



## GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL of AUSTRALIA Inc.

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## MEMBER CLUBS

Dear Presidents,

### **Re: 2019 GSDCA AGM Agenda**

The 2019 GSDCA Annual General Meeting Agenda presents a number of motions that can only be considered if the 2 year rule is rescinded.

I provide the following comment as guidance and for the information of your members and ask that it be considered and read out prior to the motions being put.

This unusual request is being made as a result of the fact that Member Clubs have indicated they will not consider and/or implement elements of the WUSV Harmonisation as put and decided on in July 2017.

Add to this is a request as put to us 2 weeks before the 2019 WUSV Annual General Assembly Agenda items 22.2 WUSV General Guidelines for Breeding & 22.3 WUSV General Guidelines of holding WUSV Conformation Shows that were not discussed but WUSV Members were asked to respond by end of November.

### **Motion: Chairman's Notes: Vince Tantaro, President**

#### **Motions: 2 Year Rule**

It must be noted that the 2 year rule has served the Council well, however reality sees it hinder any review of a decision as made not before 2 years.

The Executive recommends the principle that true democracy is dependent on the membership's right to amend, rescind and/or reaffirm any decision.

We therefore ask the motion is supported.

### **Motion: Chairman's Note: Vince Tantaro, President**

#### **WUSV Harmonisation**

In light of the push back by a number of Member Clubs and the possibility of members stepping away from the ideals we have worked so hard to see supported, that the motions as put by Newcastle & Hunter Region GSD & GSDC of SA should again be seriously considered.



ACT GSDA



GSDA of WA



GSDCQ



GSDCSA



GSDCT



GSD League



GSDCV



N & HR GSDC

Whilst some may see this as a retrograde step, it is important to note that alternate motions are to be put and if supported will assist with a change in culture that will see us adopt and enhance with time a character and working test that can be a prerequisite for GSDCA Breed Survey.

It is important to remember the progress this Council has made up until now has solely depended on Member Clubs fully committing themselves to decision's as made. Without this collective drive we will in reality see little or no progress made on any decision made!

**22.2 WUSV General Guidelines for Breeding & 22.3 WUSV General Guidelines of holding WUSV Conformation Shows**

The following matters were raised and placed on the agenda just before the holding of the 2018 WUSV Annual General Assembly. Whilst the matters may have been discussed at Member Club Committee level in order to give the delegates an indication of support and/or concern, the general membership had little or no input.

With little discussion or advice given at the meeting, WUSV members were asked to provide feedback by end of November 2018 with regard to acceptance and/or comment regarding what was proposed.

It is noted that whilst there are elements of what has been put to us that we do follow in part or fully, much as presented is in place in most European countries, but for many WUSV members and us the guidelines are aspirational goals for the majority to reach for and possibly implement well into the future.

The SV/WUSV was informed in writing that these matters would be presented to the 2019 GSDCA AGM for decision with respect being considered and our ability to adopt. We also highlighted the fact that despite any decision made by us, we must carefully negotiate with the ANKC as to how best we progress each element, which is impacted by current ANKC policy and/or regulation.

The membership is asked to carefully consider each element in order that we may truly reflect the member's collective decision to the WUSV Board and then if need be, take up these matters further with the ANKC.

Kindest regards,

*Vince Tantaro*

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**Vince Tantaro  
President  
German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.**

c.c. GSDCA Executive