



German Shepherd Dog Council Of Australia

## Judges Committee Report

2 August 2025

## GSDCA JUDGES COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

### JENNY DE LUCIA JUDGES COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 2025

This report is my second to the NBC meeting as Chairperson of the Judges Committee.

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#### JUDGES

During 2025, two of our most senior judges and breed surveyors, Fay Stokes and Carol O'Rourke, sadly entered retirement. Both Fay and Carol contributed many years of service as Specialist Judges and Breed Surveyors; their contributions were invaluable to the breed and breed enthusiasts. I wish to thank them both and wish them all the best for the future, but I am sure that we will still see them both around the show ring!

Matthew Morris has now been added to the list of Specialist Judges, and I congratulate him on his successful completion of the training course and wish him well for the future.

An up-to-date list of GSDCA judges can be found on the Council website:

<https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/gsdcacontent/uploads/2025/05/Contact-Details-Judges-Surveyors-160525.pdf>

Thank you to Jane Pike for keeping the list up to date.

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#### 2025 GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW AND TRIAL

The National Show was held in Queensland on May 30, 31, and June 1. Congratulations must go to the Queensland Club and their Show Committee on organising an event of this scale and magnitude. The weather was, unfortunately, not kind due to the rain; however, the club made up for it with their tenacity and ingenuity, offering additional gifts and prizes that were very well received. The gift of an Akubra hat to the Conformation Judges, Herr Christoph Ludwig and Herr Harald Hohmann, was not only well received but a very appropriate gift considering the weather!

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to those who entered the event to help make it the success it was.



I thank Stephen Collins for the time spent on producing the Male and Female Tail Charts, which will be printed in the QNR.

At the 2024 NBC Meeting, it was announced that a working party had been established to review the National Show Manual, and this effort is ongoing.

As part of the National Review, our Council Secretary, Janet Haase, sent out a Survey to all affiliate clubs with the intention that it would then be sent on to their membership. I thank Janet for her time and effort in putting together this survey, and I understand that more than 190 people have completed it thus far.

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## NATIONAL BREEDER'S GROUP

Once again, it was a pleasure to judge the Breeders Group at the 51<sup>st</sup> National Show held in Queensland, which this year consisted of three kennels. Castastar, Cinderhof and Lettland. Of particular note was that both Castastar and Cinderhof presented two groups represented by Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat: a praiseworthy achievement and one to be highly regarded.

**CINDERHOF** Stock Coat group comprised of four animals (2 x Males and 2 x Females) from two different sires and four different dams. This group was of high quality with very good uniformity of type. The size was medium to large, with very good colour and pigment. All of the animals showed balanced movement in both the slow and fast gait.

This group was placed first due to the overall evenness of type.

**CASTASTAR** Stock Coat group comprised of four animals (all females) from three different sires and four different dams. This group was also of high quality but perhaps not as even in type as the first group. Size was medium to large with overall good colour. All of the animals were balanced in movement in both slow and fast gait.

This group was placed second.

**LETTLAND** Long Stock Coat group comprised of four animals (3 x Males and 1 x female) from three different sires and three different dams. There were two blacks and two sables yet still even in type. Size was medium to above medium. The animals were balanced in both the slow and fast gait with good firmness of hocks.

This group placed third.



**CINDERHOF** Long Stock Coat group comprised of four animals (2 x Males and 2 x Bitches) from three different sires and four different dams. Size was medium to large. The group was a little mixed in type with a few short underchests and some deep hindquarters. The group still showed balanced movement in both the slow and fast gait.

This group placed fourth.

**CASTASTAR** Long Stock Coat group comprised of four animals (1 x Male and 3 x Females) from three different sires and three different dams. Size was medium to large. The group was a little mixed in type and age, but were well coloured and showed good movement in both the slow and fast gait.

This group placed fifth.

I congratulate the breeders for being able to put together their groups where the tyranny of distance still did not deter from achieving this task. Well done to all.

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## JUDGES' TRAINING

The GSD Standard Presentation, which has been used for several years to train Group 5 Judges, was an excellent tool and was extensively used for training purposes. The presentation, from 2015, required some updating. The task of updating the presentation was undertaken by Melanie Groth and Gail Donald. Many of the photos were replaced with photos and images from Louis Donald's book, *The Definitive German Shepherd Dog*. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many hours spent by Melanie and Gail in carrying out this massive task, which is now an excellent training tool. I encourage any trainers that are asked to present training to Group 5 trainees they make use of this PowerPoint presentation, and we can then keep the training consistent across the States.

Since 2024, I have been working on an interactive judges training module designed for existing Judges. It is intended to sharpen your skills and expand your knowledge. The module is interactive, featuring sections that assess your knowledge. Hopefully, Judges will find it a valuable and enjoyable training tool.

In closing, I wish to sincerely thank Janet Haase for the assistance she has provided me throughout the year in compiling information, sending out letters, and preparing the NBC Agenda and associated literature. A mammoth task that I certainly could not have managed myself. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the NBC Chairperson, Melanie Groth, for the assistance and support she has provided me.



## CELEBRATING INNOVATION: INSIDE THE 51ST GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW & TRIAL

**JESS LYNCH**

**NATIONAL SHOW LIAISON OFFICER**

The 51st German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) National Show & Trial proved to be a shining example of innovation, adaptability, and community spirit, thanks to the remarkable efforts of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland (GSDCQLD). Under challenging conditions, the organisers delivered a world-class event that not only honoured tradition but also embraced evolution in the world of German Shepherd competition.

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### BREAKING NEW GROUND

This year's event was marked by bold new initiatives. Among them was the introduction of the Scent Work Trial on Thursday, attracting a remarkable 90 entries. The strong response clearly signalled the community's enthusiasm for broadening the scope of dog sports featured at the National. It was more than a logistical success—it represented a cultural shift toward inclusivity and multidimensional celebration of the German Shepherd breed.

Another new initiative was the use of a single-ring format, aimed at improving the spectator experience and reducing class clashes. While unexpected weather forced last-minute changes, the revised setup fostered a more unified and vibrant atmosphere. Spectators enjoyed better visibility and a greater sense of cohesion, particularly on Sunday when both rings were in full view.

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### FACING CHALLENGES HEAD-ON

No major event is without its hurdles, and the 2025 National was no exception. Scheduling conflicts between the obedience events and the sires' progeny class highlighted the need for a more thoughtful timetable. Exhibitors juggling multiple responsibilities often faced unnecessary pressure, risking their performance and overall experience.

Yet, the club's response was exceptional. Trial managers and stewards worked tirelessly to accommodate overlapping commitments, ensuring that every participant could perform with minimal disruption. Their dedication did not go unnoticed.

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### JUDGES' PERSPECTIVES: ROOM FOR REFINEMENT

Feedback from two of our previous judges, Christoph Ludwig (Germany) and Heather Macdonald (Scotland), provided invaluable insights for future improvements. Both questioned the necessity of the current warm-up lap system, which often caused delays and offered limited benefits to exhibitors and judges.



Christoph emphasised that the excess number of people in the ring was distracting, while Heather pointed out that prolonged waiting times between classes as a key area for refinement. Their collective advice? Streamline scheduling, reduce the number of people in the ring and re-evaluate class division among judges.

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### BUILDING THE FUTURE, THOUGHTFULLY

As the GSDCA looks ahead, one question looms: how can the National evolve to remain both engaging and sustainable? Suggestions range from shifting away from a traditional championship show format to expanding the program with new sports and grading categories that better reflect the full capabilities of the German Shepherd breed.

The success of the Scent Work Trial reinforces the value of diversification. Suggestions have been made about adding sports like SprintDog and incorporating working and breeding trials as part of the grading criteria. These initiatives would not only enhance competition but also spotlight the breed's versatility.

A reimagined schedule also needs to be on the table. One proposed layout introduces a phased approach over four days, combining social events, trials, and show classes in a more balanced manner. This structure aims to maximise participation without overlap and reduce the strain on both exhibitors and organisers.

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### THE WAY FORWARD: SMARTER LAYOUTS AND STRONGER PROGRAMS

Ring planning is another area ripe for innovation. Future layouts may feature designated warm-up zones that don't interfere with individuals. For class run-offs, rope dividers would be removed, giving dogs and handlers full access to the ring when it counts most.

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### A FINAL WORD OF THANKS

None of this would have been possible without the commitment, creativity, and grit of the GSDCQLD and its organising committee. Their openness to innovation, responsiveness to feedback, and agility in execution exemplify outstanding commitment within the GSD community.

As we look toward future Nationals, one thing is clear: innovation and tradition can go hand in hand. By fostering inclusivity, listening to our community, and daring to evolve, the GSDCA National Show & Trial is in a position not just to survive, but to thrive.



## 51ST GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW & TRIAL

SHARON THORP

PRESIDENT, GSDCQ



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### OVERVIEW

As President of the GSDCQ, I am very proud of the work and years of effort that the GSDCQ club put into making this a great event for all. A big thank you to the committee and to all those who gave a hand, to our sponsors and to the exhibitors. Your participation was much appreciated. A special thank you to Fred Flower, Tracey Rehberg, Catherine Walker, and David Hague for all your work on the weekend. To our judges, Christoph Ludwig, Harald Hohmann, and our junior showmanship judge, Brooke Mills. Our Obedience and Rally judges, Dearne Jackson, Barbera Murfet, Lawrie Knauth, Tabitha Young, and Coral Pethers, a big thank you from all of us for judging at the 51st National Show and Trial. To all of our officials, you are stars and worked in particularly trying circumstances. We applaud you.

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### ENTRIES

As has been well publicised, the show entries were 267, and the Obedience and Rally were 53.

What we lacked in quantity, we certainly made up for in Quality.

The warm-up events of tricks and scent work were a resounding success with 95 entries, highlighting what people are now doing with their dogs and having a lot of fun doing so.



WHERE AND WHY WERE THE NUMBERS DOWN



**CLASS ENTRIES**

CLASS	STOCK COAT		LONG STOCK COAT		
	BITCH	DOG	BITCH	DOG	
BABY	3	3	5	3	
MINOR	17	6	5	6	
PUPPY	12	5	11	5	
JUNIOR	15	8	5	6	
INTERMEDIATE	26	11	10	8	
OPEN	47	18	19	13	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>OBEDIENCE &amp; RALLY</b>					
CCD	15				
CD	5				
CDX	6				
UD	1				
UDX	1				
NOVICE	17				
ADVANCED	2				
EXCELLENT	1				
MASTER	5				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>				<b>53</b>
<b>CURTAIN RAISER</b>					
TRICKS	5				
SCENT	90				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>				<b>95</b>
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>415</b>

The numbers in the baby and younger classes were substantially down.

Year	Where	SC BBP	SCBPD	LSCBPB	LSCBPD	Total
2025	QLD	3	3	5	3	14
2024	SA	12	3	8	4	27
2023	VIC	27	10	16	8	61
2022	NSW	22	7	10	5	44
2019	VIC	40	11	9	8	68

Year	Where	SC MBP	SCMPD	LSCMPB	LSCMPD	Total
2025	QLD	17	6	5	6	34
2024	SA	29	10	15	8	62
2023	VIC	33	7	9	5	54
2022	NSW	41	7	7	4	59
2019	VIC	35	14	8	4	61



As can be seen by the above numbers for the classes, the Baby and Minor classes were substantially down on previous years.

People tend not to travel as far as Queensland with a baby; it's a long trip for them.

Additionally, it reflects the current number of young dogs in QLD.

I have a sheet with all class comparisons. If anyone would like it, I would be happy to send it to them.

The Lead Up events were an incredible success and well patronised by people. The obedience fraternity thought it was worth coming, when they could compete in various events on the one weekend. I would highly recommend this to all clubs moving forward. It was very pleasing to see show exhibitors also competing in these events.

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## OBEDIENCE NUMBERS

I haven't made a comparison with other years for this, but 53 total for the Obedience and Rally certainly is up there with other years.

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## GROUND/TENTS

The set up looked beautiful, unfortunately the weather didn't allow us to run as we wanted to and open up the rings to 1 ring as much as we would have liked as the weather conditions played havoc with the event. The 2 smaller rings for individuals and one big one for the run off was well received by exhibitors and handlers. The smaller rings still held 30 dogs at the end of a 6ft lead. The set up make it so you could see both rings. A later complaint I heard was the tent in the middle of the ring, in hind sight we should have got the Perspex sides given the weather but we didn't and so when sides were dropped you couldn't see across the ring. Otherwise, I think they worked well. The tents which were purchased by the club, were more than adequate and none leaked the problem in windy weather was keeping them in the ground. The club invested in screw pegs which made a difference, Dogs QLD in order to make the area look beautiful had recently fertilized and watered the grounds, so we were dealing with grounds that had been well irrigated before the rain. The speaker system we had 2, one for announcements and Dogs QLD system for critique's etc. Unfortunately, the weather made the Dogs QLD system fade in and out a bit. Dogs QLD charged us \$285, for chairs tables etc. The club has retained most of the tents and will be on- selling them to recoup the cost.

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## OFFICIALS

The officials did a mighty job, in very trying conditions and a big thanks to Robyn Knuckey and Ian Urie for spearheading the organization within the rings, and Robyn for dealing at time with a fractious judge. For our Stenos Leanne Keirin and Nicky Jones, well done ladies a great job in trying circumstances.



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## PHOTOGRAPHERS

Gail organized a terrific team and all classes were covered, including child handlers the obedience winner of winners and the Opening Ceremony. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't conducive for lots of snaps. But having the handler take the dog for their photo whilst still in the ring worked really well.

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## SEQUENCE OF CLASSES

This ran well but with moving the Opening Ceremony to Friday if we had bigger numbers this might have been a later finish. NO day finished past 4.30 pm which is a refreshing change, not to have to finish a class the following day. We did have lights to accommodate the diminishing light, as the weather got very dark very quick, especially on Saturday when the rain was at times very heavy.

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## TROPHIES AND SASHES MEDALLIONS AND MEMENTOS

This was a major outlay of \$17,167.00. Please refer to the spread sheets for a breakdown of where this is allocated. The trophies given out in the ring were donated by the club, the heads were donated, and the club had them powder coated and put on plinths with engraving plate. It did include the curtain raiser events but we have also included the income from those events.

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## OPENING CEREMONY

The club elected to hold this on Friday and whilst it worked well, we just scraped in with the weather as it was held in the middle of the ring. Personally, I think more thought needs to go into shortening the Opening Ceremony somehow. Perhaps the police dog could be at a different time. I also think reduce the number of speakers. The cost for the Opening ceremony was hire of chairs and also the grazing table Approx \$1550.00 for the Opening Ceremony, and subsequent lunch.

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## CATALOGUE

The catalogue was beautifully done by Gail, and the short turn around by Cathy Shailer, Melanie Groth and Gail Donald to get all the entries in the catalogue and to the printer over one weekend was a fantastic effort. I believe this was the biggest National Catalogue ever, the catalogue though expensive to print, the quality was terrific and the club didn't lose any money on it due to the amount of Advertising that Gail had managed to secure. The cost to produce the National Show Catalogue is not cheap \$5,116.00 if you want a quality product, and the cost is approx. \$18.94 each. We could have got some more than we did, but everyone who should have one got one, and some left for sponsors and judges with a few to sell. We made a profit of \$4,700 on the catalogue.

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## CATERING

Catering was done entirely by Wagz Café who have exclusive rights to catering at Durack.

Wagz donated the food for the Meet and Greet.



The Opening Ceremony on Friday was a grazing table which looked lovely and gave plenty of variety for all. The club elected to give the judges their lunches in the tents for Sat and Sunday which allowed the show to continue quicker, and the judges were happy with that rather than lose their concentration in having to go inside for a sit-down lunch. The cost for the lunches and Opening ceremony lunch was \$2,715.00. Wagz also catered for the Sat night function with a 3-course meal and the food was more than acceptable. The actual cost for the catering was \$2,800.00 The cost for the Presentations was \$10 a head with a lot of finger food, we catered for 150 people and some left over at the end.

Wagz also offered grazing boxes hot and cold for exhibitors, and a fast lane to get ready prepared food. The canteen had different selections each day. As an added extra they also offered dinners for people camping on the grounds.

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## SOCIAL EVENT

We had 65 booked + 10 officials for the Saturday night function, and about 55 attended. This was due to the weather, it was a fun night and lots of laughs, and a bit of lighthearted fun., along with a bit of dancing to the band. One of the judges commented "It was wonderful so see exhibitors all getting together and having fun at a show, and thought they should do this more in Germany. We didn't expect \$330.00 from the hire of the function room, so we had a loss of \$555 from the event.

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## MEDIA

Media attendance is always a bit hit and miss depending what is happening in the area. Though a first was Martin Kelly live streaming around the world, The National went International, wonderful to see, and I believe he will be back again.

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## MERCHANDISE

The club had quite a selection of merchandise to cater for all budgets. We carried very little stock so we ended up with a profit of \$4,220.00

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## FUNDRAISING

As a small club we cannot afford to have a loss at the National, and that was always the committees aim to make the National fund itself, so for 2 years with numerous Bunnings and raffles we have achieved this. The car did lose money, but we put that down to the way we sold the tickets, not everyone wanted to scan a QR code to purchase a ticket, and we honestly believe if we had sold the tickets differently our profit would be substantially higher. With fundraising and donations (not sponsorship) we raised \$42,923.00, which left a net profit in the Fundraising of \$24,583.00

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## LEVIES.

A cost that can be overlooked are the levies that are required to be paid . Which is a total of \$4025.00 including clearances.



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## AIRFARES AND ACCOMMODATION

Both of the overseas judges flew economy, but clubs should be aware of any other expenses, as the judges do charge us for this. One judge was approx. \$1,600 and the other judge \$460, this is \$2000 you might not budget for. The income we have in this category is the reimbursement from the GSDCA for ½ the airfare of one judge.

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## MAKING THE EXHIBITORS FEEL SPECIAL

The exhibitors are the ones who make or break a show and QLD traditionally goes all out to make them feel valued. All of this was sponsored or donated with the exception of the certificates.

A few Extra things we did.

- Special GSDCQ donated trophies 1- 3 for all classes
- Large Round Metal Etched GSD head for Gold Silver and Bronze Recipients and Winners of Winners
- Sample packs in each exhibitor bags of Fidos Shampoo & Royal Canin dog food, and a lovely fridge magnet with the National logo donated by Hand to Paw.
- 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> also got a gift pack on the pegs and 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Canin Dog Food
- All puppy exhibitors got a gift pack
- All child handlers got a gift pack
- Gift packs for all major winners, and dog food and Vebo Crate Sires on Ice Vouchers, Antinol Vouchers, Delete Disinfectant, Orivet vouchers and Fidos products.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the breeder's groups got a framed certificate with their placing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from the Sammy and LSC also got a framed certificate with their placing
- We had 2 Acubra hats donated as the judge's major gifts and chose to give them this at the Opening Ceremony, a small gift of a boomerang was given to them at the Presentation ceremony
- 5 Lucky Exhibitor prizes
- 2 supplementary raffles and the car raffle
- Handler rosettes for Gold Silver and Bronze
- Hand to Paw kindly engraved all plates for the Presentation and this looks so much better than the label.
- Appreciation certificates for all the helpers



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## RESULTS APP



The App worked very well, but we struggled with having enough people so that it was 1 person's job which meant we fell behind in posting some of the results. Thanks Jacinta it's terrific, and strongly recommend it to other clubs.

The feedback from the judges has been very positive in the way they were received and also the way they were hosted, which is very pleasing, well done Team.

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## WHAT WOULD WE DO DIFFERENTLY?

- Perspex sides to the tents in the rings
- Organised a few more on-the-ground helpers. Unfortunately, we lost 2 people due to illness, and that put a hole in our resources.
- Sell raffle tickets differently.
- Asked Dogs Qld not to put so much water on the grounds.
- Dedicated person to do Results APP.
- The idea we had to do all the individuals of the junior Intermediate and Open classes, then the run-offs, was not well received by the judges, who wanted to finish one class at a time.

Overall, the club came out quite well.

We have tents to sell to recoup the 50% cost of these. Fundraising and sponsorship played a significant role in the club finishing with an estimated profit of \$3,923.60.

We have one more expense at the moment which is a contribution from the club of \$500 to Dogs QLD as the ground maintenance work cost in excess of \$5,000.00.



51ST GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW AND TRIAL 2025 INCOME STATEMENT -  
QUEENSLAND

P&L	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/LOSS
Marquees *	\$ 13,725.00	\$ 9,113.18	\$4,611.82
Social Events - Saturday Night	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 3,480.00	-\$555.00
Merchandise	\$ 12,521.38	\$ 8,300.50	\$4,220.88
Sponsorship	\$ 10,400.00		\$10,400.00
National Raffle - Car	\$ 17,005.00	\$ 23,986.00	-\$6,981.00
Fund raising	\$ 25,815.81	\$ 8,110.85	\$17,704.96
Donations	\$ 102.80		\$102.80
Entries	\$ 11,290.00		\$11,290.00
Catalogue	\$ 7,710.00	\$ 5,161.75	\$2,548.25
Judges Airfares/Accom	\$ 3,550.45	\$ 14,768.23	-\$11,217.78
Gifts Stewards, Steno,Helpers etc		\$ 681.44	-\$681.44
Trophies, Sashes, Rosettes, Plaques		\$ 13,765.62	-\$13,765.62
Mementoes & Medals		\$ 3,401.50	-\$3,401.50
Equipment Hire - DQ		\$ 285.00	-\$285.00
Catering - Wagz Café		\$ 4,215.00	-\$4,215.00
SV Clearance		\$ 516.00	-\$516.00
Dogs Australia Clearance		\$ 220.00	-\$220.00
GSDCA Levy		\$ 1,689.00	-\$1,689.00
DogsQLD Levy		\$ 1,600.00	-\$1,600.00
Additional Vests *		\$ 1,540.00	-\$1,540.00
Sundry Expenses - Ring Setup		\$ 287.77	-\$287.77
<b>Total National Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 105,045.44</b>	<b>\$ 101,121.84</b>	<b>\$3,923.60</b>
*Expense @ 50% of purchase to club			

BREAKDOWN



ITEM	EXPENSES	INCOME	SURPLUS/LOSS
	\$ 101,122.84	\$ 105,046.44	\$ 3,923.60
<b>Expenses</b>			
SV Clearance	\$ 516.50		
Dogs Australia Clearance	\$ 220.00		
Judges Expenses - Air Fares, Charges	\$ 9,427.49		
Obedience Vic Judge Air Fare	\$ 280.74		
Judges Accommodation	\$ 3,300.00		
Accommodation	\$ 1,760.00		
Trophies	\$ 5,367.57		
National Memorial Plaques	\$ 2,888.70		
Sashes, Rosettes, Excellent Ribbons	\$ 5,509.35		
National Gold, Silver, Bronze Medals	\$ 825.00		
National Show National Conformation Excellent Medal	\$ 568.00		
National Show Mementous - Brisbane 2025	\$ 1,396.50		
National Show Obedience Excellent Medal	\$ 154.00		
Postage - Medals, Momentous, Excellent Medals	\$ 458.00		
GSDCA Entry Levy 15%	\$ 1,689.00		
Gifts - Stewards, Stenographers, Photographers	\$ 541.44		
Presentation Table Covers	\$ 140.00		
Wagz Grazing Boxes, Lunches	\$ 2,715.50		
Wagz - Presentaion	\$ 1,500.00		
Wagz - Saturday Night	\$ 2,800.00		
Dogs Queensland - Function Room	\$ 330.00		
Saturday Night Entertainment - John	\$ 350.00		
Marquees - Wrtten down value 50%	\$ 8,308.18		
Marquee reinforcement 50%	\$ 805.00		
Fund Raising - Major Raffle - Car	\$ 23,986.00		
Fund Raising - Advertising - Car Raffle - Show Manager	\$ 1,555.00		
Fund Raising - Bunnings BBQ's	\$ 6,555.85		



Additional Vests - 50%	\$ 1,540.00		
Dogs Queensland - Conformation	\$ 1,335.00		
Dogs Queensland - Obedience	\$ 265.00		
Dogs Queensland - Judges Training Room	\$ 85.00		
Dogs Queensland - Folding Tables	\$ 50.00		
Dogs Queensland - White Picket fence	\$ 100.00		
Dogs Queensland - Chairs	\$ 50.00		
Catalogue - Printing	\$ 5,161.75		
Merchandise	\$ 8,300.50		
Ring Setup - Rope - Surveyor Pegs - Posts - 50%	\$ 287.77		
GSDCA - 1/2 Ludwig Air Fare		\$ 1,666.98	
GSDCA - Accommodation Dawn Fraser		\$ 660.00	
GSDCA - Best Breeder Trophies SC & LSC		\$ 1,223.47	
Entries - Confirmation - Obedience - Rally		\$ 11,290.00	
Catalogues - Sold at Show		\$ 200.00	
Catalogues - Show Manager		\$ 620.00	
Catalogues - Merchandise		\$ 740.00	
Catalogue - Show - Owners 1st Entry		\$ 1,340.00	
Catalogue - Obedience - Owners 1st Entry		\$ 110.00	
Catalogue - Advertising		\$ 4,700.00	
Saturday Night		\$ 2,925.00	
Sponsorship - Trophies & Sashes		\$ 8,900.00	
Sponsorship - Pet Cover		\$ 1,500.00	
Marquees		\$ 13,725.00	
Fund Raising - Major Raffle - Car		\$ 17,005.00	
Fund Raising - Minor Raffles		\$ 700.00	
Fund Raising - Bunnings BBQ		\$ 23,691.81	
Fund Raising - Entries Thursday Scent Work		\$ 1,350.00	
Fund Raising - Entries Thursday Tricks		\$ 75.00	
Merchandise		\$ 12,521.38	
Donations		\$ 102.80	



# 2026 GSDCA NATIONAL SHOW & TRIAL PROGRESS UPDATE

MATTHEW MORRIS  
PRESIDENT GSDL

## JULY 2025

There are moments in the life of an organisation that define its legacy, elevate its standing, and leave a lasting impression on both hearts and history. I am proud to report that the 2026 GSDL National Show & Trial is shaping up to be one of those rare and extraordinary moments.

The national team, now over 35 dedicated and enthusiastic individuals, is firing on all cylinders. We've strategically divided into 12 sub-groups, supported by a passionate advisory group, each one bringing unique strengths, ideas, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. This is not just another committee—this is a movement, driven by unity, vision, and the shared dream of delivering an unforgettable event.

We are proud to be setting a new benchmark in collaboration and transparency. A live Google Sheet is the beating heart of our planning—documenting every task, tracking progress, managing deadlines, and serving as a real-time minute's log and P&L. Accessible for review to Executive members upon request, this dynamic tool reflects our drive for accountability and clarity in everything we do.

DETAILED ACTION PLAN & TASK LIST - GSDL NSW 2026 NATIONAL SHOW AND TRIAL COMMITTEE								REVIEW: MONTHLY	
DEPARTMENT	NAME	PAST RECORDS / SUGGESTIONS	TASK	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TARGET DATE	ACTUAL DATE	PRIORITY	COMPLETION	
			Find and discuss GSDL 2022 National P&L	Maurice Jara	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY		
			I am constructing a spreadsheet for trophies and sashes and doing some research on major trophy acquisition. Have contacted Diana Far with regard to how we work together on this.	Mel Groh	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY		
			build a financial model which gives the Groups a predicted costs against donations/funds needed to be generated.	Maurice Jara	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY		
SHOW SECRETARY	Leeanne Lynch	Scheduling of class, Sharon to give numbers	Stenographers: Kerin / Nickie Jones / Mary Scriven / Barb Bligh	Leeanne Lynch				0%	
	Jessica Fowler	Show Manager: Live Results, Critiques, Online	Appointing Stewards / show ring attendance - Debbie Barrar / Richard Cole - (Ring assembly stewards)	Leeanne Lynch				0%	
	Teresa Curry	Paper trail backup of live results	Gifts for Judges (valued @ \$100) and Officials in confirmation	Teresa Curry	Feb-26		LOW PRIORITY	0%	
	Cathy Shaylor	What other events clash on the grounds?	Gifts for Judges (valued @ \$50) and Officials for Dog Sports - list to be issued by Kerlie	Teresa Curry	Feb-26		LOW PRIORITY	0%	
	Fay Stokes	Stationary: pens, paper, folders, etc	Invitations to officials for functions - ie, presidents dinner	Jessica Fowler	Feb-26		LOW PRIORITY	0%	
			Booking of show and obedience rings	Fay Stokes	Nov-25		LOW PRIORITY	25%	
			Leeanne is awaiting written confirmation back from DogNSW to host the 2026 National	Deb Borg	Jun-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY	100%	
			Confirm application to DogNSW for schedule to run National Show and trial in place	Leeanne Lynch	Jun-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY	100%	
		Janet - Translator - Eki Ester	Translator for Wolfgang	Leeanne Lynch	July-25			25%	
			Add Kathie Minton to Show Schedule as DogNSW (Dog sports) Rep	Leeanne Lynch	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY	0%	
			Sites progeny and breeders group signs	Teresa Curry	Jan-26		LOW PRIORITY		
			Discuss with team and vote on suggested change to classes judged by each judge + additional classes	Matt Morris	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY	75%	
			Proposed Judge Appointments: • All SC Bitches & All LSC Males - Herr W. Hasgal (Germany) • All LSC Bitches & All SC Dogs - Herr Jens Becker Olsen (Spain)	Matt Morris	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY	75%	
			Additional New Classes for Consideration: • A Veterans Class for GSDca aged 7 years and over • A class for Neutered Dogs	Matt Morris	July-25		HIGHEST PRIORITY	75%	
		Print Show Schedule in December National GSDCA & DogNSW and other states Magazine	Leeanne Lynch	Sept-25		MEDIUM PRIORITY			
TRIAL SECRETARY	Kerry Pearce		Arrange team vote to judging panel and reserve	Matt Morris	Jun-25	Jul-25		100%	
			Issue Obedience and Trial Judges contracts	Kerry Pearce	July-25	July-25	HIGHEST PRIORITY	75%	
			Stewards - Charles wife / Vicki's friend	Kerry Pearce	July-25		MEDIUM PRIORITY	50%	
			Apply to DogNSW for schedule to run Sprint Dog and Scent on the Thursday	Deb Borg	July-25			25%	



Subcommittee meetings are active and ongoing via TEAMS, with monthly review sessions held on the first Monday of every month to ensure cross-group synergy and progress alignment.

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#### MAJOR MILESTONES SECURED:

- Judging Contracts: Confirmed for both conformation and trial elements.
- Event Schedule: A draft has been completed and will be presented at the upcoming NBC Meeting. Refer to amendments below.
- Curtain-Raiser Events: We're shaking things up! Expect to see *Sprint Dog* and *Trick Dog* showcases running in parallel—adding excitement, drawing new spectators, and expanding the event's reach.
- Logo Design for 2026: Final concepts are being reviewed, capturing the identity and energy of what we are building together.



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#### KEY DATES TO MARK:

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##### THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2026

- 8:30 AM: Sprint Dog Curtain Raiser
- 2:30 PM: Breed Survey
- *Opening Ceremony*: Hosted by the charismatic Dr. Robert Zammit—prepare to be inspired following on from breed survey.
- Conformation Judges:
  - *Herr. W Hasgall (Germany)*: SC Bitches & LSC Males
  - *Herr Jens Becker Olsen (Spain)*: LSC Bitches & SC Dogs

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##### FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2025

No change.

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##### SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026

- 8:00 AM Start: Judging Commences
  - Bitch Ring: SC Puppy & Intermediate Bitches
  - Dog Ring: LSC Puppy & Intermediate Bitches  
LSC Puppy & Intermediate Dogs  
SC Puppy & Intermediate Dogs
- *Sire's Progeny Parade*: A highlight of the day, followed by the Breeder's Groups—celebrating legacy and excellence.



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## PUSHING BOUNDARIES: OFF-LEAD GAITING PROPOSAL

At the upcoming NBC Meeting (August 2025), I will be formally requesting club president support to endorse the implementation of off-lead gaiting during the Open Class Individual Presentations. This bold initiative reflects a desire to embrace international standards and highlight the training and connection between handler and dog at the highest level.

To realise this vision, we'll need member clubs to host a Special General Meeting prior to the 2025 GSDCA AGM to vote on the acceptance of this initiative. This is a chance to evolve, lead, and inspire.

This team is not just working hard—they are building something exceptional. The fusion of youth, wisdom, vibrant personalities, and deep-rooted passion is generating momentum that cannot be ignored. We're not just planning an event—we're crafting a legacy.

Let's keep the energy high, the vision bold, and the collaboration strong. To all club leaders, members, and supporters—thank you for your trust, your belief, and your shared dedication to making the 2026 National Show & Trial a landmark occasion in the history of our breed.

Together, we're not just creating a show— We're creating a memory that will echo through generations.

