

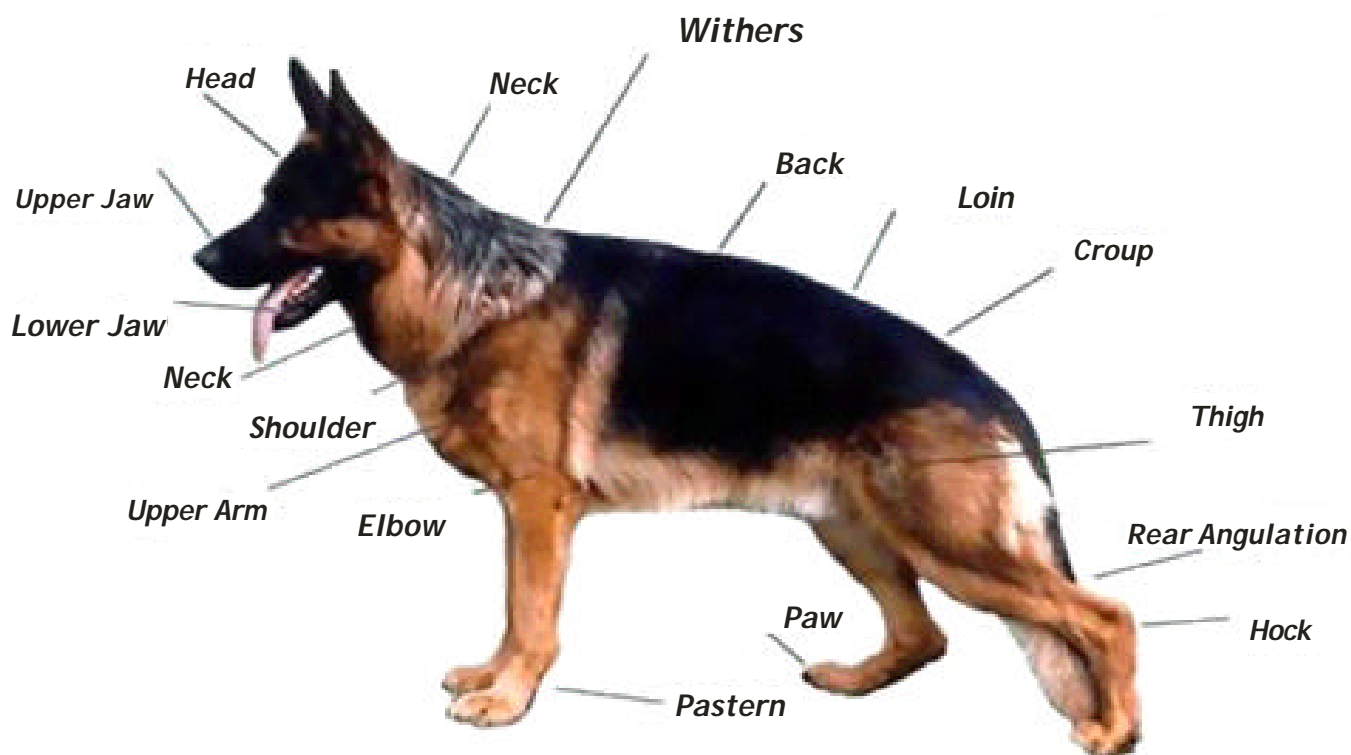
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Notices

General Meetings

We are continuing to fail in reaching a quorum for our monthly General Meetings. As this is unfair to those few (usually 10 or 12 people) who are travelling to attend the meetings only to discover that again we have insufficient numbers to hold a meeting, the committee has passed a resolution to change from monthly to quarterly meetings. These meetings will be held as follows:

March - General Business & Election of Judges

June - General Business

September - General Business

November - Annual General Meeting

Committee meetings will continue to be held on a monthly basis, this will ensure the continued smooth running of our club with the details of these meetings reported to the members by the reading of minutes at the next available general meeting.

State Title/Spring Fair Qualifying Scores

All Obedience Qualifying Scores from the NSW State Titles and the Spring Fair must be notified to our Show Secretary for inclusion in the 2012 Point Score results, please email them urgently to the Show Secretary Ann Mackenzie - druann36@bigpond.com or ring on 02 4579 9383

Change of Secretart's Details

Please note that as from 20th August my address will be: 23 Ariel Crescent, Cranebrook, NSW 2749 telephone 47304013 email remains the same.

Fay Stokes Secretary GSDL

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are now overdue, our Membership Registrar has forward notices to all current members. If you did not receive yours a renewal form is included in this issue. Also please note the special introductory memberships for puppy buyers are also still available, the form for these is available from Jessica or your Tattoo Officer.

A and Z Stamps

Please note that the A&Z cannot be used after a dogs name unless it has been x-rayed through National Council Schemes. If you have an animal x-rayed through the BVA you CANNOT use the A&Z stamp when entering shows or trials.

Long Stock Coat Evaluations

Evaluations for Long Stock Coat German Shepherds will now be held after each Breed Survey . If there is sufficient demand additional days will be scheduled as required.

CAN YOU HELP US

The "Welfare & Rescue Group" is in need of dog lovers to assist in transporting German Shepherd Dogs from various pounds to boarding kennels and also from boarding kennels to have their vet work done.

This work is not suited to those who are actively breeding .

But if anyone has a few hours to spare each week and would like to join our group in assisting dogs in desperate need, we would love to hear from you

Foster carers are also needed.

Please phone Hetty Ph 8856 4038 or Jo Ph 9476 2782 if you can help us

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the final Shepherd News for the Financial Year 2011-2012.

Another successful year has been achieved and it is reassuring to have such a dedicated committee working toward the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog League and the guardianship of the German Shepherd Dog.

I would like to thank my fellow executive and committee. Their knowledge and tireless, selfless work ethic has been an asset and should be appreciated by all members of the GSDL. Also, I extend my thanks to the general members that have helped over the year. It must be remembered that many personal hours, and often, personal expense is required when taking on a position within the functional workings of the GSDL.

Once again, I must emphasize that you have a great team working for the betterment of the GSDL.

The financial status of the GSDL is showing a healthy profit. Our trading accounts will be explained further when the accounts have been finally audited and presented by our Treasurer.

The introduction of the "new puppy buyer introductory membership" is working well and it is hoped that most of these members will continue their membership of the GSDL in the coming years. Thank you to the breeders who have supported this scheme.

Our shows have been successful and I thank our Show Secretary, Anne Mackenzie, Show Manager, Vince Panetta, Committee Members and the general members that assist on the day, in the canteen, our stenographers and stewards.

The Demonstration Team is working very hard and with enthusiasm. The increase of the demand for their participation at events is undertaken with dedication. The Demonstration Team is our main vehicle to allow the general public to realise how wonderful our breed is.

Our Welfare Team has worked passionately, involving many hours of personal time and expense. Their efforts in support the dogs that have come to some misfortune in their lives is very much appreciated.

As President, my efforts in stabilising and moving the GSDL forward have been satisfying and pleasurable. Under my direction, I have identified many individual talents and expertise and have been able to delegate some responsibilities to various members of the committee. The committee members concerned have undertaken these responsibilities with enthusiasm and tireless effort. Each committee member has brought their special talents to the committee, not only to achieve their own responsibilities but also to work and support the committee as a whole.

This has brought to you, the members, a highly functional working committee and eliminating the need for expensive outsourcing.

Again I thank my Committee as a whole and look forward to working with them in 2013 and also the many members who have supported us along the way.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and successful journey as we move forward toward Christmas and the new year of 2013.

Graeme Stevenson

President-GSDL of NSW Inc.

TATTOO REPORT

During the current financial year, tattooing and microchipping has gone well. There is a noticeable drop in puppies being tattooed due to the introduction of Microchipping as an identification for the GSDCA breed improvement schemes.

The figures for this year are noticeably down on previous years. There is most likely a small increase as latent forms come in but it will not be of great increase.

Tattoo is still an alternative requirement for the Breed Improvement Schemes. With the introduction of compulsory Microchipping prior to registration, the input of Tattoo Numbers into the database indicates that there are many breeders that have forgone tattooing. There are still a large number of breeders that are continuing to tattoo.

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the Tattoo Officers and Tattoo/Microchip Officers who donate their time and expertise as a service for the breeders within the GSDL.

Graeme Stevenson

GSDL Tattoo and Microchip Registrar

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank the committee for their assistance one again through the past twelve months.

It has been a quiet year for the League not having had the responsibility of running the National Show and Trial.

The concept of giving toys to the Baby Puppies at our shows is proving successful and this practice will continue.

This year at the election of judges we elected only one judge to adjudicate at our shows as entries do not warrant two judges and this also assists with the smooth running of the show with exhibitors not having to dart from ring to ring it does create a much more relaxed atmosphere.

Our Annual General Meeting has been moved to the last Monday of November at the request of the auditors which gives them that little extra time to complete the audit.

I would like to thank the committee and members for their assistance and co-operation when requested throughout the past twelve months.

Fay Stokes

GSDL Secretary

BREED AFFAIRS REPORT

This year saw the introduction of Long Stock Coats and assessment days are held at each Breed Survey for those people wishing to have their dogs assessed.

I attended the Breed Commission Meeting in South Australia and certainly there are a lot of ideas coming through from that meeting with regard to the further training of Specialist Judges. Judges are to trial the Tick Sheet over the next 12 months, Open Classes at Nationals and the decline in entries was discussed, Memorial Trophies and the revamping of the scoring system due to the inclusion of Long Stock Coats, a Max Stokes Memorial Trophy to the winner of the Junior Bitch Class at Nationals, judging procedures for Junior Showmanship classes and the National Junior Showmanship competition. All of these items I will elaborate on at the next General Meeting of the League and when the official Minutes are received.

The judges for the 2014 National in Queensland are – Herr. Frank Goldlust and Herr. Rudolf Andreas, sexes yet to be decided.

The League will have held 4 Breed Survey days again this year. It was most unfortunate that National Council lost 6 of their Breed Surveyors during this year which did include 3 from N.S.W. i.e. RegBonello, Melanie Groth and John Hugo as well as Louis Donald (Qld), Fran Farley and James Rodger (Vic).

Fay Stokes

GSDL Breed Affairs

SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows. Obedience trial numbers are staying about the same. Hopefully with the introduction of the Long Stock Coats being able to be shown entry numbers may improve

The League has conducted 4 Obedience Trials & 8 shows this year, two Championship Shows, two Open Shows, 2 Sanction Shows and 2 Championship Shows at the Spring Fair which is held in conjunction with Dogs NSW. Most of the shows made a small profit but the Spring Fair in August was very disappointing in numbers and at the time of writing this report I have no knowledge of the financial outcome. The State Breed Assessment was held again in July with an increase in numbers on last year and was very well received by all who attended; hopefully we will see more exhibitors next year.

This year's committee has tried to reduce expenditure and keep entry prices down as much as possible.

Thank you to all our Exhibitors and Triallers who have supported our Club this year

And to the stewards & stenographers

My Special Thank You to Judy Connors (Vest Controller) if you don't return your numbers after a show she will hunt you down. Fay Stokes for printing the catalogues your help is invaluable

Ann Mackenzie

Show Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

My job as catering and looking after the canteen has been a learning experience but a lot of fun. It actually gives me the chance say "hello" to all you enthusiastic show people who come along to our shows. The aim is to provide scrumptious food to cater for your needs that is not expensive. Of course the aim is to make a profit for our hard work but always making sure you can afford to buy what we are selling.

We have finally purchased a new BBQ and Bruce is showing his cooking skills ready for your breakfast each morning. A big thank you to Bruce, Fay, Pam and Lorna who look after the canteen on Saturday mornings while I am absent.

Finally, I hope you will all visit the canteen when you come to our shows, receive a grand welcome and see what we can offer you to keep your energy levels up as you show your shepherds.

Don't forget our Christmas Party on 8th December, 2012. I will be waiting to receive your names. Hope all those who have done well during the year in the "point score" will definitely contact me as you will need to be there to collect it unless your live "far, far, away".

Sharon Laughlin

Social Secretary

TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Firstly a big thanks to Judy and Alan Connors, Tony D'Arcy and the other instructors at Erskine Park for running obedience training on Tuesday nights.

Thanks to Norm Macdonald and all the stewards for running our obedience trials and also to Tikki Friezer and all the stewards/tracklayers who assist at our tracking trials.

2012 being my first year in this role has been a year of reviewing and planning and setting goals for the future in relation to obedience, tracking and related dog sports.

In August I attended the GSDCA National Obedience committee meeting – a great opportunity to network with other instructors interstate and share ideas and resources.

I have commenced revising our current GSDL NSW manual and currently have four members undertaking instructors training; they will all hopefully graduate end of 2012 and be able to offer some assistance to our current instructors.

I will be running another instructor's course mid 2013 – if interested please contact me (kareneaton@bigpond.com) for an application form.

Moving forward into the New Year I'm pleased to announce that in February 2013 there will be a new branch opening on the Central Coast. This branch will initially offer training classes (puppy and adult) as well as assistance for those who'd like to trial.

TRACKING NEWS – UPDATE – EXCELLENT MEDALLIONS

Following the 2012 GSDCA AGM : Effective 1st July 2012, where a pedigreed registered German Shepherd dog gains the grading of "excellent" at any ANKC approved tracking trial, and the owner is a member of a GSDCA member club, the owner may apply to their club for the award of a GSDCA Trial "Excellent" medallion. Applications must be in writing and accompanied by a copy of the relevant trial certificate.

If you've obtained an excellent pass at any tracking trial held during this season please send in your application to the Secretary.

If you'd like further information please contact Karen Eaton (kareneaton@bigpond.com) of 4375 1211.

Karen Eaton

Training Co-Ordinator

GSDL DEMONSTRATION TEAM - 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

During 2012, members from the German Shepherd Dog League Demonstration Team have worked together to develop a new performance routine, with a new music sound track and with a number of new members.

The team members are:

Lyn & Ron Clark	Tessa	Tessa joined the team in 2011
Julie Delriego	Darius	Darius joined in 2010
Lynne & Tim Gehrke	Cali & Georgina	Cali (12 months) & Georgia (4 months) are both new young long stock coats
Irene Lawless	Jaz	Jaz is most experienced member & team matriarch
Tracey Lewis	Hunter	9 months & one of our new young long stock coats
Fay Samuel	Tasha	Tasha joined the team in 2011
Rachel Tucaliuc	Axum	Axum rejoined our team after a year's "sabbatical"
Annette Whiley	Boof	Now the oldest member & patriarch of the team
Rita Granata	Shilo	Shilo's first performance with the team in September was outstanding; a very enthusiastic team member

During 2012, the team has participated in all the established events as well as some new events booked through recommendations from people who have seen our performances. The team have performed at the following events: Pet Expo on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February at Rosehill Racecourse; "Woof Fest" at Bungarribee Reserve Doonside on Sunday 4th March; Newcastle Agricultural Show at Newcastle Show ground on Sunday 17th March; Dogs NSW Dogs Expo at Erskine Park in June; Richmond TAFE College Spring Open Day on Saturday 15th September; and Holroyd City Council PetFest at Holroyd Gardens on Sunday 16th September.

The events booked for the team from October to December 2012 are: Blacktown Council Pets' Festival on Saturday 21st October; Camden Council's Dogs Day Out at Camden Show Ground on Sunday 28th October; Hills Shire Council's Paws in the Park at Castle Hill Showground on Sunday 4th November; and Engadine Lions' Club Community Festival on Saturday 10th November.

The team was booked by the Moss Vale Agricultural Show Society to perform at their annual show on 17th March but the show was cancelled due to persistent inclement weather. We have already been booked by the committees for next year's shows at Moss Vale, Newcastle and Holroyd.

The number of invitations to participate in a wider variety of community and specific animal and/or pet events and festivals has increased markedly during the last two years. Fay Samuel has made a very significant contribution in recommending our participation in events in the southern suburbs. Other invitations have come from people who have seen our displays and recommended us to organisations in which they are involved. The more events we participate in, the more people are able to see our wonderful dogs and become better educated about the breed and the more inspired we are to continually improve what we do and how we do it. Members of the public often comment on the beauty of our dogs and praise their achievements. After one performance at Erskine Park in June, one person commented that watching our dogs brought tears to her eyes. At Holroyd a young girl told us that after seeing the team in 2010, her family bought a German Shepherd puppy who she named after one of our team members. She and her mother came to see our display, to tell us about her puppy and to have more photos taken with the dogs in our team to hang in her bedroom. After every display we are asked about how to buy dogs "just like these".

Throughout 2012 all team members were committed to our almost weekly practice schedule, weather and ground conditions permitting, as we now have a relatively young team of dogs with three very young dogs and ages now ranging from four months to six years. Our aim is to be able to provide a quality, entertaining display of obedience and agility during which we show off the outstanding qualities of our German Shepherd breed, as well as the character and personalities of our individual, loveable and often unpredictable dogs.

We have extended our routine this year with additional obedience exercises, training the older dogs to show more advanced skills as well as introducing more off lead work. We plan to introduce more agility activities and equipment into the display too. We are confident that our current displays are proficient, pleasing and enjoyable to our audiences and lots of fun for us and our dogs. Our new team uniforms look spectacular and we have made bandanas for our dogs to match our new uniforms and our puppies have "L" and "P" plate bibs to reflect their recent introduction into the team. We aim to have new bibs and bandanas for all our dogs and some spares and would like to have them embroidered with the NSW GSDL logo to match the team uniforms.

We are anxious to be able to provide more and better printed resources to the general public when we perform. In addition to the Team handout, we would like to have printed information about the GSDL website and services, especially Puppy Listings, German Shepherd Rescue, obedience training and breeders. We also want to investigate a range of 'Demo Team' merchandise that we could sell such as calendars, bookmarks, posters etc as well as other merchandise to promote the GSDL, the German Shepherd breed and the Demo Team.

Sincere thanks to the Committee for their support and very special thanks to those members who have given their individual support and encouragement by attending our events and assisting with equipment. We are deeply indebted to Julie and Rodney who house and drive our agility equipment trailer to practice sessions and performances. And most importantly sincere and heartfelt thanks and congratulations go to every member of our team for their outstanding commitment, contribution and dedication throughout the year. We have the most superb leader in Tracey who has overseen the development of a group of like-minded people into an amazing, cohesive, supportive and very close-knit team of great friends who love and enjoy each other's dogs, all that we do and the time we spend together.

Annette Whiley

Publicity/Demo Team

WELFARE AND RESCUE

Our Rescue Group has been very busy again this year rescuing and rehoming approximately 6 – 14 dogs per month. Many have been saved from death row at various Sydney Pounds others have been surrendered to us by owners no longer wanting their dogs for a variety of reasons.

We are concerned at the number of young males being handed in because their owners could not control them. On assessment these males were found to be very strong willed and in need of a firm hand. Breeders need to ensure that dogs are being sold to appropriate homes that have the time to train their dogs. **Male pups have been sold by breeders to senior citizens in their eighties and nineties and this practice needs to stop.**

Our group consists of Linda Pierce , President of the Hawkesbury Valley Branch of the AWL, Lyn Woods, AWL , Pauline Bellemore, GSD Rescue - Hunter Region, Jan Baker, Head Trainer at the Blacktown Dog Training Club and John Sadler, Jo Tucker and myself from the league.

Some achievements and highlights of the year were

- Enlisting the assistance of AWL inspectors in situations where a member of the public have reported cases of cruelty or neglect to us resulting in the owners being forced to either surrender the dog or dogs or were forced to provide better living conditions.
- Blacktown Pound - which takes in dogs from the following council areas - Ryde, Holroyd, Lane Cove and Blacktown, finally determined to adopt a compulsory desexing program for all dogs and cats sold from its facility. This was a major victory and only achieved after many years of hard work and lobbying on the part of many animal rescue groups. Renbury Pound has had this policy in place for many years and action is in progress to bring pressure on the remaining large Sydney Pound, Hawkesbury Pound which serves the Hills Shire , Penrith and Windsor area, to adopt a compulsory desexing program This will go a long way to stop backyard breeding and eventually reduce the number of dogs ending up in pounds
- We are delighted to have on board the services of Dr Robert Zammit who has kindly agreed to provide veterinary care for our rescue dogs. We are so grateful to Robert and his staff and very much appreciate the wonderful care they give our dogs. Robert is always there to give a hug to a tearful member of our team who has had to bring in an old or sick dog that has often suffered years of neglect, for its final journey. We thank Robert too for attending and addressing the meeting at the Blacktown Council Chambers on the night council voted in the mandatory desexing program
- Forging relationships with the wonderful volunteers at a number of NSW country pounds, working together with them to save and rehome many GSDS

Finally I would like to thank the breeders who have assisted us in taking back a dog that they have bred until we were able to rehome it, Fran McAdam for keeping our welfare listing up to date, all the team for their dedication and hard work, our wonderful foster carers, Liz , Donna, Joyce and Geoff. you are amazing and to those who have helped with transport

Thank you to the committee members for their support throughout the year and to all members who have made donations to welfare to assist us to pay vet bills etc

We have met so many wonderful people who had adopted our beautiful dogs and firm friendships have been established, thank you for taking a rescue dog into your home and heart

And finally our beautiful dogs, many of which have endured years of neglect, your gorgeous faces and pleading eyes are forever etched in my memory.

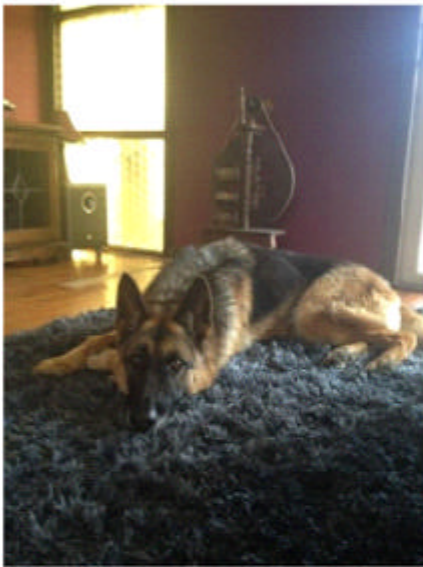
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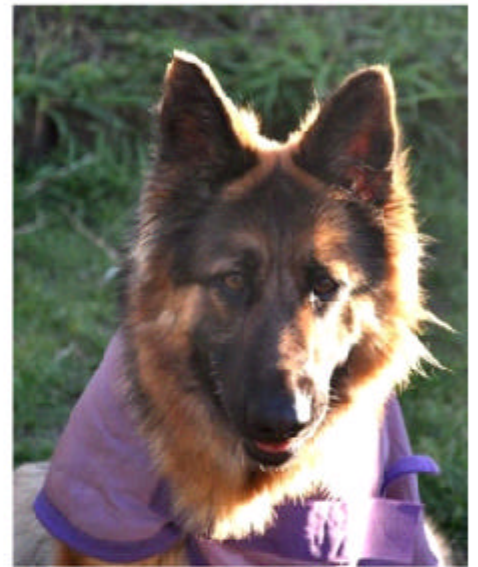


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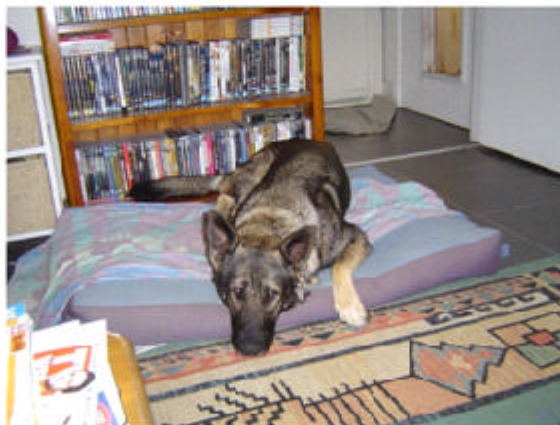


Chanel

**S o m e o f
t h i s y e a r s
R e s c u e D o g s**



Heidi



Emma



Lexie



Bella

WEBMASTERS REPORT

During the year the GSDL web site has continued being developed as useful tool for both the members as well as visitors to the site.

I would like to thank members and committee for providing me with information for the website.

Fran McAdam

GSDL Webmaster

SHEPHERD NEWS EDITORS REPORT

Shepherd News is now developing into a well structured magazine. However to make this a more relevant publication for you the members I continue to need more feedback from you. I need to know what type of content you really want and what issues you would like me to address. Unfortunately such requests in the magazine for this feedback have had only limited responses from members. Wherever possible I have tried to comply with these requests.

I would like to remind everyone that advertising is available to members at \$50 for the cover and \$30 per page inside. These advertisements can be for Dog or Commercial related content. Non member rates are Price on Application.

I would like to thank all those that have helped with articles and information to include in our magazine.

Bruce Laughlin

Shepherd News Editor

December Open & Sanction Show and Obedience Trial

Judges

Open Show: Ms K. Santas

Sanction Show: Mrs. J. Neddermyer - Bitches

Mr. T. Jarvis Dogs & General Specials

Obedience: Mr. R. Probert; CCD & Novice Mr P. Goldstien ; Open, UD & UDX

Date : December 15th

Commencing : Open Show 5pm

Sanction Show: Not before 6pm

Obedience: 6pm

Full Schedule will be on Webpage as soon as available



The German Shepherd Dog League Inc of NSW Membership Renewal 2012/2013

www.gsdl.info

Affiliated with Dogs NSW and The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia

Member Details:

1.....
Member Full Name Signature Tick if under 18 yrs

2.....
Member Full Name Signature Tick if under 18 yrs

3.....
Member Full Name Signature Tick if under 18 yrs

4.....
Member Full Name Signature Tick if under 18 yrs

Occupation/s 1..... 2.....
3..... 4.....

Of
Address

Suburb State Postcode

Home Phone Mobile Phone Email Address

Breeders Prefix (if any)..... Tattoo Symbol (if any).....

Branch..... Membership Number:.....

Please hand this application and your remittance to the Branch Secretary OR post to:

GSDL Membership Registrar: Jessica Kada, PO Box 444, Richmond NSW 2753
Enquiries: 0413 008 092 Email: jessica.kada@gmail.com

Donation to German Shepherd Welfare Assistance Fund:

We/I wish to make a donation of \$.....to be used for German Shepherd Dog Welfare Assistance Fund. This donation will assist in the care and feeding of pedigree German Shepherd Dogs who are awaiting rehoming.

Thankyou.

Payment Details - All remittances to be made out to 'GSDL Inc of NSW'

I/We enclose Cheque/Money Order for \$..... (Please see below for current application fees)

Credit Card Details: Mastercard Visa Bankcard

Card Details Exp Date/.....

Please debit my credit card for the amount of \$.....

Signature.....

Pensioner Card Number.....

Membership renewals Available: (all include GST)

Single Membership	\$56	Available to a person aged 18 years and upwards
Dual Membership	\$66	Available to two persons who cohabit
Family Membership	\$66	Available to families of three or more persons who cohabit
Pensioner Membership	\$42	Available to a person in receipt of a specified Concession Card (number must be supplied)
Dual Pensioner Membership	\$48	Available to two people who cohabit and are both in receipt of a specified Concession Card (number must be supplied)
Junior Membership	\$42	Available to persons over 12 and under 18 years
Shepherd News Only	\$30	Does not allow any voting rights
Overseas members add \$20 to the relevant fee above for international postage. (AUD\$)		

Please check the following before submitting this application:

1. Ensure that you have completed all details on this application, including signatures and dates
2. Have supplied a Residential Address if you have supplied a PO Box as your Postal Address
3. Have supplied at least one contact number and your email address (if applicable)
4. Renewal of membership is due on 30 September each year.

For Office Purposes Only	
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GSDL CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATION NIGHT 2012

**Erskine Park
GSDL
Clubhouse**

**Saturday
8th December
7pm**

**Relax and Enjoy Yourself
with Chicken,
Cold Meats & Salad
Tea & Coffee
BYO Drinks**

**Adults - only \$5
Children (under 12) FREE**

Bookings are essential for catering

Book with the Social Secretary

Sharon Laughlin 9632 0554

Email: laug4546@aapt.net.au

**You must attend to collect your Trophy
(Country Members Excepted)**

**Please Note: You Must send in
your form to receive your Trophy**



**NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBER 2013**

I/We _____

Nominate _____

for the position of _____

Signature of Proposer _____

Signature of Nominee _____

***Nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 5.00 p.m. 26th October, 2012.**
RULE 42B - Nominations of members proposed as Office Bearers or as Committee Members should be made in writing to the secretary at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 26th November, 2012 and shall be signed by at least one member and the nominee.

POSTAL VOTE REQUEST

I/We _____

of _____

wish to register as Postal Voting Members for the forthcoming election of Office Bearers and Committee Members.

Signature/s _____

*Postal Vote applications must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 5.00 p.m. 26th October, 2012 for the return of the Postal Vote you must include a stamped, self addressed envelope.
NB - Applicants must be current 2012 members of the GSDL to be eligible for nomination and/or voting.

Send both nomination and postal vote requests to

**The Secretary GSDL Inc.
23 Ariel Crescent,
Cranebrook NSW 2749**

42(b)GSDL Constitution - Any member residing a minimum of 100km or more from the GPO as registered in the electoral role must register their request and signed by the member registering for a postal vote with the secretary and the request shall be dealt with by a simple majority vote at the General Meeting one month prior to the AGM. A stamped and addressed envelope to that member must be enclosed with such a request and a member who has so registered and accepted shall be called "a postal voting member".

ANNUAL AWARDS

Closing date for all award applications 30th October, 2012

Awards are for the current Point Score year only

I. EXCELLENT AWARD OF MERIT

(This award is for the Breeder of the dog NOT the owner)

Dog/Bitch Breeders Name _____

Dog's Reg. Name _____

Excellent awarded by Judge _____

Circle correct response

Breed/Obedience

Important note: A photograph (postcard size) of the animal must be included with any request for a breed or obedience award. These photos are required for the publicity album. Please attach the following information to the photograph Sire, Dam, Date of Birth, Titles, Breed Survey and Hip/Elbow status.

2. TITLE AWARD (please include previously awarded titles in Dog's name to appear on the award).

Owner's Name _____

Dog's Reg. Name _____

Title Awarded (e.g. CCD, CD, CDX etc) _____

Important Note: All awards for obedience must be applied for through your Branch except for country members. To receive an award for Championship you must attend your Show Training Branch or GSDL Shows.

3. Years of Membership Badge

Name _____

Address _____

No. of years membership _____ Date joined League/ Membership number _____

Membership badges are awarded for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years continuous membership.

Note: All applicants must be current 2011/12 members of the GSDL Inc. to be eligible for their awards and attend the presentation night to receive their award (country members exempt).

Please send applications to: **MR TONY D'ARCY**
5 MARONI PLACE
ST. CLAIR. NSW 2759
02 96701971 0418 618817
adsms1@bigpond.com

From those Dull Old Church Bulletins

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."



The modern Bible contains 66 Books, how many books was it originally written in?

***Last Issues Answer:
Beveridge - Victoria (June 1855)***

Club Calendar - Coming Events

13th October	GSDL October Champ Show & Obedience Trial
4th November	GSD Club of Victoria 89th Championship Show Judges: Herr Rudiger Mai (SV) Germany – Bitches (Stock Coat) Mr. James Rodger (Vic) – Dogs & Bitches (Long Stock Coat) & Dogs (Stock Coat)
5th November	Working Dog Club of Victoria Show Judges: Herr Rudiger Mai (SV) Germany – Dogs & Bitches (Long Stock Coat) & Dogs (Stock Coat) Mr. James Rodger (Vic) – Bitches (Stock Coat)
11th November	Breed Survey and Long Coat Assessment 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park Long coat assessment will be held at the completion of Breed Survey at the Club Grounds. Requirements: Completion of the Long Stock Application Form (available to download under “forms”), registration papers verifying the animal to be assessed is registered in your name. Please email the Secretary faystokes1@bigpond.com if you intend bringing an animal for assessment.
26th November	AGM Meeting Erskine Park Club Rooms
8th December	GSDL Christmas Presentation (note must attend to collect trophies, country members excepted)
15th December	15th December GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial
2013	
10, 11, & 12 May	The National Show and Trial, Adelaide. Dog friendly accommodation can be booked at Adelaide Shores 08 8355 7360 or Morhpettville Motor Inn 08 8294 8166.

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*Country members ensure your local officer has the relevant letters for your tattoo prefix.
Please give several weeks notice to the tattoo officer.*

VICE PPRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again as last year I would like to congratulate the Committee of 2012 and thank them for a job well done. It was a good year and all of you have played your part in this. As always with any committee we have had some difficult times but this has not affected the running of the club. All in all the year has been financially successful one. I have been helping out with the merchandising side of things which we have gotten down to an acceptable level now so we can now look at other useful items for League members to purchase. The League publicity package with display boards and photo's has been purchased and is in full swing now for demonstrations and display purposes.

We have of course would dearly like to engage another photography with dog photo expertise for our shows but these are few and far between these days. If you have any Photography experience and would like to try your hand have a talk to anyone on the committee about your interest and we will have a talk to you.

My position throughout the year was again to be backstop to Graeme in his position as President and he has steered the League again into calmer waters. It has been my pleasure to work with him and the rest of the team.

The league has changed to three monthly General meetings due to the consistent lack of quorums and time wasted by the committee in attending these meetings but the committee meetings are going ahead on a monthly basis as always.

Graeme has now retired so his work commitments allow him more flexibility on the day time and night shifts. As an executive Graeme, Fay, Karen and I worked well together and supported each other, which is essential for the smooth running of the committee and the League. As I said before the committee has worked well together and look forward to another year of progress.

Last but not least I would like to thank you the members for your support of the League and hope that your support is ongoing, we can only prosper with a good committee and a supportive membership.

Terry Jarvis

Vice President

PUPPY LISTING REPORT

The last twelve months has been again successful with members taking advantage of and enjoying the service provided by the G.S.D.L as backup to their own efforts to sell pups. This year the litters have been up and down with some weeks having a good number of litters on to perhaps just one! But the reality is the members using the listings are selling their pups and are happy with the results they get through the listings.

Puppy Listings is a job that is enjoyable to oversee. Being able to assist puppy enquirers with help and direction to the Breeders listed to the purchasing of their puppies being the pleasing aspect. I have again enjoyed the position of puppy listing over the last twelve months and look forward to another pleasing year

The Website is of great assistance this year, more than before because a lot of the enquiries are by direct contact through the Website as the general public become more savvy with using the internet and it is pleasing to see new people and members taking advantage of it. The new purchaser is ringing the breeders direct and asking the right questions on most occasions as they are more conscious of what is needed to know prior to purchasing their new pup. This in the main is because they have been in touch with me through the website and are a lot more wiser when they ring or email the breeder and are appreciative of this service. I have had feedback from breeders stating that when puppy buyers contact them they are well informed which I believe is a plus for the service.

Members using the older dog listing find that their animals do get placed through the service but we have had only a few listings throughout the year. And we now have a section on the website with information on tracing lost dogs. The email "The Puppy Registrar" gets plenty of use and enquires are answered in detail in quick time.

Breeders using the listings are sent a courtesy email about one week prior to them coming off the listings to see how the pups are selling and if they need to extend their time. The majority of breeders do advise me when their litters are sold which is a condition of being on Puppy Listings and essential to the correct running of the listing service.

We do get a lot of calls for people wishing to re home their older Shepherd and to hear some of the stories where the animals are 8 & nine years old and have to go as a pair and sometimes have to be split up. We do what we can and sometimes we cannot help but when we get genuine enquiries our Welfare officer Hetty Choy and her merry band of helpers get out and about and work actively trying to place these animals and our thanks should go to them for the work they do.

Our Website manager Fran McAdam is another one that needs a thank you as the litters change and pups are sold she is the lady that does all the work taking them down and putting them up and she and I work well together in this effort, thank you Frances.

As I said previously that I have enjoyed the position of Puppy Listing Registrar and helping people who are not sure whether they should or should not own a shepherd, whether they have enough room to keep one, also about when and where to train.

I have quite a few people who buy from our listings, also ringing up to thank me and tell me all about their new pup.

Pam Jarvis

Puppy Listing Registrar