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A child and their dog .

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BACK COVER PHOTO

Come with me little doggie:

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President's Report

Welcome to 2024

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Christmas and New Year.

2024 is certainly an exciting year, the 50th National event is going to be something special and the fact that we are welcoming German judges back to our shores will add a little more excitement for everyone. This will be a milestone year and I hope you all are as excited as I am.

2024 GSDCA 50TH National Show & Trial

This year we will see the GSDCA celebrate the 50th National Show and Trial hosted by the South Australian German Shepherd Dog club.

The South Australian club have added many unique touches to this year's National, it is one you should not miss.

Check the GSDCA website for all the latest updates and schedules.

AGM Elections

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 Melanie Groth who has decided to retire, I thank you for your assistance, the amount of work that you have put in is commendable and the members are very lucky to have you both working for them, enjoy your retirement.

By time you read this the elections for Executive Council positions would have been completed, so I would like to welcome the new Executive members, I am looking forward to working with them over the next 2 years.

Have a very safe and enjoyable 2024.

Best Regards

Sean Lynch

GSDCA President

President's 2023 Annual Report

Presented to the GSDCA AGM 3 February 2024

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 has 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 in 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.

GDSCA Quarterly Review

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 has not only produced our German Shepherd Dog Quarterly National Review over the last three 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 for 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



2024 GSDCA Executive

Ian Urie, Alistair Henderson, Jenny DeLucia,
Gail Donald, Sean Lynch, Janet Haase, Peter Flynn

Obedience Chair Report Summer Edition 2023.

The last quarter has proven a busy one with Zap Assessment being accepted by all clubs and then training new Assessors. To date every club has run at least one Assessment with Newcastle and ACT plan for early 2024. November 18 I travelled to Sydney to attend their second day for the year and to train new Assessors who had applied. It was pleasing that all who completed the day were willing to share their opinions on different animals and situations in a positive way. So now we hope they will encourage people to present their dogs from 9 months to 8 years so we can build up numbers on the database for breeders and new owners can refer when breeding or purchasing a pet.

It has been great reading articles from different members about what they have achieved with their dogs in different Performance Disciplines and these dogs have also achieved high awards in the show ring and have been willing to submit them for publishing in our Quarterly Magazine. Many thanks to you all.

September saw me attend with other Australians the Siegerschau in Nuremberg and meetings representing our members with SV Executive and then the WUSV meeting attended by many countries from around the world. With a new executive just in place who are willing to listen and help it looks good for the future.

Wishing everyone a successful and positive 2024 and enjoy your dogs.

Alastair Henderson.

Obedience Chair.



National Obedience Competition

National Obedience Awards are available to members who have competed in disciplines as listed below.

The GSDCA Annual National Obedience Plaque shall be awarded to the best obedience dog and handler gaining the highest aggregate of qualifying scores for each of the CCD, Novice, Open, UD and UDX classes, and Rally Novice, Rally

Advanced, Rally Excellent and Rally Master.

The competition is open to all owners of ANKC registered pedigree GSD who are financial members of a Member Club of the GSDCA at the time of the competition, and shall be a member of an ANKC Affiliate (State Canine Control) at the time of the competition.

The awards will be known as:

- CCD – “Best Community Companion Dog”
- CD – “Best Novice Dog”
- Open – “Best Open Dog”
- UD – “Best Utility Dog”
- UDX – “Best Utility Dog Excellent”
- “Best Rally Novice Dog”
- “Best Rally Advanced Dog”
- “Best Rally Excellent Dog”
- “Best Rally Master Dog”

Entries for the GSDCA National Obedience Competition are now open.

Closing date for all entries is **Monday 1st April 2024.**

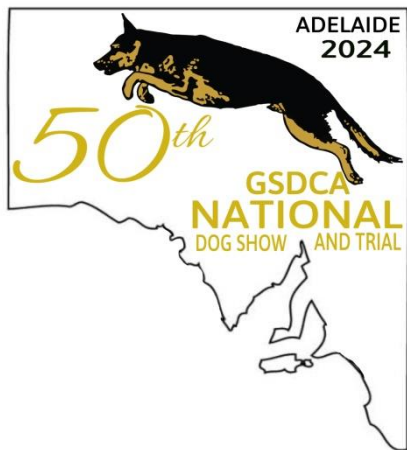
If you and your dog have trialled successfully in the past year, please check the GSDCA website for all relevant details AND to access the application form. <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/working-gsd/obedience/>

Categories cover all Obedience and Rally Obedience Classes, so don't be shy and get those entries in. Don't be late !!!

Alastair Henderson

GSDCA Obedience Chairperson

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ENTRIES CLOSE - 20TH MARCH 2024

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

50th GSDCA NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL

3rd, 4th, 5th May 2024

Barratt Reserve, West Beach

JUDGES

All LSC Dog & Bitch classes minus Babies,
All SC Dog classes minus Babies,
SC Challenge Dog, LSC Challenge Bitch & Dog

Herr Rainer Mast (SV)
(Dog Ring)

All SC Bitch classes, SC Baby Puppy Dog,
LSC Baby Puppy Bitch, LSC Baby Puppy Dog, Challenge Bitch SC

Herr Wolfgang Haßgall (SV)
(Bitch Ring)

CONFORMATION

OBEDIENCE

Utility Dog Excellent (Ring 1)
Utility Dog (Ring 2)
Companion Dog Excellent (Ring 1)
Companion Dog (Ring 2)
Community Companion Dog (Ring 1)

Mr Brian Fielder (SA)
Mrs Jan Brabham (SA)
Mr Peter Dynan (SA)
Mrs Donna Vigor (SA)
Mr Brian Fielder (SA)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Miss Jessica Bird (NSW)

Conformation "Dogs SA" Rep – Brian Parker

Obedience "Dogs SA" Rep – Mrs Gillian Smith

*The GSDCSA reserves the right to substitute judges and to alter scheduled judging times as necessary.
This Show & Trial will be held under the constitution & rules of "Dogs SA". No entry fees will be refunded.*

ENTRY FEES (First Entry includes Catalogue)

	First Entry	Subsequent
OBEDIENCE - All classes	\$40-00	\$30-00
CONFORMATION - Baby Puppy	\$30-00	\$20-00
Minor & Puppy	\$40-00	\$30-00
Junior, Intermediate & Open	\$50-00	\$40-00



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
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ONLINE - available at www.showmanager.com.au Please check all on-line details are up to date.

POSTAL - to The Secretary, GSDC of SA Inc, PO Box 109, Willunga SA 5172.

Please include Breed Survey status (denoted by *), all ANKC titles, full pedigree name, registration numbers and complete details of sire & dam. **No late entries will be accepted.**
Bitches in oestrus may be exhibited in the conformation classes only.

BREED SURVEY – If required, will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 3.00pm at the venue.
Entries close 25th April 2024 with The Secretary, GSDC of SA Inc, PO Box 109, Willunga SA 5172.
BS4 form required for animals not resident in SA.



To celebrate the 50th National every exhibitor will receive a unique Commemorative Memento

Rene Jorgensen Interview

I recently had the opportunity to chat with Rene Jorgensen at some length in Canberra. Rene very generously shared his thoughts about where the GSD World might be at and what challenges faced our breed moving forward.

In his other life, Rene has a number of roles which I found an interesting profile and one which offered some differing insights – he is a photographer and motivational trainer, to name a couple of his roles.

As a motivational trainer, he was asked by Herr Messler to address the recent WUSV conference in Lerma and his speaker's notes follow in this edition.

To open the conversation, I asked what he felt were some of the challenges being experienced by GSD breeders and owners in Europe.

His first observation was that our breed is a larger dog and that this placed significant pressure on the owner to cater for their needs. All around the world, urban densification is a trend, with more and more people demanding homes in built up urban centres. Medium and high-density living is not just happening in Australia and across the globe, governments are looking at the costs of infrastructure to support the urban sprawl. This has a twofold effect on the capacity to own German Shepherds in smaller spaces and on those choosing to live with our breed in smaller living space.

This led to his second concern of space – perhaps it is possible to own one GSD in an apartment, but any more is out of the question. He observed that becoming a breeding kennel with a single animal is simply not possible and to become a breeder will require a significant lifestyle choice of not being city based and having an occupation that can be done outside of urban areas.

Rene went on to remark that time is another factor that makes owning a German Shepherd Dog challenging. Modern careers and lifestyle make so many demands on our time that providing adequate exercise, training and regular stimulation for such an intelligent breed comes with its own difficulties.

On the question of bringing new blood into the breed, Rene observed that very few younger people were inclined to make the commitment to becoming a breeder of GSDs when it requires many years of dedication and passion to achieve success in one's own right. For him the younger generation had too many competing, easier opportunities to choose this path and of course there is always the expense attached to owning larger breeds.

He related an instance of a friend desexing an animal in Europe and it cost approximately AUD \$12,500. This sort of expense would be hard to sustain in anyone's language!

Having covered the challenges, I asked about the impacts.

Rene described a situation much the same as we are seeing here – drastically falling numbers, fewer and fewer members and mounting concern for the breed's future.

So, I asked for his thoughts on how we might work towards addressing this trend.

One of his first suggestions was to improve the breed's profile and to promote the amazing traits of the GSD in the community. He related how his step daughter had acquired a disability as a result of a horse related accident here in Australia. Rehabilitation was long and slow, one of the side effects was a loss of social confidence. A GSD called Oscar had become her companion dog and had enabled her move back into society and re-engagement with people. He was with her until the day he died, but his role in her recovery can never be under estimated.

For Rene there were several areas where GSDs would be invaluable as support for those confronted with social difficulties – PTSD, agoraphobia and conditions on the autism spectrum – were just a few he suggested would benefit greatly from having a companion dog present in their daily lives.

As these owners went about their daily lives with their support dog, the community would be reminded of the amazing talents of the GSD.

But, most importantly, Rene believes that it is essential for us, as breeders, to ensure that the dogs we place in the hands of owners deliver a positive experience for their owner. The dogs must possess the traits we all value to be great family members.

Intelligence was first and foremost on his list of “must haves”, followed closely by the capacity to slot in seamlessly as a confident and assured family member, capable of protecting, alert to any threat but able to differentiate a threat realistically.

In his view, the German Shepherd Dog should be a courageous champion for his charges, capable of distinguishing risks correctly and safe in the knowledge of his role in his family.

Having dogs like this out in the community will provide the best promotion of our breed and may encourage people to return to a lifetime passion for the German Shepherd Dog.

But, the responsibility for producing such animals rests with breeders and key to committing to the task of producing animals fit for purpose will be the motivation for those breeders.

What follows are slides and thoughts presented at Lerma about motivation and Rene offers his insights, as a trainer, into what we might be thinking about in that regard. If our motivation to breed is not right, it is very hard to believe that the desired result will be achieved.

Rene Jorgensen Interview

I thank Rene Jorgensen for his generosity and time.

Q & A On Motivation

René Jørgensen

I was invited to speak about motivation with the aim of inspiring you to consider what kind of motivation there can be encourage people to get more involved in the German Shepherd's versatility.

Motivation - what is it?

Motivation: "Many books have been written about motivation, tennis, football, basketball and how a manager should motivate his employees, etc.

We know what motivation means. Or do we?

What would you answer if you were asked the question? Motivation is the driving force that makes the individual act.

Motivation is an emotional state where you are motivated and driven by desire to engage with German Shepherd Dogs.

When we feel motivated, it influences our behavior and engagement in a positive direction.

People are different and are motivated in different ways.

Have you thought about what motivates you? What you do must have a purpose that makes sense to you, when we can create it, we are motivated.

It might be easier to answer if you ask what doesn't motivate you.

Challenge -

If things get too difficult, we lose motivation.

If things get too boring, we also lose motivation.

There must be an appropriate level of challenge to keep motivation high.

It may be difficult, but not so difficult that it becomes impossible.

Learning new difficult things can also be a challenge that motivates and develops us

You experience must be that you get better and better at what you do

Success -

Success and challenge go hand in hand.

With challenge also comes the feeling of success when we succeed.

When something is difficult and we succeed, it brings joy and motivation.

To get the feeling of success, we have to overcome a difficult challenge.

You should be proud of your achievements and success.

Autonomy:

We are motivated by feeling that we make our own choices and have an influence on what we do.

If we are told that we have to do something that does not make sense, we become less motivated.

Going forward:

We must establish a good environment in the club and at the exhibitions.

Motivation is something that arises in the club and in the good inclusive learning community this is where relationships work best

If the members become more skilled at training dogs, they develop and this creates well-being. It also makes demands on you as a coach.

Motivation stems from the desire to learn and become better at training dogs

Motivation is about commitment to experiencing success.

Motivation also comes from the fact that we learn that it is useful to make an extra effort.

Breeding good healthy mentally well-functioning dogs

It is motivating to see results with your dog.

It is motivating to have a training partner and jointly skilled

It would be motivating if we stopped talking bad about each other's dogs.

As a club, we have to find out what motivates the members, so we can act and motivate them in the right direction

The Passion for me and why I love the German Shepherd-

- That my dogs are part of the family
- Life-affirming
- Quality of life
- Healthy hobby
- Commitment that drives both me and Tina
- Responsibility and obligation
- Interaction between man and dog.
- Get to know your dog's characteristics better
- Be happy that your dog is thriving and feeling good mentally and physically.

René Jørgensen Resume

I was born in 1957 and got my first German Shepherd in 1978, becoming a member of the German Shepherd Club for Denmark.

In 1980, I had the opportunity to attend the German Siegerhauptzuchtschau in Bremen to exhibit my first German Shepherd. It was an amazing and fascinating experience to see so many well-trained and beautiful German Shepherds gathered in one place. I also became a member of the German Shepherd Club (SV) in 1980 and have been either exhibiting or visiting the German Siegerschau ever since.

After the Siegerschau in Bremen, the distinctive traits, temperament, and anatomy of the German Shepherd became a great interest and a huge passion for me. All my free time was dedicated to training dogs with some of Denmark's most talented handlers.

This involved a lot of utility work, working competitions, and training as a helper, and weekends were spent at dog shows and handling dogs.

I became an authorized helper in 1985 and am still an active helper in the club. Some of the greatest experiences I've had in the world of dog shows were when I had the honor of handling the legends Odin von Tannenmeise and later his famous son Jeck von Noricum.

In a club context, I was responsible in more than 20 years, for the show training every Wednesday during the exhibition season, with 50+ participating puppies and adult dogs each time. It was incredibly educational, and my big dream was to become an exterior judge, which came true. In 1991, I met the requirements to be able to start the education.

In 1995, I completed my education as an FCI judge, and in 2000, I became a Kormeister.

I have judged at the Danish Siegerschau for more than 25 years, starting in 1996.

From the year 2000 until 2006 I was a member of the breeding council.

From 2011 to 2023, I served as the chairman of the breeding council (Vereinszuchtwart) and chairman of the judges' committee, responsible for the training of exterior judges.

In 2016, I became an honorary member, in 2018, I celebrated my 40th membership.

I have been incredibly fortunate with my hobby as a judge, which has taken me around the world to all continents.



In 2022, I became a Wesenbeuteiler. My partner Tina and I have been breeding dogs in the Hassenkam kennel for over 30 years.

We participate with our dogs in exhibitions across Europe. In Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, and Japan several of our dogs have achieved winner titles and Excellent Select ratings.

We train and educate our dogs ourselves. One of our most exciting experiences was in 2022 when Tina participated with Hassenkam's Jusi at the WUSV World Championships in Austria and achieved a 5th place. Hassenkam's Jusi is a black

The kennel received the breeder's price in 2015.

Our life with the German Shepherd is incredibly life-affirming and enriching. We cannot imagine a life without a German Shepherd and the many wonderful experiences we have with them. It's a life we wish to continue for many years.

I look forward to be in Australia and experiencing your dogs.

With sporting regards,

René Jørgensen

Karen Hedberg BVSc 2023

This is an increasingly important area of the pet owner's life. As veterinary care and knowledge improve, so are dogs living longer and enjoying a more active old age. As your friend ages and cannot get around as fast as he (or she) used to, you will find there are many and varied ways in which you can help to make their life more comfortable.

With all the advances in modern medicine, feeding techniques and better understanding of the ageing process, the average age that dogs are surviving to have increased by around two years in most breeds. The average age a GSD used to live to was around 10-12 years, today many make it to 13 and 14. Larger breeds generally have shorter life spans than the small breeds, due to the additional stresses and strains of increased size upon the heart, the effects of increased weight, bone proportions etc. The smaller breeds are the ones which have principally gained from the medical breakthroughs, many living to the 14-18 years bracket.

Elderly dogs do need regular check-ups to monitor their health - at least twice a year. Dogs with serious heart, kidney and pancreatic conditions obviously need to be seen by your veterinarian at least every couple of months if they are on medication. Watch your dog's weight. Excessive weight can be detrimental to dogs with heart conditions, arthritis and pancreatic problems. Dogs that are obese will suffer greatly in the hotter weather, because the increased strain on the heart.

Ways to assist at home can include dietary changes, some herbal and or homoeopathy treatments can assist more conventional drugs. Generally the addition of extra Vitamin E, C and zinc can boost the immune system and help with overall health.

Arthritis

Arthritis is caused by the wear and tear of the joints over the years, and can often be the end result of accidents and fractures in youth. Damage to any joint, whatever the cause, can result in the development of arthritis in older age. Hip and elbow dysplasia and chronic back conditions are generally the cause of the worst arthritis in older GSD's.

Spondylitis is another common problem in the older GSD. Spondylitis is a result of spur formation between the vertebrae of the spine, which can gradually form boney bridges. When a bridge has been formed, the two vertebrae are linked and cannot move independently. The movement of the boney spurs against one another is very painful. The "bridges" can occasionally fracture because of an accident, eg. slipping downstairs, which can almost totally incapacitate the dog.

Cauda Equina is a condition seen in reasonable numbers of older GSD's. In this condition the disc at the junction of the lumbar and sacral vertebrae becomes unstable, pushing up and pinching the spinal

cord. These dogs can have a whole range of symptoms including stiffness in rising, as well as possible faecal incontinence.

Symptoms of arthritis include stiffness of movement, difficulty in getting up in the morning, slowness going up and downstairs, reduced ability of affected limbs to bear weight and consequent limping. The symptoms increase in severity in cold or damp weather, and after exercise.

Treatment is aimed at reducing pain. Once arthritic changes are present, they cannot be reversed. With chronically arthritic individuals, pain relief is all important and drugs of some sort should be used to relieve discomfort and pain. Drugs used act in various ways to diminish the pain in the affected areas.

Drugs used include cortisone (particularly for spinal cord pinching or damage), Metacam*, Carprofen*, as well as injections of Cartrophen* when needed. Newer drugs include Beransa*, a very safe monthly injection with minimal side effects. These stronger drugs can often be complimented with or substituted by "alternative therapies" in milder cases and can in some cases make considerable improvement in the mobility. These alternative drugs include Antinol (NZ mussel extract), Sasha's Blend, Glucosamine etc. Remember that many of these drugs can cause gastric irritation (even the alternative ones) and generally are given with food. If adding herbal treatments, give them at different times to the existing conventional drug. If the herbal treatment appears to be helping, reduce the other drugs being given. Any adverse reaction should immediately result in the removal of any drug/treatment creating such an effect.

Assisting at Home

There are several ways of easing the chronic arthritic sufferer to make daily living more comfortable.

1. Bedding - blankets, coats, thick bedding. All of these are useful with elderly animals, particularly the coats. Unfortunately some dogs, (particularly the males), feel that a coat is beneath their dignity, and will, under no circumstances, wear a coat! Good thick bedding is essential for the arthritis sufferer as it ensures that the dog is not sleeping on cold, hard cement or tiles.
2. Good shelter from the elements. Some tiresome old dears refuse the comforts of home and hearth, and will sleep where they are used to sleeping, outside under the stars and covered in frost. For their own good, put them inside at night in the laundry or in a shed with some form of bedding.
3. Weight. Many older dogs have like humans, a slightly stretched waistline. A small amount of extra weight can be beneficial in case of illness, but obese dogs with arthritis to any great degree will really suffer by having to carry extra weight.

Many owners ask the question “Is my dog in pain?”

The answer to this question varies, as the individual response to pain is enormously diverse. Some dogs may have very little in the way of obvious arthritic changes, yet present a picture of being almost totally crippled; and the reverse can happen where there are massive boney changes, yet little obvious pain. Most veterinarians take each case on its own merits, according to how badly the animal is affected, how they respond to treatment and the supportive care given by the owners.

If, despite treatment, the dog is unable to get up and totter around by itself, then a decision must be made for the sake of the dog. Inability to stand and walk around indicates that the arthritis is at a point where drugs etc, are insufficient to cope with the pain, and it is kinder to put the old darling out of its misery, because misery is inevitable if they are kept as virtual paraplegics. Unfortunately, many of these difficult decisions must be faced each winter, as the effects of arthritis are acerbated by the cold; so be warned, and be prepared to do a little extra for your dog and be kind if and when you have to make that final decision.

When to let go - dignity to your friend.

The quality of life is the most important aspect of this often very difficult and soul searching decision. The decision should take into account whether your pet is still getting enjoyment out of life, its ability to get up and move about, is it eating and participating in general goings on, even if this is done at a very slow pace. Older dogs will spend a considerable amount of time sleeping - this is perfectly natural for elderly animals of any species, including man.

Dogs with cancers or debilitating diseases, while they are still eating and are reasonably happy, can keep going. Medication for many conditions will alleviate symptoms of failing body systems, but a stage may be reached where despite treatment, the dog is obviously not coping or is in pain. When they do not eat and start wasting away, or care unable to get up and down without assistance, then the welfare of the dog must be thought of.

It is not what you, the owner is going through, it is the dog that matters. Many people come to their veterinarian saying “I cannot live without my dog, I want this and that done to save my dog”. Stop - consider the animal, it is the one that is suffering. However upset you feel, you are not the one in pain.

Decisions of this kind are very difficult to make with the dog in front of you, looking right up at you. If you cannot make up your mind, I usually suggest to my clients to leave the dog with me, go home and think about it, without the emotional trauma of making the decision in the presence of your beloved pet. Decisions are then made without that emotional “blackmail”, allowing you to make a more realistic decision in a calm frame of mind.

Your friend and companion of many years deserves a dignified end when the joy of living has gone. Do not ruin a good friendship. It is hard to make that final decision, but it is kind to give an old friend a painless goodbye.



Volhard's Puppy Aptitude Test

Introduction

The Volhard's Puppy Aptitude Test follows and I am extremely grateful to the author and her connections for granting copyright permission for me to publish this.

Wendy Volhard started her career with the Wall Street Journal in the 1970s, but left the career to spend her life as an award winning author and lecturer on nutrition, behaviour and training dogs. The Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test is the most widely used assessment tool around the world. Throughout her illustrious career with canines she has published widely and her insights into matching the right puppy to the right person are invaluable."

What Is Puppy Testing?

Some of the tests we use were developed as long ago as the 1930's for dogs bred to become Guide Dogs. Then in the 1950's, studies on puppies were done to determine how quickly they learned. These studies were actually done to identify children's learning stages.

Top Dog Tips: The ideal age to test the puppy is at 49 days of age when the puppy is neurologically complete and it has the brain of an adult dog. With each passing day after the 49th day the responses will be tainted by prior learning.

Later on, in the early 60's more tests were developed to determine if pups could be tested for dominance and submission. These tests determined that it was indeed possible to predict future behavioral traits of adult dogs by testing puppies at 49 days of age. Testing before or after that age affected the accuracy of the test, depending on the time before or after the 49th day.

We took these tests, added some of our own, and put together what is now known as the Volhard Puppy Aptitude Test, or PAT. PAT uses a scoring system from 1-6 and consists of ten tests. The tests are done consecutively in the order listed. Each test is scored separately, and interpreted on its own merits. The scores are not averaged, and there are no winners or losers. The entire purpose is to select the right puppy for the right home.

The tests are as follows:

1. Social Attraction - degree of social attraction to people, confidence or dependence.
2. Following - willingness to follow a person.
3. Restraint - degree of dominant or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations.
4. Social Dominance - degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person.
5. Elevation - degree of accepting dominance while in a position of no control, such as at the veterinarian or groomer.
6. Retrieving - degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with Social Attraction and Following a

key indicator for ease or difficulty in training.

7. Touch Sensitivity - degree of sensitivity to touch and a key indicator to the type of training equipment required.
8. Sound Sensitivity - degree of sensitivity to sound, such as loud noises or thunderstorms.
9. Sight Sensitivity - degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.
10. Stability - degree of startle response to a strange object.

During the testing make a note of the heart rate of the pup, which is an indication of how it deals with stress, as well as its energy level. Puppies come with high, medium or low energy levels. You have to decide for yourself, which suits your life style. Dogs with high energy levels need a great deal of exercise, and will get into mischief if this energy is not channeled into the right direction.

Finally, look at the overall structure of the puppy. You see what you get at 49 days age. If the pup has strong and straight front and back legs, with all four feet pointing in the same direction, it will grow up that way, provided you give it the proper diet and environment in which to grow. If you notice something out of the ordinary at this age, it will stay with puppy for the rest of its life. He will not grow out of it.

How To Test

Here are the ground rules for performing the test:

- The testing is done in a location unfamiliar to the puppies. This does not mean they have to taken away from home. A 10-foot square area is perfectly adequate, such as a room in the house where the puppies have not been.
- The puppies are tested one at a time.
- There are no other dogs or people, except the scorer and the tester, in the testing area
- The puppies do not know the tester.
- The scorer is a disinterested third party and not the person interested in selling you a puppy.
- The scorer is unobtrusive and positions him or herself so he or she can observe the puppies' responses without having to move.
- The puppies are tested before they are fed.
- The puppies are tested when they are at their liveliest.
- Do not try to test a puppy that is not feeling well.
- Puppies should not be tested the day of or the day after being vaccinated.
- Only the first response counts!

Top Dog Tips: During the test, watch the puppy's tail. It will make a difference in the scoring whether the tail is up or down.

The tests are simple to perform and anyone with some common sense can do them. You can, however, elicit the help of someone who has tested puppies before and knows what they are doing

VOLHARD'S PUPPY APTITUDE TEST

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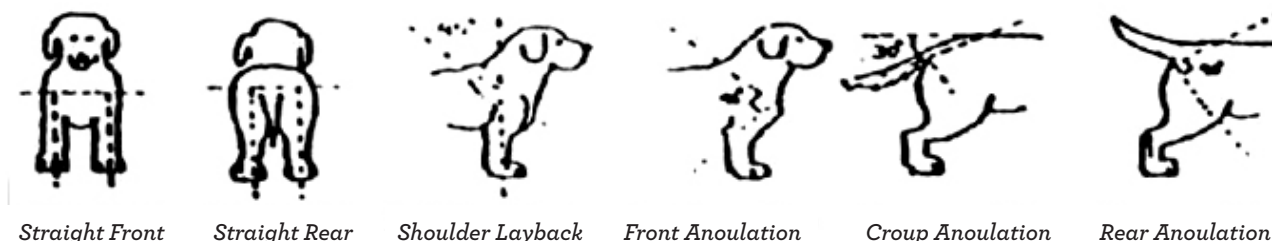
Puppy (color, sex _____ Litter _____ Date _____)

TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#	✓
Social Attraction: Place the puppy in test area. From a few feet away, the tester coaxes the pup to her/him by clapping hands gently and kneeling down. Tester must coax in a direction away from the point where it entered the testing area.	Degree of social attraction, confidence or dependence.	Came readily, tail up, jumped, bit at hands	1	
		Came readily, tail up, pawed, licked at hands	2	
		Came readily, tail up.	3	
		Came readily, tail down.	4	
		Came hesitantly, tail down	5	
		Did not come at all	6	
Following: The tester stands up and slowly walks away encouraging the pup to follow by lightly clapping hands and using verbal encouragement. Make sure the pup sees you walk away.	Degree of social attraction, confidence or dependence.	Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot, bit at feet	1	
		Followed readily, tail up, got underfoot	2	
		Followed readily, tail up.	3	
		Followed readily, tail down.	4	
		Followed hesitantly, tail down.	5	
		No following, or went away.	6	
Restraint: Crouch down and gently roll the pup on his back and hold it with one hand for a full 30 seconds. Do not use too much pressure. The object is not to keep it on tis back but to test its response to being placed in that position.	Degree of dominant or submissive tendency. How it accepts stress when socially and/or physically dominated.	Struggled fiercely, flailed, bit.	1	
		Struggled fiercely, flailed.	2	
		Settled, struggled, settled with some eye contact.	3	
		Struggled. Then settled.	4	
		No struggle.	5	
		No struggle, straining to avoid eye contact.	6	
Social Dominance: Let pup stand up or sit and gently stroke him from the head to back while you crouch beside him. See if he will lick your face, an indication of a forgiving nature. Continue stroking until a recognizable behavior is established.	Degree of acceptance of social dominance pup may try to dominate by jumping and nipping or it is independent and walks away.	Jumped, pawed, bit, growled	1	
		Jumped, pawed.	2	
		Cuddles up to tester and tries to lick face.	3	
		Squirmed, licked at hands.	4	
		Rolled over, licked at hands.	5	
		Went away and stayed away.	6	
Elevation Dominance: Bend over and cradle the pup under its belly, fingers interlaced, palms up and elevate just off the ground. Hold it there for 30 seconds.	Degree of accepting dominance while in position of no control.	Struggled fiercely, bit, growled	1	
		Struggled fiercely,	2	
		No struggle, relaxed.	3	
		Struggled, settled, licked.	4	
		Rolled over, licked at hands.	5	
		No struggle, froze.	6	
Retrieving: Crouch beside pup and attract its attention with crumpled up paper ball. When the pup shows interest and is watching, toss the object 1 to 2 meters in front of pup.	Degree of willingness to work with a human. High correlation between ability to retrieve and successful guide dogs, obedience dogs, field trial dogs.	Chases object, picks up object and runs away.	1	
		Chases object, stands over object, does not return.	2	
		Chases object and returns with object to tester.	3	
		Chases object and returns without object.	4	
		Starts to chase object, loses interest	5	
		Does not chase object.	6	

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TEST	PURPOSE	SCORE	#	✓
Touch Sensitivity: Take puppies webbing of one front foot and press between finger and thumb lightly, then more firmly till you get a response, while you count slowly to 10. Stop as soon as puppy pulls away or shows discomfort.	Degree of sensitivity to touch.	8-10 seconds before response	1	
		6-8 seconds before response	2	
		5-6 seconds before response	3	
		3-5 seconds before response	4	
		2-3 seconds before response	5	
		1-2 seconds before response	6	
Sound Sensitivity: Place pup in centre of area. Assistant of tester makes a sharp noise a few feet from the puppy. A large metal spoon struck sharply on a metal pan twice works well.	Degree of sensitivity to sound (also rudimentary test for deafness).	Listens, locates sound, walks towards it barking.	1	
		Listens, locates sound, barks.	2	
		Listens, locates sound, and walks there curiously.	3	
		Listens, locates sound.	4	
		Cringes, backs off, hides.	5	
		Ignores sound, shows no curiosity.	6	
Sight Sensitivity: Place pup in centre of area. Tie a string around a large towel and jerk it across the ground a few feet away from the puppy	Degree of intelligent response to strange object.	Looks, attacks and bites.	1	
		Looks, puts feet on object, puts mouth on object. .	2	
		Looks with curiosity, attempts to investigate, tail up.	3	
		Looks with curiosity, tail down.	4	
		Runs away or hides behind tester.	5	
		Hides behind tester.	6	
Stability: Open an umbrella about 5 feet from the puppy and gently place it on the ground.	Degree of startle response to a strange object. Fight or Flight drive.	Looks, runs to the umbrella, mouthing or biting it.	1	
		Looks and walks to the umbrella, smelling it cautiously.	2	
		Looks and wants to investigate.	3	
		Sits and looks, but does not move toward the umbrella.	4	
		Shows little or no interest.	5	
		Runs away from the umbrella.	6	
Structure: The puppy is gently set and held in a natural stance and evaluated for structure in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Straight front • Straight rear • Shoulder lay back • Front angulation • Croup angulation • Rear angulation (see diagram below) 	Degree of structural soundness.	The puppy is correct in structure.	Good	
		The puppy has a slight fault or deviation.	Fair	
		The puppy has an extreme fault or deviation.	Poor	

**Please note that the structure of the dog pictured below is similar to the Appenzeller. This diagram is for structure purposes only.*



What Do The Scores Mean?

The scores are interpreted as follows:

Mostly 1's –

Strong desire to be pack leader and is not shy about bucking for a promotion Has a predisposition to be aggressive to people and other dogs and will bite

Should only be placed into a very experienced home where the dog will be trained and worked on a regular basis.

Top Dog Tips: Stay away from the puppy with a lot of 1's or 2's. It has lots of leadership aspirations and may be difficult to manage. This puppy needs an experienced home. Not good with children.

Mostly 2's –

Also has leadership aspirations

May be hard to manage and has the capacity to bite Has lots of self-confidence

Should not be placed into an inexperienced home

Too unruly to be good with children and elderly people, or other animals Needs strict schedule, loads of exercise and lots of training.

Has the potential to be a great show dog with someone who understand dog behavior

Mostly 3's –

Can be a high-energy dog and may need lots of exercise Good with people and other animals

Can be a bit of a handful to live with

Needs training, does very well at it and learns quickly Great dog for second time owner.

Mostly 4's –

The kind of dog that makes the perfect pet Best choice for the first-time owner.

Rarely will buck for a promotion in the family Easy to train, and rather quiet

Good with elderly people, children, although may need protection from the children

Choose this pup, take it to obedience classes, and you'll be the star, without having to do too much work!

Tidbits: The puppy with mostly 3's and 4's can be quite a handful, but should be good with children and does with training. Energy needs to be dispersed with plenty of exercise.

Mostly 5's –

Fearful, shy and needs special handling.

Will run away at the slightest stress in its life.

Strange people, strange places, different floor or ground surfaces may upset it.

Often afraid of loud noises and terrified of thunder storms. When you greet it upon your return, may submissively urinate. Needs a very special home where the environment doesn't change too much and where there are not children.

Best for quiet, elderly couple.

If cornered and cannot get away, has a tendency to bite.

Top Dog Tips: Avoid the puppy with several 6's. It is so independent it doesn't need you or anyone. He is his own person and unlikely to bond to you.

Mostly 6's –

So independent that he doesn't need you or other people.

Doesn't care if he is trained or not – he is his own person. Unlikely to bond to you, since he doesn't need you.

A great guard dog for gas stations!

Do not take this puppy and think you can change him into a lovable bundle – you can't, so leave well enough alone.

Interpreting The Scores

Few puppies will test with all 2's or all 3's – there will be a mixture of scores.

For that first time, wonderfully easy to train, potential star, look for a puppy that scores with mostly 4's and 3's. Don't worry about the score on Touch Sensitivity – you can compensate for that with the right training equipment.

Tidbits: It's hard not to become emotional when picking a puppy – they are all so cute, soft and cuddly. Remind yourself that this dog is going to be with you for 8 to 16 years. Don't hesitate to step back a little to contemplate your decision. Sleep on it and review it in the light of day.

Avoid the puppy with a score of 1 on the Restraint and Elevation tests. This puppy will be too much for the first-time owner.

It's a lot more fun to have a good dog, one that is easy to train, one you can live with and one you can be proud of, than one that is a constant struggle.

All things German Shepherds 2023

by Lisa Pretty

It's amazing how quickly this year has passed and upon reflecting, it's amazing to see how much we can achieve throughout the year with our dogs. 2023 for us was a big year filled with lots of travel, breed representation, learning, education/support, and achievements.

2023 for us started with the departure of our last litter of 10 LSCs, they really were Christmas grinchies and ruined every Christmas decoration or present within reach! One of these girls we have carried on to showing and it's amazing how quickly you forget the puppy training stages!



I presented my first homebred dog *CH Tollerhund Gryffindor AZ ET "Viper" to breed survey in February this year and it really is something else when it's your own! We continued to show several dogs across All breeds and speciality shows through the year and travelled interstate often. Viper had great results at the GSDCV State Breed in Melbourne in March, GSDL Easter Show in Sydney in April and the 49th GSD National.



During this time, Grundlehardt Hardrock "Maverick" continued to train in scent work and start trialling, his biggest achievement was a 1st place Novice container search where he identified the source in 3.56 seconds. We continue to do regular classes and have one more pass to achieve the novice title. Maverick also is a certified therapy dog with Delta and visits some local retirement villages, and has had a few stardom moments, acting for small screen films in Vic this year too.



In May we commenced sheep herding C Course with CH Grundlehardt Per Sempre AZ "Charlie" and we have continued to train, learn, and thoroughly enjoy the new sport. We aim to trial in 2024. Charlie also returned to some all-breed shows as a neuter starting at the Kyabram All Breeds show Vic (country).

In between the dog activities, travel and work I also created and run a page called German Shepherds of Australia (GSD) on Facebook. As someone who is always willing to help support and advocate for the breed, this page came about as a way to support owners of our breed. Much like the clubs, we support puppy owners to buy from reputable breeders but also help to try and fill the gap for people who need support and guidance for their dogs when they are not getting it from the purchaser. This also includes trying to educate and share my learnings about our breed and help encourage owners to train, care, exercise and provide enrichment to their dogs. The page is Australian based only, it is not breeding related and is purely about support and guidance. Currently this page is sitting at just over 10,000 Australian members and whilst at time it can be frustrating it is also rewarding.



In June, Viper attended the GSDCSA Champ show with some more great results. In addition to that, we also entered our first Endurance Test under Alastair Henderson in Victoria in June. We thoroughly enjoyed the training for the endurance test and event. We plan to put Charlie through next year.



July saw us travel to the GSDQLD Championship shows, that was a huge learning curve with flying a dog for the first time. We had numerous hiccups but lots of learnings. Viper took it all in his stride and walked away with two first places in Intermediate LSC against some lovely dogs. We also really appreciated the club and their hospitality, support, and encouragement.

August, we had some down time and Maverick attended a women's weekend retreat for breast cancer in Phillip Island for 2 days as the therapy dog. He wooed all the ladies and was a perfect gentleman and joined in their royal theme event. We continued to train in other disciplines but have taken a break from All Breeds. Nevertheless, any spare time is always filled up and I joined forces with Michelle Rovetto and took the reins for the GSDCV raffle organisation. I've been told I could sell ice to an Eskimo... and this skill was put to good use! I



managed to receive over \$3000 worth of donations from pet associated companies and local businesses. These raffles were a huge hit and a great fundraiser for the club.

Melbourne Royal is always a great opportunity to promote the breed, I attended with Charlie for the Neuter sweepstakes where she was short listed to top 8 and with Viper and Tollerhund I was Inverted AI "Kyrie" for the breed specials day. All the dogs were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed the attention. Charlie especially was a star and ended up on the Dogs Vic stand for a few hours engaging with the public.

We attended the GSCV Breed exhibition show in August with Kyrie and Viper as well as taking a trip to the GSDACT Champ shows in October. This was Vipers Final show in Intermediate and he came away with Reserve challenge Dog LSC on the Saturday and Challenge Dog LSC on the Sunday. Kyrie also came away with some great results.

As a result of Charlie's debut at the Dogs Victoria stand at the Melbourne Royal, we were asked if we would come along to the Dog Lovers Show and represent the breed. Charlie was a trooper! It was a long few days but she was an amazing ambassador. She embraced the attention and gave that little extra for people who needed it. A couple of hours in she had already worked out how to get anyone to throw the ball whilst she remained on her throne with her adoring fans. For me this was a big weekend with breed education, correcting the misconceptions, educating of the importance of getting the right breed and understanding what is involved in owning a happy and well-rounded dog.

Back to Viper and it was time for him to step up and compete for the first time in the Open class and was graded his first excellent gradings at the GSDCV Show and the Working Dog club in November. Everyone told me you would remember their first excellent and that certainly is the case.

November saw putting through 2 more dogs in the ZAP assessment, Maverick and Charlie. We thoroughly enjoy participating in ZAP and both Maverick and Charlie passed. Charlie was in her zone, especially as she is ball obsessed and super confident, she was clearly and vocally disappointed that it was all done so quickly and she was going to have to watch the others from the distance. I also had the opportunity to assist some of the ZAP assessors which was a great opportunity and a great way to support the club.

We plan to finish off the year attending the Open Show with Viper and Kyrie. It's a great opportunity to support a trainee judge and always such good practice in the ring, especially for Kyrie. I would like to say that next year won't be so busy, but I would only be kidding myself. We look forward to continuing across multiple disciplines, shows and being apart and supporter of the breed.



Resumes of Candidates for appointment 2024

Mrs. Gaye Todd

My love for dog training began in 1982 when I signed up at Southern Obedience Dog Club with my first Weimaraner.

I love seeing people working with their dogs and wanting to give back to the sport I love, in 2019 I joined the OTEC Judges Training Scheme. I gained my Full Panel Rally Judges License in 2022 and in June 2023 my Full Panel Obedience Judges License.

Throughout my judges training, the GSDCV have always been supportive, allowing me to steward, including stewarding at their 2023 National. Also giving me judging appointments in their Restricted Breed trials.

It's such a pleasure to work with the GSDCV team, they are passionate and professional in all aspects of their trials and shows.

I have judged both Obedience and Rally at the OTEC Victorian State Trials, Rally at the recent Poodle National in Victoria, stewarding at the Golden Retriever National



Mrs Lisa Sinclair

I started my Obedience judging licence in 2015 as I was retiring from teaching. After completing Obedience, I did my Rally licence and am a Full Panel Judge for both disciplines.

My main residence is in Melbourne but during the winter months I live in Townsville (due to the cold in Victoria!) While in Townsville, as well as judging at the local club. I judge at Cairns, Atherton, Mackay and Rockhampton. This year I was honoured to be invited to judge Obedience and Rally in Brisbane at the Queensland State Trial and Nationals.

In Victoria, as well as judging at the local clubs like Berwick, Southern, Croydon etc. I have been invited to judge each year at one of the GSDCV Championship Shows in the RTB Obedience and Rally trials. (I know the importance of the medallion!)

This year (2023) I stewarded at the GSD Nationals as I also did previously when the Nationals were held in Victoria (2019). (So, I have two photos with Dawn Fraser!)



Dr Maribeth Murphy

I started judging Rally in 2018 as a Full Panel Rally Judge and then started to obtain my obedience judge licenses in 2019 and completed my UDX and UD licenses in 2023.

Since I started judging I've had a wonderful relationship with the GSDCV regularly judging at Restricted to Breed trials for both Rally and Obedience and I've been fortunate to be able to steward at the 2019 and 2023 GSD Nationals held in Victoria.

My competitive involvement in Dog Sports has included Rally, Obedience, Tracking, Track and Search and Scent work with my Dobermans and my Dachshunds.

I regularly judge interstate and throughout Victoria. The highlight for 2023 was judging all Rally classes at the Royal Melbourne Show.



Resume for Peter Flynn

Treasurer

My first German Shepherd Dog was a bitch called Kayla (Scenvale Ardent Lady) who my father bought in 1986. He was travelling a lot at the time, so I decided to train her at the Eastern Branch of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria. I was hooked and eventually trained her through to a Utility Dog. Shifting between Victoria and South Australia for work I have been a member of either the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria or the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia since 1986.

I am Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) and have held several senior roles in finance with General Motors Holdens (Treasurer, Chief Accounting Officer, and Finance Controller Manufacturing Operations). I also worked in Italy for five years as the Chief Accounting Officer for a joint venture company between General Motors and Fiat Auto. I am now retired.

I have been the Hon. Treasurer for the German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia for the last twelve years, and the Hon. Treasurer for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia for the last four years. I am also a Specialist Judge and Breed Surveyor. Together with my wife Kitty we breed and show under the Siegerheims Kennel.

If elected to the position of Treasurer I believe I have the appropriate skills to fulfil the requirements of the job, and also have a strong knowledge of the breed and the organisation to assist in the overall running of the council.



Resume for Paul York

Treasurer

My involvement with the German Shepherd Dog began in 1981 with the purchase of my first Shepherd. Since that day my love of the breed has only grown.

Throughout my forty year plus journey with the German Shepherd, I have been fortunate to be able to import (in partnership) some wonderful animals from Europe. VA Mischalands Calvin was my first followed by As Du Domaine Du Val D'Aulnoy (Silver Medalist Sydney) and most recently Ypsilon Di Cassa Caputi.

The objective of importing bloodlines has always been to improve my breeding program and like all of you, I have encountered the highs and lows, the heartbreak and joys of being a dog breeder. All of this has led to successes such as having the he good fortune to have bred some wonderful dogs, including National medal winners and National Class winners. All remain with me until their natural end comes.

My club involvement has included several committee positions with NHRGSDC serving several years as Treasurer, and then Secretary. Currently President of the NHRGSDC. My wife and myself were both honored in 2020 by being made Life Members of the Newcastle Club. This is an honor that we both cherish.

The roles I have undertaken have provided me with insights into the challenges that clubs across the country face at several levels – be it running a show, trying to remain financially viable, managing relationships with DOGS NSW or setting a strategic direction that will insure growth and resilience for my club. All of this experience and many other skills would be available to the role of Treasurer of GSDCA should I be elected.

In my day-to-day life, I work for a Multi-National Electrical Manufacturing Company, Eaton. Eaton are a fortune 500 USA Company based in Cleveland. They have a turnover in excess of 20 billion Dollars a year. I manage a \$20Mil segment of that business based in Australia. I am lucky to be able to work from home, and



by managing my workload efficiently, I have the luxury of time with my dogs and the capacity to contribute to Nation Council as and when required.

My motivation for seeking your support comes from a review of the landscape in which we find ourselves at the present time. Across the country, we are again being threatened by the legislative process, with law and regulation being developed in each state that will ultimately threaten our activities. Most recently, NSW has witnessed an assault from the Animal Justice Party that has sought to label us as “puppy farmers” and attempted to impose draconian measures that would have made it impossible to continue as breeders. We are still not out of the woods yet with QLD poised to implement another round of legislation aimed at dog owners, but some progress has been made. The outcome of the Victorian legislation leaves us in no doubt as to the objectives of minority political groups with a single agenda.

Going forward, I argue that strong leadership and constant vigilance is the only option for us, and I would make this a priority of my service. I strongly support animal welfare, what I do not support is ill informed, emotive campaigns that threaten us, whether they are in NSW or anywhere else across the country. We have rights that need to be defended.

Over the past several years, the other main issue that has caused disunity has been the requirements of Harmonisation. The WUSV demands for compliance are nothing new, but as an organization, we failed to fully appreciate, as far back as 2011, what these would mean for us. A great deal of work has been done to resolve the discord, but much remains. I would work to support any resolution that is respectful of both organisations. Noting that as a democratic organization, our members will have the final voice in what is implemented in Australia. Australia is a world leader in the implementation of health schemes, has developed amazing resources and tools to develop and advance the standing of our breed.

Similarly, Germany has been an outstanding custodian of the German Shepherd Dog. With some goodwill we could move forward collaboratively and this would be my objective as secretary – to support the development of compromise that is acceptable to our members.

The vote for treasurer is important, it not only a vote for Treasurer but a vote for a strong voice on National Council

Thank You
Paul York.

Resumes of Candidates for appointment 2024

Resume for Jenny De Lucia Judges Committee Chair

I have been involved with the German Shepherd Dog since the age of 13, a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. since 1981 and a Life Member of the club since 1997. I have also been a qualified Dog Obedience Judge.



Over many years, I have held various positions serving on the Committee of the GSDC of SA including, Public Relations Officer, Minute Secretary, Social and Fundraising, Shepherd Shop Manager, State Breed Survey Registrar, Shepherd News Co-Editor, and First Vice President. I have also served on past National Show Committees. In addition, I have been a past Obedience Head Trainer, Demonstration Team Captain and have been an Obedience Instructor since 1987. I have held the position of GSDCA Title Verification Officer since 2018. Together with my husband, John and daughter, Isabella, our first litter under the 'Babenberg' Prefix was registered in 2001. We have bred many excellent graded animals and in 2014 were awarded the GSDCA Bronze Medal for Hip and Elbow Passes. We have to date imported two German Shepherd Dogs from Germany. Vimo von der Hopfenhalle a ED SchHIII (in partnership with Stephen and Christine Collins of Rhosyn Kennels), who went on to win the Gold Medal in Open Dog at the 2008 National Show and Trial held in Adelaide. Charon vom Overledingerland a ED SchHI (in partnership with my father, Josef Seidl of Vomkogelberg Kennels). Charon has been an exceptional producer for us. In her first litter, Charon produced the Junior Bitch 2013 National winner, Babenberg Jaci, with her siblings being placed 9th Junior Bitch - Babenberg Jasmina, 3rd Junior Dog - Babenberg Joachim and 4th Junior Dog - Babenberg Jericho. Her son, *Babenberg Ollie AZ has won many first placings and Challenge wins and was the recipient of the Rhosyn Point Score Trophy in 2019. We bred and own the 2023 National Gold Medal winning Open LSC Dog, Ch. *Babenberg Valentino who is also the 2023 winner of the Alimanda Eroica Point Score Trophy.

In 2015 I became a Licenced Single Breed Judge for German Shepherd Dogs and a GSDCA Breed Surveyor in 2022 and continue breeding, handling, and showing GS Dogs.

In my working life, I am a Home Support Assessor for My Aged Care which I have done for the past 8 years and prior to that was a HACC Coordinator working with Anglicare. I have previous to this, worked with my father in a family owned and run commercial and domestic plumbing business for over 24 years.

In considering the role of GSDCA Judges Committee

Chairperson, I believe that dedication, impartiality and a clear vision are essential in fulfilling this role. I applaud the previous position holders who changed the trajectory of this position to introduce training seminars and workshops. I am a strong believer and supporter of education and striving for betterment in oneself and feel that this, together with training and performance reviews of our Judges are vital in ensuring a high calibre of judge who are proud to be representing and promoting the breed.

The GSDCA faces serious challenges due to the spate of both past and recent dog attacks and the ensuing knee jerk reactions of Government. Regardless of who the successful position holders will be, the GSDCA needs to focus on what is important and work together to protect the breed in this country.

Resume for Robyn Knuckey Judges Committee Chair

I have been a member of the GSDA of WA for 42 years; humbled to receive a Life Membership for my contribution over that time. I am an owner, breeder (Freinhaus, with husband Kevin), exhibitor, administrator, and lover of German Shepherd Dogs.



I enjoy collaborating with the members and encouraging new members to stand for positions and contribute. My committee and management roles have enabled me to broaden the club's horizon whilst providing a conduit for WA to the National scene; reducing the isolation that distance holds for our members in WA. I have served the club as Show manager for specialty shows and SBEs; working tirelessly to build teams of people focused on providing quality show experiences for exhibitors; promoting young people and new judges; and most importantly an enjoyable day out with our wonderful breed. I have served in the executive positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

I am passionate about breed promotion and ensuring our organisations are sustainable. I am highly cognisant with the Judges Committee role having held the position over four terms from 2006-2010 and 2014-2018. I did not seek re-election at the end of those terms, preferring to support other willing candidates aspiring to an Executive role. As Judges Committee Chair, I redeveloped the documentation for the GSDCA Extension Course, NSLO role and implemented communication tools for Specialist Shows that are still relevant today. I have mentored, supported, and built the capacity of aspirants, celebrating their elevation to GSDCA Specialist.

My experience extends beyond single breed clubs to

Dogs West. I have served on the Governing Council for 4 years and been a member of the Breed Protection and Legislation Committee. For six years I have supported trainee judges in WA as the Group 5 Convenor for Trainee Judges. I am also a DOGS AUSTRALIA accredited Examiner Judge for Group 5. I attained my Group 5 license in 1994, completing the GSDCA extension course in 1996: achieving Breed Surveyor status in 2001. I have judged German Shepherd Dogs extensively throughout Australia and New Zealand.

As a breeder and exhibitor of German Shepherds highlights include winning a National Gold Medal with *Ch Eisenland Zilli (2002) and a Bronze with *Pedra degli Achei imp Italy (2016). We purchased Pedra to improve our lines here in Australia. At the 2019 National, we achieved the ultimate: her offspring winning dual medals from littermates Freinhaus Havoc (Silver) and Hannibal (Bronze), the Breeders Group winner and the Sammy Trophy for highest performing stock coat kennel. Pedra's daughters have won SBE Siegerin titles in WA, NSW and in the 3rd generation a dual gold medalist and SBE Siegerin. She also has an Excellent Merit son in Victoria.

After a break from the role of Judges Chair, I find I still have the drive, desire, and passion to keep making a difference. When approached to stand again, I found it difficult to decline. My aim for the role is to encourage younger members of our fraternity to take up judging, whether via Group 5 or GSDs only. This is a priority and may require review of requirements to enter the scheme. I possess a unique skill set as a breeder, exhibitor, judge and administrator to understand the intricacies of clubs and the challenges they face interacting with Canine and welfare organisations, politicians and the general public.

Resume for Jacinta Poole HD/ED Registrar

My nomination for the position of Hip Dysplasia/Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar stems from a continuing interest in assisting the GSDCA to further develop and improve. My past role on Council Executive and my continued involvement with both the Council and my Club has provided me with an extensive understanding of the functions of National Council, including the Breed Improvement Schemes.

I am currently actively involved in a GSDCA working party to consider changes to the GSDCA HD/ED contract and xray reading process, which will hopefully bring benefits to members in 2024. The GSDCA has a recognised history with the Hip and Elbow Schemes and the results and the benefits it has brought to the GSD's health in Australia. We need to continue to build on that and make every opportunity easy to involve new members in the health aspects of our dogs.

Change always brings opportunity for assessment of processes and procedures and to look for ways to improve on how we do things. Naturally this includes the use of technology in a collaborative way.

As a summary of my experience, at National Council level I was the Quarterly National Review Editor for 5 years, from 2016-2021. I am also the current GSDCA website officer, since 2015. In my home state of Victoria, I manage the Malvern training branch of the GSDCV, where we regularly train ~80 GSDs per week. I have been an obedience instructor for 20 years. I am a member of the GSDCV Management Committee and have also been Webmaster and Shepherd News Editor for 15+ years, along with many other roles. I am actively involved in Club activities and regularly attend shows and trials. I currently own two GSD's.

In my day job I am a scientist, working for CSIRO. Problem solving, organisation and management, attention to detail, statistics and reporting are daily aspects of my job, all skills that are front and centre for the HD/ED Registrar role.

I consider myself very capable, thorough, and hardworking, with a 'can-do' approach. I have the appropriate skills to both fulfil and enhance the HD/ED Registrar role. I have a strong knowledge of the breed and the organisation and if elected will continue the excellent work that has been achieved over many past years by the GSDCA.



Resume for

Doug West

HD/ED Registrar

My involvement in German Shepherds started in 1962, my wife Rae and I purchased our first Shepherd a bitch called Nanlescol Beauty.

I have been a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc. since 1960 (63 years). I was awarded Life Membership of the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc. in 1969 (54 years).

I held the position of President of the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc. between 1979, 1989, 1990 to 1998 total of 18 years. During my term I was instrumental in obtaining the new grounds at West Beach, which included the Clubrooms, 3 phase power, lighting, fencing and the grassed area to be cut by the West Beach Trust, all of this was paid for by the SA Government. I went back and did a couple a terms as Hon. Secretary, Trials, and Committee member.

I took over from Veronica Fairbairn (ACT) as Hip & Elbow National Registrar for the German Shepherd Dog of Council Aust. in 1984, (39 years).

I was a Tattoo Officer between 1970 to 2017, (47 years) until it ceased. I can still remember Don Gotchalk & Uli Swab coming to an NBC Meeting in Victoria & bringing Pigs Ears with them which we used to practice Tattooing on. And that was the start of the Tattoo Scheme until it ceased in 2017. When we were tattooing if an animal got out and was picked up by a person or a local Council or



the RSPCA, they could ring German Shepherd Dog Club of SA, they would be asked to look in the dogs right ear to see if there was a tattoo, if there was then they could be told who the owner was and give them the owners address, phone and mobile number and the animal was returned to the owner. But we can't do that now and only Microchips are accepted, and Jo blow finding a lost dog is not going to have a Microchip scanner! That's progress for you. I'm one of few inaugural breed surveyors for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc. that is left. And I'm still actively Breed Surveying and Breeding. I have been doing so since 1977 to 2021 some 44 years.

I was involved in the lifting of the 42-year Ban on Importing German Shepherds that had been placed on our Breed by The Farmers & Graziers Association. I received a phone call from the new police Commissioner that came to Adelaide from England Mr Harrold Salisbury whilst I was President, he told me that he wanted to bring two dog handlers and their two police dogs out to join the SA Police force. He said he was told that he couldn't because there was a ban on importing German Shepherds. I told Mr Salisbury he was just the person that could fix this and put him in touch with Senator Don Chip. Mr Salisbury rang me back and said the ban was going to be lifted for a period of 3 Months and to advise all shepherd enthusiast's that wanted to Import a German Shepherd, that they had a 3 Month period to do so.

There was that many Shepherds Imported in that 3 Month period, that the Government was not game enough to reinstate the ban, and the rest is History.



Many thanks go to Dr Claire Sharp BSc BVMS(Hons) MS DACVECC for writing this article for the GSDCA.

Gastric dilatation and volvulus in German Shepherd Dogs

What we know and where we are going

Gastric dilatation and volvulus (GDV), commonly known as bloat, is a common disease in large and giant breed dogs. In GDV the stomach distends with gas and rotates on its axis, resulting in compromise of blood flow to the stomach itself, the spleen and other abdominal organs. GDV causes dogs to go into shock and can be rapidly life threatening without appropriate treatment.

Breed predispositions for GDV

German Shepherd dogs are one of the most commonly represented dog breeds affected with GDV. In a study that I performed at my previous hospital in the United States, German shepherds were the single most common purebred dog seen with GDV, comprising more than 20% of all dogs with GDV. Other commonly affected breeds include the Great Dane, Weimaraner, Saint Bernard, Gordon Setter, Irish Setter, and Standard Poodle. We also see GDV in a reasonable number of Labrador and Golden retrievers; at least in part because these are very common breeds.

What causes GDV?

We don't yet know what causes GDV but several large studies have investigated risk factors for the development of GDV in affected breeds. We do know that genetics have some influence in the disease, given that GDV runs in breeds and runs in families within a breed. However, genetics are not the sole determinant of whether a dog will develop GDV. Although different studies have slightly different findings, generally considered risk factors for developing GDV include first degree relatives that have had GDV, higher thoracic depth to width ratio, lean body condition, advancing age, eating quickly (in large but not giant breed dogs), stressful events (eg. boarding, traveling or a vet visit), fearful, nervous or aggressive temperament; and several diet-related factors, including having a raised food bowl, being fed only dry food and/or a single large meal each day. My research is aimed at finding out more about the how genetics and other factors influence disease risk (more below).

Clinical signs

Symptoms of the development of GDV that dog owners may notice at home include restlessness, drooling, nonproductive retching and abdominal distention. It is important to note that many dogs do not have obvious abdominal distention despite having GDV. Given how common this disease is in affected breeds,

we recommend that dogs should be checked by a veterinarian for any behavior that is significantly out of the ordinary for them. This is particularly important for GDV, since the earlier we catch the disease, the more likely we are to be successful at treating it.

When examined at the time of presentation to a veterinary clinic dogs with GDV present with signs of shock. This includes a high heart rate and weak pulses. Some dogs are completely collapsed by the time they arrive at the vet, while others are still able to walk in (and others can even still be wagging their tail). Abdominal palpation may reveal a distended and tympanic (drum like stomach), however in other dogs the stomach is all up under the rib cage and so cannot be palpated. A key abnormality on abdominal palpation is that the spleen becomes enlarged and displaced towards the back of the abdomen.

This combination of clinical signs and findings on examination result in a high index of suspicion for GDV in a predisposed dog breed.

Diagnosis

Basic diagnostic tests, including x-rays and blood tests, are usually performed very shortly after dogs with GDV arrive at the hospital. A right lateral abdominal x-ray is necessary to confirm the diagnostic suspicion of GDV. The x-ray is used to confirm that the stomach is distended with gas and has flipped on its axis. An example x-ray is shown in Figure 1. Basic blood tests are indicated to evaluate fluid and electrolyte balance, blood lactate and rule out organ dysfunction. Chest x-rays are often recommended given that about 15% of dogs with GDV have pneumonia, and to look for evidence of cancer in older dogs.

Treatment

Treatment of GDV involves medical management followed by emergency surgical intervention and good post-operative care.

The goal of medical management is to stabilize the dog cardiovascularly to give them the best chance of doing ok during surgery and anesthesia. Medical management should occur promptly, so as to minimize delays to surgery, given that surgery is required to fix the condition.

Medical management involves placement of one or more intravenous catheters and administration of intravenous fluids (which helps with shock). Pain relief is also provided early in treatment as this condition is suspected to be extremely painful. If the distended, gas filled stomach can be easily palpated beyond the rib cage, a needle or catheter can be used to relieve some of the gas pressure that builds up in a procedure known as percutaneous trocarization. This involves clipping the fur over the gas-distended stomach, cleaning the skin with an antiseptic, and passing a large needle or catheter through the skin

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and into the stomach to release gas. This procedure however is not always possible as the distended stomach may be up under the rib cage. Risks vs. benefits of this procedure are weighed up on a case-by-case basis. The potential benefit is that releasing some of the gas pressure in the stomach can help restore blood flow to the heart and improve shock. It may also improve blood flow to the stomach wall itself. Additionally, relieving some of the pressure in the stomach may make it easier to derotate the stomach at surgery. Potential risks of trocarization include accidental internal bleeding (from the stomach wall itself, or from damaging the spleen), and making a hole in the stomach that leaks food into the abdomen.

Surgery is usually performed on an emergency basis. Following general anesthesia, surgery involves derotating and decompressing the stomach, followed by a gastropexy. De-rotating refers to flipping the stomach back into its normal position, this allows blood flow to return to the stomach. Decompressing involves getting the accumulated gas out of the stomach, this is usually done by placing a stomach tube at surgery. A gastropexy involves stitching the stomach to the body wall, in a normal position. When this pexy has healed, it prevents the stomach from being able to flip again.

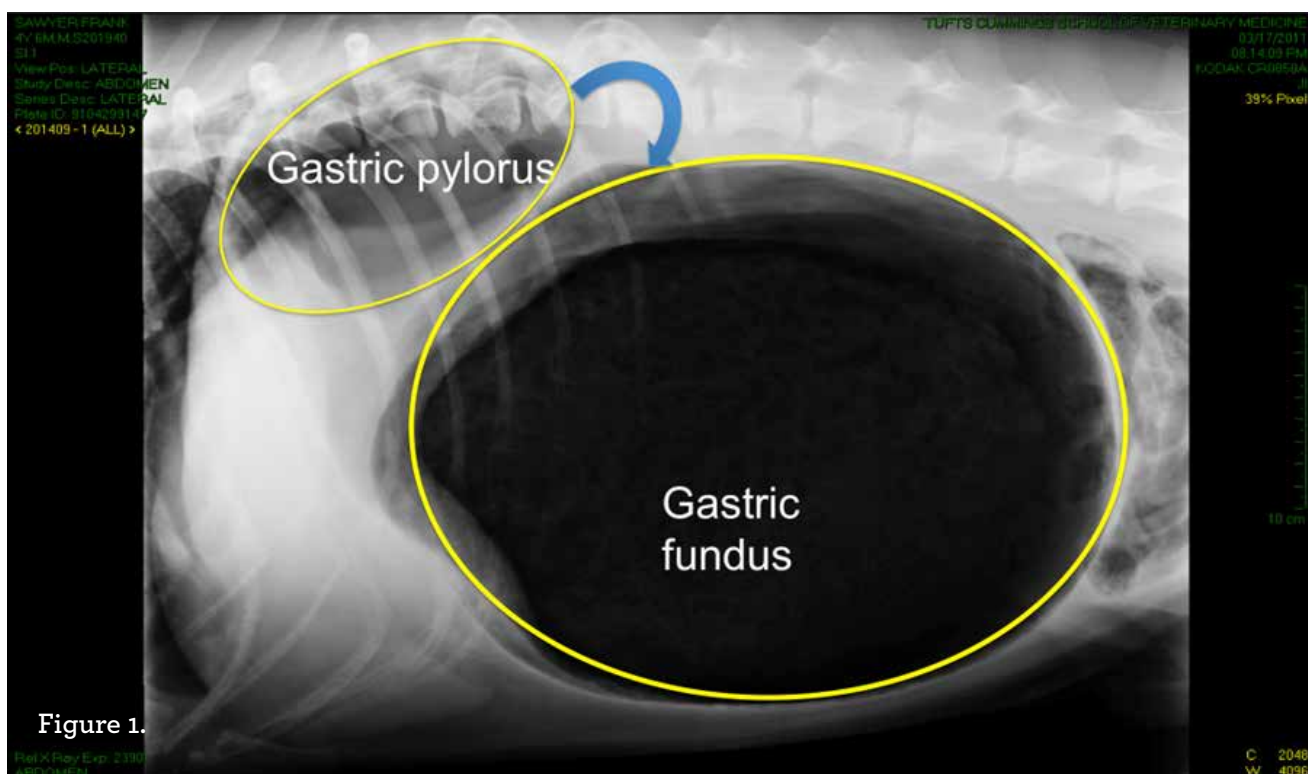
Other additional procedures may also be performed at the time of surgery in some dogs. If part of the stomach wall has died due to compromised blood supply, the nonviable part of the stomach is removed at surgery (gastrectomy). Additionally, if foreign material is present in the stomach, this may be removed at the time of surgery. Unfortunately in some dogs, all of the stomach is dead at the time of surgery. This is a devastating complication for which we recommend euthanasia. If

part or all of the spleen has died, the nonviable tissue is removed at surgery (splenectomy). In some dogs, the stomach bursts before surgery as the stomach wall dies and gas pressure builds up. This causes release of stomach contents (partly digested food and gastric acid) into the abdominal cavity, which results in an abdominal infection called septic peritonitis. This is a very challenging complication to manage. Surgery can take anywhere between 1 and 3 or 4 hours depending on the severity of the compromise to the abdominal organs and the exact procedures the surgeon has to perform.

Post-operative care and prognosis

Following GDV surgery, dogs generally require 2-4 days of hospitalization for recovery. Intravenous fluids and pain relief medications are continued post-operatively. Additionally, because of the insult to the stomach, treatment with antacids, antinausea medications, and stomach protectants is usually initiated. Monitoring includes assessing heart rate and rhythm, monitoring body temperature (as a post-operative fever could be a sign of infection), comfort levels, fluid and electrolyte balance and organ function. Once dogs start eating and drinking after GDV surgery we are able to transition them off their intravenous fluids and medications to tablets, and get them home. Full recovery can take a few weeks, especially in older dogs, because this is such a significant surgery.

Prognosis is generally good in dogs that receive appropriate aggressive medical and surgical treatment; with 70-90% of dogs surviving to leave the hospital. Unfortunately some dogs die at home overnight or while unattended during the day, as the disease can progress so rapidly. Additionally, some dogs are so sick



that despite the highest level of care we are unable to reverse the course of their disease. As such, prevention is important where possible.

Prevention

Prevention of GDV can be considered at the breed level, and on an individual dog basis. Although GDV does not follow a simple pattern of inheritance, the fact that it runs in breeds and families, suggests that removing dogs that have had GDV or a first degree relative with GDV, from the breeding pool where possible may reduce the prevalence of GDV in future generations. Obviously however, this is not always possible due to the multitude of factors that go into breeding decisions, and the fact that some dogs don't develop GDV until middle to older age after which they have already been used in breeding programs. Ongoing research to better understand the genetics of GDV will hopefully allow us to make more informed decisions regarding the selection of dogs for breeding.

For individual dogs, the main strategy for prevention is prophylactic gastropexy. This is the process of suturing the stomach to the body wall to prevent it from flipping on its axis. This procedure is done in all dogs at the time of surgically fixing their GDV, but can also be done prior to the development of GDV, so as to prevent it from occurring. Prophylactic gastropexy can be done as a routine abdominal surgery, or can be performed in a minimally invasive way with laparoscopy (ie. key-hole surgery) by experienced veterinarians / veterinary surgeons. Prophylactic gastropexy should especially be considered in dogs of at risk breeds already undergoing abdominal surgery such as for a spay.

Current research:

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, with the support of dozens of breed clubs including the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, recently funded 2 research proposals (January 2014). These studies will be the largest of their kind ever undertaken to investigate GDV in dogs. These studies are designed to gain a better understanding of what causes GDV in dogs.

The study that I am involved in is entitled "Application of genomic and molecular methods to understanding the pathophysiology of gastric dilatation and volvulus in purebred dogs; a systems biology approach."

Our initial focus is in German Shepherd dogs given that is the most commonly affected breed across studies, and through our collaborations we have access to a large existing repository of DNA samples from GSDs at the Broad Institute.

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Biographical sketch

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Dr Claire Sharp is a specialist in small animal emergency medicine and critical care and a senior lecturer at Murdoch University. Dr Sharp studied veterinary medicine and surgery at Murdoch University, in Australia, graduating in 2002. She completed her rotating small animal internship at Oklahoma State University in the United States, followed by an internship and residency in small animal emergency and critical care at the University of Missouri. Dr Sharp received her Masters of Veterinary Clinical Sciences and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2010. Dr Sharp worked for 6 years in the section of emergency and critical care at the Tufts University Veterinary school outside of Boston, MA, and recently returned to Murdoch for an academic position. Her primary clinical interests are the diagnosis and management of the systemic inflammatory response syndrome, sepsis, shock, GDV (gastric dilatation and volvulus, or bloat), polytrauma, and respiratory distress. Dr Sharp's research endeavors have involved epidemiologic studies of trauma and sepsis in dogs and cats, and identifying clinically relevant biomarkers for the diagnosis and prognostication of emergency room diseases such as sepsis, feline asthma and hemangiosarcoma. Dr Sharp's current research includes a large study to investigate the causes of bloat in dogs, including the genetic features of at risk breeds that make them predisposed. At Murdoch, Dr Sharp is involved in the clinical instruction and mentoring of 5th year students, 2 critical care residents and 1 intern, as well as lecturing for the third and fourth year students.

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Summary Table

What is GDV?	A disease of large and giant breed dogs in which the stomach distends with gas and flips on its axis.
Why is GDV life-threatening?	<p>Dogs with GDV go into shock and can develop abnormal heart rhythms, both of which can be fatal.</p> <p>Some dogs also succumb to post-operative complications like pneumonia.</p>
What causes GDV?	<p>We don't know but likely a combination of factors. Known risk factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> runs in breeds, and families Conformation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deep-chested dogs lean body condition Temperament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> nervous, fearful, aggressive dogs at higher risk associated with stressful events (eg. boarding) Diet / feeding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eating quickly



Clinical signs	<p>At home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-specific signs – restlessness, drooling Specific signs - non-productive retching, abdominal distention Collapse in severe cases <p>At the vet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs of shock (high heart rate, weak pulses) Distended tympanic stomach Distended, caudally displaced spleen
Diagnostic approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right lateral abdominal x-ray Blood tests Chest x-rays – rule out pneumonia, cancer
Immediate treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intravenous fluids Pain relief Consider percutaneous trocarization for decompression Stomach tube placement (via mouth) once under anesthesia
Surgical treatment	<p>Should be initiated rapidly. Requires general anesthesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-rotate and decompress the stomach Gastropexy to prevent recurrence
Post-operative care	<p>Most dogs require 2-4 days of hospitalization after surgery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing intravenous fluids and pain relief Stomach protectants, antacids, antinausea medications
Prognosis	<p>Life-threatening without surgical intervention.</p> <p>70-90% survival rates with treatment (medical and surgical).</p>

I'd like you to consider a newer dog sport that has hit our shores! It's one on one with you and your dog. There are no set patterns or courses, there are no limitations on what you can come up with and you get to do it to a funky tune. Sound like fun?..... Why not consider DANCES WITH DOGS (DWD). Developed in the UK in the early 90's, the sport officially commenced in Australia in January 2009. The sport allows the dog and handler to perform a skilful, choreographed routine to a piece of music of their choice whilst demonstrating a high level of teamwork and of course spectator appeal. There are two different categories within the sport Heelwork to Music (HTM) and Freestyle (FS).

Heelwork to Music uses the foundation of traditional Obedience Heelwork with the inclusion of creative moves such as spins and leg weaves, to allow the dog to transition from one of the 8 positions to another. Throughout the routine the team aims to move to their interpretation of the music and maintain the same working distance between them with each heel position. The first level you compete in is STARTERS and requires around 4 different positions. Teaching your dog rear-end awareness (Box Work) definitely helps to master these new heel positions.



These are the eight positions that are recognised within HTM

Freestyle requires less of a formal accuracy than HTM but still the unity of teamwork between the dog and handler. In the lower levels some moves that you usually see are spins, leg weaving, rolling and marching just to name a few. The dog does not need to be close to the handler at all times and can perform at a distance. Freestyle is usually a huge crowd pleaser as there are no compulsory moves so the handler can develop their routine to showcase their dog's individual strengths and omit moves that their dog may find difficult.

Titles

To earn titles in both HTM & FS you must earn 3 passes. You are scored by a panel of 3 judges and must score a minimum 45 out of a possible 60 from at least 2 of the judges. Teams are scored on Teamwork, Choreography, Accuracy, Flow, Interpretation of music, Costumes and degree of difficulty. Titles to compete in are Starters, Novice, Intermediate, Advance and Champion. At starters level the music must be a minimum 1 minute long.

Music and Costumes

What makes a good routine a great routine?..... Music and the Theme! The choreography of course is important but having a great song and backing it up with a costume or prop really does enhance the overall performance and spectator appeal. Handlers are encouraged to wear fancy elaborate costumes whilst dogs are allowed to have decorative themed collars or scarfs.

Dances with Dogs

Requirements to Compete

This sport is suitable for dogs of any breed or size over the age of 12mths. All routines are preformed off lead. It can be quite daunting dancing to music with your dog in a room full of strangers. One thing you see at these trials is lots of nervous handlers but even more happy dogs. Dogs love dancing because you can talk to them during the routine, the tricks are exciting to learn and perform and as a sport, IT'S SO MUCH FUN!

My Personal Experience

I first gave dancing a go in 2014. My German Shepherd Lexy (Awatea Jail Bait CD RE HT HTM.N FS.S) was 8.5 and we had gone as far as we could in Obedience and Rally. A friend suggested DWD as I could design my routine to accommodate her abilities as a senior. Lexy achieved her HTM Novice and FS Starters Titles. Along the way most passes she achieved with 1st places and even a Highest in Trial Performance. This is such a great sport to take up with an older dog. I lost Lexy at the end of last year and we were dancing 5 weeks prior to that. I now have my young boy who is in training to put on his dancing shoes later this year!

Why am I writing about DWD?

We as German Shepherd owners are blessed. We not only have a beautiful looking breed but one of the most intelligent breeds. Our dogs are bred to work and this is such a Team Sport. Remember the judges and the audience don't know your routine and if it all falls apart, like any real performer, you just keep going! In Victoria we have only 4 GSD's competing, Queensland and other state have a few also BUT we need more!!!!

How to get involved?

For more information on rules, future competitions and links to your states training clubs visit www.danceswithdogsaustralia.com . I hope to see more GSD'S in the dancing ring so we can truly showcase the versatility of our glorious breed.

By Tania Schumann





We all have a
little Dance in
us!!!



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At the GSDCQ AGM on the 5th December a new committee took the reins of the club, most of the committee have remained with a couple of new faces.

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.

Marcelle Wetzlar

Minutes Secretary and HDED Registrar.

A club couldn't wish for a better minute's secretary, she is so quick to return the completed minutes, Marcelle has also filled the role of HDED registrar and has filled this role admirably. 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.

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

The club membership finished at 275, creeping ever closer to the 300 mark. This is a substantial increase since 2020 when there was 202 members.

The 22.23 Auditors report has been completed, the report takes into consideration depreciation etc. this year showing a net profit of \$4,682.27. which is great to see in these uncertain economic times.

GSDCQ 2023 Final Point Score Placings

Adult Male of the Year (SC)	Score
Obama Du Montgison	149
Debban Quall	96
Xander Vom Grabfeldgau	92
Cinderhof Raffaa	74
Frienhauf Uther	33
Ineffable emmanu	29
Castastar Over The Wall	23
Castastar Sergio	17
Haveloc Levi	15
Purplemax Max	11

Adult Female of the Year (SC)	Score
Gewalt Aramis	100
Bernloch Reba	96
Kellipark Viretta	84
Bluemax Salted Peanut	63
Kuirau Willow	60
Cinderhof Italiaa	45
Cinderhof Cersei	44
Castastar Oleander	43
Cinderhof Dita	42
Vladimir Ants Pants	37

Adult Male of the Year (LSC)	Score
Cinderhof Diaablo	108
Eroica Ice Ice Baby	105
Debban Quacker	64
Lettland Flint	30
Damonte Stealin Time	25
Stobbar Koetya	25
Lettland Jupiter	19
Bluemax Chili Di Lobo	18
Lettland Harju	4

Puppy of the Year Males (LSC)	Score
Cinderhof Diaablo	9
Jaknell Sgt Pepper	5
Germulf Eiskreiger	4
Lettland Jupiter	3
Lettland Lord Kasper	2
Lettland Last Edition	1

Puppy of the Year Females (LSC)	Score
Sadria Russia with Love	48
Bernloch Carlotta	38
Azincoourt Devil Wears Prada	28
Ineffable Essence	21
Panskyll Gyan	21
Ineffable Electra	17
Sharlyne Valente	11
Castastar Unique	7
Laverance Eden	7
Lorani Rubie	7

Adult Female of the Year (LSC)	Score
Eroica Nova	148
Cinderhof Chaanel	101
Kaygar Esther	87
Gabmalu Liberte	86
Azincoourt Colette	69
Gabmalu Helga	65
Gabmalu Java	45
Kingland Black Betty	39
Panskyll Finesse	37
Cinderhof Khaleesi	34

Puppy of the Year Males (SC)	Score
Azincoourt Rudy	50
Ineffable Emmanu	21
Kingland Vino	15
Debban Vortex	6
Sharlyne Kenzo	5
Cinderhof Brockk	4
Karham How You Doit	3

Puppy of the Year Females (LSC)	Score
Gabmalu Liberte	66
Azincoourt Ravenna	42
Kaygar Gretchen	30
Kingland Black Betty	29
Debban Tully	23
Gabmalu Kierah	21
Azincoourt Colette	17
Lettland Mint Edition	16
Wesenhund Fiorano (Imp NZ)	15
Shepjax Songbird	7

Breeders (Old Members)	Score
Cinderhof	470
Gabmalu	230
Azincoourt	224
Debban	211
Gewalt	202
Kellipark	140
Bluemax	129
Bernloch	127
Castastar	113
Kaygar	107

Sire of the Year	Score
Chili della Valcuvia	787
Conbhairan Freddie	233
Salvatore v Grafenwald	190
Eroica Ice Ice Baby	138
Cinderhof Vandaal	126
Xander v Grabfeldgau	95
Bluemax Say Bombs Away	78
Obama Du Montgison	53
Lettland Harju	48
Gewalt Tennessee Drummer	44

Dam of the Year	Score
Freinhaus Havoc	257
Debban Isabella	239
Eroica Duchess of York	148
Gabmalu Echo	135
Eroica Just wanna have Fun	124
Cinderhof Italiaa	111
Freinhaus Firefly Zoe	95
Bernloch Yoyo	94
Kellipark Rocky Road	84
Kuirau Indelible	71

Obedience Male	Score
La Guardia Perfect Finale	38
Lavine Red Baron	36
Haveloc Levi	34
Obedience Female	Score
Cinderhof Khaleesi	34
Ancartra Badas A Bone	26
Castastar Midori	26
Kayrossi All Star	9

Our shows through out the year were well patronised, and next year we look forward to seeing you all at our shows, in July with Robert Lang SV Germany officiating at one of the shows.

This year, the GSDCQ conducted 5 breed surveys, with one in March, two in July on the same day, one in September and one in November. All surveys were conducted in Zone 1 at the Dogs Qld grounds in Durack. They were all well attended and ran smoothly.

In total, we had 37 animals presented to breed survey this year, with 31 successfully classified and 6 failures.

Our Unrestricted Double Rally Trial in May saw 61 competitors enter. Our Unrestricted Double Tricks Trial in July saw a whooping 81 entries. This was a phenomenal entry in any clubs' eyes. Our November Unrestricted Double Tricks and Double Rally Trials saw a drop in numbers to 30 and 44 entries.

Our Restricted Obedience Breed Trials in July and September went off without a hitch. We had 12 Entries at our July Trial which was wonderful. This was 4 entries up on last year's Trial. At our September Trial we had 4 entries, with members now taking advantage of the club obedience classes numbers will increase slightly as some members currently working on their obedience and will enter their first trials next year.

Some good news with our restricted Breed Trials is that we now have been granted permission to run Restricted Rally trials as well. So as of 2024 our Restricted Trials in July and September will be Obedience and Rally Trials. This should hopefully encourage those who travel from afar to enter Rally, Obedience and Conformation at these GSD Restricted events.

HDED numbers were down this year, a hangover from COVID with a total of 57 contracts being issued.

The QLD club introduced a Point score this year which allows all members to participate, Next year we aim to increase the awards with the Rally being added as one of the obedience awards as well as a QLD resident dog total point score winner (regardless of sex or coat type). Another improvement we will make to improve our QLD show entry is to have a condition applied that says the exhibitor has to exhibit at least one QLD show in that calendar year.

The club Facebook page has had a very positive response with the shows being live streamed either by myself or Alison Drinkwater. We had Diana Farr assist the live streams in July due to Alison being unable to attend.

The club Facebook reach has increased by a whopping 424%!! Post engagement has also increased by 75% since 2022. Page visits has also increased by 80.7%.

Gail Donald continues support the club with her beautiful photos not only at the shows but also at Surveys.

Congratulations to all the recipient's of the end of year trophies.

A full list will go up on the clubs page of especial mention the following

Major Achievement Award (5 or more disciplines)

CH. ABELARA KIND SPIRITS A'Z

Ann Clarkson

Titles: CH, CD, ET, RE, HIT, TD

CH LAGUARDA PERFECT FINALE AZ

M. Nelson

Titles: CH, CCD, RN, HT, TK5

CH MOREKOS KRAKEN

R.tulloch

Titles: CH, TK5, ET, JA, CA

DUAL CH.(T) MASTERTON FREE TO TRACK

G.CUNNINGHAM

Titles AC, CCD, RN, TSD, TE

The club offers a Puppy Listing service and the number of listings for this reporting year (Sept 2022- Oct 2023) was a total of 45, compared with the same time last year with 20 so there is significant increase in listings. There only one month in June 2023, that had no listings.

The club offers a rehoming service for GSD and the year has been quite disappointing as far as people wanting rescue dogs with 92 available and only 30 wishing to re-home.

This is a quick summary of the year for the GSDCQ.

Next year plans are going ahead for a fund day and also a ZAP test. As well as our fundraising for the National which stands at \$11,000 after the Dec Bunnings.

On behalf of the members and management committee of the GSDCQ we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to hosting you in 2024.



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Which way do we turn at this time of year? There's Christmas, New Year, holidays.....the list goes on. Most importantly we hope you've had a marvellous year and have had a chance to stop and celebrate with family and loved ones and importantly spend some extra quality time with your dogs.

In the dog club the wheel never stops turning and the end of the year is as busy at the start 😊

Our 11 training branches across metro and country Victoria have been flat out training dogs, and we know how much that is appreciated by all owners. All were open until early December and most finished off the year with a bang and a Christmas celebration. A visit from the big red man, presents, games, prizes, food and jumping castles were the order of the day. Many branches will barely break and be back training for pups and young dogs, as we know puppies don't need holidays, they need training 😊

Our traditional Melbourne Cup Weekend of shows was again a highlight.

GSDCV 108th Championship Show

Mr Vincenzo Tantaro (Vic)

SC CHALLENGE BITCH

*GEWALT ARAMIS AZ

SC CHALLENGE DOG

*KASTER VAN CONTRA (IMP DEU)

LSC CHALLENGE BITCH

*ALLINKA WILL OF THE FORCE AZ

LSC CHALLENGE DOG

*EROICA JETHRO AZ RN CCD ET

DUAL PERFORMANCE

*CH CINDERHOF SANSAA AZ ET

In the Restricted to Grp 5 Obedience Trial the GSD winners were:

CCD

*ICA VON DER ZENTEICHE (IMP DEU) TD,
A&F Henderson

Novice

EROICA JETHRO AZ RN CCD ET, C Whitford

Open Class

TAYLORCRUZ FINN (AI) CD TD, Iva Baloun

Working Dog Club of Victoria Champ Show

Mr Sanjit Mohanty (Ind)

SC CHALLENGE BITCH

*GEWALT ARAMIS AZ

SC CHALLENGE DOG

*KASTER VAN CONTRA (IMP DEU)

LSC CHALLENGE BITCH

*CAZELI ANASTASIA AZ

LSC CHALLENGE DOG

*JACK VON FENRIR (IMP DEU)

Best of Breed

SC BEST OF BREED

*GEWALT ARAMIS AZ

SC RUNNER UP BEST OF BREED

*CH CINDERHOF SANSAA AZ ET

LSC BEST OF BREED

*JACK VON FENRIR (IMP DEU)

LSC RUNNER UP BEST OF BREED

*CAZELI ANASTASIA AZ

Our ZAP Assessment on 12 November was again a great day, well done to all involved. We have 3 dates scheduled for 2024 which will be fun.

Grundelhardt Hard Rock (AI), L Pretty

*Ch. Iniff Icebreaker (AI) AZ CCD ET, R & A Mackay

*Derharv The Force Is Strong (LSC) AZ, M Rovetto

Freevale Avalon In Pink, I Borodinova

Michetto Become Theforcewithin (AI) (LSC), M Rovetto

*Jayshell Utopia AZ, N McDermott

*Jayshell Watusi AZ, N McDermott

Ch. Grundelhardt Per Sempre (LSC) AZ, L Pretty

Vonrhaegar Athos, J McMurray

And we rounded out with our Open show judged by Clare van der Wolde on Dec 3rd.

SC Best Bitch

FREINHAUF VICA

SC Best Dog

***GRAND CH DUX DI CASA NOBILI (IMP ITA) AZ**

LSC Best Bitch

***CAZELI ANASTASIA AZ**

LSC Best Dog

***CH TOLLERHUND GRYFFINDOR AZ ET**

Our recent inductees into our 13 Club have filled us with joy. **Macklin Black Reflex**, owned by Chris and Karen Mayo and **RO.CH. Schaeferhund Nelke AZ RAE RM ET** owned by John Schulz & Helena Walter. Long and full lives for both !

We look forward to shows and trials in 2024 and we have big plans. Our 109th Champ Show in March will be judged by Mr Patrick Send (SV) so make plans to join us !

Our AGM, one of our most important club events will be held on March 24th. We'll recognise our high achieving dogs and our hardest working club members. Save the date.

And of course, most importantly there will be weekly training rain, hail or shine at all branches for everyone 😊

We thank and recognise everyone who helped and assisted our club during the past year, your efforts to help our members and their dogs do not go unnoticed. Our big club needs and thanks all the volunteers pitching in and helping others, no matter what. It makes a difference and we thank each and every one who has helped out.

So onward and upward into 2024. See you in the ring or at the training branch !

'My Shepherd, My Friend, My Responsibility'



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By the time this edition arrives in your letterbox, we will have held our last event of the year. Our Christmas training and lunch were held on 9th December wrapping up another very successful year for the Club.

A big thank you to our committee and other volunteers. Congratulations to those who exhibited locally and interstate this year, we have certainly punched above our weight.

A special mention to Sonia Jack with her lovely Elsass girl Mia achieving the Companion Dog title in October and Evan Peacock with Violet achieving the Endurance Test title in March. It's great to see members broadening the activities they enjoy with their dogs.

Congratulations to our latest HD/ED scheme passes for Alluralie All Out War (Lisa Williams), Roxamburg Pepperdew (Brian Rainbird), Hasenway Tingle and Hasenway Buttercup (Haase, Peacock, Oar) and Roxamburg Cascabel (Glen and Kristy Hall).

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to train two local ZAP assessors in February 2024. This will allow us to support the great uptake of this character assessment by our members.

We look forward to the 17th and 18th of February weekend. We have two Shows, a Breed survey and the ZAP assessment. Our judges are Kurt Morton and Karen Hedberg. It's great to have Karen back, and exciting to welcome Kurt to his first appointment at our club.

We look forward to working with our dogs in 2024. Happy New Year!

Gabrielle Peacock,

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The show and trials year came to an end once again. In celebration the annual end of year Family Fun Day was held on Sunday 19th November 2023. The morning started very warm and only got warmer. Approximately 50 members and families came along to this event. It was great to see a real mix of young puppies right

through to older dogs participating in the various games. A very good turnout by young and old(er), both in the handlers and the dogs. There were seven games for people and their dogs to join in. The Obstacle Course was hotly contested with 26 entries. Puppy Recall Race and Find a Treat were for puppies under 6 months with 6 entries each. Tunnel Race was also a great hit with 22 entries. Limbo had 15 entries, Sausage on a String 21 entries. Honey Gross-Richardson judged the Best Trick and had to decide the best 3 out of 14 entries.

A raffle was also held which raised a total of \$488 for the club. There were 42 prizes ranging from Ferry tickets to Rottneest, German Shepherd items, wine, gift vouchers, hampers, etc. A number of businesses and members donated the prizes and without their donations we could not have had the fantastic prizes that we did on the day.

Last weekend saw the annual double – the Children's Christmas Party followed by the Annual Presentation evening. A great time for everyone to celebrate a wonderful year in all disciplines our club promotes.

The full list of awards is at the end of this report but for now on behalf of all the members of the G.S.D.A. of W.A. (Inc.) I wish you, your families and friends (human and canine) the very best for Christmas and look forward to a productive and positive 2024.

Merry Christmas

Margaret Adams

Editor

Obedience Grand Champion

OCH RCH Maerceci
Uber Magic
D Webb

Obedience Champion

RCH Sabaranburg
Purple Rain
D Webb

Novice

Tri CH (T) (TS) Glenbala
Ambitious Dream CCD
RA

K Pearce

CCD

Bronboreo Shadow Dark
Storm
S Peters

Vonnuremberg Jette TD
S Watts

Cooper

H Hobert
Adashad Margarita
E Ramsden

Tri CH (T) (TS) Glenbala
Ambitious Dream CCD
RA

K Pearce

Wherryman Ruby Plain
T McGregor

Rally

Rally Novice

Jarrahaus Bellas Charm
V Bell

Alderhaus Jack O
Lantern

J Hannaford

Cooper

H Hobert
Sabaranburg Xzara

H Lockhart
Elkala Royal Logan

C Raven

Pippa

H Hobert

Wherry Man Ruby Plain
T McGregor

Rally Advanced

Tri CH (T) (TS) Glenbala
Ambitious Dream CCD
RA

K Pearce

Lindenelm French
Champagne

T McGregor

Rally Champion

Lindenelm French
Champagne
T McGregor

Rally Excellent

Tri CH (T) (TS) Glenbala
Ambitious Dream CCD
RA

K Pearce

Wherryman Ruby Plain

T McGregor

Von Celeque Aquala
J Meredith

Rally Masters

Wherryman Ruby Plain
T McGregor

Tracking

TK Novice

Von Celeque Aquala
J Meredith

Tk 1

Von Celeque Aquala
J Meredith

TD

Alderhaus Heaven Sent
I McIntosh

Eroica Pikachu

K Pearce

Hausosin Eliminator
G Wellman

Tracking Dog Excellent

Volscaro Rios Dixie TD
P Murray

Elkala Royal Logan
C Raven

Tracking Dog Champion

Volscaro Rios Dixie TD
P Murray

Track & Search

Champion

Tri CH (T) (TS) Glenbala
Ambitious Dream CCD
RA

K Pearce

Endurance Test

Bronboreo Karma
R Laubsch

Alderhaus Heaven Sent
I McIntosh

Scent Work

Novice

Volscaro Rios Dixie TD

P Murray

Shazwick Alley Cat

L Cowell

Tricks Starter

Sabaranburg Xzara

H Lockhart

Heel to Music

Intermediate

Von Celeque Aquala

J Meredith

Heel to Music Advanced

Von Celeque Aquala

J Meredith

Freestyle Novice

Von Celeque Aquala

J Meredith

Freestyle Intermediate

Von Celeque Aquala

J Meredith

Perpetual Awards for Obedience

Kaloorlie trophy

T McGregor

Encouragement Award

Anastasia Hope

Best Lady Handler

T McGregor

DiCosta & Jansen

T McGregor

Conrick Trophy

A Whitmarch

Child Handler

Brooke Comiglio

Child Handler CCT

Brooke Comiglio

President's Cup

K Pearce

2023 POINT SCORE WINNERS

LONG STOCK COAT

BABY DOG:

Jaywynd Baloo

MINOR DOG:

Jaywynd Baloo

PUPPY DOG:

Bronboreo Evolution

JUNIOR DOG:

Bronboreo Evolution

INTERMEDIATE DOG:

Shaygar Dynaommy Indy AZ

OPEN DOG:

*Iccara Brother in Arms AZ ET Exc

BABY BITCH:

Gewalt Jjuno

MINOR BITCH:

Gewalt Jjuno

PUPPY BITCH:

Grandwest Breezer

JUNIOR BITCH:

Shaygar Dynilas Kirby AZ

INTERMEDIATE BITCH:

Ch. Bronboreo All Tat Sass

OPEN BITCH:

* Ch. Lawine Diamond Essence AZ Ex

BEST WA BRED:

*Iccara Brother in Arms AZ ET Exc

MOST CONSISTANT: WAS A TIE

*Iccara Brother in Arms "A""Z" ET Exc
Ch. Bronboreo All Tat Sass

R/UP TOP SHOW DOG:

Ch. Bronboreo All Tat Sass

TOP SHOW DOG:

*Iccara Brother in Arms AZ ET Exc

STOCK COATS

BABY DOG:

Chevyvale Fast 'n Furious

MINOR DOG:

Shaygar Krysummer Daimler

PUPPY DOG:

Shaygar Krysummer Daimler

JUNIOR DOG:

Swartzlic Meine Cash AZ

INTERMEDIATE DOG:

Grandwest Unos Golden Ace AZ

OPEN DOG:

*Ch. Chevyvale Colt AZ

BABY BITCH:

Chevyvale Gee Wizz

MINOR BITCH:

Chevyvale Furious Flame

PUPPY BITCH:

Alderhaus Nohealani Charlee

JUNIOR BITCH:

Volscaro Olivia

INTERMEDIATE BITCH:

*Ch. Grandwest Queen Kayla AZ

OPEN BITCH:

*Sup Ch. Gewalt Domino AZ Exc

BEST WA BRED: WAS A TIE

*Ch. Grandwest Queen Kayla AZ Exc
*Ch. Chevyvale Colt AZ Exc

MOST CONSISTENT:

*Ch. Grandwest Queen Kayla AZ Exc

R/UP TOP SHOW DOG:

*Ch. Chevyvale Colt AZ Exc

TOP SHOW DOG:

*Ch. Grandwest Queen Kayla AZ Exc

CHILD HANDLERS

INTERMEDIATE:

Khiva Alford

OPEN:

Ella Campbell





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Summer Quarterly 2024 report from GSDL

The October Championship Show

Our Conformation Show was on the 14th October and judged by Mr Ian Cooke (SA) with a pleasing entry of 86. His Best in Show was *Freinhauf Pedraa. Runner Up Best in Show was *Ch. Cinderhof Diaablo. Challenge Bitch SC was *Freinhauf Pedraa and Challenge SC Dog was *Sheznova Luca. His Challenge Bitch LSC was *Ch Vladimir The Bees Knees and Challenge LSC Dog *Ch. Cinderhof Diaablo. A very enjoyable day, Thank you Ian.

Congratulations to the following Junior Handlers who were judged by Jessica Bird:

13 to 19 years
1st Paris
2nd Jovina
3rd Stella

The Obedience Trial for Group 5 was held on 14th October with an entry of 23 and judged by Mrs Pauline Hartwell. CCD was won by Lawine Houdinis Surprise AZ and was second in Winner of Winners.

Rally Trial was judged on Sunday 15th October by Pauline Hartwell with an entry of 28. Ch Morekos Kraken AZ TK.S CA. SWN. ET. won Rally Novice. Thunderbolt Scandal CDX RE won Rally Advanced.

Sponsors for the show were Royal Canin, Vebo Pet Supplies, K9 Pro and Sires on Ice and we thank them for their continued support.

Class Sponsors were:

Open SC Dog by Durnstein GSD
Open Bitch LSC & Rally Novice by Brashawin GSD
Challenge LSC and CCD by Tracey Rehberg
Best in Show by Godsmiracle GSD
Rally Advanced by Samantha Hendricks
Rally Excellent by Sheznova GSD

Thankyou to those who came on Sunday to the GSDL Handler workshop and mock show between 10am and 12pm. Mel Groth and Jess Lynch spoke and gave their PowerPoint presentations helping the youngsters.

Mel Turoczy helped with the juniors and Tony and Cassie brought their babies along so they could practice with.

Was a great day organised by Chelsea Bird and fantastic to see so many juniors.

Congratulations to our raffle winners

1st prize, GSD metal art - Kerrie Griffiths
2nd prize, crate and dry bed - Mandy Scrivens
3rd prize, 20kg Royal Canin - Mel Turoczy

2023 WUSV World Championship

Congratulations to both Glynis Hendricks and Sanne Pederson for representing AUSTRALIA at the 2023 WUSV World Championship. This is the first time Australia has ever had a team competing at the Worlds!

GSDL 2023 Point Score results:

Puppy Bitch - Filevas Belle of the Ball
Puppy Dog - Ch Azincourt Rudy
Adult Bitch - *Ch Vladimir Supercalifragilistic
Adult Dog - *Sheznova Luca
Puppy Bitch LSC - Azincourt Ravenna
Puppy Dog LSC - Ch Cinderhof Diaablo
Adult Bitch LSC - *Ch Eroica Nova
Adult Dog LSC - *Conkasha Desert Cobra
Dams Progeny - *Vladimir Legen Waitforit Dary
Sires Progeny - *Djambo v Fichtenschlag (IMP Deu)
Breeders - 1st Vladimir
2nd Sundaneka

The full Point Score results can be found on the GSDL website.

AGM

The AGM of the GSDL was held on Monday 13th November, both on Teams and at the Clubhouse.

President - Graeme Stevenson
Vice President - Terry Jarvis
Treasurer - Janice Hood
Secretary - Fay Stokes
Show Secretary - Marilyn Nicholas
Show Manager - Tony D'Arcy
Point Score - Jeff Rapley
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Puppy Listings - Pam Jarvis
Webmaster - Fran McAdam
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Breed Affairs - Matthew Morris
State HD ED Administrator - Karen Johnson
Youth Officer - Rebecca Aliverti
Welfare Officer - Pam Jarvis

Our thanks go to the outgoing committee members for their hard work and contributions to the GSDL in 2023. We welcome the new members to the 2024 committee and look forward to a great year.

Breed Survey

Congratulations to the following that were classified at the GSDL of NSW Breed Survey on the 18th November and thank you to the 5 surveyors who were present:

Sundaneka Dascha by *Pirlo von Arminius x *Sundaneka Pocas Protege

Sadria Puts A Spell On You by *Laiko vom Huhnegrab x *Sadria Nelly

Tannalane Penny by *Aimsway Mugshot x *Aimsway Shilling

ZAP

Congratulations to the following for completing their ZAP

*Freinhauf Pedraa

*Cinderhof Evii

Brashawin Highway To Hell

Morekos Kracken

Thankyou to Alastair Henderson for travelling up to help conduct the ZAP and training, and congratulations to the to the new appointed ZAP assessors:

Sean Lynch

Paul York

Graeme Stevenson

Glen Gregory

Kurt Morton

A big thank you to Tony Darcy for all his work in the set up and running of ZAP.

At the end of October the League sadly lost Narelle Senior a long time member in both Obedience and the Show Ring. Our condolences go to her husband Jack, children Amy, Rebecca and Greg and grandsons, Lucas and Jacob. Narelle also looked after the social side of the Erskine Park Branch, serving cheese and biscuits after training and supporting the branch.

Coming Events

Breed Surveys: 18th February at 11am
7th April at 11am

GSDL Open Show: 17th February 2024, Mr Matthew Morris judging beginning at 6pm

GSDL Championship Show: 30th March 2024 Herr Dirk Sheerer SV (Deu) judging.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful safe and healthy New Year.

Karen Stevenson



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Our combined Presentation Day and Christmas Break up was held at the club rooms on Sunday 10 December with a great turnout. The club put on a hot lunch with members bringing a salad to share. Congratulations to the many recipients of club trophies and awards.

The club will now be closed until our Puppy Day on 14 January 2024 with the club resuming training on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Dog food sales will still be available but only on certain days and by prior arrangement with the Shepherd Shop Manager, Tiffany.

We thank all those members who have helped out throughout the year and assisted us in our fundraising efforts for next year's National Show and Trial.

Just a reminder that the National Raffle tickets are available as well as commemorative Gin. We still have some conformation and obedience classes available for sponsorship so please consider sponsoring a class. Information can be found by visiting our dedicated Facebook page, GSDCA 50th National Show & Trial.

In closing, we wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to catching up with you all in the new year.



GDSCA Judge Appointments

Judges Appointments as at 11/12/2023

Date	Judges Name	Club Judging for	Suburb	Comment	Show Type
12/10/24	Caputi Maldonado, Roberto (Ecuador)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Championship Show (12 & 13 October)	GSD Specialty
7/10/24	Tantaro, Vincenzo (VIC)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	SBE Queensland	GSD Specialty
6/10/24	O'Loughlin, Andrew (SA)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
6/10/24	TBA	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
29/09/24	TBA	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
15/09/24	TBA	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
14/09/24	TBA	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
25/08/24	Yuen, Jenny (VIC)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show	GSD Specialty
20/07/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	NSW SBE (20 & 21 July)	GSD Specialty
7/07/24	Lang, Robert (Germany)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
6/07/24	Green, Greg (VIC)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
30/06/24	TBA	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
15/06/24	Flynn, Peter (SA)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	GSDAWA Fundraiser Champ Show - AM Show	GSD Spec + bal Grp 5
15/06/24	Butterfield, Jean (SA)	Other WA	Southern River, WA	Collie & Shetland Sheepdog Club WA - PM Show	GSD Specialty
8/06/24	Ballantyne-Gordon, Sharon (QLD)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
9/06/24	TBA	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
8/06/24	TBA	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
19/05/24	Stokes, Fay (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	SBE Tasmania	GSD Specialty
3/05/24	Hassgall, Wolfgang (Germany)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	National (3, 4 & 5 May)	GSD Specialty
3/05/24	Mast, Rainer (Germany)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	National (3, 4 & 5 May)	GSD Specialty
20/04/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	WA SBE (20 & 21 April)	GSD Specialty
21/04/24	TBA	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
13/04/24	Yuen, Jenny (VIC)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	VIC SBE (13 & 14 April)	GSD Specialty
30/03/24	TBA	GSDC Nth Isl	Upper Hutt, NZ	Wellington District GSDC	GSD Specialty
30/03/24	Scheerer, Dirk (Germany)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Championship Show (30 & 31 March)	GSD Specialty
24/03/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
17/03/24	O'Loughlin, Andrew (SA)	GSDC Sth Isl	Christchurch, NZ	SIGL	GSD Specialty
16/03/24	Bruno, Sue (QLD)	GSDC Sth Isl	Christchurch, NZ	SIGL	GSD Specialty
9/03/24	Send, Patrick (Germany)	GSDCV	Skye, Vic	Championship Show (9 & 10 March)	GSD Specialty
25/02/24	Cooke, Ian (SA)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Members Competition	GSD Specialty
25/02/24	Kada, Jessica (NSW)	GSDC Sth Isl	Dunedin, NZ	Otago GSDC	GSD Specialty
24/02/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDC Sth Isl	Dunedin, NZ	Otago GSDC	GSD Specialty
18/02/24	Hedberg, Karen (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
17/02/24	Morton, Kurt (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	Championship Show	GSD Specialty
17/02/24	Morris, Matthew (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Open Show	GSD Specialty
28/01/24	De Lucia, Jenny (SA)	GSDCV	Bulla, Vic	Ballarat Championship Show	GSD Specialty
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