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The GSD League of Great Britain

The GSDL was founded in 1919 and is the oldest GSD breed society in the United Kingdom. The primary objective of the GSDL is to protect and promote the German Shepherd Dog. As a member's society, the GSDL also facilitates the participation of GSD owners in many activities which this versatile breed can excel in.

The GSDL has been at the forefront of innovation – founding the BVA Hip scoring scheme in 1978, the National Dog Tattoo Register in 1986 and the British Regional Groups in 2010 – running the first UK shows to have mandatory health test requirements on all adult dogs.

The GSDL is a KC registered society and also a member of the World Union of GSD Clubs (WUSV).

The GSDL Council is responsible for the proper running of all GSDL activities and its members are elected by its members.

Whether your interest in the GSD is purely as a companion or you want to breed, show, train, or compete with your GSD, this is the club to actively participate in to gain the most out of your love of the German Shepherd Dog.

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GSD League Chairpersons Report January 2022

The year 2021 has been tremendously difficult in numerous ways with covid playing a major role in the postponement of activities, meetings along with the tragic loss of life of dear friends family and companions

The year of 2022 started off with the unbelievable sad news of the tragic death of Luciano Musolino 61, President (S.A.S) falling to the Covid virus after returning home from Judaing in South and Central America

This week at the time of writing, bring the sad news of another loss of life to the long time leader of the Head Office of the German SV in Augsburg, Herr Clements Lux, he will be sadly missed world wide

As I reported in my last Chairman's report in November, Covid and petrol shortages resulted in having to cancel two arranged council meetings, however please see the list below of all GSDL WUSV related meetings. I would also like to add that everyone on our council is working very well together in a very harmonious and enjoyable way, unfortunately we had some of our Council members resigning, however with the help of newly co-opted member Steve Horrocks and the hard working Alison Lawrence all duties have been fulfilled and working well

I am pleased to inform everyone that the GSDL have been receiving new members from both sides of the show / working fraternity on a weekly basis which is encouraging to see.

Our Council are well aware that we have to be more transparent along with openness and informative to our members, Steve Horrocks and Alison Lawrence are making great strides in this area and their endeavours will be made public shortly.

Being Chairman of the GSDL automatically enrols me as Chairman of our other groups, GSDL/WUSV.BRG, WUSV Working Group, British Sieger Show group. Below is list of attended meeting to date

GSDL/WUSV BGR meeting, 09.10.2021 WUSV Working Group meeting, 24.10. 2021 GSDL Council meeting, 11.12. 2021 GSDL/BRG meeting 16.01,2022 WUSV Working Group meeting 26.01.2022 British Sieger Show meeting 03.02.2022

GSDL Council meeting 09.02.2022

The major points and developments from the above meetings will be made available shortly, which I am sure that you will see and approve our efforts in making massive steps in the forwarding our breed and it related activities.

I sincerely hope that 2022 will be a far more enjoyable year for all dog sport activities, along with the lifting of the travel restrictions, hopefully better times lie ahead.

Finally, The KC "Crufts" dog show is nearly upon us, Crufts is overall the best All Breed Dog show in the World, I would like to wish all GSD exhibitors every success, it would be my wish that all GSD qualifiers for this great show promote and present their German Shepherds in the best possible way, by strictly adhering to to the KC rules of exhibiting of the GSD. No fast gaiting, no long leads and presenting or stacking in a natural way without exaggeration.

To demonstrate to the public the notable attributes of our beautiful breed, Good Luck to all and hope you have an enjoyable day. Please check our Websites, Facebook, for all future activities and Breed progress

Paul Bradley

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#### WDG Chair report January 2022

As we start the new year, it looks like covid will hopefully be far less of an issue than it has been for the last two years. Currently restrictions are being lifted and we hope to be able resume all our normal activities this year. We also hope that all international competitions will be able to go ahead.

Due to covid restriction last year it wasn't possible to hold our AGM until later in the year than usual, so it was decided to hold it together with the helper licensing event at the end of July. It was very well attended. The helper licensing was as always, one of the highlights of the yearly calendar. We would like to thank all the people who contributed to the success of the event.

The Joint Selection trial was held on the first weekend of October at Arley Moss equestrian centre. With 16 entries it was one of the largest Joint Selection trials we have seen. There were some very nice performances, and a good team was selected to go to the WUSV World Championships in Spain. The team performed superbly in Spain, with both very nice individual performances and also the best ever team placing of 8th overall. Individual placings were:

18th Joanne Bridge with Kieztamarx Daxamite at Brueckwasser

31st Ross Heron with Harcos vom Peroh

47th Lewis Hartley with Finchpark Athos

70th Edmond Kan with Yung vom Waldwinkel

NQ Jayne Wood with Helaka Asia

The reserve Chris Bows with Viper z Noveho Draka acted as vice team captain and John Monaghan took on the captaincy. Thank you both for your hard work. It is very pleasing to see that our performance internationally is improving with each generation of dogs, and we have some very nice young dogs at the moment with more coming up through the ranks.

We also had two participants in the Universal Sieger.

Linda Gammon with Helaka Annah & Shirley Hutchinson with Mascani Maddie

Unfortunately, both had problems with their outs and were disqualified. Thanks to Phil Sergent for taking on the Team Captaincy.

A lot of work has been done over the last 18 months to create a joint selection procedure for the FCI World Championships and for the first time this year a joint event will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April to select the Great Britain team for the FCI World championships in the Czech Republic on the 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The competition will be judged by the internationally renowned Lene Carlson from Denmark.

The annual membership renewal process is pretty much completed, and we are very happy to have a record membership of over 400 members across 39 clubs.

We look forward to seeing our members at the AGM on the 20th of February and at events around the country.

Henriette Bohnstedt GSDL-WDG Chairperson

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## DIARY DATES 2022

These events are subject to change due to pandemic restrictions.



#### WUSV - BRG Calendar of Events 2022

2022 Date :	Host	Event	Judges	Venue
2nd April	GSD League	Regional Show	Peter Knall	Thompson Equestrian Centre
1st May	Fife GSD Club	Regional Show	Males : Robert Lang Females : Mark Renaud	Vogrie Park, Midlothian
11th & 12th June	WUSV Working Party	British Seiger Event	Males : Wolfgang Hassgall Females : Marco Ossman	Nantwich FC Stadium
3rd July	British GSD Training Club	Regional Show	Heather MacDonald	St Helens RFC
16th July	Scottish Prog. GSD Group	Regional Show	Males : Torsten Kallenbach Females : Danielle Strazzeri	Vogrie Park, Midlothian
17th July	National LC Group	Regional Show	Males : Danielle Strazzeri Females : Torsten Kallenbach	Vogrie Park, Midlothian
24th July	North West GSD Group	Regional Show	Tbc	Winwick Leisure Centre
1st October	Midlands GSD Group	Korung / Character Ass.	Tbc	Tbc
2nd October	Midlands GSD Group	Regional Show	tbc	tbc

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## **WORKING DOGS**

**GSDL-WDG** 

#### Observation & Experience of a Character Assessment ZAP TEST

Requirements: SV ZAP Judge - Trial Secretary - Steward Maximum of 10 dogs per day per Judge

Having not seen a Character Assessment (ZAP) being done Next came the noise tests, the dog before I found it very interesting and thought provoking. This and handler were taken to a spot and is written from my experience of a Character Assessment held here asked to face the Judge while the in the UK. Obviously, each Judge will have their own way of doing chainsaw was started and was walked things but for anyone looking to participate in a ZAP test this may around the dog at a safe distance help you prepare yourself and your dog to get the best out of the being revved, the saw was then experience.

Before the Judge's arrival we set about setting up the field using the for the dog to investigate. Next came online videos to help us along with the printed criteria and help the chain again the handler was Alison Lawrence who had participated in test previously. This included a flat board required for measuring position facing the Judge whilst the the dog with a measuring stick, microchip scanner, a raised walkway chain was dropped onto with a ramp, a chainsaw with the blade removed for noise metal again the dog was then allowed to investigate. Next was the a basket with a stake to hold it in one place and a line for a tie out. On Arrival on the Saturday morning the Judge walked the apparatus that we had set up and asked us to change the walkway as he wanted it to be less stable than the one we had set up. He asked if which then left us plenty of room inside the clubhouse for the indoor part of the test.

The role of the steward is to guide the participant through each part of the Judge's test to allow the Judge to step back and observe the dog and handler team. The Judge was looking for the dog how the dog reacts and recovers from any reaction.

Before you start you will be asked to give your ball/toy to the test). Then the team moved up the field, the handler was asked to steward for use throughout the test.

The test lasts approximately 20 minutes per dog and consisted of: and answer the Judges questions

(for example: how old your dog is, how many dogs do you have, do they live in the house or a kennel & what are you planning to do with your dog ie: Showing or IGP etc)

#### Microchip Check, Measurement of the dog, Teeth Check

steward, when instructed the handler let the dog off the lead and continued to walk, the expectation is for the dog to walk with the handler in a free manner, the handler then called the dog to them, at this point the dog was passed to the steward to hold while the handler walked down the field and through a crowd/line of people, the handler then called the dog through the crowd, once The last exercise was for the handler and dog to make their way to the dog had returned to the handler they both walked through case this was the next dog and handler).

Lisa Hawkins & Korbach Brooke

switched off and placed on the floor a asked for the dog to be in a neutral



purposes, a heavy chain to be dropped on a piece of metal below it gunshot again the dog was asked to be in a neutral position facing from ceiling height, cones for the lead walking area, a wobble board the Judge while the gun was fired twice. It is ok if the dog shows a reaction to any of these noises as the Judge is looking at how the dog reacts and then how they recover.

Next came the walking on the tables, the handlers were asked to walk the dogs up the wooden walkway and then onto the plastic we could use the plastic collapsible tables from the club house tables which were wobbly and not as grippy as the wood, they were walked to the end where they turned and came back and off the ramp, the steward and the handler were alongside the dog should help and assistance be required.

Then came the wobble board the handlers were asked to get the dog onto the wobble board once on the board it was wobbled to and handler's relationship, the dog's reactions to the exercises and see the dogs reaction, the handler was also asked to play with the dog (with the toy given to the steward at the beginning of the play with the dog, then the steward played with the dog, the dog was then held by the steward to allow the handler to run away with Meet the Judge – greet the Judge introduce yourself and your dog the toy and place it under the basket, the handler then returned to the dog and sent it out to get the toy from under the basket and bring it back. The toy was passed back to the steward.

The dog and handler then went into the clubhouse with a large group of people, the handler was asked to let the dog off the lead and encourage the dog to move freely around the room, when instructed by the Judge the steward then dropped a Then the dog and handler walked up the field with the metal bowl on the floor. The handler then held the dog, whilst creating drive they were instructed to throw the toy under some chairs in the corner then they sent the dog to retrieve the toy. Next the handler was asked to hold the dog whilst the steward created drive and placed the toy in the corner behind the chairs again the dog was then asked to retrieve the toy.

the tie out and clip the dog onto the lead and then the handler the milling crowd with the dog off lead again in a free manner. The was instructed to leave the dog and walk to the designated spot out dog was then placed on the lead and headed for the coned area of sight. The dogs were left for a period of time and the Judge where the dog and handler walked past a strange dog (in our observed the dog, then the Judge walked fairly close past the dog to look to see if there was going to be any reaction.

The Judge then gave all teams a critique.

## GBR WUSV IGP TEAM 2021

Produced by John Monaghan (2021 WUSV Team Captain)



GBR-1

LEWIS HARTLEY /
FINCHPARK ATHOS

Sire

KORKY VOM BARBATUS

DAM

HOHENBURG BOA



GBR-2

JAYNE WOOD / HELAKA ASIA

Sire

FLASH VOM STEINTEICH

Dam

ARGONNE HELLA



GBR-3

ROSS HERON / HARCOS VON PEROH

Sire

HERCULES VOM GROSSEN EX

Dam

DASCHA VON PEROH



GBR-4

JOANNE BRIDGE /
KIEZTAMARX DAXAMITE AT BRUECKWASSER

Sire

BRUNO VOM FLUSENPARK

Dam

DAJANA VOM LAUSER STERN



GBR-5

EDMOND KAN / YUNA VOM WALDWINKEL

Sire

GAUNER VON DER ZWITSCHERLAUSE

Dam

SCHATZI VOM WALDWINKEL



Day 1 :

Photo By Brian Aghaiani capturing GBR 1 great bond between hander and dog during obedience.

- ▶ **GBR-1 LEWIS HARTLEY / FINCHPARK ATHOS -** Obedience started well for this team, with Athos initially showing great focus throughout the heelwork. Unfortunately, this young dog became distracted by the crowd, resulting in missing the return over the A-frame which proved costly. Finishing well, on an acceptable 77 points.
- ▶ GBR-2 JAYNE WOOD / HELAKA ASIA Asia's Track did go to plan, losing the track on the second corner there was no way to recovery from this error and the Judge had no option but to end the Track, only able to give 26 points.
- ▶ GBR-3 ROSS HERON / HARCOS VON PEROH Presenting a picture of speed, focus and control during the Obedience phase. A few minor point deductions and an extra command on the down in the send away, finishing this team with a respectable 85 points,
- ▶ GBR-5 EDMOND KAN / YUNA VOM WALDWINKE A calm and precise Obedience performance that gave tribute to their experience, secured this team a super SG 90 points, not an easy feat at this top-level event.
- ▶ GBR-4 JOANNE BRIDGE / KIEZTAMARX DAXAMITE AT BRUECKWASSER Despite being in the last group of the day and under the night sky and stadium lights this team showed intense heart & courage to justly earn an impressive 94 points.





Photo By Brian Aghaiani of GBR -4 Kieztamarx Daxamite at Brueckwasser Retrieve over the 6ft scaling, wall

- ▶ GBR-2 JAYNE WOOD / HELAKA ASIA A demonstration of good energy and harmony, this team were a joy to watch in Obedience. The special bond between them was apparent. With a few minor point deductions and an extra command on the down in the send away, this team walked away with a very respectable 86 points.
- ▶ GBR-4 JOANNE BRIDGE / KIEZTAMARX DAXAMITE AT BRUECKWASSER Performing a really good routine, full of drive and enthusiasm, the dog looked nice and free in the heel and very good retrieve's, a few small errors through the round and sometimes a little vocal, earning this team also a very respectable 86 points.
- ▶ GBR-1 LEWIS HARTLEY / FINCHPARK ATHOS This young dog combines his substantial size, power and dominance in the protection phase, giving both Helpers a hard time. Fighting a little too much in the lock-ups that he couldn't hear his handler and required a couple extra 'Out' commands but still finished with a very worthy 88 points.





Photo By Brian Aghaiani of Aaron Martínez Sacristán catch of GBR 5 Yuna vom Waldwinkel



Photo By Brian Aghaiani of Aaron Martínez Sacristán attack on GBR 3 Harcos Von Peroh

- ▶ **GBR-1 LEWIS HARTLEY** / **FINCHPARK ATHOS-** Tracking in the high wind and cold temps, Athos proved his drive to track. Looking very confident and with super precision, just a little slow going down in to the articles, finishing this team with a very solid 93 points.
- ▶ GBR-3 ROSS HERON / HARCOS VON PEROH With his speed and power, he makes for an exciting dog to watch throughout the Protection phase. Fast to the helper and effectively overpowering him in the escape, this team earned a super 90 points.
- ▶ **GBR-5 EDMOND KAN / YUNA VOM WALDWINKEL** A warrior at heart, no matter her age of 7yrs, Yuna went on to show the youngsters how it's done by demonstrating her maximum power, commitment and skill. A sensational performance earned a super 86 points in Protection.





Photo By Jan Redder of GBR-2 Helaka Asia teeth out during her bark and hold

- ▶ **GBR-2 JAYNE WOOD / HELAKA ASIA** Impressive power in this medium-sized female dog, demonstrating a perfect blend of skill and technique during the escape in the Protection phase. The more pressure, the more she met the challenge, earning an inspiring 86 points.
- ▶ GBR-3 ROSS HERON / HARCOS VON PEROH With a very strong wind blowing in their faces on the first leg, Harcos took up the Track from the flag. Through working hard and with determination, both came off the field in very difficult conditions with well-earned 91 points.
- ▶ GBR-5 EDMOND KAN / YUNA VOM WALDWINKEL this team entered the field and Yuna just didn't look up for it. Well, off they went down the first leg of the track with no real confidence, as time went on Yuna got less confident and started looking back for re-insurance. They finished the track with all 3 articles which earned them a pass with 71 points.
- ► GBR-4 JOANNE BRIDGE / KIEZTAMARX DAXAMITE AT BRUECKWASSER Following a great couple of days on the Obedience and Protection field, they went and finished their 3rd phase in style. In very high winds this team earned an outstanding Tracking score of 94 points.

## Final 2021 GBR IGP Team results:

- ▶ Full GBR IGP team Overall 8<sup>th</sup> Place
- ► JOANNE BRIDGE / KIEZTAMARX DAXAMITE AT BRUECKWASSER

18th place - 94-86-94 = 274

- ► GBR-3 ROSS HERON / HARCOS VON PEROH

  31st place 91-85-90 = 266
- GBR-1 LEWIS HARTLEY / FINCHPARK ATHOS

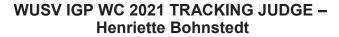
  47th place 93 -77-88 = 258
- ► GBR-5 EDMOND KAN / YUNA VOM WALDWINKEL

70th place - 71-90-86 = 247

► GBR-2 - JAYNE WOOD / HELAKA ASIA

INSF - 26-86-86 = 198





The GSDL Working Dog Group would like to congratulate our Chairman and judge, Henriette Bohnstedt(SV), who judged the tracking phase at the WUSV World IGP Championships in Lerma, Spain. Not only is Henriette the first British judge to officiate at a WUSV World Championship, we believe she is also the first woman to do so.

Henriette has been involved in dog sport since 1996. Since 2003 she had 3 different sports dogs, all of whom she trained from puppies to competing at World Championships.

Since 2007 she has been a member of the GSDL–WDG committee and she is currently the chairperson. As a member of the EC, she has been involved in the organisation and running of many qualification trials, national championships and helper licensing events. Henriette was also the protection manager for the Universal Sieger in Great Britain in 2019.

Henriette has been an SV Ausland approved judge since 2010 and as such she is a recognised SV IGP Judge.

In the UK, she has judged several WUSV selection trials, Qualifiers and National Championships. In 2014, Henriette was selected to judge the tracking phase at the Universal Sieger in Vranov nad Topl'ou, Slovakia. She was subsequently appointed to judge tracking at the Universal Sieger in Regau, Austria in 2017.

As a competitor Henriette has participated in more than 50 qualifiers, National Championships and World Championship. She has been National champion 3 times and All breeds National Champion 3 times.

Henriette has also competed in 11 World Championships with 3 different dogs:

WUSV 2006 Randers WUSV 2007 Bratislava FCI VM 2008 Wavre WUSV 2009 Krefeld WUSV 2010 Sevilla WUSV 2012 Steyr FCI IPO-FH VM 2013 Ebeltoft WUSV 2016 Meppen WUSV 2017 Tilburg WUSV 2018 Randers WUSV 2019 Modena



We are sure that the GSDL-WDG Members would like to congratulate Henriette on this fantastic achievement. We see it as a recognition of how the IGP sport in the UK has progressed in the last decade.

## WUSV IGP WC 2021 VICE CAPTAIN - Chris Bows

At the WUSV World championship IGP/Universal, Lerma, 2021.

The U.K. World Cup IGP team met up in Bergos, Northern Spain, after travelling out independently by various routes on Sunday 31/10/21; most of our Team stayed in this larger town throughout the event, which was about half an hours drive from the venue, the pretty provincial town of Lerma.

Team (IGP)representing the U.K. was as follows;

Team Captain John Monaghan; Reserve Captain Chris Bows

GBR1 Lewis Hartley with Finchpark Athos

GBR2 Jayne Wood with Helaka Asia

GBR3 Ross Heron with Harcos Von Peroh

GBR4 Joanne Bridge with Kieztamarx Daxamite at

Brueckwasser

GBR5 Edmond Kan with Yuna Vom Waldwinkel GBR6 (reserve) Chris Bows with Viper 7 Noveho Draka.

Team for the Universal was:

Team Captain Phil Sergent GBR1 Linda Gammon & Helaka Annan GBR2 Shirley Hutchinson & Mascani Maddie

First thing was to get through the signing in and vet check on Sunday, (no problems) then, over the next few days, we got down to tracking on the endless fields available in the area (the



tracking was on dirt) and doing a little training on one of the me was that we had brought some excellent protection dogs local grounds provided by the Organisers. It was also brilliant to this event. We were also starting to look good in both the to enjoy the building atmosphere and expectation, meeting old Team and individual standings when compared to recent friends from all over the World, particularly after being restricted by the Pandemic for so long.

afraid!

On Tuesday morning we had our 25 minute practice session on the main field; this is something that is very time limited, so we were pleased as it all went very well, and we finished with 5 minutes to spare; first hurdle over.

The draw took place that evening, and is the start of the sharp end of the event; nerves start to kick in big time for everyone. The competition started at 7 am the next day and would continue until Sunday morning; relentless for the Judges and Organisational support team.

Due I think to ground conditions it wasn't possible for What made my day was the very complementary comments in tracking was very strong winds prevailed throughout most of the event; as noted, it was freezing.

First up for the U.K. was Lewis in Obedience. From the outset early 90's! it was clear that this Judge was not going to give points away performed a nice clean round generally but, sadly, Athos was morning, and the final parade/award ceremony. return over the A frame, quite a costly error. He finished with

We then heard that Jayne had not managed to gualify in the U.K. Team has ever achieved. rest of the Team.

B at 16.40. Both did really nice rounds and did us all proud. Ross made 85 and Edmund a Very Good 90.

Jo had protection under the floodlights at 18.45; just before her round the power failed and the lights went out in the stadium; not good for the nerves! We needn't have worried Lewis finished with 93/77/88 and 47th place. Again, as with however, as Xam did a lovely, powerful and focused round with a few minor errors - 94 points.

Not a bad first day for the Team.

Thursday started early with Jayne and Obedience, a very nice, open round, earning a creditable 86 points; hopefully some commiseration for yesterday's track. Jo also did a nice round (with a super sendaway down) that earned her the same score.

round that was only marred by a couple of extra out get to see much of the Universal Team work. (We did do commands; 88 points.

Friday dawned with the prospect of Lewis out at the tracking and Ross and Edmund up for protection. We breathed a sigh points.

Both Ross and Edmund both did super protection rounds,



outcomes- very encouraging.

On Saturday we had Jayne up first in protection; she made a Spain in November at high altitude proved to be cold, super round also, further evidencing the quality of dogs we occasionally wet and always windy; no shorts in sight I'm have in this phase at this time. Ross and Edmund were out tracking; Ross made a Very Good 91, Edmund had some issues but nevertheless qualified with 72, however he felt his dog was not well, which subsequently proved to be the case, and she needed the attention of a vet (I can report she has now recovered well though).

Jo was the last up of the Team to complete the event, with tracking at 12.30. I was very relieved to be there and watch Xam complete a concentrated and intense track in conditions that had minutes previously blown away the tracking team's gazebo; brilliant; she scored 94 points.

spectators to attend the tracking, which was a shame, but offered about Jo and Xam's tracking performance by one of given the conditions entirely understandable. A constant factor the most successful and experienced individuals in our sport, (who was stood with me at the time); a gentleman who had facilitated the first IGP tracking seminar I attended back in the

All that was left was a relaxing meal and drink Saturday night, easily (his highest score during the event was 94). Lewis and then watching the last few competitors on Sunday

a little distracted by a child crying in the crowd and did not. We saw some superb performances at this event, and our own U.K. dogs were not out of place on this lofty stage. Our team finished 8th overall in the Team event, the best finish a

tracking, which was disappointing and a little worrying for the Individually, Jo finished with 94/86/94, which gave her an SG outcome and 18th place overall. It's worth mentioning that Ross and Edmond actually worked together in the Stadium in only four more points and she would have been in the top 10; fantastic result Jo well done!

> Ross made 91/85/90 and 31st overall. Another super performance, which bodes very well for the future with what is a very young, high quality male.

> both Jo and Ross, a young dog with a lot to look forward to in the future.

> Edmund made 71/90/86 and 70th overall. Solid until the track when sadly the dog was not at her best - Well done.

> Jayne made 26/86/86; sadly her track score resulted in an Insufficient outcome. This happens to all of us at some time however and the rest of Asia's competition work was very positive. There will be next year; again, Well done.

Lewis followed on later with a powerful and assured protection Given the time constraints and intensity of the event I didn't some training before and during the event though with Linda and Shirley).

Sadly, however, Linda's first phase was protection, where she of relief when we got word he had made a Very Good 93 was DSQ'd due to lack of control (and therefore unable to take further part in the competition). Shirley failed the track, made 75 in Obedience but was also DSQ'd as Maddy didn't scoring 90 and 86 respectively. What was becoming clear to out. It's a very good learning experience though and they will come back stronger I am sure.

> Thanks also to John and Phil, who a did a stirling job respectively as Team Captains.

> And thanks to all the hardy spectators from the U.K. who made the complex and difficult journey to support us unstintingly throughout the week.

> A great event for the U.K. IGP Team overall, with the best Team finish ever, and one of the highest individual placing we've seen from a U.K. dog for many years.

It's clear that we can now bring IGP dogs in the U.K. to a level where they can compete at the highest competitions, which is brilliant

Whilst I find this event more stressful when I am supporting (rather than competing) we all came away with memories that will last a lifetime.

Well done everybody; onwards and upwards!

#### 28 November 2021 ·

#### Mine & Xam's journey at the WUSV 2021



We were sat waiting for the draw for the WUSV IGP 2021 in Lerma, Spain and I wondered how on earth I'd got here? I've been around Schutzhund/ IPO/ IGP for many years and qualified a number of dogs from BH to IGP 3, but never thought I could get to this. All the way through the qualifying campaign I'd had going to the Worlds as an aspiration- now I sat nervously hoping I would not end up looking way out of my depth! Anyway, I pulled myself together and self consciously went up on the stage for the draw with the rest of the guys..... gulp! We drew number 108, Protection on Wednesday, Obedience Thursday and Tracking Saturday - in at the deep end then....

I had to wait around anxiously all day Wednesday until 18.45 to start protection. As I was waiting with the final group to compete, about 18.30, the lights in the stadium failed, we were plunged into darkness, all this just exacerbated my already frayed nerves, this only made matters worse. We were delayed for about 20 minutes, then I watched the 2 dogs before me struggle with the hides possibly due to the lights not being as bright as they should have been. I need not have worried though as Xam did a great hide search and then the best protection round he's ever done, making 94 points, the second highest of that day; I was ecstatic what a buzz! All of a sudden I realised I hadn't eaten anything since breakfast and was starving! I also enjoyed a beer that night. Xam was the last dog on the field that day, but I hoped the GB spectators both in Spain and watching on stream at home thought it was worth the wait.. I was on cloud 9. Both the short and long work helpers congratulated me on Xams performance and his full hard grips.

On Thursday I did my obedience round; Xam didn't embarrass me by whining in the down stay (as I'd feared) and did a nice vice free round. He presented as a happy dog enjoying his work, unlike me, a bag of nerves which I think I cost us a few points, but we still made a respectable 86 points. Despite the nerves I tried to focus all through the round, Judge Frank Phillips had made it very clear you weren't to start any part of the routine without him giving you the nod. There were some long pauses something you don't train for but I felt I was able to keep Xam stable throughout. Friday I had a day off, more time for practice tracks and supporting the rest of team GB.

Saturday morning I could hardly breathe as the clock ticked down. My final phase-It was freezing and the wind was howling more and more. As we arrived at the tracking meeting point gazebos were flying by (pursued by the Spanish tracking officials) - I wish I hadn't eaten breakfast. Chris was too nervous to film my track but neither of us needed to have worried. Xam worked the track in his usual calm, concentrated style and we finished with 94 thus giving us a total score of 274 "I'd actually qualified at the world championships" I could barely contain my delight and we not only qualified with at +270 score and Very Good grading we'd finished in 18th position overall. Team GB also finished 8th overall, the best we've done and a great result, it was brilliant to have been part of the team achieving this.

I could breathe again, I admittedly had quite a few celebratory beverages that evening and finally enjoyed a filling breakfast on the Sunday morning.

Treasured memories that I will never forget and something I am grateful and proud to have been part of. I spent many years at the WUSV World Championships as GB photographer, but to actually be the other side of the camera lens was a dream, but we DID it, believe in yourself and your dog, surround yourself with good people and train hard.. it's absolutely achievable to be there;

Xam is a young dog but I feel ticks all the boxes required in a German Shepherd competing in IGP, he has an outstanding gentle and kind nature, he's clear and open in his mind and has the courage of a lion. As a team I hope we can do all this again.. with if possible a few less nerves...



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## HEALTH UPDATE

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#### UPDATE FROM THE BREED HEALTH CO-ORDINATOR, 2022

I will just bring you up-to-date regarding the Gait and Movement Study, which was undertaken by the University of Surrey and completed in 2018. I'm afraid that neither Sheila Rankin, secretary of the GSD Breed Council, nor myself have received the result of the third and final part, which the Kennel Club thought was likely by Christmas 2020! As I have said in the last publication of the Sieger Supplement and GSD League and National Magazines, I will let you know as soon as it appears, as it is the most important part covering the health and welfare of the GSD.

The rules for the Assured Breeder Scheme for German Shepherd Dogs are changing at the end January, 2022. There has been much debate over the relevance of the eye test in GSDs and the Kennel Club are down-grading it from a requirement to a recommendation.

The swabs sent to the Animal Health Trust (now closed) for the Epilepsy study, have been safely transferred to the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the University of Cambridge. Please continue to contact me if you have an affected dog and I will get a swab kit sent to you, together with instructions, to return it directly to Cambridge.

We are lucky that there are several conditions being looked at by either The Royal Veterinary College or the Kennel Club Genetics Centre:

There is a new study being undertaken by The Royal Veterinary College for *Anal Furunculosis*, which started on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 and will run for two years. Many thanks to all those who have already been in touch. Please contact me for full details if you have an affected dog.

One of the most distressing conditions to lose a dog from is *Haemangiosarcoma* (tumours in the abdomen- usually the spleen, but can be on the heart, liver, lungs, etc.), because it is usually very sudden in onset and the prognosis is not good. If your veterinary surgeon diagnoses this, please let him take a sample before euthenasia, which can then be sent to the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the University of Cambridge. When enough samples have been collected, research can begin – subject to funding – to determine the mode of inheritance, as it is very common and the Royal Veterinary College have told me that it is believed to have a genetic basis in GSDs. Again, please contact me for full details.

Samples are also being collected from animals that have had *Bloat/Torsion*. Again, please contact me for a swab to be sent to you.

I include part of an e-mail from Bryan McLaughlin at the KC Genetics Centre:

Samples from dogs affected by any suspected inherited disease are welcomed where the underlying genetics has yet to be determined, even if there is no ongoing study. Basically these samples are essential before even considering a research project and key when putting forward funding applications.

So it is down to us in the breed to take the trouble to help the researchers to obtain samples for conditions which seem to be prevalent.

I can arrange for the appropriate form to be sent to you to accompany the sample, which you or your vet will send directly to Cambridge.

There is now another way for your vet to deal with a dog having a torsion: The G-Cath Technique. I have been asked by a member of the Royal Veterinary College to ask you all if your vet is aware of this. The details can be found here: G-Cath Techniques for German Shepherd Dog with Bloat \_Purina Pro Club.html

Please let me know let me know and I will forward the answers to RVC.

Following on from Steve Webb's contribution to my update in the latest GSD League magazine, there appears to be a worrying indifference to Dwarfism. It is a straight-forward recessive gene, for which we have a test. Dogs and bitches are being imported without checking for their PD status and so affected animals are still cropping-up here and as far away as Australia. There is no suggestion that dogs should only be used if they have a PD Clear test result. As long as the other animal is PD Clear, a PD Carrier will not produce dwarfs. It is alarming to know that some breeders are saying that their dogs were tested Clear before they came to the UK, but go on to produce puppies with Carrier status to tested Clear partners. It would seem to be sensible to ask to see the Certificate, before the mating takes place.

I am being asked frequently about breeders who test for DM – degenerative myelopathy – and obviously I do not know everyone who does. It may be worth thinking about if you don't do it already.

Thank you for your time helping the breed. Chris Hazell



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#### THE WUSV WORKING GROUP - GB

#### SV - HIP, ELBOW, BACK & DNA SCHEME

All GSD owners in the UK can submit Hip, Elbow and Back x-rays (OCD) and DNA samples to the German SV (German Shepherd Dog World Governing Body) for assessment and subsequent results to be recorded in their global database. These results have full international recognition.

With the WUSV (World Union of GSD clubs) Harmonisation Programme, we are getting increased interest and enquiries regarding the SV HD/ED/LUW/DNA Scheme in the UK. As the Registrar for this scheme, I have put some information together, which hopefully explains how it works and answers some of the questions people have.

This scheme is overseen in the UK by the WUSV Working Group - GB (this is made up of members of BAGSD & GSDL) and is administered on their behalf by myself as the Registrar.

#### FAQ.

#### Q. What is the SV Scheme?

The scheme is the SV/WUSV equivalent of the BVA/KC Hip and Elbow Scheme. It offers assessment of Hips, Elbows, LUW (lower back) OCD and DNA testing for identification and parentage authentication purposes.

#### Q. Is this scheme available in the UK?

Yes absolutely, there are a number of vets around the country now extremely competent in

submitting x-rays and DNA to the SV for assessment. However, **any** vet willing to submit them must contact the registrar well in advance for full information on how to register and to discuss the requirements. This is not a difficult process and is easily achieved by any competent vet who regularly submits to the BVA.

#### Q. What is the cost to do this in the UK?

The cost of taking the x-rays and bloods for the DNA sample are a matter for you and your selected vet. However, the SV fees which are paid from the WUSV Working Group – GB direct to the SV have remained the same since 2017 and are as follows:-

HD - £50 HD with LÜW together - £70

ED - £50 OCD - £30

LÜW separately (If HD already evaluated) – £28

DNA - £85

#### All x-rays must be submitted digitally.

#### Q. What is LÜW and OCD?

LÜW relates to Lumbar-Sacral Transitional Vertebrae. In absolute layman's terms it is not entirely dissimilar to what we know as Caudia Equine Syndrome. OCD is Osteochondrose – orthopaedic disease of the hip joint. These X-ray procedures are on a voluntary basis currently but may at some point in the future become mandatory.

#### Q. I want to go ahead and get my dog assessed under this scheme, what do I do next?

Please follow the below step by step guide and feel free to message or call for any advice or guidance at any time on any stage of this process. I am only too happy to help.

Please look out for further exciting news in the coming months from the WUSV WG – GB, regarding a new reduced cost SV 'National' Hip and Elbow Scheme which will allow everyone to meet the WUSV harmonisation requirements.

#### **STEP BY STEP GUIDE.**

- 1. Ensure you have a 5 generation Kennel Club\* pedigree for your German Shepherd Dog Ensure correct ownership on the pedigree (Must be official pedigree not homemade) \* Note that a KC pedigree is required for dogs born in the UK, for dogs born elsewhere the pedigree submitted must be from the registration authority of the country of birth.
- 2. You must be a member of either BAGSD or the GSDL.
- 3. Contact the registrar in plenty of time to order SV paperwork and to arrange to make payment to the WUSV Working Group GB. Paperwork will only be sent once payment has been confirmed.
- 4. Only once SV paperwork is received should you make appointment with suitable Vet. Please plan this well in advance.
- 5. If this is a new process to the vet, ensure they contact they registrar well in advance as it will take a little time to get them registered. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.**
- 6. Ensure you have all original paperwork for dog with you, as well as a photocopy of original official pedigree when you attend vet for x-rays.
- 7. Vet takes x-rays and complete all paperwork **VERY** carefully, ensure forms are signed and stamped by vet and signed by owner.
- 8. Ensure DNA sample with accompanying SV form and photocopy of pedigree are sent to Heidelberg same day. Do not send HD/ED paperwork with DNA. Ensure DNA is marked as such and not as blood. Since Brexit, you must now complete the customs declaration stating it is a DNA sample.







- 9. Ensure completed and signed SV Hips and Elbow forms, along with original pedigree are suitably packaged and sent immediately to the registrar (Heather Macdonald)
- Once forms are received, the registrar will ensure paperwork is correctly completed and stamp pedigree before submitting to SV for assessment.
- 11. Await results, which can take some weeks. We aim to have results within 4 weeks from submission of forms to SV but on occasion this can be longer.

Any questions or queries regarding results must be directed through the registrar; Heather MacDonald, conbhairean@btinternet.com or 07876 210243

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#### Informat ion for SV-Veterinarians

#### **LUMBAR-SACRAL TRANSITIONAL VERTEBRAE / LTV**

Transitional Vertebrae develop at the transition of the vertebral spine segments (e.g. lumbar spine / sacral bone). If this occurs the deformed vertebra shows characteristics of the front segment and of the past segment as well.

The lumbar spine of dogs normally consists of seven vertebrae (L). Three vertebrae (S), which are totally fused at an age of 18 month at latest are forming the sacral bone (Figure 1). Between L7 and S1 exists a normal disc and there is no contact between the transverse processes an no contact to the alia of the ilium (Figure 3). Lumbarsacral transitional vertebrae (LTV) develop in the region of L7 and S1. They are characterized by an abnormal form most frequently at the spinal and transvers processes. In an advanced stage the vertebral body can also be involved. A correlation between LTV and the prevalence of Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) is discussed. Proposed by the Swiss Dysplasia Commission for the screening on hip radiographs LTV are divided in four types.

The differentiation is based on two criteria:

- 1. Degree of the fusion of the spinal processes of the sacrum
- 2. Symmetric or asymmetric formation of the transverse processes and configuration of the contact area of transverse processes with the alia of the ilium.

Figure 3 demonstrates a normal lumbar-sacral conjunction (Type 0) on a pelvic radiograph. Type 1 shows a normal anatomical form of L7 and sacrum bone but with an separated spinal process of S 1 (Figure 4).

Type 2 includes all the different forms of LTV with more obvious abnormal anatomical findings if the development is symmetrically (Figure 5).

All asymmetrical forms of LTV are included in Type 3 (Figure 6). A very high risk for the dog to get a cauda equina syndrome (CES) is the development of an OCD (Osteochondrosis dissecans) at \$1 (Figure 2). In such cases the disc between L7 and \$1 is always damaged.

Actually the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. has decided to include the anatomical changes at the lumbar sacral conjunction, especially LTV and OCD in the screening, but on a voluntary base. To examine LTV the standard pelvis radiograph for CHD is adequate. Except for the identification of a dog on different radiographs also for this examination it is very important that the total pelvis including L7 is displayed on the image (Figure 3). All CHD radiographs, which don't meet this requirement, are not evaluable and have to be refused in any case.

If a dog owner wants to have an examination concerning OCD an additional radiograph has to be made. The image has to demonstrate the region from L 4/5 to the first coccygeal vertebra on a latero-lateral view. The lumbar sacral conjunction has to be in the central beam, no axial rotation of vertebral column and pelvis and the technical quality (detail, contrast) must allow a detailed analysis of the bone structure (Figure 1).

Dr. Bernd Tellhelm Latero-lateral radiograph of a normal lumbar-sacral conjunction. The bony structures are well defined, the vertebral canal is wide (large black arrows). The three sacral vertebrae (caudal large black arrows to small black arrows) are totally fused and also the spinal processes (white arrows).

Latero-lateral radiograph of the lumbar-sacral conjunction of a dog 12 month of age with an OCD of the first sacral vertebra. The ossification of the front part of the sacral bone is incomplete (large arrow), a separate piece of bone (small arrow) is situated within the vertebral canal.

Hip-radiograph including the lumbar-sacral region. It shows a normal lumbar-sacral conjunction (Type 0). The transverse processes of the last lumbar vertebra / L7 (1) are symmetric with a normal orientation (cranio-lateral). There is no contact with the alia of the ilium (2). Sacral bone and L7 are totally separated. The spinal processes of the sacral bone are fused (a, b, c). Hip-radiograph including the lumbar-sacral region. The spinal process (a) of the first sacral vertebra is separated. Symmetric LTV type 1 (1).

Hip-radiograph including the lumbar sacral region. Demonstrated is a symmetric LTV (1) developing a broad contact area with the alia of the ilium by its transverse processes (a / Type 2).

Hip-radiograph including the lumbar sacral region. Demonstrated is an obviously asymmetric developed LTV (Type 3). The left transverse process (1) of the vertebra has a broad contact area with the left alia of the ilium. The right transverse process (2) shows a normal configuration.



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#### THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON OUR RESCUES

From the German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund Written by Debbie Hill (Chairman)



When the government first declared a pandemic back in 2020, we unimpressed and asked if I actually wanted to rehome any mittee

and evaluated the developing situation. We expected that we would see a rush of dogs needing to be rehomed as the situation returned to normality. This would be compounded by the usual level of neglect and abuse that being increased by the increased level of ownership.

However, as much as we prepared, we weren't' ready for the reality £2,000 (and often more) per pup. of it.

It started as we started receiving an ever increasing number of enquiries from people suddenly wanting to adopt our dogs. As a resit was to someone known to us. I personally went from taking five calls a week (if I was lucky) from people wanting to adopt, to approximately twenty calls a day. In a sense this should have been a dream come true, but in reality these wellmeaning people were not ideal homes for our dogs.

One caller wanted to adopt a young female in our care. During the conversation, I asked what his working hours would be. He stated that he worked from home, so I followed up with whether he would be going back to work when lockdown was over. He repeated that he worked from home. Eventually I quite forcefully asked "when lock down is over, and you go back to work, how long will you be out of the house?" Ten hours per day was his response, but it would be OK because he'd convert the outside toilet to lock her in while at work!

Another call came from a young girl, who sounded in her young teens. She enquired about adopting a dog, and I replied that I had to speak to her parents. Within a few minutes a disgruntled gentleman called us and made it quite clear that I'd disturbed his work and that he'd given his daughter permission to adopt a dog. He then explained that a dog would keep his children occupied while he worked. I apologised, and explained that I couldn't let a minor adopt a dog.

Not to be put off, he then asked about a particular dog, one totally unsuitable for homing with children, so I informed him of that. After stating how ridiculous that was, and proceeded to ask that if a dog was going to bite, did it matter if it bit a child or adult? A bit taken aback by that, I replied that I was sure he'd see it homed because of their lack of socialisation. differently if his child were bitten.

Not to be put off he wanted to know more about the adoption process. Like many rescues we take great care to try and place dogs in suitable environments and with the right people - this is not only for the adopting family's safety, but for the dog's well-being as well. So I explained our process and the reasoning behind it, but he was

anticipated that it would influence the pet world as surely dogs! I tried to explain why; it's not enough to find a willing home, as already seen in the human one. People began working from but to also ensure that it is right for the individual dog's needs. home and a well-known celebrity tweeted that lockdown would be We'd toughened our criteria on adopting our dogs to help this. For the ideal time to adopt a dog. On the face of it, this sounds like a example: all adopters must complete a short online course. Not great idea, but it wasn't fully thought through. We arranged a com- only does this give the prospective adopter more knowledge on dog meeting ownership but also demonstrates their commitment.

> It continued like this for several months. Dogs became difficult to come by and so the cost of puppies skyrocketed. Some pet owners, and the already established rogue breeders saw a way to make a quick buck and mated their dogs with no health checks and no thought to where these dogs would go. All they wanted was the

One well known rescue I spoke to said they didn't have any dogs in as the demand had become so high. In comparison we still had all our dogs. After a few months the calls lessened from people cue charity, we decided not to rehome during the pandemic unless wanting to adopt, instead they were gradually replaced by people wanting to rehome their dogs. One example was some seven month-old puppies with issues because they hadn't been socialised during lockdown. In another notable example an owner arrived at the kennels with her 9 month-old male German Shepherd. As she took him out of her car, he flew at the kennel girl and grabbed her arm quite forcibly. The lady explained that this was why she couldn't keep him. After asking why he was like this, she blamed the lockdown, so she hadn't socialised him. That reason did come as a surprise because walking our dogs was one of the few reasons we could leave our homes. Unfortunately this poor dog doesn't really stand much chance of being rehomed because he isn't safe, so he will stay in our care for the rest of his life. Once people returned to their place of work demand for our services continued to increase. When asked the reason why they were relinquishing their dogs, the answer was often a change of circumstances, most notably going back to work.

Surely they knew they would have to go back at some time.

The situation continues to deteriorate. We now have over 80 dogs in our care, which proves quite a strain on our limited resources. We're a relatively small charity despite being one the first dedicated charities for this breed in the country. We receive no aid from official sources, and so are reliant on donations from generous members of the public. We also undertake to never euthanise a dog simply because it can't be rehomed. We believe that every dog despite any behavioural or health issue - deserves a chance at a decent life.

For us the saddest aspect is how many of these dogs can't be re-Most reputable breeders will take dogs they have bred back, or at least help but the back street breeders really are not interested. However, they are not all from back street breeders. Some reputable breeders bred more than they should because of the soaring demand, so are not able to take them back. This week alone, we have taken dogs in nearly every day and three today as I write this and I cannot see this easing any time soon.



## **COMPANION DOGS**

**GSDL** 

#### **Book Reviews**

By Allyson Tohme KCAI (WT) Advanced

Teach your dog to want to stay; the pot method of stay training by Anne Bussey.



This publication is long overdue. More qualifications/success in Obedience, Working Trials and IPO are probably lost on the stay exercises than all the others put together and so handlers obviously need HELP!

No matter the discipline in which you compete, there is nothing inside which will adversely impact on your competition training. The method is introduced in a logical, systematic manner including all the elements required to proof a reliable stay, duration, distraction, distance and difficulty.

Each instruction is accompanied by clear, helpful photographs which illustrate the point being made. My one criticism is that no specific mention is made of the pros and cons of the different positions that can be taken up in the down stay ie flat, on one hip, the sphinx. Having said that, this book is firmly focused on the task at hand and, as they say, it does what it says on the tin!

I can thoroughly recommend it to all those who would like to train their dogs to be reliable and stable in this exercise.

#### Beyond the Back Yard: Train Your Dog to Listen Anytime, Anywhere! By Denise Fenzi

This book is ideal for first time dog owners as a "second" book or for established owners who might wish to participate in activities beyond a daily walk as it is a useful reference tool to reinforce class lessons from an experienced instructor.

Denise opens with asking the reader if this is the right book for them.

1 Can their dog perform a variety of basic behaviours such as sit, come, stay, and walk nicely on a leash? As these are the skills needed if they want to make use of this publication.

<sup>2</sup> Can their dog perform those behaviours away from home, without a cookie in their hand, or under distraction? If the answer is "not so much" then this is exactly the right book for them.

Part One of the book focuses on ensuring the reader understands the ideas explored later in an accessible manner with minimal use of jargon. In this section how dogs learn, what motivates the reader's dog as well as what do they really know are discussed.

What I particularly like about this segment is that "generalisation" is not just introduced as a nebulous concept but explored in detail re duration, intensity, proximity, orientation, controlled/uncontrolled distractions which gives the reader the opportunity to reflect on what they may have hitherto not considered.

Part Two of the publication focuses on introducing distractions with a detailed lesson plan of ten as well as how to establish behaviours in any location, fade treats and replace them with life rewards.

The final section of the book concentrates on problem solving, reactivity and briefly mentions sports the reader may want to get involved in.

I like this book very much and it will be invaluable to so many with its clear programme of progression.

## Beyond the Basics: Unlock Your Dog's Behaviour By Denise Fenzi

This should be recommended reading for all novice dog owners as it is not just a "how to get your dog to (insert relevant behaviour)" but about understanding, behaviour and training. More importantly it is a book which explores what may be the potential fallout of poor choices; (particularly pertinent in the current world where anonymous "experts" give their recipes for success via internet forums, pages, and groups).



#### Allyson with her dogs,

Long Haired Weimaraner (Twiggy) FURSDON TWYLYTE TRAMONTANO AD BH FH1 FH2 CDex UDex WDex TDex and GSD (Arrow) G JAKE AT JOTUNHEIM AD SchH3 CDex UDex WDex (2 x TD Opens) Breed Survey: Class 1



This book would be a great back up to lessons when neither the owner nor instructor has time to explore some of the broader issues within class.

In the quest for solutions Denise warns against ignoring the emotions that may be driving behaviour as the problem may be exacerbated. (Note this book is not intended for severe behavioural issues where the relevant qualified, reputable professional is more appropriate).

The possibility of pain/illness being a factor in behaviour is not overlooked and the author reminds the reader how the temperamental traits of breeds may impact on the owner's life; something often overlooked when the purchase of a pet is made!

Applied training skills is discussed at some length along with how to design a training plan.

As always, Denise's pragmatism remains at the fore with her recommendation to prioritise training decisions according to the life and needs of the owner and to put time and effort into the skills that are important to them!

The second section of this publication focuses on case studies covering two very common problems; barking and recall.

With seven examples of each, different solutions are highlighted as although the symptoms were the same, the causes varied.

I like this part of the book because it prompts the reader to consider a variety of approaches to universal problems.

The last part focuses on Evaluation and why training programmes fail, usually because owners "misdiagnosed" the issue (eg the dog may be undiagnosed deaf in the case of recall problems) or have not executed training correctly (eg not provided something the dog values as a reinforcer).

I think this book bridges the gap between the "how do I get my dog to "and more serious academic tomes and could trigger the reader to undergo more in-depth study.

#### Jumping from A to Z Teach Your Dog to Soar By M Christine Zink DVM, PhD and Julie Daniels

Anyone who participates in any activity which involves jumping should read/own this book!

Whether it be Working Trials, Ring Sports, IGP, Agility, Flyball or Gundog Scurries, this publication has something to offer everyone.

Chris emphasises throughout that jumping should be fun for the dog; it is not all about qualifying/winning but the welfare of the dog, both in the short/ long term and thus its longevity in/out of sport.

Much of the content will not be news to those from a background of show jumping with horses although the author is at pains to identify the differences between the species.

As you would expect from a sports medicine consultant, canine structure is discussed firstly followed by the mechanics of jumping supported by numerous photographs and line drawings.

It is here that the potential effects of a sit v a stand before a jump are first introduced.

This is followed by "The Complete Jump Training Programme" divided into 3 levels of progression incorporating foundation, skills, and power exercises.

These cover ground poles, angles, height, accuracy, brakes, control, trajectories, speed, stride length etc all of which are investigated in detail.

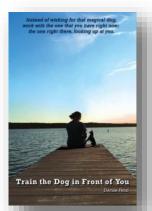
Puppies are not forgotten nor the necessity for conditioning the canine athlete.

Jumping for Obedience is of most import to those who work their dogs in Working Trials, IGP and scurries where the dog is required to return after a jump, often carrying an object. (NB the Working Trial Scale is not covered).

Agility and Flyball have their own chapters and the book ends with an in depth look at problem solving.

If more people took the trouble to thoroughly train their dog to jump properly success would be optimised.

#### Train the Dog in Front of You By Denise Fenzi



Many of us need to be reminded to train the dog in front of us, rather than the one we think/wish we had; or the one(s) we owned in the past!

Denise takes the opportunity to highlight the fact that dogs, like us, are constantly evolving and we need to adapt to their current needs, not those of yesterday!

When it comes down to it, flexibility is the key!

The author is at pains to state that although she has artificially divided traits into tidy little packages for the sake of structure, temperament and related behaviours are not; thus the reader needs to take care when perusing the text particularly when the aim is to understand their own pet.

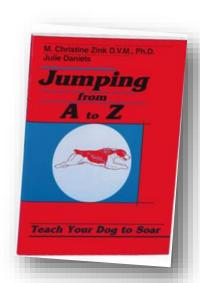
There is something for everyone within, whether you have secure, cautious, handler/environment focused, obsessive, flexible, high/low drive, high/low powered, biddable, handler sensitive/hard dogs.

The Chapter on Impulse Control and Self Control is, I believe, of import as many people confuse the two.

The Dog Handler Match is often dismissed in a couple of sentences in other books but here it is the subject of a whole chapter. It also explores what a dog wants in a human, whereas most people focus on what owners want from a dog!

If I wanted to sum up this book in a sentence it would be to quote the author:

"Take the time to recognise what is right with your dog"

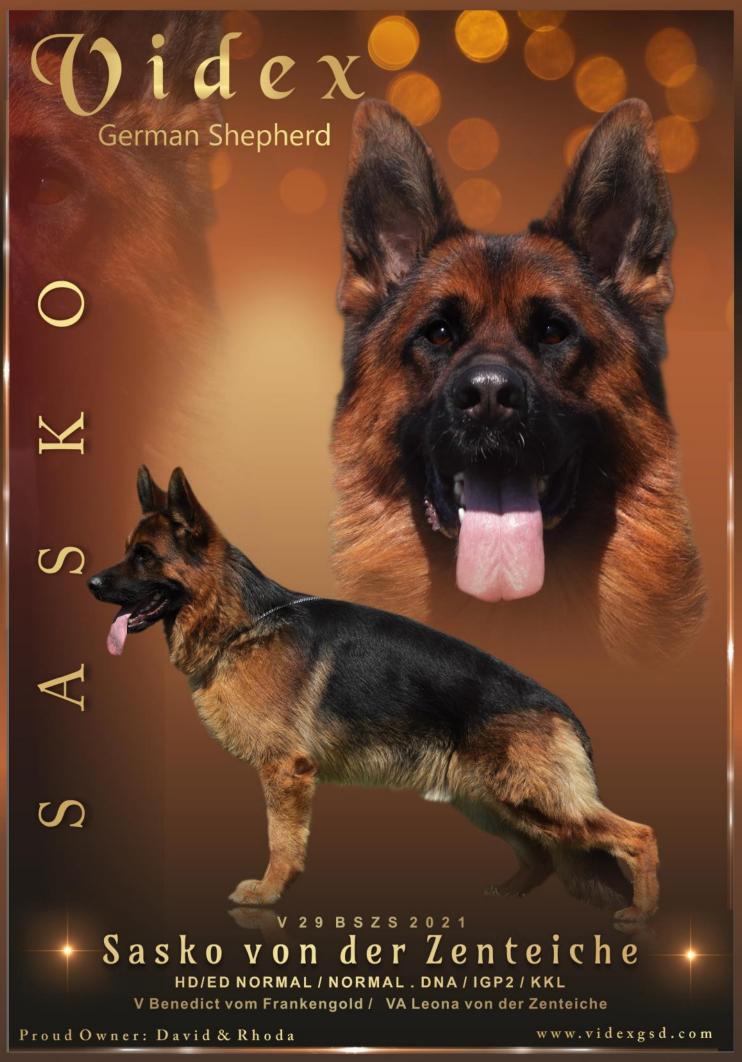




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## BRG Top Dogs 2021

This years Top Ten results are a little bit different in that they actually cover 3 years, since out first lockdown in March of 2019 up until the end of 2021.

Fingers crossed now that Covid is becoming a normal part of everyday life we can get back to what we love. **Showing our dogs!!!** 



#### SH Males : 1st Conbhairean Quizz

2nd Absella Monty
3rd Wakematts Morty
Joint 4th Kianu Latmon
Joint 4th Kelnik Exose
Joint 6th Jasko von der Zenteiche
Joint 6th Corjon Obbi
Joint 6th Falco von Farhantal



#### LSH Males 1st BRG GM Shaneva Alarik

2nd Paluka Valco 3rd Zandamor Dax Joint 4th Giantlands King for Zennpersolus Joint 4th Giantlands Fury of Fire Joint 6th Kuba vom Polarstern Joint 6th Hulk vd Templehoeve



#### SH Females : 1st Leonarda von Bad-Boll

Joint 2nd Hazroh Catja
Joint 2nd Samstag Bozita
Joint 2nd Paluka Paris
5th Ghanna von Trompetersprung
6th Wayohtal Bonair



## LSH Females 1st Cruaghaire Jaede

2nd Brineack Isha von Marinita 3rd Finchpark Clara 4th Girly von Roten Diago joint 5th Brineack Italia joint 5th Shaneva Cassy

We are also thrilled to be able to present Mr & Mrs Cuthberts **Cruaghaire Jaede** and Heather MacDonald & David Greers **Leonarda von Bad-Boll** with their BRG Gold Medal. Both bitches achieved 25 points and won in an adult class with 3 or more exhibits.

We also take great pleasure in awarding a Certificate of Excellence to **Giantlands King for Zennerplus** owned by Ms Dorothy Marshall for achieving 10 Excellent Gradings.

These are amazing achievements despite the challenging few years we have been dealing with.



#### Midland Region GSD Group

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#### 28 Class Regional Event Sunday 28th November, 2021 Judge John Lijffijt

#### Class One Minor Puppy Bitch - Standard Coat

#### 6, A & L Winfrow & Mc Cowliff, Sadira Rwonda

Sire: Xibor Chase Dam: Fairycross Shakira at Sadira Black and gold. Medium size, strong bitch. Nice head and good over and underline. Very good angles front and rear. Correct front. Coming and going correct. Good gaiting sequence, good reach and drive. **VP** 

#### 2, Shirley Hutchinson, Mascani Saskia

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Mascani Maddie Black and gold. Medium size, medium strength. High wither, good lay and length of croup. Good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Good away and back, good gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach with good drive from behind. **VP** 

#### 3, Shirley Hutchinson, Mascani Diva

Sire: Mascani Ikon Dam: Pinebrook Finesse Medium size, medium strength. High wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Good coming and going. Normal gaiting but could have more reach. **VP** 

#### 1, Shirley Hutchinson, Mascani Sasha

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Mascani Maddie Medium size, medium strength. Slightly elongated. Good angles in front. Very good angles rear. Normal withers. Stand correct in front. Coming and going correctly. Normal gaiting sequence. Could show little more reach. **VP** 

#### 5, P&K Prince & Ayling, Shernaa Ronnie

Sire: Jakub Vom Grafenbrunn Dam: Shernaa Jerry Lee Black and gold. Medium size, medium strength. High wither, normal lay and length of croup. Good angles front and rear. Stands slightly narrow in front. Coming OK, going slightly narrow. Good gaiting sequence but could be a little more roomier. P

#### Class One Minor Puppy Bitch - Long Coat

#### 8, E & T Miller & Green, Arrocheyn Wynter vom Greenveldt

Sire: Warrior vom Media Dam: Warrior Vom Media Tajna 8 months. Black and gold. Medium size and strength. High wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Correct in front. Coming correct, narrow away. Good gait. Sufficient reach, powerful drive. **VP** 

#### 9, Sunil Yaqoob, Mantra Dei Murolo

Sire: Lasso Vom Grafenbrunn Dam: Unique Dei Murolo Black and gold. Medium size, medium strength. High wither. Good length of croup, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Coming and going correct. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach, powerful drive. **VP** 

#### Class Two Minor Puppy Dog - Standard Coat

#### 11, E & T Miller & Green, Arrocheyn Warrior vom Greenveldt

Sire: Warrior vom Media Dam: Tajna Vom Media Medium size, medium strength. Very typey. Strong head. Good top and underline. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Coming correct, going slightly narrow in hocks. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach and powerful drive. **VP** 

#### 10, Maureen Lakin, Mascani Denni

Sire: Mascani Ikon Dam: Pinebrook Finesse Medium size, medium strength. Normal withers, good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing slightly east/west. Coming and going almost correctly. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach, sufficient drive. **VP** 

#### 14, Martin Wadlow, Videx Jak

Sire: Videx Giovanni Dam: Videx Raki Large, strong head. High wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing almost correct in front. Coming and going correct. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach and powerful drive. VP

#### 98. Maxine Cowan, Trimika's Oslo

9 months. Large and slightly elongated. High wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Going and coming slightly narrow. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach. Powerful drive. **VP** 

#### 12, P&K Prince & Ayling, Shernaa Rocket

Sire: Jakub Vom Grafenbrunn Dam: Shernaa Jerry Lee Medium size, medium strength. High wither, firm back. Croup normal length, a little flat. Fairly good angles front and rear. Correct in front. Coming correct, going slightly narrow. Good gaiting sequence. Could have more reach. Sufficient drive. **P** 

#### 13, Lisa Uppal, Mascani Randall

Sire: Margman Qwoll Dam: Ardenburg Odyssey at Mascani Black. Large. Normal wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Going correct. Coming, loose in elbows. Normal gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach, powerful drive. **P** 

#### Class Three Puppy Bitch Standard Coat

#### 15, Maureen Lakin, Etchica Luna at Mascani

Sire: Antilli Odin Dam: Etchica Darli Medium size, medium strength. Slightly elongated, high wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Away and back correct. Normal gaiting sequence. Irregular in movement. **VP** 

#### Class Three Puppy Bitch - Long Coat

#### 18, A Shaikh, Hausruma Auroura

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary, Dam: Giantlands Pretoria v Hausruma. Medium size and strength. Strong, feminine head. Good top and underline. Very good angles front and rear. Standing slightly east/west. Going correct. Coming, slightly loose in elbows. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach, powerful drive keeping good topline. **VP** 

#### 16, Mr & Mrs Cuthbert, Cruaghaire Wrizo

Sire: Hazroh Chris Dam: Cruaghaire Jaede Sable. Just over medium size. High wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Coming and going, slightly narrow. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient drive. Could have more reach. **VP** 

#### Class Four Puppy Dog - Standard Coat

#### 21, P&K Prince & Ayling, Shernaa Jakub Junior

Sire: Jakub Vom Grafenbrunn Dam: Belezra Xaffire
11 months. Medium size, medium strength. Strong
head. Normal wither. Normal lay and length of croup. Good
angles front. Very good angles rear. Standing slightly east/
west. Coming and going correct. Good gaiting
sequence. Far reaching, powerful stride. VP

#### 20, Natalia Onuoha, Toilers Asher

Sire: Kaios vom Streek Dam: Toilers Toni Black and gold. Large, slightly elongated. High wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Coming, slightly loose elbows. Going, slightly loose in hocks. Sufficient reach, powerful drive from behind. **VP** 

#### 19, M Dawkins, Bygoly Willis

Sire: Veneze Torro Dam: Bygoly Spitfire
10 months. Large dog with a lot of substance. Very strong
head. High wither, firm back. Good lay and length of
croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in
front. Going almost correct, loose in elbows coming. Gaiting

#### Class Four Puppy Dog - Long Coat

#### 22, Sharon Britnell, Blaven Vom Wanakon

Sire:Grizzly v Herzbramerwald Dam: Zinderella v Lamorak Sable. 9 months. Medium size, medium strength. Very well pigmented. Strong head, high wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Coming and going correct. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach, powerful drive. **VP** 

#### 24, D Jackson, Cruaghaire Warrock

Sire: Hazroh Chris Dam: Cruaghaire Jaede 10 months. Sable. Large, strong. Strong head. High wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Coming, almost correct, going narrow in hocks. Gaiting good sequence. Sufficient reach, powerful drive. VP

23, Stacy & Kris Grierson, Finleric Achilles

Sire: Hazroh Chris Dam: Ardenburg Pippi Sable. 11 months. Large, strong head. High wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Going correct. Coming, slightly loose in elbows. Good reach. Sufficient drive from behind. **VP** 

#### Class Five Junior Bitch - Standard Coat

#### 31, A & N Swift & Dodds, Monksley Gabbi

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Zuberg Hanaat Monksley, Medium size, medium strength. Very feminine head. High wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Away and back correct. Very good movement. Far reaching and powerful drive. **VG** 

26, Mark & Heather Azan & MacDonald, Conbhairean Xamira Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Ghanna v Trompetersprung 15 months. Medium size, medium strength. High wither. Firm back. Good lay and length of croup. Good angles front. Very good angles rear. Standing correct in front. Coming correct, slightly narrow in hocks going away. Good gaiting sequence. Powerful drive. Far reach. VG

#### 33, Eric & Tracy Wight, Carlsbro Xanti

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Carlsbro Nina 14 months. Large, strong. Normal wither. Good lay and length of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Coming and going correct. Movement a little erratic. Sufficient reach, good drive. **VG** 

29, JW & CL Robinson, Corjon Opel

Sire: Absela Monty Dam: Gayville's Vogueat Corjon Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Standing correct in front. Away and back correct. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach, powerful drive. **VG** 

**32,** Belinda Webb, **Billie Vom Huhnegrab** 

Sire: Ibor Vom Huhnegrab Dam: Efra Vom Huhnegrab Medium size and medium strength. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands slightly narrow in front. Coming, slightly loose elbows. Going, slightly narrow in hocks. Gaiting normal sequence. Falling on forehand. **VG** 

30, Wendy Stephens, Razi vom Sudenville

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Razi von Ostbergerland 13 months. Large, medium strong. High wither. Good length croup, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands slightly east/west. Away and back, slightly narrow. Good gaiting sequence. Falling slightly on forehand. **VG** 

28, Daniel Jones, Ruby De Naphil

Sire: Obama Du Montgison Dam: Mandy Du Domaine Des Sorbie Large, slightly elongated. High wither. Croup normal length, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good rear. Standing correct in front. Coming, almost correct. Going, slightly narrow in hocks. Gaiting with powerful drive. Sufficient reach. Falling slightly on the forehand. **VG** 

27, Anne Cave, Casiann Ate

Sire: Eli von Juvenisty Dam: Ballynabola Riaat Casiann

12 months. Large. Elongated. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands correct in front. Coming, slightly loose in elbows. Gaiting normal. Sufficient reach. Sufficient drive from behind. **VG** 

#### Class Five Junior Bitch - Long Coat

#### 37, Ali Raza, Dixie vom Billberg

Sire: Kingsley v Elbe-Saale-Winkel Dam: Shakira v Billberg Just over medium size, medium strength. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Coming, slightly narrow, going correct. Very good movement. Far reaching with powerful drive from behind. **VG** 

#### 35, Janice Bracher, Opium Adi

Sire: Tobi vom Bierstadter Hof Dam: Mavic Tola Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands correct in front. Away and back correct. Gaiting a little erratic and could have more reach. **VG** 

#### 36, AS & M Guy, Marinita Hallie

Sire: Brineack Irko von Rhiobhca Dam: Marinita Evanna 12 months. Medium size, medium strength. Slightly elongated, little flat in wither. Normal length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing almost correct in front. Coming correct, going slightly narrow in hocks. Good movement. Falling slightly on forehand. VG

#### Class Six Junior Dog - Standard Coat

#### 40, JW & CL Robinson, Corjon Obbi

Sire: Absela Monty Dam: Gayville's Vogueat Corjon 14 months. Large, slightly elongated. Strong head. High wither. Long croup, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Standing correct in front. Correct away and back. Easy trotting gait with good reach and sufficient drive. **VG** 

#### Class Six Junior Dog - Long Coat

#### **41**, Anne Cave, **Casiann Atlas**

Sire: Eli von Juvenisty Dam: Ballynabola Riaat Casiann 12 months, dark black and gold. Large, strong male, nice dark head. Normal wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good rear. Stands correct in front. Going slightly narrow. Coming correctly. Good gaiting sequence with far reach and powerful hind thrust. **VG** 

#### Class Nine Yearling Bitch - Standard Coat

#### 43, B Dutton, Evawell Dusti

Sire: Dieke Van'T Groot-Fenn Dam: Norma Du Val d'Anzin 18 months. Just over medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Coming OK, going slightly narrow. Very good trotting sequence with good forereach and powerful drive. **VG** 

#### 44, Sandra Etches, Etchica Kandi

Sire: Veneze Toro Dam: Etchica Esta Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands correct in front. Away and back OK. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach and powerful drive. **VG** 

45, Delwyn Evans, Bygoly Hunstanton

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Sagaro Italia Large. Elongated. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Standing slightly narrow in front. Going OK. Coming slightly loose in elbows. Good trotting sequence, slightly falling on forehand. **VG** 

#### Class Ten Yearling Dog - Standard Coat

#### 48, Terry & Lily Hannan, Dorsey of Jonimay

Sire: Dieke Van'T Groot-Fenn Dam: Norma Du Val d'Anzin 18 months. Large, medium strong. Slightly elongated. Normal wither. Good length of croup, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good rear. Standing correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence. Powerful drive from behind with sufficient reach.  ${\bf VG}$ 

47, Grant & Kiera Eden and Cudahy, Frandarma Thor Sire: Kazmer Haus am Silkenwood Dam: Sontia Lottie 20 months. Large, medium strength. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Standing slightly east/west. Going correct, coming slightly loose in elbows. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient drive and good reach. VG

**50,** C & S Stoddart & Michie, **Catello Legolas** 

Sire: Harcos von Peroh Dam: Catello Leah Sable. 20 months. Large, medium strong dog. Normal wither. Good lay of croup, could be a little longer. Good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Coming OK, going a little wide. Trotting erratic and could be more roomy. **VG** 

#### Class Ten Yearling Dog - Long Coat

51, Paula & Dorothy Ingham & Marshall, Paluka Valco

Sire: Kampus vom Drei Birkenzwinger Dam: Paluka Paris 21 months. Large, strong with very strong head. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Away correct, slightly loose in elbows coming. Good gaiting sequence. Far reaching with powerful drive. **VG** 

#### Class Eleven Adult Bitch - Standard Coat

53, Joan and Hazel Docherty, Hazroh Catja

Sire: Vitos Von Bad-boll Dam: Hazron Sassy 3 years. Large. Slightly elongated. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence. Far reaching, powerful drive. **VG** 

58, A & N Swift & Dodds, Monksley Fendi

Sire: Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam: Zuberg Hanaat Monksley 2.5 years. Medium size and strength. High wither. Croup a little short and steep. Very good angles front and rear. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach and powerful drive. **VG** 

**55,** C & K Hoult, **Samstag Bozita** 

Sire: Figo Von Der Werther-Muhle Dam: Samstag Wanda Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence. Far reaching, powerful drive. **VG** 

56, JW & CL Robinson, Corjon Lexi

Sire: Ben Vom Anrachtal Dam: Antilli Quella 2.5 years. Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good lay of croup, could be longer. Good angles front and very good angles rear. Coming correct, going slightly narrow in hocks. Good gaiting sequence. Good forereach with powerful drive behind. **VG** 

57, JW & CL Robinson, Gayville's Vogue

Sire: Gary Von Hühnegrab Dam: Paris Von Simpor 3.5 years. Just over medium size, slightly elongated. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Stands slightly turned out in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence with good reach and powerful drive. **VG** 

54. Sandra Etches, Etchica Darli

Sire: Zanto Von Der Liebeswarte Dam: Etchica Queska 6 years. Large. Medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Trotting erratic. **VG** 

**52**, RP & JB Burton, **Burtonharvan Rayeh** 

Sire: Hettel Di Casa Mary Dam: Burtonharvan Bevi 2 years. Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Slightly steep croup. Good angles front, very good rear. Stands correct in front. Going slightly narrow in hocks. Coming almost correct. Trotting erratic, falling on forehand. **VG** 

#### Class Eleven Adult Bitch - Long Coat Sponsored by Joan and Hazel Docherty – Hazroh GSDs

62, AS & M Guy, Brineack Isha von Marinita

Sire: Ian v Kleinan Zauberberg Dam: Ardenburg Rauba Mit Brineack 3.5 years. Just over medium size, medium strength. High

wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Away and back correct. Good gaiting sequence, keeping high wither. **VG** 

#### 64, E J Miller, Arrocheyn Kharma

Sire: Veneze Toto Dam: Arrocheyn Tennessee 3 years. Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Croup sufficiently long, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good rear. Stands slightly east/west. Going correct, coming slightly east/west. Good gaiting sequence. Sufficient reach, powerful drive. **VG** 

66, C & S Stoddart & Michie, Robasdan Brylee

Sire: Conbhairean Freddie Dam: Impranah Zante Just over medium size and strength. Good wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands east/west in front. Going narrow, coming loose elbows. Good gaiting sequence, good reach and drive. **VG** 

61, Joan and Hazel Docherty, Hazroh Dani

Sire: Hazroh Uri Dam: Hazroh Carla Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good front and rear angles. Stands correct in front. Going slightly narrow. Coming slightly loose in elbows. Good gaiting sequence, falling on the forehand. **VG** 

60, Sharon Britnell, Bridgeview Freya

Sire: Kuba Von Polarstern Dam: Carthak's Bertina Just over medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands almost correct in front. Narrow going away, slightly loose elbows coming. Good gaiting sequence with sufficient reach. **VG** 

**63**, Rebecca Landgren, **Que Sera Sera X-men Storm** 

Sire: FantomTeam Ulmental Dam: Que Sera Sera Slipnot Large, strong. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Going correct. Coming slightly loose in elbows. Good gaiting sequence. Good drive, flattens over wither. VG

65, S & P Smith, Shaneva Cassy

Sire: Antilli Odin Dam: Peterwell Reva Just over medium size, medium strength. Slightly elongated. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Away and back correct. Trotting erratic. **VG** 

#### Class Twelve Adult Dog - Standard Coat

**68,** E & T Miller & Green, **Felsental Elite** 

Sire: Hettel Di Casa Mary Dam: Conbhairean Erika v Felsental 2 years. Large, medium strong. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Stands correct in front. Very good angles front and rear. Going correct, coming slightly loose in elbows. Easy gaiting with good reach. **VG** 

70, Paul & Claire Williams & Starkey, Wakematts Monty
Sire: Jumbo Mater Domini Dam: Wakematts Jamaica
30 months. Medium size, medium strength. Harmonious built
dog. Good top and underline. Very good angles front and
rear. Stands correct in front. Going narrow in hocks, coming
almost correct. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach and
powerful drive. VG

69. B & J Owen, Kelnik Exose

Sire: Chilli Della Valcuvia Dam: Ursula Della Fiamme Nere 2.5 years. Large, elongated. High wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Good front angles, very good hind angles. Stands correct in front. Going correct. Slightly loose in elbows coming. Good gaiting sequence with powerful drive. **VG** 

#### Class Twelve Adult Dog - Long Coat

74. Lisa Towning, Zandamor Dax

Sire: Kik Crveni Mayestoso Dam: Zandamor Cora 3 years. Large, strong. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence. Far reaching, powerful drive. **VG** 

73, S & P Smith, Shaneva Alarik

Sire: Tramella Hanx Dam: Peterwell Reva. 4 years. Large, strong. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Very good gaiting

sequence. Far reaching and powerful drive. VG

72, J & L, Dean Perry, Penney, **Brineack Irko von Rhiobhca**Sire: lan v Kleinan Zauberberg Dam: Ardenburg Rauba Mit Brineack
2.5 years. Large, substantial male. Strong. Good head. High
wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles
front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and
back. Good gaiting sequence with sufficient reach and
powerful drive. VG

#### 71, DM Marshall, Giantlands King For Zennpersolus

Sire: Cezar Von Der Zenteiche Dam: Conbhairean Inka 5 years. Large, medium strong. High wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good Rear. Stands slightly east/west. Away correct. Coming criss/ cross. Good gaiting sequence. Powerful drive. **VG** 





#### Class Thirteen Working Bitch - Standard Coat

#### 81, C & H Rice & Docherty, Fee Von Bad-Boll

Sire: Kasper Von Tronje Dam: Prisca Von Bad-Boll

4 years. Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence with powerful drive keeping wither height. **EX** 

#### 85, Marco Van Der Peet, Uma vom Heralmaborg

Sire: Tell Von Ghattas Dam: Henna Vom Heralmaborg

2 years. Just over medium size, medium strength. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Going correct, coming almost correct. Good gaiting sequence. Far reaching and powerful drive. **EX** 

#### 84, Patricia Tagg, Anna Von Tharandter Wald

Sire: Kosta vom Haus Iris Dam: Aschenbroedel vom Team Venusmond

7 years. Black. Medium size, medium strength. Perfect condition for age. Normal wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Good angles front, very good angles rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence with sufficient reach and drive. **VG** 

#### 79, Paula Ingham, Paluka Thalia

Sire: Figo Von Der Werther-Muhle Dam: Paluka Paris

3 years. Large, medium strong. Normal wither. Good lay of croup, could be longer. Good angles front, very good rear. Standing slightly east/west. Going narrow, coming correct. Normal gaiting. Good drive, could be more roomy. **VG** 

#### 80, Matthew & Sian Pitt and Wells, Melania v der Reinerwiese

Sire: Pablo von Hammerslag Dam: Bianca Vom Nordenstolz

4.5 years. Medium size, medium strength. Normal wither. Good length and lay of croup. Short underchest. Upper arm should be better angled. Good angles rear. Stands correct in front. Going narrow. Coming almost correct. Normal gaiting, sufficient reach and drive. **VG** 



#### Class Thirteen Working Bitch - Long Coat

#### 87, K Conway, Brineack Italia vom Raubahaus

Sire: lan v Kleinan Zauberberg Dam: Ardenburg Rauba Mit Brineack

3 years. Medium size, medium strength. Good pigment. High wither. Croup good length, slightly steep. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Good gaiting sequence. Good reach and powerful drive. **EX** 

#### 🧱 88, K Conway, Girly vom Roten Diego

Sire: Ian Vom Kleinan Zauberberg Dam: Ypsi Von Athaba

3 years. Medium size and strength. Good top and underline. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Going slightly narrow in hocks. Correct coming. Good gaiting sequence. Good forereach and powerful drive. **EX** 



#### Class Fourteen Working dog - Standard Coat

#### 90. H & D Macdonald & Greer, Conbhairean Quizz

Sire: Djambo Vom Fichtenschlag Dam: Conbhairean Fanta

5 years. Large, strong dog. High wither. Firm back. Good length and lay of croup. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Going slightly narrow in hocks. Coming OK. Very good gaiting sequence. Good forereach and powerful drive. **EX** 

#### 93, Wendy Stephens, Ardenburg Ulk

Sire: Remo Vom Fichtenschlag Dam: Ardenburg Holly

4 years. Large, medium strong. High wither. Good length and lay of croup. Good underline. Very good angles front and rear. Stands correct in front. Correct away and back. Very good gaiting sequence. Good forereach and powerful drive. **EX** 



## ARDEN GRANGE

nutrition without compromise







#### Midland Region GSD Group Koerung 27th November 2021

Congratulations to all dogs which passed their koerungs under Koermeister John Lijffijt. (subject to SV confirmation)

<u>Lebenzeit</u>

Ardenburg Ulk Arg Conbhairean Quizz Ha Jasko von der Zenteiche Mc

Antilli Quella

Ghanna vom Trompetersprung

Helaka Asia

Argonne Hawk Hasko Zde-Sko Margman Qwoll

Argonne Italiana at Eiselman

Melania v.d. Reiherwiese

Helaka Annah

Koerung 22/23

Tyguard Axle Team Gamedog Amy Zandamor Depeche

Vislor Ebbe

Unfortunately, the weather was freezing cold and very windy but amazingly the marquee stayed up all day. Thanks to Mo Lakin and Zep for the use of their venue which was excellent. Thanks also to Val and Terry Ingram and Dave and Lisa for keeping every one supplied with food and drinks. Big thank you to the judge John Lijffijt (SV) for stepping in and Shirley Hutchinson for keeping everything running smoothly. Lastly, well done to all the dogs and handlers.



#### What is a Körung?

The Verein für Deutsche Shäferhunde (SV) e.V. [Club for GSDs Inc.] is the parent club for the breed, and has responsibility for it and its Standard, which is acknowledged by the German (VDH) and international (FCI) Kennel Clubs.

The Körordnung [breed survey regulations] of the SV serve the advancement of the controlled breeding of the German Shepherd Dog breed in both varieties: the "Stockhaar" [straight-haired, medium length topcoat] and the "Langstockhaar" [longer topcoat but likewise with undercoat]. These regulations include the overall breed survey. They are a permanent part of the SV rules, and obligatory for all members.

The purpose of the Körordnung is to select from the breed registry a number of dogs which in their character, performance, and anatomical construction appear to be suitable for the conservation and improvement of the breed.

The Breed Survey (Körung) Process is the supreme qualification process; that is, the method by which dogs are selected to carry on the breed.

Breed surveys select dogs that correspond to ideal picture of the breed in the following respects:

- a) in size, weight, and build according to the Standard with only minor anatomical limitations;
- b) in character; that is, self-assured and good-natured. And in the areas of drive, desire, self-confidence and ability to handle stress, earn the rating of "pronounced" or "present" (ausgeprägt or vorhanden);
- c) with withers height no more than 1 cm oversized or undersized;
- d) having flawless, complete dentures; double first premolars are permissible, as is the absence of up to two first premolars, or one first premolar plus an incisor, or one second premolar, or a slight pincer bite of the two middle incisors [two in upper jaw meeting the two in the lower that way].

#### Requirements for Participation at a Körung or Breed Surveys:

For the Dogs: -

- The Körung is appropriate only for German Shepherd Dogs registered in the breed book of the SV, and which have coats classified as "Stockhaar" or "Langstockhaar mit Unterwolle" (translation: "straight topcoat hair" or "long straight topcoat" -- both requiring wooly undercoat).
- In the year of the Körung they must be at least two years old; -
- Proof of at least 80 points in section C of an IP-1 Prüfung (trial performance) under an SV Leistungsrichter (performance judge), or earned in a herding trial under an SV HGH judge, or in an RH-2 [advanced Rettungshund search-and-rescue dog] test. All of these will include a courage and protection phase; -
- Proof of an AD examination under an SV judge;
- 'a'-stamp for hips, shown in the Ahnentafel [certified SV pedigree. Translator's note: an equivalent issued in another country where the dog resides is satisfactory];
- ED stamp for elbows also in the Ahnentafel (if born after 01.01.2004, was required, starting with the 2008 show season);
- DNA profiled and registered with the SV
- Proof of a minimum quality evaluation of "Good" under an SV judge.

#### Further conditions:

- Sick dogs may not be shown;
- The Körmeister must be informed of bitches in season; this determines when that dog will participate;
- The dog must be identifiable in regard to a legible tattoo, microchip reading, etc. (only microchip data for dogs born after a certain date a few years ago)

#### At the Survey (Ankörung) on the day:

- Temperament Test
- Gunsureness Test
- Protection/Courage Test (valid since 2012)
- Conduct: I. The Attack [Dog Protects Owner from Attack] II. Defense of an Attack (Ambush) with Lauerstellung (liberally translated as the attacker running at the team from a distance):
- Identity Control
- The Appraisal/Evaluation 1. The Release of the Bite/Grip II. Appraisal of Triebveranlung, Selbstsicherheit & Belastbarkeit (TSB) [Drive, Self-confidence & Ability to Handle Stress]
- Measurements and Weights
- Standing Exam and Movement Evaluation
- Reports, Confirmations



#### Current List of Overseas SV judges for IGP Sport.

Ahrenda Erik Söndersö	Dänemark	(0.7)	L (07)		
Arrends Erik Sonderso Arbeiter Horst	Osterreich	(07)	L (07)		
Bannerman Douglas	Großbritannien	(10)	L(10)		
Bastiaansen Marinus	Belgien	(90)	L (07)		
Beck Jacky	Frankreich	(75)	£ (07)	Z (10)	
Benevides Roque	Peru	(89)		Z (01)	
Bohnstedt Henriette	Großbritannien.	(10)	L (10)	21017	
Bradley Mike John	Neuseeland	(95)	2 (10)	Z (95)	
Carlson Lene	Dänemark	(06)	L (07)	2000	
Chaffin Ann Marie	USA	(09)	L (09)		
Denk Ernst	Österreich	(09)	L (17)		
Diesenreither Robert	Osterreich	(14)	L (15)		
Eitler Johannes	Österreich	(94)	L (94)		
Eriksson Anders	Schweden	(76)	L (12)		
Evensen Rolf	Norwegen	(81)	L(10)		
Faißt Alois	Österreich	(91)	L (15)		
Flügge Raino	Kanada	(76)	L (94)		B-W
Fritsche Thomas	Österreich	(16)		Z (16)	3.7250
Furtmüller Ferdinand	Osterreich	(06)	L (08)	2,110	
Georgiou Kyriacos	Zypern	(89)		Z (98)	
Geritzer Christiane	Österreich	(91)	L (96)		RH1+2+3
Glück Günter	Osterreich	(04)	L (14)		
Graf Hans	Schweiz	(90)	L (07)		
Groh Craig T.	USA	(09)	L (09)		
Gutierrez-Rebolledo Pedro Luis	Spanien	(09)	L (14)		
Håberli Hans Ulrich	Schweiz	(79)		Z (04)	
Hafner Wolfgang	Österreich	(16)	L (18)	STEEL ST	
Hengelman Hans	Niederlande	(87)	L (06)		
Hollenstein Felix	Schweiz	(90)		Z (07)	
Hop Anthonie	Niederlande	(99)	L (08)		
Hüppe Richard	Österreich	(11)	L (15)		
Jackson James	Großbritannien	(10)	L (10)		
Jonkers Toine	Niederlande	(06)	L (06)		
Karlsböck Renate	Osterreich	(11)	L (12)		
Kastelic-Sakoparnig Bruno	Österreich	(05)	L (08)		
Kraayenburg van Frikkie	Südafrika	(97)	3% ==	Z (10)	
Krug Hansjörg	Osterreich	(17)	L (18)		
Lalor Fintan	Irland	(08)	L (10)		
Larsen Peter	Dänemark	(07)	L (07)		
Lochbihler Hermann	Österreich	(76)	L (90)		
Lüthi Ernet	Schweiz	(02)		Z ((15)	
Mägerli Roland	Schweiz	(97)	L (07)		
Markschläger Robert	Osterreich	(81)	L (00)		
Masuda Haruo	Japan	(88)	L (10)		RHt
Mayerl Peter	Österreich	(92)	L (07)		
Mensing Frank G.	Canada	(72)	L (80)		
Mignolet Marcel	Belgien	(81)		Z (99)	
Molnar Zsolt	Ungam	(90)	L (11)		RH1
Navarro Reynoso Francisco P. Dr.	Mexiko	(89)		Z (10)	
Nope Wendell	USA	(09)	L (12)		
Ojala Karl Otto	Norwegen	(90)	L (10)		
Perti Edgar	Österreich	(69)	L (00)	Z (10)	
Pope Jr. Willie J.	USA	(09)	L (09)	2000/2000/01	
Prem Bernhard	Osterreich	(70)	L (98)		
Riegl Emst	Osterreich	(85)	L (09)		
Roque Nathaniel	USA	(09)	L (09)		
Rudin Rene	Schweiz	(75)	St. 50	Z (85)	
Schnabel Karl	Österreich	(10)	L (14)		
Sergo Bogdan	Slowenien	(88)	L (91)		
Steen Fredrik	Schweden	(97)	L (11)		
Strecher Manfred	Österreich	(05)	L (09)		
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### **BRG Gold Medalist & KC Champion**

(Subject to KC confirmation)

### Rushmere Evita

Making History in 2021 as the first Long coat GSD to become a UK Champion, recognised and recorded by the Kennel Club which had amended the GSD Breed Standard in 2015 to include long coats.

### CH Elmo vom Huhnegrab x Bea vom Grafenbrunn

Born 5 July 2016

**Owned by Sally Banks** 

**Bred by Keith & Linda Munkley** 

**Campaigned & handled by Stephen Cox** 

Evita's show career really took off in 2018 when Stephen Cox started training her and Team Evita was born with Stephen, Tim Archer and myself. Stephen was determined to have her reach her full potential, and set the target of making her the first Long coat GSD to be a KC champion.

Between mid 2018 and the end of 2019 her achievements were significant.

In the British Sieger and Regional shows the Long Coat Female classes were so exciting with Evita and females from the Cruaghaire and Robasdan kennels battling it out with great sportsmanship on all sides.

In parallel she was winning strong limit and open classes in KC shows where the quality competition was short coated GSDs.

### Achievements 2018:

- **Breed survey Class 1**  $\Rightarrow$
- $\Rightarrow$ British Sieger: Siegerin LSH Intermediate Female under Judge Harald Hohmann (SV)
- $\Rightarrow$ Multiple V1s at Regional shows
- Multiple 1st and high placements in Limit and Open classes at KC shows

### Achievements 2019:

- British Sieger: Siegerin LSH Adult Female under Judge Margit van Dorssen (SV)
- Attained her BRG Gold Medal and Certificate of Excellence
- Passed her BH
- Awarded her first CC at the Birmingham National Show under Judge Mr Jeff Luscott
- Awarded the Reserve CC at WKC Wales under Judge Mrs Susie Mullard
- Awarded the Reserve CC at Darlington under Judge Mr John Carter and Group 2 for Bitch RCCs under Mr Kevin  $\Rightarrow$ **Baldwin**

And then came Lockdown .....

### Achievements 2021:

- Awarded her 2<sup>nd</sup> CC and Best of Breed at Richmond show under Judge Eric Broadhurst
- Awarded her 3rd CC at Belfast under Judge Dr Ron  $\Rightarrow$ James

### And History was made!

Our thanks to all the Judges who thought so highly of her on this journey.













### Obituaries.

### Last Farewell -Luciano Musolino

Suddenly and unexpectedly, on New Year's Day 2022, one day before his 62nd birthday, our dear friend Luciano Musolino passed away as a result of the Corona pandemic.

Not only the aficionados of the German Shepherd, but also the entire dog world is shocked by the premature loss of a good friend and extraordinary person.

Long-standing friendship, appreciation and great affection connected us all with "Luciano". The world is losing a leading expert, profound connoisseur, and protagonist of the German Shepherd.

Our deepest condolences go to his family and especially to the Italian German Shepherd Friends, to whom he was, as a breeder and judge, a teacher and stabilizer. In those 13 years of his presidency of the Società Amatori Shepherd Dogs (SAS) he has led it to an extremely high level with worldwide recognition.

As he himself told me, even as a child he had nothing else in mind than German Shepherds. If I interpret his stories correctly, this was not seen uncritically in his parents' home. Consequently, Luciano joined the SAS at the age of 15. Already at a young age he must have mastered the small and the big basics of the German Shepherd from scratch.

In 1986 he finally became an SV member.

His kennel "della Valcuvia" exists since 1987. Here he achieved the VA rating of the SAS over 20 times with self-bred dogs. With his self-bred males Dux della Valcuvia and Marco della Valcuvia, he received the rating "Vorzüglich-Auslese" in Germany. In total, he achieved the rating "Vorzüglich-Auslese" in Germany with 13 other dogs in his possession. The circle closed last year when he became the winner of the SV-Bundessiegerzuchtschau in the working dog class male with his "Mondo di Casa Palomba".

These dogs and other dogs of the kennel "della Valcuvia" have made a lasting contribution to the global German Shepherd Dog breeding and he and his kennel name will live on here.

Not only the SAS and the Ente Nazionale della Cinofilia Italiana (ENCI) in his home country Italy are deeply indebted to the life's work of Luciano Musolino. Luciano's life's work was a "tribute" to the "German Shepherdship". He always worked in the sense of the WUSV. His competence has been recognized and challenged worldwide in the context of his judging and teaching activities. He directed and spread his knowledge and skills on all five continents of the world. This with the greatest success and acceptance. In an inimitable way, he was able to convey his extensive knowledge and connoisseurship of the German Shepherd impressively and brilliantly from the "general beginner" to the greatest expert.

The WUSV remembers Luciano with deep gratitude. Initially, Luciano was represented on the Central Committee, later served as Continental Director Europe since 2015. Here he selflessly contributed his knowledge and powers in the sense of our breed.

At this point we would like to remind you of his successful participation in joining the Chinese Shepherd Dog Association to our world union.

It is thanks to his tireless commitment and positive influence that the World Union for German Shepherds now enjoys the highest acceptance, popularity and recognition in the cynological world at international level. At this point I would very much like to emphasize Luciano's explicit and most helpful support in terms of the WUSV Breeding Program at a worldwide level. Due to his mediating and conciliatory nature, coupled with goal-oriented consistency, he was able to close seemingly and at first glance unbridgeable rifts.

We will all miss Luciano, as a friend, as a unique connoisseur of the German Shepherd, as a unique person. The grieving German Shepherd community worldwide thanks Luciano Musolino for his life's work.

We will remember him in honor.

### SV Patriarch – With Heart & Brain

Clemens Lux passed away on January 26th, this year. He was 75 years old.

For many decades he coined the management and reputation of the SV and of the SV headquarters.

He was born a child of the so-called "Coal Pot" and became a member to the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. in 1970. 31 litters were born in his kennel "von der Burschenpartie" before he retired from his breeding and dog sports activities to fully dedicate himself to his position as manging director of the SV headquarters.

The graduate business engineer took his first job at the SV at age 26 where he became the assistant to the management. In 1981 he was appointed managing director of the SV – an office which he held until his retirement in 2009.

During this period our association was extremely successful and the position of the German Shepherd Dog as the most popular breed could be strengthened and stabilized. For most of us he was simply "Clemens" or "Don Clemente" whenever he was mentioned. And it was at a very early stage that Clemens Lux recognized the necessity of a global integration of the associations for the German Shepherd Dog breed at worldwide level. This was reflected by Clemens Lux' incessant commitment toward our worldwide organization – the WUSV.

Two important milestones of this development were the foundation and admission of the Chinese Club for German Shepherd Dogs (CSV) and the integration of almost the entire South American Continent into the WUSV. And it was because of his commitment for the worldwide concerns of the German Shepherd Dog breed that he continued to selflessly be available in his position as senior consultant for the WUSV and the destinies of the German Shepherd Dog breed.

Until the very end he visited his office at the WUSV Secretariat General in Augsburg several times per week. Technical competence and his very nature, on the one had coined by fairness and on the other hand by assertiveness, earned him worldwide and highest respect. His negotiating skill was legendary. At any given moment did he know where he stood and where he wanted to be – without ever underestimating complex dependencies to which everybody in such a position is subjected. He was fully aware that at times two sidesteps were required to later move several steps forward.

His successful work over the decades was based on his ability for analysis as quick as lightning in combination with courageous and far-sighted decision making, insight into human nature and communicative competences. His work was coined by straightforwardness and persistence. He enriched all of us by his humorous and appealing way, with good arguments, pun, and empathy.

Clemens Lux was a gifted tactician and visionary who was able to anticipate developments to come, think outside the box, and early recognized what remained unseen for a long time to others. The world of the German Shepherd Dog breed and cynology lost a leading personality of the past decade.

Thus, not only the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. will mourn the death of Clemens Lux. Elegant, unconventional, wise and matter of fact – with Clemens Lux we lost so much more than we might be aware of today.

The German Shepherd World mourns his death – Our sincere sympathy and thoughts are with his family.





### Tribute to Lynn Camden (Linern GSDs)

Sadly, following much ill health, Lynn passed away last October. Although I have only known Lynn for a few years, I felt that she deserved recognition for her love of GSDs and her determination to do right for the breed.

I, like many others, have missed having Lynn around for her telephone chats. Lynn seemed to have answers for all kinds of things in connection with GSDs and she was a mine of information about GSD lines. She was so helpful to everyone, especially whelping and puppy rearing.

I know that in her earlier years she dabbled a little competing in obedience with her dogs, following which she bred for show. She has not shown for years but I do not know personally about those days as I only got to know her when she imported a Working Line Stud Dog. She always felt that the GSD should be bred for both Work and Show and did her utmost to provide stud dogs with lines which covered a high standard of work with top qualifications, plus all health tests, and the German Shepherd breed survey Korung, in Germany, which I understand is the evaluation of the breed for improvement, preservation and advancement of the breed.

Over the last probably 14 years, Lynn has imported a few stud dogs but she always made sure that any bitches used must have really good K.C. health tests, and temperament was always uppermost too. Puppies sired by her dogs have made their mark in Working Trials, Obedience and Agility. I think she would have liked more Show breeders to have used her stud dogs though.

Lynn was unique too in always wanting to know where the progeny was going as she showed such an interest in every litter growing up and how well they had achieved, either keeping in contact with the breeder or their new owners. She had great pride in putting photos of any pups on Facebook.

Lynn will always be known for her forth-right outspoken manner, which some may have disliked, but she always had her heart fixed on what she thought was right, especially for the breed. Lynn could go back on pedigrees and point out the good and bad on so many lines and people sort her advice for this brilliant knowledge. I found her a very caring person when you got to know her.

In line with Lynn's thoughts about breeding, I do go back to the 1950s/1960s in Working Trials and obedience and there were many GSDs working in those days sired by Breed Champions. I purchased a pup by Ch. Cherusker out of an Obedience Champion by Int. Ch. and Obed. Ch. Danki of Glenvoca. I also bred a litter by a breed champion. I was out of working dogs for nearly 30 years (70s, 80s until mid 90s), but I will probably make myself unpopular with a query - nowadays there are no working dogs sired by a Champion of today. This is why I admired Lynn because she imported dogs which could work and pass on their qualities to the lines in this country.

RIP Lynn – So many of your friends miss you.

Rosemary Turner

The UK has also lost a few other GSD friends during the year.

Ann Reynolds from Ryanheath GSD and Tim Gray of Sachse GSD.

Our thoughts are with all their families at this sad time.



## LINERN GERMAN SHEPHERDS

### IMPORTED WORKING STUD DOGS

Home of: Xato vom Sickinger Moorwerk • Yimmy von der Friesenklippe
 Marin Zur Krombach • Neck von den Wölfen • Sergio vom Salztalblick • Zasko von Santamar

## Sir Fernando Vlčí údolí

SG - ZM, SVV1, IGP.3



Reserve dog SK6 for 2019 WUSV Championships
SV hips and elbows 'A' stamp Normal. Breed survey 5Y5/55P
DM tested - clear. PD tested - clear. Haemophilia tested - clear.

Fernando has a fantastic working attitude. He has a very happy temperament and super character, very social with everyone in all situations and very good with other dogs. Very nice moving dog with good construction. Fernando has excellent bloodlines and well constructed dogs behind him. As well as for working dog breeders he is an ideal dog all round to combine with showing lines for those breeders who may want to introduce a working line into their future breeding program

More info can be found below or feel free to contact me anytime
https://www.working-dog.com/dogs-details/2936809/Sir-Fernando-Vlci-udoli
http://www.pedigreedatabase.com/german\_shepherd\_dog/dog.html?id=2372590-sirfernando-vlci-udoli

https://player.vimeo.com/video/197933797
All visiting females must be health tested

For more information contact: Zara Mehmet on 07802908155 zara@zaramantella.com

# Progeny of Fernando



### FALKENWALD CHINOOK.

(Fernando x Falkenwald Hildegarde).

Owned by Ann & Brian Glover. Training in IGP & Working trials.



### **OSTENHAUS XPRESS**

(Fernando x Ostenhaus Zana). Owned by Sue Atkin.

Training in Working Trials & Agility.



**OSTENHAUS XAVOS** 

(Fernando x Ostenhaus Zana).

Owned by Tina Rose.



**FALKENWALD CARBON** 

(Fernando x Falkenwald Hildegarde).

Owned by Chris Turner.

Training in Working Trials & Agility. Pctured at 6 months. Training in Obedience.

### The Arden Grange Sensitive Range – Enhanced with our Unique Superfood Blend



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### **Superfoods**

Superfoods do not have a formal scientific or legal definition, but they are increasingly gaining wider recognition as foods that are rich in certain compounds, such as antioxidants, that may have benefits to our health and those of our pets. The term is more than 100 years old, so the concept of healthful eating is perhaps not such a modern idea as you might think, although nutritional science has certainly developed since then! [Harvard, 2021].

The Arden Grange Superfood Blend comprises nine natural ingredients with health benefits - citrus extracts, dark-skinned fruits and berries, curcumin and black pepper. They all share powerful, natural antioxidant properties.

A diverse selection of ingredients make up the Arden Grange Superfood Blend because antioxidants are not interchangeable, and many differ in both their site of action and mechanism. Their unique chemical behaviours and biological properties mean that one substance cannot do all of the work alone. The body produces its own antioxidants, but many of those found in plants cannot be manufactured.

### Free radicals, oxidation, oxidative stress and the role of antioxidants

Food provides raw energy, but it needs to be converted to ATP (adenosine triphosphate) to provide energy that the body can use. This energy is generated through the movement of electrons which takes place in the cells via reactions called oxidation (loss of electrons) and reduction (gaining electrons).

Free radicals are by-products of this normal and necessary process, and they are also produced after exercise, exposure to stress, infection, pollutants, and the sun. Their purpose is to help fight infection and repair muscle tissue after physical activity, but if their numbers exceed those of antioxidants, oxidative stress occurs - this can damage the cells and DNA, leading on to disease and premature ageing.

Free radicals steal electrons from stable molecules, which then become free radicals themselves and continue the chain reaction. Antioxidants have lots of electrons and donate them to unstable molecules helping to restore the balance.

### Citrus extracts

The proprietary citrus extract supplement helps maintain a healthy microbiome and enhances immune response via its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. Citrus extracts are a rich source of a type of antioxidant called flavonoids including hesperidin and naringin. These benefits are well-researched [Oboh and Ademosun, 2011]. This ingredient is featured in multiple peer-reviewed publications regarding its efficacy in conjunction with several veterinary organisations, one of which shows that it is able to reduce the risk of kennel cough. Citrus extracts reduce the rate of infection, decrease virulence factors (disease evoking elements produced by bacteria including toxins and surface coatings that inhibit phagocytosis), stimulate mucus production (resulting in more goblet cells for better respiratory tract protection), increase local (natural/acquired) immunity, reduce pro-inflammatory cytokines (molecules that worsen inflammation) as well as decrease free radicals. Citrus extracts have protective effects on the gut and help increase short chain fatty acids (a major source of energy for the friendly bowel flora) as well as the diversity of friendly gut bacteria. They also have an inhibitory effect on certain food poisoning bugs specifically C jejuni, S enterica & C perfringens, can reduce the invasion of neospora (a common protozoal parasite) as well as the virulence, adhesion, and motility of E coli. Citrus extracts may be especially beneficial to dogs with leaky gut syndrome (a more porous bowel). Citrus extracts protect the body's cells by reducing the permeability of challenge cells (making them easier to attack and reduce the rate of replication) and form tight junctions (barriers between epithelial cells that help reduce the spread of infection) by means of increasing two special proteins called occludin & ZO-1.



### Curcumin and black pepper

Curcumin has long been employed for a wide range of human health conditions in Indian Ayurvedic and traditional Chinese medicine, and its use in animals is now more widely studied [Colitti et al., 2012]. It is a compound found in the turmeric spice, which has anti-inflammatory and antiseptic properties. It can also increase the number of antioxidants produced by the body to help protect against free radicals [Nelson et al., 2017] and stimulates the production of more bile in the liver which helps fat digestion. Curcumin's bioavailability is enhanced by black pepper (which helps it to stay in the body for longer) and its absorption is improved by the inclusion of a highly digestible fat source. Black pepper contains a substance called piperine, which inhibits the metabolic breakdown of turmeric compounds in the gut and liver, allowing them to remain in the body for longer so that they have more time to work. The synergy (combined greater effect) of piperine and curcumin has been well-documented over many years [Shoba et al., 1998]. Black pepper also contains limonene and beta-caryophyllene - natural substances that may also protect against inflammation, cellular damage & progression to disease status, and it has its own antioxidant properties.

### Dried dark-skinned fruits and berries

A variety of concentrated dried fruit extracts are included for their antioxidant properties [Kalt et al., 2019]. The Arden Grange recipes have always included cranberries (to support urinary tract health), but these are now accompanied by (in descending order of inclusion): elderberries, rosehips, blackcurrants, blackberries, blueberries and raspberries.

### **Elderberries**

Hippocrates (the forefather of modern medicine) referred to the elder tree as his "medicine chest" because of its many benefits. In people, elderberry supplementation has been shown to reduce the duration & symptoms of colds & flu. Elderberries contain the flavonols quercetin (which restricts histamine from being released from the cells), kaempferol (which is similar to & works well with quercetin) & isorhamnetin (particularly good for heart health) [Sidor and Gramza-Michałowska, 2015].



### Rosehips

Rosehips are a rich natural source of vitamin C, pectic acid (which can help inhibit gut inflammation) and a type of antioxidant called carotenoids (which may decrease the risk of certain cancers and degenerative eye conditions). In people there are promising ongoing studies that suggest in future rosehips could provide a viable alternative to NSAIDs [Mármol et al., 2017]. A rosehip supplement can contribute to skin and joint support because of its stabilising effects on cell membranes of stored erythrocyte cells and it is also a good source of vitamins A, E, K, B1, B2, B3 & B6.

### **Blackcurrants**

Blackcurrants contain a type of antioxidant called anthocyanins which have been documented in people to have antidiabetic, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and anti-obesity effects, as well as protect blood vessels and provide cardiovascular support [Cao, Park, Lee and Kim, 2021]. They are incredibly nutritious and also contain vitamin A, vitamin C (approx. 2mg/100g), B vitamins, vitamin E, fibre, potassium, phosphorus, calcium, magnesium, sodium, iron, zinc, manganese, copper, plus Omega-3 and 6 fatty acids. In herbal medicine, blackcurrants' natural antihistamine properties are used to help with dermatitis, conjunctivitis and respiratory conditions.

### **Blackberries**

Blackberries also contain a type of antioxidant called anthocyanins. Research in people has shown that berry fruits like blackberries may improve brain health and support oral health as well as improve blood sugar and insulin response [Solverson et al., 2018]. Blackberries are a good source of vitamin C, fibre, vitamin K & manganese.

### **Blueberries**

Blueberries contain more anthocyanins than any other fruit or berry, even acai berries. They grow prolifically in the UK, unlike Acai berries which only grow near the Equator. Blueberries have been extensively researched and several canine studies have been conducted. Researchers in Italy found that after 18 weeks, service dogs eating blueberries had a significant reduction of oxidative stress [Sechi et al., 2017]. Another study compared the antioxidant levels in sled dogs and found that those eating blueberries were much better protected against oxidative damage than the control group [Dunlap, Reynolds and Duffy, 2006].

### **Raspberries**

Raspberries contain more ellagic acid (a potent anti-inflammatory and antioxidant) than any other fruit or berry. Ellagic acid can help protect collagen and reduce inflammation in uv light exposed skin and it is particularly beneficial to gut health [Yang et al., 2020]]. Raspberries are also rich in other antioxidants including quercetin, gallic acid, anthocyanins, cyanidins, catechins, kaempferol, and salicylic acid.

### **Summary**

The Arden Grange Sensitive dry dog food range with the Superfood Blend inclusion consists of: -

- Sensitive Puppy/Junior Can be fed from weaning up until pups are at adult height, and may also be fed to adult dogs requiring more protein and fat (e.g. pregnant/ lactating bitches, working/sporting dogs).
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  activity level, and may also be fed to small/medium breeds preferring a larger kibble or
  those requiring more joint support.
- Sensitive Light/Senior For adult/senior dogs who are weight watching and/or require
  more joint support, and may also be fed to younger dogs who would benefit from a
  lower fat/higher fibre diet.





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**CRUAGHAIRE Qiwi** 

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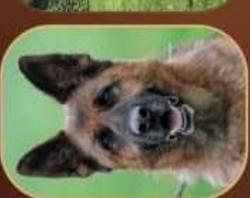
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3 RCC's, currently handled by Andrew Connelly. From her currently unbeaten Sadira Rwonda winning 4 Best Puppy Ch Wakematt Vega at Sadira gaining his title at Sheffield first litter, Fairycross Xsavanna has won several special Shakira at Sadira shown only 6 times winning 2 CC's 8 yearling classes, and in her second litter produced the Bitches in four shows and her litter sister Sadira Rem 2021 was an exciting year for our kennel, Fairycross winning Best Puppy Bitch at BAGSD Ch Show Ch show, winning 2 CC's and 3 RCCs in 2021

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Saturday 30th April 2022

SPECTACULAR

18 Class Breed Open Show

JUDGES

Males: Marc Renaud (France)

Females: Robert Lang SV Germany

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