

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG LEAGUE OF NSW INC.

(Affiliated with The German shepherd Dog Council of Australia)

INFORMATION SHEET



Introduction

This leaflet has been designed to welcome and introduce you to the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) and The German shepherd Dog League Incorporated of NSW (GSDL). The German Shepherd Dog has a great following worldwide and is a very versatile, all-round working and companion dog. The breed has a very large number of canine registrations, which reflects the popularity and usefulness.

As a working dog, they are used by the armed services and police for protection, herding, tracking, and rescue work and as a guide dog for the blind. However, the vast majorities are owned by Shepherd enthusiasts as beloved family pets. By producing this leaflet we hope to give you some understanding of the background of the breed's history and what the GSDL can offer you in regards to training and general care of your German Shepherd.

Origin and History

The German Shepherd Dog is a relatively recently developed breed with the breed formally fixing its characteristics in the 1890's by Captain von Stephanitz in Germany. Captain von Stephanitz developed the breed and established the breed club (the SV), the association that gave its support to the developing and perfecting of the breed as a great all-round working dog. With the passing years the development of its physical characteristics was accompanied by a significant diversification in the use of the GSD.

The GSD character, particularly its faithfulness, courage, power of attention and acuteness of senses have made the GSD capable of carrying out the most varied of tasks. Soundness of temperament is most important, as a good-looking dog with a poor temperament has little value compared to a dog physically less appealing but having a temperament enabling him to properly fulfil the tasks assigned to him. This is why the GSD is given tests to determine the stability of temperament. Trials in obedience and tracking help determine and maintain the intelligence and working purpose of the dog.

Aims and objectives

The GSDL Inc. of NSW and German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) has been established to promote the breeding, exhibition and overall improvement of the German Shepherd Dog. There are National schemes promoting these aims which include the Hip Dysplasia 'A' stamp scheme, Elbow Dysplasia 'Z' stamp scheme, Haemophilia schemes, which then tie up with the Breed Survey scheme.

Shows, Obedience

The German Shepherd Dog League Inc. holds breed/obedience shows and State Breed Assessment annually. Please look at Coming Events <https://gsdl.info/events> for the dates of our activities. These shows are held to promote the exhibition and judging of GSD's

GSDL of NSW Inc. General Meetings

General Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month of January, March, May, July and August whilst the AGM is held in November each year. If a scheduled meeting date falls on a public holiday that meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of the relevant month.

Microchipping

The microchip is a positive means of legal identification in the event of loss, theft etc. and can be used to find dogs throughout Australia.

The microchip is used as a positive identification mark for the hip and elbow dysplasia, haemophilia and the breed survey scheme.

The Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Scheme

The GSDCA Hip and Elbow Dysplasia schemes involve the X-Raying of breeding stock over the age of 12 months. It is required that the dog be anaesthetised at the time of x-ray, and microchip number noted on the x-ray plate. The plates are sent to Dr Roger Lavelle in Melbourne or Dr Richardson in Perth and are scored and graded.

'A' Stamp Scheme - Hips that have a sufficiently low score - a maximum of score 8 per hip (out of a possible 53), with no more than 3 points in any one area, receive an 'A' stamp. The results are all correlated so that statistics on the breed average and that of the major producing sires can be analysed in an effort to lower the breed hip average and to avoid poor hip producing lines.

'Z' stamp Scheme - Elbows are measured for any degree of arthritic change. Breeders avoid doubling up on the condition wherever possible.

Statistics are printed on both the hip and elbow results, encouraging breeders to use the lines that are producing the soundest progeny.



Breed Surveys

These events are held at Luddenham Rd, Orchard Hills, commencing at 11am. Dates are available on the GSDL website: www.gsdl.info and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/gsdlofnsw>

The Breed Survey Scheme

The Breed Survey Scheme has been set up to evaluate the soundness and quality of breeding stock throughout Australia. All dogs presented must be over 18 months of age, microchipped possess the 'A' and 'Z' Stamp and present a 5-generation pedigree at the time of survey. The dogs are all weighed; measured and examined for correctness of dentition, construction and soundness of nerves (this involves a gun test and crowd test).

Breed Surveyed animals are considered well above the breed average. A breed survey book was produced annually. Currently they are placed on the GSDCA website which contains the results of all breed surveys within Australia as well as the dogs which have received the 'A' & 'Z' Stamp for their hips and elbows.

The Main Branch of the GSDL Inc. of NSW

The GSDL currently has one branch with our clubhouse and grounds located within the Dogs NSW grounds at Orchard Hills and is primarily concerned with obedience and show training, as well as socialisation.

The following Contacts are able to assist you with any enquiries:

| <i>COMMITTEE</i> | <i>OFFICE BEARERS</i> | |
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| Vice President | Terry Jarvis | 0407 271 418 |
| Secretary | Fay Stokes 35 Annette Street Emu Plains 2750 | 0401 019 213 |
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| Youth Officer | Rebecca Aliverti | 0434 278 927 |
| Social Secretary | TBA | |

Website

The website (www.gsdl.info) contains the GSDL information regarding to meetings, shows, trials, critiques, puppy listings, branches, news etc. You can now also find us on Facebook.

Shepherd News

This electronic newsletter comes out several times a year, and as a member of this club you will receive this newsletter along with the National Council Quarterly Review.

The Quarterly National Review

The Quarterly National Review is the official magazine of the German Shepherd Dog National Council of Australia Inc. The magazine is issued four times a year and contains Council matters, upcoming shows, critiques from major shows, articles from various judges and exhibitors and breeder advertisements. Its purpose is to communicate with GSD enthusiasts, state club members, breeders and advertisers nationwide.

| <i>Microchip Officers</i> | | |
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| Terry Jarvis | Metro Areas | 02 4773 9364 0407 271 418 |
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| Dr. Robert Zammit | Vineyard | 02 9627 1257 |
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| Or contact your Local Veterinary Surgery | | |

| <i>ORCHARD HILLS TRAINING BRANCH</i> | | |
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| Orchard Hills Branch Manager | Terry Jarvis | 02 4773 9364 0407 271 418 |
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We cannot overemphasize the importance of properly socialising young dogs so that they will be well behaved and socially acceptable, particularly in public areas.

There currently are two training sessions per week. These training session details are announced in Shepherd News and also on the GSDL's website.

