

**The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the**  
**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc.**  
to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
at Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Road, Fullarton, South Australia



## **Annual General Meeting Agenda**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be preceded by the GSDCA Executive Meeting, followed by Presidents Meeting with the AGM set to commence at 10.30 am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and continue through to Sunday afternoon and conclude once all business has been dealt with.

### **Voting Strength**

Member Club	Representative	Voting Strength
Australian Capital Territory GSDA	Mr. Wolf Meffert	
GSD League	Mr. Terry Jarvis	
Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC	Mr. Sean Lynch	
GSDC of Queensland	TBA	
GSDC of South Australia	Mr. John DeLucia	
GSDC of Tasmania	Mr. Jurgen Haase	
GSDC of Victoria	Mr. Tony Mercieca	
GSDA of Western Australia	Mr. Brian Lubbock	
<b>Total Votes</b>		

Voting Strength - To be advised by the GSDCA Treasurer, as per the affiliation fees paid to the GSDCA Inc.

### **1 Opening**

### **2 Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

#### **2.1 Confirmation of Minutes from 57<sup>th</sup> GSDCA AGM**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in New South Wales be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** .....

#### **2.2 Matters Arising from 57<sup>th</sup> AGM**

1. The GSDCA Secretary would seek direction from the ANKC and request exemption of Section 11 of the ANKC rules. Some Clubs are prohibited from firing the gun when all breed shows and trials are being conducted.  
*Letter sent to Member Clubs 4/3/18 requesting advice regarding requirements for gun testing in each State.*
2. The GSDCA Secretary to advise the Clubs of the close-off date to put forward items for the ANKC National Breed Councils Conference Agenda. *Member Clubs advised date for close off is 1/6/18.*
3. LRL – 3-3 Linebreeding:  
The GSDCA Secretary to write to the ANKC regarding linebreeding of no closer than 3-3.  
*Letter sent to ANKC 30/5/18. Forwarded the Survey to ANKC re 3-3 for publication in Canine Gazettes.*

4. Titre Testing vs Vaccinations  
GSDCA Secretary to write to Dr. Candy Baker requesting a fact sheet and also look at Regulations.  
*Still ongoing.*
5. Awarding of Sashes to the first 5 place getters.  
The League President assured the meeting that he will inform the GSDCA Secretary post meeting of the result of the discussions.  
Judges Chair to write to the GSDL to reaffirm the GSDCA Policy.  
*Club advised the GSDCA Secretary in writing 13/2/18 they will adhere to Regulations and Show manuals. Completed.*
6. Documentary Film of the GSD.  
Sharon Ballantyne and Paul York to liaise and send a letter out to the clubs explaining what is required.  
*Still ongoing.*

### **2.3 Ratification of Matters Arising from the 57<sup>th</sup> AGM under the “60 day rule”.**

Motion 1	“That the current Regulation 6.1.2 be rescinded and replaced with the Proposed Regulation 6.1.2.” <b><i>GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges Review, Disciplinary &amp; Appeal Procedures.</i></b>	Carried
Motion 2	“That the GSDCA adopt the WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme, as per Schedule 5 of the WUSV Harmonisation Program.”	Lost
Motion 3	“That as of the 1st July 2018, the breeder of the highest placed “Australian Bred” male Stock Coat Dog in the Open Dog class will receive a plaque.”	Lost
Motion 4	“That the National trophy table as prescribed in the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Manual shall apply unequivocally.”	Carried
Motion 5	“That GSDCA Member Clubs offer annually a Dual Performance Trophy as a minimum, at one Conformation Show at which GSDCA grading is awarded when held in conjunction with an Obedience Trial.	Carried
Motion 6	“That GSDCA Regulation 5.1.3.14 be amended to read: <b><i>Place-getter sashes: no less than 5, no more than 10”.</i></b>	Carried
Motion 7	“That Mrs Coral Pethers, Mrs. Annie Tamblyn, Ms. Vyvyan Mannion be included on the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List.”	Carried

## **3 President’s report – Mr. V. Tantaro**

## **4 Treasurer’s report – Ms. J. Pike**

### **4.1 Auditor’s report – Grant Thornton Australia**

## **5 Secretary’s report – Mrs. V. Moody**

## **6 Club Reports and Financial Statements – President's/Delegates**

- 6.1 ACT GSDA – Mr. Wolf Meffert
- 6.2 GSD League – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- 6.3 Newcastle & Hunter Region GSDC – Mr. Sean Lynch
- 6.4 GSDC of Queensland – TBA
- 6.5 GSDC of South Australia – Mr. John DeLucia
- 6.6 GSDC of Tasmania – Mr. Jurgen Haase
- 6.7 GSDC of Victoria – Mr. Tony Mercieca
- 6.8 GSDA of Western Australia – Mr. Brian Lubbock

## **7 Chairperson National Breed Commission – Mr. Vince Tantaro & Mrs. Robyn Knuckey**

- 7.1 National Breed Survey Registrar – Ms. Melanie Groth
- 7.2 Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chairperson, Dr. Candy Baker
- 7.3 National Haemophilia Scheme Registrar, Dr. Candy Baker
- 7.4 National Hip & Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme Registrar, Mr. Doug West
- 7.5 National Title Verification Officer – Mrs. Jenny DeLucia

## **8 Chairperson Judges Committee – Mrs. Robyn Knuckey**

## **9 Chairperson Obedience Committee – Mrs. Julie Urie**

## **10 Editor Quarterly National Review – Ms. Jacinta Poole**

## **11 Sub Committee Reports:**

- 11.1 National Show Liaison Officer – Mr. Ian Urie (Report on 2018 National Show & Trial)
- 11.2 National Database – Mr. Frank Moody
- 11.3 Trophy Officer – Mr. Terry Jarvis
- 11.4 Website Officer – Ms. Jacinta Poole
- 11.5 Breed Specific Legislation – Mr. Sam McGregor
- 11.6 GSDCA Youth Officer – Mr. Andrew O'Loughlin
- 11.7 Public Relations Officer – Mr. Paul York
- 11.8 Historian – N/A

## **12 WUSV Meeting (2018) Report:**

Minutes from the WUSV General Annual Assembly Meeting were distributed to all Member Clubs on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Vince Tantaro GSDCA President and Robyn Knuckey GSDCA Judges Chair attended the meeting on behalf of the GSDCA.

## 12.1 **2 Year Rule** **Moved: N&HRGSDC & GSDCSA.**

**Motion:** "That the current GSDCA Regulation 2.7.8 be rescinded".

### **Current Regulation:**

2.7.8 Any motions that are passed at a GSDCA AGM/SGM are not to be changed or altered for a period of two (2) years.

### **Rationale: (N&HR GSDC)**

*Too often motions have been passed that have proven to be detrimental to the GSDCA. This has been due to them being in conflict with ANKC Regulations or due to changing circumstances. Mistakes are sometimes made and we cannot wait two years to rectify mistakes when they happen.*

### **Rationale: (GSDCSA)**

*As an organisation we have adopted regulations which have been put forward by the WUSV, only to see the WUSV revert back to the previous situation, e.g. Linebreeding.*

### **Example: Linebreeding**

*The motion passed at the SGM Friday July 28th 2017.*

*"That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read:*

*"Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)".*

*Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).*

At the recent WUSV General Assembly it was passed that linebreeding of (2-3), (3-2) was acceptable.

## 12.2 **Moved: N&HR GSDC**

**"That the following motions/regulations in relation to Harmonisation be rescinded.**

### **Rationale:**

*We believe that the GSDCA and Member Clubs were forced into accepting the harmonisation regulation changes under perceived threats of expulsion from the WUSV. Some of these changes are proving to be a negative impact on our membership moving forward. Since then, the WUSV have themselves changed their stance on some items. We believe that they all should be rescinded and the clock turned back to have the rules and regulations as they were before the Special General Meeting on harmonisation.*

*Then and only then can any individual change in rules or regulations can be debated and voted on accordingly.*

- a) **Motion:** "That regulation 2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded".

### **2.14 WUSV Harmonisation [2017]**

#### **2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017]**

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
- If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH.

- b) **Motion: “That regulation 2.14.2 BH Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

**2.14.2 Dogs born after 30 December 2019 - prerequisite for Breed Survey [2017]**

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, effective 30 December 2020.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.

- c) **Motion: “That regulation 2.14.3 AD Test from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

**2.14.3 Dogs born after 30 July 2020 - prerequisites for Breed Survey [2017]**

That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass both BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.

- d) **Motion: “That regulation 2.14.4 Gun Test for Excellent Grading from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

**2.14.4 Gun test for Excellent grading [2017]**

That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith (the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved) and apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and/or sponsored shows where the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Excellent grading may be awarded.

- e) **Motion: “That regulation 3.6.8.4 Inbreeding from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

**3.6.8.4 Inbreeding:**

“That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read:

*“Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)”.*

*Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).*

- f) **Motion: “That regulation 3.6.1.10 “Good” Grading as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey from the WUSV Harmonisation Program be rescinded”.**

**3.6.1.10 (e) Good Grading:**

“That effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a “Good” grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey.

The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey.

## 13 Determination of scale of fees for financial year 2018/2019

### 13.1 Motion:

***That as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the cost of all GSDCA medals sold to Member Clubs will see the price set at supply cost plus 25%. The total cost will be invoiced to Members Clubs and existing stock as held will be sold at current listed price.***

#### Rationale:

*When a new supply of medals are received, if the cost of the medal plus 25% exceeds the current sale price to Clubs, Executive can automatically increase the sale price to Clubs to ensure that the margin remains constant.*

*Set up fees for templates are currently absorbed by Council therefore the mark up is required to cover this aspect of the overall cost. This will ensure that future margins will be consistent across the board.*

*The current pricing structure was put in place at least 10 years ago of which there is no set methodology.*

## 14 Election of Office Bearers – (The following nominations were received by the due date).

### 14.1 Executive

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIR	Stephen Collins	GSDCSA, GSDCQ	2 Year
	Jenny Yuen	GSDCV	
SECRETARY	Val Moody	GSDCV, GSDCQ, GSDCSA, GSDAWA, GSDL	2 Year
OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR	Julie Urie	GSDCV, GSDCQ	2 Year

**NOTE:** Resumes for candidates for the position of National Breed Commission Chair are placed at the end of the agenda pages 33 & 34, for your information.

### 14.2 Expression of Interest for Other Positions

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Term
Public Officer	Brenton Lowes	ACT GSDA	1 Year
HD/ED Registrar	No nomination		1 Year
NBC Registrar - (To be selected by the NBC Chair with agreement by the NBC Executive).			1 Year
Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair	Dr. Candy Baker	GSDCV, GSDAWA	1 Year
Haemophilia Registrar	Dr. Candy Baker	GSDCV, GSDAWA	1 Year
National Show Liaison Officer	Mr. Ian Urie	GSDCV	1 Year
Website Officer	Ms. Jacinta Poole	GSDCV	1 Year
Trophy Officer	Mr. Terry Jarvis	GSDL	1 Year
Breed Specific Legislation Officer	No nomination		1 Year
Public Relations Officer	Mr. Paul York	GSDCV, N&HRGSDC	1 Year
Historian	No nomination		1 Year



## 15 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial Reports

### 15.1 46<sup>th</sup> National – 2018 – GSDC SA

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of South Australia – **Report**

Dates – 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Major Sponsor was “Advance”

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Rainer Mast

Obedience Judges:

Mr. Peter Dynan (SA) – CCD - Community Companion Dog, and UD - Utility Dog

Mrs. Dawn Howard (VIC) – CD - Companion Dog and UDX – Utility Dog Excellent

Mrs. Jan Brabham (SA) – CDX – Companion Dog Excellent

Reserve Judge – Mr. Michael Vigor

Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. Kurt Morton

Entry Fees:

Minor to Open Initial entry = \$50.00 subsequent = \$40.00 per class.

Baby Puppies only Initial entry = \$40.00, subsequent - \$30.00 per class.

Obedience Initial entry = \$40.00, subsequent - \$30.00 per class.

### 15.2 47<sup>th</sup> National – 2019 - GSDCV

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria – **Progress Report**

Dates – Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Major Sponsor is “Royal Canin”.

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Harald Hohmann

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Harald Hohmann

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – To be advised

Obedience Judges:

Mr. Barry Cotton (Vic) CCD and UDX

Mr. Clive Makepeace (VIC) UD and a balance class (whichever is needed)

Mrs. Cheryl Bedggood (WA) Open and Rally Master

Ms. Tania Schumann (Vic) Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent

Mrs. Dawn Ayton (VIC) Novice and Rally Novice

Emergency Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: Mr. Andrew O’Loughlin.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$48.00, subsequent \$40.00.per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

Baby Puppies Initial entry = \$28.00, subsequent \$20.00.per class

Obedience Initial entry = \$38.00, subsequent \$30.00.per class

### 15.3 48<sup>th</sup> National – 2020 – GSD League

Host – German Shepherd Dog League of New South Wales – **Progress Report**

Dates – 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Major Sponsor -

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Helmet Buss

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Helmet Buss

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Herr Eric Bosl

Reserve – Herr Richard Brauch

Obedience Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Baby Puppies: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Obedience: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

## **OBEDIENCE JUDGES – NATIONAL 2020 Host by GSD League**

### **APPOINTMENT:**

**The following procedure will be followed for the appointment of judges for the Obedience section of the National Show and Trial.**

1. Member Clubs hosting the National will have the right to choose obedience judges from a shortened list, as nominated by GSDCA Executive. The host member Club must present the list of judges to the GSDCA AGM for approval at least two years in advance. The list of judges is to include names of reserve judges.
2. The host club, where possible, should appoint interstate judges to the judging panel.
3. Judges are to be appointed from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List which is reviewed on an annual basis by the GSDCA Obedience Chairman.
4. Judges must be licensed to judge relevant disciplines/classes at ANKC sanctioned events and be an active and current member of a GSDCA Affiliated Club in the State/Territory in which they reside.
5. All Obedience Judges for the National Show and Trials be contracted to provide critiques for all classes to be published in the National Quarterly Review.
6. If Judges from the GSDCA Preferred Obedience Judges List are not available, Clubs are to refer to the GSDCA Supplementary Obedience Judges List which can be obtained from the GSDCA Secretary or GSDCA Obedience Chair.

### **Proposed List of Obedience Judges for the 2020 National Show & Trial.**

Catherine O'Shea QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Vyvyann Mannion QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Mandy Doyle QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Annie Tamblyn QLD (Preferred List)	Licensed for CCD, Novice and Open only
David Hutson VIC (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Lynn Klecka VIC (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
Darryl Turley NSW (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes
<b>Reserve:</b> Kevin Speed NSW (Supplementary List)	Licensed for all Obedience classes

## **15.4 49<sup>th</sup> National – 2021 – GSDC of Queensland**

Host – German Shepherd Dog Club of Queensland – ***Progress Report***

Dates – **21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021** (Applied to Dogs Qld).

Major Sponsor is ?????

Conformation Judges:

All Long Stock Coat (Dog & Bitch) classes – Herr Christoph Ludwig.

All Stock Coat Dog classes – Herr Christoph Ludwig.

All Stock Coat Bitch classes – Mr. Malcolm Griffiths.

Reserve – Herr Frank Goldlust

Obedience Judges: To be advised

Junior Showmanship Judge: To be advised.

Entry Fees:

Junior to Open: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Minor Puppy to Puppy: Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Baby Puppies Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class

Obedience Initial entry = \$....., subsequent \$.....per class



<b>Confirmed and Proposed List of Judges for Nationals:</b>	
2014 Canberra	Herr Joachim Stiegler (D) and Herr Frank Goldlust (B)
2015 Melbourne	Herr Lothar Quoll (LSC Dogs & Bitches and Stock Coat Dogs) Herr Heinz Scheerer (Stock Coat Bitches)
2016 Sydney	Herr H. Buss (LSC & SC Dogs) & Frau Margit Van Dorssen, (SC Bitches) Reserve - Herr Christoph Ludwig (D) & Herr J. Mayer (B)
2017 Queensland	Herr Frank Goldlust (LSC & SC Dogs), Herr Joachim Stiegler (SC Bitches) Reserve - Herr E Bosl
2018 South Australia	Herr Hans-Peter Schweimer (LSC & SC Dogs) <i>(replacement)</i> Herr Christoph Ludwig <i>(unavailable due to work commitments)</i> Herr Rainer Mast (SC Bitches), Reserve – Herr Lothar Quoll
<b>2019 Melbourne</b>	Herr Lothar Quoll (SC Bitches) <i>(Advised not available due to health reasons, replacement TBA)</i> Herr Harald Hohmann (SC Males & LSC's) Herr Eric Bosl (Reserve)
<b>2020 Sydney</b>	Herr Helmet Buss (LSC & SC Dogs) Herr Eric Bosl (SC Bitches) Reserve - Herr Richard Brauch
<b>2021 Queensland</b>	Herr Christoph Ludwig (LSC & SC Dogs) Mr. Malcolm Griffiths (SC Bitches) Reserve – Herr Frank Goldlust
<b>2022 South Australia</b>	To be presented at the 2019 GSDCA Judges Committee Meeting.

## 16 Matters referred to AGM from National Breed Commission

### 16.1 Imported Semen Verification – Prerequisite for Breed Survey

**Motion:** “That the following requirements for verification of semen are put in place as a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme”.

- GSDCA Title Verification of animals whose semen is imported must be provided with application for their progeny to be presented to GSDCA Breed Survey.
- The process to be applied will be that as for imported animals with the exception that verification can take place at any time.
- Noting the requirement for GSDCA Breed Survey, importers of semen are encouraged to apply for verification well before the semen is used and any progeny are presented to survey.
- Breeders utilising imported semen should also insist on viewing the GSDCA Title Verification prior to using the semen.

Rationale:

*It has been found that a prerequisite for Breed Survey regarding animals born from imported semen has been lacking. The proposed motion will encourage verification prior to semen from animals used and/or their progeny presented to GSDCA Breed Survey.*

## 16.2 DNA Proof of Parentage

The following was provided to the GSDCA on the 18/7/18 and a decision made at the last ANKC Directors Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.

Item 7: \*ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration: Amendments

It was **RESOLVED** that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration is amended with the inclusion of the following new Clause 6.12 to read as follows:

### 6.12 Parentage Proven for Registration.

- 6.12.1 All puppies whelped after 01 January 2020 and being registered on the ANKC Ltd database as Main Registered are to be Parentage Proven by DNA. All results are to use the International Society for Animal Genetic (ISAG) marker and are to be submitted to the member body prior to registration.
- 6.12.2 Where a breeder makes application to upgrade a dog to the Main Register then the dog is to be Parentage Proven as per 6.12.1 prior to being upgraded.
- 6.12.3 Collection and testing of the DNA sample is to be conducted pursuant to protocols at Section 2 of these Regulations.
- 6.12.4 All dogs, frozen semen and Fertilised Ova imported into Australia from 01 January 2020 are to be Parentage Proven in accordance with this section.
- 6.12.5 All Frozen semen registered after 01 January 2020 is to be Parentage Proven in accordance with this section.

Noting the delay in the introduction of this scheme, Executive considered that we put forward a proposal to the Member Clubs that will see the following apply:

**Motion:** “That for animals born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, with application for the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, owners must provide proof of Parentage as per the following regulations/schemes that are in place:

- ANKC regulation for DNA Parentage Proven for Registration
- Dogs Queensland DNA Program
- SV-WUSV DNA Parentage Scheme”

#### Rationale:

The ANKC have introduced a requirement that all puppies whelped after 1/1/20 and registered on the ANKC Database on the Main Register must be “Parentage Proven by DNA”. This will be **compulsory** in Australia from this date for all puppies registered on the Main Register, refer 6.12 above. Given that breeders must comply with this rule from the 1/1/20 it is logical that animals born after this date must supply proof of parentage to participate in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.

Dogs Queensland have prior to the ANKC regulation, implemented their own regulations - Part 4 Registration of Dogs 19.2 <http://www.dogsqueensland.org.au/media/51877/rules-2017-v14-1818.pdf> This is currently **compulsory** in Queensland.

Some members have stated that as members of a GSDCA Member Club they will additionally test using the WUSV DNA Parentage scheme. This is **optional** and members will be required to follow the SV/WUSV process.

## 16.3 BS1 – Application Form – for GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme

Owners that pay to enter an animal at a GSDCA Breed Survey and then defer with permission.

- Currently if the owner applies for the NEXT breed survey they do not have to pay again.
- If they want to present, say 12 months later or 2 survey's later, and had previously paid, they need to pay another fee.
- In these cases the club collects the original \$35, which they keep in its entirety.
- The club pays National Council \$27 when the animal completes the survey either successfully or fail.

Suggestion - we look at the same process as for HD/ED.

- Have the BS1 application in triplicate.

- Purchased from the State Breed Survey Registrar. It then stays with the animal for life until it is submitted for Breed Survey.
- Like the HD/ED forms, the money is paid to Council on purchase by the applicant. Clubs get the \$8 handling fee and the \$27 is payable to National Council.
- Original form provided to the owner, copy 1 to the NBC Chair and copy 2 to the State Breed Survey Registrar.
- Billing will be completed quarterly from the NBC Chair's record of the "copy 1" received from the State Registrar quarterly.

Further Suggestions from the meeting were:

- In a failure situation, a further fee would need to be paid.
- Remove the wording: "has to represent at the next breed survey".
- Anomaly between Stock Coat & Long Stock Coat. Long Stock Coat use a different Council number to differentiate between the varieties.

**Motion:**

**"That as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, application for GSDCA Breed Survey shall see the following apply:**

- **The BS1 application form will be produced in triplicate.**
  - **Original form provided to the owner, copy 1 to the NBC Chair and copy 2 to the State Breed Survey Registrar.**
  - **Form will be purchased from the State Breed Survey Registrar and the animal can be submitted for survey any time during the defined time limits > 18 months up to 8 years of age.**
  - **The application fee will be determined and adjusted when required via motion at AGM based on Clubs retaining 25% as a handling fee and 75% paid to National Council."**

**17 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Breed Surveyors and GSDCA Specialist Judges Meeting – Nil.**

**18 Matters referred to the AGM from the Judges Committee**

**18.1 GSDCA Service Agreement (*Generic*).**

**Motion: "That as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 the revised GSDCA Service Agreement for GSDCA Breed & Trainee Surveyors & GSDCA Judges and Trainees (version 07/2019) must be signed in order to maintain their assigned GSDCA status."**

*Rationale:*

*There was a one year gap between the introduction of the GSDCA Breed and Trainee Surveyors Service Agreement and the GSDCA Judges and Trainees Service Agreement. The motion, if supported, will see both service contracts as one document to be signed, thereby lessening the administrative burden. The inclusion of reporting requirements that sees the onus on a judge to report if they have been disciplined by a Canine Control has now been added.*

**Refer "draft" agreement below.**



# SERVICE AGREEMENT

DATED: 1 July 2019

BETWEEN: THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA Inc. ("GSDCA")

AND: Name: ..... Address: .....

Position: ☐ GSDCA Breed Surveyor ☐ GSDCA Specialist Judge  
☐ GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyor ☐ GSDCA Aspiring Specialist Judge

I, ..... of the above address do hereby agree to abide by and acknowledge the list of obligations and requirements to retain my **GSDCA Specialist Judge** status.

1. I will promote the GSDCA Breed Improvement Schemes and ideals of the GSDCA and will abide by the "GSDCA Regulations", "GSDCA Codes of Ethics", "GSDCA Guiding Principles", "GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct" and/or Codes of Ethics/Conduct/Behaviour as adopted by my State Canine Control and/or my Member Club.
2. I will apply the German Shepherd Dog Standard as written.
3. I agree solely, or in cases where I am a partner and share a kennel prefix, to only breed with animal's and/or the semen of animals that have been successfully classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, or a GSDCA recognised breed survey scheme.
4. I will only allow stud dogs owned **or managed** by myself or held in partnership, **or stood at stud on behalf of another**, to be bred with bitches that have successfully been classified in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme or a GSDCA recognised Breed Survey Scheme.
5. I am a financial member of the Canine Control and the Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile.
  - a. I understand that ~~as a GSDCA Specialist Judge~~, I will automatically cease to hold the ~~eat~~ position, if I no longer hold an ANKC GSD Championship Judges license.
  - ~~6. I understand that as a GSDCA Specialist Judge I will upon suspension and/or banning by the Canine Control and/or Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile immediately advise the NBC Executive.~~
  - ~~a. I understand that as of the date of suspension and/or banning cease to hold the position of GSDCA Specialist Judges for the period of time as applied with no right of review under the specialist appeals process.~~
  - ~~b. I understand I must reapply through my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile to be reinstated to the said position of GSDCA Specialist Judge.~~
  6. a. I understand that I must inform the GSDCA Secretary within 7 days of the effective date and period of suspended, or period of suspension and/or banning by any Canine Control and/or Member Club.
  - b. I understand I must reapply through my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile to be reinstated to the ~~said~~ position. ~~of GSDCA Specialist Judge.~~
  - c. I understand that if a suspended sentence has been imposed on me by a Canine control and or Member Club, the matter will be referred for review as per 6.1.2 GSDCA Specialist Judges and Aspiring Specialist Judges Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures [2018]
7. I will:
  - \* Attend the GSDCA National Breed Commission and Judges Meeting at least once in every three years.
  - \* Attend the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial once in every two years.
  - \* Be active at my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile as demonstrated by my attending Breed Surveys, Club Shows, and Club meetings.
8. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above obligations and/or requirements will result in an investigation which may result in penalties or the withdrawal of my ~~GSDCA Specialist Judge~~ status. Any decision regarding penalties or withdrawal of my status ~~as a GSDCA Specialist Judge~~ will be made by a Special General Meeting of the GSDCA.

I further acknowledge and understand that:

- At the time of signing this document, I have been provided with a copy of the "GSDCA Regulations", "GSDCA Code of Ethics", "GSDCA Guiding Principles", "GSDCA Social Media Code of Conduct" and "GSDCA Breed Survey and/or GSDCA Specialist Judge Review, Disciplinary & Appeal Procedures".
- I am responsible for my self-education and will participate in GSDCA education programs.
- My position ~~as a GSDCA Specialist Judge~~ will be reviewed every 3 years from the signing of this agreement.
- I must as part of the Review Process provide the NBC Executive and my Member Club of the GSDCA in my State or Territory of domicile a summary of my activity over the last 3 years, 90 days prior to the expiry of this agreement.
- This service agreement once signed is valid up until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- The terms of this agreement may be reviewed from time to time at the discretion of the GSDCA and the most recent version of this agreement will be binding for the period of my instatement.

SIGNED by: ..... (Print Name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

in the presence of: ..... (Print Name)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

THE COMMON SEAL of THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG OF AUSTRALIA (Inc) was hereto affixed by )  
 Authority of the Executive in the presence of: )

SIGNED by: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by: \_\_\_\_\_

GSDCA NBC Chair and/or Judges Chair

GSDCA Honorary Secretary (Ver: 07/2019)

## 18.2 National Show Regulations

Motion: "That a formal approach be made to the ANKC that would see the following apply at GSDCA National shows".

- That entry to Open Class conformation classes will only be open to animals that are 2 years of age and over and who are GSDCA Breed Surveyed or equivalent, as recognised by the GSDCA.
- Animals must, as a prerequisite, have passed the GSDCA Control Scheme A (HD) and Z (ED) stamps or equivalent as recognised by the GSDCA to be exhibited in the Intermediate conformation classes, which will see the age limit set at 18months to under 2 years of age.
- Animals exhibited in the Open Class conformation be subject to a gun test.
- All the requirements to be printed in the Schedule.

### Rationale:

*The new requirements are proposed for adoption ONLY at our National Show. If supported will allow us to present a case for their adoption. If adopted the requirement will bring us closer to the ideal of GSD specialist showing that applies all around the world. Noting we no longer have best in show awards, we freely double handle, animals are evaluated during extended periods of movement and have a grading system sees the next logical extension as that proposed.*

## 18.3 Amendment to Regulation - National President's Dinner

### Current Regulation:

#### 25 Social Functions - Friday Night

- The President's Dinner is an opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.
- This function is open to all exhibitors.

### Proposed Amendment:

#### 25 Social Functions – Friday Night

- The President's Dinner is an opportunity for the Host Club President to welcome the Judges, GSDCA Executive/Representatives and other Club Officials.
- This function is open to all exhibitors.
- **Holding of the GSDCA National Show & Trial President's Dinner by the host Club be optional.**
  - ***If the dinner is not held, it is expected that the host Club will hold a dinner on the Thursday evening that will see all Judges (both conformation and obedience), GSDCA Executive and Club Committee members invited.***

### Rationale:

*The proposed amendment to the regulation is a realisation that for a number of years the President's Dinner has not been supported by either members and/or the peer group. The change, if adopted, will allow host Clubs the choice to cater and provide the best function as they see fit.*

## 19 Matters referred to the AGM from the GSDCA Obedience Committee

### 19.1 National Show and Trial – Presentation Ceremony

#### Current Regulation:

##### **7 TROPHY PRESENTATION:**

Presentation of sashes and mementos (for the places 2nd to 5th in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial.

#### Proposed Amendment:

##### **7 TROPHY PRESENTATION:**

Presentation of sashes (for places 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>) and mementos (for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in each class) and Excellent medals (where applicable) should take place at the conclusion of the trial. **Class winner trophies will be presented at the presentations at the conclusion of the National Show and Trial.**

#### Rationale:

Clarification of rule to ensure class winners are recognised and awarded at the obedience presentation at the conclusion of the trial.

### 19.2 Obedience Judges Preferred and Supplementary Lists

**Motion:** “That as of 1st July 2019, Performance Judges must be full panel judges in one or more disciplines in order to be nominated and added to the GSDCA Performance Preferred and Performance Supplementary Judges Listings”.

#### Rationale:

Given that we bring judges from interstate to judge what is a prestigious event, the selected judges should be full panel judges in the discipline to be judged. The process of nomination would not change. Judges who are friendly to the GSD, but not a member of the Club, could be added to the supplementary list. This rule will not be retrospective for judges currently on the lists.

### 19.3 Obedience Meeting Regulation

- a) “That the current Regulation 2.9.1 - The GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held bi-annually as of 2014, be rescinded”.

**If motion (a) is supported then the following motion will be put.**

- b) “That a GSDCA Obedience Meeting will be held annually with the choice of venue being the most cost effective in close proximity to an airport”.

#### Rationale:

Consideration needs to be given to the GSDCA Obedience Committee Meeting being held annually given the need to lift the profile of performance training at a number of Member Clubs.

**Chairman’s Note: Vince Tantaró, President: The following motion will not be put if motion 12.2(b) is not supported and GSDCA Regulation 2.14.2 BH Test (schedule2) will continue to apply.**

### 19.4 Working and Character Test as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey in place of Schedule 2.

**Motion:** “That the GSDCA Working and Character test will be a prerequisite for participation in the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme, for all animals born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

- To qualify for the Working element an animal must attain one pass (qualifying score) in CCD (Community Companion Dog).
- To qualify for the Character element an animal must pass the Character test as defined in the FCI BH test and conducted by the GSDCA.
- An animal will be issued with the GSDCA Working & Character Test Certificate only if it qualifies in both tests and this will be recorded on GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.



Rationale:

*It has been found and now acknowledged by all Member Clubs that there is an issue with the capability of some clubs to conduct the BH test as per Regulation 2.14.2, together with the fact that this FCI test is not recognised in Australia and we do not have judges qualified to judge the test. The reality is that the ANKC obedience structure is readily available to all members throughout Australia.*

*It is proposed that a pass in CCD (Community Companion Dog) trial class will test the Working element and the Character element as defined in the BH test and can be conducted by GSDCA assessors. This would meet our requirement for a Working and Character test that can be put in place as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey.*

*In an effort to ensure full participation and not rejection, it is strongly suggested a qualifying score in CCD be set, along with a character test as per the BH and conducted on designated test dates, not the day of breed survey.*

## 20 Matters referred by Member Clubs to the AGM

### 20.1 Haemophilia A/Factor VIII Deficiency **GSDCA Executive**

**Motion:** “That effective 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the GSDCA will no longer require Factor VIII testing for Haemophilia A in any German Shepherd male dogs as a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey scheme.

- In the event that any confirmed Factor VIII deficient Haemophiliac male arises, stringent Factor VIII testing on animals related will immediately be put in place to avoid further implication or passage of the disease.
- Upon the motion being supported the GSDCA will inform the ANKC that the current LRL as applies to H-neg and German Shepherd Dogs is no longer required.”

Rationale - as provided by Dr Candy Baker & Dr Karen Hedberg

Over the past 15-20 years, the GSDCA has not had a Factor VIII deficiency for Haemophilia A in any imported, progeny of imported males or Australian bred male dogs.

The Haemophiliac population was identified some 30 years ago, and we have to date had no reoccurrence. At that time the Haemophilia Negative scheme was implemented by the GSDCA with advice from Professor Bruce Parry, Melbourne University, who provided expert advice with regard to blood clotting disorders in domestic species.

Factor VIII levels have been tested to ensure appropriate levels of Factor VIII were present in the male dog breeding population in Australia. In more recent years a DNA test has become available for Haemophilia A in German Shepherd Dogs. The GSDCA sought expert advice from Professor Parry with regard to this test and whether or not it was time to cease the Scheme.

As “Haemophilia A is a mutationally heterogenous coagulation disorder” i.e. many different mutations can arise.

Professor Parry’s provided the following advice:

*“If the GSDCA is to continue to screen male dogs for Haemophilia A, it is recommended that Factor VIII assays are used for this purpose. All dogs with Haemophilia A will have reduced Factor VIII values, regardless of the specific mutation that is causing their disease. It is also worth remembering that measuring Factor VIII must be performed by specialist laboratories that have reference canine plasma for comparison.”*

It is with confidence, that at this point in time, we do not appear to have a Haemophiliac problem within the breed and could focus our energy on more prevalent diseases to be tested for, as appropriate screening tools arise.

### Chairman’s note:

**If the motion as presented above is supported, the GSDCQ will be asked to withdraw all motions relating to H-neg.**

**20.2 Amendment to Regulation 3.4.1.1. Moved: GSDCQ**

**Motion:** "That the following GSDCA regulation 3.4.1.1 be amended to read:

**Current regulation:**

All imported males and all male progeny from imported bitches must have a GSDCA H-neg certificate prior to being submitted to Breed Survey and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC

**Proposed Amendment:**

All imported males and all male progeny from imported bitches must have a GSDCA H-neg certificate prior to being submitted to Breed Survey ~~and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC.~~

~~(Delete)~~

**Rationale:**

*The current regulation states that the GSDCA H-neg is the only certificate the ANKC accepts, this is not the case as the ANKC now accepts the DNA certificate for parentage and the GSD Factor VIII test done by their recognised laboratory.*

**20.3 Regulation 3.4.1.2. be rescinded Moved: GSDCQ**

**Motion:** "That the following GSDCA regulation 3.4.1.2 be rescinded and removed from the Regulations manual".

**Current Regulation – 3.4.1.2.:**

Any male sired by imported semen must possess a GSDCA H-neg certificate prior to being submitted to breed survey and prior to any of their progeny being registered with the ANKC.

**Rationale:**

*Haemophilia is a sex linked disorder that is only carried on the X Chromosome. Even if the sire of a male from imported semen has Haemophilia, it is impossible for the male to pass it on to a son as the male only passes the Y Chromosome to sons, whereas his daughters can inherit the affected X chromosome from a haemophiliac making them a carrier.*

**20.4 Haemophilia Scheme Moved: GSDCQ**

**Current Regulation:**

3.4.3 Procedure to Participate in the GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme

3.4.3.1 A GSDCA Haemophilia Scheme Testing Sheet is available by downloading from the GSDCA Website. ([www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org](http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org)), or can be obtained from the GSDCA Haemophilia Registrar.

**Proposed Amendment:**

Amend the form to include the option of GSD Factor VIII Haemophilia test via DNA testing.

**20.5 Haemophilia DNA Swab Moved: GSDCQ**

**Current Regulation 3.4.3.2**

3.4.3.2 Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample.

- a) Plus the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication.
- b) Signature of owner.
- c) Signature of Veterinary Surgeon.
- d) Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only). [2017]

**Proposed Amendment 3.4.3.2**

3.4.3.2 Once the testing sheet is received the additional information is to be completed by the owner and the veterinarian taking the blood sample **or DNA swab.**

- a) Plus the declaration stating that being the owners of the dog agree that the results of the blood test **or DNA test** are available to the GSDCA for its use and publication.
- b) Signature of owner.
- c) Signature of Veterinary Surgeon.
- d) Microchip and/or GSDCA tattoo number (for dogs born before 1st July 2017 only). [2017]

Rationale:

- The GSD factor VIII DNA test was only developed around 5 years ago after the gene itself was identified in 2003.
- We now accept DNA results for parentage, and there is no clinical reason we should not accept DNA results for Haemophilia (now a reliable test is available).
- The current regulation was last modified in 2008. Medical science has come ahead in leaps and bounds in the last 10 years. DNA testing was not then a viable option as being too expensive and there was no test other than blood for a Factor VIII test that had been developed.
- The current test for Haemophilia being a Factor 8 blood test is an expensive test for people that own dogs and can cost in excess of \$500 due to the test requirements, veterinary consultation and the cost of couriering the blood samples to the University of Melbourne.
- The DNA Factor 8 test does measure Factor VIII and can determine if a dog has Haemophilia whereas due to there being different degrees of the disease it is possible a mildly affected dog could pass the blood test. The Blood test requires the dog to be calm, rested and minimal sedation. It requires a clean venipuncture which is impossible if the dog moves around. In dogs, as with humans, it is possible to have a Factor 8 infusion, (eg prior to surgery) after which if a blood test is taken, the Factor VIII reading will be within the normal range for a minimum of 12 hours. This means that the results can be inaccurate.
- In the Autumn Quarterly review Dr Candy Baker says "The continued Haemophilia negative results through the scheme does raise questions as to the value of continuing the program". Dr Baker in her NBC Report 2018 mentions that there have been no reported problems for Haemophilia, and also that any doubtful results were due to spurious results of a blood test, she also mentions that there is a DNA test for Factor VIII but is unsure of the reliability in comparison to a blood test for Factor VIII Levels.
- Dr. Steven Holloway (Previous head of small animal clinic Melbourne University) Honorary, Melbourne University Areas Canine cardiomyopathy, Immune responses genes in dogs and cats, Immunology in dogs and cats, Infectious diseases of dogs and cats, Internal medicine of dogs and cats, Virology, genetic diseases, diseases of animals.
- "The DNA Factor VIII Haemophilia test is a reliable method of assessing if an animal has the disease, is cheaper and less intrusive for the animal"

**20.6 Imported Semen      Moved: GSDCQ**

**Motion: "That all imported males and females and imported Semen are tested for GSD Factor VIII Haemophilia via DNA or blood sample".**

Rationale:

- *There has not been a case of Haemophilia in our breed in Australia for 20 plus years.*
- *The Sedona group of Austin compared blood tests to Buccal swab tests (swabbing the inside of the cheek) and states that conclusively both tests are extremely reliable and accurate.*
- *2018 saw the introduction of compulsory DNA testing of puppies in Queensland and from 2020 it will be compulsory to DNA test for Parentage Australia wide for all purebred dogs.*
- *The DNA factor VIII test can be used for both dogs and bitches and could be part of the DNA parentage testing that all breeders will be required to do from 2020, and already in Queensland.*
- *A DNA test can identify whether or not a female is a carrier.*
- *It is only relevant for male dogs as Haemophilia via a blood test can only be used on males as they have 1 X chromosome and as bitches have 2 X chromosomes and it is a recessive gene it will not be evident in the factor VIII blood test, whereas it can be identified via DNA in bitches, even if they carry the recessive gene and are not themselves effected. (Just like carrying the long coat gene)*
- *The DNA testing of all imported males and females and Imported semen for SD Factor VIII would negate any need to test any offspring where the parents are clear of Haemophillia.*

**Other References**

- Paw Prints Genetics state "Genetic testing of FVIII gene will reliably determine if the dog is a carrier of Haemophilia A.
- The Mayo Clinic concurs with the above.
- DNA Diagnostics " The bottom line is you get highly reliable test results from both."
- George Sofonidis BSc (Hons) Managing Director of Orivet states the test is Internationally used and was developed based on the research article *Canine Haemophilia A caused by a mutation leading to a stop codon. R. Mischke, Small Animal Clinic, University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Bünteweg 9, D-30559 Hannover, Germany Department of Haematology, Hemostasis, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation, Hannover Medical School, Carl-Neuberg-Str 1, D-30625 Hannover, Germany.*

**20.7 Removal of Inter variety Ban Moved: GSD League**

**Motion:** "Removal of the inter variety ban on interbreeding the Stock and Long Stock German Shepherd Dogs".

Rationale:

*This is an entirely "artificial" ban and has nothing to do with genetics apart from coat length and everything to do with politics.*

*GSDs have been interbreeding with short and long coats in Australia since the ban was lifted with no detrimental effects. Cutting off the long coats effectively cuts off ¼ of the breed from the rest, which produces a genetic restriction or bottleneck, which is entirely unnecessary. This genetic restriction is a very unhealthy situation in which to place 25% of the breed.*

**20.8 Approval of Inter variety Breeding Moved: GSDAWA**

**Motion:** "That the GSDCA approach the ANKC to allow the inter variety breeding of Long Stock Coat Females to Stock Coat Males for an initial period of 7 years.

Rationale:

*To allow a wider selection of potential stud males for Long Stock Coat females for the following reasons.*

- 1. Well used Stock Coat males have had a higher number of studs and therefore progeny through the schemes giving greater predictability through HD & ED statistics, size, other virtues and faults and health issues in general. Breed Health and Welfare should be a priority especially as most puppies end up as family pets.*
- 2. There are currently a limited number of Breed Surveyed Long Stock Coat males compared to their Stock Coat counterparts. A lot of these Long Stock coat males are somewhat closely related through the Sire or Dam line or both. There is not the same level of reliable statistical information for the HD & ED schemes for current Long Stock Coat stud males compared to what we have available to us via well used Stock Coat stud males. This then restricts Long Stock Coat bitch owners for choice and predictability when searching for a stud male.*
- 3. If a serious health issue/s occurs in the current breeding pool of Long Stock Coat sires lines this has the potential to be devastating for the Long Stock Coat variety. (There has been some serious health issues reported already). Further to this line breeding will increase the risk of diseases manifesting if a littermate of an affected animal (which may be carrying genes for disease) becomes widely used.*

**20.9 Discussion Item: GSDCSA**

That we investigate ways of reducing the waste of ribbons etc. at Nationals.

SA had approximately Sixty (60) ribbons from both Conformation and Obedience that were not used.

Could standard ribbons be utilised with foil imprints for year and Judge?

**21 Other Matters referred to the AGM**

**Motions 21.1 to 21.4 are recommended by the President, German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.**

Note: The below motions have been discussed by the Executive and placed on the agenda via the President as required by the Constitution - Annual General Meeting Clause 23.1 (j).

**21.1 Motion:**

**"That as of the 2019 GSDCA National GSD Show and Trial the Joylene Neddermeyer Memorial Plaque is introduced and awarded to the first placed Stock Coat Intermediate Dog winner."**

Rationale:

**Joylene Neddermeyer:**

*As you all know Joylene was a friend to many of us, a unique individual who dedicated much of her life to the GSD, her Club and to National Council. She was a most respected pillar of our organisation.*

*Therefore, the Executive wishes to establish a Memorial Plaque to be presented at the 2019 National as recognition of her dedication.*

## 21.2 GSDCA Communication Award

**Motion: “That the GSDCA Communication Award be introduced as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020”.**

Member Clubs are encouraged to apply to be awarded the GSDCA Communications Award. The award will be presented annually at the GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial.

Applications close December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Winner to be highlighted in the QNR ‘National’ edition.

Applications as made by Clubs must include:

- Examples of their efforts to communicate;
- Promote and engage with their own members;
- Members of affiliates and the general public.

Submission must be 500 words or less, and may include images and/or samples.

### **Recognised Communication Pathways**

<b>Pathway</b>	<b>Criteria for Award</b>
Hard copy newsletter	At least 3 editions per year, posted to all members
Electronic newsletter	At least 3 editions per year, emailed direct to all members
Website	Kept updated, calendar, club content, highlights, photos
Facebook page	Regular posts of relevant content that engage
Seminars	At least 1 per year
Demonstrations, public displays, community projects, government engagements etc	Provide details and highlights, measure of engagement
Twitter account	Regular posts
Instagram account	Regular posts
Wild Card/Spotlight item	Detail 1 action the club has engaged in that showcases communication and promotion

## 21.3 Breed Survey Photo

### **Suggested amendment to Regulation**

#### **Current Regulation:**

3.6.1.10 The relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the State Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date.

The paperwork must include the following:

- a. The required fee.
- b. ANKC Certified pedigree.
- c. The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
- d. Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
- e. Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”.  
[2018]
- f. Five generation pedigree.
- g. A coloured high resolution photograph is to be submitted on the day of the Breed Survey, or post/e-mail a photo to the NBC Chairperson within 7 days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized.

#### **Proposed Amendment:**

3.6.1.10 *The following must be forwarded to the State Breed Survey Registrar not less than 7 days prior to the survey date.*

- a. The required fee.
- b. ANKC Certified pedigree.
- c. The pedigree must record the applicant as the animal's owner.
- d. Copies of the 'A' and 'Z' stamp results/certificate.
- e. Copy of a Grading Certificate from a specialist show with a minimum grading of “Good”.  
[2018]
- f. Five generation pedigree.
- g. *A coloured photograph that must be of high resolution (300dpi).*
  - *Upon successful classification of the animal, owners are allowed one opportunity to update the original photograph, within 12 months, with another high resolution photograph.*



**Chairman's Note: Vince Tantaro:**

**The following motion will not be put if motion 12.2(a) is not supported and GSDCA Regulation 2.14.1 Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test) [2017] will continue to apply.**

**21.4 Working Test ZAP Part 1**

**Motion:** "That a pass of ZAP Part 1 - commonly known as the '9 to 13 month Puppy Test' shall be a mandatory pre- requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2020.

- The age limits to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 8 years.
- If an animal fails on its first attempt it may be tested again and that result will be final.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and the pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program that shall be effective 1 January 2020.

**Rationale:**

*The ZAP Part1 Test is an easily conducted test that can be applied to any animal and therefore, rather than restrict it to only puppies and the fact that breeders often get back animals from pet homes, the proposed motion will facilitate a character working test for the first time to be a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey. Supporting this motion will also ensure that the test can continue to be developed to better meet the GSDCA's desire to see character and working ability of the breed enhanced and promoted.*

**22 General Business**

**22.1 General Guidelines for the Breeding of German Shepherd Dogs within the WUSV**

**Proposal dated May 16, 2018**

**Preamble**

The systematic and methodical breeding of German Shepherd Dogs began in 1899 after the foundation of the *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.*

The physical composition and properties in terms of nature and character of the German Shepherd Dog Breed are laid down in the breed standard which is defined by the founding association in the mother country of the breed.

The *Weltunion der Vereine für Deutsche Schäferhunde (WUSV) – the World Union for the Associations of German Shepherd Dogs* – and its member organizations aim at the breeding of German Shepherd Dogs that are healthy, well socialized, and highly performing as well as resilient working and service dogs in compliance with the philosophy of the founding father, Cavalry Captain Max von Stephanitz, and thus preserve his heritage.

In order to pursue these requirements the WUSV issued the following General Guidelines for Breeding of German Shepherd Dogs for the varieties stock hair and long stock hair with undercoat. The General Guidelines are an integral part of the WUSV Statutes and legally binding for all WUSV member organizations.

All member organizations are obliged to issue and establish breeding regulations in their respective countries.

All member organizations are obliged to pass their breeding regulations in a timely manner – however, two years at the latest after these General Guidelines enter into force. The breeding regulations of the member clubs have to at a minimum include the provisions as laid down in these General Guidelines.

The member organizations are free to impose stricter provisions respectively standards that exceed the requirements of the WUSV General Guidelines if considered appropriate to cover necessities in accordance with their local respectively national background.



## **General Guidelines for Breeding**

### **§ 1 – General**

1. The General Guidelines for Breeding of the WUSV define the minimum requirements for the breeding of German Shepherd Dogs under consideration of animal welfare as well as the stipulations in terms of the breeding regulations of the *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV)* e.V. in its current version which have to be complied with by the WUSV member organizations.
2. In addition to the General Guidelines, implementing rules can be issued. Those will be decided respectively changed by the WUSV Board of Directors in coordination with the SV Board of Directors and take effect as scheduled after the presentation at the general annual assembly of the WUSV.

### **§ 2 – Member Organizations / Breed Clubs**

#### **The member organizations of the WUSV**

- are responsible for the guidance, consultation and control of breeding as well as the keeping of a studbook and of a register for German Shepherd Dogs;
- are obliged to amend and change their regulations in accordance with the WUSV Statutes;
- have to ensure that commercial dog traders and breeders have no access to the studbooks;
- are responsible for the appropriate training, the appointment, further education, and activities of their respective breed wardens. The above mentioned is to be laid down in adequate regulations;
- are responsible for the verification of the expertise and training of their breeders, the examination of the breeding sites, and the control of proper keeping and raising of the dogs;
- have to ensure a proper procedure for the registration and protection of kennel names.

### **§ 3 – Studbook and Register**

#### **1. Studbook**

- 1.1. The studbook documents the ancestry of the dogs. Only those dogs may be registered who were bred under the control of the WUSV and/or the FCI, and for whom at least three continuous generations of ancestors can be verified.
- 1.2. Pedigrees are excerpts from the studbook and need to show at least three generations in terms of a dog's ancestry.

Details in terms of the keeping of the studbook and the register are provided for in the implementing rules.

#### **2. Annex**

- 2.1. The WUSV member organizations are obliged to keep an annex. Dogs without a pedigree or with a pedigree that is not recognized by the WUSV and/ or the FCI can be entered into that register after a positive phenotype evaluation by a recognized breed judge for German Shepherd Dogs.  
  
In order to qualify for a phenotype evaluation dogs have to complete the minimum age of 12 months, and after having reliably been identified by means of a microchip or a tattoo number.
- 2.2. Furthermore, dogs can be entered into the register, who descend from dogs who were already registered accordingly. Dogs whose ancestry can be verified for three continuous generations can be admitted to the studbook from the fourth generation on.

### 3. Responsibilities of the WUSV Member Organizations

3.1. The clubs are obliged to submit their national studbooks and the register once per year to the WUSV Secretariat General in Augsburg until July 01 of the following calendar year at the latest.

3.2. The clubs have to grant their members access to their studbook.

## § 4 – Minimal Requirements for Breeding

### 1. Purpose of Breeding

The systematic and methodical breeding of German Shepherd Dogs serves the following purposes

- the maintenance of the characteristics as specific for the breed and as specified in the breed standard *German Shepherd Dog*,
- the maintenance of the breed basis under consideration of the highest possible variances,
- the support of the performance characteristics and vitality (health/ age) for the individual animal, and for the breed as such,
- the control of hereditary defects by means of suitable breeding programs.

### 2. Control of undesired Symptoms in Breeding

Undesired symptoms in breeding could be – for instance – hereditary deficiencies on the one hand, or over-typing on the other hand in terms of the phenotype or character which affect the performance characteristics and/ or the vitality of the German Shepherd Dog Breed. In order to efficiently combat those symptoms a program consisting of different phases needs to be implied, based on the definition of a strategy for breeding in close cooperation with scientific experts.

### 3. Breeding Procedures

#### 3.1. Inbreeding

Inbreeding of relatives in the first degree (parents x children/ siblings) is not permitted. In case of half-siblings the permission of the WUSV Secretariat General needs to be obtained for this kind of mating.

#### 3.2. Pure Breeding

Pure Breeding means the mating of animals of the same breed which automatically leads to the utilization of the given hereditary respectively genetic material through mating among family members or inbreeding.

#### 3.3. Inbreeding

Inbreeding describes a kind of breeding that is based on close consanguinity which implies that one particular ancestor is at least in one case represented on the father's or on the mother's side. Inbreeding means breeding with relatives and includes breeding with siblings, too. The term inbreeding is – however – limited to the first five lines of ancestry. Inbreeding that is closer than 2 – 3 is not permitted. That applies for siblings as well.

#### 3.4. Variances / Blood Basis

In order to maintain the broadest possible blood basis the WUSV member clubs are advised to implement a limitation of mating.

For clubs with up to 2,000 litters in one calendar year, a male should be used 60 times for mating at a maximum; for clubs with more than 2,000 litters 90 times of mating are admitted at the most.

#### 3.5. Breeding Recommendation

Breeding recommendations for individual dogs should only be granted in case of a positive evaluation of a minimum of 60% of the entire offspring or in case of two dogs that were selected based on a controlled and reliable random principle of each litter.

### 3.6. Artificial Insemination

Semen collection for the purpose of artificial insemination, artificial insemination as such as well as cloning is not permitted. Puppies that were sired under those conditions may not be entered into the studbook or the annex of a WUSV member organization.

### 3.7. Foster Rearing

The rules for foster rearing and the monitoring hereof are determined by the WUSV member organizations.

### 3.8. Breeders/ Owners of the stud dogs

For the owners of German Shepherd Dogs who wish to participate in the studbook of a WUSV member organization (owners of males- and females) the membership within that same club is mandatory.

A breeder of a litter is either the owner or the contractor of a loan agreement for female dogs by the time of the mating. However, the rights of the breeder can be transferred in case of the sale of the pregnant female. In this case a certificate of the purchase is to be presented at the relevant studbook department until the 49<sup>th</sup> day of pregnancy at the latest. Exceptions are not admitted.

### 3.9. Responsibilities of the Breeders

a) The requirement to obtain a license for a breeding site and for breeding are as follows:

- The applicant has to be major of age and prove the necessary expertise.
- Successful on-site inspection of the breeding site,
- Certificate of Kennel Registration (FCI)

The national member organization of the dog owner is accountable for the verification of the requirements as listed above.

b) Breed Loan Agreement

The requirements for breed loan agreements are specified by the national member organizations.

c) Litter Registration

The breeders are obliged to report their litters to their member clubs four weeks at the latest after the puppies were born and either chipped or marked with tattoos.

They have to allow for the inspection of the litter, the mother dog, the conditions and overall situation of the breeding site by either the breed warden of the member club or a third party that was authorized accordingly.

d) Vaccination of the Puppies

Before the puppies are sold they have to be vaccinated by a veterinarian doctor. The vaccine information is to be recorded on the litter registration sheet. The chip number is to be entered into the vaccination certificate.

e) Documentation

The breeder is obliged to document all relevant information in terms of his or her kennel (*kennel record*).

### 3.10. Responsibilities of the Stud Dog Owners

The owners of the stud dogs are obliged to immediately report the mating to their member organizations and to keep the relevant documentation.

### 3.11. Maximum Number of Pregnancies & Matings

Females:

Females may not raise more than three litters in a period of 24 months (provided that legal

stipulations regarding the number of puppies and foster rearing do not require a longer period of restriction). Relevant is the date of birth of the puppies. Females in their heat may not be subjected to multiple mating by different males.

Males:

Males who comply with the stipulations under § 5 of these General Guidelines may be used for a maximum of 90 matings in one calendar year. The owners are free to decide about the ratio of the number of matings on national territory or abroad.

However, the male may only be used for 60 matings in total on national territory in terms of the domicile of the dog owner.

The matings are to be divided in an even fashion.

Multiple acts of mating between the same male and the same female within a period of 28 days are counted as one.

In case that a male dog reaches the minimum age for mating during the course of the relevant calendar year, only a proportionate number of mating acts is admitted counted from the day on which the dog reaches the minimum age.

If a male dog shall be sold only a proportionate number of mating acts is admitted, counted back from the official date of the purchase.

In case that a male dog is temporarily banned from mating the number of mating acts is to be reduced in a proportional manner.

Several mating acts within a relatively short period of time are to be avoided for the sake of the physical constitution and for an improved guarantee for conception.

## **§ 5 – Admission for Breeding**

1. Only healthy and mentally stable dogs with typical features of the breed shall be admitted and used for breeding.
2. The following minimum requirements have to be met on the day of mating:
  - a) The dog has to be registered in the national studbook;
  - b) No inbreeding closer than 2-3 / 3-2 (applies for dogs born on and after January 01, 2019)
  - c) Both parent dogs obtained an SV/ WUSV recognized HD/ ED diagnostic showing the status *normal*, *almost normal* or *still admitted*;
  - d) Identification by microchip and/ or tattoo, and explicitly DNA verified (procedure according to requirements of the founding association) – applicable for dogs born on or after January 01, 2021
  - e) Compliance with the minimum requirements for health conditions as defined by the WSUV;
  - f) Compliance with the minimum age for males and females in terms of mating;
  - g) Successful passing of a character test and verification of breed disposition according to the stipulations of the SV (applicable for dogs born on or after January 01, 2019) or a working trial title according to the examination regulations, passed under the supervision of a WUSV recognized judge (IPO/IGP-ZTP, SV-ZAP, IPO/IGP 1-3, passed with at least 80 points in section C, HGH, RH2 in section B (IPO-R, -F, -FL, -T, -L or -W plus initial breed survey of the dog) or a comparable working trial as recognized by the WUSV;
  - h) Successful presentation of the dog at a breed show supervised by a SV/ WUSV recognized judge with GOOD as a minimum evaluation.
3. Exclusion Criteria for Breeding:
  - a) Dogs who do not comply with the stipulations under § 2., a) – h) do not qualify for breeding;
  - b) Dogs of the variety stock hair that are only recorded in the annex;

- c) Dogs with the following deficiencies do not qualify for breeding
  - Dogs with weak character, vicious dogs or dogs with weak nerves
  - Dogs diagnose with mild or severe HD
  - Dogs diagnose with mild or severe ED
  - Monorchids and Cryptorchids
  - Dogs with disfigured ears or deficiencies in the tail;
  - Dogs with malformations
  - Dogs with missing teeth (1 premolar 3 and 1 further tooth or 1 fang or 1 premolar 4 or 1 molar 1 or 1 molar 2 or in total 3 teeth or more)
  - Dogs with considerable pigmentation disorders and so-called *Blue Puppies* (*Bläulinge*)
  - Dogs with long stockhair without undercoat
  - Dogs with long stockhair
  - Dogs with deficiencies in their jaws (more than 2 mm overbite or overshoot/ undershot bite or bite from edge to edge in the entire incisor region)
  - Oversized or undersized dogs amounting to more than 1 cm (suspended until December 31, 2020)
  - Females after three cesarean sections
- d) Surgical interventions that could affect the phenotype development of a dog or which are of importance in terms of a dog's breeding qualification are to be reported to the relevant studbook department. The studbook department decides on an individual basis whether the dog in question shall be further admitted for breeding. In case of non-compliance the dog can be excluded from breeding as soon as the infringement becomes known.

## § 6 – Hip-Dysplasia (HD) – Procedure

### 1. General

A hip-dysplasia is a pathological change of the hip joints in the area of the joint socket and the femoral head. The development of this disease can vary from a mild to a severe form.

In 1966 the *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.* implemented a procedure to combat the disease and which is still being applied. The results in terms of breed selection are outstanding to this day.

Also, the *Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V.* implemented a mandatory breeding program with the aim to prevent and combat hip-dysplasia which is based on the so-called breeding value estimation.

### 2. Diagnostics Procedure

Modern x-ray methods are applied to ascertain the status of the hip joints.

As a matter of principle, a dog can only once be subjected to a radiographic examination for which the minimum age is twelve months.

The details of the procedure are laid down in the implementing rules for HD/ ED examinations.

Off-spring of dogs who were diagnosed with mild or severe HD is banned from breeding.

## § 7 – Elbow-Dysplasia (ED) – Procedure

### 1. General

An elbow-dysplasia is a pathological change of the elbow-joints which can be caused by different underlying diseases and which can lead to arthrosis in the joints. The development of this disease can vary from a mild to a severe form.

### 2. Diagnostics Procedure

Modern x-ray methods are applied to ascertain the status of the elbow-joints.

As a matter of principle, a dog can only once be subjected to a radiographic examination for which the minimum age is twelve months.

The details of the procedure are laid down in the implementing rules for HD/ ED examinations.  
Off-spring of dogs who were diagnosed with mild or severe ED is banned from breeding.

### **Final Provisions**

These General Guidelines are based on the breed regulations of the SV. In case of doubt or dissonance in terms of the interpretation of these General Guidelines the SV breed regulations shall apply in a complimentary fashion.

The implementing rules for these General Guidelines as described under § 1, paragraph 2 are mandatory.

Infringements in terms of breeding and non-compliance with these General Guidelines can lead to a ban of the WUSV member organization or affiliated institutions. All decisions in this respect will be taken by the WUSV Board of Directors.

These General Guidelines shall enter into force on January 01, 2019.



## 22.2 General Guidelines Holding of WUSV Breed Shows

Proposal dated 16.05.2018

### Preamble

Breed Shows are a necessary instrument to determine the phenotype of the German Shepherd Dog and – as far as possible – provide information in terms of the genotype. As a qualification a breed evaluation is granted which unites the phenotype, the character, and serviceability of the individual animal – in contrast to the usual show results

These General Guidelines shall summarize the minimal requirements that have to be complied with while organizing and hosting a breed show within the WUSV member organizations.

All WUSV member organizations shall hold breed shows, and issue and establish breed show regulations in their respective countries.

All member organizations are obliged to pass their breed show regulations in a timely manner – however, two years at the latest after these General Guidelines enter into force. The breed show regulations of the member clubs have to at a minimum include the provisions as laid down in these General Guidelines.

The member organizations are free to impose stricter provisions respectively standards that exceed the requirements of the WUSV General Guidelines if considered appropriate to cover necessities in accordance with their local respectively national background

### General Guidelines

#### **I. Definitions**

##### 1.1. Club Breed Shows

The national WUSV member clubs shall organize and host breed shows for the varieties of German Shepherd Dogs with stock hair and long stock hair with undercoat. The evaluation of the dogs shall take place in accordance with their fur type in separate classes and breed groups.

##### 1.2. WUSV-Breed Shows

If the breed show shall be held under the auspices of the WUSV, the show shall be reported in written to the WUSV Secretariat General in a timely fashion, however, eight weeks in advance at the latest before the first day of the show if the official WUSV recognition is desired.

Recognition of the show and schedule can only be granted if the respective fee was paid on time.

##### 1.3. National Winner Show

Every WUSV member country shall only organize and hold one national winner show (*Siegerschau*) per year where the ranking **EXCELLENT SELECTION (VA)** may be granted.

This applies also in countries with more than one WUSV member club. In this case the clubs affected shall coordinate their activities accordingly and inform the WUSV Secretariat General about the outcome.

For a show of that kind, the rules under 1.2 need to be complied with.

Furthermore, in the working dog classes a mental test shall be held, if possible including the exercises of defense work.

#### **II. Organization of Breed Shows**

1. Breed Shows shall be open to the public.
2. Part of all WUSV Breed Shows shall be a mental test, a **gun-test** as well as sufficient trotting.
3. A printed Breed Show catalogue shall be mandatory.

The catalogue shall cover the names of the dogs registered for the show, their studbook numbers, their chip or tattoo numbers, names of the dogs' parents, names of the breeders and the owners respectively the names of the handlers.

4. Only dogs shall be admitted to the show and listed in the catalogue who comply with the following requirements:

- with a WUSV recognized pedigree;
- over the age of twelve months,
- without signs of disease,
- not banned from studbook entries,
- property of members of a national club or a WUSV member club.
- no property of persons legally banned from shows,
- for female dogs the following applies:  
From day 42 of their pregnancy on, they shall no longer be presented on the occasion of breed shows. Nursing females may be presented from day 42 after the puppies were born at the earliest possible time.

## 5. Judges

Judges to the show shall be either WUSV recognized judges or judges of the national club of the organization that hosts the show.

## 6. Class Selection

The dogs presented on breed shows shall be divided into the classes for stock hair and long stock hair with undercoat. Deadline for the class selection shall be the first day of the show for shows that are scheduled for several days.

- 6.1. Youth dog classes for dogs between the age of 12 months (completed) and under the age of 18 months.
- 6.2. Young dog classes for dogs between the age of 18 months and under the age of 24 months.
- 6.3. Open classes for dogs from 2 years of age onwards without working trial

The hosting club is free to allow dogs with a BH (companion dog) examination to start in the open class.

- 6.4. Working Dog Classes for dogs from the age of 2 years onwards with a recognized working title.

Dogs of the working dogs classes shall present a successfully passed certificate of a character test and breed disposition examination according to the requirements of the SV (applies for dogs born after January 01, 2019) or a certificate of a working trial in accordance with the examination regulations (IPO/IGP ZTP, ZAP – from January 01, 2020 on), IPO/IGP 1-3, HGH, RH2 in section B (IPO-R, -F, -FL, -T, -L or -W).

## 6.5. Herding Dogs

- a) Dogs over the age of 24 months shall present a working trial in terms of the HGH examinations obtained under a WUSV recognized HGH judge.
- b) Dogs that belong to the youth- and young dog classes may be admitted without the regular working titles if their owners are shepherds or have sheep of their own provided that they are members to an association of sheep breeders.  
Alternatively, this can be confirmed by an agricultural authority. The respective confirmation shall be renewed every year. The hosting club shall verify the document.

## 6.6 Junior Classes – Participation

For the promotion of breeding, dogs between the ages of 9 to 12 months may be presented in progeny groups – however – without breeding evaluations being granted.

Only WUSV recognized judges shall be authorized to carry out the evaluation of the dogs.

Dogs under the age of six months may not be shown.

Apart from that, the division of the progeny groups falls within the freedom of choice of the hosting organization.

#### 6.7 Veteran Classes

For dogs over the age of six years a presentation shall be possible in the veteran classes.

The performance shall not be subject to an evaluation – however – a ranking and placement shall be provided.

#### 6.8 Breed Groups

Animals that are gathered in one breed group shall feature the same kind of fur.

Dogs shall be presented to the judge as a group only. The breeders are free to present more than one breed group – if desired.

On the occasion of a club breed show or a WUSV breed show, a breed group shall be composed of a minimum of three animals and a maximum of five animals from the same kennel under the premises that those dogs were presented on the same show and obtained a minimum ranking of GOOD.

On the occasion of a national breed show, a breed group shall be composed of a minimum of four respectively a maximum of five stock hair dogs from the same kennel. A breed group for long stock hair dogs shall be composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of five animals.

#### 6.9 Evaluations

For the Junior Classes as specified under item 6.6 the following evaluations can be granted:

“Vielversprechend/ Very Promising”

For dogs who fully comply with the requirements of the breed standard – however – with minor anatomical constraints.

“Versprechend/ Promising”

For dogs who comply with the requirements of the standard and who – however – clearly show more anatomical or developmental deficiencies.

“Weniger Versprechend/ Less Promising”

For dogs who are not sufficiently unconstrained and who show features that prove them as unfit for breeding.

The evaluations are not tantamount to a breeding evaluation.

#### 6.10 Evaluations

On the occasion of club breed shows respectively WUSV breed shows the following evaluations can be granted:

– “Vorzüglich/ Excellent”

Dogs from the working dog classes who fully comply with the strictest requirements of the breed standard, who are self-confident and unconstrained, indifferent toward gun shooting, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted HD condition confirmed on the pedigree, with a normal, almost normal or still admitted ED condition confirmed on the pedigree, and – if the animal is over the age of 3 ½ years – the first breed selection examination must have been successfully passed. Double premolars 1 are admitted.

– “Sehr Gut/ Very Good”

The highest possible ranking for the open classes, the young and youth dog classes for animals who fully comply with the requirements of the breed standard. For the working dog classes for animals who comply with the requirements for the ranking excellent, however with minor anatomical deficiencies.

This ranking is also an option for animals with an impeccable anatomy who – however – exceed or fall below the standard height by up to 1 cm. The missing of one premolar or one incisor is admitted.

– “Gut/ Good”

For animals who fully comply with the requirements of the breed standard – however- with clearly visible anatomical deficiencies. The missing of two premolars 1 or one premolar 1 or one incisor or one premolar 2 or one premolar 3 or two incisors or one premolar 2 and one incisor or one premolar 2 and one premolar 1 or two premolars 2 is admitted.

– “Ausreichend/ Sufficient”

For animals afraid of gun shooting and constrained on the occasion of the breed show, or for animals who do not qualify for a higher ranking in terms of their general and anatomical condition.

– “Ungenügend/ Insufficient”

For animals afraid of gun shooting with constrained behavior and with other deficiencies which disqualify them from breeding.

For animals who exceed or fall below the standard height by up to 1 cm.

The ranking INSUFFICIENT entails a ban from breeding for the affected dog's offspring which the officiating judge has to duly report and apply for.

#### 6.11 Presentation/ unauthorized aids

The dogs shall be presented to the judges in a natural posture. Manually assisted positioning is not admitted.

Radio controlled devices or comparable equipment is not admitted on the occasion of WUSV shows and events.

### III. National Winner Show (Siegerschau)

#### 1. General

In accordance with item 1.3 of these General Guidelines once a year a winner show should be held.

Only WUSV recognized judges shall be admitted.

#### 2. Evaluations „Vorzüglich Auslese/ Excellent Selection“

The ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION shall only be admitted on the occasion of a national winner show which complies with the requirements as detailed under item 1.3 of these General Guidelines.

For the ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION further criteria are to be complied with in addition to the requirements for the ranking EXCELLENT (for details please refer to item 6.10.)

For the V-Selection Classes only dogs qualify who successfully passed the first selection examination with the result *distinct* in the section TSB, and dogs with complete and impeccable dentition as well as a successful IPO 2 working trial examination.

The dogs shall descend from a selection and performance breed with the HD and ED condition *normal* or *almost normal*.

From January 01, 2020 on the ranking EXCELLENT SELECTION shall only be granted when the TSB examination will have been carried out according to the corresponding requirements that apply for the SV Bundessiegerzuchtschau.

### **Final Provisions**

These General Guidelines are based on the breed show regulations of the SV. In case of doubt or dissonance in terms of the interpretation of these General Guidelines the SV breed show regulations shall apply in a complimentary fashion.

The WUSV Board of Directors can issue implementing rules in terms of these General Guidelines. Those are tantamount to the General Guidelines.

Infringements and non-compliance with these General Guidelines can lead to a ban of the WUSV member organization or affiliated institutions. All decisions in this respect will be taken by the WUSV Board of Directors. These General Guidelines shall enter into force on January 01, 2019.

## **22.3 ANKC National Breed Councils Conference – Discussion Item**

The ANKC Meeting will be held in July 2019 with agenda items closing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June, and we ask all Member Clubs to discuss, consider and bring forward to the AGM any matters that may be presented by the GSDCA at this meeting.

## **22.4 Nomination of Police Dog “Ike” for GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award.**

**“That Police Dog Excellent “Ike” and his handler Leading Senior Constable Heath Drew be awarded the GSDCA Outstanding Canine Service Award at the 2019 GSDCA National GSD Show & Trial.”**



# **Police Dog “Ike” with handler Leading Senior Constable Heath Drew**



LSC Drew has been a member of the Victoria Police Dog Squad (VPDS) since 2014 and a police officer for 17 years. During that time he has shown exceptional skill in the training and working of police dogs but also a desire to learn in the areas of dog development, training and breeding.

In 2012, Heath purchased Ike, a German Shepherd Dog as his own personal pet dog. Heath wasn't a member of the VPDS at the time but started obedience training and tacking training with him as a young pup.

In 2014, when Heath joined the VPDS he offered Ike up as a prospective police dog. Ike was assessed and performed exceptionally well in testing and qualified soon after as a police dog with Heath as his handler.

In 2016, Heath and Ike represented Victoria at the Australian and New Zealand Police Dog Trials held in Melbourne with VPDS as host.

In 2018, Heath and Ike won the VPDS trials in which each handler and dog team competes and is formally assessed. Ike obtained a Police Dog Excellent grading with an overall trials result of 89.79%. The attainment of an excellent grading in police dog work is extremely rare and held in very high regard owing to the overall difficulty in maintaining high standards across all disciplines of police dog work.

Heath undertakes regular work outside of normal hours devoted to the development of German Shepherd Police Dog IKE and his Dutch Shepherd Duke. Heath also assists other dog handlers in the development of their dogs and is well known for the selfless manner in which he contributes to the development of others.

As previously stated, Heath represented VPDS with P.D.X Ike in the 2016 Australian & New Zealand Police Dog trials held in Melbourne and showing his continued level of high standard and that Ike remains in the upper percentile of high level performing police dogs, they are to attend New Zealand, October 14<sup>th</sup> - October to 19<sup>th</sup> 2018, to again represent VPDS at the Australian and New Zealand Police Dog Trials.

Since becoming an operational police dog 4 years ago, Ike has successfully tracked, searched and apprehended numerous offenders.

Ike's first arrest was a memorable one. A naked male had loitered in a ladies backyard for hours until the owner returned home to find the male. The male jumped the fence and disappeared. Ike attended the job and located the offender hiding in water reeds in swamp land. The offender was actually hiding under water but Ike's nose still located him.

In another arrest Ike located an offender who fled from a burglary, and was involved in a pursuit and ramming of a police vehicle in his attempt to get away. Unbeknown to Heath & Ike the offender was hiding in a garage of a house. After searching for more than an hour, Ike indicated the offender from the footpath through the fence and garage wall to where the offender was hiding.

In July of this year Police Dog Ike and Heath responded to a call of an armed robbery in Thornbury. The offender fled on foot armed with a large hunting knife. Heath & Ike located the male in a nearby street, who was still armed with the knife. Ike successfully and safely apprehended the male who was wanted for a number of other armed robberies and aggravated burglaries.

There are numerous accounts of the high level of work both Heath and Ike perform as a team. Ike is utilised on a regular basis for work in conjunction with the Special Operations Group and Critical Incident Response Team with Heaths background in tactical response and Ike being deemed and having undertaken and completed, further training in the tactical deployment role.

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Year	Annual General Meeting	National Breed Commission Meeting
2016	ADELAIDE	SYDNEY
2017	MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE
2018	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE
2019	ADELAIDE	<b>SYDNEY</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>MELBOURNE</b>	ADELAIDE
2021	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE

The 59<sup>th</sup> GSDCA Annual General Meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Melbourne, Victoria.



# Resume for National Breed Commission Chair

## **Mr. STEPHEN COLLINS**



I have been a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc., for in excess of forty years, and have served on the committee of the Club for almost thirty years. In that time I have held the position of President, Hon. Secretary, 1st Vice President (Obedience), 2nd Vice President (Breed Affairs) and committee member. I was honoured with Life Membership in 1998 by the Club.

I have previously served Council as Honorary Treasurer, and have a strong understanding of the workings of Council, Member Clubs and Controlling bodies.

The future of our Breed and organisation has many challenges ahead and a positive outlook is the only way forward. The breed and council will need enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated personnel to lead both forward.

I believe it is essential, that as an organisation, we are continually educating breed surveyors, judges and all members of our fraternity.

I have regularly attended the NBC/Judges meetings, the GSDCA AGM, interstate shows and the German Sieger Show when possible. This enables me to stay in touch with, national and international breed direction.

I fully support the GSDCA, its ideals and breed improvement schemes.

As an active Breeder and Exhibitor I am acutely aware of the challenges and opportunities that are present within our Breed and hobby. I have experienced all the highs and lows of breeding, exhibiting and importing animals.

If elected I hope to bring a fresh and enthusiastic approach to this role.

Areas which I believe that require attention are:

- Review of Regulations in light of enhancements in DNA Profiling;
- Faster turn around times in the processing of Breed Surveys;
- Improved clarity, understanding and direction on contentious issues eg. Size.

I also believe that our organisation should be focusing on promoting our Breed to the wider community that the Breed is a strong, healthy animal that is very versatile and has many uses in our community, family dog, therapy animal, police dog, drug detection. Included in this promotion would also provide evidence of our achievements in improving the welfare and health of our Breed.

Thank you for considering my nomination

# Resume for National Breed Commission Chair

## **Mrs. JENNY YUEN**



My love affair with German Shepherds began in 1973 when a LSC "Sascha" joined our family and I joined the KCC. We tackled obedience school together.

Joining the GSDCV in 1977 I have since held many positions at Club level: Branch Breed Liaison Officer, Show Instructor from 1987 to current, Show Training Administrator, Show Branch Manager, Assistant Breed Affairs Administrator, Breed Affairs Administrator and currently GSDCV 2nd Vice president.

I was privileged to receive an Outstanding Service Award in 2009 and Life Membership in 2016.

I achieved my ANKC Judge's Licence in 1991, completed the GSDCA Judges' Extension Course and achieved Breed Surveyor status in 2000.

These positions and my role on the Club Executive that involve the day-to-day running of a large breed club have exposed me to dealing with the Canine Control, State Government, GSDCA, members and the general public.

I have attended the NBC/Judges meetings and the GSDCA AGM annually for many years. I attend most interstate shows and the German Sieger Show when possible. It keeps me in touch with, not only interstate/overseas fellow enthusiasts, but also the Council and our breed's direction on a national and international level.

Through this hobby and the love of this breed I have had the pleasure of meeting many lovely and knowledgeable people, have enjoyed many years of fun exhibiting and have had the pleasure of owning, breeding and training some lovely dogs. Having been an active breeder/exhibitor/trainer (Djenuen prefix), I have experienced all the highs and lows, from the ultimate National Gold Medal/Sieger/Siegerin titles to the loss of beloved four-footed friends.

I believe very strongly in the GSDCA and the breed improvement schemes and believe the organisation has much of which to be proud. It is the most proactive and successful single breed organisation in the country. We are, however currently facing new challenges.

I am saddened and disappointed in the division that has seemingly appeared over the last few years and the trend away from the idealism that has held us in such good stead since the lifting of the import ban. I will work towards finding some middle ground that can reunite us all to move the breed and the Council forward with renewed enthusiasm, idealism, mutual respect and some common sense. We are all caretakers of this breed and, as such, must work towards breeding and promoting a dog that is sound in mind and body and fit for the roles for which he was intended.

I believe that the NBC and Breed Surveyors' meetings should encourage participation, the exchange of ideas and education. If elected I intend to develop this sort of approach at these meetings. We have a wealth of experience and expertise amongst not only our Specialist Judges and Surveyors but also many of our members that should be utilised. We need to provide the environment for the sharing of this knowledge with our members and the further in-service education of our judges and aspirants, thus creating greater acceptance by the exhibitors and breeders who, these days seek consistency and a high level of expertise.

A succession plan is needed and to that end I would hope to involve some of our newer Judges and Surveyors in roles within the NBC portfolio.

I believe I have the experience and the background to fulfil the position of NBC Chair and I will undertake this role to the best of my ability.