

# SHEPHERD



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# Notices

## Alteration to General Meeting Dates

Please Note that in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution General Meetings will now be held Bi-Monthly. The dates for the next meeting is **24th November 2014 (Annual General Meeting)**.

And then Bi Monthly from January 2015 on the second Monday of the month 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.

## SMOKE FREE AREAS



Please Note the following Dogs NSW regulation - Published on Thursday 02 October 2014

Attention is drawn to Dogs NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 19.2

*(i) Smoking is not permitted in an area 20 metres from any ring in which an exhibition is taking place or 20 metres from any food vendor located on the showground. (10/13)*

It should be noted that it is the responsibility of the Club conducting an event on these grounds to ensure that the event is conducted in accordance with Dogs NSW Regulations. Club Members have requested that we enforce this rule at all shows and trials, ***and it will now be enforced.***

## GSDL Raffle

The GSDL Raffle for a Whelping Box complete with Vet Bed was won by Jacki Redmond (Qld). The club wishes to again express our thanks to Ian Corner who donated the Whelping Box.

## A and Z Stamps

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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 are :-

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

**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.**

## Puppy Listings

**As from 1st January 2015 both Sire and Dam must be X-rayed and Surveyed for all litters listed on the GSDL Puppy Listings. This motion was moved and accepted by the members at the General meeting held on 13th October 2014.**

**Attention Breeders: to have your puppies listed for the weekend, you must have your paperwork and payment in by Wednesday to the Puppy Listings Registrar.**

**If the paperwork is not received by Wednesday your listing will be added the following week.**

## **PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT**

In general, the GSDL club exists to “support the preservation and protection” of the GSD. The GSDL exists to provide information to our members about our breed. Club members can refer to our code of ethics and a list of breeders is usually available to help people find a reputable breeder. The GSDL run dog shows and other events related to the GSD. We promote the benefits and well-being of the GSD and offer events for showing, training, breeding, and hereditary health issues.

This year is quickly coming to a close. It seems that every year is passing by much quicker. Maybe it's because of all the work that keeps us busy. The final audit will show a profit again for the past year. I am pleased to note that in the last seven years I have been at the helm, the club has been in the black each year. I cannot take full credit because a committee of personalities who have strived to fulfil the responsibility of financial management manages the GSDL.

The purpose of our final reports is to summarise and inform members, especially new members, of the activity of the club over the past 12 months and beyond. Since very few members attend General Meetings, the Shepherd News and final reports help to inform members of the summary of business and activities transacted throughout the year.

Here there is a necessity to show appreciation for the time and effort that the committee members have put in to keep the GSDL moving forward. There are many members that do not realise how much work is involved in running a club as large as the GSDL and there are also members that do not appreciate or raise their hand to assist and a few that whinge and complain without positive input or attending General Meetings which is the venue for positive input and discussion. Luckily these are only a minority and there are many members who are supportive and appreciative.

I extend my appreciation to all the committee team for all their hard work, time and personal monetary cost over the last year. Juggling their passion for the German Shepherd Dog, personal lives, work commitments and club business can sometimes be quite fatiguing. Appreciation is also extended to the committee for their support of my presidency and each other committee member over the past year. Many of the committee members have committed themselves to decades of association, committee positions and development of the GSDL. There are many instances where newer members are unaware of how much time and effort many members past and present have donated in the pursuit of their passion for the GSD in both obedience and breed. I thank you all.

The welfare of the GSD has been and will be an important pursuit of the GSDL as there are numerous individual cases in our beloved breed that did not find a loving home or were found in a poor state. I thank our past and present welfare officers for their commitment to welfare and rescue. At present we do not have a liaison officer for welfare but our responsibility to welfare will be in continuance in the coming year. Many thanks are extended to our members that have donated to welfare. These donations are subject to the audit process and are used for expenses that arise in the area of welfare.

The breed and obedience events this year have been successful and profitable. Our trophy table is ‘second to none’. These shows are organised and run by a handful of people and I thank all the committee members for their efforts and also those members and exhibitors that jump in to help with the set up for our shows, helping in the canteen, assisting our show secretary, assisting in the breed and obedience rings with stewarding and stenography and helping with the mundane tasks of tidying up after an event, pulling down the ring ropes and packing away the equipment at the end of the event, etc. It would be great if more people jumped in and helped rather than stand by and watch as the work is being done.

I am not pleased to mention in this report that there is a faction that, for whatever personal reasoning and personality conflict, are pursuing a takeover of the club management at the upcoming AGM. Members of course are free to nominate for positions but it should be for the right reasons. A number of years ago, a number of these perpetrators who were on the committee, ‘through the towel in’ over a personality conflict of some sort? But as human nature is sometimes displayed, there was no intestinal fortitude to express specific grievances and there was no assistance to the club or has ever been offered since their resignation.

I do hope that the general members that attend the AGM will intelligently consider continuance for the future and survival of the GSDL and for the ongoing stability of the GSDL, rather than for a frivolous and unsound political decision being influenced by jealousy, personal issues and personality conflicts.

A similar takeover was done to a New Zealand club many years ago. The club managed to survive after these people walked but even today they are still dealing with the after effects both physically and financially. The GSDL is a wealthy club and it would be disappointing if the management was changed for the wrong reasons due to ulterior motives, personal agendas, and managed without fiscal responsibility.



The GSDL along with myself had a very good relationship with the former CEO of Dogs NSW, Christine Davis. It is sad news to report that Christine Davis recently passed after a short illness. The GSDL had a very good and supportive relationship with Dogs NSW through Christine Davis's support of the GSD and the GSDL. The GSD, along with all the other pure breeds have lost a very astute supporter of the pure breed dog and especially the GSD.

Our final events for the year are our Christmas night show and our Christmas presentation night. Please refer to our web calendar for the dates of these events.

On a personal note, I have been associated with the GSDL since 1978, on the committee since the mid 80's and in this time spent in the dog world I have made some very good friendships, alliances and I hope this will continue for many years. I wish everyone all the best for the coming months.

***Graeme Stevenson***

**President**

## **TATTOO/MICROCHIP REGISTRARS ANNUAL REPORT**

The following table shows the progression of breeders following the GSDCA tattoo identification scheme and the use of the GSDL microchip officers..

Financial year	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Pups Tattooed	807	591	534	308
Pups microchipped	559	447	306	266

With the introduction of Microchipping being used as identification of dogs to enter the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes, the number of pups tattooed has declined although a number of breeders still find value in the tattooing of their pups.

The fall in Microchipping can possibly be attributed to breeders that do not support the tattoo scheme and have their pups microchipped at the time of the six week inoculation. Submitting microchip numbers at the point of registration is also a possible consideration in the fall of the number of pups being microchipped through the GSDL as pups are tattooed and microchipped at eight weeks of age.

I express my thanks to all who participate through the GSDL and also especially to the Officers that perform these duties diligently.

***Graeme Stevenson***

**Tattoo/Microchip Registrar**

## **SOCIAL SECRETARYS ANNUAL REPORT**

The year is coming to a close very quickly and my time in the canteen has been very rewarding. It has been extremely busy at times and I would like to thank Bruce, Lorna, Pam, Joe Tucker and some of our younger ones who came in to assist until I arrived at lunchtime. I would like to thank you, the exhibitors for purchasing from us at the shows. It is lovely to have a chat to you as we prepare your orders and find out how you are going and your results during the day in the show ring. We also love to see our obedience people who also support the canteen and it is our aim to make sure we can supply a varied menu at a price you can afford.

Catering for the "State Breed" did not go without incident. An electrical fault in our house caused a fire on the Friday and we had to vacate the premises. The first thought that flashed through my mind was the canteen float money in the bedroom. Thankfully we were allowed back in to get necessities until it was safe to return (ended up being one month). I think it was a surprise to many to see us walk into the club house the next day to run the canteen, but we managed to get through the weekend. I would like to thank those who offered comfort through their words as we continued to live out of a suitcase until the house was finally repaired.

As previously stated last year, the canteen has been well supported by you the members and I would like to thank you all, as this is another way you are making sure we are going in the right direction.

***Sharon Laughlin***

**SocialSecretary**





# KUIRAU CASEY STONER

**'A' (3:1) 'Z' (0:0) BSCL. 1 DM Clear**

Casey is a well-bred dog being the son of the 2014 Silver Medallist Toby Von Der Plassenburg and 2013 Bronze Medallist and triple NSW Reserve Siegerin Kuirau Takeira. Casey's outstanding career has many highlights but includes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Very Good Merit 2014 State Breed – Fay Stokes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate 2014 National in Canberra - Herr J Stiegler (SV) Germany
- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior & Reserve Challenge Dog 2014 March N&HRGSDC - Steve Collins
- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Dec 2013 GSDL - Fran Farley
- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Oct 2013 GSDL - Natalie Humphries
- 1<sup>st</sup> Puppy 2013 August N&HRGSDC - Russel Wenham
- 1<sup>st</sup> Puppy & 2013 NSW Puppy Sieger - Graeme Stevenson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor 2013 National in Adelaide - Herr R. Brauch (SV) Germany

**Casey's sister also has had many great results...**



## Kuirau Chakira 'A' 'Z'

- 2014 State Breed 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate VGM – Fay Stokes
- 2014 Easter 1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate - Jürgen Maibüchen SV
- 2013 December 1<sup>st</sup> Junior - Fran Farley
- 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Puppy & NSW Puppy Siegerin - Karen Hedberg
- 2013 National 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor - Christoph Ludwig SV

**Casey's Dad to Takeira's full sister...**

Kuirau Ellegante Lady - 1<sup>st</sup> Baby & Best Baby in Show 2013 N&HRGSDC - Steve Collins

**Casey is standing at stud in the Hunter Valley.**

**Kuirau German Shepherds – (02) 49 381 285 – [www.kuirau.com](http://www.kuirau.com)**



## **VICE-PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT**

So quickly the year has gone, five shows, four Breed Surveys and numerous committee and General meetings the committee members working up front in their respective positions and the people who work in the background supporting those members in their duties. The League has had another profitable year due to the willingness of people who to put themselves out to see that we do provide events and shows that are up there with the best for the members to be proud of.

The League after quite a number of years entered teams in a major obedience competition and came home winners. We were hoping that the Demonstration team might form again but this has not eventuated as yet and we are still looking for someone with photography experience to do our shows and keep some photographic history of the Club shows but got nothing in reply to the requests. We are putting effort into the Easter Show with German judges to make it more popular with interstate and general exhibitors to make up for the loss of the Spring Fair Show

I would like to thank Graeme for his tireless contribution over the last year, it has not been an easy job and the President is just not a name only, it is the things that go along with the position behind the scenes that increases the workload for that position that members are unaware of.

I would like to thank the committee this year for their efforts.

***Terry Jarvis***

**Vice-President**

## **SECRETARYS ANNUAL REPORT**

Another quiet year as far as the secretarial duties are concerned with most of the incoming correspondence being from National Council and all items concerning members and their dogs were published in Shepherd News.

The practice of passing correspondence to the officers in charge of the various portfolios continues to work very well and enables them to act quickly on items rather than wait from meeting to meeting.

Once again I have contacted Dogs NSW on behalf of the League regarding permission to erect an awning along the back of the building which will prove of benefit to all exhibitors during the summer months especially and the intention is to place some table and chairs for members to sit at however we have to wait for approval to go ahead with this.

Dogs NSW are erecting a permanent colour bond cover in the dog ring and the League is discussing the proposal for either the League to erect the same in the bitch ring or come to an arrangement to assist with the cost of same which is \$8,500.00 per ring but, again, it is of benefit to all.

I would like to thank the committee for their continued co-operation throughout the year as well as the members.

***Fay Stokes***

**Secretary**

## **HD ED REGISTRARS REPORT for 2014**

This year to date, some 75 HD ED applications have been processed. The system of filling in a form and having a HD ED form returned to the members appears to be working well and has done so for a number of years. In the vein of advancement and to make the system work better, perhaps in the near future some thought could be given to creating credit card facilities as an alternative means of payment along with the current means of payment. In 2015 I will aim to have a credit card facility put into place similar to some other Clubs to make it easier for members. I have spoken to the Treasurer of National Council about making the forms available "on line" but this at present is not a possibility.

I would like to thank the present Committee for their assistance and support and also the members for understanding that all the Committee positions are voluntary and their duties are performed for the betterment of the German Shepherd Dog!

***Jodie Carroll***

**HD ED Registrar NSW**

## **SHOW SECRETARYS ANNUAL REPORT**

This year has seen another decline in entries to our shows, especially in the male classes. There is very little improvement in LSC entries. Obedience trial numbers are staying about the same.

The League has conducted 4 Obedience Trials & 6 shows this year, two Championship Shows, two Open Shows, 2 Sanction Shows This year the Championship Shows at the Spring Fair which was held in conjunction with Dogs NSW. was dropped (at the request of Dogs NSW) By changing the dates of the Spring Fair to the same time as the Sieger Show made it very difficult to obtain judges and the number of entries was greatly reduced thus making significant financial losses to our club

The State Breed Assessment was held again in July with an increase in numbers on last year and the addition of an interstate judge was very well received by all who attended; hopefully we will see even more exhibitors next year.

This year's committee has tried to reduce expenditure and keep entry prices down as much as possible.

My thanks to Norm & Janette McDonald and Tiki Friezer for their great help on Trial days, and to the stewards Karen Higham & Teresa Curry & stenographers Fay Stokes & Mary Matuschka

My Special Thanks to Judy Connors (Vest Controller) we are getting better at returning our vests, to Fay Stokes for printing the catalogues your help is invaluable.

As from 2015 we have permission to hold our October Show over 2 days. Please note we are still only allowed to hold 1 championship show. But with a little bit of thought it may be possible to include something else in the weekend.

Thank you to all our Exhibitors and Triallers who have supported our Club this year

***Ann Mackenzie***

**Show Secretary**

## **BREED AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT**

It has been a successful year with Breed Affairs insofar as our Breed Survey days are concerned as the attendances have grown with more of our members now coming to the Surveys being held at our grounds rather than traveling to Newcastle or the ACT.

All surveys for 2015 have been booked for a Sunday and it is intended to have refreshments after the survey for people to come in and discuss the survey and stud dogs in a constructive manner to make surveys a more people friendly atmosphere.

During the year we had our Breed Commission Chairperson, Joylene Neddermeyer, present a lecture on current stud dogs and this has now been updated and we will be having Joylene back in the New Year as well as Lou Donald who has agreed to present his lecture however he preferred to leave this until the New Year when he could present more updated information on the Sieger Show both in Germany and Italy. All members will be notified when these lectures are to be presented.

At the National Council AGM a motion will be put to the clubs that Class I and Class II be withdrawn from survey and that all animals will just be classified as having passed Breed Survey and it is to be hoped that all members will vote for this through their clubs.

The most exciting innovation through National Council is the Data Base at presently being developed which will allow all members to access the Data Base to gain information on stud dogs, litters etc., much the same as Pedigree Data Base – it is brilliant and National Council are to be congratulated on this development.

The AGM of National Council will be hosted by the League in Sydney on 14th & 15th February 2015 of which full details will be published in Shepherd News and it is hope that members will go and observe.

Our State Breed Show was a success and hopefully will continue to grow.

I thank the breeders for their co-operation at the Breed Surveys and I am sure they will be a much more enjoyable item to attend in the coming 12 months.

***Fay Stokes***

**Breed Affairs**

## **WEB MASTERS ANNUAL REPORT**

The GSDL web site has continued being developed as useful tool for both the members as well as visitors to the site.

I would like to thank members and committee for providing me with information for the website.

***Frances McAdam***

**Web-Master**



## **PUPPY LISTINGS ANNUAL REPORT**

The last twelve months has been again successful with members taking advantage of and enjoying the service provided by the G.S.D.L as backup to their own efforts to sell pups. This year the litters have been up and down with some weeks having a good number of litters on to perhaps just one! But the reality is the members using the listings are selling their pups and are happy with the results they get through the listings.

Puppy Listings is a job that is enjoyable to oversee. Being able to assist puppy enquirers with help and direction to the Breeders listed to the purchasing of their puppies being the pleasing aspect. I have again enjoyed the position of puppy listing over the last twelve months and look forward to another pleasing year

The Website is of great assistance this year, more than before because a lot of the enquiries are by direct contact through the Website as the general public become more savvy with using the internet and it is pleasing to see new people and members taking advantage of it. The new purchaser is ringing the breeders direct and asking the right questions on most occasions as they are more conscious of what is needed to know prior to purchasing their new pup. This in the main is because they have been in touch with me through the website and are a lot more wiser when they ring or email the breeder and are appreciative of this service. I have had feedback from breeders stating that when puppy buyers contact them they are well informed which I believe is a plus for the service.

Members using the older dog listing find that their animals do get placed through the service but we have had only a few listings throughout the year. And we now have a section on the website with information on tracing lost dogs. The email "The Puppy Registrar" gets plenty of use and enquires are answered in detail in quick time.

Breeders using the listings are sent a courtesy email about one week prior to them coming off the listings to see how the pups are selling and if they need to extend their time. The majority of breeders do advise me when their litters are sold which is a condition of being on Puppy Listings and essential to the correct running of the listing service.

We do get a lot of calls for people wishing to re home their older Shepherd and to hear some of the stories where the animals are 8 & nine years old and have to go as a pair and sometimes have to be split up. We do what we can and sometimes we cannot help but when we get genuine enquiries our Welfare officer Jo Tucker and her merry band of helpers get out and about and work actively trying to place these animals and our thanks should go to them for the work they do.

Our Website manager Fran McAdam is another one that needs a thank you as the litters change and pups are sold she is the lady that does all the work taking them down and putting them up and she and I work well together in this effort, thank you Frances.

As I said previously that I have enjoyed the position of Puppy Listing Registrar and helping people who are not sure whether they should or should not own a shepherd, whether they have enough room to keep one, also about when and where to train.

I have quite a few people who buy from our listings, also ringing up to thank me and tell me all about their new pup.

***Pam Jarvis***

Puppy Listing Registrar

## **SHEPHERD NEWS EDITORS ANNUAL REPORT**

For me this has been an eventful year, with some health problems caused by a Doctor's mistake and a nasty electrical fire in the roof at our house. It is no much fun watching the fire brigade attend at your own home. However we have survived it all and have certainly learnt from the experiences. With the Shepherd News those problems caused a delay with the July issue but at least it did go out to you, the members.

One area that is disappointing as Editor is the lack of feedback that I receive from members. It would be good to know what your feelings are about the magazine, what you like and what you do not like. To those few members who do give me feedback, I sincerely thank you and a very special thankyou to the few members who have helped with articles and information for Shepherd News.

It is also important to remember that many of our members are new to the "dog world", articles that to some of us that seem very basic and simple are of great help to these people and we need to include this type of information to cater for all the members of the GSDL. So don't be shy in forwarding articles even if you feel that they are a little "basic".

Trusting that you all have a great festive season and looking forward to seeing you all again in the new year,

***Bruce Laughlin***

Shepherd News Editor

**In Australia for the 1st time!**

# **Jogi Zank**

Jogi Zank is internationally recognised as one of the world's most gifted trainers. His feel for dogs & expert technical knowledge really set him apart. In 2009 he won the (SV) German National IPO Championship with a rehomed dog!

A photograph of Jogi Zank, a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a dark jacket, standing next to a black dog. The background is a warm, golden-brown gradient.

SV BSP Sieger 2009 & Vice-Sieger 2007, 3rd 2012  
WUSV (World) Vice-Sieger 2009  
Member of Team Germany 2007, 2009 (2 x 1st place) & in 2012 (2nd place)  
8 x on SV Bundessieger with 4 self-bred dogs  
3 x on WUSV (World) Championship (+ 2nd place)  
5 x on FCI World Championship  
1 x VDH German National Championship  
10 x State Championships (1st 2007, 2nd 1998)  
Championship Team Leader for Team Germany, Team Malaysia & Team Jersey  
Trainer of multiple national and international teams.

Central Coast 21 January - start 5pm

Mount Penang Parklands, Kariong

Sydney 22 January- start 5pm

Bill Spilstead Complex, Orchard Hills

\$175 w. dog, \$120 per spectator

## **Advanced Obedience Events**

**In conjunction with the GSDL NSW**

Ph: Karen 0414 315 782 or [nswaoe@hotmail.com](mailto:nswaoe@hotmail.com)



# **2014 GSDL Christmas Party & Presentation Night**



**Saturday 6th December - 7pm  
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**



**Book with:**

**The Social Secretary**

**Sharon Laughlin 9755 7506**

**Email: [laug4546@dodo.net.au](mailto:laug4546@dodo.net.au)**

**(Bookings are essential for catering)**



**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)**





## **TRAINING CO-ORDINATORS ANNUAL REPORT**

Firstly I'd like to say thanks to –

Alan and Judy Connors and all the instructors who run Tuesday night obedience training at Erskine Park;  
Brad Thurlow, Jo Tucker and everyone who has helped me to run obedience training at our Central Coast branch;  
All those who have helped at our obedience trials; and  
Tikki Friezer and all the stewards/tracklayers who assist at our tracking trials

Without the help and assistance these people offer we wouldn't be able to provide training classes or opportunities for our members to trial within our club

Congratulations to all those members who have obtaining qualifications and titles during the year. It takes a lot of hard work to obtain trial standard and its always great to have this recognised. Next year we are hoping to be able to offer Rally O at our obedience trials – this will be confirmed early 2015. We already have several members actively working towards competing in Rally Novice.

January 2015 will see two exciting obedience seminars. Jogi Zank – a world class renowned German trialler/trainer is coming to Australia and GSDL NSW will host these events - 21<sup>st</sup> January (Erskine Park branch) and 22<sup>nd</sup> January (Central Coast branch). This is a fantastic opportunity for instructors and obedience enthusiasts to increase their skill set and learn from a master trainer. (For further information contact [kareneaton@bigpond.com](mailto:kareneaton@bigpond.com))

Last but not least – in July this year, for the first time in many years, GSDL NSW entered a team in the Interclub Challenge – this a major obedience event with 30 plus teams competing from various Sydney obedience clubs. I'm thrilled to say that our team not only placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall but also won the trophy for the highest scoring breed club. A fantastic achievement and magnificent team effort – huge congratulations to all involved! Next year we hope to have at least two teams entered so if you are interested please let me know.

***Karen Eaton***

Training Co-Ordinator

## **WELFARE CO-ORDINATORS ANNUAL REPORT**

Up until the last few days we have had three tattooed registered dogs in our care in kennels: Ziggy Tiger and Tyson. Due to the heat and the stress these dogs are under while they are in greyhound pens due to the school holidays we have had to beg for foster carers and they have all been fostered. However Ziggy while still at the kennels was rushed to the vets on Saturday afternoon with bloat due to a stomach full of chicken carcasses and he is still touch and go. Once he has recovered he will be fostered by an experienced family. This family were there to collect him to foster him when he started to bloat. The cost of this will set us back about \$5000.

I have approached the breeders of Tiger and Tyson and they will not assist with rehoming or take the dog back. There was an offer and we accepted of course to pay \$100 for Tiger but with all due respect and considering we pay full kennelling fees during school holidays this has only covered 4 days. The breeders of Ziggy were approached a while ago and all the owner was met with was abuse for not 'training the dog properly in the first place'. This dog has come to us with one of the highest levels of obedience I have come across. This single mum with three children, an unsupportive ex-husband and parents, has had to surrender him because she cannot find and or afford accommodation that would allow a dog.

Tyson has gone to foster care with an 82 year old lady and her husband. She already has 2 other registered shepherds with her and another cross breed. She has fostered many of our dogs and due to her age we know she cannot keep going but at the moment she is happy to assist and she and her husband love all the dogs that stay with them. At least Tyson is now out of kennels and that is one less dog we have to worry about. Tyson was originally rescued from an Industrial property in North Western Sydney where he was kept in a crate during the day where he could not turn round. He was used for guarding at night so he and a shepherd bitch were allowed out at night to roam the property. Photos were taken and sent to the breeder but to no avail.

I was approached by an owner who had an 8 year old bitch and the breeders were no longer operating. I emailed the owner of the bitches sire asking their assistance as they have boarding kennels. This request was sent in August and to date no response.

I received an urgent email from another rescue group requesting our assistance in rehoming an 11 year old GSD Hunter. This pup was sold to a man who was wheel chair bound and now his carer has died and he can no longer keep the dog. There was no way we could take the dog as he is extremely aggressive to all people and other animals. The breeder was approached and to date no response. The kindest thing to do would be to put the dog to sleep.

We have just taken on another dog and when the breeder was approached and all assistance was refused.

We were contacted by the RSPCA a couple of weeks ago as they had two bitches dumped there. One is 4 years old and bred by a well known breeder who has had shepherds come through Welfare in the past and the other is 8 years old with a tattoo but illegible. I cannot assume it is from the same kennel. I am not even bothering to contact the breeder as I am always met with 'I am not in a position to help at the moment and I have no room'. This was the same breeder who homed a puppy to a new Australian who ended up in prison and the dog had to go because the wife was having to move to a secret location and could not take her with her. This bitch cost us over \$2000 in kennelling as she was initially untrained and aggressive. She flew at any dog that came near her including my big shepherd boy. It took us several months to work with her and rehome her. Luckily she went to a great home and she is doing very well.

Another risk we take is when we are temperament testing dogs and bitches. I have been bitten many times. You may wonder why I would be so stupid as to get bitten however these dogs show no signs at all of aggression and they just lose it when they are being checked out. Most of them are so stressed they are starting to shut down and this is when they become unpredictable. One dog left me with 10 stiches in my head because he had obviously been shoved to the ground and bashed and when I bent down to check his castrate scar he attacked. I had spent time with him moments before and he was fine. I wasn't even touching him when he went for me. This is another problem with breeders who couldn't care less about the temperaments of their breeding and breed for no other reason than to make money. They are then sold to homes that are totally inappropriate for the wrong reasons. The breeder is sometimes contacted by the owner and most times they will not assist with training and the owners can't be bothered so the dog is dumped.

I have asked via the Shepherd News on numerous occasions for assistance with fostering. To date I have not had one response however I have had offers to assist financially. While I am very grateful for this I would much prefer that breeders take responsibility for their own breeding. You may well ask when does the responsibility stop i.e. at what age and quite frankly my opinion is it is always the breeder and or the owners to find new homes for their dogs. The buck should not stop at me and my team and each time it does. We have spent \$000's of our own money to rescue these dogs because the owners just want to get rid of them in many cases and the breeders generally could not care less.

Because of this appalling attitude I have resigned as Welfare Officer of the GSDL however I will still continue to work with GSD Rescue and to a lesser extent Animal Welfare League. We will no longer assist breeders and owners of registered dogs and my advice to any owner or breeder is to step up and take responsibility for their own choices.

I have enjoyed in the most part the role of Welfare Officer however I have not enjoyed having to contact breeders to ask for assistance with their dogs. I have been met with refusal and threats (luckily not many but one is too many when I am only trying to help) and frankly I should not have to deal with that.

My thanks go to the wonderful members who do contribute to the Welfare account. Please keep that coming as the GSDL keeps this money very separate and I use, with committee approval, to pay the bills at Vineyard Vet Hospital. My thanks go to Dr Rob Zammit and his dedicated team without whom we could not carry on. We had to make an emergency dash up to this practice just last Saturday with Ziggy the bloat boy and thank goodness a vet and a very capable vet nurse (thank you Ciaran and Kathleen and Brooke who was called in urgently) This dog would not have survived without this team and also my heartfelt thanks to Jan Baker who picked up the problem in the first place. Jan, her husband Brian, Linda Pierce, Jo Gilmour, Bonita Mendis, Therese O'Brien, Liz and Harry Miles, Pauline Bellemore, Karina Hould, Melissa Rimac, Kerry Topic, Geoff and Joc Henson, John Sadler, Katherine Dunn, and Lyn Woods are all worthy of thanks as they tirelessly, without complaint, help the cause. They transport dogs to vets and from kennels, go to the boarding kennels and exercise the dogs, rehome them and several also foster for us. This is all unfunded and some of this team can ill afford the huge petrol bills that they are faced with. Linda and I try and assist with petrol money where possible but on top of the 000's we already have to spend this becomes difficult to say the least. Pauline Bellemore has about 10 dogs at her property at Kurri Kurri and at least half of these dogs are from registered breeders. Pauline funds these dogs herself also with contributions and I thank those people that contribute. There are many unsung heroes in this group. These folk are worth their weight in gold and without them we would not be able to rescue the 100's of shepherds that have been surrendered or dumped at the pounds.

***Jo Tucker***

Welfare Co-Ordinator

## Committee Nominations

### NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR GSDL OF NSW INC., COMMITTEE 2015

Listed hereunder are the positions to be voted on at the forthcoming AGM of the GSDL NSW Inc., to be held in the club rooms on Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8 P.M.

Please note – you must be financial to be able to vote at this meeting and payment cannot be made at the AGM.

Those member who are re-standing are marked with an \* and have a figure out of 12 beside their name denoting that there were 12 Committee Meetings held and the number they attended.

PRESIDENT	Greg Jones *Graeme Stevenson	11/12
VICE PRESIDENT	Lee Baker *Terry Jarvis	11/12
BREED AFFAIRS	Mathew Morris *Fay Stokes	12/12
PUPPY LISTINGS	Tina Cossu *Pam Jarvis	11.12
POINT SCORE	*Tony D'Arcy Kurt Morton	12/12
SHEPHERD NEWS	Brett Adams *Bruce Laughlin	12/12
WEB MASTER	*Fran McAdam Kim McGregor	7/12
HD/ED REGISTRAR	*Jodie Carroll Caryl Morris	(note: it is not necessary for Registrars to attend committee meetings)



## **Which Country has the most rivers?**

Last Issues Answer:

*1 January - 25 March 1917*



## 2014 Club Calendar - Coming Events

### **2014**

1st November	GSDCV Champ Show L. Donald - Dogs all LSC/Van Dorssen - Bitches
2nd November	Victorian Working Dog Club– Van Dorssen - Dogs & all LSC/L. Donald – Bitches
8th November	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills. Long coat assessment will be held at the completion of Breed Survey.
24th November	AGM Meeting Orchard Hills Club Rooms at 8pm
6th December	GSDL Christmas Presentation at Orchard Hills Club Rooms (note must attend to collect trophies, country members excepted)
13th December	GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial

### **2015**

12th January	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
7th - 8th February	54th GSDCA Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held in Sydney
15th February	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
9th March	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
4th & 5th April	GSDL Easter Championship Show and Trial Conformation Judge Andreas Rudolph (SV) DEU Obedience Linda Dibbin NSW
8th - 10th May	2015 National GSD Show & Trial hosted by the GSDC of Victoria
18th May	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
23rd May	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
20th June	GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial Conformation Judge Rod Vernon QLD Obedience Margaret Foord NSW
5th July	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
13th July	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
18th - 19th July	GSDL NSW State Breed Assessment
9th August	Dogs NSW Endurance Test Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, Orchard Hills
30th August	Dogs NSW Spring Fair Obedience Trial
6th September	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
14th September	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
3 - 4 October	ACT German Shepherd Dog Association Shows
10th October	GSDL October Champ Show & Obedience Trial Conformation Mike Bradley (SV) NZ Obedience Jill Kaldor NSW
8th November	Breed Survey 11.00 am - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
30th November	General Meeting at Orchard Hills Rooms at 8pm
5th December	GSDL Christmas Presentation at Orchard Hills Club Rooms (note must attend to collect trophies, country members excepted)
12th December	GSDL Open Show, Sanction Show & Obedience Trial Sanction Show Conformation Andrew Jones VIC, Open show to be confirmed Obedience Marie Wheeler NSW

### **2016**

25th, 26th & 27th March - National GSD Show & Trial hosted by the GSDL NSW

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***Country members ensure your local officer has the relevant letters for your tattoo prefix.  
Please give several weeks notice to the tattoo officer.***