

GSDCA 60 Day Motions
from the 60th Annual General Meeting
held on the 6th February via Zoom meeting

1. Motion: "That Regulation 2.14.1 GSDCA Zap Character Test *be rescinded*".

Regulation 2.14.2 **GSDCA ZAP** Character Test. For further information please refer to the ZAP Character Test Manual (01/07/2020) [2019]

- That the GSDCA will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 1 January 2020.
- All dogs born after 1 January 2020 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- A pass of ZAP Part 1 shall be a pre-requisite for GSDCA Breed Survey for all animals born after 1 January 2021.

Rationale

The fact that COVID-19 has severely impacted the ability of our membership to undertake the usual activities associated with Showing, Trialing, Training and Breed Surveys, and has made the timing of the introduction of this regulation problematic at best and in some cases impossible to meet.

It is moved that this Regulation be rescinded at this stage and revisited at a time in the future when it may be achievable.

2. Motion: "That Laura Schimke be moved from the supplementary Obedience Judges list to the Preferred list".

Laure's Resume reads

I first became involved in dogs (German Shepherds) as a very young child, going to all the dog competitions with my father. My parents bred German Shepherds from 1978 to 1992 when I acquired my first German Shepherd dog.

I commenced training my first GSD in 1993 at the age of 13 at our local dog club. We gained our CD title in 1993, CDX title in 1994 and after some difficult learning curves and a severe dog attack, attained our UD title in 2000. I have since then trained other GSD's to different levels in Obedience, Rally O and Agility/Jumpers/Games, Endurance and Tricks and continue to do so with my current 2 German Shepherds.

At the age of 13 I became the youngest instructor at Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club Inc., instructing all levels from Puppy to Trialing Class. I am still currently an active instructor for the club. I have also held various positions within the club ranging from Vice-President, Secretary, Trial Secretary, 2 O/C Trainer, Head Agility Instructor, Demonstration Instructor and Committee Representative just to name a few. I have also been a steward at the Brisbane Royal for the past 20+ years thus resulting in been presented with the RNA Long Service Badge. Due to my high involvement in the Logan Obedience club, it was only natural to then become a Judge. Therefore in 1998 I was accepted on the Judges Trainee Panel, making me the youngest trainee judge in Australia at the time. I was elevated to Senior Judge Status in 2003. After taking a year off to concentrate on Judging I was accepted on the Agility Training Panel in 2005 and elevated to full Status (Agility, Jumpers and Games) in 2007. When Rally-O was introduced, I was accepted onto the Judges list for Rally.

I have judged in many places within Australia from Queensland (both locally and in Northern Qld), Western Australia, NSW (Northern and Far South) and Darwin. I have also judged at the Brisbane Royal on several occasions and have judged at the Melbourne Royal also.

My biggest judging highlight to date was the invitation I received to Judge Agility and Jumpers in Malaysia.

I am qualified to judge the following:

All Obedience Levels, All Rally Levels, All Agility Levels, All Jumpers Levels, All Games Levels. Along with my Judging responsibilities, I am also on the Qld Senior Judges Panel, and now going into my second year as the German Shepherd Obedience Co-Ordinator for the GSDCQ.

3. Motion: (Two) 2 Breed Surveyors at club surveys

"That at Breed Surveys conducted by an affiliate Club of the GSDCA, there must be a minimum of two (2) qualified GSDCA Breed Surveyors to conduct the survey. In the event that two GSDCA Breed Surveyors are not able to be present to adjudicate the Breed Survey, the NBC Executive will, in consultation with the Member Club, appoint a second Breed Surveyor. Travel and reimbursement of expenses will be approved by the NBC & GSDCA for the second Breed Surveyor only".

Rationale

The requirement to have two Breed Surveyors present at a Breed Survey held by a member club has been in place since 2015. Consistency, quality and confidence in breed surveys were key themes discussed at the GSDCA Breed Survey forum. Having two Breed Surveyors present has proven both useful and beneficial, as well as appreciated by exhibitors. This motion formalizes the requirement.

4. Motion: Two (2) Breed Surveyors at small club surveys

"That dispensation is granted upon application by clubs where a survey is to be held 500kms from a capital city, the club is only required to have one surveyor at the survey".

Rationale

Firstly, it is a cost factor the cost to provide this service to the members in regional areas is expensive, and although council has agreed to pay for the 2nd surveyor bearing in mind concerns re the GSDCA loss of 50% of its savings, and especially post COVID flights can be expensive, added to this cost of accommodation / meals and travel this is an expensive exercise. e.g. A survey being planned currently for Zone 3 in QLD will incur a minimum of \$1200 in flight costs for 2 surveyors.

Secondly this cost might be incurred where there are only a couple of dogs to be surveyed, as has occurred in the past.