

SHEPHERD



NEWS

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To all our members (and their Dogs)



a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Notices

Christmas Training Breaks

Erskine Park

Show Training will finish on will be Thursday 8th Dec, Return will be 19th Jan 2012

Cumberland

Training will finish on Sat 18th Dec, Return will be 28th Jan 2012

Obedience Instructor's Course

We are looking for "Expressions of Interest" from members for a planned Obedience Instructors Course commencing in mid February 2012. Please advise the Secretary, Fay Stokes on Ph: 02 4777 4241 Mob: 0401 019 213 or Email: faystokes1@bigpond.com

A and Z Stamps

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

Photo's For Website Show Results

If you wish to provide your own photo for the show results for the GSDL website the photos need to be emailed to me by the Friday night after the show, the photo to be named with the pedigree name only and if possible size down to under 100 kb and 72 pixel per inch.

Frances McAdam Email: frances@bigpond.net.au

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 her from you

Foster carers are also needed.

Please phone Hetty Ph 9680-1319 or Jo Ph 9476-2782 if you can help us

PRESIDENTS REPORT SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2009/2010

A successful year of new initiatives 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.

Achievements are numerous and many works in progress are either underway or planned. Our policy has always been "Do What can be done and make appropriate improvements where needed."

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.

I must emphasize that you have a great team working for the betterment of the GSDL. This has brought to you, the members, a highly functional working committee and eliminating the need for expensive outsourcing.

I would like to especially thank my fellow executive. Their knowledge and tireless, selfless work ethic has been an asset and should be appreciated by all members of the GSDL.

Once again, 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. I have always been conscious that the GSDL income is based on membership funds and I have explored financial decisions that have to be made with this in mind. All our other activities we strive to make a profit with considered budgeting. I would like to thank your treasurer, Karen Eaton for the excellent manner and expertise in which she has managed the financial affairs and kept tab on all facets of our accounting procedures. This takes personal time and the club is very lucky to have her working in this role.

Our membership has continued to increase in number. With the introduction of the new puppy buyer introductory membership, it is hoped that these members will continue their membership of the GSDL in the coming years. Thank you to the breeders who have supported this scheme.

There have been a few changes in committee positions throughout the year. Tony D'Arcy and Greg Jones have done a tremendous job in their roles as Show Manager in the early part of the year. A relatively new member to the GSDL, Vince Panetta, stepped up to take on this position recently. Thank you all for our well run shows.

Our show schedule during the year has been a little hectic with the Spring Fair being held twice due to timing changes and of course the very successful 39th National. Our sponsors of the National, Eukanuba, were so impressed that they have taken on the sponsorship of all our shows. I have to thank Terry Jarvis for his liaison with Eukanuba and tying up this very important sponsorship arrangement. A further noticeable upgrade is our trophy table for the shows. Thank you to the many sponsors that have supported the GSDL throughout the year and helped make our shows successful events.

Because of the timing change with the Spring Fair it is going to be difficult to have German Judges adjudicate this event. Hopefully we will be able to acquire specialist judges from other countries similar to our arrangements this year giving exhibitors a qualified opinion in the exhibition of their dogs.

Our shows have been successful and I thank our Show Secretary, Anne Mackenzie and the many members that assist on the day, in the canteen under the direction of Fay Samuel and our stenographers and stewards.

We had a change in our Shepherd News Editor due to the very sad passing of Craig Babbage. Bruce Laughlin has done a marvellous and professional job with this publication and all thanks is extended to him for his dedication and skills.

With so many family and work commitments, I know that a lot of members find it difficult to dedicate much but, no matter how small your contribution may be, it is important to remember that this is your club and every small amount of assistance is significant.

The Demonstration Team are 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.

Hetty Choy has worked passionately involving many hours of work and personal expense, along with Jo Tucker and John Sadler to keep the Welfare arm of the GSDL moving forward. Their efforts in support the dogs that have come to some misfortune in their lives are very much appreciated. The re-introduction of welfare donations alongside membership has been well supported but it would be appreciated if more people financially supported this very important service that the GSDL operates.

The website is continuing to develop due to the expertise and time of our Webmaster, Fran McAdam.

Thank you to our Merchandising Officer, John Nolan, for his efforts this year. John is now concentrating on his role as Training coordinator.

Again I thank my Committee as a whole and look forward to working with them in the future 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 2012.

Graeme Stevenson President-GSDL of NSW Inc.

TATTOO REPORT -SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2010/2011

During the current financial year, tattooing and microchipping has gone well. There is a noticeable drop in puppies being tattooed although this is not in any way obvious as a consequence of microchipping. It is more likely that fewer puppies are being bred.

As at the time of writing this report there will no doubt be further updates to my records for this year but the following are the figures as at 30/9/2011.

2007-2008

TOTAL PUPS TATTOOED 998 LITTERS 168 Average= 6 pups/litter

2008-2009

TOTAL PUPS TATTOOED 1193 LITTERS 188 Average= 6 pups/litter

2009-2010

TOTAL PUPS TATTOOED 1017 LITTERS 172 Average= 6 pups/litter

2010-2011

TOTAL PUPS TATTOOED 616 LITTERS 108 Average= 6 pups/litter

I would forecast that we might reach the 700 mark but nowhere near the figures of past years as breeding and tattoo numbers have been declining over a number of years.

In this financial year, the Tattoo Officers microchipped 559 puppies, with 502 puppy books and 327 GSDL bags being sold. As can be seen the puppy books and GSDL Bags have proved to be a popular item among breeders, especially for those breeders that supply their own puppy packs with their puppies.

A total gross figure of \$11634.00 was banked for the GSDL.

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.

If pups do not have their tattoos recorded, the issue of certificates pertaining to the breed improvement schemes will not be issued. The added activity of recording the tattoos in the database is tedious task but well worthwhile. Tattoo is still a requirement for the breed improvement schemes and we are recording microchip numbers as well. There is going to be movement in the future to have microchips recognised for the breed improvement schemes and most likely take over from tattoo although within NSW tattooing will always be an option in concurrence with micro-chipping. The database download from the ANKC includes microchips now and as of 1/1/2012 all puppies registered will need to be micro-chipped prior to registration.

One of our Tattoo/microchip officers, Craig Babbage, sadly passed away this year. I welcome Nadine McDonald who has stepped in to take over from Craig.

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

Show Secretary's Annual Report 2010-2011

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows. Obedience trial numbers are staying about the same.

The League has conducted 4 Obedience Trials & 10 shows this year, two Championship Shows, two Open Shows, 2 Sanction Shows and 4 Championship Shows at the Spring Fair (November 2010 & August 2011) 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 both in numbers and financially. The National was a great success and a credit to everyone who worked long and hard to make it so. 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 (now renamed Vest Controller) if you don't return you numbers after a show she will hunt you down. Lee Baker for printing the catalogues & Fay Stokes. Your help is invaluable

Ann Mackenzie

Show Secretary

Vice Presidents Report 2010/11

The year 2010/2011 has been a good year for the League financially and achievement wise. The Committee has been cohesive and have worked together well during the year. I would like to thank them for their efforts in their respective positions. I would like to thank all the executive Graeme Stevenson for his leadership through the year, not an easy job at times but the rewards to the League due to his diligence and commitment are numerous. Fay Stokes our Secretary has carried out her secretarial duties in her usual efficient manner Fay and I have both tended to the Leagues needs as they arose during the times that Graeme was at work. Karen Eaton our Treasurer well the figures are on the board for her! Karen has worked very hard during the year seeing that all was fair and square in the financial department and you will note by the end of year figures that she has done this in a professional manner and the League has prospered under her guiding hands. Thank you to all the Committee members for a job well done.

During the year I have been negotiating with Dogs NSW for better facilities and upgrades to the road, although not our responsibility but we continued pushing and it has eventuated in the road now being finished and it is a pleasure to drive down to the Clubhouse now (Watch the speed bumps) although there is still work to be carried out on the parking surrounds to the Clubhouse which will be in train shortly.

My role as PR and Grounds Liaison with Dogs NSW and the Grounds man Steve Hadfield for the League has produced some promised upgrading to the grounds side of the building with the concreting along the whole front of the Clubhouse and looking to now get quotes for the erection of an awning to cover the whole length of the building. Concrete slabs have been completed in the past year and measuring pads put into place. The centre ring covers will be a job ongoing into 2012. Repairs to the parking area low spots on the roadside of the Clubhouse where the water lays have been rectified with leveling and the gravel spoil from the road works just completed and the widening of the bridge to the Clubhouse has been completed.

The 2011 National has been and gone and full credit must go to the committee and the numerous helpers for an excellent run show **the biggest GSD Show of the year** of which we can all be proud. We as a club would be remiss not to thank our major sponsor **Eukanuba** for their wonderful sponsorship package for the National and also for the next 12 months. The Trophy table at this show was second to none and many remarks were made as to the quality of the table.

We had a show meeting to discuss the upgrade of Trophies at our shows the year before last and this has been ongoing in the current year and we still get positive feedback. We have run raffles at the shows during the year and have had good results for these. The prizes still seem to be donated from the same people which is good but perhaps there is someone out there that would like to donate useful raffle prizes the Club would appreciate their donation.

Again thank you to the members and Committee for another very good result for the German Shepherd dog league in the past year.

Terry Jarvis

Webmaster Annual Report 2011

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 and results for the website.

Regards

Frances McAdam

ANNUAL REPORT – G.S.D.L. SECRETARY

12 months gone already - I would like to thank the committee for their assistance over the past 12 months. All correspondence arriving that deals with another committee's portfolio is emailed on to that person and this keeps things flowing nicely.

Unfortunately our Shepherd News Editor, Tattoo and Microchip Officer Craig Babbage passed away and he is sadly missed.

The League conducted a very successful National this year with a very good entry and we received many accolades from exhibitors.

We introduced the innovation of giving all Baby Puppy Exhibits at our shows a toy which I am sure is appreciated by the exhibitors.

Once again the League is providing a Christmas Party for their members and we look forward once again in having the opportunity to enjoy Xmas with our members.

The League hosted the Annual General Meeting for National Council which was very well attended by many visitors from interstate.

Unfortunately the Spring Fair has moved the show date to August just one week prior to the Sieger Show and it makes it virtually impossible to engage the services of German SV Judges and for this reason we will be making our April Ch.Show& Trial the one where we invite the German Judge. This in itself should prove successful as we have the Easter Holidays making it easier for our interstate travellers.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their assistance throughout the year.

Fay Stokes

BREED AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN

Breed Affairs has been quiet this year having not had the opportunity to present seminars with overseas visiting judges however we will be arranging for our visiting judge next Easter to speak to the members on the German Shepherd as his knowledge on German Shepherds is unquestionable.

I attended the Breed Commission/Judges Meeting in Melbourne this year where changes to the Rules & Regulations to become a National Council Specialist Judge and then Breed Surveyor will be changed with a lot more training to become a Breed Surveyor being undertaken.

The Methodology Examinations have been introduced with success – i.e. the trainee judges will be working with a judge independent of the adjudicating judge with a National Council Mentor Judge thus not interrupting the judge officiating on the day. This gives the trainee an opportunity to discuss the various animals he is critiquing with the mentor judge, discuss his/her pull out order and the grading's he/she would award.

It is also being put to the next AGM of Council that to become a National Council Trainee Judge the trainee must have bred at least five litters under his/her own prefix or has a proven involvement in a shared prefix for no less than eight years. (Previously five years was stated)

Have bred at least five animals that have been classified in the GSDCA Inc Breed Survey Scheme

Have bred at least five animals that have been classified with an 'A' and 'Z' stamp under the GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme

This system can only improve the quality of the Specialist Judges coming through and therefore following on from that the quality of the Breed Surveyors.

The proposed Stud Dog Register is now being formatted and there has been lots of talk about this book but it can only serve to assist Breed Surveyors in their recommendations and certainly whilst there will be certain dogs mentioned in the book the Breed Surveyors are able to recommend dogs other than those contained in the Stud Book Register.

Hopefully through next year we can spend time after the Breed Surveys by coming into the club house having a cup of coffee and discussing dogs.

Fay Stokes

PUPPY LISTING REPORT 2011

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

SHEPHERD NEWS EDITORS REPORT

As editor of Shepherd News I have endeavoured to revitaise and update the magazine, but most importantly I have tried to make the content more relevent to the interests of our members. To do this I need more feedback from our members as to what they feel should be included in our magazine.

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, particullarly the requests for more obedience content, however as a non obedience person I need to rely on our obedience fraternity to supply me with articles or sources to relevent articles.

We have had some reponse to attempts to re-establish advertising in the magazine which has helped to offset the cost of those copies we must still print and post, it is hoped that this will continue to improve over coming issues.

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

Bruce Laughlin Shepherd News Editor

WELFARE AND RESCUE REPORT - 2010 -2011

2010 – 2011 was another sad yet rewarding year for our rescue group. We saw the cruelty of humanity and the best of humanity in the wonderful caring people who adopted our rescue dogs and took them into their hearts and homes. To all of you , thank you so much for your kindness

During the year over 150 German Shepherd dogs were saved from death row at various pounds in NSW and via private surrenders. Our worst period is traditionally the “ dump a dog” season over the Christmas holiday break when families decide that a holiday is on the agenda, and the “inconvenient dog” has to go to “the lovely pound” where a good home will be available

A surrendered dog is immediately earmarked for euthanasia on arrival and this can be carried out within 24 hours. Are families cognizant of the fate of their dog, perhaps — do they care – NO.

Our small group saved and rehomed 23 shepherds during the last Christmas break over December and January and we are not looking forward to the holiday break that is just ahead.

Kenneling costs and availability are at a premium during this and other school holiday times. The cost per day per dog is \$30 during this period. We do get a much reduced rate outside of school holiday time. Some dogs may take 1 -2 months to rehome , so the cost is huge. Added to this is the cost of desexing, vaccinations, heartworm testing and any additional vet care that the dogs may need

We implore breeders to give generously to the league’s welfare fund. I can assure you that money donated is allocated to a separate welfare fund to the general league funds and is under the watchful eye of our treasurer, Karen Eaton

Our volunteers pay for their petrol, cost of tolls etc to make numerous trips to pounds, vets , kennels to groom , socialize and show the dogs to potential adoptees. Often we travel to the south and north coasts, to Lithgow, Bargo, Mittagong, to collect unwanted dog , all at our own expense. We put in many hours and days each week as the dogs never stop coming

Sadly the number of tattooed dogs found in pounds is increasing and just in September alone, we rescued sons of Aimsway Aramis, Cayos v d Noriswand, Lux v Satyr, Vegas v Dongmيران etc. from death row at Blacktown Pound. What I am trying to demonstrate is that it is not necessarily back yard bred dogs that find themselves on death row but dogs bred by our members. So please breeders do not take offence if your dog is mentioned here , it is a fact of life that the more people breed and the more a dog is used at stud, then as a consequence more of the offspring are likely to find themselves in this dilemma This is what I am trying to communicate.

During the same month, we bought an emaciated half brother to the current German Sieger ,Remo v Fichtenchlag, also from Blacktown Pound His breeder in SA was advised and a few weeks later when the dog was fit to travel he was returned to SA to a loving home organized by his breeder. Thank you Troy for your care and compassion

You may note that I used the word “bought” from BP. In order to save dogs from the hands of undesirable elements who frequent the pounds looking for security dogs or worse, dogs to be used in dog fighting, we put in a tender to purchase the dog. The dogs mentioned in the above paragraph were bought to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands and from a fate, often worse than euthanasia. In addition to the tender price, we have to pay for the lifetime registration

We have been warned by the wonderful volunteers at BP, that our breed is very much at risk from being procured for dog fighting purposes.

Although we are unable to prove it, it may be the case that some pound staff are actually advising these undesirables that a GSD has come into the pound and is available. Sadly because of this, some dogs may have fallen into the hands of these people. Remember that pounds do not ask questions or vet suitable owners

Another very poignant case was that of an eight year old female , that we rescued from Renbury Pound . The poor darling was in very bad condition, so down trodden she could barely lift her head. We were shocked when we checked her ear and found that she was tattooed. She was identified as a Breed Survey Class 1, ex show dog that I can remember being exhibited in her youth. She has a number of descendants currently doing well in the show ring. She had endured a hard life for a significant time This she did not deserve!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge a few breeders who, when advised of the plight of a dog that they bred, made a donation to assist with rescue. Andrew Komlos, Kim McGregor and Wendy Balderstone. The dogs are now living in amazing homes.

Col and Shirley Ford of Takimbre Kennels are to be commended for their initiative in assisting rescue. They are kindly donating \$10 from the sale of every puppy to Pauline Bellemore of GSD Rescue . Pauline is a member of our group who resides in the Hunter district and takes in rescue dogs from the Hunter and Central Coast pounds and RSPCA shelters in addition to the dogs from Renbury pound in Sydney.

The donation is made in the form of a voucher at their local Pet Barn outlet which Pauline can then use to purchase food or meds for the rescue dogs

Thank you Col and Shirley.

We would love to hear from other breeders who would like to participate in a similar scheme .

I would like to thank all members of our group for their support and hard work. Each and everyone of you is such a vital and integral part of our group and we would be lost without you. Words are not sufficient to express my gratitude, Linda Pierce and Lyn Woods of the AWL. Hawkesbury Valley Branch, Jo Tucker and John Sadler from the GSDL, Pauline Bellemore of GSD Rescue, Jan Baker , Head Trainer at the Blacktown Dog Training Club, you are all amazing people who give so much to save our wonderful breed.

Also our thanks to Cassie Booth and Malle Morley for their kind donations of food for our wonderful foster carers, Sandra Burke, Sue & Jacqui Thomas and Jocelyn & Geoff Henson.

To the GSDL Committee for their support of our endeavours, a big thank you and to all members who have made a financial contribution to rescue, the dogs thank you!

If there is anyone and you don't have to be a member of the league, who would like to volunteer and assist with transport etc , please contact me , we need you !!!

There were so many happy stories that emerged from rescue , so many neglected, starved and beaten dogs that are now living fulfilling lives with wonderful people who just adore them. For many of these dogs , it is the first time in their lives that they have experienced real love and care. To list the names of the 150 German Shepherds that are now living because of the efforts of our group would be impossible but here are just a small number of photos and stories of some of these dogs and their besotted owners



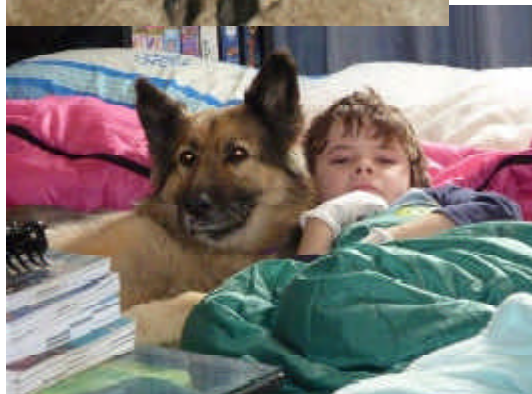
"One of the more neglected GSDs saved from Renbury Pound, an 11 yr old long coat boy that had endured pain and suffering for many years. His coat has now regrown and is a most handsome boy and very loved by his new owner"

"HAPPY RESCUE ENDINGS"

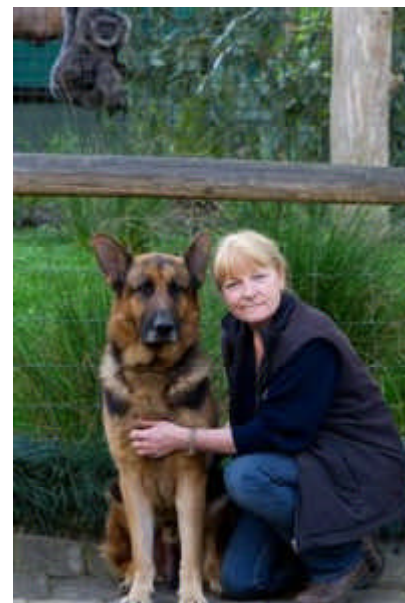
"Monty, a 2 yr old tattooed male, adopted by Sally Padey of Mojo Zoo."



"Boss, a 3 yr old male rescued from death row at Blacktown Pound , adopted by Melanie and her husband , a police officer. Boss is so gentle with their baby girl, Jasmine and is living with their two other sheps"



"Mishka, a 3 yr old female saved from Renbury Pound and adopted by the Reed family"



"Lily's Story"

My name is Lily, you might remember me, I was only with you for a week or so back in August. From what I can remember from my previous life, I was loved very much but sadly circumstance changed and I was neglected for a while, this resulted in me being surrender to you. My new forever owners had a very handsome Sheppard who sadly passed away just before they got me. I have given them lots of love and helping them get over their loss.

I now live in Mudgee, it is 3 hours west of Sydney and nestled in a lovely valley with mountains and vineyards everywhere. I get very well looked after, we have a dam that I splash in, and 1.5 acres of extremely well fenced yard to run and hide amongst the native trees. I even chase the ducks of the dam when they try to land, my forever family don't like it when I do that, but they never get cranky with me.

It's as though I was meant to be here, they always tell me how special I am, and that they love me dearly, they give me lots of hugs and pats, I like that.

I go for lots of walks, and occasionally I get to go down to the cafes and have a coffee, I like that too as all the people walking past comment on how beautiful I am. I have been given my own back-pack and we go trekking in the mountains behind Mudgee, it very arduous but I love every minute of it. We did this last Sunday, then we went to the Brewery, it a coffee shop/restaurant that also brews their own beer, my master like it there and all the people are so friendly. Then we went to one of the many a vineyards around Mudgee and had lunch and relaxed in the garden like surrounds, it is very nice. I am really happy here and grateful you helped me find my forever home. I just wanted to say thank you to you Hetti and all those that make the re-homing happen. *Lily*

Hetty Choy Email: hetty1@optusnet.com.au Ph: 88564038

Entries Close 18th November, 2011

German Shepherd Dog League Inc
Open & Sanction Show & Obedience Trial
The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs,
44 Luddenham Rd, Erskine Park

Saturday 10 December, 2011

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 11 (dogs & bitches), All Obedience

Entries to: Mrs A Mackenzie, 74 Kolora Rd, Ebenezer 2756

Email: druann36@bigpond.com

Ph & Extreme Weather Ph (02) 4579 9383

Cheques made payable to: German Shepherd Dog League Inc

JUDGES

Mr A. Thor (NSW) Open Show - Dogs & Bitches

General Specials

Mrs F Stokes (NSW) Sanction Show - Dogs & **General Specials**

Mrs M Groth (NSW) Sanction Show - Bitches

Mrs M Foord (NSW) All Obedience

Order of Judging: Bitches followed by Dogs

Judging Commences Open Show 8.00 am, Sanction Show 5.00 pm, Obedience 6.00 pm

Dogs NSW Representatives Mrs J Bennett (Breed), Mrs J Schmid (Obedience)

Vetting Time 5.00 pm **Vetting Officer** Mrs M Frost

Entry Fees

Open Show \$8.00

Sanction Show \$23.00 initial entry (includes catalogue),

Obedience \$12.00

Catalogues: included in Entry Fee, \$3.00 for additional copy

Refreshments: Available

Point Scores: GSDL (Sanction Show & Obedience only)

Bitches in oestrus may be shown except in Obedience

* Breed Excellent Medals may be awarded to breed surveyed animals, 2 yrs & over, and entered in the Open Class

* Obedience Excellent Medals will be awarded to animals gaining a score of 190 and over

PRIZES

General Specials Trophy & Sash, **Obedience** Trophy & Sash



2011 GSDL CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATION NIGHT

Erskine Park Clubhouse
Saturday 3rd December 7pm



Come along, relax
and enjoy yourself



Chicken, Cold Meats & Salad
Tea & Coffee



Adults \$5 Children **FREE**



BYO Drinks



Please Book with Social Secretary Fay Samuel

Ph: 0419 997 310

fay2507@bigpond.net.au

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING

Payment may be made on the night

You must attend to Collect Your Trophy (Country Members Excepted)



Note: Have you sent your form in to receive your trophy



2012 National Draft Schedule

The Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club Inc. is proud to host
on behalf of the GSDCA Inc.



40th National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial 18th, 19th & 20th May 2012

At Hunter Valley Gardens, Broke Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320

CONFORMATION Margrit Van Dorssen (SV, Germany) - all Dogs
JUDGES: Heinz Scheerer (SV, Germany) - all Bitches

OBEDIENCE - CCD
JUDGES: Ms. Tiki Friezer (NSW) - Novice
Mrs. Judy Van Der Vegt (NSW) - Open
Mrs Dawn Howard (VIC) - Utility & UDX

Entry Fees:

CONFORMATION (all classes): Initial entry \$44.00, subsequent \$34.00 per class. (Baby Puppies \$37 / \$27 subs.)

OBEDIENCE (all classes): Initial entry \$37.00, subsequent \$27.00 per class.

(Initial entry includes charge for Catalogue, and Dogs NSW levy.) Please use separate form for each class/exhibit.

*Please include the following information on entry forms – Breed Survey status, Hip & Elbow status. (All titles and HAS for Open and Utility - Obedience.) No entries accepted without fees. Please enclose SAE.

ACCOMMODATION: A full list of accommodation is available on our club website: www.nhrgsdc.com.au. In addition powered camping sites are available at the Cessnock Show Grounds (10 minutes from the show) at a cost of \$25.00 per night. Please book through the club secretary for these.

Social Events:

Friday night President's Dinner, the Barrel Room Tempest Two Winery, Dinner and Music \$60 per head.

Saturday Night Dinner Dance at Harrigan's Irish Pub \$30 per head

Sunday Canapes in the Gardens at Presentation provided free by the club

In negotiation: winery Tours over the weekend

Corporate Tents: Corporate tents will be available for hire, we are just waiting on conformation of cost.

Parking There is loads of parking just adjacent to the rings this of course is at no cost.

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 18th APRIL 2012

Show Entries to: Leeanne Lynch, 2 Eagle Close Medowie NSW 2318 Ph (02) 49817358

**NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBER 2012**

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. 21st October, 2011 .**
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 14th November, 2011 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. 15th October, 2011 for the return of the Postal Vote you must include a stamped, self addressed envelope.
NB - Applicants must be current 2011/12 members of the GSDL to be eligible for nomination and/or voting.

Send both nomination and postal vote requests to

**The Secretary GSDL Inc.
123 Whitegates Road,
Londonderry. N.S.W. 2753**

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, 2011

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 010/11 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
02/9670791
Adsms1@bigpond.com

Irish Luck

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia.

What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

Sing like nobody's listening.

Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH

I hope it works...

May there always be work for your hands to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;

May the sun always shine on your windowpane;

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;

May the hand of a friend always be near you;

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



Which is the "Worlds Largest Canyon"?

Last Issues Answer:

The first product made by Heinz was Bottled Horseradish

Club Calendar - Coming Events

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| 8th October | GSDL October Champ Show & Obedience Trial |
| 10th October | General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 30th October | GSDCV Champ Show Judges: J Steigler, John Fenner. Please note new venue, 8 mins from Melbourne Airport. – follow link below for directions. http://www.whereis.com/vic/sunbury/rolling-meadows-dr#session=MTU= |
| 31st October | WDC Champ Show Judges: J Steigler, John Fenner. |
| 13th November | Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park |
| 14th November | AGM Meeting Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 3rd December | GSDL Christmas Presentation (note must attend to collect trophies, country members excepted) |
| 10th December | GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial |
| 2012 | |
| 9th January | General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 13th February | General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 19th February | Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park |
| 12th March | General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 7th & 8th April | GSDL Easter Championship Show and Trial |
| 15th April | General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 14th May | General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms |
| 18,19 & 20 May | 40th National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial, Hunter Valley Gardens, Broke Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320 Judges: Margrit Van Dorssen (SV, Germany) Dogs, Heinz Scheerer (SV, Germany) Bitches |
| 27th May | Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park |

CLUB CONTACTS

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For details on Training go to our Website Training Branches Page

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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.*