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A message from our President

Welcome to the fourth edition of Shepherd News for 2015.

The end of the League's financial year is fast approaching and I would like to remind members that your **renewals are now due**. For those wishing to vote at the Annual General Meeting in November you must be a financial member. If you have not received your membership renewal by email or mail then the form is available to download off the website.

Nomination forms are also available off the website for Committee positions. If you would like to be involved in the decision making process of the League then why not consider nominating. Contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Our Christmas presentation is in the planning process so don't forget to submit your award application ASAP so you don't miss out. Award application forms are available off the website.

Our State Breed Exhibition was very disappointing. Members wanted and voted for change but did not support it with their entries. Thanks to those members that did enter. The Committee will be looking at addressing the issue of the lack of entries.

The League had to withdraw their team from the Interclub Challenge due to bitches coming into season early and a lack of backup dogs being available to take their place.

In August, the League participated in the 2 day Dog Lover's Show at the Entertainment Precinct, Moore Park. We had a great stand and a lot of interest in our dogs from the general public. Thank you to the members and their dogs, that gave up their time to promote the club and our breed.

Don't forget our weekend training days at Erskine Park. All details are on the website and our Facebook page. Dates are also now up for 2016 Training Days, so put them into your diary!

Our October Show and Trial is not too far away. Hopefully the weather will be better than we have had for our last few shows and trials. The Thursday night before the show (8th October) Jenny Kenworthy from the ACT will be attending the Erskine Park show training to conduct a Steward's training course. Contact Terry Jarvis if you are interested in participating.

Terry Jarvis has had a recent spell in hospital. Hope the recovery is going well.

The schedule for our National Show and Trial is up on the website and Facebook. Keep an eye out for updates. Our major fund raiser for the event is a raffle for a fuel gift card to the value of \$ 750 for 1st, \$ 400 for 2nd and \$ 200 for 3rd. The gift card can be used for petrol, gas, diesel, oil or anything sold in store. Tickets are \$ 5.00 each and come in books of 20. Why not take a book to sell to your family or friends. Tickets and books are available from Lee Baker.

The committee and members have also initiated a change to the operation of Puppy Listings to assist breeders in promoting their puppies—please see inside this edition for more details.

I look forward to seeing members at all of the events we are participating in.

Greg Jones

President.



State Breed Assessment July 2015



Our judge for the State Breed Assessment this year was Mr Vince Tantaro (Victoria). Vince is also the President of the GSDCA. He asked that the following summation be published:

I would like to thank the members and committee of the GSDL for their kind invitation to judge the 2015 State Breed Exhibition (SBE).

It must be noted that my comment, as made, with the fact that the number of animals presented, makes it very difficult to give specific breed direction. What I can report on was that there was an absence of high quality animals and that many animals lack strength of foreface and in particular underjaws should be stronger. The movement of many is marred by incorrect forehand assemblies with short upper arms that should be better angled; good to short under chests and short steep croups that results in restricted movement.

These faults must be seriously considered when breeding into the future: if you chose a similar animal with the same problems you will only entrench the problem in your bloodlines forever. Look out for animals with much type, strong mother lines, long bones and proper GSD proportions.

I would also like to comment on fact that some exhibitors felt it necessary to protest whilst not directly at me, by subversive actions and or comment. I can only say to those who feel aggrieved, that my approach to judging this show was to apply a degree of normalisation: yes it would have been so easy to hand out the top awards to all, but in the end

what would that have achieved? I do understand your disappointment, but can only offer the fact that when you finally end up with a 'cracker' you will know the difference and then you will question as to why lesser animals are awarded the top grading that can be had in this country and yet are, at a National, placed well down the line and way behind your animal.

In closing I find it incongruous that the membership decided to do away with the MBE, but yet the Member Clubs still conduct the SBE, even though some of these shows attract less than far, far fewer entries than the MBE ever did, which makes it near impossible to give breed direction.

Thank you to Greg Jones and Fay Stokes and all my ring stewards for looking after me over the weekend. I wish you all the very best with your breeding program and know full well the road ahead is not an easy one for all of us. **Vince Tantaro**



Be Involved in Your Club! All Welcome!

The League is looking for members to become involved in our breed publicity activities and as stewards for our shows.

Publicity Team— Publicity Team members are needed. You will need a willingness to talk to the general public about our wonderful German Shepherds, promote the GSDL and GSDCA Breed Improvement schemes. If you have a wonderful, happy GSD as well, that would be great! We have a number of events coming up that will enable us to showcase our fantastic breed and our club. Please contact the Publicity Officer, Teresa Mills, if you can spare some time to promote our German Shepherds. Email her at email schonfeuer@bigpond.com.

Stewards— stewarding in conformation shows or the obedience ring gives you the judge's perspective and is a rewarding learning experience! You will meet new people, such as overseas and SV judges and be right at the centre of activities. We also feed you a yummy lunch! If you would like more information about becoming involved, please contact the Show Manager, Terry Jarvis at email tepe@bigpond.net.au **STOP PRESS**—stewards course being run by Jenny Kenworthy on Thursday 8th October at Erskine park grounds. Please contact Terry to put your name down!

44th National Show & Trial 2016—we need the assistance of any members that can spare some time to help in various roles at the National. Let us know if you would like to be involved, by emailing Fay Stokes at faystokes1@bigpond.com

State Breed Assessment Results

Full show results and critiques are available on the GSDL website.

Stock Coats

Baby Puppy Bitch—Castastar Evita

Minor Puppy Bitch—Andacht Gypsy Moth

Puppy Bitch—Andacht Ring Of Fire

Junior Bitch—Freevale Crazy Oohla Pink

Intermediate Bitch—Durnstein Glitz N Glamour AZ

Open Bitch—Ch. * Schaeferhund Balleena AZ

Baby Puppy Dog— Kuirau Ivan Lendl

Minor Puppy Dog— Pamakay Mako

Puppy Dog— Bossface Barrack

Junior Dog— Kelinpark Helluva Rebel AZ

Intermediate Dog— Ch. *Freevale Kiss My Art AZ

Open Dog -- Ch. *Fremont Hells Bells AZ

Long Stock Coats

Baby Puppy Bitch—no entries

Minor Puppy Bitch—Hillmagic Golden Calypso

Puppy Bitch—Kelinpark Icing On The Cake

Junior Bitch—Kazkiri Bohemian Rhapsody

Intermediate Bitch—Sundaneka Xynas Xstacy

Open Bitch—Ch. * Vladimir Greyt Sensation AZ

Baby Puppy Dog— no entries

Minor Puppy Dog— Hillmagic Golden Snitch

Puppy Dog— no entries

Junior Dog— no exhibits

Intermediate Dog— *Andacht Kasei AZ

Open Dog -- Ch. *Sundaneka True Blue (IID) AZ

Puppy & Adult Listings Are Now Free On the GSDL Website

At the July General Meetings, members supported the motion put forward by the Committee to make Puppy & Adult Listings free on the GSDL website.

This is to support member breeders in their endeavours to provide the general public with the best quality puppies and also to help compete with unregistered/backyard breeders advertising on media such as Gumtree.

The motion passed was:

That members of the GSDL have their puppy/adult listings put on the GSDL website free of charge for a period of 6 weeks. This will apply for 5 listings in total (covering the two types of advertising on the website) for the financial year of the GSDL membership. Eg puppy listings x 3, adult listing x 2

Any member that wished to advertise more than the allotted 5 listings, will continue to pay the going rate of \$66 for any extra advertisements. This also includes the re-listing of puppies at \$33 for an additional 3 weeks.

The free listings apply to full members only (not Introductory Members). Advertising in Shepherd News and Catalogues will remain unchanged.

The Puppy Listings Officer will control the listings as now.

We hope that members will support this and other initiatives.



On Line Entries Now Available!

The GSDL is now online for show and trial entries.

Log onto Show Manager, set up your dogs and away you go!



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

Joy's Story—a journey with EPI

Joy is a female German Shepherd that I bred.

She was diagnosed with **EPI (Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency)** last year. Joy's owners contacted me to let me know that they were at their wits end how to deal with this. They had contacted several Vets, but other than putting her on Creon and grain free kibble, the vets did not know what to do next, short of euthanising her. They wanted that to be a last resort. The final straw was that someone reported them to the RSPCA for neglect.

Their case was far from that. They had all the invoices from all the Vets they had consulted, to prove that they were doing everything possible. I suggested that they bring her back to me, and let me try and bring her back to health. She was 19.5kg. Just skin and bone. I signed onto a website specifically for EPI dogs. I cannot speak more highly of the people that gave me advice.

Firstly they suggested that EPI dogs usually are deficient in Vitamin B12. After consultation with my Vet, I took that advice and started giving her B12 twice a week. My Vet put her on a 3 week course of Metronizole to make sure that any infections were cleared up. I elected to bypass all the so called "specific foods" and put her on VIP Grain Free Kibble, available from Woolworths (another recommendation from someone else who had used this kibble successfully). At this stage she was still on the Creon tablets twice daily. Very quickly there was a difference.

After speaking with the EPI Website again, I decided to try and source Pig Pancreas for Joy. This was done with great difficulty. They are very hard to find. But I managed to find some and minced the fresh pancreas, froze it, and then cut it into 60gm measured pieces. I then cut the Creon out. The Creon is a replacement enzyme. She was given Pig Pancreas twice a day initially. Her motions almost immediately became firmer. I then increased the dose to three times daily. Her motions were completely normal. Yay, no more scrubbing the kennel twice a day! We kept up with the Vitamin B12 injections. And her weight started to creep up. Bit by bit we watched her improve. After a while we were able to go back to twice a day. She was still gaining weight. On the odd day, we would have a bit of a relapse, but these episodes lessened as time went on.

When she weighed 29kg I decided that she could go back to her owners. They had been anxiously watching her progress, the full way. They would come and visit her regularly. Joy will continue on the B12 for the rest of her life. The grain free kibble will also remain. The Pig Pancreas is impossible to get. We have tried Australia wide to source it. We are now moving across to Beef Pancreas, as we have exhausted our supply of Pig Pancreas.

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Coming Up Soon!

Mark these dates and events in your calendar so you don't forget them!

Full details are always on the GSDL Website, www.gsdI.info

30th September	Membership Renewals due
8th October	Stewards Training Course, Erskine Park
9th October	Postal Vote applications close
10th/11th October	GSDL Championship Show & Trial, Erskine Park
12th October	General Meeting, 8pm Erskine Park
16th October	Office bearer/Committee Positions nominations close
25th October	Weekend Show Handling Class
30th October	Annual Awards Applications close



Joy's Story continued

My friends on the EPI website suggested the Beef as an alternative. Her coat is remaining good. And best of all she is a well loved member of their family. I am so glad that they contacted me about Joy. I have learnt so much, and we now have a dog that will live her life in pretty good condition.

I found a lack of knowledge about this problem, was across most Vets. I am glad I have had the opportunity to research it, and am more than happy to share my knowledge. And once again so thankful to the people I met through www.epi4dogs.com

Lee Baker

Amberg German Shepherds

Joy's original coat condition—



A happier and much more healthy Joy!

Editor's Note— The pancreas is the organ in the body responsible for producing insulin (which regulates the body's blood sugar levels) and digestive enzymes (which aid in the digestion of starches, fats, and proteins in an animal's diet). If the pancreas fails to produce enough of these digestive enzymes, exocrine pancreatic insufficiency, or EPI, develops.

EPI may affect a dog's gastrointestinal system, as well as general nutrition, and can cause problems such as weight loss, muscle atrophy, poor coat and chronic diarrhea. The condition is thought to be hereditary in German Shepherds but can also appear due to other causes such as cancer and infection.

A dog with EPI left untreated, will starve to death no matter how much he eats. Prior to that he will suffer from malnutrition. There are a number of tests used to diagnose EPI.

If you have any concerns about your dog due to him displaying the above symptoms, please see your vet without delay. With appropriate assistance and management, dogs with EPI can live a normal life with a normal life span.

2015 GSDL Christmas Party &



Saturday 5th December - 6.30pm
GSDL Clubhouse

Pre-Dinner Nibbles
(Potato Chips - Dip & Crackers - Lollies)
Chicken, Cold Meats & Salad
Dessert, Tea & Coffee
BYO Drinks

Adults
only \$5

Children
(under 12)
FREE

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

Please Note:
**You Must send in
your form to
receive your Trophy
(Point Score
Awards excepted)**

Book with:

The Social Secretary - Sharon Laughlin 9755 7506
Email: laug4546@dodo.net.au
(Bookings are essential for catering)

Sydney Dog Lover's Show

Hordern Pavilion, August 2015

As part of the League's commitment to breed and club promotion, members attended the 2-day Sydney Dog Lover's Show at the Entertainment Quarter. We were able to speak to hundreds of members of the general public who approached us to find out information about German Shepherds, obtaining a puppy and training.



Our thanks to Teresa Mills, Tracey & Michael Lewis, Tina & Carl Cossu, Lee Baker, Greg Jones, Kim McGregor & Bret Adams and their wonderful dogs!

The German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc.



Major Raffle – Fuel Gift Card

1st Prize = \$750 Fuel Gift Card

2nd Prize = \$400 Fuel Gift Card

3rd Prize = \$200 Fuel Gift Card

Fuel Gift Cards are valid for all purchases in store
throughout Australia.

Prizes will be drawn at the National on

Sunday 27th March 2016

Tickets : \$5 each

Winners will be notified by phone if not present at the draw.

Please contact Lee Baker on 0475 580 960 or amberg@inet.net.au to arrange purchase of ticket
books or to buy your winning ticket

Important Links!

[44th National Show & Trial Sponsorship Form](#)

[44th National Show & Trial Schedule](#)

[Membership Renewals](#)

[Nomination Form for Office Bearers/Committee Members](#)

[Annual Awards Application Form](#)

Thank you from German Shepherd Rescue NSW

The team at German Shepherd Rescue NSW wish to acknowledge and thank the members of the German Shepherd Dog League for their generous donations to the League's Welfare fund. Due to this wonderful generosity we have been able to pay the last months bill at Vineyard Vet Hospital of \$3086.

The main costs are castrate, spay, vaccinations, euthanasia and other surgeries.

We also cannot thank Rob Zammit and his wonderful team enough for their time, their knowledge, their empathy and their wise counsel for the work they do with these worthy dogs. There are sometimes some hard decisions to make and they are never taken lightly by them or us at GSD Rescue.

Without these donations we would be digging further into our own pockets because we would never not treat a suffering animal because of lack of funds. However we have to weigh up at all times whether or not any treatment is for the benefit of the dog and whether putting them through further treatment is worth the angst and pain for the dog. Generally the decisions are cut and dried. If the animal is going to suffer further then we do make that decision to stop the suffering. At the end of the day it is always about the dog as they have usually had a rough life prior to coming into our care.

Jo Tucker

GSD Rescue NSW

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Around the Fun Day



Entries Close 17 November 2015

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE INC
OPEN & SANCTION SHOWS & OBEDIENCE TRIAL

GSDL GROUNDS,
 THE BILL SPILSTEAD COMPLEX FOR CANINE AFFAIRS,
 44 LUDDENHAM RD, ORCHARD HILLS

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2015

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

Entries to: Mrs A Mackenzie, 74 Kolora Rd, Ebenezer 2756
 Ph (02) 4579 9383 Extreme Ph 0407 271 418
 Cheques made payable to: German Shepherd Dog League Inc

JUDGES

Miss J Kada (NSW)	Open Show - All Classes
Mr A Jones (VIC)	Sanction Show - All Classes
Mrs M Wheeler (NSW)	All Obedience

Order of Judging Open Show - Dogs followed by Bitches (Stock coats followed by Long Stock coats). Sanction Show - Bitches followed by Dogs (Stock coats followed by Long Stock coats).

Judging Commences 8.00 am

Dogs NSW Representatives Mrs J Bennett (Breed), Miss I Dewit (Obed)

Vetting Time 7.30 am Vetting Officer Miss T Friezer

Entry Fees Open Show \$10.00, Sanction Show \$25.00, Obedience \$12.00

Catalogues Included in entry, \$3.00 extra Catalogue

Refreshments Available

Point Scores GSDL Inc

Bitches in oestrus may be shown except in Obedience

Sanction Show - Excellent medals may be awarded to animals 2 years & over, Breed surveyed and entered in the Open Class

Obedience Excellent medals will be awarded to animals gaining the required score

PRIZES: General Specials Trophy & Sash, Obedience Trophy & Sash


 Show Manager
Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

Please note: Above Pointscore only applies to the GSDL Sanction Show & Obedience

Breed Survey Results— 6th September 2015

Congratulations to the following animals on attainment of their Breed Survey classification:

- ***Veeay A Jax AZ** (Homer v Amasis x Siegen Tissues N Issues) - BSCL1—S. Sammut
- ***Andacht Pepella AZ** (Pepe vd Zenteiche x Andacht Spanish Eyes) - BSCL1—L. Reilly
- ***Vablo vom Osterberger-Land imp Gmy** (Remo v Fichtenslag x Wianna vom Osterberger-Land) - confirmation of German survey BSCL1—K & G Stevenson



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The German Shepherd Dog League Inc of NSW (GSDL) and the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) have been established to promote the breeding, exhibition and overall improvement of the German Shepherd Dog in Australia.

The GSDL operates training branches at Erskine Park and on the Central Coast. Both branches offer Obedience and Show Training. General Meetings of the club are held bi-monthly, with exact dates shown on the League website and Facebook page.

From The Editor

The Fun Day held in July was a great success and I would like to thank the members that gave up their time to assist in its operation.

Dr Robert Zammit joined us as our celebrity judge and he also collected DNA from over 20 dogs for his study on Canine Hip Dysplasia, ably assisted by his vet nurse Kathleen. A special thanks to the members that brought their dogs and their paperwork down so that they could help with this important study.

Members of the Dogs NSW Demo team, most of whom are League members, put on a great display for us of obedience and agility. Kathy Minton also gave us a thorough obedience demo and answered training questions afterwards.

Lots of games were played, capped off by Tiki Friezer's Slalom Course, where Bec Aliverti cleaned up with 1st and 3rd place and was only challenged by Teresa Curry in 2nd!

Fay Stokes and Pam Jarvis manned the canteen, where we were treated to home made apple pies lovingly crafted by Tina Cossu!

Dr Robert Zammit has also made an important announcement at the Fun Day—he is sponsoring the League's **Bentheim Trophy** for the 2015-2016 Point Score year to the tune of \$500 for the winner! So get your show dogs back into obedience and get those obedience dogs into show shape to be in contention!

The next day we were back again, with the seminar on Current Stud Dogs by Joylene Neddermeyer, NBC Chairperson.



The seminar was well attended with over 40 members coming out to hear Joylene and participate in the discussion. Thank you to Joylene for donating

her time and knowledge.

On a personal note, I was disappointed to see the poor sportsmanship displayed at the State Breed by a few exhibitors, which included complaining about certain individuals stewarding and the judge's decisions.

Let's remember that this is a hobby; we aren't playing for sheep stations and it is hard enough to find people who want to become involved without this sort of behaviour spoiling the day.

Until next edition**Bret Adams**



Bret with 2007 German Sieger, Pakros d'Ulmental