



The GSDL Shepherd News

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SC Female BRONZE Medalist

*CH. VLADIMIR
SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC AZ

Owners: G & K Morton



LSC Female BRONZE Medalist

*CH CINDERHOF CHAANEL AZ

Owners : Dr R Tulloch



LSC Male BRONZE Medalist

*CH CINDERHOF DIAABLO AZ

Owners: Miss C & Miss J Bird



SC Male GOLD Medalist

* WULKANO-UNO v SCHNITZERTEAM
a ED (imp HUN)

Owners: B & J Pereira & J Petreski



SC Male BRONZE Medalist

* CH KASTER van CONTRA a ED (imp
DEU)

Owners: C Booth, J Kada, G Peacock,
J & J Haase



LSC Female Minor Puppy Winner

GABMALU NEMISIS (AI)

Owners: Ms M & Ms R Hornick



LSC Female Intermediate Winner

GABMALU LIBERTE AZ

Owners: Ms M & Ms R Hornick



Breeder Teams

1st - Cinderhof Kennels



2nd in CD

*CH CINDERHOF KHALESII AZ CCD



GSDL Championship Show Easter- CLASS WINNERS JUDGED BY
Mr Nestor L Descalzi (Argentina)

BABY LSH MALE - GABMALU NYTROGEN - MRS S & MR P NEWHAM & MRS M & MISS R HORNICK

BABY LSH FEMALE - AZINCOURT GISELE - MISS C & J BIRD

BABY SC MALE - BRONBOREO HENRY TEVO - MR R TURNER & MR B PEREIRA

BABY SC FEMALE - VLADIMIR XPIALIDO - G & K MORTON

MINOR PUPPY LSH MALE - MICHETTO CHEWBACCAJEDI WOOKIE - M ROVETTO

MINOR PUPPY LSH FEMALE - MICHETTO CHOOSETHEFORCE CARRIE - M ROVETTO

MINOR PUPPY SC FEMALE - LOZANI WANTA - MR Z PETRESKI

PUPPY LSH FEMALE - KAYGARR HENDRIX - K WILLIAMS

PUPPY SC MALE - TREUSCHUTZER RATTLE N HUM - C & C COSSU

PUPPY SC FEMALE - TREUSCHUTZER COLOUR BY NUMBERS - C & C COSSU

JUNIOR LSH FEMALE - JAKNELL BLACK MAGIC WOMAN(AI) - MISS J KADA

JUNIOR SC MALE - CH AZINCOURT RUDY - MR A C & MRS S L BIRD

JUNIOR SC FEMALE BRONBOREO GIRTY GIRL - BRONSON PEREIA /RAYMOND TURNER

INTERMEDIATE LSH MALE BLUEMAX CHILI DE LOBO 'A Z - KAREN TURNER

INTERMEDIATE LSH FEMALE -GABMALU LIBERTE AZ - M & R HORNICK

INTERMEDIATE SC MALE - INEFFABLE EMMANZ AZ - MR K & MRS S MARESH

INTERMEDIATE SC FEMALE RES FEMALE LOZANI PANAMA - JOVAN DOJCJNOVSKI

OPEN LSH MALE MALE BEST DOG CH *CINDERHOF DIAABLO AZ - MISS C & MISS J BIRD

2nd Open LSC MALE - RES DOG *SUNDANEKA ALMANDIN A Z - MR GD & MRS K STEVENSON & DR S YATES

OPEN LSH FEMALE -BEST FEMALE-*CH CINDERHOF CHAANEL AZ - DR R TULLOCH

2nd Open LSC FEMALE - RES FEMALE CH *VLADIMIR THE BEES KNEES-MISS B MILLS & MR A SIMS & MR G & MR K MORTON

OPEN SC MALE BEST DOG * SALVATORE VOM GRAFENWALD A ED - MISS P I ALDER

2ND OPEN SC MALE RES DOG - LOTTO DELLA CASA BEDWIN - J CATHIE, K ZIMMERLE, H AUWEMA, H GREEN P, D & J MURRAY

OPEN SC FEMALE -BEST FEMALE-* CINDERHOF CERSEII AZ -Ms J Cathie & M Groth & Mrs G Donald

Breed Survey

The next breed survey is scheduled to be held on Sunday 4th August, commencing at 11am at the GSDL grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills.

Breed Survey Results:

Congratulations to the following dogs, breeders and their owners for successfully passing breed survey, June 22nd, 2024, in Sydney

- Sundaneka Miracle Manzana
- Khanique Xtraspecial Xitta
- Aimsway Damina
- Lawine Madame Butterfly
- Kaira Iwan
- Freevale Wowser Woo
- Gabmalu Liberte (LSC)

Congratulations to those dogs, breeders and owners for completing their ZAP character assessments

- Khanique Yves St Lauren
- Cinderhof Tyriion
- Ch Freevale Attitude in Pink

GSDCA Hip & Elbow Scheme goes Online From 1 July 2024

on JULY 1, 2024

GSDCA Hip & Elbow Scheme goes Online From 1 July 2024, the GSDCA will release a centralised online option to purchase x-ray contracts and a portal for upload of x-rays and documentation direct to the Radiologist of your choice. Both of these will be accessed via the GSDCA website.

[GSDCA Hip & Elbow Scheme Portal Link](#)

How will it work?

1. On the GSDCA website owner enters dog info, attaches pedigree and pays for contract with credit card
2. This contract payment generates an email to the respective state registrar that they have a contract application for checking and approval
3. The state registrar checks the data, the uploaded pedigree and 'approves' the application
4. This generates a pdf of the 'contract' that is emailed to the owner. Take this copy to the vet.
4. Dog and Owner make appointment and visit vet with paperwork. X-rays are taken.
5. At the vet (or at home) use the upload portal on the GSDCA website to enter details of the dog and contract info, attach the files (x-ray dicoms, contract and pedigree pdf), select the preferred radiologist and submit for scoring
6. This submission sends an email to the selected radiologist to view the files uploaded, score the x-rays, enter the results and approve result release
7. This approval generates a pdf of the provisional results (aka the pink copy) as scored. It is emailed automatically to the owner, the scoring radiologist and the HDED registrar for final verification, AZ certificate generation and upload to the GSDCA database
9. Paper contracts and manual payments will still be available via clubs (not preferred) but owners can then use the online x-ray portal to submit to the radiologist for scoring.

In Other Shepherd News:



Congratulations to Helen with Story - Rally Advance & Scentwork

Novice (her 7th & 8th titles!) Whimsy - Championship & Trick Starter Title



Congratulations to Bob & Deb Tatham at Clarence Dog Club Tracking Trial, where Coffee passed her TD1 with a very good grading. Phoenixx passed her TD2.

Coffee and Phoenixx both passed Novice scentwork interiors aswell. Thankyou to Grafton Dog Obedience Club for hosting the event.

Congratulations to Mel & Rachel Hornick on their latest Australian Champion *Gabmalu Helga AZ





Whimsy and Story owned by Helen Ratcliff, Chaanel and Vinnie owned by Rachel Tulloch - participating in the Working pack dog titles.

This was held in the Belangalo State Forest

over 2 days. Hosted by the the Alaskan Malamute Club of NSW.

What a massive achievement for Rachel Tulloch and Vinnie. He was

entered in 5 sporting classes The pair walked away with 5 Qualifications in the following sections.

-Scent Work Advanced - Exteriors and Interiors (Interiors NOT FOR COMPETITION), Trick Dog Novice - Test 1 & 2, Scent Work Novice - Containers and Interiors





Two of our members Jess Lynch and Jess Kada were also seen handling at the British Sieger Show.



Well Done to Jackie Vaughan and Maya for gaining those special 100pts to now be an Aust Champion

Was a successful day at Dogs on Show where 2 German Shepherds took home Class in Group awards.

- Karen Stevenson and Quixie winning Best Puppy in Group
- Chelsea Bird and Gisele winning Best Minor Puppy In Group



Congratulations to Brooke Mills, A Sims, Kurt & Grant Morton on Zara's Best In Show and Runner Up Best in Show recently over the June long Weekend in Canberra.

- Congratulations to Bob and Deb Tatham who also took out the Dual Performance Award at the recent Queensland Championship Show and Trail.



Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (Bloat) in Dogs

July 13, 2024 / [Nutrition](#) / By Dodds – Copied HEMOPET.org

Bloat is a life-threatening emergency that affects dogs in the prime of their life. The mortality rate for gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) approaches 50 percent. The keys to survival are early recognition and prompt treatment.

Anatomy of Bloat

Bloat occurs initially when the stomach suddenly distends with gas and fluid. Then the distended stomach rotates on its long axis, a result called volvulus. As the spleen is attached to the wall of the stomach, it rotates as well.

Not all cases of gastric dilatation become complicated by volvulus. The stomach can undergo torsion, and twist 180 degrees or less, whereas a full volvulus is a twist of 180-360 degrees or more.

The pylorus portion of the stomach is pulled out of position during volvulus, and becomes displaced to the left of the junction of the esophagus and stomach. This squeezes down the duodenum, which prevents fluid and air from escaping the stomach via the pylorus. At the same time, the esophageal-stomach junction is twisted and obstructed, preventing the dog from belching gas and vomiting. Thus, gas and fluid are trapped in the closed-off stomach, which becomes hugely distended as the food ferments. The stomach wall undergoes necrosis once the blood supply is compromised.

This sequence of events typically leads rapidly to acute dehydration, bacterial septicemia, circulatory shock, cardiac arrhythmias, gastric perforation, peritonitis and death.

Bloat usually occurs in middle-aged to older dogs, but can occur at any age. There is often a familial or breed association. Large-breed dogs with deep chests are anatomically predisposed, and include:

- Great Dane
- German Shepherd Dog

- Saint Bernard
- Labrador Retriever
- Irish Wolfhound
- Great Pyrenees
- Boxer
- Weimaraner
- Old English Sheepdog
- Irish Setter
- Collie
- Bloodhound
- Akita
- Borzoi
- Bullmastiff
- Chow Chow
- Curly Coated Retriever
- Scottish Deerhound
- German Longhaired Pointer
- Grand Bleu de Gastogne
- Mastiff
- Neopolitan Mastiff
- Newfoundland
- Bernese Mountain Dog
- Doberman Pinscher
- Gordon Setter
- Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
- Greyhound
- Rhodesian Ridgeback
- Standard Poodle

Chinese Shar-Pei and the Basset Hound have the highest incidence among mid-size dogs. Small dogs are rarely affected, with the exception of the Dachshund varieties, who are also deep-chested.

The clinical history of bloat cases often includes a sudden onset in a healthy, active dog. He may have just eaten a large meal, exercised vigorously before or after eating, or had a large amount of liquid immediately after eating.

Signs of Bloat

The classic signs of bloat are restlessness and pacing, salivation, retching, frequent attempts to vomit, and an enlarging abdomen. The dog may whine or groan when you press on his belly. Thumping on the abdomen produces a hollow sound, like a kettle drum.

Unfortunately, not all cases of bloat present with classical signs. In the early stage, the dog may not appear distended, although the abdomen usually feels slightly tight. The dog appears lethargic, is obviously uncomfortable, walks stiff-legged, and may hang his head. At this stage, one cannot distinguish dilatation from volvulus.

Late signs of impending shock are obvious, including pale gums and tongue, delayed capillary refill time, rapid heart rate, weak pulse, rapid and labored breathing, weakness, and collapse.

Treating Bloat

Whenever there is even a slight suspicion of bloat, take the dog immediately to a veterinary hospital. If it is too late for that, be brave and take a clean, sharp knife and insert it quickly into the bloated side of the dog to let the trapped gas escape from his distended stomach. This emergency procedure has saved lives – then immediately go to the closest veterinary hospital.

At the veterinary clinic, gastric dilatation without torsion or volvulus is relieved by passing a long rubber or plastic tube through the dog's mouth into the stomach. As the tube enters the dog's stomach, a rush of air and fluid from the tube will bring relief. The stomach is then washed out. The dog should not eat or drink for the next 36 hours, and will need to be supported with intravenous fluids. If symptoms do not return, the regular diet can be gradually restored.

In contrast to simple dilatation, abdominal x-rays reveal a normal gas pattern but an excess amount of it in the stomach. With volvulus, however, x-rays

have a “double bubble” gas pattern, with gas appearing in two sections separated by the twisted tissue.

In volvulus cases, emergency surgery is required as soon as the dog is stable enough for anesthesia. At surgery, the stomach and spleen are re-positioned, unless there is necrosis which requires removing the spleen and even a portion of the stomach.

Preventing Bloat

The risk of recurrence for dogs responding to nonsurgical treatment is 70%. For that reason, dog caregivers and breeders may elect to have the dog’s stomach tacked down to the rib cage to prevent volvulus (gastropexy). Other preventives measures are critical, and include:

- Divide the day’s ration into 3 equal meals, spaced well apart.
- Do not use a raised food bowl.
- Avoid dry dog food.
- If you cannot avoid dry dog, moisten it.
- Avoid food high in fat (listed in the first 4 ingredients on the label).
- Avoid foods that contain citric acid.
- Limit water intake.
- Restrict access to water for 1 hour before and after meals.
- Never let the dog drink a large amount of water all at once.
- Avoid strenuous exercise on a full stomach.

Research

Bloat is a prime example of the complicated interplay between genetics and environment. Environment not only refers to surroundings, but also to lifestyle and food. Indeed, a small retrospective study from 1996 found that 60% of dogs with bloat also had [inflammatory bowel disease](#) (IBD). While research is ongoing to discover if the two diseases originate from a common cause, whether one influences the other, or if they so happen to exist independently but work together; we still do not have a definitive answer.

One may argue that at least two genes were associated with both disorders in one study (Harkey *et al.*), but that study focused on Great Danes.

Another study (Piras *et al.*) highlighted that not all breeds are alike and the complexity of bloat. This study identified multiple cross-breed and breed-specific single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs – variation at a single position in a DNA sequence) associated with disease protection or pathogenicity of bloat specifically.

A similar Great Dane study (Hullar *et al.*) demonstrated that the microbiome in patients with bloat was impacted or associated with certain innate and adaptive immunity genes by co-examining gut bacteria abundance and diversity in feces between controls and dogs with bloat.

We do not disagree that these associations show that immune-related genes may play a role in predisposition to bloat by altering the gut microbiome. However, this second Great Dane study found no significant association between dietary intake and bloat simply by comparing the amount of protein, fat, carbohydrate, crude fiber, calories and age between the control group and dogs with bloat. They did not account for the type of food (raw, kibble, canned, etc.), or sources of protein, fiber, carbohydrates or fat. Conventional and traditional veterinary clinical experience over the years has shown that wet foods can help prevent episodes of bloat. In essence, they are looking at it from a nutrient-fed perspective yet dismissing nutrient source and absorption, and how genes could interact with those two factors.

Training:

Of course, training will proceed weather permitting each Tuesday and Thursday.

Members, please note:

As of April 1st, 2024, obedience and show training fees will be \$5.00 per member (Can train as many dogs as member likes on the night).

Any updates regarding training will be posted on our social media. Any enquires please reach out to the

branch
manager Terry
0407 271 418





GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE MEMBERS COMPETITION SATURDAY AM. 10TH AUGUST 2024

JUDGE: Mrs Fay Stokes (NSW)

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST 2024

**The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs
44 Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills (GSDL Grounds)**

Classes SC1a, LSC1a, SC2a, LSC2a, SC3a, LSC3a, SC4a, LSC4a, SC5a, LSC5a, SC11a, LSC11a,

Followed by males SC1, LSC1, SC2, LSC2, SC3, LSC3, SC4, LSC4, SC5, LSC5, SC11, LSC11

JUGING COMMENCE: 9 A.M

Initial Entry: \$35.00 first entry (includes Catalogue) \$30.00 subsequent entries.

Point Score: GSDL

Catalogues \$5.00

Online Entries at Show Manager www.showmanager.com.au

ONLINE ENTRIES TO



Show Manager

No refunds will be provided unless the grounds are closed.

Conformation: Excellent Medallions may be awarded to animals 2 years and over, entered in the Open Class and having been successfully breed surveyed – gun test may be carried out in Open Classes at judges' discretion

PRIZES: Trophies awarded to class winners. Best Dog and Best Bitch, Runner -up Best Dog and Best Bitch both Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat. Class ribbons awarded 1-10.

THERE WILL BE NO INTER SEX COMPETITION

Double Handling will be permitted.

Junior Handlers will be judged during the lunch break.

No refunds will be provided unless the grounds are closed.

FOOD AVAILABLE FROM 8am

DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE MEMBERS COMPETITION SATURDAY PM. 10TH AUGUST 2024
NOT BEFORE 3PM.**

JUDGE: DR ROBERT ZAMMIT (NSW)

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST 2024
The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs
44 Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills (GSD Grounds)

**Classes SC1a, LSC1a, SC2a, LSC2a, SC3a, LSC3a, SC4a, LSC4a, SC5a, LSC5a, SC11a, LSC11a,
followed by males SC1, LSC1, SC2, LSC2, SC3, LSC3, SC4, LSC4, SC5, LSC5, SC11, LSC11)**

JUGING COMMENCE: NOT BEFORE 3 PM.

Initial Entry; \$35.00 first entry (includes Catalogue) \$30.00 subsequent entries

Point Score: GSDL Catalogues \$5.00

Online Entries at Show Manager www.showmanager.com.au

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THERE WILL BE NO INTER SEX COMPETITION
Double Handling will be permitted.

FOOD AVAILABLE FROM 3pm till 7pm
DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
There will be a Raffle available.

Dates for Your Diary:

- **SATURDAY 20TH & SUNDAY 21ST JULY - NSW STATE BREED ASSESSEMENT - M GROTH (NSW), Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills**
- **SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST - BREED SURVEY,** Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
- **SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST - DOUBLE MEMBERS COMP - MR R ZAMMIT (NSW) & MRS F STOKES (NSW), Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills**
- **MONDAY 9TH SEPT - GENERAL MEETING**
- **SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER - CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - ROBERTO CAPUTI - Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills**
- **SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER - - BREED SURVEY,** Club Grounds, Bill Spilstead Canine Complex, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills
- **MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

• From The Editor

Congratulations to all our members for their recent success at the national in both confirmation and Trail. It was a fantastic weekend with great weather and many congratulations to the Adelaide Club for hosting the 50th national.

On the 13th & 14th July, the NBC and Judges committee meetings were held. The dates for the 2026 National in Sydney were approved and booked for 14-17th May. The full report from the NBC are now available on the GSDCA website, there is some really interesting discussions and some future change may be on the agenda so take the time to read over it.

I would like to personally congratulate Jess Kada, Kurt Morton and Glenn Gregory on being endorsed as breed surveyors at the recent NBC Meeting.

It has been a busy few months with personal matters, shows and the national, so I do apologise in the delay for getting this issue out.

Welcome to all new members since the last edition of The Shepherd News, I hope you enjoy this edition and if you have any articles or things you would like to see covered, please let me know.

If you have any news or updates please send through to me, so I can add in the next addition.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date with news and any important information.



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