



Executive Update

From the President

March 2024

Welcome to the February newsletter.

I would like to start by thanking all the club representatives who attended the recent AGM, it was very pleasing to see all the clubs working together. I was very pleased with the way each club collaborated to complete the task and produce a positive result in nearly all the motions put forward.

One thing I would like to bring to your attention.

Food for thought....

As most of you know by now, the bitch judge for the 50th National has withdrawn due to a family issue. John and his team made many requests to over 13 SV judges to find a replacement judge, all efforts failed until Queensland came to the rescue.

This highlights the need to expand our current National Judges list and I believe we need to set up a working party to investigate a list of judges that will travel to Australia and travel economy. This group would need to work on a resume for each judge so a list could be presented to the clubs for approval as I believe our current policy of judging here twice before being considered is out of date in today's arena. I see this as an urgent matter that needs to be in place within the next few

Stop Press!



Change of National Judge

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

Will now be judged by:

Roberto Caputi

months. Please support the 60-day motion which looks to address this issue to some degree.

Cheers

Sean
Sean Lynch



From the NBC Chair

The AGM was very successful, and I welcome to the Executive Jenny De Lucia as Judges Committee Chairperson, and Gail Donald as Review Editor.

Melanie Groth will be continuing to assist me as the NBC Breed Survey Registrar, and Kurt Morton has taken on the position of Title Verification Officer.

Exciting news is the pending finalisation and implementation of a new digital portal for application and submission of HD and ED x-rays through our GSDCA website. This system will modernise our scheme, and whilst the rules for 'A' and 'Z' stamps remain the same we will no longer be reliant on the postal system for receipt of paper forms, submission of x-rays on disc or USB, and receiving results and certificates by mail.

The National Breed Commission and Judges Committee meetings are scheduled to be held in Melbourne this year and will be on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July as a face-to-face meeting.

Regards

Ian
Ian Urie

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From the Obedience Chair

February has been busy with the Council AGM. The main motion passed in relation to obedience was the passing of the motion for the qualification for our GSDCA Obedience Awards which we now think makes it more achievable in all categories. For anyone who is interested it is time to check the Council website and see if you qualify and then send me your achievements.

I travelled to Hobart Tasmania in February for their double show/breed survey and Zap Assessment where we were able to successfully train three ZAP Assessors. Congratulations to Sandra Parker, Gabrielle Peacock, and Lorraine Massis along with Jess Kada from GSDL who are approved as ZAP Assessor's.

Now that we have Assessors at most clubs, we hope that they will be holding Assessment Days at their clubs on a regular basis.

ZAP is not just for show dogs. This is where Assessors and breeders should encourage their puppy buyers to be involved. Then we will be able access more information on our database.

Best wishes for March

Cheers,
Alastair
Alastair Henderson



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From the Quarterly National Review Editor

My thanks to the GSDCA Executive and all the State Club representatives attending the AGM for their warm welcome into the role of QNR editor.

The role is one of hunting and gathering interesting and informative contributions. In short, curating content and crafting high-quality editions.

The magazine should represent ideas and inspiration from a cross-section of enthusiasts within our sport and so, invitations to join my QNR team have been sent far and wide across the country seeking collaboration on articles and content. Whether a seasoned competitor or a devoted pet owner, each voice matters and all are welcome to join in with contributions.

I value the words of advice from the previous editor that our readership primarily comprises family-oriented pet owners. Therefore, the aim is to create a 48-page edition that resonates with our diverse readership. It's a delicate balance, but one that I hope to achieve with the support of my team.

On a positive note, the response to advertising in the upcoming Autumn edition has been outstanding. Advertising is pivotal in sustaining the magazine's viability, serving as a powerful platform showcasing stud dogs, upcoming litters, breeding kennels, and bragging rights to celebrate achievements.

Even in the age of social media, smart marketers understand the enduring impact and the historic value of print.

I welcome your contact and feedback on the path forward for the magazine.

Additionally, I have received a box of approximately 50 copies of the just published Summer edition from the printer which were "overs" from the print run. If you would like to have extra copies available for your Club members or have suggestions for distribution, please contact me.

The deadline for the Autumn QNR for Club News, Club Mailing Lists, and Show advertising is **18 March 2024**. The magazine will be distributed to your members by the end of April.

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Cheers!

Gail

Gail Donald

From the Judges Committee Chair

I am settling into the role of Judges Chairperson, and I take this opportunity to thank those members who voted for me and for your faith in me. I also thank those of you who have offered to assist in my role, which I sincerely appreciate.

I am more than happy to hear from you if you have any suggestions or ideas that you wish to discuss with me.

I have been working on a few projects within this portfolio and hope to have them completed soon. This includes a comprehensive list of International Judges, listing their CV's, and past judging appointments in Australia. Once completed, it will be distributed to all clubs.

The change of Bitch Judge for the GSDCA 50th National Show was a huge blow to the SA Club but unfortunately, for personal reasons, Herr Haßgall, needed to withdraw from judging. After a frantic week, the SA Club was able to secure a replacement judge in, Mr. Roberto Caputi. I thank those involved in finding a replacement judge and thank the Queensland club for their understanding under these difficult times.

I hope to see many of you in Adelaide in May 2024.

Regards

Jenny

Jenny De Lucia



From the Secretary

It's been a very busy few months with the A.G.M. preparation and follow-up, minutes, annual reports etc. February is also the time when, as an organisation, we need complete our annual

returns for the WUSV, Dogs Australia and the ACT Incorporations Authority. It's always a good feeling when those requirements are completed and can be ticked off the list.

One of the interesting things that I was asked to collate was the number of shows and trials/dog sport activities we hold over the year. I include the following table for your information, and I would love your club's feedback about any additions or reclassifications I need to make.

Club	Shows	Obedience	Rally	Endurance	Tracking	Track and Search Dog	Tricks	Dog Sports
GSDCT	5							
GSDCV	4	3	3	1	1	1		
GSDL	7							
GSDCQ	6	1	3	1			2	
NHRGSDC	3	2						
ACTGSDA								
GSDCSA	6	4		1				
GSDCA	1	1						
GSDCAWA	10							6
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	42	30						

Since the AGM, the Executive has met and is working towards progressing the items approved at the meeting. New or updated regulations into effect on the 1st July 2024.

We have developed a calendar of meetings dates to ensure we facilitate the collaboration and inclusion necessary for a functioning, effective organisation. The dates have a degree of flexibility and will be driven by need and members availability.

2024

Date	Meeting type	Type
19 th March	Executive meeting	Zoom
16 th April	Executive meeting	Zoom
20 th May	General Meeting – President/delegate	Zoom
18 th June	Executive meeting	Zoom
13 th & 14 th July	National Breed Commission - Melbourne	Face to Face
6 th August	Executive meeting	Zoom
24 th September	General Meeting – President/delegate	Zoom
22 nd October	Executive meeting	Zoom
19 th November	Executive meeting	Zoom

Regards

Jan
Janet Haase

