work done this year within my portfolio, especially by the Working Party who were tasked with establishing a digital platform for our Hip and Elbow scheme. The invaluable I.T. knowledge and skills of our Website Officer Jacinta Poole has resulted in the creation of a process for online application and payment for HD/ED forms, and a digital portal for submission of x-rays to our radiologists and prompt receipt of results by email. This will bring our scheme into the 21st century and will hopefully substantially shorten the timeframe for receiving results, which has resulted from reliance on the postal system and submission of x-rays on physical media. The new system will be demonstrated at the AGM, and will hopefully come online for members shortly, following approval by the Clubs.

We were also asked last year to investigate the sourcing of statistics relating to GSD Hips and Elbows from the CHEDS/ORCHID database, and our database officer Frank has made inquiries via the ANKC Health Committee Chair Dr Karen Hedberg. We would need to apply for and pay a fee for each download from their database, but at this stage I do not believe the expense would be justified, because it appears that only one stud dog from within our own scheme has more than one or two progeny scored through the CHEDS scheme, and that dog is nearing the end of his stud career. We will continue to monitor the situation, including breed average scores, and advise if changes show up in future.

I also wish to thank on behalf of the membership Australia wide our Breed Survey teams in each State, comprising Surveyors, State Coordinators and Registrars, who officiate voluntarily at our Surveys throughout the year.

An historic event held this year was the WUSV Judges seminar held in Lerma, Spain. Our own Louis Donald and Dr Karen Hedberg were both invited to be speakers there, and Australia was also represented by Melanie Groth, Janet Haase and Vince Tantaró as attendees. Louis' lectures on the conformation and breed standard were apparently very well received. Janet and our Obedience Chair Alastair Henderson also represented GSDCA at the WUSV General Assembly held after the Sieger Show in Nuremberg.

I have enjoyed working with the NBC Executive - President Sean, Judges Chair Melanie, and Secretary Janet this year. We made the decision to hold the NBC, Breed Surveyors and Judges Committee meetings as face-to-face meetings in Adelaide this year, and I firmly believe that the camaraderie made possible with personal interaction is beneficial over and above the conduct of business by online forums. It was a successful weekend, and it was good to see all our Judges, Surveyors and Club representatives present, after several years where it was not possible due to



the travel restrictions of Covid 19. I also had the opportunity and honour to adjudicate with Melanie as Judges Chair on the Sires Progeny Groups at the 49th National in Melbourne.

Whilst it may be difficult for us to comply with all aspects, we are gradually working towards fulfilling some parts of the WUSV's Global Harmonisation ideals. The uptake of the GSDCA ZAP Character Assessment has been adopted by all States now, and some new Assessors have been trained and qualified. Our HD/ED and Health schemes have been recognised by WUSV. A comprehensive document detailing all that we do for the breed in Australia was prepared by Melanie and Janet and has been presented to the new SV Board at Nuremburg. We are also hoping to introduce a DNA scheme for proof of parentage, and with that in mind Dr Candy Baker has been negotiating with InfogeneNZ at Massey University in New Zealand, since the anticipated ANKC scheme did not eventuate. Candy has offered to conduct a pilot program in WA and will report on progress to the 2024 NBC meeting.

There was discussion at the NBC and Judges meetings in regard to making it easier for aspiring Judges and Breed Surveyors to enter the training/mentoring stages of the respective GSDCA courses. Several proposals were supported by the meeting and have been taken forward to the AGM agenda for consideration by the Member Clubs. These amendments will allow aspirants to commence their training prior to fulfilling all of the present prerequisites, however those will still need to be completed before the aspirants will become fully qualified as GSDCA Specialist Judges or Breed Surveyors.

The imported dogs whose titles have been verified by Jenny De Lucia are included in her report and listed on the Council website. It should be noted that imported semen to be officially recognised in our schemes needs to be verified by a similar process, and any imported dogs or semen advertised for stud in the Review must be verified.

Tooth certificates have been issued for the following animals since my last report in August:

Cert. 10144	Brashawin Fast and Furious	issued	25/08/23
Cert. 10145	Yoki von der Donauvorstadt	issued	30/10/23
Cert. 10146	Sharlynn La Repetare	issued	27/11/23

Ian Urie

GSDCA Breed Commission Chair 2023

National Breed Commission Portfolio Reports

- HDED Registrar - Doug West
- National Breed Survey Registrar - Melanie Groth
- Breed Health & Welfare Coordinator - Dr Candice Baker
- Verifications Officer - Jenny De Lucia
- Database Coordinator - Frank Moody



National Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar's Annual Report

(primarily covering the period 1st Oct 2022 to 30 Sep 2023 to the AGM Feb 2024)

Once again, I'm pleased to present my report to the GSDCA AGM, this report primarily covers the 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023, however the whole data base has been reported on to paint the whole picture of the scheme.

12,785 animals recorded in the Data Base as at 3/12/2023, comprising of 3,654 males (28.59%) and 9,131 bitches (81.41%).

As at 1st Dec 2023 there was 12,785 Hip & Elbow records in Councils Data Base, 3,654 Males (28.59%) and 9,131 (81.41%) females.

The 'A' stamp has been awarded to 11,154 animals, giving a pass rate 87.23% on Hips slightly up on last year's (86.6%). There was 12,361 successful in gaining the 'Z' giving a pass rate of (98.97%) for elbows, slightly up on last year's (96.65%), 10,509 were "Normal" (98.78%), UAP 147 = 99.99% Pass Rate.

For the period 1st Oct 2022 to 30th Sep 2023, 12 Month period, 273 animals were presented to the scheme as depicted in Table 1A below. The pass rate on Hips for that period is: 96.72% with 265 gaining the 'A'. 270 animals successfully gained the 'Z' stamp, giving a pass rate for 'Z' of 98.54%, there were 0 animals with UAP over the 12 Month period, now that's a first, and a very encouraging result.

As detailed by the figures below in 1A, NSW has once again submitted the most over the 12 Month period with a total of 63 (23.36%).

Table 1A below covers the 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023 "Individual Clubs Input."

1A Animals submitted 1 Oct 2022 to 30 Sep 2023								
Club	Submitted - %		'A' %		'Z' %		UAP %	
ACT:	6	2.19%	6	2.19%	7	2.55%	0	0.00%
N/C:	3	0.73%	2	0.73%	2	0.73%	0	0.00%
NSW:	63	23.36%	61	22.26%	62	22.63%	0	0.00%
NZ:	6	2.19%	6	2.19%	6	2.19%	0	0.00%
QLD:	58	21.17%	53	19.34%	57	20.80%	0	0.00%
SA:	48	17.52%	45	16.42%	48	17.52%	0	0.00%
TAS:	11	4.01%	10	3.65%	11	4.01%	0	0.00%
VIC:	47	17.15%	43	15.69%	46	16.79%	0	0.00%
WA:	32	11.68%	39	14.23%	31	11.31%	0	0.00%
Year 2023:	273	100.00%	265	96.72%	270	98.54%	0	0.00%

All percentages in table 1A above is based on 274 animals.

Table 2 below reflects the Clubs various contributions for the whole data base:



Table: 2 Full Data Base - Period to 3/12/2023:								
Club	Submitted %		'A' %		'Z' %		UAP %	
ACT:	237	1.85%	205	1.60%	230	1.80%	1	0.01%
BH:	35	0.27%	233	1.82%	34	0.27%	0	0.00%
N/C:	494	3.86%	447	3.50%	486	3.80%	1	0.01%
NSW:	3,096	24.22%	2,755	21.55%	3,030	23.70%	19	0.15%
NT:	88	0.69%	63	0.49%	83	0.65%	1	0.01%
NZ:	697	5.45%	553	4.33%	647	5.06%	15	0.12%
QLD:	2,063	16.14%	1,746	13.66%	1,988	15.55%	29	0.23%
SA:	1,558	12.19%	1,386	10.84%	1,504	11.76%	24	0.19%
TAS:	440	3.44%	384	3.00%	419	3.28%	7	0.05%
VIC:	2,464	19.27%	2,163	16.92%	2,375	96.39%	37	0.29%
WA:	1,613	12.62%	1,423	11.13%	1,564	12.23%	13	0.10%
Year 2022:	12,785	100.00%	11,358	88.84%	12,360	96.68%	147	1.15%

All percentages in table 1 above is based on 12,785 animals.

The Chart 2 above is a snapshot of the Full data base, depicting all the States. There have been a total of 12,785 animal's results submitted to the GSDCA H&E Scheme during the Period to 3/12/2023. As can be seen there has been 11,358 gaining the 'A' stamp with a pass rate of 88.84%, and 12,360 animals gaining the 'Z' giving a 96.68% pass rate for elbows.

Table 3: Animals submitted 1 Oct 2022 to 30 Sep 2023 <u>12 Month period.</u>								
Club	Submitted %		'A' %		'Z' %		UAP %	
ACT:	6	2.20%	5	1.83%	6	2.20%	0	0.00%
N/C:	2	0.73%	2	0.73%	2	0.73%	0	0.00%
NSW:	63	23.08%	61	22.34%	62	22.71%	0	0.00%
NZ:	6	2.20%	6	2.20%	6	2.20%	0	0.00%
QLD:	58	21.25%	53	19.41%	57	20.88%	0	0.00%
SA:	48	17.58%	45	16.48%	48	17.58%	0	0.00%
TAS:	11	4.03%	10	3.66%	11	4.03%	0	0.00%
VIC:	47	17.22%	43	15.75%	46	16.85%	0	0.00%
WA:	32	11.72%	29	10.62%	31	11.36%	0	0.00%
Year 2022:	273	100%	254	93.04%	269	98.53%	0	0.00%

All percentages in table 3 above is based on 273 animals.



Readers 1 Oct 2022 to 30 Sept 2023

State	Dr. R. Lavelle %		Dr. J. Richardson %	
ACT:	6	2.32%	0	0.00%
N/C:	2	0.77%	0	0.00%
NSW:	59	22.78%	4	28.57%
NZ:	6	2.32%	0	0.00%
QLD:	51	19.69%	7	50.00%
SA:	47	18.15%	1	7.14%
TAS:	11	4.25%	0	0.00%
VIC:	46	17.76%	1	7.14%
WA:	31	11.97%	1	7.14%
Year 2023:	259	89.01%	14	5.41%

All percentages in table above is based on 273 animals.

Kennels that have produced 5 or more progeny over last 12 Months.

	No. Prog	No. Sires	No. Dams	SC	LSC	Male	FEMALE	Dr Lavelle	Dr. J. Richardson	'A'	'Z'	UAP
BLUEMAX	5	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	4	0
CINDERHOF	7	3	3	4	3	2	5	7	0	7	7	0
FREINHAUF	6	2	3	4	2	1	5	6	0	5	6	0
GEWALT	5	3	4	4	1	0	6	5	0	6	6	0
IDELIA	5	4	2	4	1	2	3	5	0	5	5	0
KASSAAR	5	3	2	5	0	1	4	5	0	4	5	0
LOZANI	5	1	5	5	0	0	5	5	0	3	5	0
ROXAMBURG	8	4	4	6	2	1	7	8	0	8	8	0
SHAYGAR	5	4	4	3	2	1	4	5	0	5	5	0
VOLSCARO	7	5	3	7	0	1	6	7	0	7	6	0
10	58	32	33	45	13	12	47	57	1	54	57	0
	21.25%	11.72%	12.09%	16.48%	4.76%	4.40%	17.22%	20.88%	0.37%	19.78%	20.88%	0.00%
All percentages are based on 273 the number of animals presented over the last 12 months.												

The chart above lists the Kennels that have produced 5 or more progeny over the 12 month period, resulting in 10 Kennels that produced 58 Progeny, with 54 of them gaining the 'A' stamp = 19.78% & 57 = 20.88% gaining the 'Z' stamp, 0 with UAP. Females had 47 = 17.22%, Males 12 = 17.2%. There were 0 animals with UAP.

Dr Lavelle processed 57 = 98.28% with Dr Richardson with 1 = 1.72%.

Dr Ana Hayes (PO Box 36, Vermont, Vic., 3133) has been added as the third Reader, and can now be nominated to score your X-Rays, stickers have been ordered to be placed on the H&E Forms advising Members of a third Reader and will be sent to the State Registrars once received from the



Printers. And Dr Mariano Makara has been appointed as our Adjudicator. Both are current Readers in the Cheds Scheme.

Members that have been through the Cheds Scheme, can go through the GSDCA H&E Scheme if they wish by purchasing a Form from the GSDCA H&E Scheme State Registrar, then send the Form plus a copy of the Cheds score sheet with a copy of the animals Pedigree, then send those 3 documents to me, and the data will be subsequently be entered into the GSDCA H&E Scheme data base and a Certificate will then be printed and sent to the owner.

Coat colour in Kennels that have produced 5 or more progeny over last 12 months.

		12 Mths	FDB	
Black	17	6.23%	0.13%	
Black & Brown	4	1.47%	0.03%	
Black & Gold	28	10.26%	0.22%	
Black & Red	1	0.37%	0.01%	
Black & Reddish Brown	7	2.56%	0.00%	
Black & Reddish Tan	5	1.83%	0.04%	
Black & Tan	94	34.43%	0.74%	
Black Red & Brown	2	0.73%	0.02%	
Black Reddish Tan	8	2.93%	0.06%	
Black Reddish Brown Markings	8	2.93%	0.06%	
Black with Tan Markings	1	0.37%	0.01%	
Grey	2	0.73%	0.02%	
Reddish Brown	2	0.73%	0.02%	
Red, Brown, Black	1	0.37%	0.01%	
Sable	22	8.06%	0.17%	
	202	1.58%	1.58%	FDB
		273	12,786	

The above chart depicts the various coat colour produced by the Kennels with 5 or more progeny, over the period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023.

Black & tan with 94 = 34.43% & 0.74% of the Full Data Base of 12,785 (No Surprise), Black and Gold 28 = 10.26% & 0.22% of the Full Data Base, and Sables 22 = 8.06% & 0.17% of the Full Data Base, are the main contenders.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the State Registrars around Australia and in New Zealand. The ACT: Wolf Meffert, NCHR: Jess Lynch, NSW: 20/11/2023 Karen Johnson welcome, big thank you to Melissa Turoczy for the period she was State HD/ED Registrar, QLD: Karl Maresh. SA: Robert Evans, TAS: Carol Mason, VIC: Gillian Cafari, WA: Vicki Beaton, and Tizzy Scheres in New Zealand.

Thank you to all the State Registrars for all your input and continued support of the GSDCA Scheme.

Doug West



National Breed Survey Registrar Annual Report

Breed Survey numbers by State and Coat variety 1 January - December 2023

Thirty surveys were held between February and December 2023. A total of 151 animals were presented to survey this year, generating an income for the GSDCA of \$3915 for the 12-month period; 72 % Stock Coat and the remaining 28%, Long Stock Coats similar percentages to 2022. Dogs that could not be classified accounted for 9% of the total number of animals presented with 10 out of 14 (71%) failing the gun test; the remainder oversize (14%) or lacking self-assurance throughout the survey and or the character test (14%). One animal failed survey for the second time and therefore is disqualified from participating further in the Breed Survey scheme.

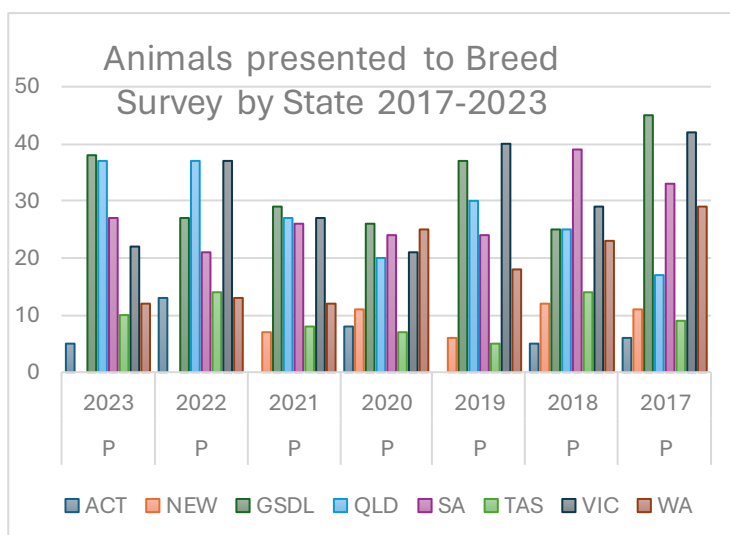
Club	Surveys	Animals Presented	SC	LSC	Classified	FAIL	REASON	Imported Dogs
ACTGSDA	1	5	5	0	5	0		
GSDAWA	5	12	8	4	12	0		0
GSDCQ	4	37	26	11	31	6	Gun(5) Height (1)	0
GSDCSA	4	27	18	9	24	3	Gun (3)	0
GSDCT	3	10	8	2	10	0		2
GSDCV	7	22	16	6	22	0		1
GSDL	6	38	28	10	33	5	Character (2) Gun (2) Height (1)	1
NHRGSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	30	151	109	42	137	14		5

Comparison by State - Dogs; Presented (P), Classified ©, Failed (F) 2017-2023

State	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F	P	C	F
	2023			2022			2021			2020			2019			2018			2017		
ACT	5	5	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	6	6	0
NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	11	10	1	6	6	0	12	10	2	11	9	2
GSD L	38	33	5	27	24	3	29	28	1	26	23	3	37	34	3	25	23	2	45	44	1
QLD	37	31	6	37	36	1	27	27	0	20	15	5	30	26	4	25	22	3	17	16	1
SA	27	24	3	21	19	2	26	25	1	24	22	2	24	24	0	39	38	1	33	31	2
TAS	10	10	0	14	13	1	8	7	1	7	6	1	5	5	0	14	12	2	9	8	1
VIC	22	22	0	37	31	6	27	21	6	21	18	3	40	37	3	29	37	2	42	41	1
WA	12	12	0	13	13	0	12	11	1	25	24	1	18	18	0	23	19	4	29	29	0
Totals	151	137	14	166	149	13	136	126	10	142	126	16	160	150	10	182	166	16	192	184	8

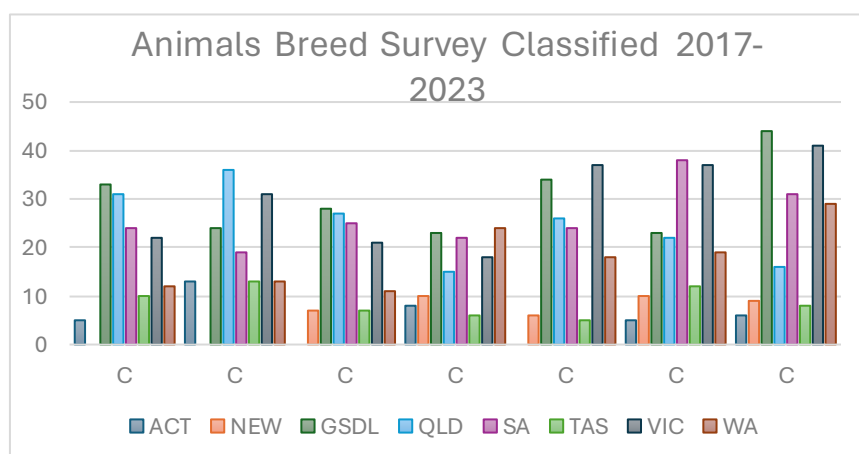


The table above and graphs below provide a visual representation and indication as to the health of the Breed Survey system in each state. year I suggested it would be interesting to look at these numbers with regards to membership by state as it could an indication of where Breed Survey needs to be promoted further. It is worth noting that Victoria the state with the largest membership (almost half of the of the country has only managed to



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encourage 22 animals to survey in the 2023 breed survey year, despite holding 6 surveys. On the other hand, Queensland and the GSDL have held steady numbers. There is movement across the borders of these two states as a significant number of enthusiasts that live in the northern NSW region find it easier to travel to Queensland who hold surveys in conjunction with shows. Tasmania has shown healthy growth of its Breed Survey numbers in recent years. The club holds surveys in conjunction with shows and relies on the Council to provide a second surveyor, whilst providing appointments to recently qualified GSDCA specialist judges. The GSDCT whilst only a small club support the schemes on several levels, holding surveys, ZAP demonstrations and assessments and education training events throughout 2023. It was encouraging to see the ACT club hold a survey this year again.



Gun Test Fails

Given that the vast majority of dogs failing Breed survey do so due to the gun test, it is a timely reminder of the importance of breeding with animals that are gun sure and are solid in character. Zap implementation may assist with this in future as animals that fail the gun test can not pass ZAP. Therefore, breeders and owners know prior to 18 months that their dog is gun shy and won't proceed to survey.



Imported Animals presented to survey 1 January - 30 December 2023

Date	Name	Sire	Dam	Sex	Country of Origin	Surveyor	Club
11 Feb	Pupi von Garmond Verification	Zenit von Schnitzerteam	De Orse Mak Flai Nelli	M	Hungary	F Stokes	GSDL
11 Feb	Jack von Fenrir Verification	Kampus Drei BirkenZwinger	Hilla Fenrir	M	Germany	M Groth	GSDCT
4 Mar	Kaster van Contra	Digger Edelweiss	Jill Contra	M	Germany	M Groth	GSDCT
25 Mar	Yoki Danauvorstadt Full Survey entered Australia at 8 months no titles to verify	Ax Wannaer Hohen	Malu Leipheimer Morr	F	Germany	L Donald	GSDCQ
2 Apr	Lycan Haus Boy Wonis Verification	Willas Aurielisbrandt	Jenny de la Madonina	M	Serbia	G Green	GSDCV

All imported dogs were verified/surveyed in the first half of the year in 2023.

Database use

Most surveyors are inputting data into the database in a timely manner. Some need reminding! The NBC Registrar is responsible for inputting dogs that Fail and imported dogs. All others are the surveyor's responsibility. Once again, the biggest headache this year for me has been the lack of attention to **correct linebreeding**. Incorrect linebreeding then leads to questions with regards to breeding recommendations and then these have to be checked and re-checked. This takes time and energy and slows the processing of surveys down somewhat. We need to do better in this area. Some of it comes down to educating members about the accuracy and legibility of five generation pedigrees, however the onus is on the Surveyor to check and double check linebreeding and get it right.

I have highlighted these most common errors now for two to three years. Surveyors, please take note as errors still keep occurring:

- failing to check spelling and grammar
- incorrect linebreeding and incorrect spelling of the linebred dog's names
- cutting and pasting from the general description into the faults and virtues section - this is repetitive and unnecessary
- not checking height to depth; incorrect labelling of size in general description and transferring that to the faults and virtues section
- failing to input the height, chest circumference, weight etc into the database when transferring from the BS worksheet.
- Capitalising dog's names and including von, vom, du, prefixes. Correct example - Cayos Noriswand (no von) Vegas Haut Mansard, Quenn Loher Weg



General Hints

- DRAFT Button - This is so you can save your work and come back to it if you need to. Once you have proofread your work, you can set the survey to Pending, which indicates you have finished with it.
- Type the general description into a word document - spell check it and check your grammar. There should be one space after a full stop. Some surveyors type their critiques as one sentence, this means a lot of commas. Read the survey description, virtues and faults etc back to yourself after you have typed it and make sure it makes sense. Remember, it is in print for life and they are your words. Once you are happy with it cut and paste it into the appropriate area in the database. If you use a secretary or third party to type your critiques make sure **you** read it before pressing pending.
- Linebreeding - Read Jenny's article from 2020. Check the linebreeding before you open the database. Check the 6th generation. Some of the five generation pedigrees are not very clear. There are quite a few littermates coming through behind Djambo, Toby and Xaro. Quite a lot of Quenn and Furbo also coming through now. If you pick up anomalies, please inform NBC chair or myself so they can be rectified.

Describing dogs Section 12 Breed Survey Manual - use the tables provided regarding height and size. There are specific instructions around the General description p.15-17. You can always use the updated Grading guidelines - specific height descriptions and chest depth variations are located here. [GSDCA Grading guidelines 2023](#)

- *Size - use the BS table guide for size in the general description.*
- *Depth and Height - use the equation to get a percentage to avoid saying a dog has very good proportions when it is 50:50 or more. An example recently male 62cm 32 chest depth was critiqued with very good proportions and followed up in the drop-down menu with the same.*
- *Recommending dogs for breeding - some surveyors are recommending dogs recently imported without sighting them or recommending further linebreeding advantageous to dogs that are known to produce oversize.*

Allocating Club and Council numbers

Registrars and surveyors please note - this is repeated from last year again! I am not sure why Breed surveyors are not getting this right. State Coordinators please meet with your registrars and survey team to ensure club numbers are correctly issued on the BS7 worksheet and BS11 Report

Breed Surveyors please take note that your club has its own unique numbering system. It is essential for identifying where the survey has taken place. Each state club has its own Breed Survey Register. Please use your state club's prefix for this on the BS7 worksheet and when typing in your survey and on the survey report. Council numbers are allocated once paperwork is received, they are distributed into Stock coats and Long Stock coats. If the club prefix is missed by the Registrar inevitably the surveyor misses it and it is then left to the NBC Registrar to pick up. It would be helpful if you could attend to this at the club level.

Club	ACT	League	N&HR	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
Number	ACT 369	NSW 3001	NEW 469	Q 1519	SA 1792	T 451	V 2391	WA 1579



The BS11 form is a useful tool in allocating council numbers to survey and collating numbers for reports. If the BS11 form is sent to the NBC Registrar straight after the survey it allows time for the preparation of numbers for invoicing and processing to be printed. Some clubs still find this challenging. Please revisit the use of this form. Coordinators across all states need to ensure this form is used for every survey even if you are not present.

Thank you to the state registrars who do a great job in preparing the paperwork for surveys. Special thanks to Peter Hersant in Queensland who has done an amazing job in the registrar's position. Peter is often in contact and ensures Queensland surveys are well organised. Thank you to Frank who makes sure that the backend of the database is regularly checked and troubleshoots and builds pedigrees for me when data is missing.

Processing surveys

There have been some issues this year with uploads to the database from DogsAustralia who fell behind earlier in the year. This meant that some of our imported animals were not in the database in a timely manner and I thank the owners for their patience in having to wait for their verified Australian surveys. More concerning however was the lag in the upload of HDED results to the database. On a number of occasions, I was unable to process surveys because the results were not in the database. Six months should be plenty of time if the animal is X-rayed at 12 months before going to survey at 18 months. Thank you to the owners of dogs who patiently waited for their surveys to be processed.

Owners often need reminding to provide suitable photographs of their dogs for upload to the database. It would be helpful if these were chased up by the club registrars. A GSDCA logo is uploaded when no photo has been provided.

Final remarks

I would like to thank the registrars for their cooperation in managing the administrative side of the survey processing. I would ask the State Coordinators to be much more proactive in ensuring survey teams are ofay with the rules and regulations of survey and encourage the reading of reports such as this one, so that the surveyors are responsible for their own work and not reliant on the registrars to fix errors. We have a system and a process and when it is followed it runs smoothly. The NBC chair has asked me to keep him abreast of recurring issues in future. Please check your work.



GSDCA Breed Survey Personnel 2023-2024

Club	Active Breed Surveyors	State Registrar	State Registrar email
ACTGSD A	NBC Chair appoints Glenn Gregory (Aspirant)	Veronica Fairbairn	wmeffert62@gmail.com
GSDL	Fay Stokes (Coordinator), Jo Cathie, Melanie Groth, Karen Hedberg, Terry Jarvis, Graeme Stevenson, Kurt Morton (Aspirant) Jessica Kada (Aspirant) Glenn Gregory (Aspirant)	Pam Jarvis	tepe@bigpond.net.au
N&HRG SD	NBC Chair appoints	Kay York	babanga5@bigpond.com
GSDCQ	Carol O'Rourke (Coordinator) Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon, Louis Donald	Peter Hersant	breedaffairs@gsdcqld.org.au
GSDCSA	Peter Flynn (Coordinator), Jean Butterfield, Steve Collins, Jenny De Lucia, Jane Pike, Doug West,	Andrew O'Loughlin	andrew.w.oloughlin@gmail.com
GSDCT	Alastair Henderson	Lorraine Massis	breedaffairsgsdct@gmail.com
GSDCV	Alastair Henderson (Coordinator) Greg Green, Vince Tantaró, Ian Urie, Jenny Yuen	Gill Cafari	cafari@bigpond.com
GSDAW A	Robyn Knuckey (Coordinator), John Fenner, Natalie Humphries	Leanne Irvine	hotnote1@bigpond.net.au

Mel Groth

NBC Breed Survey Registrar

Breed Health & Welfare Registrar Report

Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS (ECC)

This past year has been relatively busy behind the scenes and hopefully as the forthcoming NBC and AGM's roll around, we will see some changes.

The most interesting thing for the general membership has included some consultation, collaboration and teamwork in trying to modify and consider some changes to our schemes. This



has included working with our national hip and elbow working party with the much-needed inclusion of Jacinta Poole for her extensive digital knowledge. Advancing our scheme in the digital age is paramount, as the loss of members utilizing CHEDS over GSDCA simply comes down to accessibility and ease of use with their vet clinic.

It should be noted that we need to continue to keep an eye out for any comment on hip and elbow scoring sheets for lumbosacral transitional vertebrae. Consideration of assessment of the lumbosacral joint on our hip scoring radiographs is an ongoing area of interest to me. With the SV using the system of LUW and OCD - these abbreviations refer to lumbosacral transitional vertebrae and osteochondrosis of the sacrum. The Score of 0 or normal represents the lack of a transitional vertebrae finding or the lack of any osteochondrosis of the joint space.

In the past few months, I have spent some time liaising with Professor Clare Wade who is a canine geneticist from Sydney University and contacting and working with InfogeneNZ which is the Massey University based DNA laboratory. Due to the strong push from the SV to implement a DNA scheme for parentage being paramount. Given DogsQLD have moved towards using InfogeneNZ as their preferred laboratory. There has been some consideration and research into a club-based DNA by parentage scheme using this laboratory. Further information on this will be presented at the next NBC meeting.

There has been ongoing monitoring of health profile forms from the general population and correspondence with those with general feedback and thanks for their contribution.

Verifications Officer Report

This report for Title Verifications covers the period November 2022 to December 2023.

During this time, a total of 9 animals have been verified compared to 6 animals for the 2021/2022 reporting period.

Of these, 8 x were Males and 1 x Female. 6 x were Stock Coat and 3 x Long Stock Coat. Three of the verifications were for imported Semen. Of the 9 animals verified, one was not Breed Surveyed.

Mika vom Mochauer Land	(Germany)	Surveyed SC Female
Jack von Fenrir	(Germany)	Surveyed LSC Male
Kaster von Contra	(Germany)	Surveyed SC Male
Oakway Black Magic	(NZ)	Surveyed LSC Male - Imported Semen
Oakway Hardcore	(NZ)	Surveyed SC Male - Imported Semen
Lycan vom Haus Boy'wonis	(Serbia)	Surveyed LSC Male
Rico vom Sudenville	(Ireland)	Surveyed SC Male - Imported Semen
Rasti vom Gamsetal	(Germany)	Surveyed SC Male



GSDCA Database Report - 3rd February 2024

I am pleased to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 63rd GSDCA AGM.
Please accept my apologies for this meeting.

HD/ED Sire Statistics

The updated HD/ED Sire Statistics as at 31st Dec 2023 as prepared using the GSDCA Database, will be available approximately mid-January and placed on the GSDCA website.

Data Update

Dog Database - Registrations are currently up to 17th November 2023 - being 320,516 dogs.

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

HD/ED - There are now 12,797 results in the database - **Up 294 from last year.**

Breed Survey - There are now 2,457 results in the database - **Up 158 from last year.**

ZAP - There are now 87 results in the database - **Up 57 from last year.**

User Activity

In 2023 we have continued to see a slight decline in the number of Unique Visitors to our Database compared to 2020/21.

However, the number of Visits, Pages, and Hits are remaining fairly steady over recent years.

Monthly average				
YEAR	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
2015	372	659	18,277	28,744
2016	398	722	16,870	28,795
2017	427	857	19,682	34,451
2018	477	992	18,629	35,840
2019	597	1,200	19,005	37,155
2020	656	1,267	16,732	34,161
2021	634	1,399	17,242	32,151
2022	551	1,400	17,425	30,899
2023	496	1,322	17,332	30,182

Breed Survey photos

Thank you to the Owners, Club BS Registrars, and Melanie Groth (National BS Registrar) for the tremendous effort in submitting photos of for all dogs surveyed in the last 2 years. There has been a great improvement over this period.



Photos are very important as they provide a pictorial record of the dogs surveyed, so please continue to supply these to the NBC Registrar ASAP.

Thank you.

Thank you to Rob Filardo (Database programmer), Ian Urie (NBC Chair), Melanie Groth (National BS Registrar), Doug West (National HD/ED Registrar), Julie Urie (National ZAP Registrar) and the Breed Surveyors for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.

Question raised at the August'23 NBC Meeting

A very pertinent question was raised at the last NBC Meeting - which I was unable to attend. I would like to report to this AGM that the GSDCA Dog Database does a full backup every Sunday. In addition - If there was to be some bad crash in between these backups, it is highly likely our host would be able to recover to the last 24 hours.

Frank Moody
GSDCA Database Coordinator



2023 Annual Report – Judges Committee Chair

I present the 2023 Judges Committee Chair annual report for member clubs' information. It has been a busy second year in my term of office. Firstly, I must acknowledge my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Secretary of Council, Janet Haase. Janet has had an extraordinary year, learning the busy job of secretary for this organisation. In my opinion, she has done an outstanding job. At times she was placed under unnecessary duress from members of our organisation and that is indeed unfortunate, as we are all volunteers, doing our best for the breed. Jan has been an amazing support for all members of the executive, responding to the combined clubs' request for timely communication, implementing monthly executive updates and keeping clubs informed on the activities of the Council throughout the year. Jan has been a great support to the Judges' and NBC portfolios, attending to minutes, correspondence and ensuring actions were completed from the meetings. Thanks also to the remaining members of the executive; Sean for his ability to calm things and pour oil on troubled waters, Ian for the attention to detail and history lessons at almost every meeting, Alastair for raising the profile of Obedience and Performance sports, Peter for his ever-wise counsel, and Yvonne for always reminding us of our duty to the whole breed. Thanks to all for your continuing efforts throughout the year to conduct the business of the Council. We did not always agree but I am grateful for your support.

NSLO

Thank you to Vince Tantaro the National Show Liaison Officer for his work in ensuring the 49th National Show Report was delivered on time. He also responded effectively to the working party request from the NBC meeting for examining the scheduling for future National Shows. A report from this group is currently being considered by the Executive and will be tabled at the 2024 AGM. Vince is an experienced operator in the Council and is always ready to respond, drawing on his corporate knowledge of the Council and longevity as Club and Council President. His role is to liaise with clubs to assist with advice and organisation of future Nationals. He has been frustrated this year at not being able to liaise directly with the SA Club running the 50th National as they preferred not to have his input.

I urge clubs to utilise the NSLO as a resource when they are planning and running Nationals as they can often troubleshoot issues that many clubs face prior to them becoming big problems. Vince will hand the portfolio over to Jess Lynch in 2024 and I wish her well in the position and thank Vince for his efforts in 2023.

GSDCA Judges training scheme and accreditation

Andrew O'Loughlin was awarded his GSDCA Judges Certificate and Badge at the 49th National in April. Andrew is now a fully qualified GSDCA Specialist Judge and is also active in promoting the breed in the All-Breeds ring. Andrew provided quality feedback on the working document for the updated Judges Grading guidelines and his ideas and suggestion were accepted for inclusion.

Matthew Morris completed his ANKC examinations in October this year and has begun the second phase of the Extension course. Matthew judged in New Zealand in November, has an appointment in Auckland in February 2024, and will judge again in NSW in February for the GSDL. He has a busy time ahead.



Discussion regarding the GSDCA regulations and requirements to become GSDCA judges and Surveyors took place in Adelaide at the 2023 NBC/Judges meeting. Whilst it was generally felt that the regulations in place protect the integrity of the schemes; it is also acknowledged that requirements for entry into the training schemes were a demotivating factor to the younger generation of enthusiasts who may be interested in becoming judges or surveyors in the future. After much consideration, motions were formulated for the 2024 AGM that do not undermine the integrity of the regulations, but to the contrary, make the requirements achievable whilst a judge is in training. Acceptance of these motions enables the Council to support the progress of our trainees, simultaneously providing mentoring, guidance, and direction by our most capable senior judges.

Congratulations to judges; Jessica Kada, Glenn Gregory and Kurt Morton who were accepted to enter the Breed Survey Aspirant scheme. They have all commenced their training at our last Sydney survey and hopefully they will be successful in gaining their survey status after next year's NBC meeting.

Judges contacts and appointments

Once again, this year, Jane Pike has continued to maintain the spreadsheet for the GSDCA judges/surveyors. Address details have been updated but are not published on the website. The [GSDCA Judges contact list 2023](#) can be found on the website via the shortened link provided. The appointment list [Judging appointments 2024](#) can also be found on the same page. Thank you, Jane, for providing this valuable support to the Judges Committee.

WUSV/SV

In April, along with Lou and Gail Donald, Jan Haase, Karen Hedberg, Vince, and Fran Tantaro, I attended the GSD World Conference in Lerma. This was a valuable educational conference and made me very proud to know that Australia was well represented by Louis and Karen as presenters on the World GSD stage. Louis' delivery to the Judges Seminar was amazing and I was able to share some of this work with our judges at the August NBC/Judges meeting in a presentation. Louis' presentation on Long Stock Coats, assisted by Karen's work and presentation, was groundbreaking for the acceptance of arguments for inter-variety breeding and perhaps removing one of the barriers toward achieving Harmonisation.

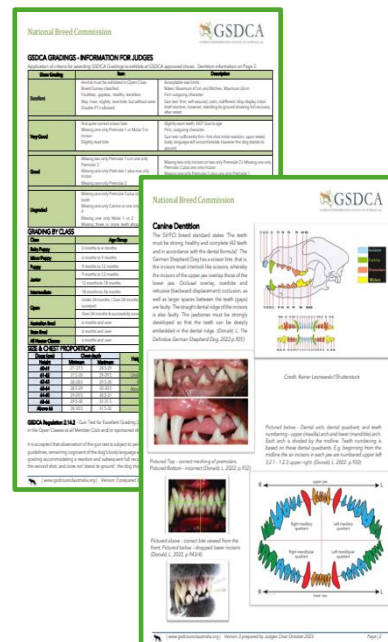
Lerma also provided an opportunity to work with our Continental Director, Heather McDonald in how she can best assist us in meeting the expectations as a member of the WUSV. Heather addressed a hundred or so interested exhibitors at the Thursday meet and greet at the national and fielded questions from the floor. A report was compiled by Robyn Knuckey and I and distributed to member clubs after the National this year.

During the year I polled Judges regarding the proposal of a change to recognition of National and International judges and WUSV Judges Training. Feedback from our survey was sent to the WUSV and is included for the Working Party set up to review the proposal.



GSDCA Gradings Guidelines update

The previous document was last amended in 2017 and as such required an update and provide alignment in accordance with GSDCA regulations. A cross-section of senior and more recent judges was selected to provide feedback. This led to a quality document that has now been distributed for Judges to use in their assignments. It has also been sent to Member Club secretaries for inclusion in the package sent to international judges when they are contracted and to be provided on their arrival prior to judging our shows so that they are familiar with our regulations. It can be found on the Council website via this link <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/conformation/>



Critiques at shows - reminders for member clubs and judges

Section 5 - Conduct of Specialist Shows and Restricted Trials.

The Regulations Manual p33 outlines the necessary steps to meet GSDCA requirements. A stenographer is to be made available for judges. Critiques are to be provided to the Judges Chair in electronic form as soon as practicable after the show. Technological skills vary from club to club; however, some general rules of thumb need to apply and I recommend judges take note of the points below.

Prior to sending critiques to the judge, clubs should ensure the following points are attended to:

- o Heading - includes club, name, date and venue for the show and judge's name.
- o Separate the coat varieties with headings - Long Stock Coat females/males, followed Stock Coat females/males.
- o Label each class.
- o Challenges/"Best ofs" recorded at the completion of the open classes for each variety
- o Critiques should include - CH title if appropriate, name of dog * for surveyed animals, A, Z, registration number, sire/dam, name of exhibitor
- o Critiques should be arranged in finishing order from 1st to the final placing. Absentees noted and listed after the final placing.
- o Gradings visible at the end of each critique.
- o Open class animals - reaction to the gun test recorded on the critique in consultation with the judge.
- o Interclass and inter-variety opposites competition recorded at the end of the critiques.
- o SBE's should include a Sires progeny report and detailed reasons why Excellent Merits were considered with details, placing of progeny, applicable data A, Z, progeny surveyed etc

Once this task is completed by the stenographer the critiques are to be forwarded electronically to judge for the final editing.

Judges prepare a brief overview of the show that could include the following:

- o thanking the club and ring assistants
- o show conditions



- any points that you might consider worth mentioning about the virtues of the animals presented etc. This should be inserted underneath the heading of the show before the critiques.
- Proofread the critiques making sure that critiques are aligned with eventual winners (a dog may do a particularly good individual and yet perform poorly during the balance of the class and end up going backwards, yet has a better critique than your winner – always check this)
- Upon completion return critiques to the club with your edits and cc to the Judges Chair judgescommittee@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Finally, as per Regulation 5.1.1.6 Finalized critiques are to be sent by the Club to the Judges Committee Chair, who will arrange for the critiques to be sent to the NBC executive and to the GSDCA Website Coordinator. I recommend a word copy and pdf be sent to the Judges' chair just in case any errors are picked up and can be amended before being posted on the Council website.

NBC/Judges meeting

We returned to a face-to-face format and some observers and judges who could not attend in person were able to join us online. Presentations included –

The Importance of the Breed Standard in Judging –

L Donald, presented by Mel Groth

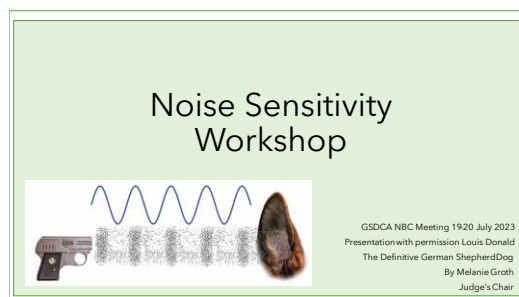
Louis gave permission for us to use his work, presented at the World GSD Conference in Lerma, Spain (April 2023)

This workshop was presented to SV National/International and specialist judges from across the world.



Noise sensitivity in dogs - Workshop

Groups were provided with Information on noise sensitivity to raise awareness about the prevailing conditions that affect dog's reactions to noise. Five groups reviewed sections of material from the Definitive GSD and informed the entire group about their findings. Findings are recorded within the PowerPoint that has been placed on the GSDCA Website. [Noise sensitivity workshop 2023](#)



The meeting was held in Adelaide in August, and I have listed the attendees and apologies for the record. It is my feeling that we need to do better in attending these meetings. The benefits of face-to-face meetings are invaluable for constructive discussion, active listening, debunking myths, and a great opportunity for mentoring and forming productive relationships. The benefits from a



collaborative learning perspective cannot be understated. Attendance is an investment in your continuing education as a recognised specialist judge of our breed. I understand the tyranny of distance and expense incurred; however, we owe it to exhibitors, breeders and most importantly to the breed to be the very best we can be! A commitment to attend the NBC/Judges weekends are a segway to ongoing professional learning. The proposed dates will be finalised at the AGM in February. Book early and save up.

ATTENDEES	
Sean Lynch	President
Melanie Groth	Judges Committee Chair & BS/Judge
Ian Urie	National Breed Commission Chair & BS/Judge
Janet Haase	Secretary
Alastair Henderson	Obedience Committee Chair
Yvonne Yun	Editor QNR
Gabrielle Peacock	Minutes Secretary
John De Lucia	GSDSA Delegate
Andrew O'Loughlin	GSDCA Delegate/Specialist Judge
Jess Kada	GSDL Delegate/Specialist Judge
Robyn Knuckey	GSDAWA Delegate/BS/Specialist Judge
Jenny Yuen	GSDCV Delegate/BS/ Specialist Judge
Sharon Thorp	GSDCQ Delegate
Glen Gregory	ACTGSDC Delegate/Specialist Judge
Sasha Beljanski	ACTGSDC Delegate
Paul York	NHRGSDC Delegate
Jenny Yuen	BS/Specialist Judge
Jean Butterfield	BS/Specialist Judge
John Fenner	GSDCA Breed Research & Legislation Officer/BS/Specialist Judge
Jo Cathie	BS/Specialist Judge
Jenny DeLucia	BS/Specialist Judge
Doug West	Breed Surveyor
Jan Brabham	Specialist Judge
Ian Cooke	Specialist Judge
Mel Adamson	Specialist Judge
Nicky McDermott	Specialist Judge
Stephen Collins	BS/Specialist Judge (Saturday only)
Mathew Morris	Trainee Specialist Judge
Leanne Irvine	Observer

APOLOGY	
Vince Tantaró	BS/Specialist Judge
Fay Stokes	BS/Specialist Judge
Sue Bruno	Specialist Judge
Jacinta Poole	Website Officer
Pieter Tjerckstra	Specialist Judge
Jane Pike	BS/Specialist Judge
Frank Moody	Database
Louis Donald	BS/Specialist Judge
Candice Wedge	Breed Health and Welfare Committee Chair
Natalie Humphries	BS/Specialist Judge
Sharon Ballantyne-Gordon	BS/Specialist Judge
Greg Green	BS/Specialist Judge
Salvatore Pittelli	Specialist Judge
John Hugo	Specialist Judge
Carol O'Rourke	BS/Specialist Judge
Terry Jarvis	BS/Specialist Judge
Graeme Stephenson	BS/Specialist Judge
Peter Kotevich	Specialist Judge
Kurt Morton	Specialist Judge
Not Attendance – No Apology	
Robert Zammit	Specialist Judge
Karen Hedberg	BS/Specialist Judge

Thanks to Jan and Peter Flynn for their support in the organisation and administrative tasks involved in putting the weekend together and to Gabrielle Peacock who did an excellent job with the minutes. Thanks to Louis for permission to use his work and to Robyn Knuckey for her research and presentation on the suitability of cognitive assessments. Most actions from the Judges meeting have been completed or set in motion. There is crossover within the portfolios, and we all assist one another behind the scenes ensuring accuracy and collaboration to maintain the integrity of proposals. I have contributed to the Executive Updates throughout the year. These can be found on the Website if you are seeking further clarification of the activities of the Judges Chair throughout 2023.

I wish the incoming Judges Chairperson all the very best in the position and offer my support to them should it be required in any form. Thank you for your support. Wishing you all the best in 2024.

Melanie Groth

Judges Committee Chair 2022/2023



Obedience Chair Report 2023

Since being elected to this position in February 2023 my time has been spent performing many tasks that come under this role.

I have listed below many of them.

- Submitted articles from myself and members for the Quarterly Magazine highlighting success in various disciplines.
- Updated GSDCA National Obedience Judges List.
- Received 2 applications for GSDCA Obedience Judges Badges.
- Held GSDCA Obedience Meeting by Zoom in April with representation from the majority of clubs.
- Presented GSDCA Obedience Awards at 49th National.
- Attended GSDCA Exec and Special meetings.
- Met newly elected Vice President of SV Daniele Strazzeri at WGSDA Championship held at Wagga on JUNE 9,10,11.
- Attended SV Siegerschau in Nuremberg, Germany held on September 7-11 which included meetings with our WUSV Director both President and Vice President of SV and culminating in representing the GSDCA with our Secretary Janet Haase at WUSV General Assembly.
- In April Julie Urie was appointed GSDCA Zap Registrar
- Changed name from Zap Test to Assessment and made adjustment on database worksheet etc.
- This year I attended Zap Assessments in Victoria x 3, Sydney twice, Perth once. Assessments were also held in Tasmania and South Australia with Queensland, ACT and Newcastle to follow in 2024.
- In July with the assistance of Jacinta Poole produced a short video showing how to do a Zap Assessment with your dog which is on GSDCA and some club websites.
- Put together a new criterion to train new Zap Assessors which was supported by meeting of NBC /Judges meeting on AUGUST 19,20. Many thanks to Melanie Groth for her work in design and development of the documentation.
- At November Zap Assessment in Sydney trained new Assessors who were approved.



My thanks to all who have helped me in this role and look forward to serving the Council in 2024.

Alastair Henderson.
Obedience Chairperson

Editor Quarterly National Review - Yvonne Yun

No report.



Sub Committee Reports

Trophy Officer - Terry Jarvis

GSDCA Inc. Trophy Report 2023/4

The past year has gone along smoothly with no major hurdles apart from the fact that our main supplier of Bronze statues had decided to pack up shop and retire from manufacture of our much loved Bronze statues that we have had for a number of years now but with the help of Ian Urie we were able to overcome the problem and the Show went on as planned in the safe hands of the Victorian club and its members.


Preparation for the 50th National in Adelaide is going ahead with stock now in stock and ready to go for assembly for this upcoming National in Adelaide a real milestone in the history of German Shepherds in Australia and I am sure that the South Australian Club will do an amazing job in running the 50th National.

Clubs are still being supplied with the Excellent Merit Plaques for Breeders attaining the excellent grading for stock they have bred gaining this award. These awards are provided by Council all you have to do is access these is through your club Secretary. Secretaries can contact me on email tepe@bigpond.net.au or Mobile 0407 271 418

Looking forward to Adelaide and another year with Council as Trophy Officer and see you at the Big Show.

Terry Jarvis

National Council Trophy Officer



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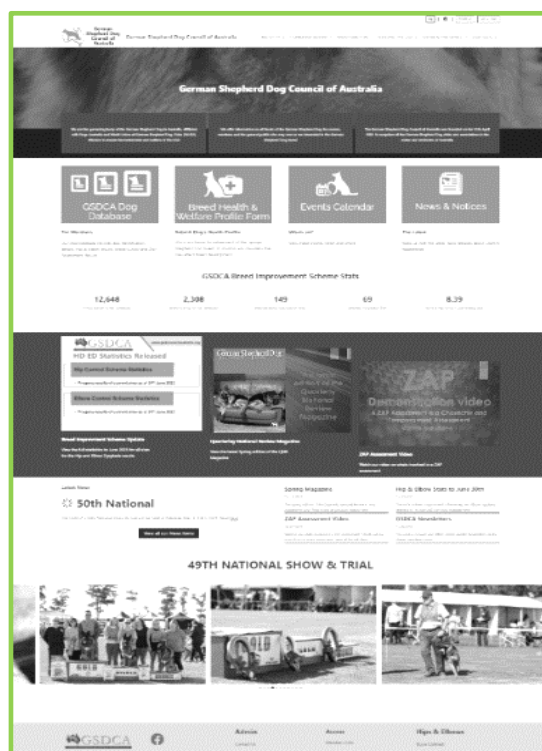


The GSDCA website underwent a refresh in July, giving a clean fresh look. The main updates were to the build structure and underlying software, keeping up with current website technology. The website is an important interface and repository for the core information for our breed in Australia. Documentation, results, past editions of the Review magazine, judge appointments and breed information are the most popular pages accessed.

We are also in the process of creating an online portal for purchase of Hip and Elbow contracts, and direct submission of x-ray files to our GSDCA readers. This requires significant technical work and will incur costs – as does any online purchasing and process. But it should enable easy access to contracts and rapid provision of results by readers for those wanting to take advantage. In the short term, hard copy contracts will still be available via clubs. *This should be live early 2024. Stay tuned.....*

What's available and popular on the website?

- Recent HD & ED statistics, updated twice yearly
- GSDCA Regulations, together with current forms, fees and charges
- Future Judge appointments for each member club
- A summary of all title verifications completed for imports
- Full details on the National Show & Trial, both past and present
- All back editions of each Quarterly National Review, from 2015
- Reference Manuals – Breed Survey, National Show & Trial
- Show results and critiques – from every club show
- Recent news from the GSDCA and relevant reports ...and much more
- Historical record of our National Winners
- Veterinary and health articles



The best access the **GSDCA Dog Database** is via the website homepage. Complete HDED and Breed Survey records for all dogs are available. If you've never had a look, log in and search dogs in what is a valuable breed resource. The database now also contains **ZAP Assessment Results** for dogs who complete the assessments held by member clubs.

The **Breed Health Feedback form** is accessible via the home page of the website. It is vital to collect data on our dogs and their health. Everyone can contribute by filling in the form, which is collated by Dr Candy Baker. The information submitted is confidential. and can be used in the future to gauge trends of illnesses we find are overrepresented in the GSD.



We encourage everyone to take the time to submit your dog's medical information - it might save another dog's life one day.



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

Our stats for 2023 continue in an upward trajectory on previous years. The pages and articles visited demonstrate a visitor mix of those looking for information about our breed and members keeping informed about the GSDCA.

	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Total 2023	55,508	427,361	1,459,076

Costs and maintenance of the GSDCA website remains low. Our website hosting costs \$132/year. Hosting the GSDCA Dog Database costs \$204/year. Domain registration per year is \$23.00. All software updates and maintenance are undertaken internally at no charge. Our total expenditure relating to the Website and Dog Database is \$359 per year.

Any suggestions for improvements, contributions of content or other suggestions are always most welcome. Email website@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

Jacinta Poole
Website Officer

Youth Coordinator - Chelsea Bird

This year has seen my first year as the Youth Officer for the GSDCA, I have spent some time this year learning the role and observing other breed clubs and the way I can look to help.

From my observations, I find that there is some need for a youth officer in each state club as currently there is one within the German Shepherd League of NSW, and there has been some talks of a position being created in the Queensland German Shepherd Club as well but the other members clubs do not hold a position for youth. I am hoping to discuss this with member clubs so that in each has a representative where we can try and achieve creating more youth events to try and encourage younger members into our hobby.

I also hope this would be away to see junior handlers more supported both within training and showing and hopefully recognised as its difficult for me living in rural NSW to see the youth that is attending training days and shows in other states.

This year in Melbourne we saw a good number of junior handlers compete at the National, with 3 kids in 7 to 10 years, 3 kids in 10 to 13 years and 8 kids in 13 to under 19 years. The handlers class was judged by myself and I found there was some very talented young handlers. I congratulate all the kids who participated and listened to constructive feedback after each class.



Last year the GSDL of NSW organised a youth day in Sydney to help kids learn about handling and to have a practice with some dogs. With the assistance of Jess Lynch, Melaine Groth, Jessica Bird and Melissa Turoczy it was a very informative day where kids and adults who came along were able to take away some tips on training, handling and general presentation of a dog in the ring. It would be good to see these days continue with possible ideas of more activities spent with the dogs.

It would be lovely to see some other clubs organise similar events and information days where children and new handlers could come along to learn and have fun with their dogs.

My goal while in this position would be to see more youth involvement and more activities planned around involving youth our hobby.

50TH GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial - SA

Planning for the 50th National Show and Trial is well underway. Fundraising is in full swing with a National Raffle and our members volunteering at Dogs SA Canteen with proceeds raised going directly towards the National.

We have a dedicated link on our website to the National Raffle, <https://gsdcas.org.au/product/national-raffle/>

And we have a page dedicated to the National Shop where purchases can be made for commemorative Gin, merchandise, and general donations. <https://gsdcas.org.au/national-shop/>

At the time of printing this report, there are still class donations available.

We have approached SAPOL regarding a Police Dog award who have given the name of a service dog worthy of this award.

The Saturday night social event will be a BBQ and karaoke plus games along with cocktails made by a bartender. This event, however, will be subject to a minimum number of attendees.

The trophies have been ordered through, Danny Quest in America and will arrive by March 2024.

Accommodation is still available at West Beach at the Big 4 West Beach cabin area only and not the caravan park. Additional accommodation is available at the Adelaide Showground Caravan Park or the Highway 1 Tourist Park.

Exhibitor Tents will be available for hire on the grounds at the end of January 2024.



WUSV GSD Week

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

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

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



One Breed - One World

The week featured a multitude of events and competitions; an International Working Dog Competition, Agility workshop and competition, seminars with speakers from all over the world (21) and a seminar for judges in terms of breed and trial, seminars for veterinarians covering performance of official x-rays for the diagnosis of hip and elbow dysplasia.

The event was organised in collaboration with the WUSV Board and REAL CEPPA team led by its president Javier Silva Parrondo and event coordinator, Rodrigo Gonzalez Campuzano. A host of volunteers did their utmost to ensure the needs of all the presenters, exhibitors and attendees were met.

At the heart of this global forum was the desire for networking and community building, to jointly explore how to collaborate and contribute ideas, how to challenge thinking and the status quo.

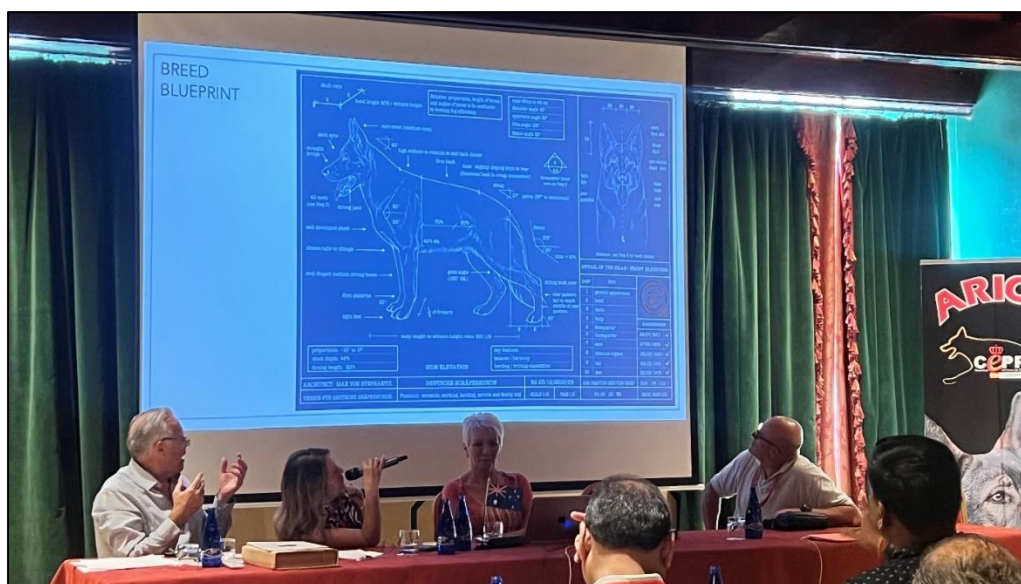


The Judges Seminar

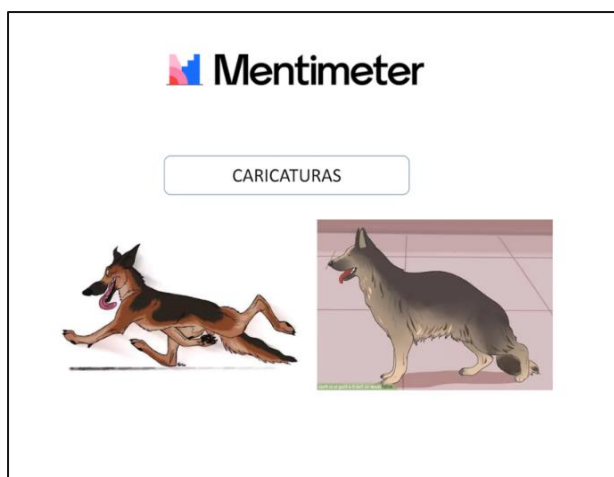
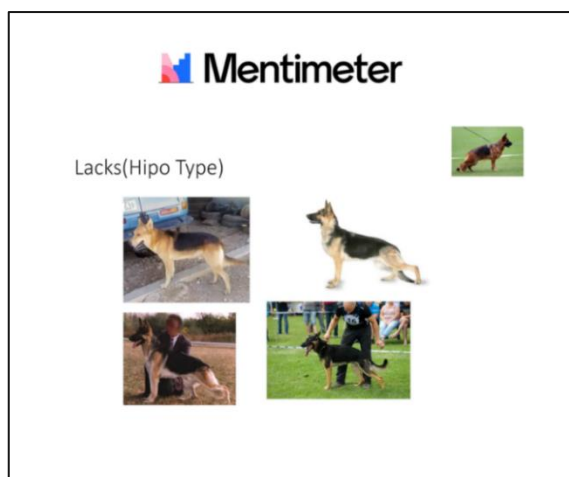
The week began on Tuesday with the judges' seminar for both working and breed judges. The working judges' forum was led by a board member, Vadim Plotska. Presentations will be available for viewing in due course.

Margit van Dorssen, SV Judge, began the breed judges forum with a lecture on the role of the judge. Roberto Caputo explored the 'hypo' and 'hyper' types. An interesting poll was conducted during this section about which dog of the past most closely reflected the standard. The two dogs shared the top spot, Quenn vom Loher Weg and Remo vom Fichtenschlag.


Louis Donald followed with a presentation that examined judging in the standard today. Focus was on the objective versus the subjective elements of the standard. The meeting culminated with the WUSV/SV President Heinrich Messler exploring the responsibility of judges and future challenges. It was a long day, 8:30 am until 8:00 pm.




Gabrielle Labbe, from Guatemala, very capably translated the presentations. The main languages spoken were Spanish, English and German. This was a challenge for all and added considerable



time, nevertheless we had great interaction through Roberto Caputo's use of Mentimeter and Louis breakout group discussing elements of the anatomy and the challenge they present to judges.



Definition of hyper-typing / Definición

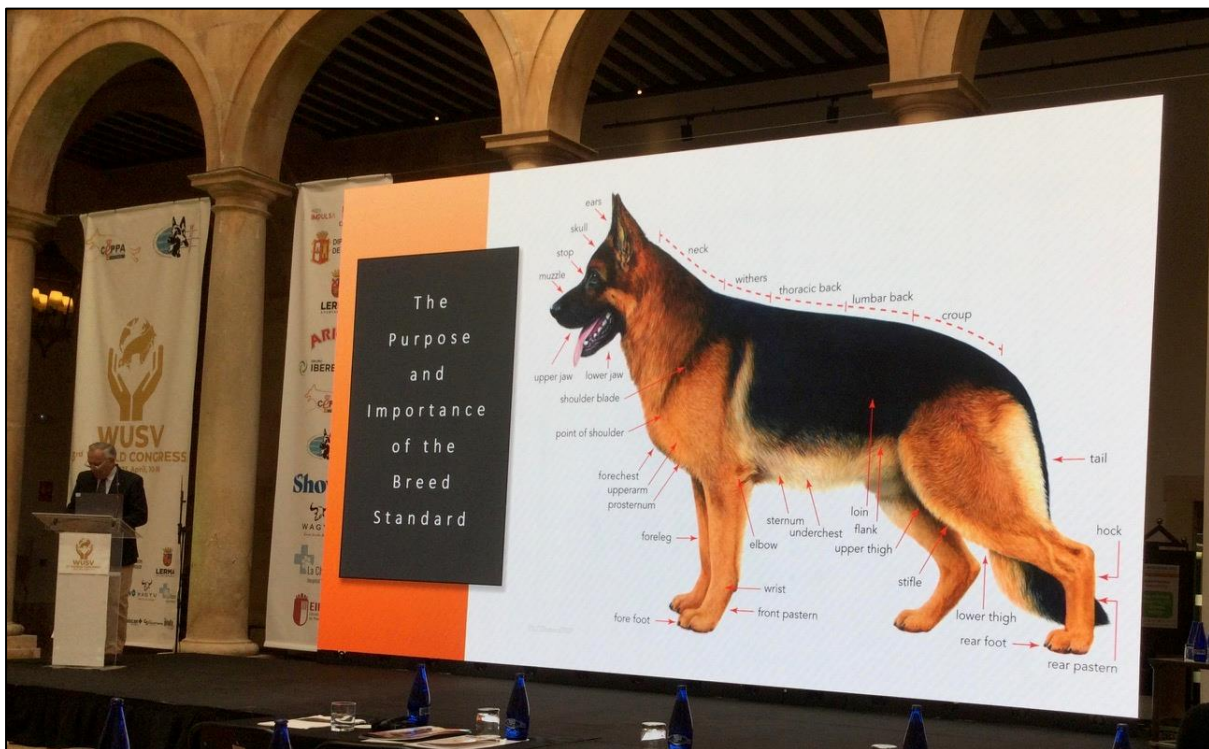


- Overemphasis on one or more standard features, neglecting the overall picture and the "primary" breeding goal
- Énfasis excesivo en una o más características del estándar, descuidando la imagen general y el objetivo de cría "primario"

The Congress

Thursday

A series of presentations covered the value of using DNA and Genetic technologies, the value, hazards, and pitfalls in pure dog breeding, examining inbreeding depression and the challenges for purebred dog. Ursula Zabel, a long-time lover of the breed and past Board member enlightened us with her provocative views on pure dog breeding in the Twenty First Century. Louis Donald presented excerpts from his recent book on the value of the breed standard today. Professor Messler continued the theme of pure dog breeding, the strain on welfare organisations, GSD inbreeding depression. Over typing leading to torture breeding where exaggerated animals are in pet homes and have the effect of damaging the reputation of the pure-bred registered dogs.

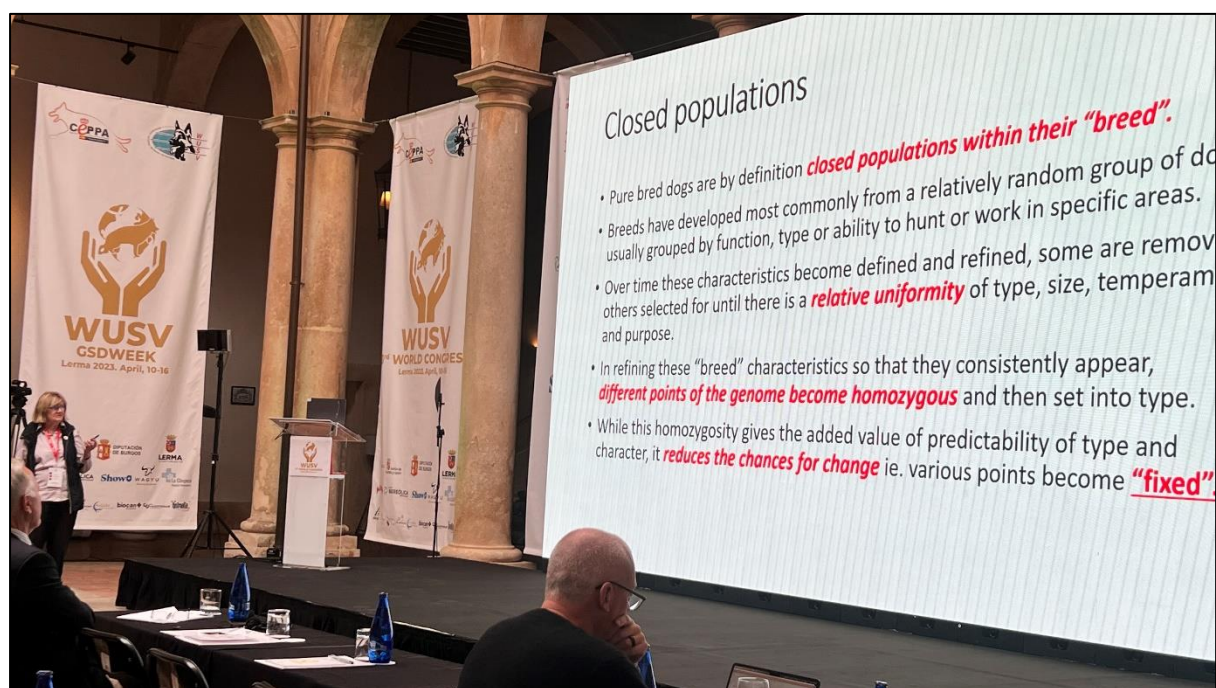


Professor Udo Garislosser provided an amazing online presentation. He examined the heredity of mental traits; a fascinating insight into epigenetics and the inheritance of characteristics - such as anxiety/fear resulting from stress (more mother related than father), aggression, and ADHD. He



concluded that tests to assess these characteristics should be intuitive rather than be trained for and cannot be covered with one assessment.

Dr Karen Hedberg enlightened us with information that impacts on pure bred dog breeding in closed populations. For example, the more characteristics you test for and eliminate from breeding programs further limits the availability of lines within a breeding population in a country. The limitations are manageable in a larger population but can have significant impact in smaller populations. This was a good segway into the controversial topic of inter-variety breeding later in the day.



Costa Rica's Dr Alerto Gamboa presented the Congress with some interesting points regarding the introduction of Artificial Insemination (A.I.). He offered contrasting information that impacted on the hard rules around the non-promotion of A.I. and canine welfare regarding the closed population of purebred dogs in countries. He highlighted issues around vast countries and the inability to travel dogs on planes limiting access to sires.

The SV's leading Radiologist Veterinarian, Dr Bernd Tellhelm spoke about advances in hip diagnostics, explaining the benefits of National and International hip schemes that will enable and enhance the collection of data for analysis.

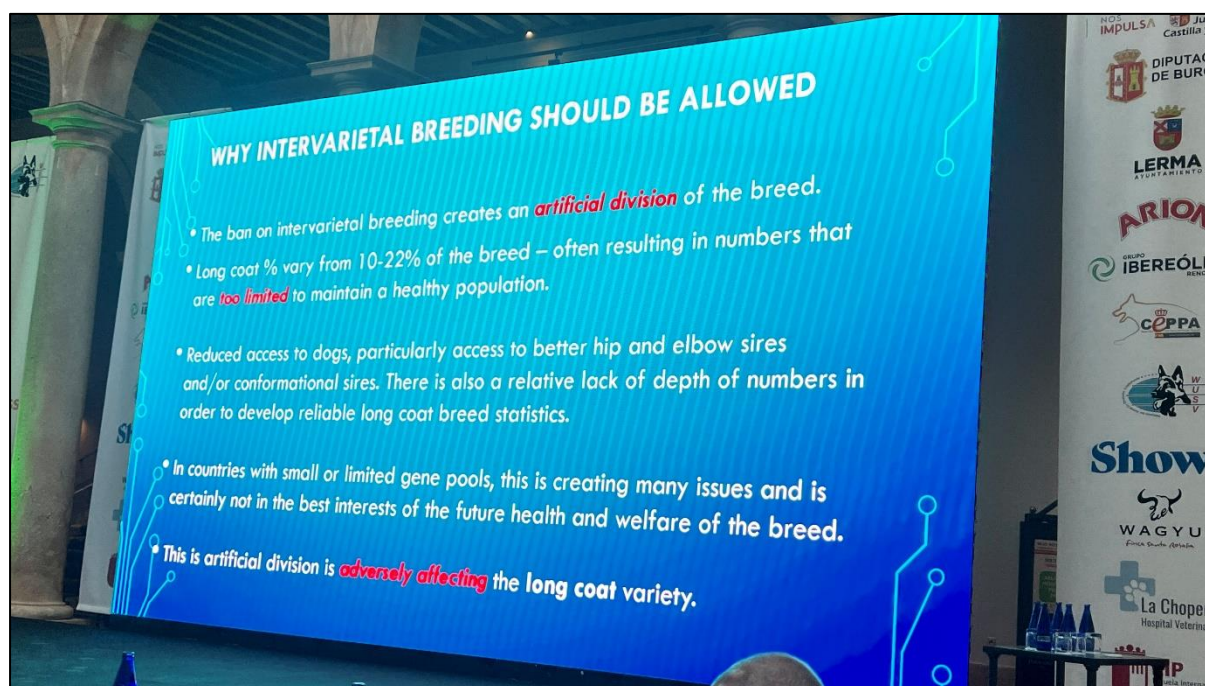
The final session of the day was a combined presentation from Louis Donald and Karen Hedberg who were tasked by Prof. Messler to challenge the notion of inter-variety breeding.

Louis presented research of coat varieties from the formation of the GSD in Von Stephanitz' era. This was thought provoking and enlightening about the types of coats that were eliminated from the initial standard. It was established that at that time Von Stephanitz described three coat varieties; curly/rough coat, bearded shaggy and short coat. He discarded the curly/rough coat and bearded/shaggy coats leaving the breed with the stock coats of varying lengths. This was a light



bulb moment for many of us. The SV's interpretation of this action was to discard LSC, and this was written into the standard.

Karen's presentation of a simplified version of the genetics of breeding SC and LSC along with a close look at the data from NZ, Australia, and Germany (+20 years) amplified the notion that the LSC population were currently stable at around 20% and had remained that way for close to 20 years. Thus, indicating in this example, that inter-variety breeding would not adversely affect the population of stock unless there was a shift in approach by breeders to select for LSCs and dismiss SC in their breeding programs.



It was unfortunate that the WUSV IGP Championship was held on this day as many of the presentations would have been of much interest to the Dogsport enthusiasts.

Friday

Friday morning many of the breed enthusiast went to the show to participate in or watch the individuals of the puppy classes. Presentations continued at the Parador Hotel for the dog sport enthusiasts. The afternoon session covered animal welfare, legislation, association trademarks and compliance.

Saturday

TSB training for judges and helpers took place in the morning, followed by the TSB tests for working class males and females, and then the individuals for the male and female 12-18-month, 18- 24-month and the working classes.

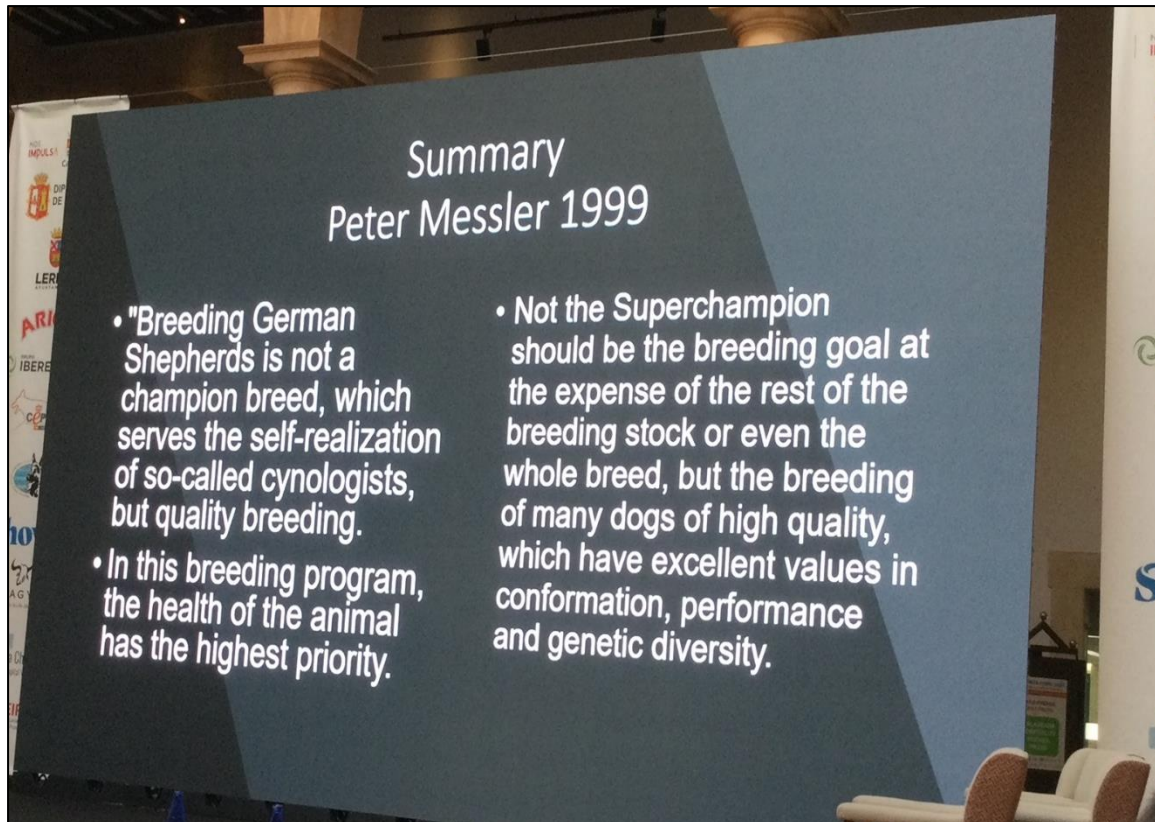
The draw of the judges of the senior classes took place at the Parador at lunchtime.

The seminars continued, starting at 8:30 am with Prof Messler challenging the beliefs around deep hind quarter angulation. His presentation was aptly titled 'Over typification' of the Hindquarter. Utilizing Louis' work and images and that of Prof Fischer, he presented an excellent overview covering anatomy, examining the impact of over long bones in the hind quarter and the impact on



the lateral and cruciate ligaments of the knee joint during movement and walking. He also examined the effect of the curved back, lower hip position, long femur and tibia and challenged the notion of endurance versus sprinting. He spoke about the judges needing to control the ring and limit the normalisation of the sprinting GSD.

He concluded with a summary that highlighted how these faults reduce GSD endurance and economy of movement.



Rene Rudin provided a brief overview of harmonisation levels, DNA and HD/ED. Our continental director, Heather McDonald, asked him about countries that have their own established schemes and whether consideration could be given to alignment with the WUSV/SV system. This was going to be raised with DR Tellhelm after the veterinary presentations.

Mr Chen, President of China delivered a presentation about the development of the organisation in China and highlighted their achievements since their formation in 2001.

Javier Nectali Diaz, from Spain, demonstrated an app that had been developed that could enhance data collection and analysis.

Thoughts

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

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



Australia was well represented though its presenters Karen Hedberg and Louis Donald. Louis's material has been embraced by the WUSV and its president, Heinrich Messler. As a country and a GSD community we can be immensely proud of their contribution to the breed on a global scale. In all, seven Australians attended, paid their own way to contribute to this amazing week of learning, collaboration, and innovation. As a country we have much to celebrate, and we felt the warmth and camaraderie from other countries who share our challenges. We share many common issues across our community of political agendas regarding canine welfare, health and diseases, and legislation.

The Australian participants were Louis Donald, Gail Donald, Karen Hedberg, Melanie Groth, Vince Tantaro, Fran Tantaro and Janet Haase

Presentations

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

WUSV Special Assembly

At the completion of the presentations the authors of this report represented the GSDCA as delegates for Australia at the WUSV Special Assembly.

This meeting was called to consider the working party's recommendations (formed in September 2022) for change to the bylaws and statutes to comply with new legislation. The changes outlined in the agenda 3.1 to 3.9 and 3.11 to 3.15 were passed unanimously. These were recommended by the SV lawyer; chair of the working party, to reduce discrimination and modernise the statutes to align with current laws.

3.10 The Board of Directors

The move to expand the Board of Directors involved some discussion, as the motion put, if passed increased the number and composition of the board members from 4 to 6/7 (depending on the President of the SV or past president). The board members elected will be proposed by the member clubs of each zone.

The zones are:

- Europe and Africa
- South America
- North America, Central America, and the Caribbean
- Asia, Pacific and the Middle East

Australia would be able to propose a nominee to represent the Asia, Pacific and the Middle East zone. Voting would be conducted by delegates of the WUSV member clubs at the General Assembly.

Australia abstained on this item. Item was passed.

WUSV Judges

The draft regulations were presented to the meeting. The revision of the regulations was required to remove any discriminatory factors that would not be allowable in many member countries. i.e., forced retirement at age 70. If passed these regulations would recognise judges training schemes



and qualifications in member countries and open access to applications from members to become National or International judges. The draft was well received by member clubs. Feedback is required from member clubs on the draft is required by 15th May to inform the final submission that will be presented to the next General Assembly in September.

Takeaways from the WUSV Week

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

*Report compiled by Melanie Groth (GSDCA Judges Chair), Janet Haase (GSDCA Secretary),
24 April 2023*



WUSV Meeting Report

Meeting One - Friday 8 September 2023

Alastair and I met with Heather McDonald (our Continental Director) along with the representatives from countries under her supervision. (Finland, Norway, Sweden, Great Britain, Ireland, and Australia.) Heather provided an overview of her discussions with the WUSV Board of Directors.

The Board was much more understanding of the difficulties countries have in meeting the Harmonisation requirements, much more willing to accept National schemes for HD/ED and DNA and no longer require protection work as part of a working title. The President and the board expressed a desire to listen and negotiate mutually acceptable outcomes. The breed's health, both mental and physical, being the prime objective.

Items discussed.

1. DNA for proof of parentage - there is no expectation the test will need to go to Germany. In fact, it is illegal to send blood internationally. The SV will provide us with the markers allowing us to set up our own scheme, using an accredited lab in Australia or NZ. The suggestion being that samples are collected at the time of hip and elbow Xray; therefore, we only test those animals we want to show and breed. This scheme would be recognised within Australia and be a *National* DNA proof of parentage. (Note: It would be a positive move to begin investigation of this as soon as possible. Our Health Officer, Candy Wedge, has offered to begin preliminary research.)
2. HD/ED - once again it is highly likely our own hip and elbow scheme will be recognised and valid for all purposes within Australia. Heather is meeting with Dr Tellheim to advance this further. They will be looking at our scoring system and alignment of the schemes.
3. A working title - it was emphasised there is no requirement for protection work. We have a variety of options to meet the requirement for a working title.
 - a) We could look at utilising suitable Dogs Australia's recognised dog sport fields.
 - b) We could develop our own working test involving basic obedience, a track, and a jump for example.
 - c) Or it could be a combination of both above, with a range of activities recognised for the purposes of a working title. We need to consider access to trainers and assessors.

These schemes would be used by Australian bred dogs for Breed Survey and Excellent gradings within Australia. Those wishing to compete outside Australia would be required to use the SV schemes.

Norway's three-tiered Breed Survey system was outlined.



1. An SV style breed survey with protection work that qualifies the dog eligible for a VAV grading.
2. A breed survey that requires an obedience/tracking qualification. They have developed their own program that does not require bite work. This Breed Survey qualifies the dog eligible for a V grading.
3. A breed survey with no working qualification requirement. This allows the animal to be bred from.

In summary we use our own HD/ED scheme, develop our own DNA scheme, continue with the ZAP Assessment, making it a prerequisite for Breed Survey and develop a range of avenues for gaining a working title.

At the end of the meeting Roswitha Dannenberg and Daniele Strazzeri joined us to introduce themselves, express their understanding of the difficulties countries have in reaching compliance with the harmonisation schedules. They assured us that the new board would listen, be problems solvers and improve communications. They willingly answered questions and were open to compromise.

Regular three-monthly Zoom meetings will be held with Heather, representatives from the countries for which she is responsible and Roswitha Dannenberg.

Daniele offered to meet Australian club and council officials in attendance at the show the following day to open communication.

Meeting 2 - Saturday 9 September

Meeting with council officers, our Continental Director, Heather McDonald and the Vice President of the SV, Daniele Strazzeri.

Those in attendance were:

- Daniele Strazzeri, Heather McDonald
- Janet Haase and Alastair Henderson
- John De Lucia (SA), Jess Kada (NSW), Gabrielle Peacock (TAS) club representatives.
- Candy Wedge (Health Officer), Vince Tantaro (NSLO and past President).
- Chelsea Bird (Youth Officer) was invited but declined as the class she was most interested in watching was being run off.

Heather recapped the items discussed at the previous day's meeting (See notes above). Those present were able to offer views and ask clarifying questions. It was suggested that the timeline for compliance would be extended to 2027; the timeline will be discussed at the WUSV meeting. (*Please note outcome from WUSV meeting)

Suggestions offered by the group for a working title included those offered by Dogs Australia. (Since the meeting, a summary of the elements of the dog sports offered by Dogs Australia has been sent to Heather to aid in discussions.) It was suggested that one pass in CCD could meet the requirement of a working title. Or it could be ET, tracking, scent work, agility etc. Alastair and John's



input in this area was most valuable. Daniele was supportive of us using acceptable dog sport qualifications.

The DNA proposal for a National was discussed with positivity. It was felt important that a proper, detailed, and costed proposal be put to the council. Candy Wedge was prepared to work on this with support from the NBC Executive.

Candy was able to supply more information about our hip and elbow scheme, which was particularly useful. Information is noted on the result form if lumbosacral transitional vertebrae is evident.

Daniele reiterated that the new board of the SV and the WUSV wanted to collaborate with member countries and negotiate suitable harmonisation outcomes.

Heather is to be commended for the work she has done in supporting and negotiating on our behalf. I suggest we write to her expressing our gratitude and thanks.

Meeting 3 - WUSV General Annual Assembly

Monday 11 September 2023



The agenda was approved with a rearrangement to the order of items. Item 7 being moved to follow item 4. This was done to accommodate those who may need to leave early.

This report is designed to give highlights of the meeting and is not a complete record of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting will supply the detailed account.

The President, Roswitha Dannenberg, introduced herself and set the tone of the meeting by stating that there was a need to reestablish trust and harmony between the WUSV and the SV. She acknowledged there was significant conflict between the two organisations. Her goal is to stabilise the organisations and work collaboratively with members. She identified communication as an area in need of significant improvement. She said the board was aware of members' concerns and will look at engaging in meaningful dialogue to resolve these disagreements. She said the board was enthusiastic about the members' activities.



Frau Dannenberg was aware that people were trying to promote conflict and that a joint way forward needed to be found. She guaranteed there would be improved cooperation and communication, that she was solution oriented and would direct her focus to resolving issues and obstructions.

She was heartened by the attendance at the meeting and wanted to thank all for their congratulations on her election as President. Frau Dannenberg's address was very well received by the meeting, and she was given a standing ovation.

- The Auditor's report was received and the budget plan for the coming year approved.
- Kuwait was accepted as a full member after much discussion although it did not meet the regulations requiring two hundred members. The statutes to be amended.
- Lebanon was also accepted as a full member, meeting all the requirements.
- Nigeria was admitted as a Junior Member.

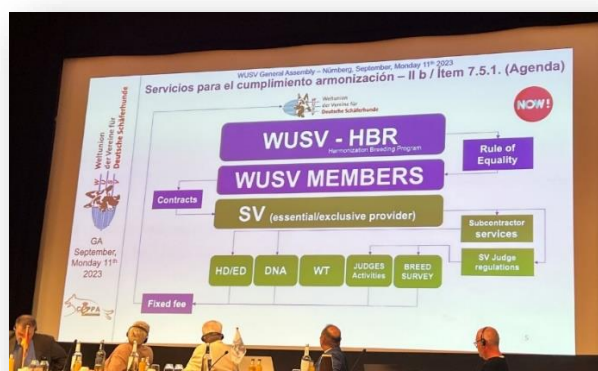
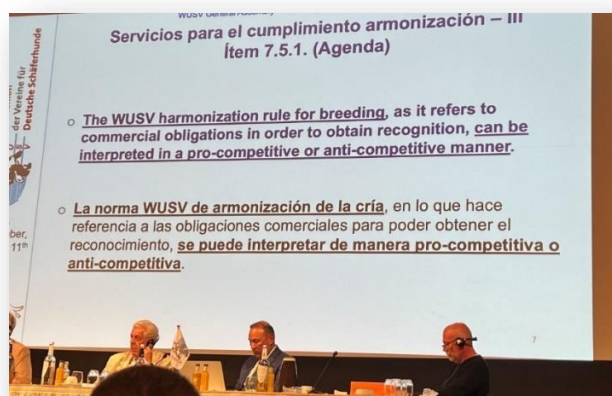
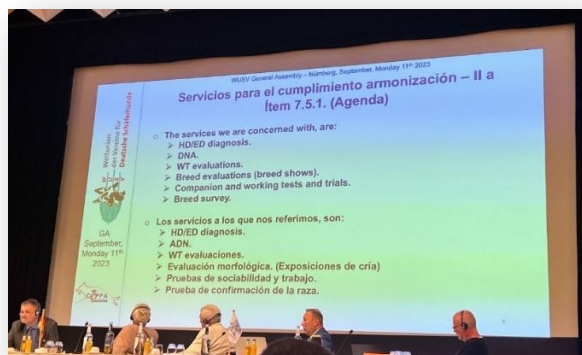
There was active discussion on issues regarding the **Harmonisation Breeding Program** (HBR), accessibility of services, and capability of member organisations to comply with HBR regulations. The meeting acknowledged there needs to be greater equality for member organisations. The HBP is about the health and wellbeing of the breed universally, and members need to be able to access and use local accredited services to meet the requirements.

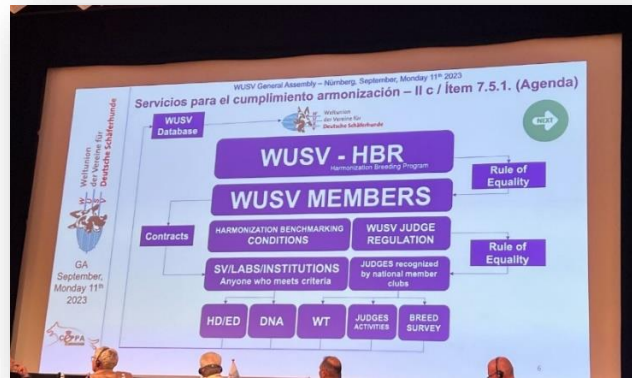
Outcome

A working group will be established to consider and review the HBP. There will be a fixed timeline, with a small group representing the continents, working quickly to provide a report to the Board. The working party is to be set up and led by Rodrigo Gonzalez Campuzano.

Slides presented during the discussion.







The next item discussed was the impeachment of the President and/or any member of the Board of Directors of the WUSV.

WUSV-GAM 2023-Anlage/ Attachment 9

**Weltunion der Vereine
für Deutsche Schäferhunde e.V. (WUSV)**

Proposal to the General Annual Assembly of the WUSV

Name of Club/ Proposer & Date: Real Club Español del Perro de Pastor Alemán (CEPPA) 30.05.2023

Proposal (not affecting the WUSV Statutes or other Regulations)

Title: Impeachment action if the following occur.

Request: The WUSV General Assembly is requested to proceed to vote for the impeachment of the WUSV President or any member of the Board of Directors, if due to a conflict of interest the defense of the particular interests of the SV prevails over the general interests of WUSV or a compelling reason can be shown to exist such as deliberate acts or omissions that have harmed or are intended to harm WUSV, its members or its activities.

Rationale: The WUSV should be self-regulating, always on the basis of the breed standard of the founding breed association and the basic principles of the SV, but in no case should this be confused with the WUSV being a mere empty organization that exclusively serves the personal and economic promotion of a limited number of breeders/judges.


The WUSV needs a president who defends the interests of the entire German Shepherd Dog community worldwide, and who is adapted to the current times.

Within the WUSV, as in all self-respecting democratic organizations, there must be debate from which collective decisions emanate, and the WUSV President and the rest of Board members must support and defend these decisions throughout his sphere of influence.

In the event of a change of president in the SV and therefore in the WUSV, and as a consequence of this, actions will be taken that will harm the WUSV member clubs in favor of the SV, a vote of impeachment of the president is proposed to the General Assembly.

This impeachment action extends to any position on the WUSV Board of Directors, without exception. In other words, the WUSV General Assembly is requested, that if there are compelling reasons that can be proven of intentional actions or omissions that have harmed WUSV, its members and activities by any WUSV Board member, they can be put forward at the General Assembly in September 2023 for an impeachment action vote by the delegates.

This is in accordance with Article 15 e) of the WUSV Statutes, Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch (BGB) § 27 and Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch (BGB) § 34.


Javier Silva Fernandez

Confirmation of Club President _____

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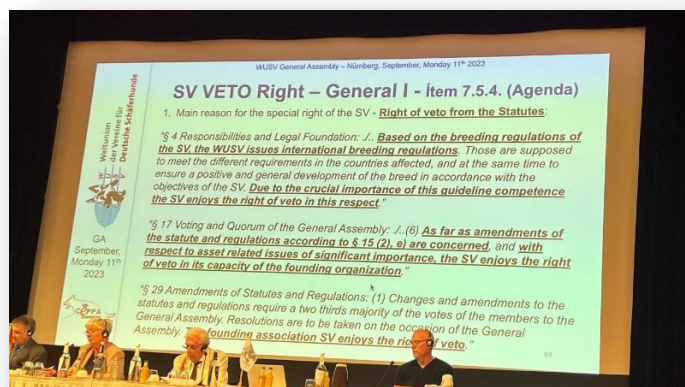
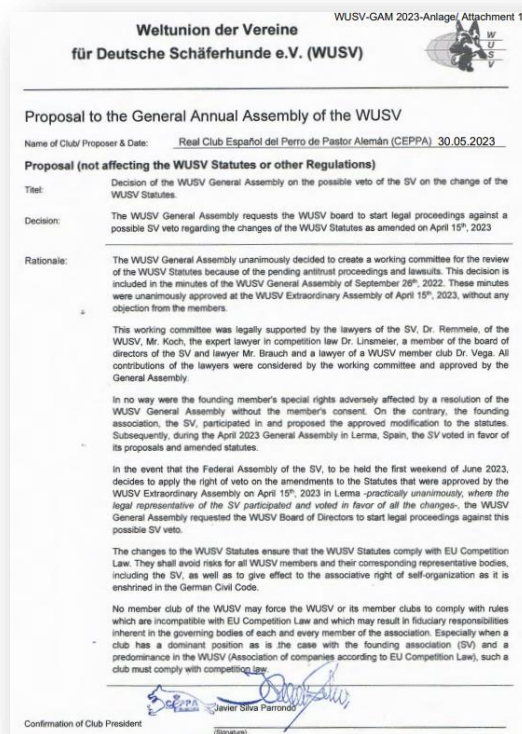
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The motion was about the president's loyalty to the WUSV. Is there a conflict of interest given the SV president is automatically the President of the WUSV? This was brought to a head by the SV veto of the Lerma motions. Did the vetoing of the Lerma proposals indicate that the WUSV was not important to the SV and the WUSV was viewed as subordinate to the SV? There were additional issues raised that occurred in 2019.

The motion to impeach was lost on the understanding that the new president will endeavour to reestablish trust and stabilise the relationship between the two organisations.





The discussion about the SV right of veto was passionate with many members expressing their views about this power and the SV's rejection of all the agreements made in Lerma.

Some of the views put were:

- The SV board was not informed of the Lerma event, and this caused conflict; that the veto right is there for times of conflict.
- There was not enough discussion and communication from the WUSV, and it caused distrust.
- Better communication is needed.
- The new board needs to be given a chance to improve relations with member organisations.



In contrast, it was said that:

- The right of veto undermines democracy.
- There was legal basis for the changes to the statutes as agreed to in Lerma. A working group set up at the 2022 WUSV meeting drafted these changes.
- How can the WUSV move forward and ensure the new SV board doesn't reject agreements made at properly convened meetings? Certainty is needed, as is trust and respect.
- Building bridges is not vetoing agreements, it is blowing up the bridges!

Outcome

The proposal was withdrawn on the condition a clear commitment is given to investigate this matter. The president gave a commitment to find a solution and another working party will be established with members of the working party to be determined.

Item 6.1

Of significance for Australia is the proposal detailing two types of Excellent gradings. One is a WUSV Breeding Program GSD Excellent Grading and the other is a National GSD Excellent grading. Countries may choose which of the two systems apply, but not a mixture of both. This modification was approved and will be in effect on the next day of its approval.

"Excellent / Vorzüglich - WUSV" Dogs from the working dog classes who fully comply with the strictest requirements of the breed standard, who are self-confident and unconstrained, indifferent toward gun shooting, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted HD condition confirmed on the pedigree, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted ED condition confirmed on the pedigree, with a recognized trial title, and - if the animal is over the age of 3 ½ years - the first breed selection examination must have been successfully passed. Double premolars 1 are admitted.

"Excellent / Vorzüglich - National (name of the country)" Dogs from the working dog classes who fully comply with the strictest requirements of the breed standard, who are self-confident and unconstrained, indifferent toward gun shooting, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted HD condition confirmed on the pedigree, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted ED condition confirmed on the pedigree, with a breed survey examination, according to the national regulation, and - if the animal is over the age of 3 ½ years - the first breed selection examination must have been successfully passed. Double premolars 1 are admitted.

Each country may choose which of the two systems to apply, but not a mixture of both. This modification will be in effect on the next day of its approval.



Extension of time to comply with HBP.

WUSV-GAM 2023-Anlage/ Attachment 7a

Weltunion der Vereine
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Proposal to the General Annual Assembly of the WUSV

Name des Vereins/ Antragsteller: CLUB ARGENTINO DE CRIADORES DEL PERRO OVEJERO ALEMÁN – POA –
Name of Club/ Proposer & Date: 23.05.2023

Antrag (nicht zur Änderung der Satzung und/oder Ordnung)
Proposal (affecting the WUSV Statutes or other Regulations)

Titel:
(Paragraph and Headline) WUSV-Breeding Program
(Paragraph and Überschrift) FINAL CLAUSES

Alte Fassung: ...
Old Version: The member clubs are allowed a transitional period of five years until January 01st, 2025.

Neue Fassung: ...
New Version: The member clubs are allowed a transitional period of five years until January 01st, 2027.

Rationale/
Begründung: We request an extension of the requirements until the aforementioned date since the deepening of the economic difficulties have led us to delay in complying with the harmonization requirements. However, as we have already explained, we have the necessary means to adjust to the required standards - international level laboratories to comply with the DNA and on the other hand in relation to dysplasia diagnoses, for many years we have been working together with the Dra. Margarita Durán, professional recognized by you. The main economic problem of the Latin American countries and unfortunately for many years Argentina, makes it impossible to sustain the activity within the canons that you have designed. We have reached the limits of deep economic and social depression and the planned recovery is slow and with ups and downs. We hope that in a few years, Argentine breeding, with the enthusiasm and breeding rates that we have sustained in other times, will take us back to the place that we always dream and the effort and uninterrupted work that we always do.

Name of President: Alejandro J. Balducci
(Signature)

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The proposal to extend the time to fully comply with the HBP schedules was discussed and an alternative proposal suggested and accepted.

A matrix detailing the components of the HBP will be developed and distributed to member clubs for response. There will be no extension per se, however member clubs will be treated individually when assessing their ability to comply.



GSDCA Breeding Program Progress Report

Our Organisation

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) is the overarching body that oversees the development, health and progression of the German Shepherd Dog and the personnel that work with the breed in Australia.

The GSDCA (Council) consists of 8 affiliate member clubs: 6 state clubs, 1 territory club and 1 regional club. The GSDCA is an affiliate of Dogs Australia (ANKC).

The Member Clubs that form the Council cater primarily for German Shepherd Dogs and are each affiliated with their recognised State or Territory Body, which controls canine affairs, and which may be admitted to membership as a Constituent Body by the Council (Table 1).

Table 1 Clubs that form the GSDCA, State controlling bodies and member numbers.

States & Territories of Australia	GSD Clubs	Member Numbers 31 Dec 2022	State Controlling Body see p.3
Australian Capital Territory	ACTGSDA	258	Dogs ACT
New South Wales	GSDL NSW Inc	375	Dogs NSW
Newcastle & Hunter Region	N&HRGSDC	209	Dogs NSW
Northern Territory	No club		Dogs NT
Queensland	GSDCQ	248	Dogs Qld
South Australia	GSDCSA	337	Dogs SA
Tasmania	GSDCT	60	Dogs Tas
Victoria	GSDCV	2863	Dogs Vic
Western Australia	GSDAWA	378	Dogs West

The president of each state club represents their club on the council. The Executive (Board) is elected by the members across Australia and serve a two-year term. The Council Executive comprises: President, National Breed Commission Chair, Secretary, Judges Committee Chair, Obedience Chair, Treasurer and Editor of the Council's magazine.

Decision making on significant matters in Australia is time consuming due to the constitution and democratic requirements of individual Member Clubs and the Council. Discussion and voting take place at each Member Club in each state and is then decided at the Annual General Meeting of Council. The voting strength of member clubs is set according to membership numbers and is scaled and capped. Decisions made at an Annual General Meeting come into effect from 1 July



(several months after the AGM) and a decision can-not be re-prosecuted for 2 years. The Executive body manages and directs the affairs of the council between meetings.

Our Demographics

Nationally the registration of purebred German Shepherd Dogs has declined from 13562 in 1986 to 3932 in 2010, and to 3503 in 2022. This is despite our human population growing. The number of dwellings has increased; however, backyard sizes have diminished in size (house covers most of the block of land) and there is much more apartment living in densely populated areas, making living space for GSDs quite limited.

We are a country of small breeders, with most animals being bred, sold as family pets. It is expensive to own a GSD in Australia. Most premium dog foods are imported, and costly, veterinary charges are considerable, for example, x-raying for HD ED could cost anywhere between \$500 and \$1000. (€300 to €600). Veterinary costs are extraordinarily high and registration costs keep rising.

Exhibitors and breeders travel long distances to mate their animals or to attend shows or trials. This is often on poorly maintained country roads. Access to air transport is limited and costly.

A minimum cost to air freight a dog one way would be \$500 (€300). All dogs must fly through a licenced cargo shipper and are charged by weight, inclusive of the crate. Places on planes are very limited. In some regional areas it is not possible to fly dogs as the planes do not support pet transport.

Our National Show and Trial will be held in Brisbane in 2025. To attend this event, it will take 2 or 3 days to drive from Melbourne; 5 - 7 days to drive from Perth and 3 or 4 days from Tasmania, including an overnight ferry trip. Flight times range from 2.5 to 4.5 hours, plus dogs must be checked in 90 minutes before the flight and it takes an extra hour at the end of the flight for collection.



Affiliate clubs mostly located in or close to capital cities.

Size and distance comparison – Europe to Australia



Seven of the eight clubs are physically located in their State's or Territory Capital City. One club is based in regional New South Wales. The Victorian Club has 11 training locations. So, in total there are only 18 training locations in a country of 7.7 million square kilometres.

Population of Australia is 26,354,747 Cities Total 15.1 million

Table 2 Population by state and city

Greater City	State	Population (million)
Sydney	NSW	5.3
Melbourne	Victoria	5.0
Brisbane	Queensland	2.6
Perth	Western Australia	2.2
Adelaide	South Australia	1.4
Canberra	Australian Capital Territory	0.46
Hobart	Tasmania	0.25
Darwin	Northern Territory	0.15

Governing Body for Pure Bred Dogs in Australia

Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC), trading as Dogs Australia (DA), is the peak body in Australia responsible for registered pedigreed dogs and co-ordinates its member bodies in each of Australia's eight states and territories.

Dogs Australia's mission is to promote excellence in breeding, showing, trialling, obedience and other canine related activities and the ownership of temperamentally and physically sound pure-bred dogs by responsible individuals across Australia. Dogs Australia is also responsible for providing education, examination and approval of Licenced Judges in Australia for All Breeds Groups and Single Breed Licence. Applicants must meet specific requirements including longevity of membership, breeding and ethics and club activity for their chosen breeds. The course for each of the 7 recognised groups from acceptance to approval for one group is approximately two years.



Single breed applicants must follow the same time frame as the group. Dogs Australia is an associate member of the FCI.

Breeders who are members of DA affiliates must abide by the Code of Ethics which covers extensive health and welfare considerations, including adequate maturity for first litter, maximum number of litters that can be bred from a bitch and that there must be adequate time to recover between litters.

The GSDCA is recognised by Dogs Australia as the National Breed Commission for the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.



Features of the GSDCA Breeding Program

The Australian Breeding Program consists of regulations and schemes administered by the GSDCA and Dogs Australia. It is also subject to National, State and Local Government laws covering canine welfare and control.

The following describe the features of the GSDCA's Breeding Program.

1. GSDCA - Code of Ethics

Member Clubs and/or Officers of the GSDCA are expected to:

- Support the objectives of the National Council.
- Encourage our members, as owners and breeders of the German Shepherd Dog, to ensure that all dogs under their care are properly and appropriately cared for.
 - a) To comply with ANKC and State Canine Control "Codes of Ethics" as they apply.
 - b) To only breed with animals that are ANKC registered, German Shepherd Dogs.
 - c) To only breed with a bitch that is 18 plus months of age (as per ANKC ruling).
 - d) To only offer at stud a dog that is 18 plus months of age (as per ANKC ruling).



- e) The maximum number of studs any one dog may have will be limited to 90 per calendar year.
- f) The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have, be limited to 3 per 24-month period.
- g) To ensure that the sire and dam of the litter is successfully breed surveyed.
- h) To not allow puppies to leave their care before 8 weeks of age.
- i) To vaccinate all puppies for Distemper, Parvovirus, and Hepatitis by 8 weeks.
- j) To microchip the whole litter prior to leaving the kennels (as per ANKC ruling).
- k) To ensure that the whole litter is registered with the ANKC on either the Main or Limited register and that both varieties are correctly registered as such.
- l) To supply each purchaser of their puppies with literature regarding the raising, caring, and training of German Shepherd Dogs:
 - information relating to Member Club contacts in State or Territory of domicile of purchaser.
 - information relating to the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes
 - a 5-generation pedigree
 - an ANKC registration certificate for the puppy as sold.
 - an individual certificate of vaccination for the puppy as sold.
 - ensure the puppy is healthy at the time of leaving the member's care.
 - to microchip the whole litter and register prior to leaving the kennels (normally done at 6 weeks) of age and prior to leaving the premises.
 - [It is noted where the Canine Control regulation is more stringent then that will apply].
- Will not sell puppies through pet shops and/or weekend markets.
- Officers of the GSDCA will comply with the GSDCA Communication Code of Conduct.

2. Positive Identification

Australia implemented a tattoo scheme in 1975 and it ran alongside the more recently introduced microchip scheme. Animal welfare lobbyists against tattooing and regulatory bodies in different states began to introduce regulations regarding the qualifications of personnel that could tattoo. This caused the Council to cease the tattoo scheme (2018) and rely on microchipping for positive identification, which by that time was mandatory for all registered dogs in Australia.

Dogs Australia has informed Canine bodies about its intention to introduce a DNA scheme. Dogs Qld (one state body) has introduced its own scheme for the registration of pedigreed dogs. All dogs registered in Queensland are required to be DNA tested. Dogs Qld's preferred DNA provider is Massey University (NZ), but members have the option to use Orivet. We believe that the markers selected are different to those required by the SV Scheme, however more owners are seeking to have their dogs completely profiled by Orivet. This uptake could lead to us being able to introduce a scheme in the future. A field has been set aside in the GSDCA Database for this to take place in the future.



3. HD and ED Scheme

The GSDCA implemented an HD scheme in 1982 in conjunction with the University of Melbourne, Dr Roger Lavelle, and Dr Malcolm Willis (UK). Initially, a grading scheme like the SV system was used and the plates sent to the UK for scoring by the BVA scheme. Dr Willis devised the scoring system for the Australian scheme, based on pass and fail points. Since its inception over 12,000 animals have been submitted to the HD scheme (A stamp).

The GSD had become so popular in the 1980's after the lifting of the importation ban, and with many being sold as pets to Australian families, it was noted that far too many were presenting with issues in the elbows. The Council's research had highlighted the high heritability of elbow dysplasia in using affected animals and became proactive in introducing an Elbow scheme aligned with the HD Scheme (Z stamp) in 1991. The GSDCA conducts a Hip Dysplasia (HD)/Elbow Dysplasia (ED) Control Scheme to ensure that the breed average scores for hips and elbows for the German Shepherd Dog remain as low as possible. This in turn ensures that the soundness of the breed progresses. In 2022, 362 animals were presented to our scheme 346 gained an A stamp and 347 AZ.

HD Breed Average across Australia mean score = 9.5 GSDCA scheme median score = 8.5

ED Score 90% Normal GSDCA scheme

The GSDCA [Regulations Manual](#), Section 3.3 details the procedure for x-raying, results, qualifications, re-submission of x-rays, appeals and the publication of statistics etc.

Once the Hip and Elbow x-rays have been received from the GSDCA's reader, a certificate is issued to the owner of the dog, explaining the scores achieved. The certificate also carries the GSDCA 'A' stamp and the 'Z' stamp to indicate that the dog has passed the HD/ED Control Schemes.

To ensure breeders are informed about our health schemes they can view data held on the GSDCA website or can use the member controlled GSDCA database.

The HD data for sires from 2022 can be found at: [HD Information](#)

Table 3a HD Sire Statistics sample



HIP DYSPLASIA CONTROL SCHEME STATISTICS

Progeny results of current sires as at 31st Dec 2022

Sires with more than ten progeny submitted to the GSDCA HD Control Scheme and have progeny born within the last 7 years.

Results are sorted by mean average.

Statistics have been compiled from the GSDCA Database.



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National Breed Commission

Name of Sire	Breed	Hip results of Sire	Number of progeny as at 06/12/2022	Has registrations since last report	Number of Progeny thru scheme	Number of Dams	Best	Worst	Mean	0-5	6-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51+
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Sires with 20 or more progeny through the GSDCA HD Control Scheme

GERRY VOM SCHACHER (IMP DEU)	SC	'a' normal	439		65	37	0	12	5.55	58%	37%	5%	-	-	-	-
ALIMANDA FIRE WALKER	SC	'A' (2:2)	164		21	13	0	10	5.71	48%	52%	-	-	-	-	-
XANDER VOM GRABFELDGAU (IMP DEU)	SC	'a' normal	397	*	23	18	2	12	5.87	43%	52%	4%	-	-	-	-
HAUSILLEVON GARMIN	SC	'A' (3:5)	232		20	12	1	9	6.05	40%	60%	-	-	-	-	-
SCHAEFERHUND XESKO	SC	'A' (1:1)	517		60	42	2	44	6.17	57%	37%	5%	-	-	2%	-
ILIANO VON JUVENISTY (IMP NLD)	SC	'a' normal	218	*	25	16	2	16	6.24	48%	44%	8%	-	-	-	-
SCHAEFERHUND RAFAEL	SC	'A' (1:4)	431		48	29	2	15	6.33	38%	58%	4%	-	-	-	-
CALLE VOM WESTERVENN (IMP DEU)	SC	'a' normal	312		38	24	2	14	6.42	45%	45%	11%	-	-	-	-

Table 3b ED statistics sample. The ED analysis is broken into categories that acknowledge the sire's producing ability for Elbow Health.

ELBOW DYSPLASIA CONTROL SCHEME STATISTICS

Progeny results of current sires as at 31st Dec 2022

Sires with more than ten progeny submitted to the GSDCA ED Control Scheme and have progeny born within the last 7 years.

Results are sorted by percentage of normal elbows.

Statistics have been compiled from the GSDCA Database.



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Name of Sire	Breed	Elbow Result of Sire	Number of progeny as at 06/12/2022	Has registrations since last report	Number of Progeny thru scheme	Number of Dams	% Normal	% Near Normal	% Grade 1	% Grade 2	% Grade 3	% UAP
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100% to 90% Normal - Excellent Elbow producer

VENEZE LUTZ (IMP UK)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	233		32	22	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
LENIN VON DER GRAFENBURG (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	249	*	18	11	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
RUDY VON HAUS EDMOND (IMP SWE)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	143	*	17	12	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
BLUENMAX SAY BOMBS AWAY	SC	'Z' Normal (0:0)	152	*	13	9	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
DJANGO VOM TEAM PANONIANSEE (IMP BEL)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	150	*	12	7	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
FOCUS VON DER PISTE TROPHE (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	80		11	7	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
FREMONT WATSON	SC	'Z' Normal (0:0)	68		11	8	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
VADIM VON AURELIUS (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	149		11	9	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-
WULKANO-UNO VON SCHNITZERTEAM (IMP HUN)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	360	*	11	7	100.0%	-	-	-	-	-

Less than 90% to 80% Normal - Very Good Elbow producer

XARO VON DER PLASSENBURG (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	420		69	37	89.9%	-	5.8%	2.9%	-	-
MACHO VOM LAMORAK (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	67	*	18	10	88.9%	-	-	5.6%	-	5.6%
SCHAEFERHUND XESKO	SC	'Z' Normal (0:0)	517		60	42	88.3%	1.7%	8.3%	-	-	1.7%
SUNDANEKA YOUNG GUN	SC	'Z' Normal (0:0)	141		17	10	88.2%	-	5.9%	5.9%	-	-
URY VOM ZISAWINKEL (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	271		42	27	88.1%	-	9.5%	-	-	-
DIAMBO VOM FICHTENSCHLAG (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	334	*	68	40	86.8%	-	7.4%	4.4%	-	1.5%
GERRY VOM SCHACHER (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	439		65	37	86.2%	-	13.8%	-	-	-

Less than 80% to 70% Normal - Good Elbow producer

FREMONT HELLS BELLS	SC	'Z' Normal (0:0)	59		14	8	78.6%	-	14.3%	7.1%	-	-
NIVO VOM LUBARER SCHLOSSCHEN (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	106		14	8	78.6%	-	7.1%	7.1%	-	-
XENO VON ARAJKO (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	324		37	23	78.4%	-	10.8%	2.7%	-	8.1%
GIOTTO DI FOSSOMBRONE (IMP ITL)	SC	ED (Itl)	176		18	14	77.8%	-	16.7%	-	-	5.6%
JAYSHILL NEBRASKA	SC	'Z' Grade 1 (1:0)	86		13	8	76.9%	-	7.7%	7.7%	-	7.7%
ARKON VOM ALTENBERGER LAND (IMP DEU)	SC	ED Normal (Gmy)	258		32	21	75.0%	6.3%	18.8%	-	-	-
WUNDERSTERN ELMETZ	LSC	ED Normal (Gmy)	36	*	12	5	75.0%	-	8.3%	-	-	16.7%
GAVIN VOM HASENBORN	LSC	ED Normal (Gmy)	40		15	9	73.3%	-	26.7%	-	-	-

Less than 70% Normal - Poor Elbow producer

SCHAEFERHUND LOGUN	SC	'Z' Normal (0:0)	140	*	10	7	50.0%	-	30.0%	10.0%	-	10.0%
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Dogs that are appearing for the first time



GSDCA members can access the WUSV HDED Scheme via an online portal.

The GSDCA has negotiated a regulation with Dogs Australia to only register German Shepherd Dog puppies on the main register if both parents have passed an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip prior to being x-rayed. Litters that do not meet the above requirements will be placed on the Limited Register and flagged not to be upgraded for breeding. Dogs on the Limited Register are not eligible for breeding. This Dogs Australia regulation, known as Litter Registration Limitation (LRL), came about by application from the GSDCA for all German Shepherds bred in Australia. (Sample HDED contract picture p.11)



Pictured below Database showing number of records held by GSDCA for HDED

Listing HD/ED Results

Reg. No.	Name	Microchip	Breed	Clear filter
Owner	Form No.	Register No.	State	
Contract No.	Cert Issued	Comment	Vet	
Sire	Dam			

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Found 12,699 records across 635 pages. Show 10, 20, or 50 records per page.



GSDCA Yearly Average				GSDCA Rolling 5 Year Average			
Year of Birth	Number of Dogs (per year)	Sum of Total Scores (per year)	Average Total Score	Year of Birth	Number of Dogs (Over 5 years)	Sum of Total Scores (Over 5 years)	Average Total Score
1989	1	2	2				
1990	4	79	19.75				
1991	4	27	6.75				
1992	16	197	12.31	1992	33	489	15
1993	25	310	12.4	1993	63	837	13
1994	55	989	17.98	1994	122	1,905	122
1995	244	2996	12.28	1995	344	4,519	13.14
1996	659	7399	11.23	1996	999	11,891	11.9
1997	622	6914	11.12	1997	1,605	18,608	11.59
1998	630	7333	11.64	1998	2,210	25,631	11.6
1999	491	4658	9.49	1999	2,646	29,300	11.07
2000	493	4329	8.78	2000	2,895	30,633	10.58
2001	471	4717	10.01	2001	2,707	27,951	10.33
2002	467	3585	7.68	2002	2,552	24,622	9.65
2003	406	2827	6.96	2003	2,328	20,116	8.64
2004	485	3374	6.96	2004	2,322	18,832	8.11
2005	424	2608	6.15	2005	2,253	17,111	7.59
2006	445	2710	6.09	2006	2,227	15,104	6.78
2007	442	2740	6.2	2007	2,202	14,259	6.48
2008	437	2577	5.9	2008	2,233	14,009	6.27
2009	375	2535	6.76	2009	2,123	13,170	6.2
2010	408	3544	8.69	2010	2,107	14,106	6.69
2011	391	3060	7.83	2011	2,053	14,456	7.04
2012	467	3577	7.66	2012	2,078	15,293	7.36
2013	457	4194	9.18	2013	2,098	16,910	8.06
2014	402	3709	9.23	2014	2,125	18,084	8.51
2015	397	3427	8.63	2015	2,114	17,967	8.5
2016	378	3275	8.66	2016	2,101	18,182	8.65
2017	279	2445	8.76	2017	1,913	17,050	8.91
2018	332	2643	7.96	2018	1,473	12,942	8.79
2019	268	1973	7.36	2019	2,221	18,994	8.55
2020	359	2792	7.78	2020	1,802	15,112	8.39
2021	341	2435	7.14	2021	1,866	15,466	8.29



4. Breed Survey Scheme

Implemented in 1979, the GSDCA conducts a nationally accredited Breed Survey Scheme to recognise breed health, character, temperament and for advice regarding breeding. Over time the breed survey scheme has been improved in response to the growing need for (in particular) breed health. It is worth noting here, that any changes to our schemes are subject to the member clubs voting as per the constitution. The GSDCA Breed Survey scheme is tied to the Excellent grading. Animals that do not pass the health schemes, fail the gun test, or do not possess correct character and temperament assessments are not eligible to be breed surveyed; as a result, cannot be graded excellent at GSDCA recognised shows in Australia.

From 18 months of age to eight years, dogs can be presented to a panel of GSDCA Breed Surveyors to be assessed for their worthiness as a breeding prospect. Areas to be assessed cover temperament, character, gun sureness, anatomical attributes, movement, and general soundness. Major faults of temperament result in failure of the Breed Survey. Potential breeding partners are recommended according to the outcome of the survey. The object of having dogs presented to survey is to ensure the promotion of sound specimens for breeding as an aim to promote soundness of the breed in general. Successfully surveyed dogs are categorised as suitable for breeding that are far above or above average and are classified as GSDCA Breed Surveyed. The symbol of * in front of a dog's name indicates that the dog has been successfully breed surveyed.

Generally, Affiliate Clubs hold four to five Breed Surveys throughout the year and a survey is held the day prior to a National Show. To participate in Breed Survey, the owner/applicant must be a member of an affiliated Member Club.

The following text and Table 4 presents data for the 2022 Breed Survey year 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2022

Thirty surveys were held between February and December 2022. A total of 162 animals were presented to survey this year, generating an income of \$3294: 73 % Stock Coat and the remaining 27%, Long Stock Coats. Dogs that could not be classified accounted for 8% of the total number of animals presented and almost half of those failed the gun test, with the remainder either oversize or lacking self-assurance throughout the survey and or the character test. One animal failed due to insufficient dentition. Four dogs were re-presented to survey throughout the year; three were successfully classified. See Table 4



Table 4

Club	Surveys	Animals Presented	SC	LSC	Classified	FAIL	REASON	Imported Dogs
ACTGSDA	2	13	11	2	13	0		
GSDAWA	5	13	11	2	13	0		2
GSDCQ	5	37	21	16	36	1	Gun	0
GSDCSA	4	21	17	4	19	2	Gun O'size	0
GSDCT	3	14	13	1	13	1	Gun	0
GSDCV	6	37	27	10	31	6	Gun (3) O'size (2) Character (1)	2
GSDL	5	27	17	9	24	3	Character (2) Teeth (1)	1
NHRGSDC	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Totals	30	162	117	44	149	13		5

The [Regulations Manual](#) Section 3.6 Breed Survey clearly outlines information pertaining to Breed Survey. This should be read in conjunction with the [GSDCA Breed Survey Manual](#).



Breed Surveys are held in accordance with our regulations so that they are standard across Australia. The following illustrations provide working and current examples of our scheme.

GSDCA Breed Survey Process and Paperwork example (2023)

DOGS Australia Registration papers

DOGS AUSTRALIA
Certified Pedigree

Registered Owner: 210812003
Mrs K Griffiths, Mr R & Mrs D Tatham & Mrs C Shaylor
27 Goodwin Road
ARNDING NSW 2208

Name: STOBAR KOZYIA 210804142
Breed: German Shepherd Dog (GSD) Country of Origin: AUSTRALIA
Sex: Male Microchip No: 99600014018171
Date of Birth: 08/11/2022
Colour: Black & Gold

Sire: CHILLI DELLA VALCONIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)
Dam: STOBAR KOZYIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)

Grand Sire: CHILLI DELLA VALCONIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)
Grand Dam: STOBAR KOZYIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)

Great Grand Sire: CHILLI DELLA VALCONIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)
Great Grand Dam: STOBAR KOZYIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)

Bred by: Stobar Kennels 996000142
Date Registered: 25/11/2022 Date Issued: 18/05/2022
Issued by: Royal NSW Canine Control Ltd

GSDCA HDED – Sample Contract and scoring

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.
Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme
Application Form

Form No. 14769

Hips ☒ Elbows ☒ State contract no. 59 HED Register no. 14769

A.N.K.C. Registered Name: STOBAR KOZYIA (To be completed in block letters)
A.N.K.C. Registered No: 210804142 Date Born: 08/11/2022 Sex: M
GSDCA Title No: 210804142 Microchip No: 99600014018171 Date of X-ray: 17/1/23
Name of Owner: Mrs K Griffiths, Mr R & Mrs D Tatham & Mrs C Shaylor
Address: 27 Goodwin Road, Arnding NSW 2208
Phone: 08 9450 1111 Email: kgriffiths@stobar.com.au
Sire: CHILLI DELLA VALCONIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL) POB: 08/11/2018
Dam: STOBAR KOZYIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL) POB: 08/11/2022

Hip Dysplasia Scheme
Pass/Fail: Result: A Strong Owner's Signature: [Signature]
Hip Joint: Right Left
Narrowing Angle: 0 0
Subluxation: 0 0
Cranial Acetabular Edge: 0 0
Dorsal Acetabular Edge: 0 0
Cranial Effective Acetabular Rim: 0 0
Acetabular Fossa: 0 0
Caudal Acetabular Edge: 0 0
Femoral Head/Neck Extension: 0 0
Femoral Head Recontouring: 0 0
Sub Total Score: 0 0
Total Score: 0

Elbow Dysplasia Scheme
Pass/Fail: Result: A Strong
Right: Left: Grade: Unaltered Abnormal Process
Arthritic Change: 0 0 Normal UAP
Lef: 0 0 Normal UAP

Signatures of breeder and GSDCA representative, Date of Examination: 17/1/23

Copy of GSDCA A Z (HDED)

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.
Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme.
STOBAR KOZYIA 'A' 'Z'

Breed: German Shepherd Dog (GSD) Sex: Male Colour: Black & Gold
Sire: CHILLI DELLA VALCONIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)
Dam: STOBAR KOZYIA (IMP) (UK) (ITL) (ITL)
Sire's Microchip: 996000142
Dam's Microchip: 99600014018171

Hip Result: 'A'
Hip Joint: Right Left
Narrowing Angle: 0 0
Subluxation: 0 0
Cranial Acetabular Edge: 0 0
Dorsal Acetabular Edge: 0 0
Cranial Effective Acetabular Rim: 0 0
Acetabular Fossa: 0 0
Caudal Acetabular Edge: 0 0
Femoral Head/Neck Extension: 0 0
Femoral Head Recontouring: 0 0
Total: 0 0
Total Score: 0

Elbow Result: Normal
Elbow Joint: Right Left
Arthritic Change: 0 0
MME: 0.00 MME: 0.00
GRADE: Normal Normal
Elbow Anomalous Process: Right Left
UAP: Not present Not present

Reg No: 210804142 Microchip: 99600014018171
B.O.B: 08/11/2022
Owner: Mrs K Griffiths, Mr R & Mrs D Tatham & Mrs C Shaylor
State Contract No: NSW202289
Scheme Number: 14769
Date of Examination: 17/1/23
Date of Registration: 25/11/2022
Date: 13th MARCH 2023

Other paperwork required to presented for survey is:

- application form
- five generation pedigree
- copies of titles e.g., ZAP, character assessment, ANKC Championship, Tracking, Herding,



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC.
BREED SURVEY WORK SHEET - GSDCA 865

GDCA Survey no: 339. Club Survey No: 310 Club Name: GSDS Survey Date: 11/7/13
NAME: Shoban Korya Breed Survey Result: CLASSIFIED / PAS
Sex: Male Tattoo No: M-Number: 9560001451371
Reg No: 31004412 HD Classification: Score A 2.2
HD Classification: Score 2.0 GSDCA Health Certificate no.:
SIRE: Chilli della Valcouva Grand Sire: Urban V Mulhaus
Grand Dam: Ory della Valcouva
DAM: Shoban Fensla Grand Sire: Cornishman Freddie
Grand Dam: Vanland Aus
Litterbearing: NIL
Breeder: Shoban Kenna
Owner: Address: Baxter, Vw, 3511
Address:


Findings on the day of the Survey

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) Height at Withers: 63.63 cm (2) Depth of Chest: 29.5 cm
(3) Chest Circumference: 76 cm (4) Weight: 37 kg
(5) Pigment: Strong, good, sufficient, pale
(6) Coat: Black coat, long thick coat, long coat (7) Colour & Markings: 1/6 6/4
(8) Testicles: well developed, small, uneven

II. TEMPERAMENT TEST AND GUN SURVIVAL

(1) Character: confident, shy, good natured, not aggressive
(2) Watchfulness: very alert (3) Disposition: alert, calm, confident, not nervous
(3) Confidence: alert, confident, not nervous
(4) Condition of nerves: (5) Fear reaction: (6) Reaction to gun test: (7) Reaction to gun test: (8) Reaction to gun test: (9) Reaction to gun test: (10) Reaction to gun test: (11) Reaction to gun test: (12) Reaction to gun test: (13) Reaction to gun test: (14) Reaction to gun test: (15) Reaction to gun test: (16) Reaction to gun test: (17) Reaction to gun test: (18) Reaction to gun test: (19) Reaction to gun test: (20) Reaction to gun test: (21) Reaction to gun test: (22) Reaction to gun test: (23) Reaction to gun test: (24) Reaction to gun test: (25) Reaction to gun test: (26) Reaction to gun test: (27) Reaction to gun test: (28) Reaction to gun test: (29) Reaction to gun test: (30) Reaction to gun test: (31) Reaction to gun test: (32) Reaction to gun test: (33) Reaction to gun test: (34) Reaction to gun test: (35) Reaction to gun test: (36) Reaction to gun test: (37) Reaction to gun test: (38) Reaction to gun test: (39) Reaction to gun test: (40) Reaction to gun test: (41) Reaction 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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
BREED SURVEY CERTIFICATE 2019

GDCA Survey No: 4309 Club Survey No: NSW 3119

Club Name: GADE Survey Date: 17/06/2023

NAME: STOBAR KURTVA

Sex: Male Date of Birth: 06/11/2021

Tag No: 710640132 Title: —

NIKE: CHIEF BELLA VALCUEVA (IMP CKY V HTL EDTL)

Club Dist: *UKL/VON MACHEN V HTL

Club Dist: *CKY BELLA VALCUEVA V HTL (HTL)

Club Dist: *COMB LAUREN FREEDER (IMP FUR) V HTL (IMP)

DAM: *STOBAR FENELA (A) *

Club Dist: *VANLAND ASSA V C

Breed Survey Result: Classified

Trainer No: N/A

Minority: *MINORITY STATUS

ED Rating: *A12

Eligible: *Y Female (B/B)

Litter Breeding No:

Breeder: Tishie Kennels

Owner: Mrs B Griffin, Mr R & Mrs D Tishie & Mrs C

Address: 21 Gosford Road, Gosford, NSW 2250

Completed Breed Owner's copy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) Height at Withers: 43 cm (2) Depth of Chest: 28.8 cm (3) Chest Circumference: 38 cm (4) Weight: 29 kg

(5) Posture: strong

(6) Coat: long, slick coat

(7) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(8) Tailset: well developed

B. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A very good medium size, medium strength male of very good type and very good overall movement with a clearly masculine build. Slightly above standard. Slightly up head. Small dark eyes. He has a well arched neck of good length, a high wither and a strong angle. Back of good length. Group of good length and just slightly steep. Well angled hindquarter with well, short and thick. Forepaw very good structure. Good hindquarters with a slightly less muscularity than ideal. Forepaw a very good picture to view with a muscularity pleasing to view. Very good feet. Slightly arched toes. Good stance and he stands evenly on all feet. Moves well when relaxed with good reach and free holding his legs. He could be more fully and relaxed and secure in handling of him. Colour:

TEMPERAMENT TEST AND GUN SERVICES



(1) Character: calm

(2) Watchfulness: alert

(3) Confidence: slightly reserved

(4) Combination of nerves: sufficiently firm

(5) Reaction to gun test: indifferent

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

(1) Posture: strong

(2) Coat: slick coat

(3) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(4) Tailset: well developed

(5) Posture: strong

(6) Coat: slick coat

(7) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(8) Tailset: well developed

(9) Posture: strong

(10) Coat: slick coat

(11) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(12) Tailset: well developed

(13) Posture: strong

(14) Coat: slick coat

(15) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(16) Tailset: well developed

(17) Posture: strong

(18) Coat: slick coat

(19) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(20) Tailset: well developed

(21) Posture: strong

(22) Coat: slick coat

(23) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(24) Tailset: well developed

(25) Posture: strong

(26) Coat: slick coat

(27) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(28) Tailset: well developed

(29) Posture: strong

(30) Coat: slick coat

(31) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(32) Tailset: well developed

(33) Posture: strong

(34) Coat: slick coat

(35) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(36) Tailset: well developed

(37) Posture: strong

(38) Coat: slick coat

(39) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(40) Tailset: well developed

(41) Posture: strong

(42) Coat: slick coat

(43) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(44) Tailset: well developed

(45) Posture: strong

(46) Coat: slick coat

(47) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(48) Tailset: well developed

(49) Posture: strong

(50) Coat: slick coat

(51) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

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(95) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(96) Tailset: well developed

(97) Posture: strong

(98) Coat: slick coat

(99) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(100) Tailset: well developed

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

(1) Posture: strong

(2) Coat: slick coat

(3) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(4) Tailset: well developed

(5) Posture: strong

(6) Coat: slick coat

(7) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(8) Tailset: well developed

(9) Posture: strong

(10) Coat: slick coat

(11) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(12) Tailset: well developed

(13) Posture: strong

(14) Coat: slick coat

(15) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(16) Tailset: well developed

(17) Posture: strong

(18) Coat: slick coat

(19) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(20) Tailset: well developed

(21) Posture: strong

(22) Coat: slick coat

(23) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(24) Tailset: well developed

(25) Posture: strong

(26) Coat: slick coat

(27) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(28) Tailset: well developed

(29) Posture: strong

(30) Coat: slick coat

(31) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(32) Tailset: well developed

(33) Posture: strong

(34) Coat: slick coat

(35) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

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(37) Posture: strong

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(39) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

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(41) Posture: strong

(42) Coat: slick coat

(43) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

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(45) Posture: strong

(46) Coat: slick coat

(47) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(48) Tailset: well developed

(49) Posture: strong

(50) Coat: slick coat

(51) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(52) Tailset: well developed

(53) Posture: strong

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(62) Coat: slick coat

(63) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(64) Tailset: well developed

(65) Posture: strong

(66) Coat: slick coat

(67) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(68) Tailset: well developed

(69) Posture: strong

(70) Coat: slick coat

(71) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(72) Tailset: well developed

(73) Posture: strong

(74) Coat: slick coat

(75) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(76) Tailset: well developed

(77) Posture: strong

(78) Coat: slick coat

(79) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(80) Tailset: well developed

(81) Posture: strong

(82) Coat: slick coat

(83) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(84) Tailset: well developed

(85) Posture: strong

(86) Coat: slick coat

(87) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(88) Tailset: well developed

(89) Posture: strong

(90) Coat: slick coat

(91) Colour & markings: Black and Gold

(92) Tailset: well developed

(93) Posture: strong

(94) Coat: slick coat

(95) Colour &



Entry into the database by the surveyor and checked by the Breed Survey Registrar

Listing Breed Survey Results

Reg. No. Name GSDC No. Club No. [Clear filter](#)

Surveyor Survey Date Class Sire

Dam Breed Sex Status

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Actions	Reg. No.	Name	Tattoo	GSDC Survey No.	Club Survey No.	Survey Date	Surveyor	Owner	Class	Status	Photo
View Edit	3100441414	STOBAR KOHSTANCE		10818	V 2881	04/06/2023	Mrs. J. Yuen	Stobar Kennels	Classified	Approved	
View Edit	3100441412	STOBAR KOZTYA		0339	NSW 3110	17/06/2023	Ms. J. Cathie	Mrs K Griffiths, Mr R & Mrs D Tatham & Mrs C Shayler	Classified	Approved	

Survey appearance on the database for members

* STOBAR KOZTYA BS Classified 'A'2:2 'Z' Normal (0:0)



Whelped: 06/11/2021
Reg. No: 3100441412
Tattoo No: N/A
Microchip: 956000014518171
GSDCA No: 0339
Club No: NSW 3110
Survey Date: 17/06/2023
Owner: Mrs K Griffiths, Mr R & Mrs D Tatham & Mrs C Shayler
Address: 67 Goodes Road, ARDING NSW 2358

SIRE	* CHILI DELLA VALCUIA (IMP UK) 'a' (ITL) ED (ITL)	* ULKAN VON MAIKHUS 'a' ED	* LANDOS VOM QUARTIER LATIN 'a' ED (Gmy)	* FURBO DEGLI ACHEI 'a' ED (Gmy)
			* NERA DI CASA NOBILI 'a' (ITL) ED (ITL)	* USSI VON PALLAS ATHENE 'a' ED (Gmy)
		* ORA DELLA VALCUIA 'a' ED (ITL)	* GROOVY DI CASA MASSARELLI 'a' ED (Gmy)	* GECK DI CASA NOBILI 'a' ED (Gmy)
			* VIVA DELLA VALCUIA 'a' (ITL) ED (ITL)	* ORNELLA VOM HAUS CHRISTA 'a' ED (Gmy)
DAM	* STOBAR FENELA 'A' 'Z'	* CONBHAIREAN FREDDIE (IMP UK) 'a' ED (Gmy)	* CONBHAIREAN UNO (UK) 'a' ED (Gmy)	* CARLOS VON DER SUDHEIMER LINDE 'a' ED (Gmy)
			* CONBHAIREAN QUELLA (UK) 'a' ED (Gmy)	* KANTUM VOM KLOSTERMOOR 'a' ED (Gmy)
		* VANLAND AWA 'A' 'Z'	* JAYSHILL ARCHIMEDES 'A' 'Z'	* CONBHAIREAN KIARA 'a'
			STOBAR ZOBELE 'A' 'Z'	* VEGAS VON DONGMIRAN (IMP NLD) 'a' ED (Gmy)
				* BLAKINGOLD HONEY JUMBLE 'A' 'Z'
				* ORRINSHIR ELTON JOHN 'A' 'Z'
				* STOBAR OLIVIA 'A' 'Z'

Linebreeding:

Nil

General Information:

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General Description:

A very good medium size, medium strength male of very good type and very good overall proportions with a clearly masculine head, lovely dark mask and good expression. Slightly up-faced. Small, firm ears, he has a well angled neck of good length, a high wither and a firm straight back of good length. Croup is of good length and just slightly steep. Well angled forehand with already well developed brisket. Very good underline, well developed muscular thighs, good hindquarters with a slightly long tibia, short neat hocks. Presents a very good picture in stance with a particularly pleasing underline. Very good feet. Slightly close away, correct towards and he stands correct fore and aft. Moves well when settled with good reach and drive holding his lines. He could be more fully self assured and tolerant of handling at times. Gunsure.

Temperament Test And Gun Sureness:

Character: calm **Watchfulness:** alert **Confidence:** slightly reserved **Condition of nerves:** sufficiently firm **Reaction to gun test:** indifferent

Structural Evaluation Whilst Standing And During Movement:

Sex characteristics: pronounced **Proportions:** very good length of body, substantial very good forechest development good underchest development good length of foreleg **Bones:** strong, well shaped **Muscular development:** well developed, firm **Constitution:** strong **View in Stance:** straight **View in Stance:** Rear: straight **Firmness in Stance:** Front: firm **Firmness in Stance:** Rear: firm **Feet:** good front good rear **Toenails:** dark **Hock joints:** firm, strong **Pasterns:** firm **Elbows:** firm **Head:** well formed, broad **Upper jaw:** strong **Lower jaw:** strong **Expression:** noble **Eyes:** correct shape and size dark **Ears:** very good shape very good size good set **Neck:** good length and good lay **Withers:** high **Back:** firm, straight, tight **Croup:** good length, slightly steep **Tail:** good length **Angulations:** Front: very good length and angle of shoulder blade good length and angle of upper arm **Angulations:** Rear: slightly deep hindquarter angulation slightly long upper thigh good length and angle of lower thigh **Gait:** trotter, well sprung good ground covering good back transmission moves correct in front moves slightly narrow at rear **Drive:** powerful **Reach:** very good **Dentition:** healthy, strong, without gaps, scissor bite **Dentition faults:** Of note, the scissor bite is slightly square

Particular Virtues And Faults:

Very good size and substance, very good overall proportions and super pigment. Would prefer him generally more self assured in all phases

Advice For Selection Of A Breeding Partner:

Bitches of good type and balance with an eye on depth and substance. Strong mental characteristics preferred

BREED SURVEYOR: Ms. J. Cathie



Breed Survey challenges

Our established breed survey scheme has set high standards for its personnel. We are an ageing population, and it is encouraging to see that we have recently been able to welcome two new surveyors into the ranks in 2022 with a further three this year applying for the aspirant program. Currently we have 23 Breed Surveyors across Australia and 19 of them are over 60 years of age. There are less and less people coming forward to stand for positions in clubs and harmonisation expectations have divided the membership who already believe the systems in place are too costly and too tough.

Cost is a high factor as everyone volunteers their time and travel costs. The cost of survey for our members just barely covers the cost of administration to the scheme. Our rules require two surveyors to be present at every survey and if there are no resident surveyors in the state then the club and Council bear the costs. The cost can be high, providing services to remote members (refer to the map of Australia) and the locations of the clubs that are centred around the major cities. In NSW members regularly drive 6 hours just to be able to participate in breed survey. In Qld, Tasmania and WA, clubs hold surveys in conjunction with shows to try and keep costs down to offset expenses against the show. Often a second surveyor will be in attendance for the show and that keeps costs down also.

5. GSDCA Show Gradings

The following Gradings are applicable:

- Excellent Merit: May be awarded at the judge's discretion, at State Breed Exhibitions ONLY.
- Excellent: May be awarded at the judge's discretion, to animals in the Open Class that are over 2 years of age and have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.
- Very Good and Good: May be awarded at the judge's discretion, to animals in the Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes that are over 12 months of age.
- Very Promising and Promising: May be awarded at the judge's discretion, to animals in the Baby Puppy, Minor Puppy and Puppy Classes.
- Ungraded: At the judge's discretion if the judge considers the exhibit is unworthy of a grading.
- A gun test is required at shows where Excellent gradings are given.



National Breed Commission



Nationale Zuchtkommission - GSDCA FORMBEWERTUNGEN FÜR RICHTER

SHOW GRADING – EXCELLENT		FORMWERT – VORZÜGLICH			
Animal must be exhibited in Open Class		Das Tier muss in der Offenen Klasse ausgestellt sein			
Faultless, gapless, healthy dentition		Einwandfreies, lückenloses, gesundes Gebiss			
May have slightly level bite, but without wear		Leichter Aufbiss, aber ohne Abnutzung ist zulässig			
Double P1's allowed		Doppelter P1 ist erlaubt			
Must be GSDCA Breed Survey Classified or recognised as successfully breed surveyed		Muss GSDCA Kör Klasse aufweisen, oder vom GSDCA als angekört anerkannt sein			
Firm outgoing character		Festes und offenes Wesen			
Acceptable size limits: Dogs: Max of 67cm & Bitches: Max of 62cm		Akzeptable Größenbeschränkungen: Hunde: Max von 67cm & Hündinnen: Max von 62cm			
SHOW GRADING – VERY GOOD		FORMWERT – SEHR GUT			
Not quite correct scissor bite		Bei nicht ganz korrektem Scherengebiss			
Missing one only Premolar 1 or Molar 3 or Incisor		Bei fehlen von 1 mal Prämolare 1 oder Molar 3 oder Schneidezahn			
Slightly level bite		Bei leichtem aufbeissen			
Slightly worn teeth, NOT due to age		Bei leicht abgenutzten Zähnen, NICHT aufgrund des Alters			
SHOW GRADING – GOOD		FORMWERT – GUT			
Missing two only Premolar 1's or one only premolar 2		Bei fehlen von 2 mal Prämolare 1 oder 1 mal Prämolare 2			
Missing one only Premolar 1 plus one only Incisor		Bei fehlen von 1 mal Prämolare 1 und einem Schneidezahn			
Missing one only Premolar 3		Bei fehlen von 1 mal Prämolare 3			
Missing two only Incisors or two only Premolar 2's		Bei fehlen von 2 Schneidezähnen oder 2 mal Premolar 2			
Missing one only Premolar 2 plus one only Incisor		Bei fehlen von 1 mal Prämolare 2 und einem Schneidezahn			
Missing one only P 2 plus one only Premolar 1		Bei fehlen von 1 mal Prämolare 2 und 1 mal Premolar 1			
Firm outgoing character		Mit festem, offenes Wesen			
UNGRADED		UNBEWERTET			
Missing one only Premolar 3 plus one further tooth		Beim fehlen von 1 mal Prämolare 3 und ein weiterer Zahn			
Missing one only Canine or one only Premolar 4		Beim fehlen von 1 mal Fangzahn oder 1 mal Prämolare 4			
Missing one only Molar 1 or 2		Beim fehlen von 1 Molar 1 bzw. Molar 2			
Missing three or more teeth altogether		Beim fehlen von insgesamt 3 Zähnen und mehr			
Bite is Level, or Undershot 2 mm or more, or Overshot		Beim Aufbeissen, oder Rückbiss von 2 mm und mehr, oder Vorbiss			
Character that is not firm and outgoing		Kein festes und offenes Wesen			
GRADING BY CLASS		AUSTRALIAN GRADING		BEWERTUNGEN PER KLASSENEINTEILUNG	
Baby Puppy	3 - 6 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded	3 - 6 Monate	Vielsprechend, Versprechend, Ohne Bewertung	
Minor Puppy	6 - 9 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded	6 - 9 Monate	Vielsprechend, Versprechend, Ohne Bewertung	
Puppy	9 - 12 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded	9 - 12 Monate	Vielsprechend, Versprechend, Ohne Bewertung	
Junior	9 - 12 months	Very Promising, Promising, Ungraded	9 - 12 Monate	Vielsprechend, Versprechend, Ohne Bewertung	
Junior	12 - 18 months	Very Good, Good, Ungraded	12 - 18 Monate	Sehr Gut, Gut, Ohne Bewertung	
Intermediate	18 - 36 months	Very Good, Good, Ungraded	18 - 36 Monate	Sehr Gut, Gut, Ohne Bewertung	
Open	Under 24 months or over 24 months not surveyed	Very Good, Good, Ungraded	Unter 24 Monate/Über 24 Monate, Ohne Körung	Sehr Gut, Gut, Ohne Bewertung	
Open	Over 24 months, surveyed	Excellent, Very Good, Good, Ungraded	Über 24 Monate, Angekört	Vorzüglich, Sehr Gut, Gut, Ohne Bewertung	
In Australien gezüchtet 6 Monate u.älter Keine Bewertung Im Staat gezüchtet 6 Monate u.älter Keine Bewertung Alle kastrierten 6 Monate u.älter Keine Bewertung					
MEASUREMENT MALES		FEMALES		GRÖSSEN	
SIZE		SIZE		GRÖSSEN	
60 – 61 CM		55 – 56 CM		Klein	
61 – 62 CM		56 – 57 CM		Unter Mittelgroß also Unter mittlerer Größe	
62 – 63 CM		57 – 58 CM		Mittelgroß also von mittlerer Größe	
63 – 64 CM		58 – 59 CM		Übermittelgroß also von über mittlerer Größe	
64 – 65 CM		59 – 60 CM		Groß	
65 - 66 CM		60 – 61 CM		Sehr Groß	
Above 66 CM		Above 61 CM		Überer Groß	

In Australien gezüchtet 6 Monate u. älter Keine Bewertung
Im Staat gezüchtet 6 Monate u. älter Keine Bewertung
Alle kastrierten 6 Monate u. älter Keine Bewertung

MEASUREMENT		GRÖSSEN	
MALES	FEMALES	SIZE	
60 – 61 CM	55 – 56 CM	Small	Klein
61 – 62 CM	56 – 57 CM	Under Medium Size	Unter Mittelgroß also Unter mittlerer Größe
62 – 63 CM	57 – 58 CM	Medium Size	Mittelgroß also von mittlerer Größe
63 – 64 CM	58 – 59 CM	Above Medium Size	Übermittelgroß also von über mittlerer Größe
64 – 65 CM	59 – 60 CM	Large	Groß
65 – 66 CM	60 – 61 CM	Very Large	Sehr Groß
Above 66 CM	Above 61 CM	Oversize	Übergroß

6. Specialist Judges and Breed Surveyors

To become a recognised GSDCA Specialist Judge able to critique and award the show gradings outlined above (p.14), an applicant must be in possession of their domiciled affiliate state canine body's judges' licence. (See p.3). As an approved Dogs Australia judge they can apply to join the GSDCA Specialist Judges Extension Scheme. This involves meeting the Council's specific criteria relating to successful use of the Breed improvement schemes including HDED, Breed Survey,



breeding of excellent graded stock and evidence of club participation. Applicants can usually complete this within 12 to 18 months and it involves mentoring sessions, critique writing, call out orders with approved judges, examinations at shows critiquing and grading of stock and a final examination phase during their own judging appointment judging a minimum number of dogs at GSDCA recognised events. Successful applicants are recognised at the National show each year.

[Aspirant GSDCA Judges pack](#)

GSDCA Breed Surveyors are judges that have completed the GSDCA Extension Course, meeting additional criteria. They must apply to the Council to become an aspirant surveyor and be nominated by their club of domicile.

Over a twelve-month period, the aspirant Breed Surveyor acts as an apprentice surveyor at three separate surveys, working with a coordinator or senior surveyor, completing surveys, and justifying their decisions. After the 12-month period is complete the National Breed Commission mid-year meeting decides whether they have met the requirements and are ready to join the survey team.

GSDCA Specialist judges/surveyors have met a rigorous set of criteria to attain their status, and many have successfully judged abroad including New Zealand, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, United Kingdom, Pakistan, Scandinavia, and the United Kingdom.

7. Specialist Shows

Specialist Shows are conducted by all Member Clubs against the official GSD standard. These Shows comply with the Dogs Australia rules with some additional requirements imposed by the GSDCA. For example, where possible the gun test will be conducted to gain an Excellent Grading in the Open Class. Only dogs who have been HD/ED tested and successfully Breed Surveyed can achieve an excellent grading. Knowledge of the dog's pedigree and identity is only permitted for judges at State Breed Exhibitions. These are judged on breed worth, progeny, and anatomy.

Regulations for Specialist Shows by a Member Club

- The Judge must be accredited German SV, SV Foreign list, GSDCA Specialist Judge, participants in the GSDCA Specialist Extension Course, or as approved by the GSDCA to judge Specialist GSD Shows, to award GSDCA Gradings and Medallions.
- If the Judge is German SV or WUSV, the Member Club will make application via the GSDCA Secretary and forward all fees for a clearance to be obtained from the SV (Section 2.3 - Procedure for SV Judges Clearances).
- That non-SV judges from overseas be allowed to grade at championship shows if part of the signed contractual obligations is that they should comply with the rules and regulations as set by the GSDCA.
- That at all shows conducted by Member Clubs, and judged by German Shepherd Dog Specialist judges, there shall be an approved measuring stick, which has been annually checked by Member Club Officials, made available to the judge.
- All dogs and bitches must be measured in the Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes and the height and chest depth measurement be recorded in their critiques and the critiques forwarded to the NBC Executive after every show.



- That all Member Clubs forward to GSDCA Judges Committee Chair, in electronic form, the finalized critiques of each GSD Specialist Show. These will then be forwarded to the GSDCA NBC Executive by the GSDCA Judges Committee Chair.
- Member clubs must purchase the approved GSDCA medallions from the GSDCA for use at their Shows and Trials where GSDCA gradings are given, except for State Breed Exhibitions and West Coast Challenge - Refer Awards - Member Club Medallions, for exceptions.
- Gradings may be awarded at the discretion of the Judge according to the following:
 - All Puppy Classes: Very Promising and Promising; • Junior & Intermediate, Australian Bred & Open: Very Good, Good
 - Open Classes Only: Excellent grading and medallion may be awarded to animals over 2 years and have successfully passed the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.
- If required, approved GSDCA Official interpreters must be used.
- A stenographer will be made available for the Judge.

8. National Shows

Dogs Australia grants permission for the GSDCA to hold a National Show under their rules and regulations. The first (1967) and second (1972) National shows were held in Australia prior to the importation ban being lifted. The next two (1974 and 1976) were held two years apart. Since that time, National Shows have been held yearly except for 2020/21 during the Covid 19 pandemic. We celebrate our 50th National next year in South Australia in 2024.

Our largest entry for show and obedience was 1145 in 1979, with numbers holding steady around 800 until 2000. From that time, they have decreased in line with GSD registrations in Australia and, depending on the location, over the next 20 years have dropped to around 350 - 400 inclusive of show and obedience. These shows have almost entirely been judged by SV judges whose opinions are always highly valued by our exhibitors. The Sires progeny parade is also a highlight of every National as exhibitors from remote locations can view what the males are producing. A report of the progeny classes is prepared by the National Breed Commission Executive (NBC) and published in the Council's magazine.



Example of sire's progeny report by the National Breed Commission published in Quarterly Review:

Mutz Peltzierfarm line												
*Xaro von der Plassenburg (Imp Deu) 'a'ED (Gmy)												
S.*Remo vom Fichtenschlag 'a'ED (Gmy) x D.*Wendy von der Piste Trophe 'a'ED (Gmy)												
Linebreeding Hill Farbenspiel (4,4-4) Yasko Farbenspiel (4-4) Lina Arminius (4-4)												
SV Breed worth: 87												
Exhibited Excellent 4 Open Dog Class												
Total entry – males - 4 females – 21 8 different dams												
ANKC registrations	First registration		Progeny through HD/ED scheme		A stamp	Mean Score	Range	Z stamp	Normal	Near Normal	Grade 1	Breed surveyed
417	May-14		60		58	8.4	0-32	57	92%	nil	3%	29
Place	BPD	BPB	MPD	MPB	PD	PB	JD	JB	ID	IB	OD	OB
SC	VP2	VP14					VG5	VG13	VG4	VG5 VG6 VG8 VG9		V18
LSC							VG1				V7	

This is the third time that Xaro's connections have presented a group at a GSDCA National Show and Trial. A further 45 puppies have been registered since the last national in 2017. Xaro's performance at GSDCA National Show & Trials has been outstanding, placing in the top 4 every year since 2015 (Bronze in 2016). This year the group consisted of 4 males and 5 females with two of the progeny exhibited in the Open classes rated Excellent with highly placed animals from Baby puppy through to Intermediate.

The group presented is of high quality with very good differentiation between the males and females. The animals are large, sire typical, well coloured and well pigmented, medium strong, substantial, of very good proportions, and of overall very good harmonious construction. Good heads and expression with dark eye colour and very good masking. Slightly large ears that should be slightly firmer in movement. The progeny show very good length of neck, withers, firm straight backs, quite well moulded croups that in some cases could be longer. The upper arm should be slightly longer and better angled with very good placement of the shoulder blade. Very good hindquarter angulation. Very good length of foreleg. They stand correct in front with balanced chest proportions. Very good fore-chest development, with good length of the lower chest. They step correct both front and rear with firm hock joints and good firmness of elbows. During movement they show very good ground covering gait with powerful hindquarter drive and very good forehand reach, with very good back transmission whilst displaying an excellent desire to run.

It is pleasing to see this sire present a group of high anatomical worth with animals displaying uniformity, very good overall construction, balance and free of exaggeration. This sire offers a high degree of predictability for breeders. Breeders can utilise Xaro to consolidate type, firmness, balance of construction and pigmentation. He is linebred on quality animals and proven producers. Care should be exercised with regard to size and the size and firmness of ears.

Xaro's progeny have returned excellent results through the GSDCA HD/ED scheme with 92% of progeny receiving normal gradings for elbows and a mean score of 8.4 for hips. A further 10 animals have successfully presented to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme this year bringing the total to 29.

Of particular note is the very good uniformity of the animals presented and reinforces that there is a very high degree of predictability when using Xaro to consolidate type, overall construction, hindquarter angulation and pigmentation. This is an excellent group and the NBC executive congratulate the connections of the sire on his achievements and encourage breeders to continue to utilise Xaro in their breeding programs.

At the height of the GSD popularity in Australia the Council, led by Louis Donald (retired SV Judge & President GSDCA 1976-1994) felt that as National Shows were unable to provide breeding advice, the concept of the Main Breed Exhibition (Australian Sieger Show) was borne. The MBE was designed to provide breed guidance across Australia and incorporated the results from State Breed Exhibitions, National and specialty shows and data from the Breed improvement schemes. The show attracted very good entries considering the distances people had to travel for two



“national type” shows in those years. The MBE enabled Australian breeders to establish a very good type of GSD based on soundness, character, temperament, predictability of family type and anatomy. An agility component was introduced for the Open classes in 1992.



The MBE ran yearly from 1987 - 1994 then bi-annually until 2003. By this time numbers had fallen to just over 200. An attempt to resurrect the MBE to yearly was made during both Vince Tantaró and Bruce Knight's tenures as president, however, the members decided to hold the last one in 2007 with an entry of 183. Numbers for the National show during that final period had remained consistently around 500 entries.

9. State Breed Exhibitions (SBE)

The Aim & Purpose of a State Breed Exhibition

The State Breed Exhibition (SBE) prime function is to instil ideals, promote Breed Improvement Schemes and to add further to our goal of breed improvement, and therefore will be used as a tool that the Council can utilise to further educate the fraternity and for breeders to review the state of the breed within their own State on an annual basis. The SBE is the only show where the judge can have knowledge of the pedigrees and breeding of the dogs and are judged accordingly.

Primary Objectives of the State Breed Exhibition

The event will allow:



- For a comprehensive evaluation of the breed in each State on an annual basis.
- Breed direction that compliments the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and to give due recognition to animals that are of high anatomical worth, and or have proven that they can produce animals that are far or above average in terms of type and quality.
- Demonstrate the worth of major bloodlines, and more importantly the predictability when combined.
- GSDCA Specialist Judges and GSDCA Breed Surveyors an opportunity in addition to viewing Sires progeny parade at the GSDCA Nationals Show & Trial an avenue to assess the breed worth of a sire as a group.
- An opportunity for animals not presented at the GSDCA National Show & Trial Sires Progeny parade to present groups within their State.
- Further education of the fraternity / exhibitors through the judgments, commentary and summations as made by the officiating judges.

Age groups include 4-6 months, 6-9 months 9-12 months, 12-18 months, 24 months +

For more information regarding the regulations for [Speciality Shows](#) and [State Breed Exhibitions](#)

10. Database

In the early 2000s the Executive of the Council discussions with the clubs recognised the need to provide an online information repository, using advancing technology and the rise in internet use. In 2007 a tender was sought to devise a database that would suit the needs of the GSDCA and required cooperation agreement with Dogs Australia (ANKC) to feed from the registrations of all German Shepherd Dogs bred in Australia each year. Between 2007 and 2010 the Council built the background pedigrees for the database. The database became operational in 2010 and fully integrated by 2014.

The GSDCA Database provides the GSDCA with a centralised system for the control of all areas of the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and is available via the GSDCA website. The information contained in the GSDCA Database is copyright to the GSDCA, and always remains the sole property of the GSDCA.

This information can only be utilized/printed for personal use by members of GSDCA Member Clubs. Members access areas of the database, via login details issued by each Member Club.

11. ZAP – Character Assessment

The GSDCA introduced a ZAP – Character Assessment evaluation for all dogs born after 1 January 2020. This is to engage young dogs with interactions and scenarios that will ensure they are prepared for future experiences. The test can be undertaken for all dogs 9 months – 8 years of age.



The test presently is voluntary, and assessments have taken place in most of the states with 68 animals entered in the database. Uptake is increasing as people embrace the importance of the need to assess German Shepherd character traits.

The Assessment aims to promote and offer guidance for the uniform development of the German Shepherd Dog Breed and to consolidate and ensure the character and temperament as part of the breed's inherent working qualities is maintained. It allows determination of behavioural characteristics and depending on the strengths/weaknesses displayed in each element, can be used in making future breeding decisions.

There are a variety of exercises which assess:

- General Disposition -during measuring and checking.
- Social Behaviour
- Noise Reactivity
- Movement Skills on unusual surfaces
- Play & Prey Drive
- Behaviours indoors
- Basic Character and disposition when left alone.

The various exercises are performed with the owner. The response and behaviour of the dog is recorded. It is based on the SV Character and Breeding Disposition Test.

The background work of creating a manual to support the implementation of the Character Assessment and results are now being recognised in Breed Surveys. Upon 'passing' the character assessment a GSDCA Certificate is provided to the owner and informs the Breed Surveyor. [ZAP Character Assessment Information](#) including a video demonstration.



ZAP CHARACTER RESULT - ALLINKA VIKKA CCD

Reg No: 3100399587 **Sex:** Female **DOB:** 31/10/2019 **Microchip No:** 95600001111746
HD Result: A4:4 **Elbow Result:** Z: Normal (0.0)

GSDCA ZAP No: VZ028 **Club ZAP No:** VIC028 **Club Name:** GSDCV **Assessment Date:** 04/12/2022
Owner: Mrs J M Urie **Address:** PO Box 626, Cockatoo, VIC 3781

* CONBHAIREAN SIRE FREDDIE (IMP UK) 'a' ED (Gmy)	* CONBHAIREAN UNO (UK) 'a' ED (Gmy)	* CARLOS VON DER SUDHEIMER LINDE 'a' ED (Gmy)	* YORDI VOM TROMPETERSPRUNG 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* CONBHAIREAN LINZI 'a' ED (Gmy)	* GERTI VOM BLUMENKAMP 'a' ED (Gmy)	* NANDO VOM GOLLERWEIHER 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* CONBHAIREAN QUELLA (UK) 'a' ED (Gmy)	* KANTUM VOM KLOSTERMOOR 'a' ED (Gmy)	* CONBHAIREAN ALEXIS 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* CONBHAIREAN KIARA 'a' ED (Gmy)	* HANNI VOM DEM WALDGRABEN 'a' ED (Gmy)	* ZAMP VOM THERMODOS 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* GARY VOM HUHNENGRAB 'a' ED (Gmy)	* OMEN VOM RADHAUS 'a' ED (Gmy)	* BRAVOS VOM STEFFAN HAUS 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* JALMARI VOM HUHNENGRAB 'a' ED (Gmy)	* REMO VOM FICHTENSCHLAG 'a' ED (DEU)	* GINGER VON DER MALEICHE 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* ROMINA VON DER ZENTEICHE 'a' ED (Gmy)	* OPRAH VOM AURELIUS 'a' ED (Gmy)	* DUX DE INTERCANINA 'a' ED (Gmy)
	* ENYA VON DER ZENTEICHE 'a' ED (Gmy)	* HEDI VOM HUHNENGRAB 'a' ED (Gmy)	* OBER VON BAD-BOLL 'a' ED (Gmy)
		* ENOSCH VON AMASIS 'a' ED (Gmy)	* BALI VON AMASIS 'a' ED (Gmy)
		* PAER VOM HASENBORN 'a' ED (Gmy)	* PHANTA VON DER ZENTEICHE 'a' ED (Gmy)

General Information:

ZAP Result: Pass **Home Conditions:** Kennel/Indoor **Number of dogs:** 2 **Use:** Breeding, Trial **Name of dog handler:** Julie Urie
Handler Since: Since a pup **Coat:** Stock **Condition:** Excellent **Teeth check:** Pass **Teeth check comments:** -
Measurements: Height at wither (cm): 61 **Depth of chest (cm):** 27 **Chest circumference (cm):** 74

Evaluation of Disposition:

ID Check: Indifferent, good natured, relaxed, friendly, confident, easy to handle **Examination of teeth:** Indifferent, good natured, relaxed, friendly, confident, easy to handle
Measurements on platform: Indifferent, good natured, relaxed, friendly, confident, easy to handle

Evaluation of Social Behaviour:

Relationship with handler: Very good bonding, joyful, energetic, confident, good temperament **Behaviour in a group:** Good natured, indifferent, confident, easy to handle
Encounter with another dog: Good bond with handler, good natured, open, contact seeking, confident

Evaluation of Noise Sensitivity:

Engine: Calm, attentive, indifferent, curious **Metal chain:** Calm, attentive, indifferent, curious **Gunshots:** Indifferent, neutral, calm reaction, attentive

Movement on Unusual Surfaces:

Rocking platform: Convincing, confident, indifferent, confident movements **Play on rocking platform:** Intense play, dynamic, persistent, confident movement, confident play
Height sensitivity - Ascent: OK/confident **Height sensitivity - Motion:** Energetic, confident, confident movements **Height sensitivity - Gap:** No reaction

Evaluation of Play and Prey Drive:

Play with handler: Intense, powerful, quick, vigorous, persistent **Play with stranger:** Intense, powerful, quick, vigorous, persistent
Search for toy: Highly target driven, persistent, retrieves the toy independently

Evaluation of Behaviour Inside - Smooth Surface:

Movement: Confident, secure movement **Noise:** No reaction **Play with handler inside:** Strong, intensive **Search:** Focussed, finds toy fast

Evaluation of Isolation Behaviour:

On its own: Attentive, indifferent, calm **Encounter:** Trusting, reliable, greeting

Evaluation Outcome:

Overall comments: A calm, self-assured, confident female with a strong play drive and excellent bond with owner/handler. Ticked all boxes excellently.

ZAP Assessor: Mrs. J. Yuen

Listing ZAP Assessment Results

Reg. No.	Name	ZAP Date	Grading	Clear filter
Sire	Dam	Breed	Sex	
Status	Assessor			

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Actions	Reg. No.	Name	GSDCA ZAP No.	Club ZAP No.	ZAP Date	Assessor	Owner	Grading	Status
View	4100365340	AIMSWAY IGOR	VZ034	VIC034	14/05/2023	Mr. I. Urie	Mr R. Mujoo	Pass	Approved
View	3100399587	ALLINKA VIKKA	VZ028	VIC028	04/12/2022	Mrs. J. Yuen	Mrs J M Urie	Pass	Approved
View	3100399588	ALLINKA VILLO	VZ001	VIC001	21/11/2020	Mr. I. Urie	Mrs A Lee & Mr L. Frescura	Pass	Approved
View	3100438154	ALLINKA WIKKI	VZ030	VIC030	04/12/2022	Mr. I. Urie	Mr A & Mrs F Henderson	Pass	Approved
View	3100438153	ALLINKA WILMA	TZ003	TA5003	04/03/2023	Ms. J. Cathie	Mr R & Mrs M Lowery	Pass	Approved
View	2100490528	AMBALA VANITY FAIR	VZ005	VIC005	21/11/2020	Mr. A. Henderson	Mrs T L Waixel	Pass	Approved

12. Dog Sport

Members can participate in wide range of Dog Sports. These activities are offered through their German Shepherd Dog club or local Obedience Club. Activities such as Agility, Tracking, Endurance, Herding, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Pack Dog and Trick Dog. This range of activities is not readily available consistently across the country and only exist where there are people participating locally and often with breeds of dogs other than German Shepherd Dogs.



Incorporating a working type of assessment into our breed improvement schemes is under discussion with the member clubs and Executive.

The Impact of Harmonisation on our Organisation

The majority of member clubs voted to remain affiliated with the WUSV/SV in 2022 and therefore our work remains to strive towards compliance with the schedules of the Harmonisation Plan. There is a growing understanding of the need to protect the breed from inbreeding and overtyping, including exaggerated construction, character, and temperament.

Australia has always felt a strong connection with the SV, its judges, and breeders; valuing the contribution they have made to the breed and our organisation. However, in recent years, there has been a mixed response from our member clubs regarding our ability to meet all the requirements of the Harmonisation program. This has caused considerable disunity at National Council level, with opinions about our capacity to meet the harmonisation schedules polarised.

There are a number of reasons for resistance to some of the harmonisation schedules:

- The expectation we would adopt regulations placed upon our organisation without consultation or agreement goes against the Australian psyche.
- The apparent lack of understanding or respect for the systems and structures already developed in Australia to support improved breed health.
- The lack of understanding of our laws and regulations relating to protection work, and our inability to comply with the IGP demands consistently across the country. In Victoria for example, any dog with an IGP title should be declared dangerous.
- An evident lack of understanding about the size of our country, the distances breeders and exhibitors are required to travel to access and pay for veterinary services, shows, surveys, training, and education.
- The infrastructure of our organisation resides mainly in the capital city of each state. Only the Victorian club has branches where members can train for show and various dog sports (tracking, obedience etc) in regional areas. Victoria is a perfect example where access to services, branches and trainers is boosted by it having a large population despite being geographically one of our smaller states. Therefore, it should come as no surprise its membership is 1000 more than the rest of the clubs in Australia combined.
- There is not a broad base of small local groups/branches, as there are in Germany, which make training easily accessible to all.
- The harmonisation program was viewed by some as dictates from an organisation that needed to look inward first and address the perceived dog dealing, cartel breeding and corruption within its own ranks.
- The expectation that Australians are expected to follow the German way is continuously challenged when it is apparent there are serious flaws in current systems abroad.
- Communication with the SV/WUSV has been problematic, with tardy responses to queries for clarification and guidance leading to frustration. This has created rifts within our own ranks as we attempt to maintain cooperation with the WUSV/SV.



Conclusion

The GSD fraternity in Australia is ageing. Despite declining numbers of registrations, the GSDCA Breed Improvement schemes have survived and are still attracting good percentages. With diminishing membership numbers there is a risk further attrition due to the perception of being dictated to by an organisation that, whilst in decline, has much greater access to training facilities and personnel than we could ever hope to have in Australia.

Despite all the limitations, Australia has a proven record and history of successful breeding and progression. SV judges that have judged here assure us that we are highly organised and that the character and temperament of our dogs are among the best in the world. They always have high praise for our organisation and administration of events where they adjudicate.

The GSDCA constitution dictates to our Council that the club members across Australia vote on changes to Council activities/schemes. Whilst that serves the democratic purpose from which the "Australian psyche" is built, it is difficult to make progress in environments where personal interest drives one's vote. Most members vote for how change affects them personally, rather than viewing the holistic need to maintain the GSD Standard. The Harmonisation platform has had a significant impact, dividing an already diminishing membership in Australia. Among other things, this is why it is difficult to initiate and act on change in Australia that does not involve some form of voluntary or opt in/opt out mechanism.

The GSDCA has built a strong foundation for maintaining the standard of the German Shepherd Dog. We have a proven record of continually striving to maintain the highest standard of breed health and anatomy. The current Continental Director, Heather McDonald judged our National show this year and can attest to the fact that the quality of Australian bred dogs exhibited at the show was high.



GSDCA CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

YEAR	NAME OF DOG	CANINE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED
2005	Police Dog "Titan"	June 2005
2005	Iljaberg Yokone Gold "Famous Amus" SES	June 2005
2006	Police Dog "Silky" (VIC)	March 2006
2006	Police Dog "Duke" (QLD)	September 2006
2007	Police Dog "Tyson" (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Hutch" (QLD)	September 2007
2007	Police Dog "Bear" (SA)	December 2007
2008	Police Dog "Carts" (NSW)	March 2008
2008	Police Dog "Koby" (SA)	March 2008
2009	Police Dog "Ike" (QLD)	June 2009
2010	Police Dog "Salem" (VIC)	May 2010
2010	Police Dog "Zac" (QLD)	July 2010
2011	No Awards Given	-----
2012	Police Dog "Bosun" (QLD)	May 2012
2013	Police Dog "Riggs" (May 2013
2014	No Awards Given	-----
2015	Police Bitch "Angel" (May 2015
2016	Police Dog "Rumble" (WA)	March 2016
2017	Police Dog "Quinn" (May 2017
2017	Seigen Quintessential "Cade" (WA)	May 2017
2018	Police Dog "Ruger" (SA)	April 2018
2019	Police Dog "Ike" (VIC)	April 2019
2020	No Awards Given	-----
2021	Police Dog "Kaos" (Qld)	August 2021
2022	Police Dog "Kronos" (NSW)	June 2022



2023	Police Dog "Zeus" (Vic)	April 2023
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PLEASE NOTE:

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

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



GSDCA EXECUTIVE OFFICER HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>THIRD VICE PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1960	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	N/A	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1961	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr V Huth	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1962	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr K Stubbs	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	N/A
1963	Vacant	Mr R Brabham	Mr D Carnegie	N/A	N/A	Mrs B Ryan	Mrs B Ryan	Mr R Brabham
1964	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Dr G Giles	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Miss J Atkinson	Miss J Atkinson	Mr R Brabham
1965	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mrs B Ryan	N/A	Mrs J Brabham (nee J Atkinson)	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1966	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1967	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	Mr R Brabham
1968	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published



1969	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Brabham	Mr B Cooper	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mrs J Brabham	Mrs J Brabham	No Review Published
1970	Judge Mitchell	Mr R Wing	Mr R Brabham	Mr G Hardham	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1971	Judge Mitchell	Mr B Cooper	Mr E Van Bael	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1972	Judge Mitchell	Mr V Atkinson	Dr I Upton	Mr J Neddermeyer	N/A	Mrs F Stokes	Mrs F Stokes	No Review Published
1973	Judge Mitchell	Mr I Murrell	Mr G Hallinan	Mr S Beeton	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1974	Mr D Chipp	Mr I Murrell	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1975	Mr D Chipp	Mr S Beeton	Mr G Moody	Mr G Hallinan	N/A	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Neddermeyer	No Review Published
1976	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr G Hallinan & Mrs G Donald	Mr W Reimann
1977	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr G Moody	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1978	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1979	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr P Burrett	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Reimann
1980	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	N/A	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger



1981	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr P Burrett	Mr W Steinbacher	Mr W Reimann & Mr J Rodger
1982	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Moody	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1983	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mrs F Farley (nee Moody)	Mr M Stokes	Mr W Steinbacher	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger

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

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PATRON</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	* CHAIRMAN NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION	* CHAIRMAN JUDGES COMMITTEE	* CHAIRMAN OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>EDITOR QNR</u>
1984	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr P Burrett	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1985	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1986	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr M Stokes	Mr U Schwab	Mrs M Barnes	Ms F Gehring	Mr J Rodger
1987	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1988	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs A Pettenhofer	Mr M Stokes	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1989	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger



1990	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1991	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mr S Bonifacio	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1992	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr J Rodger
1993	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr F Valastro	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1994	Mr D Chipp	Mr L Donald	Mrs F Farley	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs M Barnes	Mr J Neddermeyer	Mr R Stephens
1995	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mrs F Farley	Mr V Tantaro	Mr D O'Rourke	Mr N Richardson	Ms F Gehring	Mr R Stephens
1996	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Mr B O'Rourke	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1997	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr N Richardson	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1998	Mr D Chipp	Mr M Stokes	Dr K Hedberg	Mr L Donald	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mr J Rodger	Mr L Young	Mr A Christie
1999	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs F Farley	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2000	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Dr K Hedberg	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs M Barnes	Mr S Collins	Ms C Spalding
2001	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr D O'Rourke	Mrs H Gross-Richardson	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Collins	Mr A Christie



2002	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2003	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Mr A Christie
2004	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2005	Mr D Chipp	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Dr K Hedberg	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mr B Knight	Ms Y Yun
2006	Mr D Chipp (Deceased)	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs D Howard	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Ms Y Yun
2007	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2008	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2009	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mrs J Kenworthy	Mr D Halling
2010	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs M Wrigley	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2011	Vacant	Mr B Knight	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Mr S Lynch	Mr D Halling
2012	Vacant	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms. J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2013	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mr B O'Rourke	Mrs J Urie/ Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun



2014	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2015	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Mrs Y Yun
2016	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Neddermeyer	Mrs R Knuckey	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2017	Mrs D Fraser AO MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2018	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Ms M Groth <i>(Resigned 7/5/18)</i>	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2019	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr V Tantaro	Mrs J Yuen	Mrs R Knuckey	Mrs J Urie	Mrs V Moody	Ms J Pike	Ms. J Poole
2020	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mrs J Yuen	Mr L Donald	Mrs J Urie	Mrs L. Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Ms. J Poole
2021	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Mr L Donald/Mr S Collins	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs L Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun
2022	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Ms M Groth	Mr J De Lucia	Mrs L Phillis	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun
2023	Mrs D Fraser AC MBE	Mr S Lynch	Mr I Urie	Ms M Groth	Mr A Henderson	Mrs J Haase	Mr P Flynn	Mrs Y Yun

