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Notices

General Meetings

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

March - General Business & Election of Judges

June - General Business

September - General Business

November - Annual General Meeting

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

Judging Order

As of 1st January 2013 the Judging Order at all shows will be Stock Coats followed by Long Stock Coats. This is in compliance with the directions of Dogs NSW and the ANKC.

GSDL Shop

The GSDL Shop will be open at the State Breed Assessment from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be leads, collars and a lot of other items, including a number of items on special available for sale.

A and Z Stamps

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

Long Stock Coat Evaluations

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

GSDCA Patron

As agreed at the 2013 GSDCA AGM, and voted on as a 60 day motion, it is with pleasure that we advise that Mrs. Dawn Fraser has accepted our invitation to represent the GSDCA as our Patron.

We welcome Dawn to our organisation.

Val Moody,

Secretary,

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.

(Please Note: the GSDL suggested her)

MATTERS OF INTEREST FOR GSDL MEMBERS

1. The kitchen of the GSDL Building has been refurbished in conjunction with Dogs NSW. We have also purchased a new 350 Litre Freezer that now gives us adequate storage space for our canteen's operation.

2. As from our December 2013 Show & Trial, the League will include the Australian Bred Class giving our exhibitors the opportunity of showing either in Open or Australian Bred once their animals reach the age of 3 years.

Excellents will be awarded from Australian Bred PROVIDING the animal has passed the Hip & Elbow scheme and is Breed Surveyed and is 2 years of age. Note: Excellents will only be awarded from the Australian Bred and Open Classes.

With regard to the Point Score the dog/bitch will receive points from one class only and will be taken from the first class entered i.e. if you enter Australian Bred and Open with the same animal you will receive points from the Australian Bred Class only.

3. As from 2nd June, 2013 Mrs. Fay Stokes has been appointed to the position of NSW State Breed Survey Co-ordinator and all enquiries regarding survey should now be directed to Fay either by email or telephone.

4. The League now has a new supply of GSDL Car Stickers, Club Badges and these are available to purchase from our Merchandise Manager Mrs. Fay Samuel and will also be available at our Shows.

5. Our Central Coast Branch will conduct Show Training on the 1st Thursday of every month – enquiries regarding this should be directed to our Training Supt. Karen Eaton, either by email or phone.

6. The League is investigating the costs of a new updated Club Flag.

7. The League is also investigating the viability of a Cappuccino Machine for the canteen.

This machine has now been organised and will be in operation from the State Breed Assessment onwards.

THE DOGS BARKING (PART 1)

OR

HOW LOCAL COUNCILS IN NEW SOUTH WALES ARE SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH BARKING DOG COMPLAINTS

This article is in general terms only and individual circumstances may differ. If you receive any complaints from your local council about your dogs you should involve Dogs NSW as much as possible in the management of the complaint.

You have received the dreaded letter from your local council telling you they have a complaint about your dogs barking and they may be declared as nuisance dogs. So where does the complaint go from here.

Before discussing this we need to clarify what exactly your local council is. Apart from arranging for the garbage to be collected and repairing some roads how do they fit into dealing with such a complaint?

Local Councils may best be defined here as consent authorities and enforcement bodies, depending upon the type of matter they are dealing with. They also come under the control of the NSW Department of Local Government.

In dealing with dog complaints the Department of Local Government has issued advice to local councils about how they are supposed to deal with complaints involving dogs. This advice is listed in Circular Number 00/50 dated 16/8/2000 titled Companion Animals – Use of Planning Instruments for Animal Control and Circular Number 01/39 dated 10/5/2001 titled Local Orders Policies and Limiting the Number of Animals Kept which are available to view on the NSW Department of Local Government website. There is also a third notice titled Practice Notice No. 9 Complaints Management in Councils outlining how local councils are supposed to deal with complaints they receive. All of these notices are available for perusal on the Department of Local Government website.

WHAT IS A NUISANCE DOG

So what exactly is a nuisance dog and how is it dealt with. Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 as outlined below:
Section 21 Nuisance dogs

(1) For the purposes of this section, a dog is a nuisance if the dog:

- (a) is habitually at large, or
- (b) makes a noise, by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises, or
- (c) repeatedly defecates on property (other than a public place) outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept, or
- (d) repeatedly runs at or chases any person, animal (other than vermin and, in relation to an animal, otherwise than in the course of droving, tending, working or protecting stock) or vehicle, or
- (e) endangers the health of any person or animal (other than vermin and, in relation to an animal, otherwise than in the course of droving, tending, working or protecting stock), or
- (f) repeatedly causes substantial damage to anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

(2) If an authorised officer of a council is satisfied that a dog is a nuisance, the officer may, after complying with section 21A, issue an order in the approved form to the owner of the dog requiring the owner to prevent the behaviour that is alleged to constitute the nuisance.

(3) The order must specify the behaviour of the dog that is required to be prevented. The order can specify more than one kind of behaviour.

(4) An order remains in force for 6 months after it is issued.

(5) The owner of a dog must comply with an order issued to the owner under this section and must continue to comply with it while it is in force.

Maximum penalty: 8 penalty units for a first offence or 15 penalty units for a second or subsequent offence.

(6) A council whose authorised officer issues an order under this section must notify the Director-General within 7 days after the order is issued.

(7) An order under this section is final and is not subject to any appeal or review.

The act does not define what is regarded as “premises” whether it is the house only or house and yard. It does not define “unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises”.



INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINT

So how will the council investigate the complaint? You will get a visit from a council ranger who is required to identify themselves and also carry identification which they are required to produce if requested to verify they are a council employee. They are required to outline the complaint to you (not who has complained however a lot of the time this isn't hard to work out) and in most cases will give you a period of grace to address the problem. Remember they have access to the Companion Animal microchip data base and will in all likelihood have looked to see how many dogs have been/are registered to your address and will also form the idea that you may also breed dogs as well based upon this register.

While this is taking place the person/s who has complained may be completing a register to show when the problem they are complaining about is occurring involving your dogs. This is required if they wish the council to take their complaint further other than have the ranger speak with you about the problem. You may also have the rangers parked in your street monitoring the barking of your dogs. After a suitable period of time (usually a period of several weeks) you will be informed of what action, if any, the local council proposed to take.

As can be seen, to actually prove a dog is a nuisance dog in relation to barking there is a onus on the council to have evidence of some form which will depend in large on how insistent the complainants are. To do this takes a large amount of commitment and time from the council which they may not be prepared to do. In lieu of this some councils are referring the complaints to the Community Justice Centre which is a government funded organization with offices through out the state who act as mediators between people who have a disagreement and is used as an alternative to matters going to court. Other councils are taking a more draconian approach which does not involve the original complainant being involved (more about this is mentioned below)

Whatever method the council adopts you need to be informed of what the exact nature of the complaint is and be given, even insist upon being given the opportunity to remedy the situation to the satisfaction of all the parties involved.

The above procedures outline how the Department of Local Government advises local councils in New South Wales to deal with this type of dog complaint. Unfortunately a number of councils do not listen to this advice for reasons known only to themselves and choose to investigate dog complaints utilizing the Local Government Act 1993 and the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. Utilising their powers under these acts local councils take an entirely different approach and dealing with such complaints requires more work and ideas on how to respond to them from **part 2** of this article.

Our thanks to Phillip Scaysbrook for this article - Part 2 next issue

******* W A N T E D *******

**HANDLER FOR
INTERMEDIATE BITCH FOR
REMAINDER OF 2013 SHOWS AT
ERSKINE PARK**

Contact Phillip on 0402064425

Breed Survey Scheme

At the 2013 GSDCA Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne it was resolved that the charges for the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme would increase as from the **1st of July 2013**.

The determined fees from 1st July 2013 are :-

Charges to the owners via member clubs	\$35.00 (Inc GST)
GSDCA charge to member clubs	\$27.00 (Inc GST)

Also please note – all paperwork for Breed Survey is to be forwarded to the NSW Registrar, Pam Jarvis, one week prior to the Survey and a cheque/money order is to accompany the paperwork. It is also necessary for you to bring the original paperwork also to survey which is to be sighted by the surveyor surveying your dog.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me

**Fay Stokes,
NSW Survey Co-ordinator.**

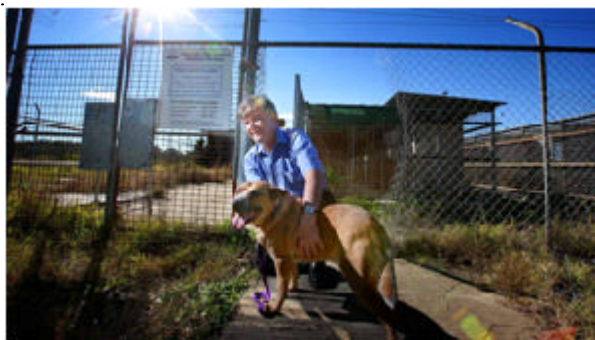


New Club Stickers

We now have new GSDL Stickers available to purchase from marketing at only \$1 each.

GSDL Club Badges also available

From The News



RSPCA kills half the animals in one NSW shelter

Disturbing news has emerged, confirming long held suspicions the RSPCA is not all it's cracked up to be. Unlike private shelters such as The Underdog Staffy & Bull Breed Rescue, which have an extremely high rate of successfully rehoming their charges, the RSPCA has been caught out killing off half the total number of dogs and cats brought to it's shelter in Rutherford, NSW. RSPCA kills half the pets handed in to one shelter alone

The Herald Sun reports the Cessnock City Council, which covers the Rutherford area, has finally responded to pressure from the community and released the damning figures. In total 152 of 490 dogs and 239 of 311 cats (and counting!) were euthanased at the Rutherford pound so far this financial year.

As David Atwell (pictured, right), the vice-President of the Society of Companion Animal Rescuers says, "Other pounds that work with rescue groups achieved "far greater results". The RSPCA, with breathtaking hypocrisy and without missing a beat then issued the following statement in order to appear to be on the right side of the issue. It said the RSPCA proactively and willingly helped to... "ensure the number of unwanted companion animals being euthanised every year is reduced" and "Along with thousands of rescue groups, animal lovers and animal welfare organisations nationwide, the RSPCA believes the number of companion animals killed each year in Australia is appalling." Which begs the question; what are they appalled at? Perhaps their own behaviour? At pups4sale.com.au, we wish.

The fact of the matter is the RSPCA routinely euthanases tens of thousands of animals across Australia each year. This compares to the hundreds of small, locally based shelters who have a no or minimum-kill policy and who do a far better job at re-homing their charges. Unfortunately such shelters are far too busy looking after their animals and finding suitable homes for them all to engage in the publicity and spin the RSPCA specialises in. Our message to our members and the general public is simple – support your local shelter – which can be found simply by ringing your Local Council or by performing a quick internet search.

To underscore the trend that is happening within the RSPCA, one need look no further than their sister organisation in America; The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). By name it sounds like a noble organisation, doesn't it? Well last year it raised over US\$100 million in donations, does not run one shelter and donates less than 1% of it's income to actual animal shelters according to monitoring group HumaneWatch. It runs TV and newspaper ads full of cute puppies and kittens, enlists the support of well-meaning (but often clueless) celebrities and has a slick marketing mantra – all the while spending millions on lawyers, lobbyists, and anti-meat/vegan propaganda campaigns that attack farmers. Sound familiar? If the RSPCA stops running its shelters (remember – those with the massive kill-rate) it would be a clone of the HSUS.

So when thinking of where to donate to in order to assist animals needing re-homing, think local and see happy endings come to pass like this one featured recently on The Daily Dog Blog. By doing so you will be spending your donation dollars wisely.

Death-row dog released after 15 months – BSL fails again



The Daily Dog wrote earlier this week on the madness of Breed Specific Legislation (BSL), which is being used by Councils Australia-wide as a blunt instrument against owners of large dog breeds – especially bulldog-type breeds. Well, we're pleased to report a rare win against BSL by the determined owners of "Rocket", the Victorian Staffy X.

Rocket had been seized over 15 months ago by Cardinia Shire Council, and deemed to be a member of a "declared" breed – all because some Council Officer said so. As is always the case, the Council backed their Officer to the hilt, forcing Rocket's owners to spend a small fortune on legal fees, fighting all the way to the Victorian Supreme Court. On Wednesday the Court released it's verdict, ordering Rocket to be handed back to his relieved owners, the Kalamaras family.

The Council is now calling for changes to Victorian BSL legislation (of course), with the Victorian Premier weighing in with an ominous comment on how the law needs to be changed to "reverse the onus of proof" in such cases. What this means is dog owners will be "guilty until proven innocent" if such amendments come to pass. Should this happen and you're walking your Staffy X (like "Rocket" for example) in Victoria and a dog-hating, latte-drinking leftie in a Koala suit** starts screaming "Pit Bull! Pit Bull!", your dog can be seized and destroyed unless you, the dog owner, can prove the dog is not a member of a "restricted breed". If you don't have tens of thousands of dollars available to fight for your dog's life in Court, your dog is as good as dead – charming, isn't it? It doesn't matter if your dog is a harmless cream-puff – he or she will be destroyed unless you can prove s/he is not a member of a "declared" breed.

The answer – in the only language politicians seem to understand – is pressure and more pressure on your local MP to vote against BSL wherever and whenever it sticks its ugly head up. If the Politicians are interested, there are plenty of Canine Behavioural Experts who can categorically and scientifically show BSL is a failure in terms of reducing dog attacks in every jurisdiction where it has been introduced across the world. An individual dog, just like a person is and should always remain innocent until proven guilty.



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17 February 2013

To all breeders and owners of German Shepherd Dogs

Re: Purchase of the 2012 GSDCA Breed Survey Book

Due to a large effort by a number of people, the 2012 Breed Survey Book will be available for collection at the 2013 National Show and Trial to be held in Adelaide from the 10th to 12th of May 2013.

To order and pre-pay your copy of the 2012 Breed Survey Book for collection at the National Show and Trial in person or by a nominated representative, please complete the attached 2012 Breed Survey Book Order Form and return to the GSDCA Treasurer.

Copies of the 2012 Breed Survey Book to be collected at the National Show and Trial will be priced at \$52.00. If you require your copy to be posted please include an additional \$15.00.

Posted copies up to (three in a package) are \$52.00 each plus \$15.00 postage e.g. 1 copy \$67.00, 2 copies \$119.00, 3 copies \$171.00.

The 2012 Breed Survey Book will then be sold to the Clubs for resale to their members at the completion of the National. The books sold to members by the Clubs will incur an additional cost of up to \$5.00 per book.

The benefit of the GSDCA Breed Survey Book can not be overstated and the importance of recording our breeding in any one year is vital.

It is an excellent tool in promoting the GSDCA and what has been achieved for the breed for the fraternity as a whole.

Please note for orders to be collected at the National Show, payment must be received no later than Tuesday 7 May 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the fraternity for their continued support of the GSDCA Breed Survey Book. If any member would like to purchase back copies of a breed survey book please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number listed below.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 82708994 or 0402 800 163 any evening after 6.00pm.

Yours sincerely,

Joylene M Neddermeyer

**J.M. Neddermeyer
National Breed Commission Chairman.**



Please note that cheque and credit card payments will need to clear before your copy can be made available. Copies to be collected at the National will be priced at \$52. Posted copies (up to 3 per package) \$52 each plus \$15 postage, eg 1 copy posted \$67, 2 copies \$119, 3 copies \$171. The 2012 Breed Survey Year Book will then be sold to Clubs for resale to members at the completion of the National. The books sold by Clubs to members will incur an additional cost of up to \$5 per copy. There will be **NO CASH/CREDIT CARD/CHEQUE SALES** at the National.

Name: _____

Address: *Please include if you require your copy posted* _____

Email Address: *For confirmation email* _____

Select payment method

☐ Cheque attached ☐ EFT Payment ☐ Credit Card

If EFT payment is selected:

Date Paid: dd/mm/yy _____

Reference Used (as above) _____

Signature: _____

Number of copies required: _____ Total payment made (show amount) _____

I will collect my Survey Book at the 2013 National _____
☐ YES ☐ NO

My copy will be collected at the National by (name person collecting, if applicable) _____

I would like my copy(ies) posted and have included additional \$15 P&H fee _____
☐ YES ☐ NO

I require a tax invoice _____
☐ YES ☐ NO

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GERMAN SIEGER SHOW 2013

VENUE: AUE-STADION - KASSEL

Friday 30th August 2013 - Sunday 1st September 2013

**TICKETS FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW THE SIEGER SHOW
ARE ON SALE AT THE VENUE EACH DAY**

GHKL-Rüden: Lothar Quoll, (Open Dog)
GHKL-Hündinnen: Rüdiger Mai, (Open Bitch)
JHKL-Rüden: Thomas Teubert, (Intermediate Dog)
JHKL-Hündinnen: Dieter Nitschke, (Intermediate Bitch)
JKL-Rüden: Frank Goldlust, (Junior Dog)
JKL-Hündinnen: Rainer Mast, (Junior Bitch)
HGH-Klassen: Wilfried Scheld, (Herding Classes)
TSB-Rüden: Heinz Gerdes, (Courage Test – Males)
TSB-Hündinnen: Johann Mayer, (Courage Test- Females)
Zuchtgruppen: Richard Brauch, (Breeders Group)
Langstockhaar-Rüden: Wilfried Scheld, (Long Stock Coat Males)
Langstockhaar-Hündinnen Richard Brauch, (Long Stock Coat – Females)
Vertretung im Krankheitsfall für alle Klassen: .. Albrecht Wörner (Reserve Judge)

INFORMATION

http://www.videxgsd.com/german_sieger_show_2013.htm

ITALIAN SEIGER SHOW 2013

2 weeks after German Seiger Show: 13-15 September

web site, <http://www.sas-italia.com>

Welfare Report for June 2013

We have had a very busy few months and it doesn't look like letting up. We are finding that people are surrendering their dogs for reasons such as not enough time for the dog, moving house, allergies, family break up, dog not trained therefore becoming unmanageable also the dog is not desexed and in the wrong hands an entire dog is not easy to manage, and dare I say it breeders be it back yard, puppy farmers or registered breeders are not choosing the right homes.

I received a call from a family in Castle Hill who admitted to the breeder they wanted a guard dog. He was left in the back yard but admittedly exercised on occasions. The family was given a very good diet sheet and other information regarding raising a GSD pup. This family chose to ignore all the information and fed him cheap dry food with no supplements and the occasional bone. He had no bedding and he was sleeping on concrete. This continued for three years. Due to his poor diet, lack of proper exercise and nowhere comfortable to sleep in all weather, just about all his main joints were compromised and he could hardly walk let alone run. I rehomed him to a wonderful man who already had a bitch and Diesel now Max is in the lap of luxury. Due to the extended time he was with the original family he will never come right but he is in the best place with carpet in the house, grass to play on and a dam to swim in. He is receiving regular medical checkups and will be on supplements for life.

Another shepherd came into our care recently. He was left in a backyard again because there were babies and toddlers on the scene and the family would not allow 6 year old Zeus to interact with the children so he was left without exercise and the minimum of food. He was not taken out of the back yard at all once the children came along and consequently he was fearful when he came to us. He failed a temperament test with AWL Kemps Creek so we took him on and put him in kennels where the kennel staff all understand and love shepherds and we all worked with him. He is now ready to be rehomed but it must be a special understanding home where the owners are experienced and prepared to give what it takes to continue Zeus's rehabilitation.

6 year old Spartan had been in kennels for 8 months while his owners decided what they were doing with their lives and so when he was taken out of the kennels he did not cope with society and because he was taken on to guard the original family he thought that every person who came near his bonded family member was an axe murderer and so he showed dangerous signs of aggression. In the end the family who took him on last decided to have him put to sleep because they felt they could not trust him. This was against my wishes but I could perfectly understand why they chose this path for Spartan. They just could not trust him. He was wonderful with me and if I did not already have two shepherds I would have taken Spartan in a heartbeat. I feel I let him down and it has broken my heart.

Tommy a beautiful Australian Champion was surplus to requirements by all who took him on, came into our care after I received a phone call from a lady from a rescue group on the Central Coast. Tommy had been temporarily homed with her after a vet nurse at a local practice rescued Tommy from a courtyard where he had been tied up with a couple of open tins of dog food to keep him company. I must thank the lovely person who cared enough to at least leave him with some sustenance. This particular person has been known to take on dogs and then dump them at her whim. Tommy has finally found his forever home and he has fallen on his feet. This has been a long and drawn out process and caused me untold stress but I am so happy for Tommy. I would just like to add that I received many abusive phone calls and emails (including the dumper) to berate me for advertising Tommy and his situation truthfully. He was dumped (I can think of no other word for it) and everybody who took him on played a part in his homelessness and for bringing that to the public's attention I will not apologise. Please note during the whole unpleasant saga I did not name names but you all know who you are.

I collected 8 or 9 year old Achilles from Blacktown pound several weeks ago. He was dumped and although micro chipped the owners have disappeared. He spent more than the mandatory 2 weeks at the pound and we are very thankful they thought he was worth saving and kept him alive until I could get there to collect him. A subsequent check up at the vets indicated he was 'crackling' with worms and he is now on a worming regime which is knocking him around a bit but he is getting there. He has the most amazing nature and the staff at the kennels adore him. As we go to press he has been rehomed to an experienced couple with 2 other older dogs. He is doing well so far and we still cannot work out why this beautiful intelligent boy was dumped. No tattoo but he could have been bred by anyone.

A long coat by the name of Zoe was surrendered in an emergency situation 2 weeks ago because of a Domestic Violence issue. She is from a registered breeder as all but one of these dogs has been and she does not know her name nor had any training. She is very overweight and when she came to us her coat was in an appalling condition. It has taken several goes to get her in some decent order and there is still a way to go as her coat is knotted and it is painful for her to have it all stripped out in one go.

Another call received from an owner much like the Zeus case. Family too busy with three children all under the age of three. The dog does not get walked and is now showing signs of stress in the backyard. Will be taking this boy on in the near future. I received a phone call from Linda Pierce the President of Hawkesbury Valley AWL who is also a great help to me with Shepherd Rescue. She had received a phone call from another rescue group who attended a property where a lady lived in a train carriage. She has about 50 guinea pigs, 15 horses, numerous chooks, geese and ducks, at least 20 cats and other

animals. As far as we could work out she only had three GSD's so the group took on 2 litter shepherd brothers aged about 11 months. One was so fearful he had to be muzzled and carried to my car and the other brother has two injured front feet which will need looking at. These boys and most of the other animals have had a diet of mashed potato and not much else. I was going to take them straight to the vet to be checked and possibly put to sleep but as I was driving along I deviated and took them to kennels because I could see they would be worth at least working with and hopefully saving. I felt they deserved a second chance and if the woman who rescued them found out I had them put to sleep she would have had me for dinner! I thought that I would not need a lot of time to make a decision and I have decided after one visit and a good hour with them they are going nowhere except a loving home hopefully together. Unless Toby's feet are going to be a major problem then I will have to rethink the situation. Often situations like these boys can be sorted but it is often too cost prohibitive and we have had to make decisions based on money which to me is an appalling choice when I know there is money out there for these dogs. I will have Toby's foot seen to and then will make a decision. Chief now Conner is already a keeper as he eventually came round licked my hand then came out and sat right next to me. That was something I had not expected so quickly so I was delighted.

As we go to press Toby was put to sleep last Friday June 28th. I took him to the vet and he had several breaks in both his front legs and because no medical attention was sort the breaks had calcified and he was in pain from the breaks and also arthritis. I took his brother Conner to a foster carer up at Kurrajong and I visited him yesterday. He is much happier and is trotting around with a lovely pack of all sorts of dogs so the future looks bright for him.

It has come to my attention that breeders are moving dogs and bitches on without getting them desexed. This has got to stop. Too many times over the past year I have received calls to take on surrenders that are from registered breeders and sold to lowlife to add to their back yard breeding programme. They then become past their used by date and are dumped or if they are lucky the owners call us and we then have to get the dog or bitch desexed, kennelled, and vet checked. This is not good enough. The money has to come from somewhere and all our volunteers are not given petrol money, money for phone calls or their time. I would like to thank Jan Baker, John Sadler, Jo Gilmore, Lyn Woods, Donna Hunter and Linda Pierce for their time and dedication to this cause. I would also like to thank Vineyard Vets and Dr Rob Zammit for his unfailing support of our dogs. Rob and his capable team of vets drop everything to take in an emergency case and give us honest and valued advice. I would also like to thank Meadow Mist Kennels who nurture our sick and frightened dogs and help them on the road to rehoming and recovery. Last but not least the team at Box Hill Kennels who take our pound dogs without a qualm and look after them and give them the best of care. They have a special quarantine area for our poundies and dogs of dubious vaccination history.

Thank you to those breeders and members of the GSD League who have made generous donations to the welfare fund. To those who have not please consider donating as you never know your dog could be the next one that needs help. Every cent spent on vet bills is checked by the committee and accounted for. I am personally very grateful for these donations and to the committee for releasing the funds because otherwise it comes out of my pocket. The other personal cost to all of us is time. We spend every day transporting dogs to kennels, vets, foster homes and to new homes. We are constantly on the phone to vets, pounds, kennels, and people who are interested in rescuing or surrendering dogs.

Finally the news is not all negative. I have contacted breeders who have had or currently have dogs in our care just to let them know that their dogs have been surrendered. Often the owners have not contacted them and they have no idea the dogs are being rehomed. They are too embarrassed to get in touch, they don't think about that or they just don't care. A few breeders have advertised the dogs on their websites or Dogzonline and for that I am grateful. One lovely lady, a breeder and a wonderful worker and supporter of the GSDL, offered me cash to go towards rehoming. This lady can ill afford it and through no fault of her own the owners decided to get rid of the dog as family circumstances had changed. I have said many times in the past I do not expect anyone to take on dogs that have been in the pound as I appreciate they can and they do come out with Kennel Cough and Parvo. The last thing I would expect would be for breeders to take on sick dogs and then contaminate their whelping bitches or new pups.

Jo Tucker
Welfare Officer

**Please remember our
Welfare Donation Tin
is at the Canteen for
EVERY Show**

“Shadow”

It didn't take long for word to spread.

Shadow, the canine partner of Hanahan police officer Travis Lanphere, died suddenly after a training session at the Exchange Park Fairgrounds in Ladson.

Twelve hours later, families, some holding posters, lined Foster Creek Road on Tuesday as a motorcade of about 20 police cars from Hanahan and surrounding areas wound its way through Tanner Plantation on the way to McAlister-Smith Funeral Home in Goose Creek. There, officers paid their tearful last respects to the 7-year-old German shepherd.

During his years on the force, Shadow had more than 25 apprehensions. He obtained the highest level of certification through the National Police Work Dog Association, and was certified in drug detection work, suspect tracking, searches and other areas.

“You can replace him but you can never replace him,” said Hanahan Police Chief Mike Cochran. “We'll move forward but we won't forget.”

The relationship between handlers and their canines is a special one. As work partners who spend nearly all their time together, they know each other's habits. They protect each other.

“Law enforcement is a brotherhood in itself,” Lanphere said. “Canine brotherhood is extremely close. Unless you've worked a dog, you don't understand the bond that we have with them. He was my partner. For the last five years, I'd had him right by me.”

Best buddies

An estimated 15,000 police dogs are in use in the United States, according to the North American Police Work Dog Association.

Many law enforcement departments in the Lowcountry have canine units, also known as K-9 units. Departments that don't have canine teams often have relationships with ones that do, and borrow the teams when needed.

Many of the departments train together. Lanphere was training with Charleston County's unit when Shadow died.

“We all know each other,” said Canine Deputy Michael Buenting of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The departments spend about a day a week keeping the dogs' skills sharp, and deputies often assist each other on calls.

The bond between the humans and their four-legged partners is also strong, Cochran said.

“It takes a special person to be a canine handler,” he said. “These aren't just house pets. These things become your best buddy. You can't leave the house without them.”

For about eight months, Buenting's companion has been Niko, a 2½-year-old German shepherd. Like many canine teams, they patrol the county in a specially outfitted Chevy Tahoe.

“He is absolutely like a partner,” Buenting said. “I spend more time with him than I do with anybody else. Life revolves around that dog all the time. Everywhere I go, everything I do. If I have him 10 years, I'm going to be with him every day for 10 years.”

At home, Niko spends most of his time in a large kennel. At work, when he's not in the field or training, he stays in the Tahoe or a building that houses kennels. When Buenting goes on vacation, Niko will stay in the kennel at work.

While the dogs spend lots of time with their handlers, their exposure to other humans is often limited.

“Everybody wants to play with them,” Buenting said. But Niko, trained in apprehension and narcotics, is a working dog, he said.

“He doesn't go home and hang out in the air conditioning. He stays in the kennel. Nobody can play with him. He does not eat table scraps,” Buenting said. “The purpose of that is so he wants to come to work. When he sees me come out in my uniform to get him, he's ready. He's amped up.”

The officers are on call 24 hours a day. Because the dogs work hard and fast, they quickly wear out, so officers often respond to apprehension or narcotics calls in pairs.

“When he gets on a scent, you're gone,” Buenting said. “He can go from a walk to a full sprint in about three seconds. But when he's done, he knows it and he'll stop. Then someone else will come over and pick up where he left off.”

Often, just having a dog on the scene can stop a suspect.

“The dog is a tool, not a weapon,” Buenting said. “It hurts if you get bit, but you are going to heal.”

They also often help with crowd control and do demonstrations.

Part of a team

Police dogs typically retire by the time they are 10 years old.

Charleston County Marine Patrol Officer Kevin Meyer said his 9-year-old shepherd, Nelo, will retire soon.

“He gets up a little slower,” he said. “I can see it because I'm his handler, but you wouldn't know it.”

Meyer, who is married with two young children, said he will keep the dog.

“It's good that he's getting to retire and have a little time to be a dog,” said Meyer, who patrols the waterfront, performing random searches on cruise ships and other vessels. “In his mind, I think he's always going to be a work dog. I don't think he'll understand completely, but I am working on transitioning him to be out of the kennel and in the backyard a little bit more.”

Three months ago, Meyer got Legion, a 20-month-old Labrador he has been training.

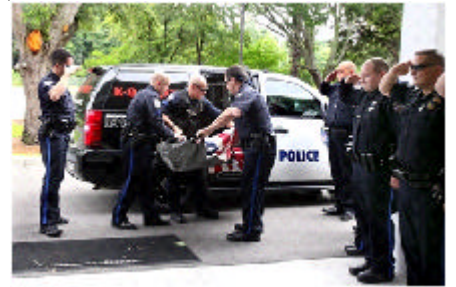
The most popular breeds for police dogs are German shepherds, Labradors, Belgian Malinois, Dutch shepherds, and occasionally mixes of these breeds, according to the National Police Dog Foundation.

The dogs, which can cost upward of \$10,000, usually arrive highly trained and continue daily training with their handlers. Most of them are taught commands in German, Dutch or Czech.

“The dogs become part of the team,” said sheriff's Lt. Jon Jacobik, who oversees Charleston County's canine unit. “Over time, they take on the personality of the handlers. Happy handlers have happy dogs. Grumpy handlers have grumpy dogs.”

Sometimes officers realize that being part of the canine team isn't for them, he said.

“We encourage them to come ride with us and come to training days before they apply to become handlers,” Jacobik said. “A lot of people don't realize what a lot of work these guys do with these dogs. Once you start training a dog, it consumes you.”



2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Show

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria is delighted to announce the international judging panel for the 2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show.

The international judging panel will include the expertise of **Ms Denys Janssen** (Columbia), **Mrs Gloria Geringer** (USA), **Mr Juan Carlos Vasconsellos** (Paraguay) and **Mr Pedro Sanches Delerue** (Portugal).

For the very first time at any Australian Royal Show, the international panel will be further enhanced by the inclusion of Herr Hans–Peter Fetten (Germany), an SV judge who will be judging both varieties of German Shepherd dogs.

German Shepherds will be judged on Saturday 21 September on the large natural grass judging ring and it will be the first time at the Royal Melbourne Show where German Shepherds will be critiqued and graded. The RASV and its' Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show committee greatly appreciate and value the support of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria with this exciting initiative.

Many breed enthusiasts enjoy having the opinion of a specialist judge, the variety of involvement, experience and hands–on involvement contained in this year's judging panel reflects this. The Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show this year can be considered a 'Feature Show' for many breeds indicated as follows:

Mrs Denys Janssen (Columbia) will judge Great Danes; **Mrs Gloria Geringer** (USA) will judge American Cocker Spaniels and Whippets; **Mr Juan Carlos Vasconsellos** (Paraguay) will judge Fox Terriers (Smooth), Salukis and Beagles and **Mr Pedro Delerue** (Portugal) will judge Labradors and Old English Sheepdogs.

The total judging assignment for each member of our international panel at the 2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show is as follows:

Ms Denys Janssen (Columbia) will judge Bichon Frise, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels & Yorkshire Terriers from the Toy Group; American Staffordshire Terriers & Jack Russell Terriers from the Terrier Group; Afghan Hounds from the Hound Group; Australian Shepherds from the Working Group; Alaskan Malamutes, Newfoundlands & Siberian Huskies from the Utility Group and **Group 7 Non–Sporting and Non–Sporting Group Specials and GENERAL SPECIALS.**

Mrs Gloria Geringer (USA) will judge **Group 1 Toys** (less Bichon Frise, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels & Yorkshire Terriers) and **Toy Group Specials**; American Cocker Spaniels from the Gundog Group; **Group 4 Hounds** (less Afghan Hounds, Beagles & Salukis) and **Hound Group Specials.**

Mr Juan Carlos Vasconsellos (Paraguay) **Group 2 Terrier** (less American Staffordshire Terriers & Jack Russel Terriers) and **Terrier Group Specials**; Beagles & Salukis from the Hound Group and **Group 6 Utility** (less Alaskan Malamutes, Newfoundlands & Siberian Huskies) and **Utility Group Specials.**

Mr Pedro Delerue (Portugal) will judge **Group 3 Gundogs** (less American Cocker Spaniels) and **Gundog Group Specials**; **Group 5 Working** (less Australian Shepherds, German Shepherd Dogs & German Shepherd Dogs (Long Stock)) and **Working Group Specials**

Herr Hans–Peter Fetten (Germany) will judge German Shepherd Dogs & German Shepherd Dogs (Long Stock) from the Working Group.

All **Sweepstakes classes** will be judged by the very knowledgeable **Ms Debbie Cozart** (WA).

The Action Dog competitions consisting of '**Obedience Trials**' and '**Agility/ Jumping Trials**' will be judged by **Mr Brian Fielder** from South Australia.

The **2013 Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show** runs from **Saturday 21 September to Saturday 28 September.** The Schedule will be published online at rasv.com.au and in the May edition of the Dogs Victoria Gazette.

There's nothing like winning a Royal Melbourne Championship Dog Show blue ribbon at the Royal Melbourne Show, Victoria's largest annual community event.

2013 Royal Melbourne Show, Saturday 21 September – Wednesday 2 October at Melbourne Showgrounds .

The Mousetrap

A Good Reminder - that we really do need each other.

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package.

“What food might this contain?” The mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning : “There is a mousetrap in the house!

There is a mousetrap in the house!”

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, “Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it.” The mouse turned to the pig and told him, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!”

The pig sympathized, but said, “I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray... Be assured you are in my prayers.”

The mouse turned to the cow and said, “There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!” The cow said, “Wow, Mr. Mouse. I’m sorry for you, but it’s no skin off my nose.”

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer’s mousetrap - Alone

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - the sound Of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap. The snake bit the farmer’s wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup’s main ingredient:

But his wife’s sickness continued. Friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

But, alas, the farmer’s wife did not get well... She died..

So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon.

And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn’t concern you, remember —

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life.

We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.



Which country was the first to develop stealth aircraft?

***Last Issues Answer:
Anne Boleyn***

2013 Club Calendar - Coming Events

20th & 21st July	GSDL NSW State Breed Assessment "The GSDL Shop" will be open at the show on 20th & 21st July from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be leads, collars and a lot of other items, including a number of items on special available for sale.
11 August	Dogs NSW Endurance Test Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, Erskine Park
17th August	Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club of NSW 68th Championship Show Schedule Judges: Mr. Lou Donald, Queensland: Ms Joylene Neddermeyer, South Australia
18th August	Broken Hill German Shepherd Dog Club of NSW 69th Championship Show Schedule Judges: Mr. Lou Donald, Queensland: Ms Joylene Neddermeyer, South Australia
31st August	GSDL Spring Fair Championship Specialty Show Conformation: Herr Edgar Pertl (SV) Austria, Mr. Marcel Mignolet (SV) Belgium
1st September	GSDL Spring Fair Championship Specialty Show Confirmation: Herr Edgar Pertl (SV) Austria, Mr. Marcel Mignolet (SV) Belgium
30th Aug-1st Sept	2013 German Sieger Show
9th September	General Meeting at Erskine Park Club Rooms at 8pm
13, 14, 15 September	2013 Italian Seiger Show
21st September	Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Confirmation Judge: Herr Hans-Peter Fetten (Germany) SV
5th October Dogs	Dogs NSW State Obedience Trial Championship
12th October	GSDL Champ Show & Obedience Trial Conformation Mrs N Humphries (WA) Obedience Mr. D. Turley (NSW)
2nd November	German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria 91st Championship Show Judges: Herr Peter Odermatt (SV) Germany and Ms. Melanie Groth (NSW)
3rd November	Working Dog Club of Victoria Judges: Herr Peter Odermatt (SV) Germany and Ms. Melanie Groth (NSW)
10th November	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Erskine Park. Long coat assessment will be held at the completion of Breed Survey at the Club Grounds. Requirements: Completion of the Long Stock Application Form (available to download under "forms"), registration papers verifying the animal to be assessed is registered in your name. Please email the Secretary faystokes1@bigpond.com if you intend bringing an animal for assessment.
25th November	AGM Meeting Erskine Park Club Rooms at 8pm
7th December	GSDL Christmas Presentation at Erskine Park Club Rooms (note must attend to collect trophies, country members excepted)
14th December	GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial Sanction Show Conformation Mrs. F. Farley (Vic) Open show TBA Obedience Mrs D. Anderson (NSW)
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16, 17, & 18 May	National GSD Show & Trial hosted by the ACT GSDA

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Please give several weeks notice to the tattoo officer.***