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The Promise

Please promise me....that the way you feel will
always remain the same.
Right now, you want to take me home, and love
me forever.
When I chew your shoe, will you get mad?
Will you chain me outside, if I have an accident
in the house?
Will you keep me in a crate because you don't
feel like teaching me manners?
When I am bitey, because I'm a puppy, will that
make you hit me in frustration?
If the answer is "yes" then please leave me here.
I'm just a baby, I don't know any better.
It takes time, patience, guidance, and love to
make me into the dog you want me to be.
I am a lifelong commitment, not a throw away
dog.
I feel, I hurt, I get sad. All I really want is to
make you happy.
Teach me how.
And then love me forever.
As I will love you.

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Notices

Dog On Show

We need assistance from those members who are willing to help out at Moore Park for **DOGS ON SHOW - Date 6th & 7th August** with manning the stall with dogs for either 1 or 2 days. We are scheduled for both days. If you are able to assist please contact **Terry Jarvis** on **0407 271 418** or home phone **02 4773 9364** for further information.

Now FREE To Members

Webpage Puppy Listings, Breeders Directory & Stud Dog Listings

All Puppy Listings, Breeders Directory and Stud Dog listings are now FREE to all members with only the normal criteria to apply. These are that Breeders must be current financial members, Stud dogs must be X-rayed and Breed Surveyed and for Puppy listings both parents must be X-rayed and Breed Surveyed. To obtain these free listings for the Stud Dog Directory and the Breeders Directory please complete the forms on pages 5 & 6 of this issue and email to the web page editor Kim McGregor at khayem@bigpond.com with a copy to the Secretary Fay Stokes at faystokes1@bigpond.com or mail to the Secretary at 23 Ariel Crescent, Cranebrook NSW 2749. For Puppy Listings please contact Tina Cossu at treuschutzer@hotmail.com or phone 0491 121 569 (email preferred.) Puppy Listings will remain in place for 6 weeks.

Please take full advantage of these now free services and make our webpage a better source of information for visitors.

With Stud Dog listings please also include a photo of your Dog.

Apologies for the error in the last issue which stated 3 free puppy listing, that should have read 5 listings. The above now replaces that with no restrictions on the number of free listings.

Ammended Membership Forms

Ammended Membership application and renewal forms are now available on our website. These have the inclusion of Credit Card CVV requirements so we can bank the memberships electronically.

We would also like to advise everyone that the Introductory Membership forms has also changed from Full to Honorary membership and also include the CVV requirement. Any introductory memberships received on the old forms will not be processed. The new forms are available from your Tattoo Officer or from the membership registrar Nev Kirkham.

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.

New GSDCA Scale of Charges

On behalf of the GSDCA Treasurer, Jane Pike, I forward, for your information, the attached GSDCA “Scale of Charges” in which it details in (red) the changed increase to fees from the 1st July 2016, as decided at the 2016 GSDCA Annual General Meeting.

Regards,
Val Moody, Secretary German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

GSDCA Scale of Charges as from 1 July 2016 – GST INCLUSIVE

Service or Product	Charge to Clubs/Applicant	Charge to Members by Clubs	
TATTOO CHARGES			
Tattoo per pup	\$2.00		
Tattoo Prefix	\$25.00		
AUS Number	\$25.00		
TOOTH CERTIFICATE			
Tooth Certificate	\$40.00		
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION			
Breed Survey Pass	\$27.00	\$35.00	
Breed Survey Fail	\$27.00	\$35.00	
Breed Survey Book 2012 & 2013	\$50.00		
Breed Survey Book 2011	\$40.00		
Breed Survey Book 2010 and prior	\$20.00		
GSDCA Title Verification	\$25.00		
HD & ED CONTROL SCHEME			
Charge to Members and payable to National Council			
HD/ED Appeal	\$130.00		
HD/ED Form – Hips & Elbows	\$68.00		
HD/ED Form – Hips only	\$50.00		
HD/ED Form – Elbows only	\$33.00		
Paid to Readers by National Council (*GST Exclusive)			
HD/ED – Readers Charge	\$49.74 *		
HD - Readers Charge	\$31.09 *		
ED - Readers Charge	\$18.63 *		
QUARTERLY NATIONAL REVIEW			
QNR Magazine cost to members per edition	\$5.50		
QNR Advertising – Front Cover	\$300.00		
QNR Advertising – Back Cover	\$250.00		
QNR Advertising – Full Page	\$500.00		
QNR Advertising – Double Spread	\$900.00		
QNR Advertising – Half Page	\$275.00		
QNR Advertising – Quarter Page	\$115.00		
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber - Australia	\$55.00		
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – New Zealand	\$63.00 AUD		
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – SE Asia	\$65.00 AUD		
QNR Subscriptions Private Subscriber – UK/Europe/ USA/Canada	\$70.00 AUD		
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEDALS/PLAQUES			
Standard Conformation Excellent Medal (Round)	\$4.40		
Standard Obedience in Trial Excellent Medal (Round)	\$15.00		
National Show Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals (Large Round)	\$7.50		
National Show National Conformation Excellent Medal (Large Round)	\$7.50		
National Show Obedience Excellent Medal (Triangle)	\$22.00		
National Show Memento (Octagonal)	\$9.50		
National Council Award of Merit Plaque Excellent Graded Animals	\$22.00		
GOLDEN JUBILIEE EDITION			
Soft Cover	\$75.00		
GSDCA MEETING SUBSIDY based on KMs by air (maximum \$1,000.00 total)			
	Venue: Adelaide	Venue: Sydney	Venue: Melb
GSDC of Qld	\$220.00	\$126.00	\$226.00
N&HRGSDC	\$173.00	\$22.00	\$140.00
ACT GSDA	\$134.00	\$54.00	\$73.00
GSDC of Tasmania	\$174.00	\$192.00	\$99.00
GSDA of WA	\$299.00	\$606.00	\$462.00



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OF NSW INC

APPLICATION FOR BREEDERS DIRECTORY

FREE LISTING ON GSDL WEBSITE

Breeders are to only breed litters within the guidelines of the Code of Ethics and comply with the current German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc. Puppy Listing requirements. i.e. both the sire and dam must be breed surveyed.

Signature.....

Date.....

Please print following information

KENNEL PREFIX.....

NAME/S.....

.....

*ADDRESS.....

*SUBURB.....*POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONE.....MOBILE.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

WEB SITE ADDRESS.....

DOGS NSW MEMBERSHIP NO.....

The fields marked with an * will not be published on the club website...

Members registering their kennel on the website MUST be financial members of the GSDL of NSW inc.

Please email to – khayem@bigpond.com

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OF NSW. INC.



APPLICATION FOR STUD DOG DIRECTORY

FREE LISTING ON GSDL WEBSITE

I/We wish to include our stud dog/s to be listed on the GSDL of NSW Inc. website. All stud dogs advertised MUST be breed surveyed.

Stud dog owner must be financial member/s of The German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc.

Signature.....Date.....

(Please print all information)

NAME OF DOG

SIRE:.....

DAM:.....

STUD FEE:.....SERVICE FEE.....

NAME OF OWNER/S.....

TELEPHONE.....MOBILE.....

*ADDRESS.....

*SUBURB.....*POST CODE.....

EMAIL.....

DOGS NSW MEMBERSHIP NO.....

(NOTE: THE FIELDS MARKED WITH AN * WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED ON WEBSITE)

A CLEAR COLOUR PHOTO OF THE DOG MAY BE PLACED WITH THE AD.

Please email to: khayem@bigpond.com

The 44th National GSD Show and Trial Sydney Australia 25-27.03.16

A first time attendees experience and observations.

Having arrived on my one way ticket to Australia in August last year, the 44th GSD National in Sydney in March was my first opportunity to attend the country's premier show despite previous invitation, and I must say, the buzz surrounding the show seems to be constant throughout the year, seemingly National to National, as people already look to Brisbane 2017. I had the good fortune to join the host Club, the GSD League of NSW as a member on my arrival and having attended several of their show and breed survey events, and of course having arranged and hosted Heather Macdonald as a guest speaker for them in January, I was very familiar with the grounds, the committed show and Club management team, and their particularly progressive current thinking. Thus, the 2016 National was 'local' for me, just a two and a half hour jaunt up the Pacific Motorway which according to ALL Australians, is nothing... no travel at all! Indeed for those travelling from other states (and other countries in some cases) the planes, trains and automobiles involved (in many cases I followed their two or three days travel thanks to regular Facebook posts!) are no mean feat and it is impressive how dogs adapt to such lengthy travel and climatic changes to still perform in the ring.

With this being my first national, I hope that I can give this little snapshot of a first time attendee's view without mixing up the workings of the event... There are certainly differences in how things are done country to country and I'm still working on mastering 'the Australian Way.' I was particularly interested in the influence of the main current sire lines across the States too and will make some mention of those as I go.

The National show is hosted by a different Club annually on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA), which comprises the 9 Clubs based around Australia of which all Clubs are affiliated with the Australian National Kennel Club (ANKC). The Executive Officers of the GSDCA are impressive in their collective show and breed experience and I must commend them on solid organisation and informed leadership in all aspects of the breed, I look forward to seeing more of the GSDCAs influence the longer I spend in the country.

I would like to mention here one member of each of the member Clubs make up which I think may be particularly interesting to those in the UK and Europe. In addition to the usual 'presidents, secretaries, show secretaries, treasurers' etc, each Club has a member who leads 'Breed Affairs.' As I understand it these generally longstanding and experienced members, often judges or surveyors, assist the membership with applications for the Australian AZ (Hip and Elbow GSDCA Control Scheme), for Breed Surveys, etc and generally seem to be the "go to member" for general breed advice (at least those I have met so far in NSW and Victoria) but in addition it seems to me that these are also the potential drivers for progression and learning opportunity within the Clubs as well as aiding in the implementation of GSDCA direction in the Club with perhaps the best voice for reporting back the efficacy of each move. At the league the position is held by Mrs Fay Stokes who has proven herself a mine of information and support as I 'learn Australia, on the job', - Fay's Ambala prefix needs little introduction to those with Australian experience, she is breeder of Ch Ambala Caprio the 2003 Gold Medal winner in Canberra among her many top animals, likewise nearby at Newcastle and Hunter Region is Paul Murray, helpful to the extreme, the Murrays 'Kuirau kennel' won the breeders group this year with 2014 bronze medallist ChKuirauTakiera among those presented, and in Victoria Jenny Yuen, an owner of 1998 Gold Medallist ChIwanvomLechtal is a real force to be reckoned with, most impressive in her direction in my opinion. For those with a mind like mine, it is interesting to note that both the aforementioned gold medal winning dogs have produced gold medallists themselves.... Akin to 'Sieggers' - for me it is always interesting to note which show dogs are also producing dogs. It is a trend repeated often throughout the past national results, but not always!

Anyway... Back the 2016 national. The show runs over three days, as detailed below, but on the Thursday afternoon there is a relaxed 'meet and greet' where the GSDCA President Vince Tantaró attends with the officiating judges and the host club provides a socialising opportunity for those who wish to attend and enjoy a bite to eat and a drink, as many states come together prior to the next days showing.

The judges for the 2016 national have both officiated before and are as wellknown to many here as they are worldwide. Herr Richard Brauch (Zwinger Vom Elzmundungsraum) judged all males and all LSH classes, and Frau Margit Van Dorssen (Zwinger Von Arlett) judged all females. GSDCA Judges sub-committee chair Mrs Robyn Knuckey (Freinhaus) judged the kennel groups and the President Vince Tantaró (Tanveld) and National Breed Commission chair Mrs Joylene Neddermeyer (Adelora) presented the progeny groups. Craig Rice of the UK (Zandamor) judged the 'Junior Showmanship' classes after participating in a 'masterclass' (for young and new handlers) along with several other premier handlers on Thursday following the meet and greet.

I must apologise profusely that I can make little or no comment on the obedience trial but despite our friend Peter Asquith showing real gusto with his involvement in obedience and in open dog and sires progeny with Ch Babanga Make My Day, seeing anything of that event was a stretch too far for me at my first national event. Hats off to you Peter for your energy levels and obvious enthusiasm - you truly deserve the rewards you are receiving.

Early morning rises, hot sun, and substantial classes of quality dogs were the hallmark for the next three days.



1st Baby LSH Bitch Siobahn Greyt Temptation



1st Baby LSH Dog Siobahn Greyt Impact

Friday 25.03.16

Herr Brauch commenced judging with the baby LSH bitch class. A healthy twelve entries here with 11 presented, and the class was won by Becker and Yuns SIOBAHN GREYT TEMPTATION (by two LSH parents - ChEroica Catch Me If You Can x Ch Vladimir Greyt Sensation). She was handled by Kurt Morton of Vladimir kennels and is truly a beautiful quality gold sable puppy who I saw debut at specialist shows the week before at Newcastle And Hunter Region championship show winning under Ms Jane Pike (Vonpeta). I do not wish to make too many comments on individual dogs here however it has to be said that this bitch and her brother SIOBAHN GREYT IMPACT the winner of Herr Brauchs next class LSH Baby dog, handled on the day by Tony Byrne (this pup also won in Newcastle) both ooze quality and will surely be hard to beat assuming their development goes as it should. Real quality in type from two excellent parents, one would be hard pushed to ask for more from babies of this age. The LSH father boasted 6 entered progeny over the two classes from two LSH litter sisters, one of the pups (Eroica Easy On The Eye) I had had the pleasure of handling to a Baby Puppy in Breed last month at her debut show, another LSH of lovely quality she placed 5th under Herr Brauch, with litter sisters in 4th and 9th place respectively. Her brother Eroica Erotic Eric was second in the national baby class. More about the sire later.

Frau Van Dorrsen opened her account with baby puppy bitch stock coat, a class of 53 entered females between 3 and 6 months of age. A massive entry in a somewhat unfamiliar class for European judges and I did not envy her the task of sorting any such number of babies all differing in puppy development. Of the 53 entered, 40 were present. The winner was breeder Haase's HASENWAY MAGNOLIA an 'imported in dam' female, by BSZS V1 Cronos Del Seprio out of RitchiEichenplatz daughter ZickevomFeuermelder. She was handled on the day by Germany's Katrin Gumbel, a regular visitor to the Australian national. Her sister HASENWAY MAGGIE MAY handled by the UK's Craig Rice was third in this huge class with another sister further down the line and a brother HASENWAY MONTGOMERY owned by the breeder with RM Lowery was Herr Brauch' chosen winner in baby stock coat male (when he eventually got there after his LSH classes) A second brother HASENWAY MACHO MAN was third placed of the 8 pups presented from the 18 entered in that class. An outstanding achievement for the breeders and furthermore, a show of real professionalism and class that the mother was presented in super shape at the show in open bitch, again, more of her later. Margit moved on to Minor Puppy Stock coat, 32 of 45 entries were present and I had the pleasure of handling BRIGENTI JUST BE HAPPY (a daughter of VA Cobra D'Uimental by AI, who like me, is named 'JC') to a place on the pegs. Pulled out 10th she made her way to a very good 7th place in excellent company. The winner Schoemakers TONAKER GABBI is a daughter of imp EskoausdemHausZygadto (a Tyson Kottersbusch son) out of Tonaker X Ana. Unfortunately handling in the class gives me little chance to see much else going on therein.

Richard meantime judged his Minor Puppy LSH female and male classes.

In bitches 5 were entered, and 4 presented, the class won by VLADIMIR KEEP IT CLASSY owned by Eroica LSH kennel and handled by her Lyn Droughton. She is by ChSchaeferhundXesko a son of last years gold medallist Toby v.dPlassenburg out of Vladimir Flirtacious, a Cayosv.dNoriswand daughter from their very well known sable SupremeCh Vladimir Anarchy ET.

Minor LSH males, a class also of 4 presented from 7 catalogue entries was won by REICHKAISER FULL STEAM AHEAD who is by Sieger Vegas son UryvomZisawinkel out of Andacht Erin Strauss. The breeder of Andacht GSD, Sydney based Laurelle Reilly passed away shortly before the national show and at the official opening of the show Vince Tantaró called for a moments silence for Laurelle and for well known handler Johnathan Hayton and Frank Valestro, a well known Obedience Judge and breeder, who had both passed away since the last national show. It was very moving to see a visual tribute to Johnathan at the side of the bitch ring and I understand that there was an organised release of balloons in his memory. Condolences to his family and friends and to those of Laurelle and Frank.

By the end of her third class, junior stock coat bitch, Margit had judged over 100 young females in the Sydney sunshine. Her winner here was Stevensons SUNDANEKA INCA GOLD a daughter of 2013 Gold Medal Winner and German VA Ustinov v Romerland (himself owned by Sundaneka kennels) out of SundanekaPoscasProgene who I believe is from ChSiriovomRauhtal. She headed up a strong junior bitch class and while she perhaps could have presented herself to the end of the class a little more fully, she was of the correct size and type which Margit promoted throughout the show. Kurt Morton rounded off a good day with 2nd in this class with VLADIMIR JUST A FLIRT, a Toby Plassenburg daughter who is another of the Vladimir sables, out of Flirtacious the dam of the LSC Minor Puppy Bitch winner. Supreme ChVladimir Anarchy then, appears behind several top rated animals on day one of the show including two class winners and two second place getters as dam of Flirtacious and also of the two mothers (V.Glam I Am and V.Greyt Sensation) of the LshSiobahn and Eroica babies. Margit asked me after the end of the show if all of the sables shown over the three days were from one line as they were of such very good quality and it was unusual to see so many good 'greys'. I explained that while there were several 'grey' influences, Vladimir were strong in the area and are local 'sable specialists'. Accordingly she sported a Vladimir cap for some candid photographs during the after show 'champagne and chicken feast' as she has long been an outspoken advocate of a good sable! The best of luck to her with her own sable Era v.dBastille daughter for the coming season!

Herr Brauch judged 9 classes on Friday albeit each smaller in number to the bitch class entries.

His Junior LSH Bitch class is one I will remember for a long time as it was my national handling debut and I was handling a lovely female with whom I have enjoyed several great wins to date. She is EROICA DUTCHESS OF YORK ('Fergie') and she has just enough Scottish blood to keep her very close to my heart being by my great friend Heather MacdonaldsConbhaireanLauser out of ChNarathor Jazz Diva, winner of the LSH female gold medal in 2013 and 2014. Jazz Diva is a daughter of VA Yerom son Vegas v Dongmiran out of ChBhuachaille Jazz Leader and to her credit she is also dam of LSH sire ChEroica Catch Me if You Can, bringing us back to those very good LSH babies! Fergie won the baby class at the national in 2015 and has won many admirers. It is my very great pleasure to handle her and I was hoping for a top result at this event. Herr Brauch pulled us out in front and there we stayed securing Fergies class win for her owners Cathy Shayler and breeder Kim Leonard. 11 entered, 9 present, some very good quality LSH bitches in Australia indeed.

Junior LSH dog was won by ... another sable! Kim Harris' HAUSOSIN ZSIGA by Iccara Quentin Tarantino a Yester Feuermelder son out of HausosinTobys Town Flirt a daughter of Toby Plassenburg bringing together two of Australia's current most prevalent sire lines. 4 present from 6 entered but without the quality of the young LSH bitches. 'Zsiga' was handled by our friend Trent Bray, one of the visiting New Zealand contingency so a good day in 'Oz' for a very pleasant and talented handler.

Bells, a 2015 national silver medal winner out of 2014 Gold medallist Gerry vomSchacher. Watson is out of Java von Santamar a VA Paer Daughter who I owned with her breeder prior to her being exported to Australia where she has produced well for Fremont with two previous national class winners from two other litters. Watson is a well pigmented, clean lined, expressive young male and it will be interesting to watch both he and 'Down N Dirty' mature. Two quality pups with promising futures. I did think 'Down N Dirty' was unfortunate to lose another place in the class, however it was taken by ALBATA NICCO a HattoHuhnegrab son out of the highly

I already mentioned Herr Brauch's baby stock coat males above. His Minor Puppy class was initially led by GEWALT DOWN N DIRTY a son of Bluemax Tiger Town who in turn is a son of 2011 Gold Medal Dog Ch Jimmy v Baruther Land (Naxos – Zamp). The pups mother is Kaperville Lock Stock n Barrel a daughter of ChKardin Kruger (Bronze Medalist 2010) in turn a son of 2010 Gold medallist ChKwint v Jeurikstall. His impressive national pedigree has produced a puppy of very lovely type, so much so he caught my eye ringside waiting with his handler Mel Groth to go in for judging. I was not surprised when he was pulled out in the lead, but giving a little away in age and 'readiness' he lost his position to the eventual winner FREMONT WATSON a son of Ch Fremont Hells Saturday 26.30.16

Progeny Groups! For me, an incredibly interesting addition to any main breed show and in the case of Australia, a most helpful, clearly organised, non-competitive information sharing tool compered by the Chairperson of the National Breed Commission JoyleneNeddermeyer and the GSDCA President Mr Vince Tantaró. Rather like the German Sieger show, any involvement in the progeny groups certainly limits ones ability to see much of the rest other than in the collecting ring, but Joylene and Vince's clear comments over the microphone and the fact that we gathered in the opposite ring meant that we could just about follow each group. 18 males were listed as having progeny groups (more than 5 dogs entered above 9 months of age) and attendance for progeny is a condition of show entry so all must attend (very useful – a 'warts and all' look as opposed to a selected controlled group).

I missed the very beginning as our resident stud GERRY VOM SCHACHER was presenting a group of course so I was away busily grooming him as the first groups gathered, before dropping him off with Leeanne in the ring and heading off to the group of XARO VON DER PLASSENBURG where I was handling the eventual 6th placegetter in puppy bitch KUIRAU INDELIBLE and Trent Bray was handling her brother K.IVAN LENDL.

These progeny groups were the first chance I had had since coming to Australia to see some of the sires so often currently selected for use. Notable among them were XENO VON ARJAKJO a son of Omen who was carrying an amazing coat considering the heat of Australia. He was handled by Scotland's own Hazel Docherty who also handled Gerry at the head of his group having previously handled him to his 2014 win. The veteran VA ChUSTINOV v ROMERLAND led his group which was to his owners credit in my opinion and it was interesting that the comments were that his group was improved on the previous years. This was my first glimpse of FurboDegliAchei son ODIN DELLE TERRE MATILDICHE, a dog I had heard so much about since arriving in Australia. Odin gets mixed reviews as he is, like all dogs, not without problem, but in this day and age the very deeply angulated dogs suffer the worst condemnation and Odin certainly has a lot behind. He is, however, one of the more beautiful dogs in terms of type, pigment and strength throughout and, cast very much in the type of his famous dad I can see why so many have chosen to use him despite his bad press. He led a very strong group, full of animals of this very good type, and over the three days of the show I felt his progeny in their classes were among the most impressive, but yes, care has to be taken over the suitability of females in my opinion – however – this is surely the case with every male! XARO VON DER PLASSENBURG presented a very strong first group in my opinion. He was 4th in open dog in 2015 and has had some good use and in turn has produced progeny which are recognisable as his own. Joylene mentioned the very good 'predictability' of the dog and I think that is spot on. Notable for me with Xaro were his very good clean lines front and rear and good overall natural firmness in the musculature. A very good showing for this popular dog. I missed out on seeing the groups of imports PEPE VD ZENTEICHE and YESTER VOM FEUERMELDER and Aussie male CH ORRINSHIR ELTON JOHN but having seen so many progeny at this and other shows it is clear that they too have made quite an impact on the breed and their virtues in my opinion are in each case different, but quite clear. For those like me who missed some bits – The NBC executives comments are summarised in the national Australian magazine after the show along with detailed hip and elbow statistics which are very helpful. The GSDCA has a detailed online database which records a phenomenal amount of information and even a brief chat with Joylene is worthwhile as she is beyond 'well-informed' on her subject. A mine of information and very helpful to those who seek her out.

Gerry's group was the penultimate in the catalogue and as the sire of the reigning 2015 silver medal male among his seven national class winners, he led a solid group of well known animals to deserved applause and positive comments from the leadership, earning his post run pigs ear for a good mornings work. (Well done Mister-Man!)

The last class and another of the most notable was that of last year's gold medal winner TOBY VON DER PLASSENBURG a son of WegasFichtenschlag (Vegas) out of Grace de Cuatro Flores (Orbit Huhnegrab) Toby has had good use and has produced consistently, as can be seen by how often he pops up in discussion of the winners. Most notable about Tobys group for me were uniformity in type and particularly the fact that he presented so many typical sons. Evidently these sons are now also beginning to produce with one son CH SCHAEFERHUND XESKO already presenting a group at the show. I think we can expect to see future groups from several more Toby sons such as ChKuirau Casey Stoney, ZandracThe Hard Way and ChVonpetaUgottabekidding.

Following the 'sires progeny' classes, the Judges Committee chairperson Robyn Knuckey judged the Breeders Groups, just two presented this year which is disappointing considering how many impressive breeders attended the national, however, it is no mean feat to get a good group together and I make no apology for my part in harassing KURIAU kennels into presenting theirs. The eventual winner, KUIRAU presented 5 animals, 2 Males and 3 Females from 4 sires and 3 dams all of very similar type and, knowing them personally, I can say that their months of training has paid off with the dogs in outstanding fitness and presenting themselves to the maximum in all the classes involved. I was delighted to handle their very good KUIRAU HONEYSUCKLE ROSE (5th Junior Bitch at the show) in the group which was led by her father (a Toby son) KUIRAU CASEY STONER who was 11th in open dog.

The second breeders group was that of Jane Pike and Peter Damarell, the wellknown VONPETA kennel group, winners of the class at the 2015 national ahead of ANDACHT and BRONACRE. This group had 3 males (all from the open dog class) and 2 bitches (from intermediate) out of four sires and 5 dams and showed similar consistency in type to the winning group.

I hope that breeders have an eye on presenting a group wherever possible, it is truly an achievement in itself and something to be justifiably proud of in my opinion.

On then to the classes for the day and Margit straight to work with 22 presented of 30 entered puppy bitches and Richard with LSH puppy bitch, two entered, both present, the class won by ANDACHT THUNDERBOLT N LIGHTNIN by Andacht Bolt – a CayosNoriswand sire line through A. Raz N Hell, out of Andacht Emily Prentis, a Vegas Dongmiran daughter.

LSC Puppy male followed with only one entered, the winner VONDOUSSA CAPTAIN JACK SPARROW, by ChVonpetaTolder Just Do It (who in turn is by influential KwintJuerikstall) out of Gruunelhardt Tainted Love (a daughter of Scooby-Doo v Team Zellwaldrand)Iam afraid I missed these classes completely and can't really comment further.

Margit selected from her 20 entries AIMSWAY RIPEPE as her winner, by Pepe Zenteiche out of Aimsway Vegas Glitter, another Vegas Dongmiran daughter. Vegas is another dog I have heard mixed reviews about, he is now at stud in New Zealand and having judged there several times now, and in looking just a generation or so behind the eyecatchers here in Australia, I do feel that he has produced some very well constructed animals – which to be honest I found so notable about his father Yerom. Love him or hate him he was incredibly well put together stood before you, in my opinion. I often take a little look behind those I notice and find Vegas there. For me, he has been a solid influence in body type at least. RIPEPE is a lovely puppy, again in keeping with the correct size and the general proportions which Margit so clearly favoured. I was pleased to finally meet Lee Martens of AIMSWAY kennels at the national having spoken to her several times prior, and I must say I have seldom met anyone who wasn't from the same place as me, who was so well suited to being a potential Glaswegian. Perhaps those of you who know her... or me... best will understand what I mean – I'm sure she's great company on a night out!

Herr Brauch awarded the Intermediate LSH Bitch class to my great friend Cathy Shaylers' female KELINPARK ICING ON THE CAKE, another who I have had the pleasure of handling in the past. Cathy, apart from also owning the junior LSH winner 'Fergie' was the official photographer for the show with her team of helpers so needless to say we saw little of her during the weekend, indeed I had to physically haul her from the computer late on Saturday night to enjoy another of our friends' potential karaoke duet with the league president, but that's another story. Her teams pictures can be viewed on the Facebook page '44th German Shepherd National in Photo'. 'Patti' as the bitch is known has had a great run toward the national and is close to her title now which never ceases to amaze me as she is one of the smartest dogs I have ever met and can spot a training exercise a mile off, so kudos to Cathy who maintains her so well and remains calm, confident that she will not stage a protest inside the ring itself! She is by Cathy's own male ChKelinpark Travellin Man, himself a son of CayosNoriswand, and her mother is ChKelinpark Butterscotch, a Cayos granddaughter. 6 Bitches presented in the class of 7 entries, and in intermediate LSH male, 2 present of 5 entered. The winner was VONDOUSSA BACK TO THE FUTURE by Bluemax Shrek (from 2011 gold medal winner Jimmy) out of Vondoussa Princess Nic, a Ray Fichtenschlag daughter. Ray of course is best known as father of Double Sieger Remo Fichtenschlag, a new modern pillar of the breed in Germany. Interestingly perhaps, the second placed intermediate LSH male was directly from Ray.

In the very intense afternoon heat Margit moved on to a huge intermediate bitch class and for me, a chance to witness some real Australian depth of quality. 40 bitches presented of 50 entries and Frau Van Dorssens winner, a bitch who I have seen before, was pulled out at the front of the class and looked, in my opinion, at all times, the winner. If you wish your dog or bitch 'just right' on national weekend KAPERVILLE VALKYRIE was a prime example of just that. This little head turner, handled by Salvatore Pitteli the owner of Odin, was very much of the desired size, in supreme condition and presented herself flawlessly throughout, a real credit to her team. For me she has matured very well from the junior classes I saw her in late last year and looked outstanding at the national. Margit went on to award her the reserve challenge on Sunday over her Silver Medallist open bitch. The female is from Odin, out of ChHinterhaus French Tennessee, a very good daughter of ChAs du Domaine du valD'Aulnoy, an imported son of ZampThermodos. Furbo sire line with Zamp on the mothers sire line (arguably Germany's two 'sexiest' lines)... I am not surprised at the classy little female produced.

We had endeavoured to prepare our own As daughter for the class but as her coat dropped rapidly approaching the national show, this and other factors led us to 'scratch' her from competition. The only upside was that it freed me to watch a super class. Second was AIMSWAY BROOKLYN another of Lee and John Martens' females. This one by Sieger Vegas son UryVomZisawinkel out of another Vegas Dongmiran daughter of course, AimswayVia Vegas. She was of similar type to the winner and ended second having been pulled out initially behind the eventual third placed bitch ASTASIA ROXI, handled by Peter Hersant, she is one of the best XarovdPlassenburg daughters in my opinion, from Astasia Holly, a daughter of ChIccaraXman, whose lines I am so far unfamiliar with. Having shown our female in this age group throughout the last year, Roxi is another bitch I am well acquainted with and I have described her several times as 'a marching machine' (not one you want breathing down your neck when out in front!). She is presented in superfit, firm condition by her owners and 'marches' with such power and drive on the walk and when gaitting, maintaining her wither and impressive lines at all times that she is as such seldom far away. For me she was not naturally of the type Margit prefers and held her place in this very strong class due to her overall quality and commanding performance. The class of the show over the first two days for me and a great prelude to the much anticipated open classes for Sunday.

Two stock coat classes left for Herr Brauch on Saturday. Puppy stock coat with 6 of 11 entered dogs present was won by BABENBERG NERO, handled again by SalvatorePitelli, a very impressive son of Odin again, with beautiful type and real power even as a puppy, out of imported female Charon Overledingerland, a quality daughter of VA PaerHasenborn. I will be interested to see how he matures. Intermediate stock coat was won by Toby Plassenburg son BOSSFACE BARAK handled by Jess Lynch. He is from Bossface Laine, a CayosNoriswand daughter and has had a particularly impressive show career to date including the minor puppy dog class at the 2015 national. It is not misplaced. He is a very well put together, impressive young male, sound and firm throughout and interesting for future breeding. A top young male who deserves his admirers. In second place was another particularly impressive male. A shade stronger and heavier though perhaps without the same overall firmness, I found Odin son UHLMSDORF BLACK DOUGLAS very impressive on the day too. His mother is Uhlmsdorf Ellie Mac a daughter of Belgian import Hero Renderau, a VA Yukon Bastille son so a lot of strength behind this young dog.

In third place was Pepe Zenteiche son MISTEISHAH FERDINAND whose mother is Kantenna Lady Ga Ga (Sannjesa Crusty Demon x Kantenna Red Tatan)

Judging over then for Saturday and for most, a karaoke and pizza dinner event at the clubhouse to look forward to. A super day two at the national show, with the 'main event' to follow next morning.

Sunday 27th March

Much a buzz on Sunday morning for the judging of the open classes at the national. 66 entered in open female under Margit Van Dorssen and in the end 49 presented. For Richard Brauch 34 open males presented from an entry of 45, though he had LSH Open Bitch and LSH Open Dog to sort out first.

LSH open female consisted of 16 entries and impressively, all were present in the ring. The winner was last years gold medallist Ch AVAHLEE GIRLS KEEP SECRETS handled by Matt Morris, a daughter of Callie vom Fiemereck out of Freevale Secret Girl Stuff (ZampThermodos granddaughter through her mother) She is an impressive deeply pigmented LSH owned by J Hayton and D Mayne. She was handled last year by Johnathon Hayton to whom several memorials were given at the national and she is jointly owned by his mother. This was undoubtedly an emotional moment for Judith and for the rest of his family and friends.

In second place was one of the Vladimir sables Wests CH VLADIMIR INSAISABLE, just 2 years and 3 months old, a super daughter of Toby out of Supreme Ch Vladimir Anarchy. She was the winner of the junior class last year.

Third was our friend Mel Hornicks Toby daughter LAWINE QUIRA whose mother is Lawine Mystic Charm, a daughter of imp Zonyvom Haus Gersenberg. This is another female I have handled in the past and she is a lovely, well put together bitch who really delivered on the day and secured the Bronze medal for Mel and her daughter Rachel. She was handled by her breeder Denise Smith. Herr Brauch announced his placings and all concerned posed for podium photographs with the top three dogs wearing their ivy wreaths and national excellent medallions. The coveted gold silver and bronze awards to be given at the official awards ceremony at the end of judging.

LSH open dog had just 7 entered but again, all were present initially, though one was withdrawn before the end of the class. The winner was Leonards Ch EROICA CATCH ME IF YOU CAN the father of the LSH baby pups I wrote about earlier. 'Clyde' whose sister 'Coco Chanel' was 4th in open bitch is from LSH AstasiaPaca out of Ch Narathor Jazz Diva, also the dam of Junior LSH winner Eroica Dutches of York. He is a quite stunning, lengthy LSH male with a particularly attractive head, and outstanding pigmentation. The signs are good that he will produce well and we can surely expect a LSH progeny group from him in the future. A super example of a real quality LSH male.

Second was Gerrys LSH son Ch BABANGA MR ANDERSON out of Ch Babanga Fipsi a daughter of Ch As du Domaine du val D'Aulnoy (Zamp) 'Ando' is a lovely moving dog of super general proportions though without the overall power of the winner, he was 3rd in intermediate dog last year and I awarded him a LSH Male Challenge on my first visit to Australia judging. He also has his first progeny on the ground and should influence LSH breeding in Australia by virtue of his very correct lines and lengthy bones.

Third was Yester Feuermelder son Ch DENARGUN UNCLE FESTER out of Denargun Kwacker, a Kwint daughter.

And so the medallists in LSH were decided and with a gold medal win, 4th open bitch, a junior bitch win and highly placed baby puppies, Eroica showed themselves a force to be reckoned with in LSH circles, and much to their credit secured the coveted Sam Bonifacio Memorial Trophy which is awarded to the most successful breeder at the GSDCA National Show and Trial. An outstanding achievement for such a young kennel, having thus far bred just 3 recent litters.

Margit Van Dorssen worked her way through individuals for 49 open bitches. I had been very much looking forward to the open classes, opting not to handle in the male class so that I could get a good look at the action, but with great pleasure I took the lead of the Italian VA female PEDRA DEGLI ACHEI (BSZS SG22 and V) for her owners Robyn and Kevin Knuckey in the female class. We did our individual near the front of the queue and to my delight Pedra lay it down perfectly. That done, the rest was out of our hands for a while.

I was most impressed by the quality of the open bitch class in general. So many excellent females on display and still with others not presented who I had previously seen or heard of. After returning to the ring for measuring I was delighted when Pedra was called out in second place behind the eventual winner Haase's ZICKE VOM FEUERMELEDER. I watched this female's individual and was most impressed with her presentation. Her puppies who I already mentioned won the baby stock coat classes are aged just 6 months and despite being a new mum her coat, condition and fitness were exemplary on the day, a real credit to her team. Her balance and movement were outstanding and I was unsurprised when she was called out first.

Pedra lost one place during the class and slipped to the bronze medal position where she ended the class. She is a daughter of VA Paerson VA Etooaus Wattensheid out of Chei Degli Achei a direct Zamp daughter. She is a powerful, unexaggerated bitch of lovely type and it was my great pleasure to handle her on the day, securing a medal at my first national and setting the bar high for future events. She lost out on silver to Hatto Huhnegrab daughter Evans and Garvicans Ch LEBERHINE UMEEKO handled by Hatto's owner Andrew Jones. I was told she won Minor Puppy at the national a couple of years ago. A real quality bitch and to my mind very much of Margit's favoured type, she made her owners so genuinely happy with her win that it was truly a reminder of all that is good about showing dogs! Her mother is the Cayos Noriswand daughter Leberhine Maggie.

A fabulous experience in an outstanding class of quality females which included last year's intermediate class top two, last year's junior class winner and last year's Silver Medallist, a crowd pleaser who Margit placed just off the pegs.

Perhaps the main event then, Richard Brauch officiating over the open dog class and much anticipation at the first competitive appearance in Australia of German VA LABO VOM SCHOLLWEIHER a son of VA Arexvd Wilhelmswarte out of Fraya D'Ulmental a Xaro D'Ulmental daughter. Labo was BSZS VA4 in 2015 and Austrian VA1 Sieger, BSZS VA3 in 2014 and SG1 2011 and he can now add 2016 Australian Gold Medal winner to his list of titles. We will no doubt see progeny from Labo in Australian rings soon. He was handled by his previous German owner Winnie Benitz and his daughter Lara who also handled the young Aimsway winner and placegetters.

Second to Labo and silver medal winner maintain his position from 2015 was CH FREMONT HELLS BELLS, a Gerry son out of Ch Fremont Too Darn Hot, national bronze medallist in 2011. Hells Bells is a real crowd favourite being the only Australian bred male to penetrate the top 5 among the many imported dogs to Australia over the last two years. His eldest son Watson won the minor puppy dog class.

And in third place, last years fourth placed male XARO VON DER PLASSENBURG, a son of Sieger Remo Fichtenschlag out of VA Wendy von der Piste Trophe, a VA Furbo daughter. In my opinion Xaro was particularly deserved of a medal. Presented in outstanding fitness and condition he gave a super account of himself and, after presenting a particularly good first progeny group, looks set to make a particularly sound impression on the breed here. He has had a very good show career since his arrival from Germany and looked very well on the day for Herr Brausch.

The fourth placed male in this very interesting class was ODIN DELLE TERRE MATILDICHE (Furbo) who I have already mentioned above – he improved greatly on his 2015 14th placing, and in fifth place a male I know only too well having held him throughout 2014 for his Belgian owner Marc Van Hout, JUWIKADESTROYER. ‘Destro’ is by Wallaby Kapellenberg out of Ungana von der ReiserPerle, a Tyson Kottersbusch daughter. He was Belgian, Dutch, Danish and British Young Sieger, landesgruppen res young sieger and BSZS SG5 during an incredible show season we shared. He went on into Germany making V22 at the BSZS in 2015 and is recently arrived in Australia. I have some faith in Destroyers very good family and in what is to my mind a somewhat underused sire line in Wallaby, this in mind I hope that we will see a very positive group from him in the near future.

There is much could be said about so many of the males presented in the open class, a most interesting mix of imported and home bred males. The next five places in the 34 strong line up were as follows.

- 6th ZANDRAC THE HARD WAY (Toby x a Kwint daughter) 7th place in 2015
- 7th CALLE VOM WESTERVENN (an imported Labo son – BSZS V33 & SG13)
- 8th XENO VON ARJAKJO (an imported son of Omen Radhaus) 12th place in 2015
- 9th VABLO VOM OSTERBERGER LAND (imported son of Sieger Remo) 5th place in 2015
- 10th CH JAKNELL COZ IM TNT (a son of Vegas Dongmiran)

Following the celebrations and photograph opportunities (among them, a chance to meet the patron of the GSDCA Dawn Fraser AO MBE, a winner of 4 Olympic gold and 4 Olympic silver medals for swimming) before heading on to the official award ceremony and ‘chicken and champagne’ laid on by the league.

I cannot say enough about the venue, the organisation and the overall excellence of the 44th Australian National and I am thoroughly looking forward to the 2017 National in Brisbane. The excellence in depth of the Australian bred females in particular is very positive and the movement of the GSDCA in promoting soundness of the breed in body and in mind is quite clear.

To anyone thinking of a trip ‘down under’ I can highly recommend a trip including Brisbane on the itinerary in May 2017. Australia’s premier German Shepherd Dog show event and Australians best German Shepherds are well worth a look, and Australia’s exhibitors are the social and welcoming kind. Hope to see you there!



On the podium with 1st LSH Junior Bitch EROICA DUTCHESS OF YORK and owner Cathy Shayler (photo by Karen Cordell)



1st Intermediate Bitch KAPERVILLE VALKYRIE (photo by Jacinta Poole)



Gerry leads his progeny group with his Scottish handler Hazel Docherty (photo by Jacinta Poole)



Gold Medal LSH Male Ch EROICA CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (photo by Jacinta Poole)



Pedra Degli Achei (imp Ity) and I during her individual (photo by Trent Bray)



Gold Medal Female, beautiful ZICKE VOM FEUERMELDER, dam of both stock coat baby class winners.



XARO



With Bronze Medallist PEDRA DEGLI ACHEI after judging (photo by Cathy Shayler)



Bronze Medal Male XARO VON DER PLASSENBURG

Just a Dog

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a human."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog." just smile, because they "just don't understand."

- by *Richard A. Biby*



What would you do with a Bannock?

Last Question's Answer:

Greece in 1922

(some Middle Eastern Countries have still not adopted it)

2016 Club Calendar - Coming Events

31st July	Weekend Show Handler training/Obedience class
6th-7th August	Dog Lovers Show, Moore Park Sydney
8th August	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
18th September	Breed Survey and Weekend Show/Obedience Training
8th 9th October	GSDL October Champ Show & Obedience Trial (Laurelle Reilly Memorial Show) Judge: Fay Stokes (NSW) Obedience Judge: Judith Walder (NSW)
10th October	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
23rd October	Weekend Show Handler training/Obedience class
13th November	Breed Survey and Weekend Show/Obedience Training
28th November	Annual General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
10th December	GSDL Obedience Trial and Members Competition Members Comp: Bruce Knight (WA) Obedience : Pauline Hartwell (NSW)
17th December	GSDL Christmas Presentation at Orchard Hills Club Rooms (note: you must attend to collect your trophies, country members excepted)

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15th 16th April	GSDL Easter Show and Trial Conformation Judge: Herr Ralf Wille (SV Germany) Obedience Judge: TBA
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