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NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

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.

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Welfare and Rescue Report

Our Rescue Group has been extremely busy over the past months assisting a never ending number of dogs in need.

During the year 2010 over 150 German Shepherd Dogs were saved from the dreaded green needle. Initially we worked with Save a Shepherd until they closed their doors in April due to Tanya's impending motherhood and the overwhelming work load that both Tanya and Andrew undertook to save the dogs. Tanya and Andrew are now the proud parents of the beautiful Gabriella.

A relationship was then forged with Linda Pierce of the AWL and Pauline Bellemore in the Hunter, our common goal being the saving of our beautiful German Shepherd dogs. The GSDL group, John Sadler, Jo Tucker and myself have developed an excellent and harmonious working relationship with both Linda and Pauline who are both wonderful, giving women and so committed to saving our breed. We all work tirelessly and assist each other wherever we can.

Our thanks to Fay Stokes who kindly donated an unused dog trailer. John repaired it and restored it to its former glory. The league now has its own rescue trailer and it is a weekly feature at Sydney Pounds collecting those dogs in need with our John at the helm.



The GSDL Rescue Trailer

The pre Christmas period is traditionally "Dump a Dog" time. To compound matters, kennel space at boarding facilities is unavailable to us as the kennels are fully booked due to the demands of the holiday season. We are asked to remove welfare dogs during this period. So the rush was on to find loving homes for all the dogs in care and the dogs that were still coming in to pounds right up to Xmas day.

We were frazzled, we were stressed but we did it! With help from a couple of wonderful foster carers and of course Pauline who cares for the dogs in her home. We managed to save them all. Pauline is a regular female Caesar Milan and has her pack living happily together including newcomers from Renbury Pound that arrive weekly.

There were two very distressing and disturbing incidents that occurred prior to and just after Xmas.

Some of you may have received an urgent email from me re a female surrendered at Blacktown pound in the most terrible condition. She had virtually no hair on the rear of her body, her ears were in terrible shape, both externally and internally, her eyes were weepy and she appeared to have been chained up for some period. The pound described her as an old dog. In reality she was found to be only 4-5 yrs old. I received a photo and notification from one of the marvelous volunteers, Mariette late one night that Rosie as we have called her, had just been surrendered and that she would be euthanased in the morning due to her appalling condition.

At 2.00 am in the morning, emails went out in a desperate attempt to find a foster carer prepared to take in this poor girl. At 8.30 am my wonderful friend Linda Furlong rang and said I will take her. So the race was on, quick call to Jo, ring the pound, put a stop on the morning's kill and hoping that we were on time.

Jo delivered Rosie to Linda who has provided and paid for all veterinary care, taken her into her home and given her the love and care that poor Rosie had never previously experienced.

Rosie is starting to bloom as all good flowers do and will be looking for a loving permanent home shortly.

A sickening event occurred in the Campbelltown area when a man walking his dog in a quiet, isolated area near an oval found an older male shepherd, tied up without any shelter, water or food. Judging by the faeces around the dog it was determined that he had been there for at least three days during extreme weather conditions. Temperatures on some of the days approached 40 degrees.

The dog was taken to Campbelltown Pound where he is in a very bad condition. We will be following up on his progress but it is likely that he will be euthanased.

Before sharing with you some happier stories about some of our wonderful rescue dogs, I would like to raise an issue of some controversy.

"Do un-tattooed dogs deserve to die"

Now and again we hear a whisper that only tattooed or GSDs bred by our members deserve to be rescued and given the opportunity to live out their lives in a loving home.

Firstly not all our members tattoo their puppies; tattoos can fade out over time and become nonexistent or unreadable. We have collected dogs that were handed in with pedigree papers, sired by our leading sires, but not tattooed.

The pounds do not check for ear tattoos and often fail to detect microchips. Firstly they do not understand the significance of the tattoo and secondly they are greatly understaffed and under resourced. For example at Blacktown Pound just prior to Christmas, a staff of two were responsible for looking after 150 dogs. Staff actually went on strike to gain attention to their plight. They do their best, the kennels are clean and the dogs are fed.

We are often sent information on a dog by any number of pounds advising that the dog is scheduled for euthanasia in the morning. We look at the photos and if the dog is a pure German Shepherd and of good temperament, we make the decision to save it. It is not a dog's fault that it is not tattooed.

We fully support the tattoo scheme but feel that we cannot condemn a dog to death because it is not tattooed.

There are some members who feel that welfare dogs interfere with the sale of puppies. Again this is an opinion based on a lack of understanding as to who the rescue dog buyer is.

There are many mature aged people who having lost their beloved old dog, do not want to go through the puppy stages but would like to adopt an older dog. Then we have the older person, often living on their own, mindful of their own mortality, who wants a dog of 6 years plus, that will be their devoted companion sleeping next to their bed.

We also have those people who would not have anything else but a rescue dog as they feel strongly that it is morally wrong to buy a dog when there are dogs in need.

Of course there is also the financial consideration. Retirees cannot often afford the price of a pup which is now well over \$1,000 but can afford to pay \$350 - \$400 for a vaccinated, desexed and microchipped dog.

Likewise there are folks who would not consider a rescue dog but only want a puppy and we refer these folks to GSDL Puppy Listing. It's about different strokes for different folks.

If we don't accommodate this need or niche market for rescue dogs with dogs of our own breed, then this enquiry will be lost to other rescue groups and breeds and dogs of our breed will die needlessly.

Jo Tucker of our group is an obedience instructor with the GSDL and we have been delighted to see the proud owners of rescue shepherds joining the league and attending her class at Erskine Park. Some of these dogs are tattooed and some not.

There is great satisfaction in seeing our dogs go to loving homes often for the first time in their lives; here are some of their stories.

Connor, a 2 yr old male, surrendered to the RSPCA at Rutherford in the Hunter Region, in an emaciated state, and saved by Pauline from euthanasia. Connor weighed just 17 kilos and according to vet advice would only have survived a day or two in his condition. Further he was covered in mange, with pus running out of his eyes. He could barely stand up. Were the owners prosecuted for animal cruelty? NO they were not in spite of the fact that they surrendered poor Connor in this condition.

Connor was nursed back to health and is now a healthy, happy boy living in Tasmania with a wonderful family.



Then - at 17kg

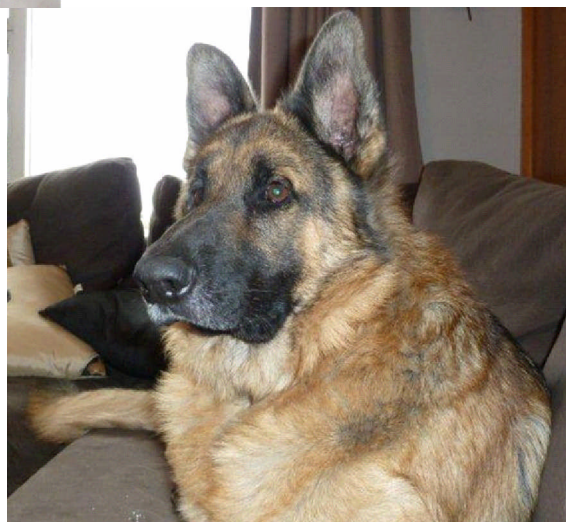
Connor

Now - at Home in Tasmania

*"Here is a new pic of our beautiful Connor.
He is so gorgeous, everyone loves him."*

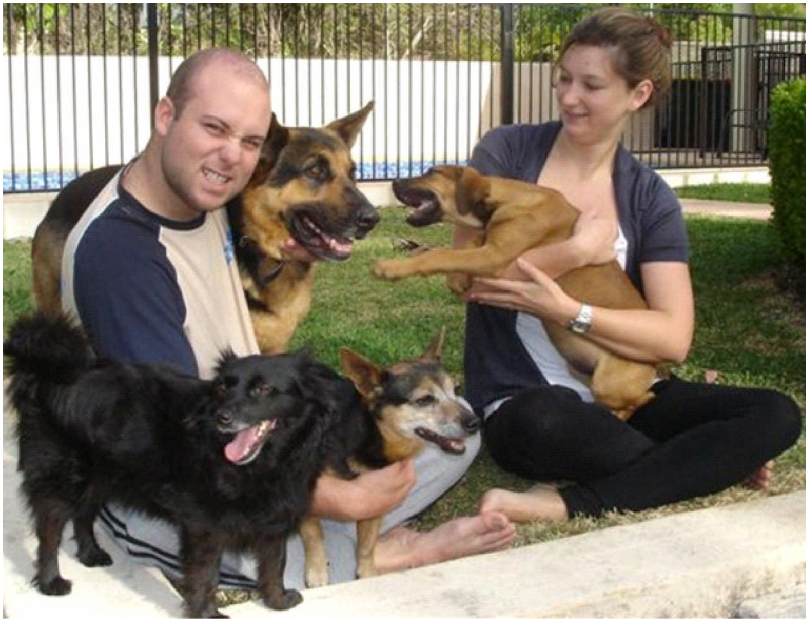
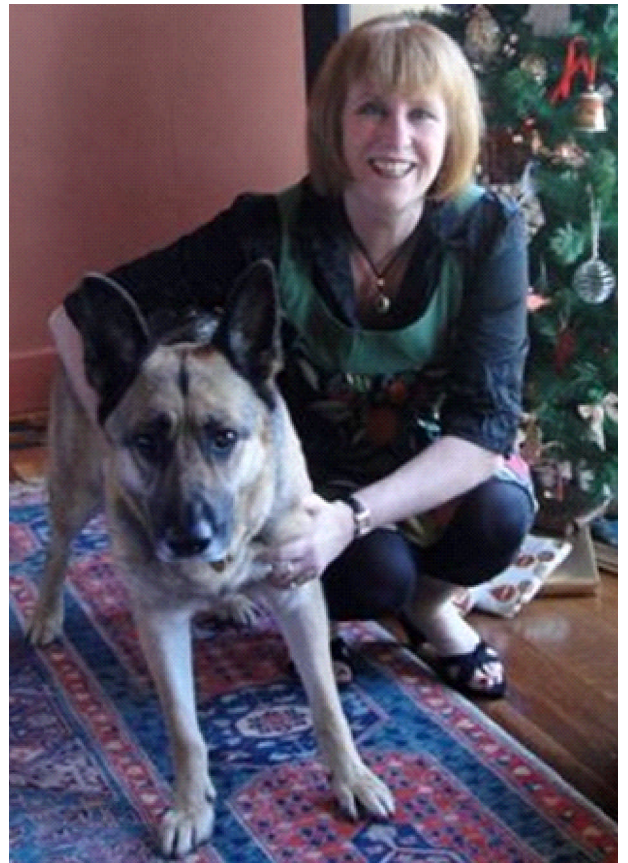


Under Recovery



Hera, now called Nina, was handed in at Blacktown pound in very poor condition. Poor bewildered Nina was desexed, vaccinated, heart worm checked and boarded until a marvelous couple, Geri and Jeff adopted her. They are so happy with her that they are looking forward to adopting another dog in 2011.

Nina

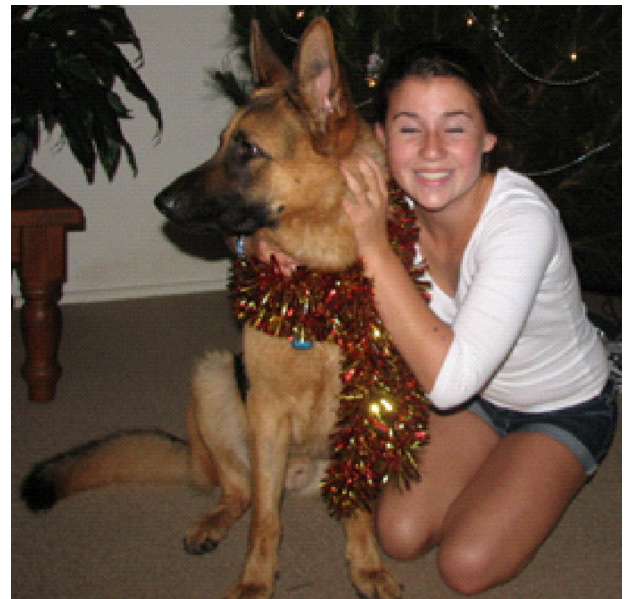


Skye

Skye, a 3 yr old, rescued from Hawkesbury Pound after being surrendered by a lady in her 70's. She was sold by the RSCPC. An inappropriate re-homing, a young lively dog with a very elderly lady who could not hang on to her. So poor Skye was once more on death row, she is now living with a young family and their dogs at Nelson Bay and loving the beach life style.

Ice

Ice, a 12 mth old tattooed boy, surrendered to the RSPCA at Rutherford. The old story, no time, dog too boisterous, get rid of it!! Ice celebrated Christmas with Kim, Carlos and their family at Bargo.



Finally I would like to thank John and Jo, and our wonderful kind carers, Sammy and Linda for their generosity, kindness and all the time that they devote to saving these dogs. Without you, we could not do this work. We support each other through some very difficult and stressful times.

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"How Could You?"

A letter from a dog – by Jim Willis

When I was a puppy, I entertained you with my antics and made you laugh. You called me your child, and despite a number of chewed shoes and a couple of murdered throw pillows, I became your best friend. Whenever I was "bad," you'd shake your finger at me and ask, "How could you?" -- but then you'd relent and roll me over for a belly rub.

My housebreaking took a little longer than expected, because you were terribly busy, but we worked on that together. I remember those nights of nuzzling you in bed and listening to your confidences and secret dreams, and I believed that life could not be any more perfect.

We went for long walks and runs in the park, car rides, stops for ice cream (I only got the cone because "ice cream is bad for dogs" you said), and I took long naps in the sun waiting for you to come home at the end of the day.

Gradually, you began spending more time at work and on your career, and more time searching for a human mate. I waited for you patiently, comforted you through heartbreaks and disappointments, never chided you about bad decisions, and romped with glee at your homecomings, and when you fell in love.

She, now your wife, is not a "dog person" -- still I welcomed her into our home, tried to show her affection, and obeyed her. I was happy because you were happy. Then the human babies came along and I shared your excitement. I was fascinated by their pinkness, how they smelled, and I wanted to mother them, too. Only she and you worried that I might hurt them, and I spent most of my time banished to another room, or to a dog crate.

Oh, how I wanted to love them, but I became a "prisoner of love." As they began to grow, I became their friend. They clung to my fur and pulled themselves up on wobbly legs, poked fingers in my eyes, investigated my ears, and gave me kisses on my nose. I loved everything about them and their touch -- because your touch was now so infrequent -- and I would've defended them with my life if need be. I would sneak into their beds and listen to their worries and secret dreams, and together we waited for the sound of your car in the driveway.

There had been a time, when others asked you if you had a dog, that you produced a photo of me from your wallet and told them stories about me. These past few years, you just answered "yes" and changed the subject. I had gone from being "your dog" to "just a dog," and you resented every expenditure on my behalf. Now, you have a new career opportunity in another city, and you and they will be moving to an apartment that does not allow pets. You've made the right decision for your "family," but there was a time when I was your only family.

I was excited about the car ride until we arrived at the animal shelter. It smelled of dogs and cats, of fear, of hopelessness. You filled out the paperwork and said, "I know you will find a good home for her." They shrugged and gave you a pained look. They understand the realities facing a middle-aged dog, even one with "papers." You had to pry your son's fingers loose from my collar, as he screamed, "No, Daddy! Please don't let them take my dog!" And I worried for him, and what lessons you had just taught him about friendship and loyalty, about love and responsibility, and about respect for all life. You gave me a good-bye pat on the head, avoided my eyes, and politely refused to take my collar and leash with you. You had a deadline to meet and now I have one, too. After you left, the two nice ladies said you probably knew about your upcoming move months ago and made no attempt to find me another good home. They shook their heads and asked, "How could you?"

They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you that you had changed your mind -- that this was all a bad dream... or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone who might save me. When I realized I could not compete with the frolicking for attention of happy puppies, oblivious to their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited.

I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day, and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room. A blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table and rubbed my ears, and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days. As is my nature, I was more concerned about her. The burden which she bears weighs heavily on her, and I know that, the same way I knew your every mood. She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured, "How could you?"

Perhaps because she understood my dog speak, she said, "I'm so sorry." She hugged me, and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn't be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself -- a place of love and light so very different from this earthly place. And with my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump of my tail that my "How could you?" was not directed at her.

It was directed at you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of you. I will think of you and wait for you forever. May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty.

OUR SIEGER SHOW PILGRIMAGE

In late August, Steve and I together with our friends Paul and Daphne Murray of Kuirau kennels embarked on a journey of a lifetime, a pilgrimage to the 2010 Sieger Show, which was held in Nurnberg in southern Germany

We stayed at a hotel located on the outskirts of a magnificent park and each morning we enjoyed a delightful 10 min walk directly through the park to The Easy Credit Stadium, the venue for the show,

The Working Classes or Open classes were conducted in the huge Easy Stadium itself whilst the Jugend and Junghund classes were judged in the Zeppelin Field within the amphitheatre that was used by Hitler and the Nazi Party for the annual Nazi Rallies from 1933 to 1945.

To be in a place that was so steeped in history surrounded by the amazing architecture of that by-gone era was for us surreal. We purchased our catalogues and did our shopping at the grounds on Thursday. We were like children let loose in a candy shop.

The weather was beautiful on Friday, the first day of the show, when individuals for both the Jugend and Junghund were to be judged simultaneously. It was difficult to follow them all, so we decided to concentrate on the Jugend or Junior class for males. There were 262 dogs entered of which 116 were shown.

We watched some of the individuals of the Jugend Male class and awarded each dog's performance with a "wow" factor rating on our note pads with four wows being the ultimate. Daphne and I awarded our "4 Wow factor" to No 5207, Dano v d Ostfriesischen Thingstatte, No 5208, Elmo v d Ostfriesischen, No 5034, Kostas v Timohaus, and No 5056, Yoker v Westervenn. We were delighted to discover on the final day of judging that our boys were placed 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Not a bad effort from two girls from Oz! Herr Konig did an excellent job of the judging!

Dano was by Tyson v Kottersbush with his mother being a Vegas Du Haut Mansard, daughter and litter sister to the eventual beautiful Siegerin, Chakira v Pendler

Elmo from the same kennel as Dano, Elmo is sired by the very lovely new VA dog Ustinov v Romerland. His mother is Boogie v Pendler, litter sister of Bojan v Pendler, VA. Here again we see the influence of Vegas with Boogie and Bojan being Vegas offspring.

Kostas is sired by the Zamp v Thermodos son, the V9 dog, Ober della Valculvia, out of Semla v Feedback. Kostas is a dog bred in Yugoslavia.

Yoker v Westerveen, a dog owned in Holland, sired by Unzo v Noort out of the Dutch bred Zaira vd YbajoHoeve.

The second dog whose individual we did not see, Omen v Rathaus, is a son of Vice Sieger Remo v Fichtenschlag, a son of Ray v Fichtenschlag who is resident in South Australia.

Rays' owners must have been absolutely delighted to see a Ray son go German Vice Sieger.

The dogs in the first group of 30-40 dogs were in a class of their own. The quality of the dogs in the second and subsequent groups was not of the high standard of the first.

We stopped to watch the Jugend females for a while and saw the individual of two bitches that again were awarded our 4 Wow factor., No 6003, Dascha vom Emkendorfer Park, sired by the new Sieger, Shicco vd Freiheit Westerholt and No 6308, Grace v Frankengold, sired by Bruno v Vierhundert Herz, the V19 dog 2009. Dascha and Grace were placed 5th and 6th on the final day of judging.

The winner of the class was Chira del Frutteto and her details can be found in Les Hersant's excellent report on the Sieger Show in the December issue of the Review. Second was Elsa du Val D'Anzin, sired by the Quenn son, Paer v Hasenborn, VA13, Third was Nika v Pendler, by the beautiful Tyson v Kottersbusch, her dam being the Vegas daughter and Siegerin, Chakira v Pendler. We thought that the quality of this very large class of 366 females entered and 233 shown was superb

We noted with interest that a designated steward checked the collar of each dog as it entered the ring in all the classes

A most interesting event occurred in the break of judging of the young classes. Literature denouncing Herr R Mayer, the judge of the Open or Working Dog Class was handed out to spectators. The papers provided data on the placings of the progeny of the leading sires at shows leading up to the Sieger Show. These figures were then used to provide a quotient of that sire's success rate. According to these sheets the top five producing sires over this period were, Dux Intercanina, (a Zamp son), followed by the progeny of Zamp himself, Tyson v Kottersbusch was 3rd, 4th the Quenn son, Furbo and 5th Yukon v d Bastille, VA3 2009

The paper questioned why Dux, Tyson and Furbo were not being shown under Herr Meyer and denounced Herr Meyer for not promoting these dogs.

Tyson was then brought into the ring and gave a demonstration of his wonderful gaiting ability. He is a magnificent dog of striking colouring but a very large dog. His progeny as outlined in Les Hersant's article did extremely well at the show.

On Saturday, armed with drink and food we made sure that we secured good seats in the stadium for the Progeny Groups. And what a feast for the eyes it was!

In the "Big Guns" came with their beautiful progeny. Dux, Vanos, Dux de Cuatro Flores, Arex, Digger, Negus, Bojan, Kwantum, Remo, Floro, Odin, Ustinov, Quenn, Ustinov, Yukon, Schicco, Paer, Zamp, Fluro, Ober, Yerom, Tyson, Vegas, and Furbo.

It was whilst watching the progeny groups that I fell in love with No 3066, the young male leading out the group of his sire, Bojan v Pendler VA, the first of the Vegas sons to go VA.

Daphne and I quickly consulted our catalogue and this magnificent male with the most amazing far reaching gait was identified as Ypsilon vom Larchenhain, owned, bred and handled by Herr Helmut Buss, an SV judge who has judged in Australia.

We were delighted that on the following day, at the completion of the judging of the Junghund class, to find that Ypsilon had placed 2nd.

Keep an eye on this young dog as I predict that he has a very big future

Being Vegas tragics, we raced out of the stadium after seeing his line up of clones, to see the legendary Vegas du Haut Mansard up close and personal outside the stadium. And yes we got to have hugs with Vegas.

He is a magnificent dog of beautiful colour, medium sized, dark eyes and he was totally unfazed by all the commotion around him. For us it was quite an emotional experience and we loved him.

This year five Vegas progeny were given the VA award including the Siegerin and the Reserve Siegerin. This brings his total of VA progeny to 7 including the 2009 Siegerin. An outstanding performance!

Our favourite progeny groups were those of Vegas, Floro, Bojan, Tyson, Zamp, Arex, Remo and Furbo.

Please refer to Les Hersant's excellent report for the results of the Working Class Males and Females in the December issue of the quarterly review.

The off lead gaiting of the Open Males was something to behold. The dogs gaited in groups of about 6 and each dog and handler were assigned to their individual steward on the track in the ring. The stewards were spaced approximately five metres apart. Then it was "start your engines ladies and gentlemen" and the boys were off. This way there was no over shadowing and dogs were not held back by slower moving dogs in front. It was an exciting and magnificent spectacle to watch.

The judging of the class was not without incident Herr Meyer moved a dog back during the fast gaiting exercise. The dog I believe was the lovely Pardo v Baruther Land. The crowd in the stadium erupted with booing and the stamping of feet. We thought this was a bit of fun so we joined in enthusiastically as we were sure that the German crowd knew what they were doing. They certainly know their dogs and are quite vocal in voicing their opinions. Herr Meyer then reinstated Pardo back to his previous position and the dog placed V20. Very interesting!

At the conclusion of Saturday's judging we ran into Vince and Fran Tantarò, Lily and Terry Hannan and Sue and Jim Belfield from the UK. Sue and Jim breed under the well known Kassieger kennel prefix and exhibited two litter sisters in the Junghund class. Sue's beautiful bitch, Kassieger Renata, a Floro degli Achei daughter out of a Zamb daughter, finished SG11 in an entry of 251 bitches of the highest quality. The litter sister, Riane finished a very respectable SG45 despite being out of coat.

UK exhibitors excelled at the show with a SG7 placing in the Jugend bitch class, SG5 in the Junghund male class, which was a class of outstanding quality and an SG13 placing behind Renata.

At the conclusion of the show, after seeing so many legendary and beautiful dogs we could not help but compare what we had seen, to the dogs we have in Australia. The dogs in Germany are generally more elongated in their proportions and have very angled hindquarters without being cow hocked. Of course there are exceptions to this. I questioned a judge at the show with regard to the angle of the hindquarters and he maintained that if a dog does not have a very well angled hindquarter, then it will not have sufficient drive. The above may explain why so many of their dogs have such outstanding and expansive movement. Some of our dogs are more short coupled often with short under chests which impedes movement. This is however just my opinion and observation. Although Australia has some very good dogs, we still have a way to go to come close to the quality and quantity of the German dogs

Early on Monday morning after the show we collected our Mercedes van and joined the Fred Lanting group in Nurnberg. Fred is a retired SV judge based in the USA who conducts tours of the Sieger Show and some of the well known kennels in Germany.

With Paul at the helm of car with co-drivers Daphne and Hetty strategically seated beside and directly behind him to give him direction and encouragement, we embarked on our journey onto the autobahn driving on the wrong side of the road. As every man would know, women were put on this earth to give men direction!

We travelled in a convoy of three vans to the world famous "Kirschtal" kennels where we met Karl and Marion Fuller and were shown some of the Kirschtal dogs. The Fullers had just send one of their bitches to Australia in whelp. Karl who is now in his eighties, explained that his dogs which are actively used for sheep herding, were more shortly coupled than show line dogs as this enabled the dogs to be more agile and to execute a turn faster when herding sheep.

We resumed our journey travelling to Bad Neustadt where we visited the home of Reinhard Dieterich, the owner of the late former Sieger, the great Zamp v Theomodos. They live in a most picturesque village opposite fields of green corn.

The front door of their home opened and out came the two daughters followed by three dogs running loose to the fields across the road. Three most beautiful dogs, one was the new VA9 male, Quattro v Partnachklamm, the V4 dog, Digger v Elzmundungsraum and Sue Belfield's, SG11 girl, Kassieger Renata, who is also the British Youth Siegerin. We were delighted to meet up again with Sue and Jim who were also at the house. Both Quattro and Digger are Zamp sons. We had the best time, playing with these three wonderful ambassadors of the breed.

Our party walked with the Dietrich family and the dogs to a sports field at the back of their home and spent an hour taking photos and playing and watching the dogs in a totally relaxed and informal environment. Daphne was in seventh heaven handling and setting up Quattro, Digger and Renata. Later we drove a short distance to their kennels and saw some puppies and young stock.

Our convoy resumed its journey on the autobahn, and drove up the mountains passing through many picturesque villages. The scenic drive up the mountains was most enjoyable. In the evening we arrived at our destination of Heppenheim, where we had booked accommodation. It was a fantastic day and a day that we will never forget!

In the morning we visited the Reichertshof kennels of Friedrich and Michael Reichert who train all their own dogs in Schutzhund, Search and Rescue as well as show. They compete very successfully in Schutzhund trials as well as the show ring. We enjoyed lunch with Friedrich and his wife at a nearby restaurant. I got to practice my rusty German as Friedrich and his wife did not speak English and Fred whose German was of my standard needed assistance with communications.

Then it was off again onto the autobahn with Paul at the wheel, our little convoy travelled to Heidelberg and on to Laudenbach, north of Heidelberg to the club training grounds.

There we met Franz Schlenzig the owner and breeder of Bruno Vierhundert Herz V19, 2009 and were introduced to club members training their dogs. There were members present training dogs that were not GSD's, one being an Airedale and another a Vizla or Weimaraner. These dogs were actively involved in Search and Rescue.

We enjoyed dinner at the clubhouse which boasted its own restaurant and spent a most pleasant evening watching the dogs training and chatting to members.

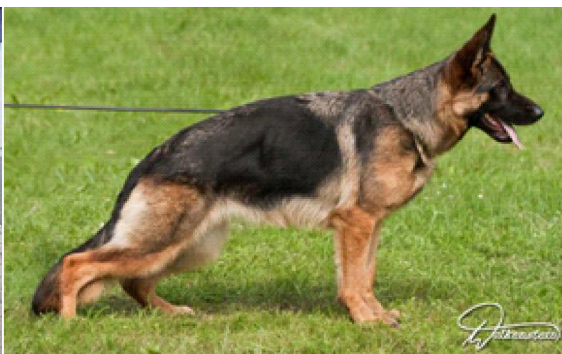
Our GSD pilgrimage had come to an end and the following morning, we continued on our holiday driving through the south of Germany making our way to Vienna where seven days later, we joined a 13 day cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam.

It truly was the trip of a life time!

Hetty Choy



Daphne & Steve with Quattro & Digger



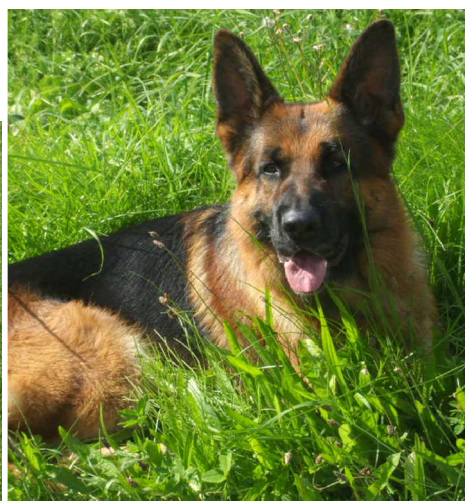
Vegas granddaughter, Grace v Frankengold SG6



Hetty with Karl and Marion
Fullerat Kirschtal Kennels



Renata, Quattro and Digger



Quattro in the fields



Hetty, Julia and Lisa Dieterich with
VA Quattro and Kassieger Renata



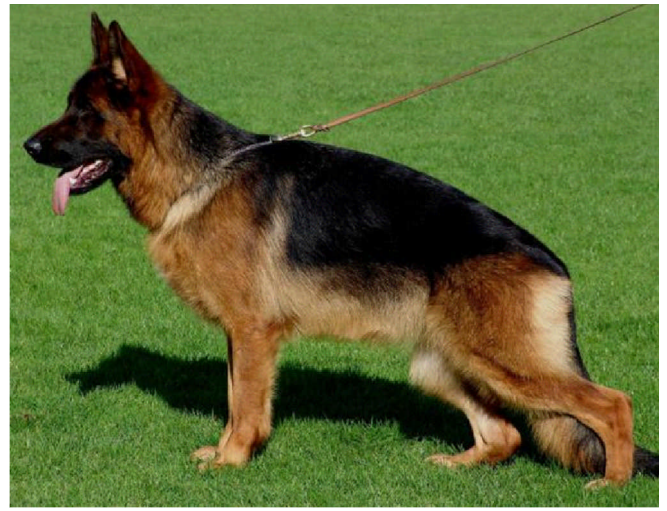
Daphne Murray sets up the beautiful British Siegerin
and SG11 Junghund Female "Kassieger Renata"



Jugend Sieger Dano vd Ostfriesischen Thingatatte SG1



Ypsilon vom Larchenhain SG2



Dascha vom Emkendorfer Park SG5 Jugendklasse



Steve and Fred Lanting with VA Quattro, V4 Digger & Kassieger Renata SG11 and British Youth Siegerin

You Couldn't Make This Up!

BEST LAWYER/INSURANCE STORY OF THE YEAR, DECADE, AND POSSIBLY THE CENTURY.

This took place in Charlotte North Carolina A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, and then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires' ... The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued and WON! (Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of **ARSON!!!**

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Vitamins in Dogs

Water Soluble Vitamins: Vitamin C & Vitamin B Complex Fat Soluble Vitamins: A - D - E & K

According to Stedman's Medical Dictionary, a vitamin is 'one of a group of organic substances, present in minute amounts in natural foodstuffs, that are essential to normal metabolism.' As defined, vitamins are present in very small quantities in most foods and it is this fact that leads to the manufacture of vitamin supplements for dogs, cats, and people. Not only are vitamins naturally present in only small amounts, they are also essential for life.

The importance of vitamins has been known for only a short time, however, their actual effects were demonstrated long ago. Around 400 B.C., the father of modern medicine, Hippocrates, first advocated using liver to cure night blindness. We now know that the essential component of the liver was vitamin A and it was the lack of vitamin A that caused the night blindness. Beriberi, the once feared paralytic disease of humans, was found to be curable by feeding unpolished rice. It is now known that the unpolished rice was rich in the vitamin B1 - thiamine. Low thiamine levels were the real cause of beriberi and a simple diet change could cure the paralysis.

The primary vitamins are normally identified as vitamin A, D, E, K, C, and B complex. Of these, A, D, E, and K are the fat soluble vitamins. Vitamins C and B complex are water soluble. The fat soluble vitamins are commonly stored in special fat storage cells called lipocytes, whereas, the water soluble vitamins are not stored within the body except in small amounts. It is for this reason that the fat soluble vitamins pose the biggest threat if over supplemented. They are stored and build up within the body.

The body tissues do not readily store water soluble vitamins and when fed in excess, they are easily eliminated from the body via the urine. Because they do not accumulate within the tissues, there is minimal risk of toxic effects. In fact, we are not aware of a single toxicity case ever having been documented in either dogs or cats. All of the water soluble vitamins, just as the fat soluble ones, are inherently important for life. The lack of adequate amounts of vitamins has been well described in both pets and people.

We will outline the water soluble vitamins: vitamin C and B complex. Of the vitamin B complex we will discuss thiamine, niacin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid, pyridoxine, folic acid, B12, and biotin.

Vitamin	Recommended Minimum Daily Dose for Dogs	Sources	Signs of Deficiencies
Vitamin C	Not required, synthesized in the liver of healthy dogs	Citrus fruits and vegetables	Slowed healing, increased susceptibility to disease(?)
Vitamin B1 (Thiamine)	.01 mg/lb.	Plants, fruit, vegetables, milk, meat	Loss of appetite, loss of reflexes, loss of nerve control, weakness
Niacin	.12 mg/lb.	Meat, meat by-products	Loss of appetite and weight, inflamed gums, hemorrhagic diarrhea
Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)	.05 mg/lb.	Organ meats and dairy products	Poor growth, eye abnormalities, heart failure
Vitamin B5 (Pantothenic Acid)	.1 mg/lb.	Meats and vegetables	Hair loss, diarrhea, premature graying
Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine)	.01 mg/lb.	Found in most foods, damaged during processing	Anemia, poor growth, skin lesions
Folic Acid	.002 mg/lb.	Organ meats	Hypoplasia of bone marrow, macrocytic anemia
Vitamin B12 (Cyanocobalamin, cobalamin)	.00025 mg/lb.	Organ meats, animal sources	Macrocytic anemia
Biotin	.001 mg/lb.	Corn, soybeans, beef liver	Poor hair, dry skin, diarrhea

Vitamin C

Vitamin C has long been considered the cure for the common cold in humans. In pets, it has been thought to prevent hip dysplasia, cure feline leukaemia, and prevent urinary tract infections. We doubt that its use will prevent a dog that genetically carries the trait of hip dysplasia from developing this condition. However, we have worked with several animals that had clinical hip dysplasia, that when given high levels of vitamin C, seemed to exhibit fewer signs of joint pain. It did not cure the condition, but it did seem to allow the patient to better live with the problem.

In the case of bladder infections, as in human medicine, we believe that vitamin C is unusual in that it is excreted unchanged totally via the kidneys, and it therefore, acidifies the urine. This makes the bladder a much less hospitable place for bacteria to live. Most of the bacteria that cause cystitis (bladder infection) survive much better in environments that have an alkaline pH. Therefore, by acidifying the urine with vitamin C, these organisms are often eliminated. This is the reason many women are told to drink large quantities of cranberry juice by their doctors when they have cystitis.

As far as its use in viral diseases like the common cold or feline leukaemia, in all honesty, there is little evidence of its value. At the same time, we would readily admit that vitamin C can do no harm when used. As we stated, it is excreted unchanged via the urine.

Forms of Vitamin C: We know that vitamin C exists in two forms: as dehydroascorbic acid and as ascorbic acid. Ascorbic acid is easily hydrolysed (mixed with water) and therefore, it is readily absorbed through the intestinal wall. Likewise, it easily enters the urine to exit the body. Very little is stored within the body and the minute amount that is contained within the adrenal gland. Ascorbic acid can be fed or it can be manufactured within the body from glucose. Unlike dogs and cats, guinea pigs and humans cannot manufacture vitamin C so their only source is in their diet.

Therapeutic Uses: Ascorbic acid plays many important functions in bone formation. It is involved in bone growth as well as bone mineralization. Deficiencies of ascorbic acid result in the syndrome known as scurvy. Dogs with scurvy exhibit weak bones and swollen joints usually accompanied by severe tissue haemorrhaging. Scurvy has not been reported in cats. In young dogs, scurvy is sometimes referred to as hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD). Dogs with HOD generally exhibit swollen, painful joints especially of the limbs. The swollen areas are the portions of the long bones that are growing. We might add here that a lack of vitamin C is only one factor in HOD. There are other causes of HOD that are unrelated to a vitamin C deficiency. A puppy may have HOD, but have perfectly adequate amounts of vitamin C. With this in mind, it is easily explained that only some patients with HOD will respond to vitamin C therapy.

Vitamin C is definitely justified as a supplement, especially in fast-growing puppies and in lactating bitches. It is not, however, a cure of hip dysplasia. Hip dysplasia is a genetic conformational abnormality and vitamin C cannot alter genetics. It may help alleviate the pain associated with dysplastic hips, but hip dysplasia is genetic and not nutritional. Whether the dog is in pain or not, or whether vitamin C does or does not help, the dog is still dysplastic and should be treated as such.

Vitamin C has been used with varying degrees of success in helping prevent the formation of some bladder stones in dogs and cats. The vitamin C makes the urine more acidic and maintaining an acid urine helps discourage the creation of most stone types.

In conclusion, vitamin C is widely used as a supplement in growing, pregnant, lactating, stressed, and working pets. There are numerous vitamin C supplements available. There is no concern for vitamin C toxicity.

Vitamin B complex

Vitamin B complex consists of a multitude of B vitamins. We will detail thiamine, niacin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid, pyridoxine, folic acid, B12, and biotin. All are B vitamins and together form the water soluble vitamin B complex. Toxicities from B vitamins generally pose no concern so we will mainly discuss their functions and the conditions that may result from deficiencies.

Thiamine: Thiamine, or vitamin B1, was the very first water soluble vitamin to be identified. It is required for the normal function of muscles and nerves because it converts glucose to energy.

Thiamine is found in plants, vegetables, fruits, milk, fish, and other meats. Like all water soluble vitamins, it is not stored within the body so it is extremely important that the diet have a sufficiently high amount.

In veterinary medicine, a thiamine deficiency is generally associated with pets that are fed a large amount of raw fish. Herring, smelt, and catfish contain large amounts of thiaminase, an enzyme that destroys thiamine. Pets fed these raw meats as a sole source of food will become thiamine deficient. Cooking fish prior to feeding will destroy the thiaminase enzyme, and therefore, cooked fish poses no problem. A deficiency of thiamine results in loss of appetite, weakness, loss of reflexes, loss of nerve control, and eventually death.

Niacin: Niacin, another B vitamin, plays a role mainly in helping enzymes to function properly. Niacin is found in adequate levels in meats and meat by-products and is very low in vegetables and grains. 'Black tongue' and 'sore mouth disease' are the terms used to describe a dog or cat suffering from a niacin deficiency. A pet suffering with black tongue will lose weight, fail to eat, and have red inflamed gums, lips, and inner cheeks. Bloody diarrhoea and death may follow. Niacin deficiency is generally encountered when owners formulate their own diets for their pets and do not include meat as part of the ration. Be very careful when trying to convert a pet into a vegetarian. Dogs are omnivores, which means they must eat meats and vegetables. Cats are carnivores which means they must eat meat.

Riboflavin: Riboflavin, also known as vitamin B2, has been proven to be essential to normal growth, muscle development, and hair coat. Riboflavin is found naturally in organ meats and dairy products. It is lowest in grains, vegetables, and fruits. The unsupplemented vegetarian pet is at extreme risk of developing a riboflavin deficiency. Dogs fed a diet deficient in vitamin B2 will have poor growth, eye abnormalities, weakness in rear limbs, and eventually heart failure. Deficient patients usually have periodic episodes of fainting, and this is termed the 'collapsing syndrome of dogs.' Riboflavin toxicity is rare if not nonexistent; we know of no documented cases.

Pantothenic acid: Pantothenic acid is another B vitamin and is found in sufficient quantities in most raw foodstuffs including meats and vegetables. Processing of foods will reduce the amount of pantothenic acid available to the dog or cat. The role of pantothenic acid has been well described. This acid enables the body to create usable energy from carbohydrates, fats, and proteins. The symptoms of pantothenic acid deficiency include loss of hair, diarrhoea, and gastric (stomach) upsets. It has also been associated with abnormal graying, particularly in black-coated animals. There are no known toxicities.

Pyridoxine: Pyridoxine, also known as vitamin B6, is another B complex vitamin. Vitamin B6 is found in many foods, but processing easily destroys it. B6 is used by the body in the utilization of amino acids. It is absolutely essential for life. Deficiencies of pyridoxine lead to anaemia, poor growth, kidney stones, tooth cavities, skin lesions, and in advanced cases, death. There are no known toxicities.

Folic acid and vitamin B12: Folic acid and vitamin B12 (also called cyanocobalamin or cobalamin) are two closely related B complex vitamins and are usually discussed together. They are necessary for the bone marrow to produce red blood cells, and a deficiency of either can lead to advanced anaemia. In this type of anaemia the red cells are fewer in number but are larger than normal (macrocytic). The quantity of white blood cells may also be reduced. Both vitamins are usually included in the diet and are found in organ meats. Toxicities are of no concern.

Biotin: Biotin is the last of the B complex vitamins that we will detail. Biotin is one of the most discussed of all vitamins, primarily because of its role in maintaining healthy skin and hair. It does much more than this, as it is necessary for growth, digestion, and muscle function. In some animals, it has been linked to litter size.

Biotin deficiencies have been reported following the ingestion of raw egg whites. Raw egg whites contain an enzyme called avidin that acts to destroy biotin. It is best if raw egg whites are not fed to dogs or cats. Cooking inactivates avidin. The yolk is very high in Biotin and if the whole egg is fed, the avidin in the white and the high biotin in the yolk cancel each other out. A patient suffering from a lack of biotin may have poor hair, skin lesions, dried eye discharge, diarrhoea, decreased litter size, and in advanced cases, a paralysis of the limbs. Biotin is found in grains, but is not always of a usable quantity. Diets rich in corn or soybean are best, while those of wheat and barley are deficient. Beef liver supplies the richest source, with brewers yeast being next highest. Biotin supplements are also available. Biotin toxicity is rare to nonexistent.

Fat Soluble Vitamins

Vitamin	Recommended Minimum Daily Dose for Dogs	Toxic Dose (This dose must be given daily for months to create toxicity.)	Sources	Signs of Deficiencies
A	2272 IU/lb of food consumed on a dry matter basis	113,600 IU/lb of food consumed on a dry matter basis	Liver, fish liver oil, vegetables, dairy products	Night blindness, retarded growth, poor quality skin and hair
D	227 IU/lb of food consumed on a dry matter basis	2272 IU/lb of food consumed on a dry matter basis	Sunshine, dairy products, fish liver oil	Rickets, poor eruption of permanent teeth
E	23 IU/lb of food consumed on a dry matter basis	455 IU/lb of food consumed on a dry matter basis	Cold pressed vegetable oils, meats, nuts, green leafy vegetables	Reproductive failure, brown bowel syndrome
K	Synthesized in the body	none	Kelp, alfalfa, egg yolk	Increased clotting time and hemorrhage

Vitamin A

The first fat soluble vitamin to be discovered was Vitamin A. Vitamin A is found in several forms such as retinol, retinaldehyde, retinoic acid, and in the liver storage form, retinyl palmitate. If fed in amounts exceeding the capacity of the liver, Vitamin A 'floats' freely in the bloodstream and can possibly create toxicities.

The main source of Vitamin A is the yellow pigment found in plants. This pigment is called carotene. When fed to dogs, carotene is easily converted by the intestinal cells into the usable Vitamin A. Not so in cats. Cats have a greatly reduced ability to convert plant pigment (Beta Carotene) to Vitamin A. Because of this, cats must be fed Vitamin A already in the liver storage form as retinyl palmitate. Vitamin A, once ingested, is stored in fat cells mainly within the liver. Here it remains until needed by the body. Vitamin A has many roles. It is important for vision and other functions. Deficiencies lead to poor low-light vision (termed night blindness), retarded growth, poor-quality skin and hair development, and reproductive failure. To those who raise puppies, the Vitamin A link to growth is of prime importance. Lack of Vitamin A in puppies directly relates to low growth rates, muscle weakness, poor vision, and loss of hair coat. Skeletal and nervous disorders such as hydrocephalus and cleft palate are also common results of a Vitamin A deficiency. Females will not ovulate properly and males can become sterile if they are deficient in Vitamin A. The amount of Vitamin A needed in the first two years of life is sufficient to warrant supplementation in the diet. Later in life, once full growth is attained, the need for it is still important, but reduced.

From a practical standpoint, Vitamin A supplementation is necessary especially to the growing puppy. Infants are born with no liver storage of this vitamin. The colostrum (first milk) is rich in Vitamin A and provides an important first source. Name brand commercial pet foods are vitamin fortified and many excellent vitamin supplementations are available in tablets, granular, and liquid form.

Vitamin A is one of the two vitamins in which over supplementation can have negative effects. However, we have never seen a case of over supplementation causing toxicosis, and in dogs, toxicity has been demonstrated only under experimental conditions. Toxic doses of Vitamin A could produce muscle weakness and bone abnormalities. Realistically, over supplementation or toxicity is virtually impossible unless mega-doses are given for long periods of time (months to years).

Vitamin D

Vitamin D is also known as 'the sunshine vitamin.' Ultraviolet radiation from the sun is important to convert Vitamin D precursors into the active D form. This conversion takes place in the outer skin layers. Small amounts of Vitamin D are also obtained directly through the diet, usually from meat such as liver or fish oils. A dog's body has two sources of Vitamin D; that from the diet and that manufactured in the skin. For this reason, some researchers view it as a hormone rather than a vitamin. For our purposes we will consider it a vitamin. Vitamin D plays a major role in regulating the calcium and phosphorous levels within the bloodstream. Vitamin D stimulates the kidney conservation of calcium and therefore helps the body to retain it. Because of its interplay with calcium, Vitamin D is extremely important in bone formation and nerve and muscle control.

Deficiencies of Vitamin D were very prevalent in the past, but only occasionally surface today. Low levels of Vitamin D will cause a bone demineralization referred to as rickets. Again, supplementation is highly advised in both puppies and kittens and to a lesser extent in adults.

Vitamin D toxicities, as with Vitamin A, are extremely rare. A dog fed Vitamin D in excess could have abnormal amounts of calcium deposited within the heart, various muscles, and other soft tissues. This is rare and we have never heard of it happening in real life situations. Suffice it to say that Vitamin D plays a major role in skeletal growth, muscle control, and nerve functions. Deficiencies are fairly common and toxicities are rarely, if ever, present.

Vitamin E

Vitamin E is the third of the fat soluble vitamins. Foods rich in Vitamin E include plant oils such as safflower and wheat germ. As with the other fat soluble vitamins, Vitamin E is also highly concentrated in meats such as liver and fat. All of the functions of Vitamin E are not known, but it plays a role in the formation of cell membranes, cell respiration, and in the metabolism of fats. It is an antioxidant and protects various hormones from oxidation.

Deficiencies of Vitamin E will cause cell damage and death in skeletal muscle, heart, testes, liver, and nerves. It is essential in keeping the cells of these organs alive and functioning. Vitamin E deficiencies have been well documented in both dogs and cats. The 'Brown Bowel Syndrome' is the condition usually used to describe a dog or cat suffering from inadequate Vitamin E. These animals have affected bowels which ulcerate, haemorrhage, and degenerate. In addition, the cells of the eyes and testes can also be affected.

There is no experimental evidence to support the popular belief that Vitamin E in excess will help increase the stamina in breeding dogs or cats. Vitamin E is occasionally supplemented for this reason, but it is ineffective.

There are no known Vitamin E toxicities in the dog and cat. Fed even at huge levels, no interruption of bodily functions has been demonstrated. Recommendations on the daily dose are highly variable depending on the source. Further research is necessary to discover other possible functions of Vitamin E.

Vitamin K

Vitamin K is the last of the fat soluble vitamins. From a nutritional standpoint, it is important, but its understanding is of prime significance in the treatment of one of the most common toxicities encountered in animals - rat and mouse poisoning.

The discovery of Vitamin K by Henrik Dam in 1929, won him the Nobel Prize. Vitamin K exists in three forms. Vitamin K1 is found in green plants; Vitamin K2 is high in fish meal and can be synthesized by the bacteria in the intestine; Vitamin K3, also known as menadione, is a synthetic precursor of the others. Vitamin K3 is the form most utilized as a supplement. Since the bacteria in the intestine can manufacture Vitamin K, it is not needed in high levels in food supplements.

Vitamin K is essential for normal blood functions. Without Vitamin K, blood cannot clot. Most rat and mouse poisons (e.g.; Warfarin, D-Con) kill rats and mice by eliminating their ability to clot blood, hence, the rodents internally haemorrhage to death. Contained within the poison is the active ingredient coumarin or a derivative. It is the coumarin that binds to and depletes the body of active Vitamin K. Without Vitamin K the blood cannot clot and the rodents die. Unfortunately, dogs and cats also enjoy rat and mouse poison. The results are the same. The pet will begin haemorrhaging, usually within the intestinal tract. If the amount ingested is large (1 packet), then death may follow. If you suspect a pet has ingested this poison, induce vomiting at once and call your veterinarian. Veterinary treatment will be the administration of Vitamin K1, either as an injectable or tablet. If instituted early, the patient's life can generally be saved.

The actual dietary requirement for Vitamin K is unclear. Since bacteria within the intestines manufacture Vitamin K, the exact amounts produced are unknown. Dietary Vitamin K is found in green leafy plants and vegetables.

Vitamin K deficiencies in pets have not been documented except in instances of Warfarin toxicosis (rat poison). Likewise, Vitamin K toxicity due to over supplementation has not been reported in animals.

Summary

Of the four fat soluble vitamins, only A and D seem to have a potential toxicity, and this only experimentally. We do not believe that in today's foods and supplements it would be possible to have a vitamin toxicosis. Well demonstrated, however, are the disorders relating to a lack of these vitamins. They are absolutely essential to life. Also understood is the fact that growing animals have much greater requirements than adults. In addition, influences such as lactation, pregnancy, and exercise will all increase the need.

Editorial

From the April issue Shepherd News will be published every 3 months in January, April, July and October. The magazine will be issued on the 15th day of these months. Closing date for all articles and advertisements will be the 1st day of the month of issue.

You will no doubt have noticed that we are again taking advertisements from members for the front cover of each issue and advertising is also available within the magazine for all members. A complete scale of charges and advertising requirements will be printed in the next issue. Front cover advertising will be allocated on a first come basis so if you want that front page contact us quickly - it is a very effective and economical way of putting your dog in front of all NSW Breeders.

As your new Shepherd News Editor, it is my aim to make this magazine more interesting and more pertinent to you the members of the GSDL. To do this I need you, the members, to help me in two ways. The first is to give me your feedback on what your feelings are about the magazine and the types of articles you, the members, want in it. Also what should be put back from the items that are no longer there. Please note that Branch News will be returning, hopefully from the next issue. It would be back now if our branches had not been on their breaks. If you are unhappy with Shepherd News **TELL ME**, then we can see what changes can be made. The second is to supply information and articles that you feel will be of interest to other members. A perfect example of this appears in this issue with an article from Hetty Choy about her visit to Germany, the Sieger Show and a tour of some major kennels. This article gives a totally different perspective from the excellent one in our National Review plus the tour of kennels and direct contact with some of the VA Dogs.

Hetty, our Welfare Officer has also kindly given us a report on her work, please read it. As breeders we all contribute in some way to this problem, possibly generations earlier, but still many of these welfare animals have come from our top bloodlines. Our welfare people need our help from cash donations, perhaps some hours of our time or kennel space (even from family or friends) to help rehabilitate an ill treated dog. ***I can assure you - from personal experience, there is great joy in seeing a malnourished and ill treated dog going to a new and secure life.***

Also in this issue is "A Letter from a Dog". This has been freely circulated by email throughout the internet, we give a copy to all puppy purchasers, please feel free to do the same.

In closing I unfortunately must inform you that our former Shepherd News Editor, Graig Babbage, is now seriously ill and in Palliative care. Please keep Graig in your thoughts and for those of a prayerful mind, in your prayers.

Bruce Laughlin

Shepherd News Editor

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**December 2010 Show
Obedience Winners**

**Judge:
Miss V Etherington OAM**

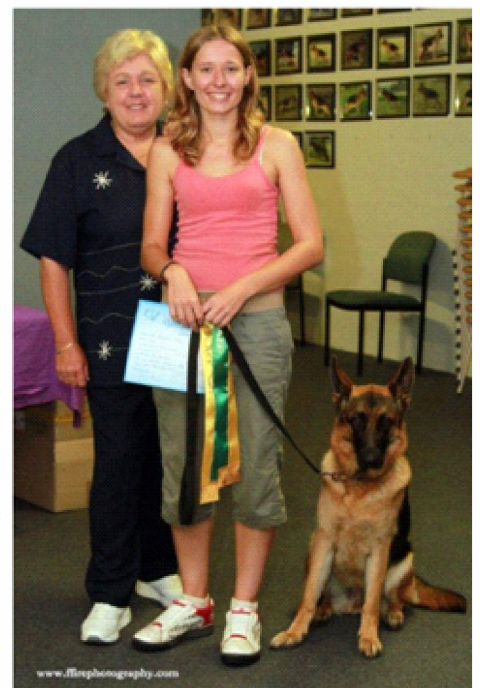


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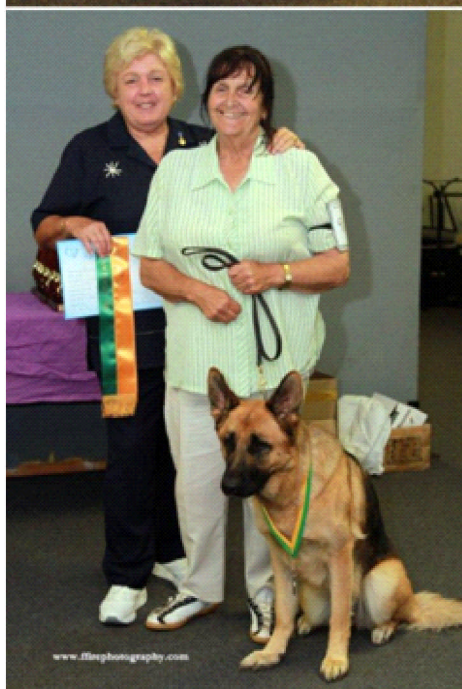


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Utility

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Glenbala Comical Star AZ
J & S Gryniewicz



ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 11TH MARCH, 2011
THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OF NSW INC. IS PROUD TO HOST
(ON BEHALF OF THE GSDCA INC)

39TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW & RESTRICTED OBEDIENCE TRIAL
22ND, 23RD & 24TH APRIL, 2011
Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park. N.S.W.

CONFORMATION JUDGES:

All Dogs & General Specials
All Bitches

Herr. Norbert Wettlaufer (SV)
Herr. Lothar Quoll (SV)

OBEDIENCE JUDGES:

Novice Dog & Bitch & CCD
Open Dog & Bitch
Utility & UDX Dog & Bitch
Winner of Winners

Ms. Tiki Friezer, NSW
Ms. Maryanne Fazekas, NSW
Mr. Peter Franks, NSW

(Note: GSDL Inc. reserves the right to substitute judges, if necessary, or to alter scheduled judging times if required due to excessively hot weather conditions. No fees will be refunded)

ENTRY FEES:

CONFORMATION (classes 4-11): Initial entry \$42.00 subsequent \$32 per class
(classes 1-3): Initial entry \$35.00 subsequent \$25 per class

OBEDIENCE: (all classes) Initial entry \$35 subsequent \$25 per class

(Initial entry includes charge for catalogue and Dogs NSW levy) Please use separate entry form for each class/exhibit. *Please include the following information on entry forms: Breed Survey status, Hip & Elbow status (All titles for Obedience) No entries accepted without fees. Please include SAE.

BREED SURVEY:

If required, to be held on Thursday 21st April, 2011 at 3.00 p.m. at Canine Complex (Note: BS4 Form is required for animals not resident in NSW) Enquiries: (02) 96065351 Applications close 1st April, 2011.

JUDGING TIMES: *ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WITH AUTHORISED PASSES ARE TO ENTER THE JUDGING RINGS.

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL:

CONFORMATION: Vest collection from 7.00 am judging commences 8.00 am with Baby Puppy Dog & Bitch followed by Minor Puppy Dog & Bitch and Junior Dog & Bitch.

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL:

CONFORMATION: Sires Progeny assembly at 7.30 am judging commences at 8.00 am SHARP to be followed by Breeders Groups, Puppy Dog & Bitch start 10 am followed by Intermediate Dog & Bitch. Judging in all rings to cease at 12.00 noon for Official Opening and GSDCA Award Presentations.

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL:

CONFORMATION: Commencing at 8.30 am with Open Bitch warm ups followed by Open Dog warm ups. Individuals will then proceed in both rings (lunch break approx. 12.30 pm Junior Showmanship classes to be judged during luncheon break - Classes 7-10 yrs, 10-13 yrs, 13-18 yrs). Run offs to commence with Open Bitch followed by Open Dog followed by Challenge Bitch, Reserve Bitch, Challenge Dog, Reserve Dog and General Specials. Trophy presentations following completion of judging.

OBEDIENCE:

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

CCD & Novice, Open, UD & UDX.

Winner of Winners and Runner up

*Please Note - classes at this trial will be judged according to ANKC Rules that are current at the time of the trial. If the temperature is forecast to reach 35 degrees or more on the day of the trial, any dog or bitch which fails an exercise may be required to leave the ring. GSDCA Inc rules apply to all awards and gradings. Vetting check in from 7.00 - 8.00. Judging commences 8.00. Judging for Winner of Winners (Novice, Open & Utility class winners with qualifying scores) is to be held at the conclusion of the Trial. All class winners must attend the trophy presentation following completion of the conformation judging.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

CONFORMATION: (ANKC classes 1,2,3,4,5,11dogs/1a,2a,3a,4a,5a,11abitches) Baby Puppy - 3 months and under 6 months, Minor Puppy - 6 months & under 9 months, Puppy - 6 months & under 12 months, Junior - 9 months & under 18 months, Intermediate - 18 months & under 36 months, Open - 6 months & over (**Ages apply from first day of show**)

SPECIAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

SIRE'S PROGENY PARADE: Entry is automatic. A minimum of five progeny aged six months or over and entered in the Conformation Classes will be automatically catalogued with the Sire's name and exhibit number, the Sire need not be present or entered in the show. The classes are non-competitive but will receive commentary. Only Sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme are eligible.

Note: German Judges will not be present at Sires Progeny.

BREEDERS GROUP: Minimum five animals from at least 2 sires and 2 dams separate entry form must be received by the closing date - no entry fee. Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary before completion of judging on Friday 22nd April.

OBEDIENCE TEAMS EVENT: Teams of four exhibits can be mixed from different sections of obedience. Names of teams, handlers and dog's names must be provided to the Trials Manager prior to the commencement of the Trial. At least three of the exhibits must qualify, exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored.

SPECIAL PRIZES

CONFORMATION: "Walter Reimann Trophy" replica for Open Dog Winner, "Roy Brabham Trophy" replica for Open Bitch Winner, Trophy & Sash for all class winners and Breeders Group Winner, Sash and Memento for second to tenth place. Sashes for Best In Show, Runner-up in Show, Challenge & Reserve Challenge Winners and Best in each Class, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Open Classes (Show) and in Winner of Winners run-off (trial).

OBEDIENCE: Trophy and sash for all class winners (qualifying scores only) and Winner of Winners, sash and memento for second to fifth place, "David O'Rourke Trophy" replica and sash for Best Dual Performance exhibit in show and trial (Rules for the Dual Performance Trophy may be viewed at the Show Secretary's office) Rick Richardson memorial trophy for Winner of Winners.

GRADINGS:

CONFORMATION: Gradings will be awarded at the Judge's discretion "Promising" and "Very Promising" in Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes, "Good" and "Very Good" to animals over 12 months in Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes. The grading of "Excellent" and the medallion will only be awarded to exhibits 2 years of age or over, entered in the Open Classes and classified Cl.I or Cl.II under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme (or other GSDCA approved scheme)

OBEDIENCE: Gradings will be awarded to those exhibits achieving the following scores "Good" 170-179 points, "Very Good" 180-189 points, "Excellent" plus medallion for 190-200 points. GSDCA Inc. rules apply to all awards and gradings. Rules may be viewed at www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org. Photographs of place getters are required for publication in the Quarterly Review.

PHOTOGRAPHY

An official photographer will be present at the venue and will photograph place getters at no charge. Exhibitors may supply their own photographs to the Editor within 14 days (Please refer to Editor's requirements for photographs to be printed in the catalogue and elsewhere in this magazine).

CORPORATE TENTS:

Pre-erected "Corporate" tents can be reserved through the Show Secretary before close of entries, subject to payment of fee of \$225.00 per tent. "Limited numbers available" - First in Best Dressed - Please advise preference for Dog or Bitch ring but this cannot be guaranteed. NO COOKING IN HIRED TENTS. Please note: No other exhibitors tents may be erected until after 3.00 on Thursday 21st April.

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING:

Advertising in the show catalogue at \$50 per page (Black and White) or \$100 per page (Colour) can be booked with the Membership Registrar - Lee Baker (Ph: 02 9627 3310 or Email: amberg@inet.net.au). Copy must be provided (jpeg format) before 9th April.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

MEET & GREET - Free Sausage Sizzle at grounds following Breed Survey on Thursday. Please advise numbers.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER: To be held 7.30 p.m. on Friday evening 21st April at the Log Cabin Function Centre, Penrith. All welcome - 3 course meal, drinks at bar prices (bookings with payment of \$60 per person required by close of entries)

SATURDAY NIGHT DISCO & SPIT ROAST - to be held 5.30 p.m. on Saturday evening in the Club House on the grounds \$25.00 per person

dips & water crackers, hot finger food, vegetarian lasagne, roast beef, lamb & pork, 5 different salads, pavlova, mud cake, apple strudel, tea/coffee - BYO - soft drinks available to purchase.

Payment must be received with entries.

Note: The Blue Cattle Dog Hotel is only 5 minutes from ground for your purchases of alcohol. Entertainment provided.

TROPHY PRESENTATION - at completion of judging on Sunday in Club House - no charge - light refreshments.

39TH NATIONAL MERCHANDISE/MEMORABILIA

Only a few selected items will be available for sale at the event (orders taken on weekend for later delivery) Items pre-ordered and with payment received before 9th March, 2011 will be available for collection at the National. Please refer to GSDL Inc. website for details www.gsdl.info.com.au

ACCOMMODATION:

Refer to GSDL Inc website www.GSDL.info

Limited camping spaces are available on the grounds, please contact Dogs NSW direct 02 98343022 or 1300 728022 for bookings and details.



BOOKING SLIP - 2011 39TH NATIONAL

TO BE SENT TO SHOW SECRETARY, 74 KOLORA ROAD, EBENEZER. NSW 2756

Name.....Phone No.....Email.....

(Mobile Number for contact at show).....

CONFORMATION

Initial Entry **Classes 4-11** @ \$42.00 (incl.catalogue & Dogs NSW levy) \$.....

Subsequent entries @ 32.00 per class \$.....

Initial Entry **Classes 1-3** @ \$35.00 \$.....

Subsequent entries @ \$25.00 per class \$.....

OBEDIENCE

Initial entry @ \$35.00 per entry (inc.Dogs NSW levy) \$.....

Subsequent entries @ 25.00 per class \$.....

Catalogue only @ \$10.00 \$.....

CORPORATE TENT HIRE

No.....@ \$225.00 per tent (prefer dog/bitch ring)

\$.....

DONATIONS

Class Trophy \$100/Sashes & Mementos \$60 other..... \$.....

TOTAL \$.....

SOCIAL EVENTS - CHEQUES/MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO GSDL INC. & FORWARDED TO - SECRETARY, 123 WHITEGATES ROAD, LONDONDERRY. NSW 2753

SOCIAL EVENTS

Meet & Greet (Free please advise number attending)

President's Dinner No.....@ \$60.00 pp \$.....

Saturday Night Disco & Spit Roast No.....@\$25.00 \$.....

TOTAL \$.....

MERCHANDISE - ORDERS TO BE SENT TO - MERCHANDISE MGR, 24 DOUGLAS PARK DRIVE, WILTON NSW 2571 - ALL CHEQUES/MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO GSDL INC

MERCHANDISE

Quantity	Code/Description	Colour	Size	
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TOTAL: \$.....



SPONSORS FOR CLASS SASHES OR MEMENTOS FOR 39TH NATIONAL SHOW & TRIAL

If you would like to sponsor a class in either the conformation or obedience section of the 39th National Show & Trial please complete the section below and return to the secretary.

I/We would like to sponsor - (please tick alongside the class you would like to sponsor)

**Baby Puppy Dog
Minor Puppy Dog
Puppy Dog
Junior Dog
Intermediate Dog
Open Dog**

**Baby Puppy Bitch
Minor Puppy Bitch
Puppy Bitch
Junior Bitch
Intermediate Bitch
Open Bitch**

**CCD
Open**

**Novice
Utility**

Sashes for the selected class - \$100.00

Mementos for the selected class - \$60.00

Name

**Enclosed cheque/money order for
(Note - all remittances to be made payable to GSDL Inc.)**

All donations will appear in the catalogue at the top of the class which you have chosen to sponsor.

**Return to -
The Secretary, GSDL, 123 Whitegates Rd, Londonderry 2753**

Club Calendar - Coming Events

2011

23rd January	Campbelltown Branch recommences training for 2011
26th January	GSDL Demonstration team display at Burwood Council 10am-2pm Australia Day Celebrations, Henley Park, Mitchell St, Burwood.
27th January	Erskine Park Branch - Show training - Resumes for 2011
29th January	Cumberland Branch - First training day for 2011
6th February	The Sydney Kennel Club Inc 2011 Summer Championship Show Judges: Mrs F Stokes (NSW) German Shepherd Dogs, Mrs K Gregory (NSW) Working Dog Group
12th & 13th February	February 50th GSDCA Annual General Meeting, Venue - Rydges Camperdown, 9 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050.
14th February	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
20th February	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park.
11th March 2011	GSDL Demonstration team display at Moss Vale Agricultural Show 10am-2pm, Moss Vale Showground, Illawarra Hwy, Moss Vale.
19th & 20th March	Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club NSW. Inc Championship Show & Obedience Trial Judges: Conformation Mr Greg Green VIC, Obedience Judge TBA
14th February	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
14th March	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
11th April	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
21st April	Breed Survey - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park. Refer to National schedule.
22nd, 23rd & 24th April	39th GSD National Show & Restricted Obedience Trial, Erskine Park, NSW
24th April	GSDL Demonstration team display at German Shepherd National (During lunch) Dogs NSW grounds Erskine Park.
30th April	GSDCV Championship Show : Judge: Russell Wenham
9th May	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
15th May	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park
18th June	GSDL June Open Show
20th June	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
11th July	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
17th July	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park
6th & 7th August	GSDL NSW State Breed Assessment
7th August	NSW Endurance Test Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, Erskine Park
8th August	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
12th September	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
1st October	ACT German Shepherd Dog Association Inc Judges: Herr Dirk Gabriel SV (Gmy) and Herr Christof Ludwig SV (Gmy)
2nd October	ACT German Shepherd Dog Association Inc Judges: Herr Dirk Gabriel SV (Gmy) and Herr Christof Ludwig SV (Gmy)
8th October	GSDL October Champ Show & Obedience Trial
10th October	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms
30th & 31st October	October GSDCV & 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)
11th December	GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial

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Please give several weeks notice to the tattoo officer.*