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Hi Members,

Due to the COVID19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown in NSW, there has been very little happening with your club.

The day to day business has been handled by our Secretary – Fay Stokes, who has kept the committee up to date with the information as it comes to hand. **Please see page 3 for some updates.**

We are awaiting news from DOGS NSW as to when we can return to normal club activities. Please bear in mind that there will be additional measures taken at training to ensure social distancing and hygiene practices are adhered to. Once the Training Coordinator has all the necessary procedures and requirements in place. **Please see Page 4 of this newsletter for an UPDATE on Training.**

Please keep an eye on our Webpage and Facebook page for more up to date information.

As most of you are aware, the 48th National was to be in May this year. The good news is that it will be now held on the 14th – 16th May 2021. Along with any shows that were cancelled, they have been moved to next year – dates and judges to be confirmed.

The Secretary and Breed Affairs officer are working hard to try and have a survey as soon as possible, for those that missed out or require their animals Breed Surveyed. Please keep an eye on the various club information outlets as to when this can take place.

In the meantime – stay safe and enjoy your dogs.

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A Message from the President

Dear members, we live in interesting times the likes that nobody has seen before, the COVID 19 Virus has hit our country with great ferocity and all of us are vulnerable to contracting the Virus so do not be complacent and think that it won't get you because you just never know. Obey all instructions that come out from the authorities and keep your heads down we all need to be here when it's all over.

As you would have read in the Dogs NSW Journal that all is locked down tight as far as they are concerned till the 30th June 2020 and they will work on the information supplied by The Government as to how long this is going to stop us from participating in the sport we love.

It is up to us one and all to follow the recommendations laid out for us by the powers that be at Government and Dogs NSW level. We have a responsibility to ourselves our families and our friends to do the right thing and keep our distance. Do not forget to keep in contact by phone or email with people you have not heard from for a while as they may be suffering the isolation and just need someone to talk to.

The Brustolin Estate has finally been settled and the cheque has been placed into our account and as soon as we are able to get out we will see that it put into a safe place to carry the GSDL Inc. into the future. Fay and I have put a lot of hours and travelling into seeing this through to the end. It was not an easy road to hoe for us, Fay has got to be the best letter writer as she had to answer the solicitors letters which came in thick and fast and the people you have deal with leave a lot to be desired but none the less we got the job done and I would like to thank her for her support through this process.

As far as the League goes as you well know not a lot has been happening as we only got a few sessions of training in before the grounds were inundated with rain and we were flooded out and Dogs NSW closed the grounds for shows and training and then came COVID19 no training, no meetings National cancelled till next year and Fay Melanie Dianne and Greg and myself had to go into overdrive as most of the National show was in place and we had to put on hold all the arrangements that we had made, stop production on Marketing items cancel tents Etc. and find new dates for the National with Dogs NSW in 2021. We started off with the Easter weekend which was approved then moved to the next weekend and due to some interference of some sort found ourselves back out to May which has still yet to be confirmed by Dogs NSW.

There being no Committee meetings or General meetings the Executive will carry on with the running of the League and keep the full committee and Members up to date with the latest as it comes in. I do not believe that we will be any shows or training until the latter part of the year if at all so we will just have to wait it out or perhaps someone could create a Virtual Shepherd Show and we all become the Judge, could get some interesting results.

The Committee is still tying the Bow on the tidying up of the 2020 National and putting it in a safe place to start again for 2021 at least we will have a head start.

Keep safe and stay at home.

Cheers

Terry Jarvis

Some points from our Secretary

1. National Council advised the date for height restrictions on oversized animals still applies as of 1st July at coming Surveys therefore any measured over the limit will not be classified.
2. Restrictions were lifted today by Dogs NSW to allow groups of 20 to train etc., but of course must adhere strictly to distancing and hygiene policies.
3. We have had approved a Survey on 20th

HOWEVER this is only for those people who were already entered in the February Survey and have had to wait until restrictions were lifted – we have to adhere to the rules so NO SPECTATORS are allowed to attend.
4. We have scheduled another Breed Survey for 25th July and we will be taking entries for that however again the 20 people still remains so NO SPECTATORS.
5. Our Training Supt. and Show Training Supt. will be liaising and will advise when we can start up training again but here again it is only groups of 20.
6. We have had to transfer the August State Breed.
7. Tracking Trial scheduled for 30th August has been cancelled. New date will be advised when available.

GSDL Training



Obedience Training will resume on **Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 7.30pm**

Show Training will resume on **Thursday 9th July 2020 at 7.30pm**

Social distancing will be mandatory as required by Dogs NSW and Government regulations.

Hand sanitiser and paper towels will be provided.

GSDL Survey

As stated on Page 3 of this newsletter, a Breed Survey was conducted on the 20th June 2020 for those members who had booked in but could not participate in February due to club closure.

The following animals were surveyed and are now Breed Survey Classified.

Sheznova Django

Sundaneka Golden Dream

Kingland Sambooka Twist

Cinderhof Italiaa

Reichstag Renata

Kingland Fancy That

13's Club

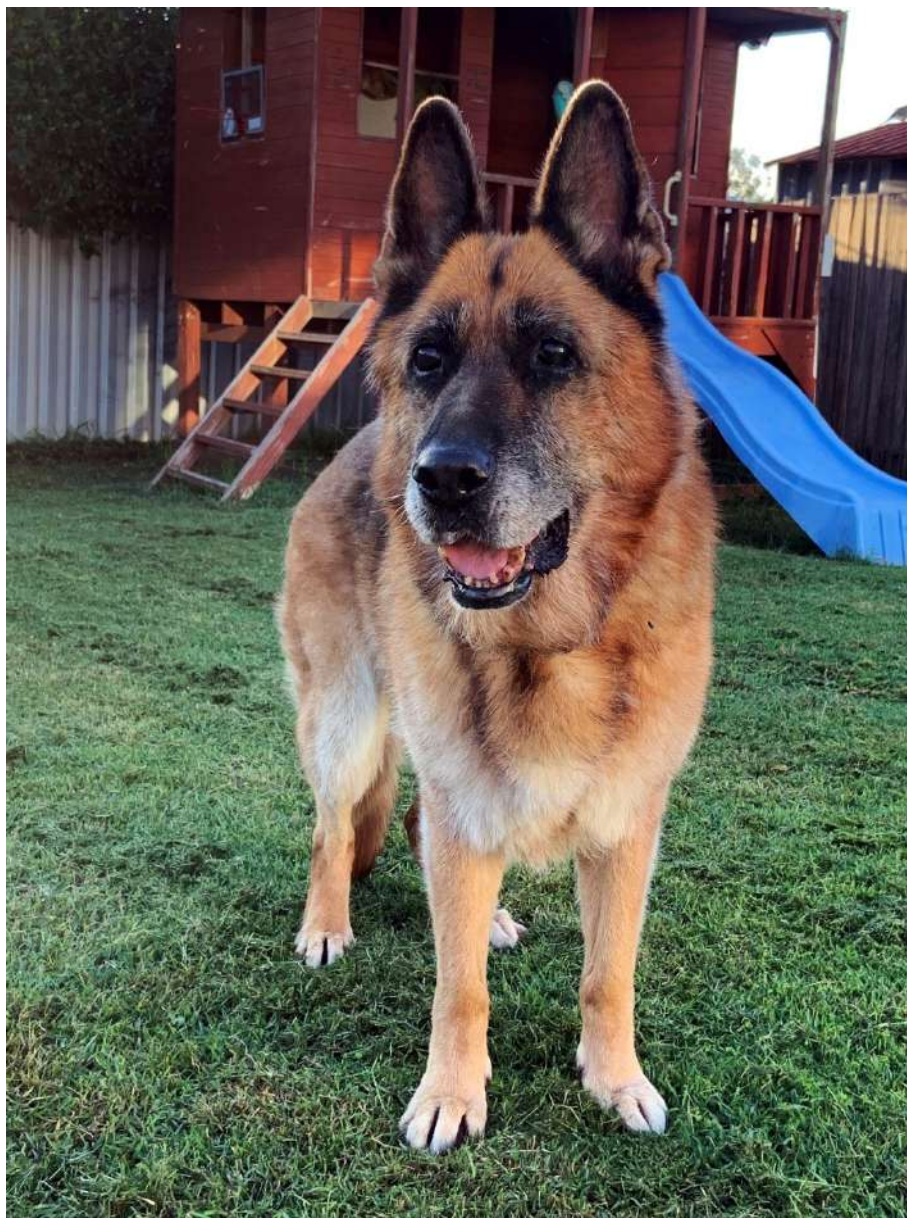
Pet name is Pinot, registered name Kelinpark Pinot Noir TDX.

Date of birth 26/12/2006. Breeder - Lyn Gregor.



13's Club

Ruby (*Kuirau Ruby 'A' Z' BSCL. 1 Excellent) born March 11th 2007. Proudly bred P, D & J Murray and owned James, Lisa, Joshua and Aidan Murray. Photo on 13th birthday.



13's Club

Lulu is *Ch. Neut. Ch. Fleta Prides Louisa CD AZ, and Georgie is *Neut. Ch. Fleta Prides Georgiana AZ

They are litter sisters (from a litter of 12) and were born on 27/02/2006; the photos were taken on their 14th birthday. Breeders and owners: Ken & Darien Northcote



Article from our Training Co-Ordinator

Fitness Training for Puppies – part 3

In the last Shepherd News, we looked at puppies up to 16 weeks old. In this edition, we will look at puppies from 16 weeks to 6 months. Puppies in this period are often becoming more independent – often referred to as the teenage months! And may try your patience more than before, but stay the course and you will both survive it!

So even though your pups are now starting to look like miniature adults, don't forget that they are still babies. Growth plates are still open and for some pups, it might be that their elbows are still in the final stages of closing as well, so no jumping over anything more than pastern height and a few centimetres width.

If at any time your puppy appears to be sore or is actually lame, please ensure to stop all exercise and take the puppy to the vet for assessment.

Stretches

If you do yoga, you will be familiar with Downward Dog (play bow) and the Cat Pose. If not, a quick Google search will show you the human versions. Training your puppy to do both of these stretches is great for their spine health. You can also teach your pup to bend his head to the side, so that his nose is towards his flank (he's in a C shape), as this is also good for the spine and flexibility. These poses should be easy to teach with a puppy that has already learned to follow a treat in your hand. Start by asking the pup to hold the stretch just for a second and over time, try to build up to 10-15 seconds.

There are other stretches for canine athletes but I would delay these until the puppy is older. Stretches can be used to warm up and cool down after a walk or other exercise.

Balance

Continue training your puppy to the wobble board, ladder and the vibration platform.

You can also add in a Walk the Plank. At ground level, place a collapsed table or, if you have one, a wooden plank and encourage your puppy to walk along its length. Over time, you can slightly raise the height off the ground – add a brick underneath the plank but don't go higher than the puppy's pastern in case she falls or jumps off.

Another great exercise to teach body awareness is to teach your puppy to back up. The easiest method is to have your pup face you with a hallway or narrow space behind her. Step into your pup's space and most will take a step back from you. Lots of praise! Repeat until you can have the pup take a few backwards steps, then encourage them to come forward to you, lots of praise for that too and then repeat the backing up. Once your pup has the idea, name the activity with something like "Back" and take it to a different area in your house to practice. Don't overdo it though, make sessions short because it can be tiring for a puppy. Take it outside once your pup has a good understanding and then have her back up and come forward over different types of surfaces, such as grass, sand, concrete etc.

Swimming

If you haven't already, you can start to teach your puppy to wade in shallow water and swim in deeper water such as a pool or dam. Both are good exercise but can be very tiring for pups so keep the sessions short, mainly concentrating on developing confidence and having fun. Swimming for fitness is an important part of a canine athlete's tool box so teaching puppies to swim is a great skill for the future.



Learning to Fetch

With young puppies, start them off with a soft toy. You can utilise your trusty hallway again to teach fetch. Sit on the floor in the hallway facing down the hall to the end. Have your puppy face the same way as you. Encourage them to want to take the toy off you, then throw it close to the floor (so that they see where it has gone) a little way down the hall and encourage them to chase after it. Have a second toy ready in case the puppy doesn't want to bring the first toy back. You can use the second toy to get them to come to you and because you are blocking their way, they can't get past you with the toy.

Gently take the toy from their mouths and repeat. Once they are chasing it reliably, you can name the activity – "Fetch"! Don't forget lots of praise!

Take care not to throw too far at this stage and always have the puppy facing the direction that the toy will be thrown, so that they are not doing a sharp turn to chase it or bring it back. Lots of praise for your clever puppy! As they get older, you can take them to different areas to practice their new skill. Never throw sticks for your dog and make sure that any balls are too big to fit into your dog's mouth completely, to minimise any risk of stick injuries or choking. Balls are a very real danger to dogs and should never be used unless they are on a robust rope or string.

In the next Shepherd News, we will look at our older pups from 6 months.

Kim Graham

The Whelping Box

Below is a copy of the new Whelping Box Listing Form. These can be found on the webpage under about us/forms.

This for Current GSDL members to use if they have an upcoming litter that they wished to be advertised on the GSDL Webpage.

Expected Litters listings to be only listed once the litter is confirmed and the dam must be approximately 5 weeks in whelp.



German Shepherd Dog League of NSW REQUEST FOR WHELPING BOX LISTING

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE GSDL OF NSW INC.

- **Eligibility for listing:** The sire and dam of the puppies **MUST BE BREED SURVEYED**
- **Please notify** the Puppy Registrar Pam Jarvis when puppies are whelped. If listing litter on Puppy listings, please fill in the appropriate form.

Kennel Prefix:..... Name of Breeder:.....

Address:.....

Phone No:..... GSDL Membership No:.....

Email:..... Dogs NSW M/ship No.:.....

LITTER DETAILS

Sire:.....

Sire's Hip Status:..... Elbow Status:..... Survey Status:.....

Dam:.....

Dam's Hip Status:..... Elbow Status:..... Survey Status:.....

Whelping Due Date:...../...../.....

Puppy listing vendors must supply with each puppy:

- 1: Registration papers
- 2: Certificate of Pedigree
- 3: Diet Sheet
- 4: GSDL Puppy Booklet
- 5: Vaccination Certificate
- 6: Microchip Papers showing change of ownership.

Puppy must not leave the breeder until 8 weeks of age.

Puppy must be Tattooed and/or Microchipped, Wormed and Vaccinated.

It is the responsibility of the breeder to advise the Puppy Listings Registrar on the completion of sale of the litter/puppy. If not advised by the end of the contract period the listing will automatically cease. Should the breeder have more than one litter then all litters must be listed separately.

This is a free service to Club members -no payment required.

Details of litters will NOT be taken over the telephone.

PUPPY REGISTRAR Pam Jarvis Ph: 02 4773 9364 or 0407 271 418

Email: tepe@bigpond.net.au

SIGNATURE:..... DATE: ____/____/ 20

48th National Sponsorship & Advertising

Sponsorships for a few classes are still being sought for the 48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial on the 14 – 16 May 2021

Spaces are also available to advertise in the National Catalogue. This is your opportunity to advertise your Kennel, Imports or business, to the whole GSD fraternity in Australia and also the world at large as many catalogues travel overseas with our visitors.

To sponsor a class or book an advertisement in the catalogue, please contact Jo Cathie on the below:

Phone: 0423700293 (Evenings Preferred)

Or by email at ljcathie@outlook.com

Also in person at any coming show or event, or directly on Facebook messenger

Stud Dog Raffle

Just to keep you all advised, tickets for the stud dog raffle are still available to buy.

Please contact Jo Cathie or Fay Stokes to purchase your ticket.

The raffle will be drawn as soon as the club can have an official function, as witness to the draw will be required.

The club will advise in due course of when this will be.

HD/ED AWARDS

The following Hip & Elbow Awards have been received by National Council. These were to be presented to the GSDL members at our show, however due to the current circumstances, the club was unable to do so. The committee of the GSDL wish to congratulate the following members on their worthy achievements.

SUNDANEKA KENNELS - Plaque for Hips (100)
- Plaque for elbows (100)

KINGVALE KENNELS – Silver Medal for Hips
- Silver Medal for Elbows

HAUSILLEVON KENNELS – Bronze Medal for Hips

TYRILEBEE KENNELS – Bronze Medal for Hips

KARABACH KENNELS – Bronze Medal for Hips

REICHKAISER KENNELS – Bronze Medal for Hips

These will now be posted by mail to each recipient.
If you do not receive your package, please contact Fay Stokes – Club Secretary.

Welfare

Not a lot happening with welfare at the moment, the league paid an account out of our Welfare fund for German Shepherd Rescue at Mondrook headed by L Pierce.

Also had an enquiry to place an 8year old bitch, so put them in touch with the places in up north in their area.

Cheers

Pam Jarvis

48th GSDCA National German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial Sydney 2021 – Major Sponsors



If you would like to be a sponsor or know of a company or individual that would like to join this elite group, please contact Melanie Groth.

Melanie.groth62@gmail.com

GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme - Application Process

Below is an outline of the application process to obtain a contract for the HDED X-rays for your dog.

1 - The application form must be submitted and you should receive your contract back **BEFORE** you make an appointment with your vet to have the x-rays taken. Your vet will need this contract at your appointment.

2 - Are you a member of the GSDL or any other GSDCA member club?

If not, you must be a financial member before a contract can be provided.

The owner of the dog on the animals' registration papers, the registered owner with Dogs NSW, **MUST** be a member of the GSDL or other member club

3 - Complete the application form available online at www.gsdl.info or print and complete

Follow all instructions, including full name of registered owner

4 - Provide a copy of the registration papers with your application form. This must be the current set of owners stating the applicants name as the owner. This is important to ensure the spelling of your dog's name and details is 100% correct.

5 - Post the application form and copy of registration papers to the HDED officer along with a stamped self-addressed envelope and payment if required (i.e.. chq or money order).

We now offer credit card payment which is a great tool for most people.

Please note cash is NOT accepted.

6 - Upon receipt of your application, your membership status will be checked and if you are a current financial member then our payment method will be finalised.

The HDED officer will process your application as quickly as possible and return the contract to you in your return envelope provided.

7 - Upon receipt of your contract back, you can now book your appointment with your vet!

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the HDED registrar via email

Members Photo Booth



NEW VESTS

The committee is very pleased to advise that our new vests have arrived. Please see photo alongside.

These were purchased to replace the old and tired vests the club uses.



VEST RETURN

To those that show and trial, this is a gentle reminder that all vests are to be returned after the conclusion of each class.

Only those vests that are required for challenges and run-offs are to be kept until the end of the show.

E.G. – 1st and 2nd place getters for each class.

As of the December show, there will be a crate placed at the entrance to each ring, please place your vest in these at the end of your class.

At the completion of each show or trial, a count will be done and an email will be sent to the exhibitor whose vests are missing.

If the club does not receive the missing vest, a \$50.00 fee will be charged to that exhibitor. This is the cost to replace the vest.

We also require a volunteer that would be willing to wash the vests after each show.

If you think you can help with this, please contact the show secretary – Fay Stokes to discuss.

Be Involved in Your Club!



All Welcome!

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

Publicity Team— Publicity Team members are needed. You will need a willingness to talk to the general public about our wonderful German Shepherds, promote the GSDL and GSDCA Breed Improvement schemes. If you have a wonderful, happy GSD as well, that would be great! We have a number of events coming up that will enable us to showcase our fantastic breed and our club.

Please contact the Publicity Officer, Karen Stevenson at email:

sundaneka@optusnet.com.au if you can spare some time to promote our German Shepherds.

Stewards— stewarding in conformation shows or the obedience ring gives you the judge's perspective and is a rewarding learning experience! You will meet new people, such as overseas and SV judges and be right at the centre of activities. We also feed you a yummy lunch! If you would like more information about becoming involved, please contact the Show Manager, Greg Jones at email: nicq01@bigpond.net.au



Smoking Policy for Dogs NSW

All members of the GSDL are reminded that there is a very strict ruling about smoking on DOGS NSW grounds.

This includes any tobacco related product and E-cigarettes.

Under a duty of care the GSDL will enforce the following DOGS NSW Regulation.

Regulations

Part II show – section 19

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

This regulation is in line with the Department of Health NSW regulation on smoking – section 6a – smoke free environment act 2000.

If any member has questions regarding this, please speak to the club president - Terry Jarvis.

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

The GSDL operates a training branch at Erskine Park. The branch offers Obedience and Show Training. General Meetings of the club are held bimonthly, with exact dates shown on the League website and Facebook page.

From the Editor

Well, what a horrible start to the year.

First, our country went through a terrible time with fires burning in just about every state.

Then, we were hit with the Covid19 pandemic.

As a direct result of this our club has had to cancel all events up until later in June at the earliest.

Most of the events that have been cancelled, have been moved to the corresponding dates in 2021.

The biggest event on the German Shepherd Dog calendar, the National, will now be held on the 14th to the 16th May 2021. The club will keep the members informed about the rest of the year as news comes to hand. This includes when we can return to training in both disciplines that the club caters for. Please keep an eye on our webpage and Facebook page for more up to date news.

I hope everyone stays safe and hopefully we can return to normal club activities sooner, rather than later.

Regards Bret Adams



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