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Welcome to our Autumn Edition of the Quarterly National Review

The 50th National GSD Show and Trial is very close, and I would like to wish all exhibitors all the best of luck but mostly to enjoy this very special event. Be proud that you will be part of the historic show and trial, but most of all, enjoy the time with your dogs.

AGM

On the 3rd and 4th of February the GSDCA held its 63rd AGM. This was the first face-to-face AGM since 2020. It was very nice to see everyone in person, and I note that it was a very productive weekend with all clubs working together to "get things done".

It was great to welcome three new club Presidents: Graeme Stevenson from the GSDL, Tony Mercieca from the GSDC Victoria and Robyn Knuckey from the GSDAWA. I would also like to thank the outgoing club Presidents Jess Kada, Vince Ebejer and Ian Heard, I have appreciated the input from all clubs and look forward to working with the new Presidents in 2024.

The voting for the executive positions also sees two new faces; I welcome Jenny De Lucia as Judges Committee Chair and Gail Donald as Editor for the Quarterly National Review. We have already held our first Executive meeting, and both Jenny and Gail have had valuable input. This magazine will be Gail's first, so we all wish her all the best with this edition.

Our subcommittee also has a few new faces; I welcome and congratulate Jacinta Poole for HD/ED Registrar, Jess Lynch for National Show Liaison Officer, and Gabrielle Peacock for Public Relations Officer. I know these three new position holders will do whatever it takes to support our members.

At this time, I would also like to thank Doug West, who previously held the HD/ED Registrar position for around 40 years; thank you for dedicating your life to the GSDCA and the German Shepherd Dog. This is a massive effort, and from the members, thank you Doug.

Just a couple of motions I would like to highlight...

Motion 16.4 Online purchase for hip and elbow contracts portal for sending x-rays to the readers and electronic provision of results – this will reduce the time taken to obtain forms and reduce the time frame to receive results. This will also negate the issues of physical payments, slow postage, and manual handling of contracts, x-rays, and results.

This will be an enormous advancement in this arena, and I look forward to receiving the final draft.



Motion 21.1 Breed Surveyor Competency. Over the past few years, several clubs and Breed Surveyors have raised concerns at various times that no formal processes exist for surveyors to prove their continued competency. It is recognised that to maintain accreditation and ensure the integrity of the Breed Survey scheme, individuals must meet a set of criteria that enables them to demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge, ability, and competency at least once every three years. This process will be completed shortly and will improve our Breed Survey scheme.

60 Day Motions

Motion 1. We have really noticed that looking for a National judge is getting very difficult. Several reasons have happened, including, but not limited to, the age of retirement for an SV judge being 70, some not wanting to travel to Australia due to the distance, family and work commitments, won't travel economy, and the list goes on.

So, to try to relieve some of the pressure, the clubs have suggested five judges to be added – Jochen Prall, Dirk Gabriel, Nikolaus Messler, Bernd Weber, and Marco Ossman. All these judges are top breeders and have judged at the top shows around the world. Let's hope we can add a few more at next year's AGM.

In Closing

We need to work together for our breed and I thank all the volunteers at all the clubs around Australia. I hope more people become involved because our breed is the most loyal and loving breed you could ever own (yes, I am biased).

Enjoy the National, keep safe.

Cheers

Sean Lynch

GSDCA President



My thanks to the GSDCA Executive, all the State Club representatives attending the AGM, and the many club members who have welcomed me 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 the QNR team have been sent far and wide across the country seeking collaboration and contribution of 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 advice from the previous editor that our readership primarily comprises family-oriented pet owners. Therefore, we aim to create a 48-page edition that resonates with our readership. It is a delicate balance, but one that I hope to achieve with the support of my team.

My door is always open! I welcome your contact and feedback on the magazine's path forward.

On a positive note, the response to advertising 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.

Open communication is a feature of successful organisations providing that vital connection between members and the work of the Council. Thank you to the Editor for the opportunity to provide a report.

The first quarter of the year is always a hectic time; the AGM documentation to prepare, minutes to complete, successful motions and actions to collate, the 60-day motions to be prepared and distributed, and the Annual Report to be compiled and completed. I'd like to thank Gabrielle Peacock for all her assistance in completing these tasks.

Along with this work there are a number of other requirements to fulfill in February, the annual returns to Dogs Australia, the Incorporations Body of the ACT, and the WUSV. It's a relief to get to the end of February and know that all these jobs have been ticked off.

This year's AGM was the first one to be held face-to-face for several years. This meeting gave delegates the opportunity to collaborate, problem-solve, and strengthen connections between clubs.

Conversation that took place over meals gave delegates a great opportunity to explore and understand other peoples' perspectives and ideas.

Motions that were passed are available on the website: <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings/>

Even in the age of social media, smart marketers understand the enduring impact and historic value of printed words, images and memories.

The celebration of our 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial is nearly upon us, and I wish every competitor, in both conformation and obedience classes, the very best result for the time, effort, and determination you and your dogs have invested for this weekend.

This edition includes some dog-friendly activities and tourist locations in Adelaide if you are lucky enough to have some extra time available when you visit with your pooches.

I extend my thanks to the hard-working team of South Australian club members, not only for the National weekend but for the many months, weeks, and hours dedicated to the preparation and success of the event. There is no I in TEAM!

WINTER is coming!!

The National Show/Winter QNR deadline is 5 June 2024. Please send your Club News, Club Mailing Lists, Club advertising, reader contributions and National Winning Advertising to revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org. The magazine will be distributed to your members around the end of July.

Cheers! *Gail Donald*



SECRETARY'S UPDATE

A significant number of motions were carried unanimously which points to the health of the organisation.

Council has developed a schedule of meetings for both the Executive, and Executive with Club Delegates, to keep communication open, transparent, and collaborative.

I look forward to catching up at the 50th National Show and Trial in Adelaide.

Jan Haase

2024 MEETING CALENDAR

19 March	Executive Meeting	Zoom
16 April	Executive Meeting	Zoom
20 May	General Meeting - President/Delegate	Zoom
18 June	Executive Meeting	Zoom
13/14 July	National Breed Commission - Melbourne	F to F
06 August	Executive Meeting	Zoom
24 September	General Meeting - President/Delegate	Zoom
22 October	Executive Meeting	Zoom
19 November	Executive Meeting	Zoom



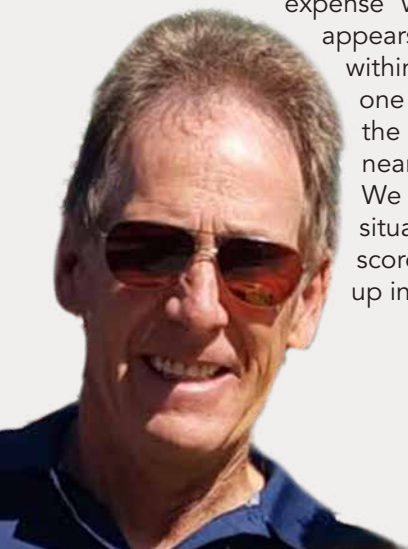
2024 AGM

I wish to thank again the Registrars and Officers who form part of and contribute to the Breed Commission throughout the year.

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

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

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



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

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

I have enjoyed working with the NBC Executive - President Sean, Judges Chair Melanie, and Secretary Janet this year. We made the decision to hold the NBC, Breed Surveyors and Judges Committee meetings as face-to-face meetings in Adelaide this year, and I firmly believe that the camaraderie made possible with personal interaction is beneficial over and above the conduct of business by online forums. It was a successful weekend, and it was good to see all our Judges, Surveyors and Club representatives present, after several years where it was not possible due to the travel restrictions of Covid 19. I also had the opportunity and honour to adjudicate with Melanie as Judges Chair on the Sires Progeny Groups at the 49th National in Melbourne.

Whilst it may be difficult for us to comply with all aspects, we are gradually working towards fulfilling some parts of the WUSV's Global Harmonisation ideals. The uptake of the GSDCA ZAP Character Assessment has been adopted by all States now, and some new Assessors have been trained and qualified. Our HD/ED and Health schemes have been recognised by WUSV.

A comprehensive document detailing all that we do for the breed in Australia was prepared by Melanie and Janet and has been presented to the new SV Board at Nuremburg. We are also hoping to introduce a DNA scheme for proof of parentage, and with that in mind Dr Candy Baker has been negotiating with InfogeneNZ at Massey University in New Zealand, since the anticipated ANKC scheme did not eventuate. Candy has offered to conduct a pilot program in WA and will report on progress to the 2024 NBC meeting.

As I move into my fourth year in the position as NBC Chair, I wish to congratulate Jenny De Lucia on her recent election as Judges Committee Chair. I look forward to her joining Sean, Janet and myself as part of the NBC Executive.

Ian Urie

NBC Chair

GSDCA HIP & ELBOW GOES ONLINE!

From 1 July 2024, the GSDCA will release a centralised online option to purchase x-ray contracts and a portal for upload of x-rays and documentation direct to the Radiologist of your choice. Both of these will be accessed via the GSDCA website.

How will it work?

1. On the GSDCA website owner enters dog info, attaches pedigree and pays for contract with credit card
2. This contract payment generates an email to the respective state registrar that they have a contract application for checking and approval
3. The state registrar checks the data, the uploaded pedigree and 'approves' the application
4. This generates a pdf of the 'contract' that is emailed to the owner. Take this copy to the vet.
5. Dog and Owner make appointment and visit vet with paperwork. X-rays are taken.
6. At the vet (or at home) use the upload portal on the GSDCA website to enter details of the dog and contract info, attach the files (x-ray dicoms, contract and pedigree pdf), select the preferred radiologist and submit for scoring
7. This submission sends an email to the selected radiologist to view the files uploaded, score the x-rays, enter the results and approve result release
8. This approval generates a pdf of the provisional results (aka the pink copy) as scored. It is emailed automatically to the owner, the scoring radiologist and the HDED registrar for final verification, AZ certificate generation and upload to the GSDCA database
9. Paper contracts and manual payments will still be available via clubs (not preferred) but owners can then use the online x-ray portal to submit to the radiologist for scoring.

HD/ED REGISTRAR

Why the change?

To fast track the process for all involved..... Technically, you can get your contract via email the same day you apply for it. Radiologists can receive x-rays and paperwork on the day they are taken. They generally read x-ray submissions within days of receiving them, and results will be immediate upon that. Certificates can then be generated and posted within days of receiving results.

So you can apply and pay for a contract, x-ray, get results and certificate within a week or so – or close to it 😊. *(note: Registrars are volunteers and AZ certificate still relies on Australia Post, so delays can occur in the pipeline)

Stay Tuned !

Jacinta Poole



DID YOU KNOW?

Nose Slits and Scents

The Definitive GSD – Louis Donald

'When humans exhale through the nose, they send the spent air out the way it came in, forcing out any incoming odours.

When dogs exhale, the spent air exits through the slits in the sides of their noses. When the dog breathes in (blue) it can tell which nostril an odour arrived in because each nostril's "aerodynamic reach" is so small. When a dog breathes out (red), the expired air blows out the side slits in such a way as to augment the sampling of new odours. [Craven, (2012)]



AUTUMN REPORT

2024 has started similar to 2023 with a Zap Assessment in Tasmania including training and approval of 3 new Assessors. Congratulations to Sandra Parker, Lorraine Massis and Gabrielle Peacock, and I wish you well in your new roles.

Now that most clubs have their own Assessors, I hope they will be kept busy by their clubs running Assessment Days for their members.



March 9 and 10 was to be the 109th GSDCV Championship Show and Trial, and owing to the extreme conditions, the show was held on Friday night. The trial went ahead Saturday morning as scheduled with some very good scores, but unfortunately, those competing in both show and trial did not get a pass in the trial. I am sure they will be trying again at the SBE and Trial in April.

The main event being the 50th National Show and Trial 3, 4, and 5 May 2024 is nearly with us to be held in Adelaide, and we have been assured it will be worth the trip to celebrate the 50th.

Hope to see everyone competing in Adelaide and good luck!

Alastair Henderson

Obedience Chair

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Photos: GSDCV Obedience Trial 9 March



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GSDCA BREED IMPROVEMENT SCHEME RECOGNITION

Kennels are recognised for the number of animals successfully presented to the Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Improvement Schemes, for their contribution and significant achievement. Congratulations on these milestones in your breeding programs to the following Kennels that qualified for awards in 2023.



GOLD = 50 +

VIC	BRONACRE	E. NEALE	'A' GOLD	50
WA	BRONBOREO	B.J. PEREIRA & R.PRITCHARD	'A' GOLD	53
NSW	KINGLAND	L.G. KING	'Z' GOLD	60
VIC	ZANDRAC	R. JONES	'Z' GOLD	52

SILVER = 25 +



WA	FREINHAUF	K.R. & R.T. KNUCKEY	'Z' SILVER	25		
QLD	IDELIA	S. McCAMMON	'A' SILVER	27	'Z' SILVER	27
NSW	PAMAKAY	J.A. DELRIEGO	'A' SILVER	25	'Z' SILVER	25
TAS	ROXAMBURG	G. & K. HALL	'A' SILVER	27	'Z' SILVER	26
WA	SHAYGAR	J.A. SMITH	'A' SILVER	25		

BRONZE = 10 +



WA	BABYAWN	A. SMITH	'A' BRONZE	10	'Z' BRONZE	10
SA	BRAJANDI	C. RAYNER	'A' BRONZE	11	'Z' BRONZE	11
NSW	BRASHAWN	B. & S. WINKLER	'A' BRONZE	11	'Z' BRONZE	12
SA	DAMONTE	V. DRUMMOND	'A' BRONZE	12	'Z' BRONZE	14
SA	DREAMSTAR	S.D. PILGRIM	'A' BRONZE	13	'Z' BRONZE	14
QLD	KAYGARR	K. WILLIAMS	'A' BRONZE	11		
SA	KYNDOM	B. & S. LAWRENCE	'A' BRONZE	17	'Z' BRONZE	18

PERSONALITY SPOTLIGHT



Gabriela Labbe

Belahausen Kennels - Guatemala

EDITOR'S Introduction: In April 2023, I had the privilege of meeting Gabriela Labbe at the WUSV World Breed Conference in Lerma, Spain. Gabriela is a very astute, talented FCI and WUSV judge of the German Shepherd Dog and a highly successful breeder and exhibitor. In addition to participating in the learning forum in Lerma, Gabriela's skills as a multi-linguist made her an integral member of the excellent translation team during the educational seminars and for several of the judges at the show event.

Gabriela's children are accomplished handlers in the show ring and have excelled in their own interests. Her daughter, Daniela, is a talented performer as a vocalist and guitarist and son, Sebastián, will represent Guatemala in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in the skeet specialty!

We will welcome Gabriela to Australian shores in October/ November 2025 to judge for the GSDCV and GSDAWA.

1. How long have you been in the breed, and how did you get started?

I have been in the breed 37 years. I started when I was a little girl, my parents started the family kennel in 1987.

2. What do you consider your greatest achievement in breeding and showing?

I would have to say... it is difficult for me to choose because there have been many different achievements that were amazing at the time. Their importance depends on the time and the importance I give them today.

If I have to say one achievement that I consider as a breeder and a competitor is something I treasure in my heart and memory, it would be having two siblings, who were born in my own hands, achieve simultaneously the VA 1 title at the Sieger Show in my country, and one month later, they achieved the VA title in COAPA!

The male won #1 VA Champion COAPA 2023!

The titles are a great achievement... but if you add that we did this as a family, with my son as a team, it is absolutely amazing and therefore **THE BEST ACHIEVEMENT!**



Daniela Basterrechea

3. What is your most memorable judging or showing experience?

There have been both memorable and unforgettable experiences as a judge, and each one has taught me a lot. I think for me, being able to judge twice in Chile has been a great experience in terms of quantity and quality. Also, in Ecuador, a country that I admire for their breeding plan they have in place.

To be able to judge at Siegers shows is definitely right now on the top of the list because the Clubs are giving me the opportunity to extend my opinion in the most important Breed SHOW of the year!

This year in November I am judging the Sieger Shows in Spain and Ecuador. Two years ago, I also judged the Sieger Show in Bolivia which was also an exciting travel experience.

4. What are your breeding goals, and how do you achieve them?

I have been following my own breeding plan for 19 years (because at the beginning, I was in the family breeding kennel), and in the past three years, I finally have a clear image of what I want to breed.

The way I think I will achieve all my goals is the way I select the dogs on my breeding plan and the ones I keep for myself to continue that vision. I try to have



very correct dogs, that are strong and have high drives. It is not easy but in the last few years I found that is the most important, given the situation of the breed.

5. What criteria do you use to select a female to breed with?

First, she has to have a very good temperament. Normally, I keep females from the mother lines that I have known over the years, which have proven to be easy to breed with. These are excellent mother-type females, correct, and females that do not have bad issues in the maternity.

6. What are the requirements for a male that you choose as a breeding partner for your female?

Don't let your personal feelings influence your parenting choice. The right dog for your breeding program is the right dog, regardless of the owner. Never underestimate a good dog! They are too rare and wonderful to be trivialised out of pettiness.

Be honest with yourself. There are no perfect dogs or perfect breeders. You cannot make a good selection if you cannot recognise the faults and strengths of the dogs you are trying to breed.

First of all, he has to pass phenotypically and genotypically to my female. Not always, the VA 1 is a good partner to all the females in the kennel. He has to have high work drives. These days, with all the requirements for the breed, you can't risk breeding with poor character.

7. Which current lines do you prefer in the breed, and for what reason?

I try to stay close to Zamp Thermodos, Tyson, for the strength and type I like...I also have some Remo lines; I think that line always gives that correction in anatomy that we do not want to lose.

8. What dog do you think has had the most influence on the breed?

Right now, I would say Remo.

9. Which breeders or judges do you admire the most and why?

For me, in Germany Heinz Scheerer and Christoph Ludwig and in America, Roberto Caputi.

I think they have shown over the years the consistency in the breeding and the constancy to be able to produce high-level top dogs over the years.

10. What advice would you offer to Australian Breeders, who are so far from Europe?

Well, the same thing I say to myself as I'm also far away!

Try to make an effort once in a while to bring new blood, and then try to do your best with what you have in the country. Try as breeders to support each other, make an effort with other breeders that have the same objectives, and use the dogs they bring for your breeding plan.





Australian Dog of the Year

Kali Therapy Dog

My name is Kali (Jayshell Chloe). I am 12 years old and a Long Stock Coat German Shepherd Dog. I was bred by Pat and Nicky McDermott of Jayshell Kennels. My mum was BlackNGold Honey Jumble, and my dad was Vladimir Envj This.

I am accredited with Dogs Victoria as a Therapy Dog and Story Dogs as a Story Dog. I also have my own Facebook Page Kali Therapy dog and you can Google me for lots of things I have done. I love swimming, walking, working with my mum, and playing with Leiha and people.



How I Became a Therapy Dog

I did lots of training with my mum from when she first brought me home. I learned lots of things like good manners around people, dogs, cats and just generally. I also learned that nothing is scary because I trust my mum. We even went to a firework display when I was little. I have lots of letters after my name (my mum says more than she does). I have CCD, ET, RA, and I also passed the GSDCV Character and Working Dog Assessment. I've also won

some very special (to me) awards. I won the Techno Belle award in memory of one of my best friends at the GSDCV Gippsland for my work in the community, and my little sister Leiha (Freinhaus Lucinda), and I won the GSDCV Special Recognition Award for promoting the GSD in the community.

We attend the German Shepherd Dog Club in Gippsland (Sale) every week. I love catching up with all my friends and being "that dog" that the new puppies can all say hello to because I am so calm and gentle.

My Work in the Community

Mum and I do lots of things in the community. We represent Dogs Victoria Therapy Dogs each year at events such as the Royal Melbourne Show and the Dog Lover's Festival as well as Melbourne Uni Medical Students information sessions about the benefits of Therapy Dogs. We also represented working dogs from the GSDCV and Dogs Victoria at Parliament House for the "Domestic Animal Bill".

I have worked with my mum Sharyn Thompson for nearly 11 years as a Therapy Dog, helping children with literacy needs via Story Dogs Australia, with adults with intellectual and physical disability, and I provide emotional support to staff and patients in the Emergency Department, Cancer Care, some wards, Palliative Care, and the Ambulance Bay of Latrobe Regional Hospital. We make lots of people happy and often we get to keep little people calm and distracted while they have procedures in ED. I also provided emotional support and a furry shoulder to cry on in the 2020 Emergency Bushfire Relief Centre during the bushfires in East Gippsland.

Sometimes people just cuddle me and cry. When we were at the Bushfires on the first day, my mum was putting my Therapy dog vest on, and an older man stopped and asked if he could pat me. Then he just buried his face in my fur and cried. It made mum and the people with him cry too. He didn't tell us what was wrong, and my mum didn't ask. He lifted up his head and looked into my eyes and said thank you and left. Sometimes I just know what people need. Mum went to sign in in tears.

Australian Dog of the Year Award

I was nominated for Australian Dog of the Year Award 2024. Mum had to write 250 words about me, and my work in the community. A panel judged the 14 shortlisted dogs. Mum was so excited when Puppy Tales said I was shortlisted to the top two, because so many of the other dogs do amazing things. We had to go to Melbourne on Australia Day for it to be announced on Sunrise on Channel 7.

Wow! The announcement said I won Australian Dog of the Year 2024 primarily for my community work. Kali the German Shepherd is the Australian Dog of the Year 2024, and Heidi the Australian Cattle Dog x Koolie is the People's Choice Award recipient.

My mum was so excited she cried (she does that). I had lots of photos taken and I was filmed for live TV. Since then, we have done lots of interviews on TV and radio. I get to cuddle the presenters.

I won \$250 to spend at Pet Circle, a photography session with the amazing Puppy Tales Photography and \$1000 to donate to the charity of my choice, Animal Aid in Sale.

I love making people happy. Often my mum and I just look at each other and she has tears in her eyes. I love her so much.



DogsQLD 2023

Runner-up Dog of The Year

On 27 December 2023, Dogs Queensland hosted their annual Dog of the Year competition. To qualify, your exhibit must win a Best in Show during the 2023 show year. Kiah qualified and competed in this event. An event Kiah won back in 2018 at just 2 years of age. The judges are a mystery until the night, on this occasion the judges were Mr F. L. James (QLD), Mr D. Bowey (Vic) and Mr P. Ding (China). A draw is announced with your exhibit number and dogs enter each round in pairs until there is

a final two. Kiah loved the atmosphere and put on another incredible performance each round. Kiah made it through each round all the way to the final two and was awarded Overall Runner Up to the Winner. At seven years of age, we were ecstatic to have Kiah at the top of the field again 5 years later. The sponsorship of the night was second to none winning Royal Canin food, wine, grooming vouchers, travel vouchers, and loads more.



TOP DOGS



Kiah is officially known as CIB A2O Supreme Champion *Karham Know It All HT. Kiah is the first International Champion GSD in Australia and the first FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Section Champion in Australia. Kiah was surveyed by Mr Louis Donald, graded excellent in the specialty ring, has in excess of 60 Best and Runner Up to Best in Shows and also has her Herding Test Title. Kiah is a daughter of our own import and the only Supreme Champion GSD Import, Indio di Casa Nobili (Italy) and Ch. Karham Itzony Destiny who is a daughter of Zony von Haus Gerstenberg (Imp Germany).



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THE DANGERS OF ESSENTIAL OIL DIFFUSERS, REEDS, AND SCENTED CANDLES TO DOGS

Jessica Jones

For [Safewise.com](https://www.safewise.com)

Today we'll be looking at some of the most commonly used oils and scents and investigating whether they're safe for your furry friend.

Although it can be fun (and even sometimes beneficial to our health) to make use of essential oils in our homes, they're not always safe for our pets. The use of scented products such as reed diffusers, scented candles and essential oils has become incredibly popular both for home decor and wellness purposes, but if you've got four-legged family members, you need to be careful which products you choose to use in your home.

Are essential oils safe to use around my pet?

Essential oils tend to provide the most potent scent when diffused within your home, and this is the most beneficial option in terms of health perks for humans, but unfortunately, it also makes it the most dangerous choice for your pet. Because of this, we recommend avoiding them as much as possible, or at the very least, selecting pet-safe essential oils.

Let's take a look at some of the most common oils and how they affect pets.

Lavender oil

As one of the most popular options on the market, there is a lot of conflicting information about whether lavender essential oils are safe for pets. The answer to this one comes down to concentration.

While there are compounds within lavender that can be toxic to your furry friend, when it is properly diluted, it can be safe in small amounts. This means that you can happily diffuse lavender essential oil in your home and it will be perfectly safe for your four-legged family member as long as it is well diluted and located somewhere they can't find a way to consume it.

Eucalyptus oil

Because eucalyptus is considered both toxic and poisonous for your four-legged friend, we suggest avoiding its usage throughout the home.

Even small amounts can cause adverse effects, and simply smelling this oil can pose a risk, so it's better to be safe than sorry.

Citronella oil

Citronella oil is very much a grey area when it comes to dog safety. While it can be quite dangerous if ingested and not so great if it gets on their skin, it can be safe in some circumstances.

For example, there are many products on the market that are designed specifically for dogs that contain citronella oil. These products are generally considered safe when used properly, although caution is still recommended.

Additionally, this essential oil is safe to use as an insect repellent as long as your dog cannot come into contact with or ingest it.

When it comes to cats, however, citronella oil should be avoided entirely.

Chamomile oil

A lovely calming and soothing essential oil, chamomile is generally considered safe for pets.

If you intend on using this oil specifically for your pet, we recommend using products formulated for them and speaking with your vet first. However, when it comes to diffusing essential oil in your home, chamomile is generally considered safe.

Lemongrass oil

As long as it is properly diluted and used in a way where your pet cannot ingest it, as a general rule, lemongrass essential oil is safe.

For context, this means you can diffuse it in a well-ventilated room, not that you should be applying it to your four-legged friend or to yourself if your dog commonly licks you.

While some people will recommend the application of lemongrass oil to your pet in order to help protect them from insects, we strongly suggest avoiding this unless you're using a pet-specific product or following instructions from your vet.





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Are essential oils safe on furniture?

While some oils can be safe for your pet when diluted and applied to furniture such as bedding, many common applications used by humans are not recommended.

For example, while spraying your bed with lavender spray may help you sleep, it isn't a great idea if your furry friend shares your bed, as human-safe essential oil concentrations are not the same as pet ones.

If you do want to apply essential oils safely to your furnishings, ensure that they're pet-safe options.

What about topical application?

Topical application is a completely different kettle of fish. As a general rule, however, we recommend avoiding it unless specifically recommended by your vet.

If you have applied products containing essential oils topically to yourself, we also suggest staying away from your pet until they are fully absorbed and ensuring that your pet does not lick the area.

Peppermint oil

Although super tasty for humans, peppermint oil is poisonous to pets. It should never be given to them either orally or topically and should not be diffused within the home.

Tea tree oil

While using tea tree oil on human skin can help cleanse and may even assist with certain skin concerns, it is considered poisonous to dogs.

We recommend avoiding diffusing it for this reason and would also suggest caution with your skincare if your pooch is likely to lick you.

Safety is a little higher for cats, but still not generally worth the risk

Focus oil

Because there is no set recipe for what "focus" essential oil is made of, there's not really a solid answer on whether or not it is safe for your pet. If you wish to diffuse focus within your home, check the ingredient list and ensure it only has pet safe essential oils in it.

Rosemary oil

Want to bring a bit of warmth and freshness to your home with rosemary essential oil? The good news is that when diluted correctly, this scent is safe for pets.

The only problem is they may expect a lamb roast dinner when they smell rosemary, so be prepared for some begging for food!

Are scented candles with essential oils safe for my pet?

Scented candles, while lovely smelling, can pose the same health risks to your four-legged friend as their diffused essential oil counterparts.

They can also pose additional risks depending on the type of candle you're burning, as synthetic scents and paraffin wax (one of the most common candle-making waxes), and the smoke from the candle can all cause harm.

If you want to burn scented candles within the home, we suggest sticking to organic wax candles (such as soy or beeswax) and only ever burning scents that are safe for your pet.

Are reed diffusers with essential oils safe around my pet?

Reed diffusers should be used with caution but do tend to be safer for your pet than scented candles as they're not releasing smoke.

Always stick to pet-safe scents and keep the diffuser well out of reach so your pet cannot accidentally ingest the liquid inside.

Final word

Although essential oils can be safe and provide a whole host of benefits to both human and furry members of your family, it's important to exercise caution. If in doubt at all, avoid usage completely until speaking with your vet.



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SNAKE SAFETY

HOW TO PROTECT DOGS AND KIDS FROM SNAKES

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Red-bellied Black Snake

Many people think there is an influx of snakes when the weather starts to warm, but this isn't the case; they just haven't been as visible for a while. Snakes undergo a reduced activity period from April to August. This is spent either brumating or in hibernation. Brumation is the state achieved when animals and reptiles can move on warmer winter days. Hibernation is the state of a deep sleep, and there is no movement at all and essentially, excluding a few species that occur in the alpine regions does not apply to our native snakes. Fresh out of this reduced activity period, they look for two things – food and a mate to breed with.

In this article, we will answer some of the most commonly asked questions regarding dogs, children, and snakes.

Can I snake proof my yard?

While it is almost impossible to snake proof your property totally there are some things you can do to minimise the amount of snakes that you may potentially encounter in your yard and house.

Generally speaking and dependant on location, most venomous snakes pass through – they generally won't set up residence at your place. If there is no constant food source and safe place to pass the day they will tend to move on a lot quicker.

Pythons generally cause no threat to humans, they will clear your rodents out for you and then move on. By keeping a tidy yard and house you reduce the shelter sites, the attractiveness to prey and therefore minimising the snake encounters.

How do I protect my dogs and kids from snakes?

- Keep yards mowed as short as possible. Long grass provides somewhere for not only snakes but the animals and amphibians they prey upon somewhere to hide. If it is not possible to keep grass as short as possible, wear closed in shoes and long pants. Train your dogs to stay beside you in these areas and don't let kids play in them, especially unsupervised. Keep your eye out for snakes while in this environment, seeing them before they are aware of you gives you time to calmly walk away.
- Don't leave rubbish lying around. If it doesn't fit in the bin, take it to the tip. Like long grass, rubbish will provide protection for both snakes and rodents alike. Woodpiles, leaf-litter, tin and clutter in the yard will be an enticing shelter for both snakes and rodents.
- Make sure any retaining walls are complete – holes in the walls are perfect hides for snakes. Also check for any holes around your house and garage.
- Sheds and garages should be tidy. Most of the time they are not well sealed and cluttered. If they are organised it is easier to see if you have a visitor, for example pythons are often found in urban environments.
- A high fence is not a guarantee that you will not have visitors. There is an old wives tale that venomous snakes don't climb, only pythons do. Not true. While venomous snakes are often found on the ground many species will climb trees or fences while hunting.
- Always wear closed in shoes, especially at night. Make sure kids also wear closed in shoes while in the yard. Whilst thongs are comfortable to wear in summer they provide no protection should they be bitten. Don't leave shoes outside overnight. If you do, always check they are empty before putting feet in!
- If out at night always use a torch.
- Don't put your hands where you cannot see them. Snakes don't go out of their way to bite people, but when startled it is their mode of defence.
- If you have pets that live outside, make sure their feeding area is always clean and preferably away from the house. Food attracts rodents. Rodents attract snakes. Use mouse or snake wire on enclosures to prevent unwanted visitors for your pets. Snakes view the pet guinea pig, pet bird, pet chicken etc as a meal. If possible, keep your cats and smaller breeds of dogs inside. By keeping your beloved pets inside you not only keep them safe but also native wildlife.



- Keep flyscreens and screen doors maintained. Holes allow snakes entry to your house. If you don't have screen doors and flyscreens on your windows, keep the doors and windows shut.
- Find out what snakes are in your area and familiarise yourself with their appearance. It is important to learn what the snakes in your area look like. For example, not all Brown Snakes are brown. A juvenile Eastern Brown looks completely different from an adult Eastern Brown. A carpet python from New South Wales will look completely different from a carpet python from Brisbane.
- Familiarise yourself with current first aid for both humans and your dog. Keep a first aid kit on hand that has snake bite aid in it.
- When walking with kids or dogs, always keep them close to you. Keep your dog on a lead.

Snake education activities such as reading books and articles from reliable sources online are a great way to familiarise yourself with what snakes are in your area.

Do snake repellents work?

There are some "repellers" on the market. As snake consultants with over five decades of experience collectively, we can promise you they don't work. They send out vibrations. We've lost count of how many snakes we have removed from houses, workplaces and also public places that have snakes either curled

up on them, underneath them, or lying close to them. There are oils and pellets on the market also that claim to repel snakes. Again we suggest not to waste your money and make sure you and your family become aware of snake safety instead.

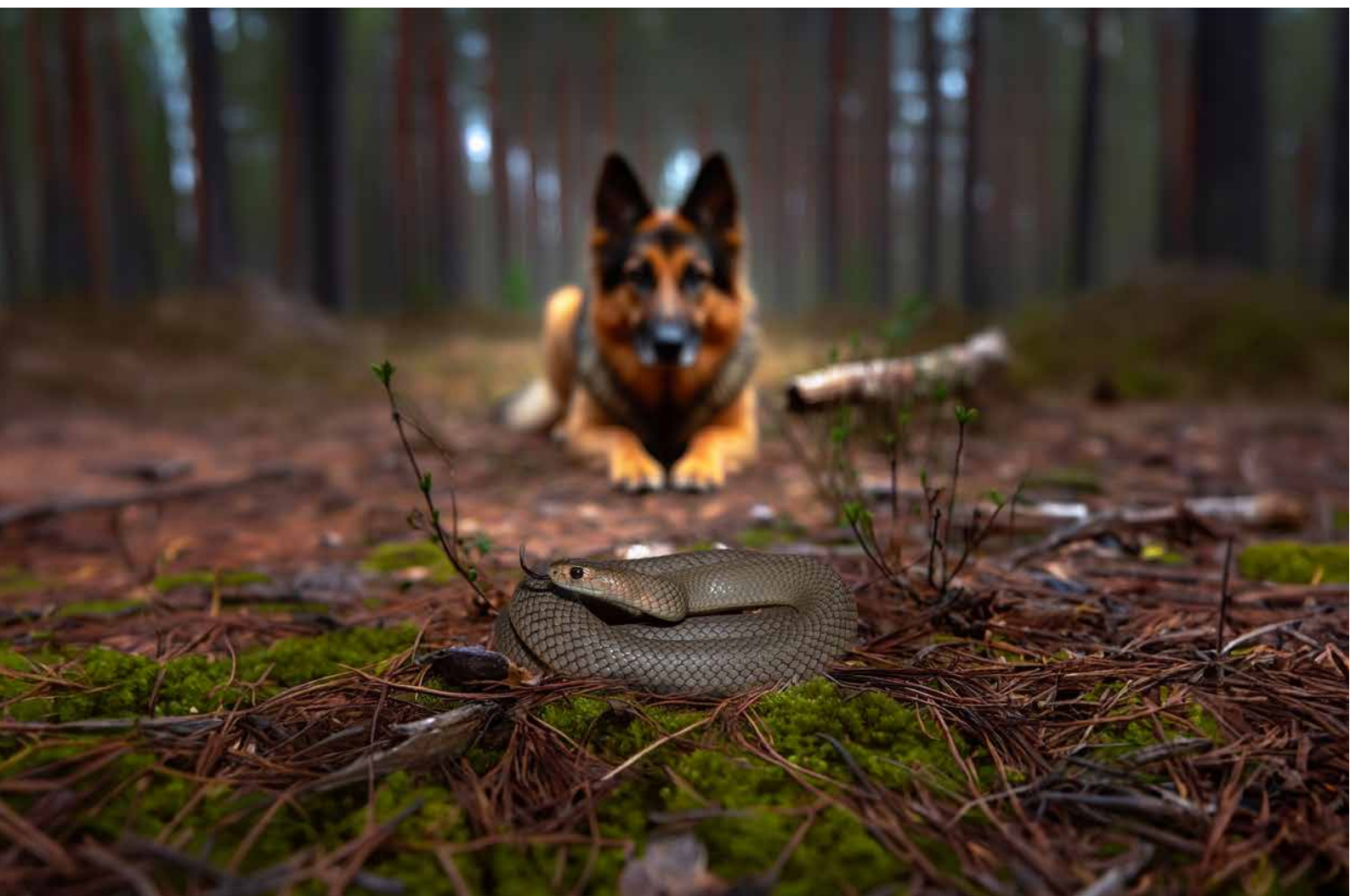
How do I train my dog not to go for snakes?

There are snake avoidance training courses for your dog. These are usually run by qualified dog trainers. Do your research into these before booking as some of the methods taught may go against what you would and wouldn't do with your dog normally.

What do I do if I see a snake in my yard or house?

Before you ever encounter a snake, we recommend finding a good snake consultant or snake catcher in your area. This takes out the stress of trying to find one whilst panicked. Keep the name and number of your local snake person handy. Always call a licenced snake consultant to remove a snake. Never try to do it yourself or try to kill one. 80% of bites that occur, result from inexperienced people trying to kill or catch a snake. If that isn't deterrent enough, killing snakes is illegal and can bring huge penalties. A business card on the fridge for both the local snake catcher and your vet will assist in an emergency. Another great tip, is to save the snake catchers number in your phone. Save it under 'snake catcher' so you don't need to remember their name in a hurry!

If you are unable to confidently identify a snake you spot from a safe distance take a photo and send it to



your local snake catcher. Many offer a free identification service.

What do you do when you see a snake?

- Don't panic. A snake would rather remove itself than attack you. Unless provoked, snakes are reluctant to bite a human. Believe it or not, they are actually more afraid of us than we are of them. You can liken the experience of a snake coming across you as you coming across a giant. An eight foot long snake is still only a few inches high.
- If a snake feels cornered or threatened then it will show its defensive display. Normally this is a bluff, they are trying to make you feel as intimidated as they feel. This is the warning sign to leave it alone if you haven't yet.
- Sudden movements may trigger defensive actions from a snake. Remember to be calm and freeze, then slowly move away, keeping your eyes on the snake at all times. If your dog kills or injures a snake thoroughly check your dog for any signs of snake bite. Like most other animals dogs do NOT show signs of illness or weakness until they are able to no longer hide it.

What are the symptoms of a snake bite in dogs?

Not all of these symptoms may be visible, and they won't come at once: difficulty breathing, uncontrolled drooling, dilated pupils, vomiting, muscle tremors, walking unsteadily due to paralysis, loss of bowel and/or bladder control, blood in the urine and swelling.

Can a dog survive a snakebite without treatment?

It depends on what species of snake has bitten your dog. If a python has bitten your dog and you 100% know it was a python, then yes, definitely. Why risk it though? If your dog shows signs of a bite, keep the dog as calm as possible, remain calm yourself as they will react to your mood and get to the vet immediately. Carry your dog to the car and to the vet's surgery once

you have arrived, don't let them walk. Talk to him/her in a reassuring voice, letting them know by your tone and actions that there is nothing to be anxious about. The earlier your dog receives treatment, the better the chance of a full recovery.

Are there home remedies for snake bites that are effective?

Home remedies such as tourniquets or ice packs take up valuable time that should be used in getting to the vet. Essential oils are not going to do a thing if it was a bite from a venomous snake. Recovery times are variable depending on the species of snake, amount of venom injected and the treatment. It can take many days, depending on the severity of the bite. A serious envenomation with complications in canines could turn into a lengthy vet stay and the recovery time could be weeks.

What happens if my kids or dogs are bitten by a snake?

In the cases of bites, there are many types of antivenom available. Polyvalent antivenom is theoretically able to neutralise the bites from all terrestrial snakes. In general terms, it is a broad spectrum antivenom but is extremely expensive. It is hoped that it will be effective against all species but has not been tested with all species.

How can you be safe around snakes?

Snakes are part of life in Australia. There are more snakes than you realise in suburbia, they are just not seen. Being prepared in the event of a snake encounter will likely mitigate the chances of a poor outcome. If you do see a snake slowly back away and call a professional to deal with the snake- after all it is imperative that you are safe and healthy to look after your children and your best friend.



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8 Things That Really Confuse Your Dog!

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Dog behaviour is extraordinarily flexible – this is why we can keep them in our homes and take them to cafes with us at the weekend. Nevertheless, there are ways in which evolution has not equipped dogs for the challenges of living in our world, and puppies must learn how to cope.

These are some of the things we do they struggle to understand:

1. We leave them alone

As born socialites, dogs make friends easily. Puppies are intensely interested in spending time with other dogs, people, and any species willing to interact with them socially. They usually play, rest, explore and travel with company. Yet we often leave dogs alone: at home, in kennels or the vet clinic.

In these situations, naive dogs can't be sure we'll

ever return to collect them. Only after experience are they likely to expect a reunion, and even then, their experience depends on the context. At home, we may try to enforce dog-free zones. Naturally, many dogs protest. How can they stay with their (human) social group when they're separated behind impenetrable barriers (doors)? This explains why dogs so often demand to be let inside when their human family is there and why those with separation-related distress frequently find some solace in being indoors.

2. We are visually driven

Dogs live in an olfactory world, while ours is chiefly visual. So, while TVs may offer a visual feast for humans, parks and beaches are an olfactory banquet for dogs.

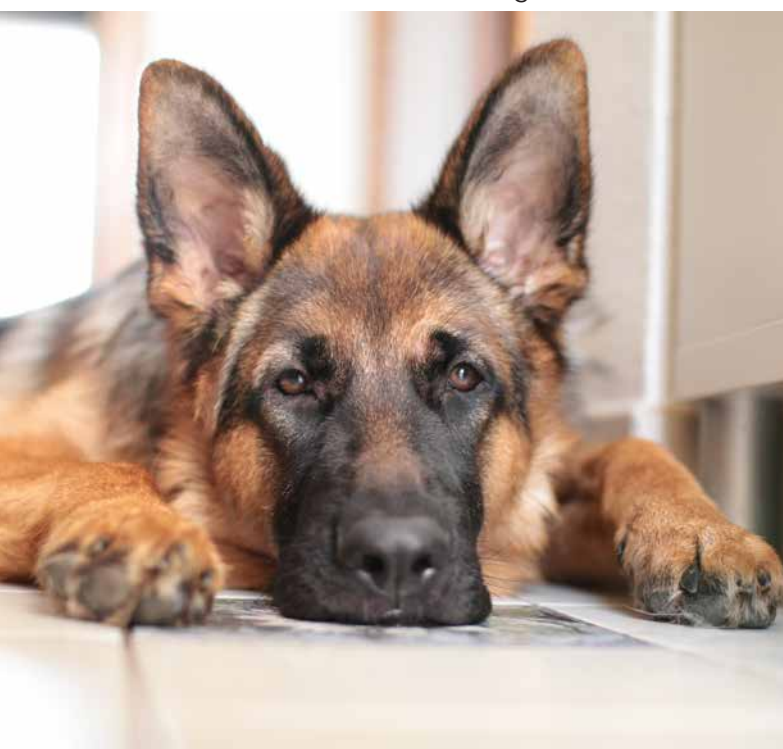
An additional challenge is dogs move while investigating the world, whereas we often sit still. They may not relish the inertia we enjoy in front of a noisy, flashing lightbox.

3. We change our shape and smell

Shoes, coats, wallets, briefcases, bags and suitcases: countless smells cling to these items after we take them into shops and workplaces, then back to our dogs. Cleaning products, soaps, deodorants and shampoos also change the scents our dogs are used to. Towels, hats and bags change our shape when we're using them. And when we're pulling them on, jumpers and coats alter our visual outline and may catch dogs unaware. Dogs change their coats at least once a year. In contrast, we change our external cladding every day. This means the odours we carry are changing far more than dogs have evolved to expect. In their olfactory world, it must be puzzling for dogs to encounter our constantly changing smells, especially for a species that uses scent to identify familiar individuals and intruders.

4. We like to hug

How humans use their forelimbs contrasts sharply with how dogs do. We may use them to carry large objects a dog would have to drag, but also to grasp each other and express affection. Dogs grasp each other loosely when play-wrestling, and also when mating and fighting. Being pinned by another dog hinders a quick escape. How are puppies to know what a hug from a human means, when that behaviour from a dog might be threatening?



5. We don't like to be chewed

Play-fighting is fun for many puppies and helps them bond with other dogs. But they must monitor the behaviour of other dogs in play-fights and know when they've used their tiny, razor-sharp teeth excessively.

Humans are much more susceptible to pain from playful puppy jaws than other dogs, so we can react negatively to their attempts to play-fight with us.

Dogs interact with objects almost entirely with their muzzles. They also use their jaws, teeth, and tongue to feed. Dogs also "mouth" other dogs when playing, expressing affection and communicating everything from "more" to "please don't" to "Back off!". So, naturally, they try to use their mouths when communicating with us and must be puzzled by how often we take offence.

6. We don't eat food from the bin

Dogs are opportunists who naturally acquire food anywhere they find it. In contrast, we present them with food in dishes of their own. Puppies must be puzzled by our reaction when we find them snacking from benches and tables, in lunchboxes and kitchen bins. We should not be surprised when dogs unearth food, we left somewhere accessible to them.

7. We share territories

We visit the territories of other dogs, bringing back their odours, and allow unfamiliar human and canine visitors to enter our dogs' home. Dogs have not evolved to accept such intrusions and threats to their safety and resources. We shouldn't be surprised when our dogs treat visitors with suspicion or when our dogs are treated with hostility when we bring them to the homes of others.

8. We use our hands a lot

Sometimes our hands deliver food, scratches, massages and toys. Other times, they restrain dogs, trim nails, administer ointments or tablets, and groom with brushes and combs that may pull hair.

No wonder some dogs grow to fear the human hand as it moves about them. We can make it easier for dogs to accept many types of hand-related activities if we train them to cooperate with rewards.

But humans often misread their fear and may even greet it with violence which compounds the problem. Hand-shy dogs can easily become defensive and find their way into pounds and shelters, where life expectancy for nippers and biters is poor.

On the whole, dogs show a remarkable ability to adapt to the puzzles we throw at them. Their behavioural flexibility offers us lessons in resilience and how to live simply and socially. Our challenge is to understand the absence of guile and malice in everything they do.



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WHAT IS MANTRAILING?

By Louis & Diane McGrath

After getting our German Shepherd puppy Erma back in July 2020, we knew roughly what we were getting ourselves into and knew we needed to find suitable and meaningful outlets for her drive and biological fulfilment.

From 8 weeks of age, Erma was a handful. We started our basic training at puppy school and worked our way through levels of obedience. We also explored a range of different sports but nothing was hitting Erma's interest levels or offering her enough mental and physical satisfaction.



Louis stumbled across Mantrailing when a friend shared a photo of Jeff Schettler's book "Two weeks to Operational Tracking" which he bought a copy and was instantly hooked on the concept. Then the experimenting with Erma began.

After seeing how much Erma loved the game of finding someone, using her problem-solving skills, seeing Louis and Erma's bond grow and how physically and mentally satisfied

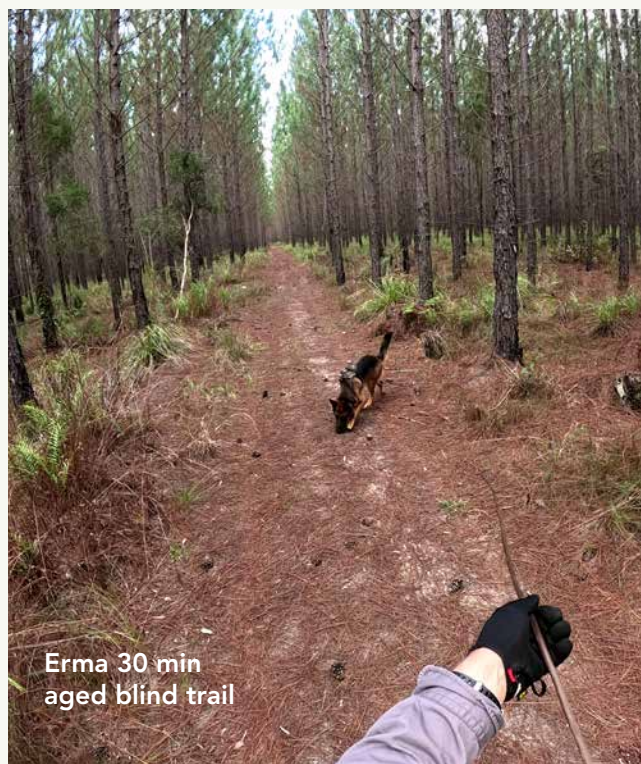
she was after a trail, Diane encouraged Louis to take his knowledge further and enrol himself into the Mantrailing Global Instructors course.

Fast forward to now, many more books have been bought and read, workshops attended and many many trails completed, both successful and unsuccessful, the unsuccessful trails are always the best learning moments and of course Certifications earned.

Louis and Diane setup Manhunt K9 in July 2023 and offer Mantrailing classes and workshops for all breeds ranging from the biggest Great Danes to the smallest Mini Poodles and everything in between, of course including the mighty German Shepherd. We encourage dogs of all ages to partake, from the youngest of puppies to the most senior of dogs.

Manhunt K9 is based on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, with training sessions held in forest settings, industrial areas and built-up urban environments. We started Manhunt K9 with the goal to provide a suitable alternative outlet for everyday companion dogs. It is our opinion that Mantrailing taps into the dogs fundamental desire to hunt and provides unmatched biological fulfilment.

Mantrailing dogs are trained to recognise, retain and follow the specific scent of the individual they are tasked to find - we call this person the 'Trail Layer'. Each person has a unique scent, influenced by factors like skin cells (rafts), sweat, and personal odours (including clothing and fabrics worn). All of these factors including the ground disturbance caused by the footsteps of the trail layer form the trail the dog is tasked to follow which ultimately leads to their reward for a successful find.



Mantrailing often involves problem-solving for the dogs, however dogs do not need to have any prior training to be great Mantrailers.

Dogs have been surviving by following scent trails for thousands of years and it is only our role to show them which trail to follow. We try to influence the dogs as little as possible throughout their trails and strive to teach any lessons required as naturally as possible for the dog to discover by themselves.

Effective communication between the dog and handler is crucial in Mantrailing. We generally describe the dog handlers as 'interpreters'.

The dog is constantly communicating with us via their body language and through the leash while they are working a trail. Handlers will learn to read their dogs' behaviour to understand if the dog is on the correct trail, encountering difficulties, or possibly close to finding the trail layer.

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Mantrailing has many positive benefits to both our companion dogs and working dogs. These benefits can be:

Mental Stimulation: Mantrailing is like many dog sports as it promotes problem solving and strategic thinking. We encourage all of our Mantrailing dogs to be confident and independent thinkers. This helps to provide the dogs with the problem-solving tools to quickly negotiate puzzles which keeps them engaged with the trail.

Mantrailing also helps to keep the mind sharp and active.

Physical Activity: Dogs, especially active breeds, may have a surplus of energy that needs an outlet. Mantrailing provides a structured and safe activity to channel that energy in a positive and productive way. Providing dogs with the right biological fulfilment and satisfying their drives in appropriate ways can also positively affect their behaviours in other areas of their lives.

Emotional Bond: A handler and their Mantrailing dog will develop a strong bond. As the dogs are growing their understanding, building their foundational skills and working through trails, they are encouraged and praised by their handlers. This shared experience strengthens the emotional bond and you become a real team.



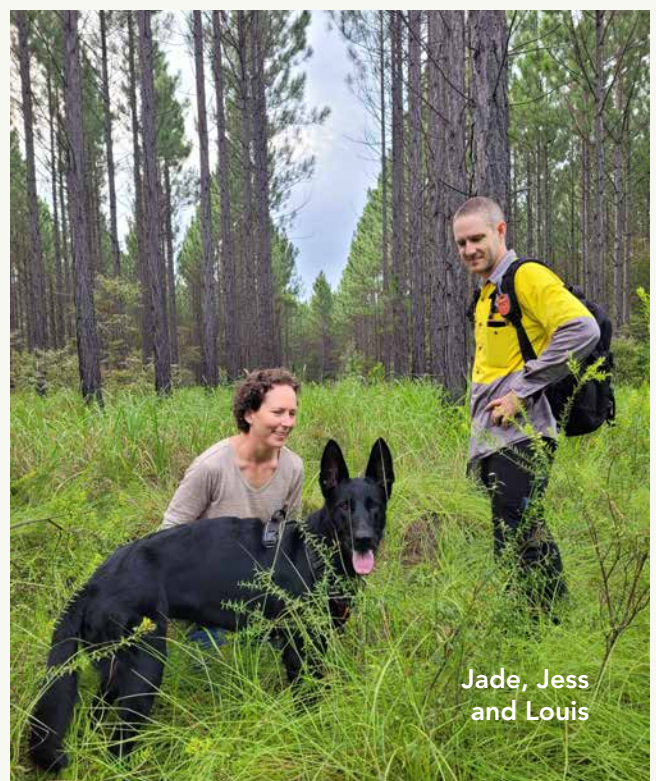
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Diet And Infertility in the Bitch

Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc 2024

Problems with fertility in bitches are fairly common, particularly as they age.

The origins of these infertilities can cover a wide range of reasons and causes.

This article mainly relates to those affected by nutrition.

Starting with the basics:

1. Weight

Too thin – if bitches are too light on in condition, they often fail to cycle or cycle very infrequently. Conception rates are often poor. Pregnancy is a luxury and if too light on in condition, the body may consider this a risk it cannot afford.

Too fat – bitches may get pregnant, but litter size is often reduced, as well as increased problems whelping with higher neonatal mortality.

2. **Age** – as bitches age, litter size decreases. Hormonal imbalances increase.

3. **Timing of Mating** – this is far more reliable these days with progesterone testing. Mating too early or too late decreases litter size.

A bitch needs to be in ideal weight and have a correct diet to help maintain a successful pregnancy. Starting on an optimal diet 6-8 weeks before the next season is due allows a bitch to be in the best condition for maximum fertility.

An optimal diet for fertility needs increases in protein (usually meat based), essential and polyunsaturated fats as well as increases in vitamins and minerals which together appears to guarantee a better clinical presentation of oestrous, faster embryonic development in the first 1/3rd of pregnancy as well as a lower incidence of foetal resorption and increased litter size.

Diet

Diet can affect fertility across a kennel. Certain breeds can be more sensitive to various dietary components. When assessing whether diet is an issue, it is best to look at the kennel's fertility history.

If the kennel previously had a good history of fertility (relative to the breed) and then either slowly or suddenly, the fertility drops across the kennel, a change in diet is usually the major cause. The diet should be looked at and traced back to the last major change. Adverse changes usually take 3-4 months to show up.

Quite often the cause is a result of major changes in the diet such as sudden changes of dry food, removing or reducing saturated fats, changing to homemade diets with insufficient mineral and vitamin supplementation.



Dry foods – most dry foods are excellent in their fat, protein, mineral and vitamin base sufficient to maintain normal weight and condition. In times of increased demand such as rapid growth, heavy work, pregnancy and lactation, various components of diets need to be increased in order to cover these high demand situations.

An area that has some concern is where those components contain phytoestrogens. Phytoestrogens are produced by plants and can be structurally similar to oestradiol and have the ability to selectively bind oestrogen receptors and may thus reduce the concentration of biologically active endogenous oestrogen; these are known as oestrogen disruptors. Others have anti-estrogenic effects, ie. block oestrogens from working. Not all phytoestrogens are bad, and they cover a wide group of compounds.

The phytoestrogens that interfere with fertility are usually associated with red clover and soy. Both of these are high in the phytoestrogen subtype Genistein and Coumestrol. Other than soy, and red clover, most legumes including peas, flax seed have negligible to no amounts of oestrogenic phytoestrogens. High levels of genistein have been shown to impact fertility in animals and humans as well as implicated with impaired thyroid function. Coumestrol has even more pronounced oestrogenic effects and can affect reproductive health and thyroid function. It appears both





of these phytoestrogens mainly affect female reproduction. Soy levels are highest in grain free dry foods. While these are generally excellent foods for most conditions, ages and breeds, if there is a fertility issue within the kennel, avoid high soy or grain free dry foods.

Most other phytoestrogens are non-oestrogenic in effect and are often associated with health benefits if used in appropriate proportions (eg. flax seeds). Peas and other legumes have negligible to no oestrogenic effects. Low supplementation (<5%) with Flax seeds has been associated with increased uterine health, increased conception rates and embryonic survival in cows (and dogs).

Fats

Fats are a high source of energy and convert to 2.25 x more energy than protein or carbohydrates. Fats are also essential for the absorption of various vitamins, including Vitamins A, D, E, and K. Better reproductive outcomes can be related to the higher supplementation of essential fatty acids. A lack of essential fatty acids leads to reproductive disorders as well as newborn abnormalities of the kidneys and liver. Essential fatty acids must be present to ensure hormone production and egg cell development.

Non-essential fats are Omega 9's, which dogs can synthesise within their body. Essential fatty acids are deemed those that dogs cannot synthesise, which includes the Omega 3's and 6's, so must be provided in the diet. Omega 3's consist of - 3 subtypes:

- Alpha-linolenic acid (ALA) – found in eggs, walnuts, flaxseed oils. Canola oil, algae like spirulina
- Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) – found in fish, fish oils, oysters and mussels
- Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) – found in fish (cold water), fish oils, eggs, oysters mussels

Dogs use ALA to convert it to EPA & DHA, which is an inefficient action, therefore a dog's diet should maximise EPA & DHA rather than ALA. Omega 3's produce hormones that reduce inflammation and regulate the immune system.

Omega 6s - linoleic acid (LA), which dogs efficiently convert to Arachidonic acid (AA) in their bodies; therefore, AA is not considered an essential fatty acid in the dog. Omega 6's stimulate hormones that promote inflammation. Linoleic acid (LA)'s are found in animal meats, plant-based oils such as corn, sunflower, safflower or soyabean oils. The ratio fed of Omega 6 and 3 fats was considered important as they

have different benefits and work together to provide their nutritional value. This ratio was originally put Omega 6s to 3s at 30:1. However, recent studies have put this ratio much lower at between 5:1 - 10:1, which is far more appropriate. A leading expert recommends ratios as low as 2:1 - 4:1. Many commercial diets currently have the old 30:1 ratio. Grain fed livestock have around Omega 6: omega 3 ratios of between 5:1-up to 10:1. Grass fed livestock has a ratio of 1:1 up to 3:1 There for grass fed sources of animal fats are to be preferred.

Minerals and Vitamins

Most dry foods have very comprehensive vitamin and mineral additive profiles. On rare occasions infertility may occur across a kennel by moving to (or living in) an area deficient in minerals as can be seen most commonly in high sand areas. A lack of minerals in the ground means that while dogs normally ingest small amounts of dirt, these are lacking in sandy areas. Supplementing these dogs on a good multivitamin/multimineral mix (sometimes with a clay base) given 2-3 x weekly can greatly improve fertility across a kennel.

Where suspecting that there is a vitamin or mineral deficiency in the diet, or when feeding homemade diets, use a good multivitamin/multimineral supplement such as 'Elevit', a human pregnancy supplement, which can fill most missing gaps in the diet as well as having a high Vitamin B group component. A GSD bitch would require ½ tablet daily.

Conclusion

Diets with higher protein and essential and polyunsaturated fats as well as increases in vitamins and minerals seems to guarantee a better clinical presentation of oestrous, embryonic development in the first 1/3rd of pregnancy as well as a lower incidence of foetal resorption. Availability (digestibility) of different nutrients affects both litter size and % of resorption.

Ideally, start any supplements or dietary improvement 6-8 weeks before any expected season and continue throughout the pregnancy. Diets with 29-32% protein with a reasonable % of animal-based protein are recommended for pregnant bitches. Increasing fat levels from 12-14% should increase to around 19-20%, ideally by increasing animal-based fats. Overall fat content and fatty acid profile affects pregnancy rates, litter size and neonatal survival.

Food intake should increase around week 5-6 (gradually increasing to 1.5 x normal), with smaller feeds being fed more often until parturition. Food intake for lactation can be up to 2-4 x normal depending on litter size.

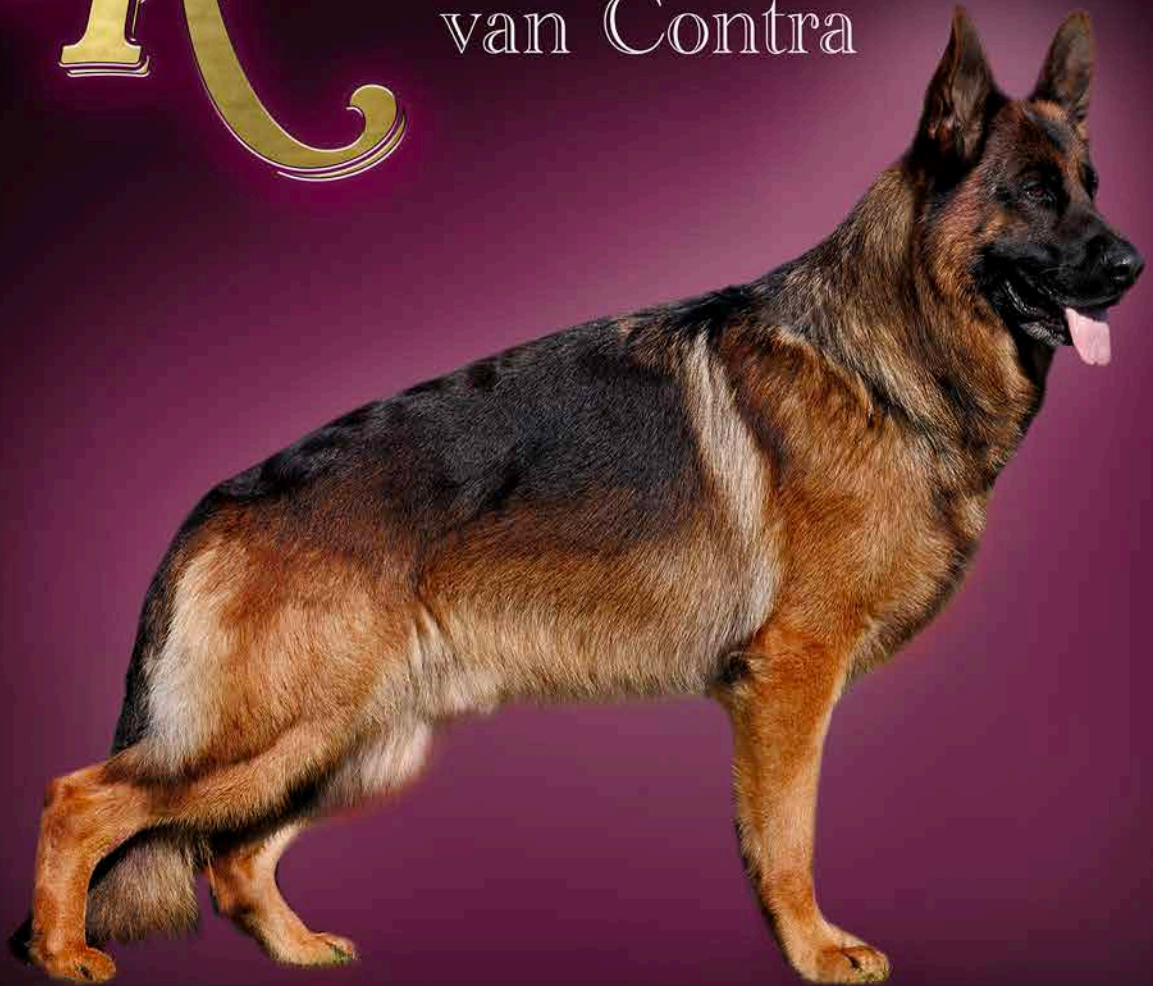
Remember, where infertility is an issue, avoid high soy-based foods, which are usually associated with grain-free diets.

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MICROCHIPS IN DOGS: PLACEMENT AND MIGRATION

As a responsible pet owner, you're likely familiar with the concept of microchipping your dog. Beyond its basic purpose of identification, understanding the specifics of this procedure can be fascinating and crucial for the safety and recovery of our canine companions.



Photo: Jaknell Kennels

Where Are Microchips Placed in Dogs?

A microchip is typically implanted in a specific and standardised location on a dog between the shoulder blades, just under the skin. This area, known as the subcutaneous tissue, is chosen for several reasons:

Comfort: The region between the shoulder blades is generally less sensitive, making the procedure more comfortable for the dog.

Minimised Migration Risk: Implanting the microchip in this location reduces the chances of migration. Microchips can move

if placed elsewhere, but between the shoulder blades, they tend to stay put.

Accessibility: Veterinarians and shelter workers can easily scan this standard location. Anyone who finds a lost dog can quickly scan the right area, increasing the chances of successful identification.

Anatomy and Microchip Placement

Understanding a dog's anatomy is crucial for safe and effective microchip implantation. Here's why the area between the shoulder blades is chosen:

Subcutaneous Tissue: This area has a relatively thick layer of subcutaneous tissue just beneath the skin and on top of the muscles. It provides enough padding to protect the microchip and ensures it remains just under the skin, making it easy to locate with a scanner.

Reduced Risk of Interference: Dogs cannot easily reach between their shoulder blades to scratch or bite, minimising the risk of irritation or infection post-implantation.

Stability: The shoulders are less mobile than other parts of the body, decreasing the likelihood of the microchip moving from its original placement.

The Procedure

Microchipping a dog is quick and relatively painless, similar to a routine vaccination. Here's how it works:

A veterinarian uses a specialised needle to insert the microchip, which is about the size of a grain of rice. The microchip is placed directly under the skin in the prescribed location between the shoulder blades. The procedure ensures optimal performance and minimal discomfort for the animal.



Image: Heather Archambeault

Migration Concerns

While microchips are generally stable, there's a possibility of migration over time. If a microchip moves from its original position, it can become harder to find and scan. However, veterinarians take care to insert the chip between the muscle and skin, minimising this risk.

Conclusion

Microchipping remains a crucial tool for pet safety and identification. By understanding the placement and potential migration, we can ensure our furry friends are well-protected, even if they decide to explore different parts of Australia!

Always have your vet check the microchip during your regular check-ups.



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Statistics
SV Zeitung February Edition 2024

	2022	2023
Stock Coat Litters	1,610	1,155
Stock Coat Whelps	8,200	6,000
Long Stock Coat Litters	150	104
Long Stock Coat Whelps	754	544
Shown at Breed Shows:		
Stock Coats	6,739	6,519
Long Stock Coat	2,052	2,126

MY FRIEND

KLAUS SIEVERS (GMY)

27.03.2024

A tribute by Jess Lynch (AUS)



I first met Klaus 16 years ago when I travelled to Europe. I visited the local club, and initially, he wasn't supposed to be at the club that day, but when he heard I was coming, he changed his plans to bring Vegas for me to see. Klaus was that type of person.

Klaus became involved in the German Shepherd Dog Sport through his neighbour, another very successful breeder Winifred Benitz and it quickly became his passion.

He was always working to become a better handler, breeder and trainer and was always willing to share this knowledge. He was completely dedicated to doing the best work he could do for the dog and this showed in the success of the dogs with which he became involved.

His involvement included many important dogs in the breed's history with an enviable track record of VA placings at the German Sieger Show:

2005 SG1 Vegas du Haut Mansard

2006 VA1 Xara vom Agilofinger

2008 VA1 Vegas du Haut Mansard

2009 VA1 Vegas du Haut Mansard

2012 VA 1 Remo von Fichtenschlag

2012 SG1 Rustols Xhena Xellent

2013 VA Omen vom Radhaus

2013 VA Faya vom Adelschlag

2014 SG1 Cronos del Seprio

2017 VA1 Gary vom Huhnegrab

2022 VA1 Usher aus der Brunnenstrasse

2023 VA1 Usher aus der Brunnenstrasse

VALE

In 2017, Klaus opened his home to me immediately making me feel at home, telling me to treat the dogs as if they were my own. We would head to training every afternoon then come home and have pasta for dinner.

He always wanted to promote the breed in a positive way and was proud of the impression that his and Jim's participation in the BSP last year was giving the GSD across the world. He was excited for the upcoming Universal Sieger.



DNA TESTING: PARENTAGE

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In September 2023, myself, along with a handful of other GSDCA representatives, participated in a brief meeting with Daniele Strazzeri, the Vice President of the SV and the continental director Heather MacDonald. DNA testing for parentage was discussed, and considerations and some limitations were made and explained for Australia. This has, in turn, raised the discussion item at the most recent GSDCA AGM about the implementation of the GSDCA DNA parentage scheme.

DNA testing for proof of parentage was seen as an achievable goal towards our compliance with some areas of the WUSV Harmonisation program. The Council originally agreed to go down this path in anticipation that Dogs Australia was going to introduce a National DNA scheme, which would provide an avenue for testing our dogs; in preference to sending samples to the SV in Germany. The Dogs Australia ANKC scheme did not proceed, however, and to date, only Dogs Queensland has introduced it as a requirement for registration of puppies.

The reasoning for this scheme is to provide proof of parentage and pedigree within the Australian gene pool (bred/born in Australia). Which would in turn remove any concern or question and provide clarity for sired litters, mis-mating or dual sired litters for example. The SV have had this scheme in place for well over twenty years. Whilst it seems obvious, the clarity and honesty of proving this, remains absent in our breeding program in Australia. Consideration is given to recommending only performing DNA sampling on dogs who are going through the hip and elbow X-ray scheme for breeding. Thereby, the collection of samples whilst attending a veterinary professional would be preferential to testing an entire litter at the time of registration with the local state Dogs Australia affiliated body.

Dogs QLD have had DNA testing for parentage in place for some time now for all registered puppies. However, their trend is to only require this for puppies registered on main and not limited register. There has been a more recent transition from the use of an Australian laboratory – Orivet, to utilising Massey University NZ DNA laboratory (InfogeneNZ). It is worthwhile considering the use of the same laboratory so that Dogs QLD members are not undergoing double the cost and repeating the process.

The recommendation from Clare Wade (Professor at Sydney University of animal genomics) is to utilise the same

laboratory consistently. Massey is using a microsatellite panel, while Orivet is using a SNP panel. Based on her knowledge and information provided, either is ok to use, but it is best if all animals are tested on the same one. All of the parentage test providers are meant to use ISAG markers. In order to determine parentage accurately, the information for both parents and the progeny are required and these need to be for example, all SNP or all microsatellites. The laboratory should be able to save the marker results with the dog/s ID.


The preferred collection method for DNA based testing is hair samples, as these store well for a long period of time. Buccal swab sampling is also preferred and is an easy sampling technique. Both are included in the DNA sampling pack provided by InfogeneNZ. Semen and blood can be utilised; however, an FTA card is a requirement for this. Vials or straws for Semen can also be used and sent in a tamper proof bag. However, submission of biological products (blood and semen) incurs greater risk and expense for posting internationally.

A veterinarian or approved collection agent can be utilised for hair or buccal swab sampling. Information on the Canine DNA sample collection envelope can be completed by the owner and collection agent. This is then posted to InfogeneNZ at Massey University. Test requests must be submitted online and paid for at that time.

The process would be to register an account with InfogeneNZ and then process payment for genotype parentage only. Currently, InfogeneNZ charges \$54 AUD for a genotype, which includes any parentage, and resamples are at no cost. InfogeneNZ stores the samples, so if the owner needs other testing further down the track, we can pull the stored sample, and if it is in good condition, we can test for other diseases. Transferring of data is also something we need to consider. InfogeneNZ has a system that can accept a "data dump" transfer onto a database or spreadsheet. A spreadsheet at our end may be a worthwhile consideration initially, or immediate submission onto the council database at the time of hip and elbow results being added.



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SIRE VERIFICATION (name all sires being tested)

DNA PROFILE ONLY

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DM HCHSF4 HUJ

WVD-1 MDR1 MERLE (hair)

DE/CC + EPISODIC FALLING COMBO

DOG GENETIC BREED ID (VHL, sub-contract)

OTHER (please specify below: _____)

VET / SAMPLE COLLECTOR DETAILS

SAMPLER NAME: _____

VET CLINIC: _____

DATE COLLECTED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

At this stage, my aim is to collate a pilot study group and present this to the NBC in July 2024, thereafter, raise a motion for the 2025 AGM to implement this as part of our breed survey scheme for breeding animals.

Genetic Panel Screens: How to use them in your breeding program

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As a canine geneticist and genetic test developer I have always been keen to use genetic testing in my breeding program. My first dog was tested by Optigen LLC USA for PRA-PRCD and CEA at a cost of over \$400 USD. As the numbers of available genetic tests grew, it became clear that if testing costs remained so high, that breeders would be unable to afford to use relevant genetic tests in their breeds. As technology progressed making DNA sequencing cheaper, and as more testing agencies recognised this problem, the costs of individual genetic tests began to decline to about \$100 AUD and \$60 USD in Australia and the USA respectively. Technology progressed further and as larger scale genome-wide assays became possible the test costs for individual tests declined even more dramatically, putting breed panels within a very affordable budget for most breeders. Today, several commercial companies offer panel tests and can report many different genetic test results for your dog.

What is a panel test?

Panel tests work by testing a very large number of places in the DNA simultaneously. It is not uncommon for the tests to examine over 200,000 places in the genome at once. This allows the makers of the panels to design markers explicitly examine the exact places where mutations are known to reside. These assays work extremely well for tests for mutations that involve only one letter of DNA when high quality DNA samples are used. They do not work so well if the genetic change that affects the trait of interest is larger, making it quite hard to assay by this method. The testing accuracy for panel tests ranges from around 90% accuracy when low quality DNA samples are used (e.g. saliva swab without a chemical DNA stabilising agent), to around 98% when high quality DNA samples are used (e.g. fresh blood or tissue).

How do they work?

The markers that are assayed by these tests are called Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (or SNP pronounced "snip"). These kinds of markers most always only have two possible forms, let us call them marker "A" and marker "B". The test works by trying to capture the specific DNA (from the dog) for the "A" version of the gene, and the "B" version of the gene separately. It attaches a light emitting chemical that "lightsup" when the matching DNA binds. The brighter the light on that version, the more of that DNA is there. So, in a dog that only has the "A" version (homozygous for A), we would see bright light on the assays for the "A" version and no light on the assays for the "B" version. If a dog has only the "B" version (homozygous for B), we would see bright light on the "B" assays and no light on the "A" assays. If a dog has both versions (heterozygous) then we would see less bright light on both version assays. If there is insufficient DNA in the sample, or sample contamination, then we may see a little glow. The software should then report "no-call".

This genome-wide solution is an amazing innovation, but it is broadly recognised in the dog genetics research community that dangers lurk with these technologies and we must carefully assess their usage for breed population management.

Single-gene test versus panel test

Single gene tests nearly always use a different technology that assays only one DNA region at a time. Less DNA is needed to get a good result from this test, because we do not need to spread a small amount of Dog DNA over 200,000 different assays. Single-gene tests are typically more expensive, as there are more laboratory steps involved in designing and running them. The best laboratories perform these tests multiple times, and make sure that the results all agree before sending them to you.

Problems with panel tests

As a researcher, I will typically run panels on my own dogs to gain a first look at their expected DNA test results. However, when I want a test to report as the official result for my dog, I choose to use a single-gene test developed for my breed from an accredited laboratory. Why do I do that?

Problem 1

We already alluded to a problem with DNA quality. On a panel test, low DNA quality can have effects on the quality of the calling. If the computer algorithm that reads the test from the panel is incorrectly set, a test that should be a no-call might be given the result of "heterozygous" or "Carrier". Unless you are assaying a fresh blood or tissue sample, you may see this problem.

Problem 2

A test may be published by a research group that reports an association between a particular marker and a trait or disease of interest. Often, a large amount of extra research work is required to ensure that the proposed marker is actually the causative change for the condition. This is expensive, and research funding in the canine sciences is difficult to obtain. So often times, this work is not done before the test is released, particularly if there is strong breed pressure for release. Therefore, the test may be looking at the wrong variant and the variant that it is assaying may be harmless.

Problem 3

Many genetic conditions are not simply inherited. They may act as simply inherited in some breeds, but that may rely on a host of other detrimental characteristics influencing the trait having high frequency in that breed. The variant acting as a recessive may just be the "straw that breaks the camel's back". This means that the test is only of value in the breed where it was discovered. While the variant may really be a variant and it may really change the protein produced by the gene, the "detrimental variant" may simply represent normal variation that makes us different from our brothers and sisters. It may not be a disease indicator at all.

No test developed for one breed should be used for another until extensive research shows that it is valid for a second breed. How should panel tests be used? Panel tests are a fabulous way to get a "heads-up" on the potential status of your dog. You should only pay attention to tests that are "validated" or "verified" for your breed, particularly if the tests relate to genetic disease. If you receive a result that concerns you or is unexpected, then you should send a high-quality sample (blood or tissue collected by a veterinarian) for a single-gene test from an accredited veterinary laboratory. You should not make decisions that affect your breeding program based on panel tests from an unstabilised saliva swab.

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EAR INFECTIONS and Otitis Externa in Dogs

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The tubular portion of the outer ear that carries sound to the eardrum is called the ear canal. The most common disorder of the ear canal in dogs is called otitis externa. This condition occurs when the layer of cells that line the external ear canal becomes inflamed. Signs include headshaking, odour, redness of the skin, swelling, scratching, increased discharge, and scaly skin. The ear canal may be painful or itchy depending on the cause or duration of the condition.

One or both ears can be affected, and signs can be sudden or long-term. Otitis externa can be caused by many different factors. Some of these factors (such as parasites, foreign objects, and allergies) appear to directly cause the inflammation, while others (such as certain bacteria, yeasts, or a middle ear infection) perpetuate the condition. To complicate things further, the shape or form of the pinnae or ear canals can predispose dogs to developing otitis externa. Identifying these factors is key to successful control of the inflammation. Unless all the causes are identified and treated, the condition may return. Based on these factors, your veterinarian can determine whether the condition can be cured or if long term or lifelong treatments are necessary.

A detailed history and thorough physical and skin examination can provide clues as to the cause of otitis externa. The pinnae and regions near the ear may show evidence of self-trauma (from scratching, for example), redness of skin, and primary and secondary skin abnormalities. Deformities of the pinnae, an abnormal

growth of tissue in the canal, and headshaking suggest long-term ear discomfort.

Your dog may require sedation or anaesthesia to allow a thorough examination using an otoscope. This is especially true if the ear is painful, if the canal is obstructed with discharge or widespread inflammatory tissue, or if the animal is uncooperative. An examination using an otoscope will allow identification of foreign objects deep in the ear, impacted debris, low-grade infections with parasites, and ruptured or abnormal eardrums. Tissues for culture (to identify any infection-causing microbes) are usually taken at the same time that the examination of the ear canal using an otoscope is being conducted.

Sometimes a smear taken using a cotton-tipped applicator can provide immediate diagnostic information. The external ear canals of most dogs and cats harbor small numbers of harmless microorganisms. These organisms may cause disease if the environment of the ear changes in a way that allows them to multiply and cause an infection. Microscopic examination of a smear can quickly determine if this type of overgrowth is present.

If your dog has any type of discharge from its ears, it should be examined by a veterinarian. A dark discharge in the canal usually signals the presence of either a yeast infection or a parasite such as ear mites but may also be seen with a bacterial or mixed infection. Your veterinarian will examine the discharge for eggs, larvae, or adults of ear mites.

Additional tests are sometimes needed to identify the factors causing the inflammation. Allergy testing may be recommended. Hair samples for ringworm tests may be warranted. Biopsies from animals with long-term, obstructive, inflammation of the external ear canal in only one ear may reveal whether tumours are present. X-rays may be taken when better visualisation of the eardrum is needed, when inflammation of the middle ear is suspected, or when neurologic signs (such as loss of balance) are present.

Treatment

To treat these conditions, your veterinarian will need to identify and correct any underlying causes. Any pain should also be managed. Usually, the area around the ear is clipped of fur to improve the cleaning and treatment of the ears. Your veterinarian may also recommend removal of the hair in the ear canals, a painful procedure usually done under anaesthesia.

Because topical medications can be inactivated by discharge from the ears or excessive earwax, your veterinarian will probably clean the ears gently and then dry them before treatment is started. In animals with painful ears, proper cleaning requires general anaesthesia. Follow your veterinarian's advice on cleaning ears at home. Many will recommend that you wait to start home ear cleanings until after a recheck appointment, usually in 5–7 days.

When properly applied, the ideal medication will coat the layer of cells lining the external ear canal as a thin film. Medication given by mouth or injection

will probably be included in the treatment regimen in most cases of long-term inflammation of the ear canal and in any case in which inflammation of the middle ear is suspected.

Most topical ear medications contain a combination of antibiotics, antifungal drugs, and glucocorticoids. Your veterinarian will prescribe one that is suitable. Irritating medications (eg, home remedies and vinegar dilutions) should be avoided. They cause swelling of the lining of the ear canal and an increase in glandular secretions, which predispose to bacterial or yeast infections. Substances that are usually not irritating in normal ear canals may cause irritation in an ear that is already inflamed. This is particularly true of propylene glycol. Powders, such as those used after plucking hair from the canal, can form irritating concretions within the ear canal and should not be used.



When severe bacterial infection of the external ear canal is the cause of inflammation, antibacterial drugs in combination with corticosteroids may be used to reduce discharges, pain, and swelling and to decrease glandular secretions. Dogs that have recurring bacterial inflammation of the external ear and a history of infection with ear mites should be treated with a topical product that contains antibacterial and antiparasitic drugs to ensure that any parasitic infections are eliminated.

The treatment should continue until the infection is completely gone. For dogs with bacterial and yeast infections, you should expect weekly or bi-weekly physical examinations and tests until there is no evidence of infection. For most cases, this takes 2 to 4 weeks. Long-term cases may take months to resolve, and in some instances, treatment must be continued indefinitely. Follow your veterinarian's recommended treatment program carefully and fully for the best result for your pet.

Preventive Care

The best treatment of inflammation of the outer ear is prevention. Be sure to inspect your dog's ears regularly and note any unusual temperature changes, changes in skin colour or condition, sudden increases in moisture, or other changes. When you notice changes in your pet's ears, it is time for a prompt check-up.



HOW TO CLEAN YOUR DOG'S EARS

When cleaning a dog's ear, it is critical not to use anything that would tend to push any debris further into the ear canal.

Cotton-tipped applicators (such as Q-tips) should not be used.

Assemble real (not synthetic) cotton balls and the ear cleaning solution. It is best to use saline eye solution to clean the ear. Do not use wax removal liquid or other over-the-counter ear cleaners.

Squirt enough cleaner into the ear to fill the canal. Massage the base of the ear until you hear the solution "squish."

Gently grasp the base of the ear and pull the pinna up and away from the head in order to straighten out the "L" shape of the canal.

Wad the cotton into a tubular shape and gently insert it into the canal as far as it will go.

Again, gently massage the base of the ear to help work debris and cleaning solution toward the cotton and dry the canal.

Wait a few minutes before using any medication in the affected ear(s) as instructed by your veterinarian.

JUDGING SOUTH ISLAND NEW ZEALAND

Melanie Groth
GSDCA Judge/Surveyor



Pictured above –LSC Runner Up – Westfield Maia and BOB Tiergarten Obi One

I was honoured to be asked to judge once again in New Zealand's South Island in February 2024 for the Otago Clubs' Combined Championship Shows. The event was made even more pleasing to find out that my co-judge for the weekend would be Jessica Kada (Jaknell).

My sister Nicky Jones (Edlenblut) decided to accompany me for the trip and offered to steno for both Jess and me over the weekend, and the clubs were pleased with this outcome as stenographers are a rare breed! Lavina Jarvis (President), her husband Frank and family were great company and looked after all our needs.



Mike Bradley (President of the NZGSDA Council) officiated as the Show manager and Deb Bannan Show secretary. A great team of people who looked after all our needs and questions. It was great to catch up with them all again. It was also great to catch up with Tony and Annie Gibson who travelled south for the show. Mel Bradley, Natasha, and Josh Field dominated the handling of the dogs both days. Thanks to all exhibitors for their sportsmanship and comradery.

Having not been to Dunedin before I was really looking forward to the trip and pleased that we were able to see some sights before returning home. New Zealand never disappoints for scenery and hospitality and I am pleased to say Jess, her mum Anne, Nicky and I had a



ABOVE: Obi One and Rebel One – BIS and RUBIS both days

very enjoyable time. Jess and I presented a workshop for the exhibitors at the end of the day on Saturday. This was really well attended, with exhibitors telling us they had learned a lot; thanking us for our insights on what judges look for and how handlers can improve their skills by understanding presentation and training.

The entry was very similar for both days with people making a weekend down south. The drive from Christchurch is nearly 5 hours and a further 3 hours south to Invercargill. I judged on the Saturday while Jess and Anne toured Dunedin. Our Best In Show and Runner Up Best in Show were the same both days. (pictured) The Long Stock Male (BIS) is the reigning National Gold Medal winner Ch Tiergarten Obi One by Labo from Acarya Quick Fakir. He is a cracking male just gone 7 years of age but still in absolute top form. Obi would give our best LSCs a real run for their money. He is absolutely dry and firm, with really good proportions, colour and pigment and an easy, free flowing movement.

His lovely daughter, presented in very out of coat condition was runner up to him both days; Ch Tiergarten Rebel One, her mother being the top producing Yester daughter Ch Booty Call of Taimana. Whilst a little more deeply angled in the hindquarter than her father she also has beautiful movement with



ABOVE: SC Sunday Westfield Quickstep(24) Reserve Challenge and Westfield Make My Day (26) Challenge

very firm ligamentation and is anatomically of very high quality. The reigning LSC Gold medal female, Acarya Sweet Royals, bred by Anita and Jim Shefford from Labo and her dam a litter sister to Obi One's mother Acarya Quick Fire was Jess' Challenge winner and my reserve.

A really well-coloured typey female with free-flowing movement. My LSC female challenge was the NZ Bred Winner Ch Westfield Maia from Eroica Catch Me If You Can and Westfield Ava. Her litter brother Ch Westfield Make My Day was the SC male challenge both days. I really liked this dog; firm, dry, well proportioned, well coloured and pigmented with correct angulations. The reserve SC female was a lovely Djambo/Shamrock daughter from the Oakway kennel, exhibited by the Bradley's. She was very typical of Djambo, well coloured and pigmented and a nice moving female.

I found it interesting to see the influence of Labo Schollweiher and Eroica Catch Me If You Can with very high-quality animals exhibited over the two days. The Junior is Show both days was a lovely red sable LSC female Ch Westfield La Rumba from Westfield Quick Step (NZ Bred Dog winner and reserve challenge under both Jess and I) and Westfield Gossip Girl. This was a really lovely just LSC female with a very bright future.



ABOVE: SC Sunday Westfield Quickstep (24) Reserve Challenge and Westfield Make My Day (26) Challenge

The Westfield kennel exhibited some beautiful sables both days and their Chili della Valcuvia daughter was Intermediate in Show under Jess, another very typical female with very good movement and high-quality anatomy. Stobar Luciano (Imp from Australia) and full brother to the versatile Stobar Sansaa was the Junior Dog winner; still a bit raw at this stage but a good frame to grow into. Mel Bradley exhibited a lovely Fred daughter Bradwin's Cover Girl from Oakway Addiction and the Bradley's young sable puppy dog Oakway Once in a Life Time from Hardcore and Veneze Yumiko won his class on both days.

The weather Gods rained on my parade on the Saturday but were a bit kinder to Jess hence there are more photos of the winning dogs from Sunday. All in all, it

was a very relaxed show, sponsored by Nutrience and whilst there was no gun test conducted the dogs were subjected to Clay target shooting both days as the venue was the Otago Gun Club not far from the coastline and it got a bit breezy at times. Nicky and I took the opportunity to have a look around Dunedin, visit Larnach Castle and were in awe of the amazing vistas around each corner. We spent the next 8 days, after meeting up with Brittany, Nicky's daughter, capturing the South Island's hot spots. We managed a must do tour of Milford Sound, a stay in the gorgeous Queenstown (where we caught up with Pat and Marcus Doughty - Ulverscroft GSD fame) who happened to be holidaying there by chance; a Fergburger and lake cruise to finish off before heading north-west through Wanaka, Haast and Fox Glacier, prior to heading back to Christchurch via the spectacular Arthur's Pass.

If you have a few hours to kill before flying out; visit the Antarctic Museum, it was fantastic. Would love to head back over for the NZ National in November but sadly it clashes with one of our major shows. I will get there one day.





Are you travelling to Adelaide for the 50th National Show and Trial?

Visiting dog-friendly tourist locations around Adelaide?

Here are some of the best!

Glenelg Beach:

This is one of the most popular beaches in Adelaide, and you can bring your dog along. You can walk along the jetty, enjoy the sand and the water, and dine at one of the many dog-friendly restaurants nearby.



Hahndorf:

This is a charming town with German heritage, located in the Adelaide Hills. You can explore the historic buildings, shop at the local markets, and taste the delicious German cuisine at the dog-friendly restaurants



McLaren Vale:

This is a beautiful wine region where you can sample some of the finest wines and cheeses in the country. Many of the wineries and cellar doors are dog-friendly, and you can also enjoy the scenic views and trails



Himeji Garden:

This is a tranquil Japanese garden, located in the Adelaide Park Lands. You can admire the pond, the rock garden, and the plants, and relax with your dog on a leash. It is a great place to escape the city noise and stress



Dog-Friendly Pub in Adelaide:

A great dog-friendly pub close to the centre of Adelaide is the Malt Shovel Taphouse Adelaide, part of the Adelaide Festival Centre and Sundays until late, with dogs welcome at the outdoor tables.



For more information:

<https://www.experienceadelaide.com.au/>

<https://www.adelaideexaminer.com/best-pet-friendly-cafes-in-adelaide/>



ITALIAN SIEGER

31 May 1-2 June 2024

Centro Sportivo Plebiscito - Via
Guglielmo Geremia - 35133,
Padova (PD)

Judges: Di Festa Mauro,
Gazzetta Fausto, Bösl Erich,
Zaglio Michel, Barbieri Gaetano,
Messler Nikolaus, Scheerer Dirk,
Macaluso Francesco,
D'Alvano Michele, Bochicchio
Mario, Pesole Francesco,
Todisco Catello, Roman Leonardo,
Barbanera Daniele.



BRITISH SIEGER

Saturday 8-9 June 2024

Tamworth Rugby Club, Wigginton
Lodge, Solway Close, Tamworth,
B79 8ED

Judge: Christoph Ludwig



German Sieger

5-8 September 2024

Nuremberg, Germany

Judges: Bernd Weber,
Christian Lang, Erich Bösl,
Friedrich Gerstenberg,
Andreas Weigel, Jochen Prall,
Norbert Wettlaufer, Uwe Sprenger,
Jens Lambertus.

2024 UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN SHOWS

03 /05/24	Caputi, Roberto (EUC)	GSDCSA	Adelaide	GSDCA National 3,4,5 May
03/05/24	Mast, Rainer (GMY)	GSDCSA	Adelaide	GSDCA National 3,4,5 May
19/05/24	Stokes, Fay (NSW)	GSDCTas	New Norfolk, Tas	SBE Tasmania
02/06/24	Collins, Stephen (SA)	GSDC Sth Is	Christchurch, NZ	SGSDC Open Show
02/06/24	Ballantyne-Gordon, Sharon (QLD)	GSDC Sth Is	Christchurch, NZ	SIGSL Open Show
02/06/24	Morton, Kurt (NSW)	GSDC Sth Is	Christchurch, NZ	Otago GSDC Open Show
02/06/24	Urie, Ian (VIC)	GSDC Nth Is	Auckland, NZ	Auckland Provincial GSD League
08/06/24	Ballantyne-Gordon, Sharon (QLD)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition
08/06/24	Gibson, Tony (AJ) (NZ)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Championship Show
09/06/24	Cambridge, Viv (NZ)	GSDCSA	West Beach, SA	Championship Show
09/06/24	Morris, Matthew (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	Members Competition
15/06/24	Flynn, Peter (SA)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	GSDAWA Fundraiser Champ Show - AM Show
15/06/24	Butterfield, Jean (SA)	Other WA	Southern River, WA	Collie & Shetland Sheepdog Club WA - PM Show
30/06/24	Fenner, John (WA)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	Members Competition
06/07/24	Green, Greg (VIC)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	Championship Show
07/07/24	Lang, Robert (Germany)	GSDCQ	Durack, Qld	Championship Show
20/07/24	Groth, Melanie (NSW)	GSDL	Orchard Hills, NSW	NSW SBE (20 & 21 July)
27/07/24	Morton, Kurt (NSW)	NHRGSDC	Hillsborough, NSW	Championship Show
28/07/24	Humphries, Natalie (WA)	NHRGSDC	Hillsborough, NSW	Championship Show
25/08/24	Yuen, Jenny (VIC)	GSDAWA	Southern River, WA	Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show

YOUTH REPORT

I am excited to say our 50th National Show and Trial is just around the corner. I always love this for the kids, as we generally see a larger number of kids participate in the youth handler classes. The National provides a good opportunity for the youth to participate with similar-aged kids to gain some further knowledge and get some tips or pointers from others that they would not generally see at regular shows.



Congratulations Cooper Wisdom
GSDCV 10-12 years Junior Handler of the Year 2023

The National also provides an opportunity for our youth to see the way dogs are presented in the larger classes. They can watch the top handlers in Australia and even some of the international handlers. This can be a great learning experience for the youth, and I encourage the youth to watch where they can, to pick up tips and tricks

In terms of events for the youth handler events

I am still hoping to speak with the other clubs about looking at appointing youth officers and assisting in organising some youth training or events where they



Stephanie Jones handling at
the German Sieger Show

can participate and have fun while learning. I would like to see more activities for youth participation, as the kids are our breed's future.

I will finish this report with a Good Luck Message to all competing at the National, and if at any time families or parents wish to contact me about finding some more information or help with finding suitable events, please don't hesitate.

Chelsea Jane Bird

PHOTOGRAPHS

50TH NATIONAL SHOW & TRIAL

Exhibitors:

Requirements for Printing of Photographs of Placegetters at the National Show and Trial

1. All conformation exhibits placed 1st to 10th, and all Excellent graded exhibit owners will be required to supply a photo of their animal as placed at the Show.
2. All obedience entrants are to be photographed at the time of vetting. The animal shall be in a sitting position alongside of the Handler.
3. The photo must be supplied as a high-quality (min 1Mb) 'jpg' file
4. Failure by the owner to supply a photograph will see no photograph of their animal included in the QNR.
5. **What do YOU need to do?** There will be Official Photographers at the National Show and Trial. Conformation placegetters will be photographed during the class. Obedience exhibitors will be photographed at the time of check-in and vetting.
 - It is the responsibility of exhibitors to view and approve the photograph taken at the event by the Official Photographer. All conformation

placegetters and every obedience competitor should ask to view the photo taken by the Official Photographer and, if desired, authorise its provision to the QNR Editor on your behalf.

- If you wish to substitute your own image of your animal for that taken by the official photographer, it MUST be forwarded to the Editor by 11pm on 5th June, 2024.
- The format must be jpeg and with file size of 1MB or greater.
- The email accompanying the image must state in the subject line: Catalogue number# • Class:
 - Animal's name# • Placing:
- Submissions must contain the animal's information described above
- Exhibitors failing to use either the photo taken by the official photographer or provide their own image by the due date, will have their animals critique published BUT WITHOUT a photo!

If you have any questions regarding the supply of your animal's photo for the Review, please email the Editor (Gail) for help at revieweditor@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

CLOSE OFF:

11 pm, 5th June 2024

With Guest Chef:
Judith Strachan!

Doggy Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 125g cooked pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons milk powder
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 1/2 cups brown rice flour
- 1 tablespoon parsley

Conventional method:

1. Heat Oven to 175c
2. In a bowl whisk 2 eggs with the pumpkin and the parsley
3. Add the milk powder, salt and the brown rice flour
4. Mix well.
5. Knead for 3 minutes
6. Roll out dough on a floured board and cut into shapes
7. Place on a baking tray and bake for 20 minutes, turn over and bake for a further 15 minutes.
8. Allow to cool before storing in airtight container.

Thermomix Method:

1. Heat Oven to 175c
2. make rice flour if needed by using the mill function
3. Add 2 eggs, 125g cooked pumpkin and 1 tablespoon parsley to bowl
4. Blend /20 sec
5. Add 2 tablespoons milk powder, 1/4 teaspoon sea salt and 2 1/2 cups brown rice flour
6. 15 sec/speed 3
7. Dough /3 min
8. Proceed from 6. Above

Use your imagination for variation.

I sometimes add some peanut butter, or coconut oil as a mix it up.



PAW-SOME TREATS

Liver Slice

(great for training treats!)

Ingredients:

- 1 large lamb's liver
- 2 eggs (I use all the egg including shell)
- 1/2 to 1 cup fresh parsley
- 2-3 peeled cloves of garlic – yes, it is safe to feed in small amounts, but optional
- 2-3 cups of rolled oats
- 4 teaspoons of kelp granules
- 1 cup of grated carrot

Conventional method:

1. Heat Oven to 150c
2. Chop Lambs liver into chunks and blend in an electric blender with the eggs until smooth
3. Add the parsley and garlic and mix through, maybe 1-2 minutes if that.
4. Transfer the mixture into a large bowl and add oats, kelp and carrot, stir until combined.
5. Put into a slice tin lined with baking paper.
6. Cook in the oven for 20-30 mins until nice and firm.
7. Cool and then cut into small squares.
8. Store in the fridge for up to 3 days or freeze in small containers.

For variations you could add other veggies, i.e. zucchini or pumpkin.



BONE APPETIT !!!

HELLO CURIOUS KIDS!

Have you got a question you'd like an expert to answer?

Ask an adult to send your question to us: revieweditor@gSDCouncilAustralia.org



HOW FAR AWAY CAN DOGS SMELL AND HEAR?

Benjamin, Age 9, Frankston VIC

Susan Hazel

Senior Lecturer, School of Animal and Veterinary Science,
University of Adelaide

Edwardo J Fernandez

Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida Institute of Technology

Great question Benjamin!

We know and learn about the world around us through our senses. The senses of smell and hearing in dogs mean they experience a different world to us. Dogs have many more smell receptors than humans. A receptor is a part of the nose that recognises each unique smell particle.

Dogs also have a lot more surface area in their noses and are better at moving air through their noses than us. Watch a dog sniffing and you can see this for yourself. If more air passes through their nose they have more chance to pick up smells. How far dogs can smell depends on many things, such as the wind and the type of scent. Under perfect conditions, they have been reported to smell objects or people as far as 20km away.

You might be interested to know dogs are not the only great smellers. The scientific family dogs belong to is Carnivora. This includes cats, bears and skunks. These animals have incredible senses of smell as well. Bears have some of the best senses of smell in the family. Polar bears can smell seals, which they hunt, from more than 30 km away.

What's that I can
smell? Polar bears
can detect a seal
from 30km away.



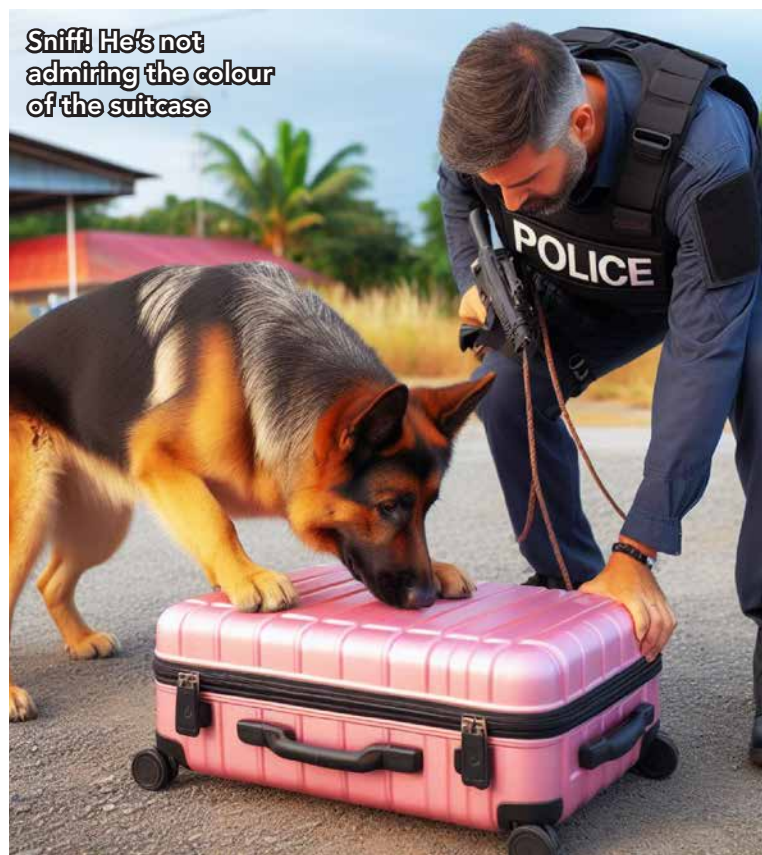
How would it feel if you knew just by smell when your best friend was in the next room, even if you couldn't see them? Wouldn't you love to know where your parents had hidden your favourite chocolate biscuits in the pantry, just by sniffing them out?

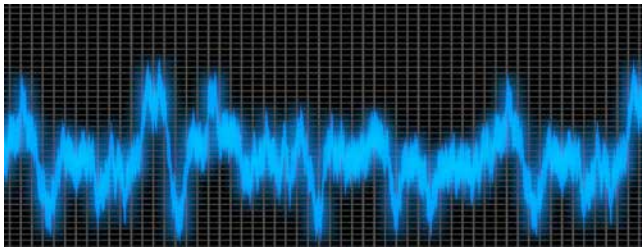
Dog - the detector!

This amazing sense of smell means dogs have some of the most interesting jobs of any animal: the detection dog.

Detection dogs help search and rescue organisations to find missing people, look for dangerous materials such as drugs and bombs, illegal imports at airports, and help find wild animals. All of it is done with their noses, which makes dogs some of the best sniffers in the world.

Sniff! He's not
admiring the colour
of the suitcase





Hear and far

Now we know dogs can smell lots of things from far away, what about their hearing? What can dogs hear, and from how far? To find out, first we have to talk about what dogs and all animals (including us) hear: sound frequencies.

Sounds have waves. The frequency of sound is how close together the sound waves are. The closer the waves are together, the higher the frequency or pitch. You can think of this like the beach during a storm when waves hit the beach more often.

Dogs and people hear about the same at low frequencies of sound (around 20Hz). This changes at high frequencies of sound, where dogs hear up to 70-100kHz, much better than people at only 20kHz.

Dogs hear sound frequencies at least three times as high compared to people.

You may have wondered how those special silent dog whistles work? They make high-frequency sounds that dogs can hear but we can't. Because dogs can hear higher frequencies than us, there are a lot more sounds

for dogs to hear. They can also hear sounds that are softer or farther away, as far as a kilometre. That means dogs can be more sensitive to loud sounds. This is why some dogs are scared of fireworks or thunderstorms. It is also why a dog might bark at a sound you cannot hear.

Prick up your ears

Part of how dogs hear so well has to do with their ear muscles. Dogs have more than a dozen muscles that allow them to tilt, lift and rotate each ear independently of one another. This helps dogs locate where sounds come from. It is also part of why dogs may tilt their heads to some sounds. Police who use dogs say the first sign their dog has located a suspect is when they see their ears move around to focus on a place.

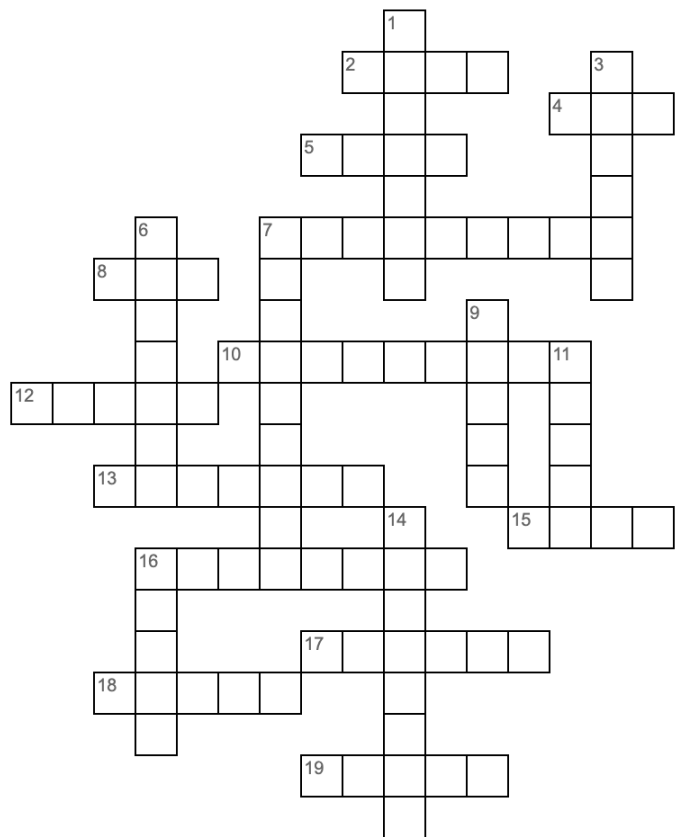
Having great hearing also helps dogs with another



one of their interesting jobs: the assistance dog. Assistance dogs work with people who need help in their daily lives, such as those who are blind or deaf.

Excellent hearing means dogs can identify people arriving at a home or oncoming traffic at a walkway. With such great hearing, dogs can help people in need navigate the world around them too! Thinking about different senses is a great way to learn about all animals. What are their senses like? How does that help them think about the world differently to us?

QUICK QUIZ



Across

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- 5 used for scenting
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- 17 shape of GSD eyes
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- 19 president GSDCA

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- 11 2021 Sieger male Germany
- 14 a form of exercise
- 16 bone of the hindquarter

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Need to check your answers?*

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The ACT has commenced obedience training again for 2024 on the grounds that we rent for one night per week from Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC).

The grounds suffer from being used by several functions early in the year. Commencing with the Summer-nats crowd camping in early January. This was followed by the Canberra Royal Agricultural Show where it is dedicated to horses including portable stables. The horse folk also take advantage of our club house veranda to paint their horses' hooves, leaving black paint marks that eventually wear away ready for next year. Come Easter the grounds are once again used for camping by the Folk Festival crowd.

Just in case the grounds improve over the next few months, we finish year with 'Move in the Groove' and 'Spilt Milk' music festivals on the grounds.

Considering the above, combined with zero to minimum watering the grounds can be very uneven with grass tufts causing a problem for our members during obedience training. This was also very evident at our 2023 Championship show.

In the previous Review we missed the club activities section, so here they are. Beside the Championship show (which will not be held this year) and our regular weekly obedience training, we conduct an Endurance Trial, Scent work training and trials. We also have regular weekend show fitness training.

As part of our obedience training, we incorporate Rally exercises, as well as various ZAP components.

We also hold at least one Breed Survey per year, usually on a date that meets members' requirements.

Several club members are travelling to the National in Adelaide. We wish them and other travellers luck and safe travels.

Wolf Meffert



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GSDL NSW End of Training Year Christmas Break Fun Night on 28 December.

The events were organised by Wayne Wagstaff, the GSDL NSW Instructor and Training Co-ordinator.

Around 13 dogs turned up along with their family members, so there was a great crowd of hopefuls ready to enjoy the games although rain was looming.

The first Teams Event: 2 groups (6 a side) lined up ready to run the Serpentine Relay Race. Speed with precision handling ruled this event, knocked over cones meant stopping, reset the cone, and then continuing on.



The wind and rain came up so everyone gathered under the awning area of the Club House to do the Most Down / Sits in 1 minute. The 1st 2nd 3rd place winners all had an impressive amount under their belts, 19 for Archie, 15 for Roger and 14 for Pebbles (Dog's names).



Tent pegs had to be used to hold down the paper plates for the Treat Race! The plates were planted, treats laid down and dogs lined up. The first race of two was run and the winners were: - 1st Cassidy, 2nd Archie, 3rd Lucy. The plates were reset with treats for the second race and some dogs got a little lost/confused with what they were doing. Some dogs were looking at the plates and saying, this isn't my dinner, where's dinner, is that all? 1st Marnie, 2nd Rex, 3rd Mishka.

In the Obstacle Challenge Relay Race, which used Rally O and Agility aspects, two teams of six had to follow the Rally O signs in one direction and then a different set on the return.



The dreaded Ball and Spoon Race, from the looks on people's faces, was played. One wooden shallow-dished spoon and one lightweight, thin plastic ball. The difficulty here was that the dog lead was in the same hand as the spoon! Surprisingly, they all did very well and the 2 races were over with very quickly. First race winners: - 1st Archie, 2nd Sherlock, 3rd Aspen. Second race: - 1st Rex, 2nd Lucy, 3rd Roger.



The Lucky Dip Ball Pool. A dog pool with those lightweight plastic balls, each having a number on them. By encouraging your dog to grab a ball, they won a small prize. If the dog didn't grab a ball, then it was the 1st ball they knocked out of the pool. This took a while to complete!



The special prizes were announced: Most Improved Handler/Dog with the most secret votes from their own class members, Puppy 2nd Class: - Marley & Roger and for 3rd Class: - Sheryn & Pebbles. The Training Co-ordinator's Encouragement Award went to Marley & Roger, one of our youngest attending Obedience Member and one of the largest and strongest male dogs (with added attitude) at training.

A good night with some rain just to make things a little more interesting for us.

December Sanction Show

The show was scheduled to begin at 8am but due to extreme temperatures and the flexibility of our judge Mrs Melissa Adamson (SA) we were able to change to an evening commencement at 6pm, resulting in more comfortable and safe conditions for dogs, handlers and all involved. There was a total of 74 entered and 52 exhibited. Best Bitch SC was Ch*Vladimir Supercalifragilistic AZ (Open) and Best Bitch LSC was Ch*Cinderhof Chaanel AZ (Open). Her Best Dog SC was *Sheznova Luca AZ (Open) and Best Dog LSC was Ch *Cinderhof Diaablo AZ (Intermediate).

Two sires had 5 progeny entered in the show:

- Chili Della Valcuvia – 6 shown – all in the open classes - 2 x first placings, 2 x seconds, 1 third, and 1 fifth
- *Pirlo Von Arminius (Imp Deu) – 1 x first, 2 x second and 2 x fifth placings.

A huge thank you to Melissa Adamson for being so accommodating in a difficult situation.

February 18th Breed Survey

Congratulations to all three dogs (females) and their owners/breeders for successfully passing Breed Survey today on the GSDL grounds at 11am:

Sundaneka Black Pirl by *Pirlo von Arminius x *Sundaneka Whizzy Woo

Sadria Very Elegant by *Laiko vom Huhnegrab x *Sadria Nelly Azincourt Colette (LSC) by *Obama du Montgison x *Karabach Quinn



Zap Familiarisation

Show training and equipment familiarisation were held from 10 a.m. Thank you to Matt Morris and Tony D'Arcy for their work setting up. At lunchtime, Tony D'Arcy cooked a sausage sizzle that was enjoyed by everyone.

Wishing everyone safe travels to Adelaide for the GSDCA 50th National Show and Trial and look forward to catching up with everyone.

Karen Stevenson





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The SA Club has been busy getting ready for the 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial. For those that have been part of an organising committee, you would understand just how much work and effort goes into the preparation for the event.

The Club returned to training after the Christmas break early February and over the past few months the numbers training in obedience and conformation have seen large increases! A Members Competition is to be held mid April with Matthew Morris as judge and after the National the May Trial will be conducted. The June Championship shows, 8 & 9 June 2024, are going ahead with two New Zealand judges Mr Tony Gibson and Mrs Viv McCambridge. Schedules are available on the website at <https://gsdcsa.org.au/news-results/schedules/>

The SA Club Members look forward to hosting our interstate friends over the 3, 4 & 5 May 2024 at Barratt Reserve, West Beach for our premier event of the year. If you find yourself at a loose end at the National, I am sure we can find a job for you!

Jane Pike



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GSDCQ members are gearing up training their dogs for the 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial in Adelaide. The heat in Qld has been unseasonably HOT, and we are now welcoming cooler weather to train our dogs.

The number of people driving the 22-hour distance has increased due to the increased cost of flying your dogs. But we will be there supporting our sister club and hopefully replicating previous successes.

Our Wednesday night show training recommenced at the end of January 2024, and our Sunday morning trainings are well supported.

Our first Obedience course starts at the end of March and we are opening this to other breeds.

The club is due to hold its first two shows on the 23 and 24 March with good entries for both shows.

We are very pleased that Royal Canin is sponsoring the Members Competition and our Championship shows in July 2024.

There will be a breed survey on Saturday, 23 March, with 10 dogs entered for the Survey.

Apart from the Brisbane Surveys, there are plans to hold a Breed Survey in Regional Queensland for the benefit of the members in this region. It is probable we will also hold a ZAP also that weekend.

We are trying to hold two ZAPs in Brisbane this year, but we need to have them when no other shows are at Durack so this limits the dates we can do so.

Plans are well underway for the 51st National in QLD in 2025, and we have raised through a variety of ways, Bunnings, Raffles and Sponsorship, a total now of \$22K towards funding the event.

Our big Raffle, which is a must buy event, is a CAR – Yes, a CAR and tickets will be on sale 12 months prior to the event.

Both judges for the 2025 National Harold Hohman (GMY) and Christoph Ludwig (GMY) have returned their contacts so are locked in, fingers crossed.

Our judges for our July Championship Shows are Greg Green (VIC) on the Saturday, and Robert Lang (GMY) on the Sunday. QLD are known for their trophies and this year we have gone all out, thanks to a very generous supporter of the breed. So, lock in the date.

We are working in conjunction with the Waterloo Kennel Club and will have Imran Husain to judge GSD in September, and our last show will be in October will be the State breed with Vince Tantaró judging.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 50th National in Adelaide and remember many hands make light work and for the clubs that hold the National for all of our benefit they will appreciate any offer of help.

Sharon Thorp



We've got off to a great start in 2023 and the GSDCV is back in full swing with training at branches, shows, trials and social events. Branches are busy with lots of dog and handlers loving being back at training, and all the puppies who were tiny in puppy class over the break are now growing up!!!. Branches have all held their AGMs in preparation for our new committee year too. Such a busy time for us.

Ballarat Champ Show was held at the end of January to start the show year. Major winners were SC Best of Breed *WILLMAURS GIDJET GIRL AZ and LSC Best of Breed *JACK VON FENRIR (IMP DEU).

We had grand plans for our 109th Championship Show and Trial on 9th & 10th March, but that got sizzled!!! Victoria's unpredictable extreme heat and Dogs Victoria rulings meant a last minute move of the show to Friday night in the cool, while the trial was completed on the Saturday morning. Credit to everyone involved in planning and getting the show up and going on 6 hrs notice, but credit most of all to those who took the decision to move in their stride and made the best of a difficult situation without complaint. To those, we salute and thank you. We know a few couldn't make the time change and for that we apologise, but even those on the boat over from Tassie arrived by 9 pm in time for their class with dogs ready to go in the ring. Almost 70% of entries were shown and it was a great night of showing. The trial the next morning proceeded with some great passes and was done well before the heat. In the end, the dogs in both the show and trial ring 'sizzled' with their performances! Well done and Congrats to all!!!

Our AGM and presentations were held on 24th March. It is always a great day to celebrate member and dog successes. Our new committees took office, and we celebrated retirements. Our Club Executive for 2024 is Vince Ebejer (President), Tony Mercieca (Vice President), Dearne Jackson (Secretary), Fiona Henderson (Treasurer), Vince Tantaro (Breed Affairs), and Sharon Hargreaves (Obedience Chair).

We presented many well-deserved Title awards for handlers and dogs who'd competed or achieved in the show or trial and performance events throughout 2023. And we recognised members for their service, be it short or long. Some of our longer awards to highlight were:

Continuous Membership: Julia Tahourdin (25) John Strachan (30) and Betty Beasley an amazing 50 years membership !

Obedience Instructor Service, some of our longer awardees were Peter Wallbridge (20), Julia Tahourdin (25) and Kevin Dare (35). Great dedication to instructing on a weekly basis.

Carole Osborne was also recognised for 20 years as a show instructor.

Our Perpetual Awards were as follows:

Ian Williams Perpetual Tracking Trophy

- T.Ch. Iniff Chicago Hope RA handled by Margaret Czarka

Dawn & Peter Howard Perpetual Track & Search Dog Trophy:

- TS.GR.CH.T.CH. Jayella Wot R The Odds CDX handled by Ian Woollard

Margot Haines Puppy of the Year:

- Male (SC) Bronboreo Geewizz Mrs Tracey Hill
- Female (SC) Bronboreo Russian War - Mrs Tracey Hill
- Male (LSC) Denargun Bad Boyz - Stephanie Staub
- Female (LSC) Michetto Become TheForceWithin - Michelle Rovetto

Eric Orschler Annual Breeders Trophy:

- Allinka Kennels Alastair & Fiona Henderson
- Schneider Trophy:
- *Obama Du Montgison a ED (Imp Deu)
- Mrs S Parker, Mrs S Bick, Mr J Carter and Mrs B Blythe

The Walter Reimann Annual Dual Performance Trophy

- Craig Whitford and *Ch Eroica Jethro AZ RN CCD ET

Specialist Dog of the Year 2023 (Stock Coat)

- *Obama Du Montgison a ED (Imp Deu)
(Owners – Sandra Parker, Sally Bick, John Carter, Barbara Blythe)

Specialist Bitch of the Year 2023 (Stock Coat)

- *Ch Cinderhof Sansaa AZ ET
(Owners – Judith & John Strachan)

Specialist Dog of the Year 2023 (Long Stock Coat)

- *Ch EROICA JETHRO AZ RN CCD ET
(Owner – Craig Whitford & Crystal Leonard)

Specialist Bitch of the Year 2023 (Long Stock Coat)

- *Allinka Will Of The Force AZ
(Owner – Ms M Rovetto)

Easter always brings the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal and will be held on 29th March, where our Western branch and helpers are out collecting for their 41st year – all to 'help the kids'. We can't wait to see how much they collect this year for such a worthy cause. Thanks to all who help out!

On the very near horizon is the GSDCV State Breed Exhibition and then it's the 50th National Show and Trial in early May. We wish everyone travelling a safe trip to Adelaide, good luck in the ring and go get 'em Vics !!!

Jacinta Poole

*'My Shepherd, My Friend,
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I'm not sure how this handsome fella missed the list of 2023 awards, so I will give him a special mention this time. Alderhaus Jack O Lantern was acknowledged for his Rally Novice title, but he also achieved his Tracking Dog Excellent title! Well done to you both for a great team effort.

On the long weekend, DogsWest held their Western Classic – so many dogs and disciplines were on show.

Sadly, our association lost three long-time members within a week: John Crace, Phil Burgess, and Neil Doble. Our sympathies go out to their families and friends.

Our training classes move from Night classes to Sunday mornings later in March. An independent observer tells me that there are lots of amazing pups who are focussed and have great temperaments currently training in the Beginners' class. Congratulations to the breeders and owners of these youngsters – we hope you will continue training and be superstars.

It's a massive weekend coming up for the Barry O'Rourke Memorial event—the 35th State Breed Exhibition. The event will include conformation, Obedience, and Rally Trials, Graduation, a Breed Survey, and a Z.A.P. Assessment. Everyone is as busy as bees preparing their dogs and the ground for this annual event.

April wraps up with a Double Tricks trial - I haven't attended one of these trails so this is in the diary – hope to have more information in the next report.

May is quiet month, but June sees a double header with Peter Flynn and Jean Butterfield judging our fundraising shows, then we have our class assessments and June ends with an Open Show – George Koutsantonis and our first Members' Competition – John Fenner.

Until next time – love your dogs because they sure love you.

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2024 took off to a flying start with our February weekend of Championship Shows, Breed Survey and a ZAP Assessment. Thank you to Karen Hedberg and Kurt Morton for judging, and to Alastair Henderson for conducting the Breed Survey with Karen. Thank you also to Mel Groth who conducted the ZAP assessments and new assessor training with Alastair.

Congratulations to Ildi and Frank Grigons, Lisa Williams (x 2!), and Sophie Anderson whose lovely youngsters passed the ZAP Assessment, and to the owners of the four dogs that were successfully breed surveyed, Roxamburg Pepperdew, Hasenway Miss Tingle, Hasenway Miss Buttercup and Rasti Vom Gamsetal (Imp DEU).

Ch. Kaster Van Contra (Kada, Haase, Peacock, Booth) was Best in Show and Komatzu Extra Hot Ruby (Tenaya Beaton) was Runner Up in Show under both judges. We had a terrific response to our request for trophy donations, and lots of tickets were sold in our Air BNB and Doggy Goody Basket raffles. A special mention to Greg Priest for making and donating the lovely Best in Show trophies, and a big thank you to our dream canteen team, Virginia and Jodie. Thank you to everyone who supported our club we really appreciate it.



We now have local ZAP Assessors with Lorraine Massis, Gabrielle Peacock and Sandra Parker successfully completing their ZAP Assessor training. It was also great to have Aspiring Breed Surveyors Kurt Morton and Jess Kada participating in their training program that weekend.



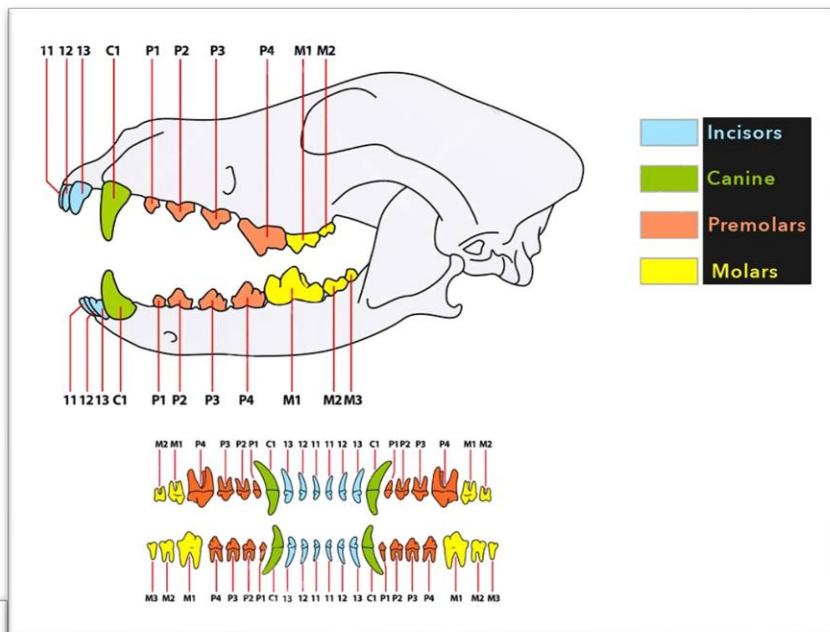
Since our last report Komatsu Hippastream owned by Melody Wright Brown and Roxamburg Serrano owned by Kristy Hall achieved their AZ certificates. Congratulations Melody and Kristy.

We are looking forward to the 50th National in Adelaide in May and our State Breed Exhibition on the 19th of May with judge Fay Stokes (NSW).

Janet Haase

Canine Dentition

The SV/FCI breed standard states 'The teeth must be strong, healthy and complete (42 teeth and in accordance with the dental formula)'. The German Shepherd Dog has a scissor bite, that is, the incisors must interlock like scissors, whereby the incisors of the upper jaw overlap those of the lower jaw. Occlusal overlay, overbite and retrusive (backward displacement) occlusion, as well as larger spaces between the teeth (gaps) are faulty. The straight dental ridge of the incisors is also faulty. The jawbones must be strongly developed so that the teeth can be deeply embedded in the dental ridge. (Donald, L. *The Definitive German Shepherd Dog*, 2022 p.925)



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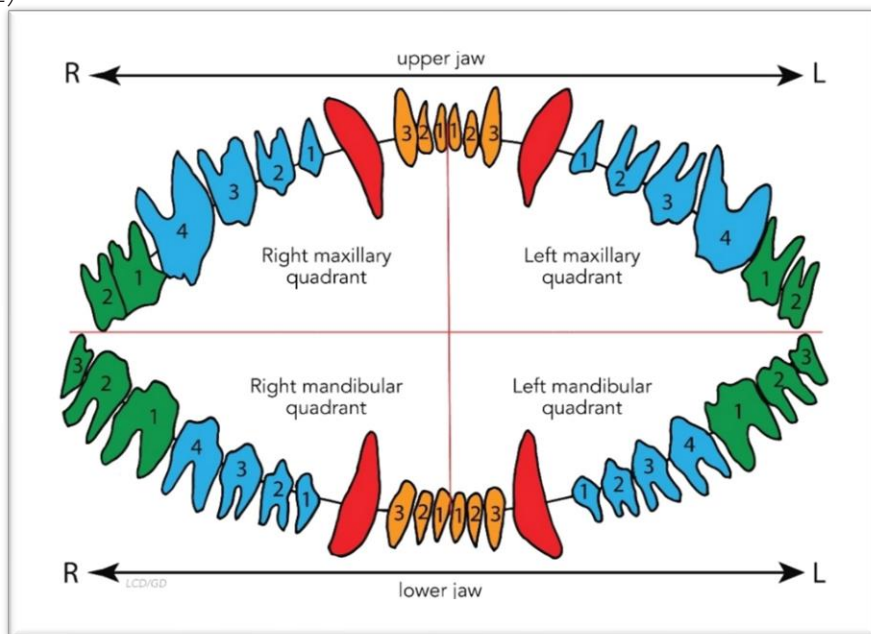
Pictured below - Dental arch, dental quadrant, and teeth numbering - upper (maxilla) arch and lower (mandible) arch. Each arch is divided by the midline. Teeth numbering is based on these dental quadrants. E.g. beginning from the midline the six incisors in each jaw are numbered upper left 3.2.1 - 1.2.3 upper right. (Donald, L. 2022. p.930)



Pictured Top - correct meshing of premolars.
Pictured Bottom - incorrect (Donald, L. 2022, p.932)



Pictured above - correct bite viewed from the front. Pictured below - dropped lower incisors (Donald, L. 2022, p.943/4)



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