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The GSDL of Great Britain

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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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Chairman's Report September 2022

Dear Members

I was very saddened to hear the sad news of the passing of Terry Hannan (President of The GSDL) I have known Terry since I first came into the breed some 45 years ago. Terry was the complete gentleman, helpful, extremely knowledgeable and with a genuine love for the German Shepherd breed, my thoughts go out to his wife Lily, daughter Tracey, two sons Stuart, Michael and close friend of the family, Rest in Peace Terry you will always be in our thoughts

This years AGM was held at the Hatton Village Hall Hatton Warwick, I am pleased to report that the meeting went extremely well. Several rules and amendments were passed by the members. Please see New rules and amendments to rules, awaiting KC's approval in the report from our secretary Carole Lister.

The members also ratified an amendment to a WUSV BRG rule, see below;

WUSV/GSDL-BRG Regional events must be held in compliance with WUSV/GSDL-BRG rules. As set out below:

1. The Event is open to German Shepherd Dogs only
2. All dogs must be registered on the pedigree breed register with the governing body in their country of birth. All dogs permanently imported to the UK must register with the Kennel Club within 12 months of their first BRG show entry. **All owners must be a current, fully paid up member of the GSD League of Great Britain or any other WUSV Member Club**

SV Character Assessment Compact Seminar

The WUSV Working Group GB hosted a SV Character Assessment Compact Seminar including the testing and qualification of our own SV assessors.

Held on the 22-24 July at the Winwick Leisure Centre Winwick Lancashire, under the SV examiners judges Herr Udo Wolters and Herr Jens Peter Flugge, I am please to report that all dogs passed the test and all the assessors passed and are now recognised as a SV "Character Assessment " judges.

Shirley Hutchinson must take the credit for organising this important event, that is so vital in our steps forward in adhering to the conditions laid down in the WUSV Harmonisation program, that comes into force in 2025.

Special mention must also go to the our secretary on the day Alison Lawrence, having the job of typing up all of the reports for every dog on each day.

The British Sieger Show

The 2022 British Sieger Event was held in Nantwich, Cheshire at the prestigious football stadium of Nantwich Town FC.

We had the great honour of high ranking SV judges Herr Marco Ossmann and Herr Wolfgang Hassgall officiating over the two days. Although not a record breaking entry the standard of the dogs presented were of very high quality, compliments to the Judges for creating a very pleasant atmosphere and very informative verbal critiques.

The venue was excellent, ample parking, along with excellent refreshments and catering facilities, lounge and bar and professionally staffed

The show started very early on the Saturday morning to allow for the commencement of the Test of Courage. Special thanks goes to the two TSB helpers Richard Harrison and Ian James both doing a top job

The rings were laid out and designed perfectly with an excellent surface both for the handlers and dogs, the grass was mowed to perfection by Richard the head grounds man for the football club.

Unfortunately no tents or chairs were allowed ring side due to the potential damage to the playing surface and the under surface watering systems

The ultimate grading of VA was awarded to the following dogs:-

One male achieved VA1 (Sieger) Conbhairen Vincenzo IGP2 German Korung SV A stamp Normal/ N Normal Hips and Elbows
Two Females VA1 (Siegerin) Vixi von Nurburgring IGP2 German Korung SV A stamp Normal/Normal Hips and Elbows
VA2 Naïke Di Casa Mary IGP2 German Korung SV A stamp Normal/Normal Hips and Elbows.

Congratulations to the Breeders and owners of the above dogs In being awarded the highest possible grading for a German Shepherd. A special mention of thanks goes to the hard working show Secretary and stewards both inside and outside of the rings, along with the helpers that worked so hard two days prior to the opening of the event.

Special thanks to all those helpers for the breaking down of the event, a great team effort by all.

Overall a very enjoyable event and was very well received by the exhibitors and especially from our overseas WUSV foreign guest.

Harmonisation Program Compliance (2025)

GSDL in relation to the WUSV Harmonisation Programme -

There has been much discussion with relation to the WUSV Harmonisation Program due to implemented in 2025, unfortunately with a lot of negativity.

To add some balance to the discussions it must be remembered that first and foremost we are a Breed Club.

We are also a long standing member club of the WUSV, something we are proud of and a relationship I'm sure our members would wish to continue.

As with all Clubs the WUSV have a clearly written constitution and in order to maintain membership, that Constitution clearly states that their rules should be adhered to.

Constitution of the WUSV: Section 12 Duties of the member associations

The member associations are obligated to:

1. comply with the constitutions, regulations and terms of execution in the version in operation and accept decisions and resolutions of the bodies of the WUSV.

Therefore it should be remembered we are obligated as a Club to follow decisions made by the member clubs and passed through a voting procedure. The option of simply refusing to follow directives of the club to which we belong and hoping to retain membership, (as some seem to deem possible) is simply unrealistic.

As regards the GSDL as a club, we have always maintained a good relationship with our parent body (WUSV) and although in the coming years some directives may seem more restrictive, more stringent, and ultimately more difficult to implement it should be remembered that much thought and debate has taken place in regard to these, and it has been decided by the members that such new regulations in order to comply with the Harmonisation Program are in the best interests of the Breed. It may be that they are not in the best interests of some of our members, it may well be it makes things more difficult achieve the requirements for inclusion in certain Classes at events. However these decisions have been implemented with one thought process, that being to ensure the Health, Welfare and Quality of the GSD moving forward. In current times there are unprecedented attacks on pedigree dogs, as regards inbreeding and inherent health issues. The fact the WUSV have attempted to address this in order that dogs within our registry can be viewed as superior, this can only be of benefit in the long term. Admittedly there are certain facets of the Harmonisation Program which will undoubtedly be difficult not only for us but many other member Countries throughout the World to implement, and these will be reported back to the WUSV for discussion in order to forge a way forward. Whilst always keeping in mind the ultimate aim to not only preserve the Breed but improve on what we have particularly in relation to the "**Sound in Mind and Body**" ethos.

To sum up, yes the bar has been raised, yes it will become more difficult to comply, but if we genuinely have the **welfare** of the GSD as a breed at heart then we must be seen to try and follow the lead of those wishing for improvements, and more detailed testing and stricter registries. Whilst I can see difficulties moving forward, perhaps even, in the short term a reduction in numbers at some events, in the long term the ideals of the organisation are undeniably with one view in mind, to attempt to improve the Health and Character of the Breed in the coming in the coming years.

I personally feel this has to be the single most important factor, albeit that in order to reach the high standards required it may mean more testing such as **ZAP tests etc.** Ultimately, with such a system in place the GSD can regain its rightful place as the dog which can be all things to everyone. End

Finally on behalf of the GSDL I would like to wish a massive "Good luck" to all our Breed/ Working dogs participant competing abroad at the German Sieger Show (Nuremberg) FCI (Czech Rep) and the WUSV Worlds (Denmark)



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WDG Chair report September 2022



As I write this, the first ever jointly selected Team GB has just finished competing in the FCI World Championships in Roudnice nad Labem, Czech Republic on the 8th-11th of September 2022.

6 teams had met the requirements of qualifying at the joint event and having also scored a minimum of 80-80-80 and total 250 since January 1st of the previous year. 3 of the qualified teams have since chosen to go to their respective breed world championships so Team GB for the FCI World Championships was:

- Aiden Jackson with Hartshill Achilles
- Jayne Wood with Helaka Asia
- Chris Wilson with Caretino Czech Legendary

Unfortunately, Aiden's dog was injured and unable to compete.

Jayne & Asia showed very nice performances in all 3 phases and finished in a very respectable 32nd place with 90-91-87 = 268 beating the previous best position (51st) at a FCI World Championships which have been held by her husband Alan Wood for the last 15 years.

Chris Wilson with the youngest dog in the competition put in nice performances in the stadium but unfortunately didn't qualify on the track.

The annual helper licensing event was as always very well attended. It was particularly nice to see a lot of new potential A grade helpers and we now have a nice large pool of 8 A grades. The standard of the helper work throughout the event was super. Thank you to Charlotte Wildman for the large task of organizing the weekend and to our helper trainers, judges, and all the members who attended with their dogs without whom it wouldn't be possible to hold the event.

The joint selection trial for the WUSV World Championships was held on the 9th & 10th of July at Thornhurst Manor, Doncaster. The event was judged by the highly respected SV Judge Volker Behrens. 13 teams competed for the 5 team places for the WUSV World Championships in Denmark from 28th September to 2nd of October. I'm pleased to report that all 5 team places and the reserve place were earned by GSDL members. The team for the WUSV World Championship in Randers, Denmark is:

- Ross Heron with Harcos von Peroh
- Lewis Hartley with Finchpark Athos
- Alan Wood with Vrochas Cami at Shangay
- Joanne Bridge with Kieztamarx Daxamite at Brueckwasser
- Jayne Wood with Helaka Asia
- Reserve, Phil Sergent with Helaka Annah

We wish them the best of luck in Denmark.

Potential competitors for next year should note that we have been informed by the WUSV that it will be a requirement from next year for competitors at the WUSV World Championships to have a show grade of at least good.

The Nationals will be held on the 22nd & 23rd of October at Ayrshire Athletics Arena, Scotland. The event will be hosted by Saltire Schutzhund group which has held many well organised events for the organization in the past. Johannes Eitler (SV) will be judging and Mark Rigby will do the short work and Jamie Bows the long work.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our latest GSDL-WDG Judge Julie West on completing her apprenticeships and her final exam. I wish her a clear eye and many good years as a working judge, I am sure she will be a valuable addition to our pool of judges.



Henriette Bohnstedt
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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
8th October	British GSD Training Club	Regional Show	Heather MacDonald	Ellistown.FC Club, Coalville
8th October	Midlands GSD Group	Korung / Charqcter Ass.	Jochen Prall	Ellistown.FC Club, Coalville
9th October	Midlands GSD Group	Regional Show	Jochen Prall	Ellistown.FC Club, Coalville

For more information visit www.gsd-brg.co.uk

Schedules can also be found on www.jaquetta.com

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**GSDL-WDG
ALL BREED
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**22nd & 23rd
of October 2022**

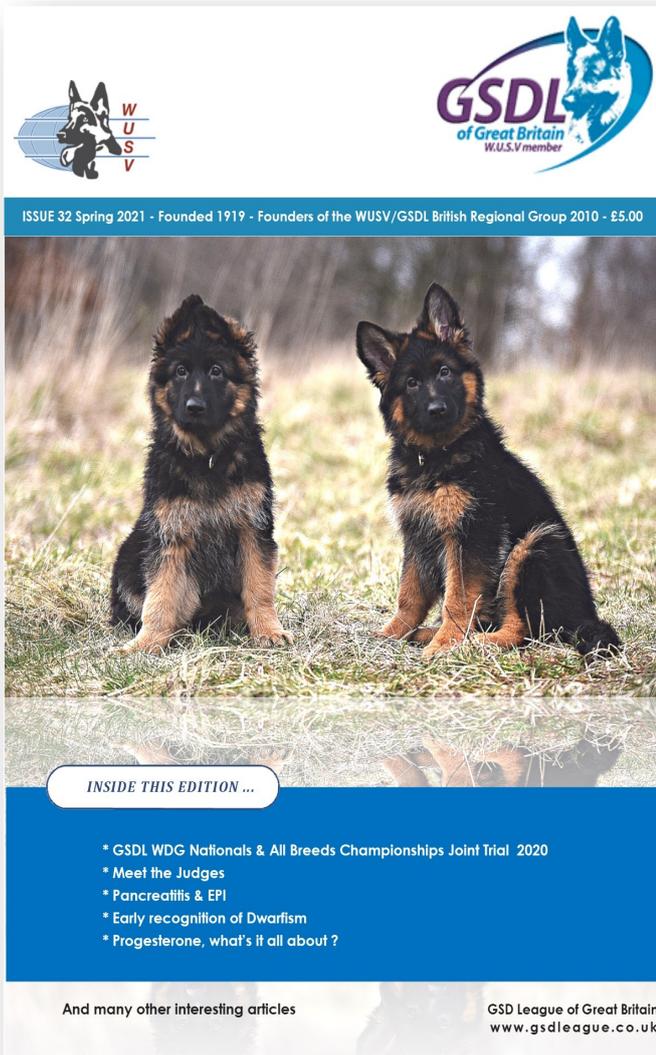
**Ayrshire Athletics Arena
(Kilmarnock)**



For information on WDG activities and Club Trial Dates visit www.gsd-wdg.co.uk

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GOOD LUCK

WUSV/IQP 2022

TEAM GREAT BRITAIN

- GBR 1 - Ross Heron & Harcos von Peroh
- GBR 2 - Lewis Harley & Finchpark Athos
- GBR 3 - Alan Wood & Vrochas Cami at Shangay
- GBR 4 - Joanne Bridge & Kieztamarx Daxamite at Brueckwasser
- GBR 5 - Jayne Wood & Heleka Asia
- GBR 6 - Phil Sergent (Res) & Heleka Annah



Character Assessment Compact Seminar July 2022

By Shirley Hutchinson

Over the weekend of the 22nd to 24th July 2022, the WUSV Working Group hosted a seminar at Winwick Leisure Centre near Warrington to train seven people to become SV approved character assessors. Herr Udo Wolters and Herr Jens-Peter Fluegge, both respected SV IGP judges and members of the core team who have developed the SV character assessment (CA) and breed disposition test (BDT). Five people were also trained to be assessor's assistants by Herr Lukas Hoeverer.

The trainee assessors all had to be breed or IGP judges recognised by their National club. Those taking part on this occasion were:

<u>GSD League of GB :</u>	Shirley Hutchinson	Gary Khakian	Heather McDonald
	Phil Sergent	Wayne Vessey	
<u>BAGSD :</u>	Heather Corkin		
<u>GSDCI :</u>	Mark Plunkett		

The trainee assistants were

<u>GSD League of GB :</u>	Michelle Baker	Martin Davies	Karen Khakian	Zep Zizzi
<u>GSDCI :</u>	Tara Wendland-Baniassadi			



The weekend started with a half day lecture covering the responsibilities of assessors and their assistants, the objectives of the character assessment and detailed instruction on completion of the paperwork and software updates required of the assessors.

Following this, 21 dogs were presented over the weekend to take part in a character assessment test. These dogs were formally assessed by Udo Wolters and their test results will be recorded and recognised by the SV. Each of the trainee assessors also recorded their evaluation of the dogs. On the first day 6 dogs took part and whilst Udo assessed them, Jens-Peter discussed their behaviours with the trainee assessors and how they should be evaluated. On Day two a further 9 dogs were assessed – this time the trainee assessors took it in turns to carry out the assessment and deliver the critique at the end with Udo and Jens-Peter watching. Day Three followed the same format with a further 6 dogs being assessed. At the end of each day a debrief took place to discuss any matters of interest which had arisen.



All dogs which took part successfully completed their assessments. The dogs and handlers were:

Elmar Mersak	Thomas Eaton	Kris spod Kostola	Gregory van Ebeling
Kleehuegel Freddie	Judy Hallsworth	Cruaghair Jaede	Susan Cuthbert
Kleehuegel Estella	James Perry	Garon Weerdon	Richard Douglas
Kleehuegel Evita	Tracy Wight	P' Yanki du Val D'Anzin	Zep Zizzi
Mya v. Sudenville	Thomas Eaton	Fabian Jojoba	Kim Waite
Ylanris Omen	Rowan Brunswick	Darko de Grinesa	Merryl Kim Bluck
Jasmina z Pedrovej budy	Maria Olianka	Shaneva Chris	Debbie Whitley
Wanda von der Rußhütte	Charlotte Wildman	Bailey vom Springberg	Kayleigh Hoult
Blerio Bezique at Mascani	Maureen Lakin	Xoxi Solo Rigoletto	Arnis Meijers
Eris spod Sipskej Fatry	Gregory van Ebeling	Berra vom Springberg	Donna Thompson
Cruaghair Wrizo	Susan Cuthbert		



The WUSV Working Group and all of the trainee assessors and assistants would like to thank all of the participants – without your co-operation we would not have been able to stage this seminar.

The event secretary was Alison Lawrence who worked hard at the computer all weekend making sure all forms were completed, certificates prepared and everything ready to submit to the SV. Thank you, Alison.

After the seminar, each trainee assessor had to submit their reports to Udo Wolters who reviewed them for consistency and following procedure. We are happy to confirm that all assessors have received confirmation from Udo that they have successfully completed the training and, subject to SV confirmation, will be approved to judge character assessments that will be accepted for SV Koerung and showing in Germany. The approval of these assessors is very important in the UK in order to make character assessments accessible and

economically viable across the country. The character assessment is a fundamental part of the breed harmonisation basic requirements and must be adopted by all WUSV Member clubs by 2025 at the latest. The character assessment really is a test which is fun to do, requires no training and is open to all – you do not need to be a member of a club to take part in a character assessment. It is hoped, in time, that all breeders will encourage new puppy owners to participate in a character assessment. This will give them some insight into their pups strengths and challenges and help them use appropriate training methods. It will also be a great introduction to the activities that people can get involved in by joining a club if they are interested. It can only be in the interest of individual dogs and the breed as a whole if owners (new or experienced) are encouraged to properly socialise their pups in readiness for this test. Finally, thanks to Udo Wolters, Jens-Peter Fluegge and Lukas Hoeverer for their excellent company, guidance and patience.



What is the ZAP Test ?

The Zuchtanlageprüfung or ZAP – Character Assessment is a rating of mental and physical breeding disposition

A part of the Harmonisation Program is this ZAP Character Test. This is to engage young dogs with experiences and tests that will ensure they are prepared for future experiences. It will soon be compulsory for all German Shepherd Dogs and their enthusiastic owners that want to pursue an interested in breeding requirements and participants in IPO Trials and Breed Shows. The assessment is for GSDs aged between 9 – 13 months.

For more information : <http://www.gsdleague.com/zaptests>
<https://www.schaeferhunde.de/en/the-german-shepherd/character-judgment>

Why do we need a character judgment?

Society as a whole is being increasingly critical and applying significant pressure on dog breeders, handlers and pedigree dog breeding societies. Bans on dangerous dogs, and unscrupulous dog breeders and trainers are being more and more widely discussed. And the discussion always returns to devastating bite incidents involving dogs. The fear, which is largely the trigger and cause of these discussions and requirements, that is at the heart of this issue must be taken seriously. Meaningful measures need to be taken to show that we are taking the situation seriously, and want to find solutions and foster a feeling of good will.

Even-tempered dogs who have strong nerves yet are not excessively aggressive are in demand nowadays. The dogs must be able to adequately deal with the constantly changing demands of their social environment. By introducing the concept behind the character judgment, the society is implementing its wish to place our dogs' nature and its fundamental importance at the forefront, and to make it possible to assess its influencing factors.

And this is therefore important to later align canine efforts and work, to understand the reasons behind unwanted behaviour traits and disorders – also known as character deficiencies – and to help

prevent these emerging further in the world of dog ownership in a way that is appropriate both for the animal and for society as a whole. We are responsible for using the knowledge arising from biological behavioural research on the nature of dogs available to us presently and for considering the knowledge gleaned from cynology.

The key guiding principles are therefore using knowledge gained from biological behavioural research to better understand the dog, its behaviour and its behaviour development. In doing so, it is important to consider the interplay between inherited and acquired behaviour control traits, and between fear and aggression. There is no doubt today that a dog's nature is not predominantly determined by genetics. Instead, it is the combined result of countless interactions between hereditary dispositions and natural, social and civilizing environmental conditions. Therefore, only the foundations of nature are inherited. Nature itself is not inherited, but rather it develops as a result of environmental conditions on the basis of genetic dispositions. Hereditary dispositions are not based on specific nature or behaviour genes, but rather on genes that when combined have an effect on the organism's development and behaviour foundations. This means that one and the same gene influences the inheritance of physical and behavioural traits.

What happens in a character judgment?

As part of a character judgment, a dog's behaviour and its flexibility is recorded by confronting them with different stimuli that may trigger or provoke a particular behaviour. A conclusion can be drawn on the dog's nature based on their behaviour throughout the entire assessment, with the aim of checking the dog's suitability for living with humans in today's world as objectively as possible.

The dog should not be handled in obedience. Commands must be kept to the very minimum. For this reason, performance examinations (BH, IPO, etc.) that predominantly test learned and conditioned behaviour are no substitute for character judgments. Character judgments are split into the following categories:

Impartiality : The dog should allow their handler and an unknown person, e.g. the judge, to touch them at different points on the body.

Social behaviour : Interaction with people, individuals, groups.

Noise sensitivity : In this section, the dog is subjected to different acoustic stimuli, e.g. rattling, engine noise and blanks being fired as the loudest stimulus.

Certainty of movement : Sensitivity to heights (e.g. assessed by looking at a dog's movement behaviour across tables) as well as a dog's movement on flat ground.

Play and predatory instinct/behaviour under stress : The assessment is based on how the dog plays with their owner (teamwork) and with an unknown person (representative). Furthermore, the intensity towards obstructed prey (willingness to find) and their willingness to play under increased demands (moving table) are also assessed. Only a dog that feels comfortable in its environment and can cope with the situation is able to play.

Basic nature : Behaviour in isolation and when meeting an unknown person.

What happens during the assessment?

The dog is assessed in two ways: based on the specific evaluation of each behavior trait (descriptive) and based on reliability ratings. Not only are the dog's reactions crucial here, but also how the dog manages the individual situations and using which coping strategies. If the dog becomes visibly overstressed, the assessment is stopped so that the dog is not harmed indefinitely.

General grounds for exclusion include character deficiencies that are also stipulated in our breed standard. This affects dogs that are very anxious, aggressive dogs that show increased aggression in peaceful situations, as well as dogs that are sensitive to shots being fired. The description makes it easier for the dog owner and other persons involved to follow the results of the character judgment. By awarding reliability ratings, it is possible to add more weighting to more significant behavioural situations. Furthermore, the reliability ratings make it possible to gather statistics and monitor the character judgments more closely.



What does this mean for nature?

Even if you discount necessary environmental influences as part of this consideration for ease – nature cannot be bred by itself. Our dogs have innate regulation mechanisms. They have an innate ability to learn.

Using the different innate strategies for gaining experience, it is possible for the dog to complement its behaviour to the conditions within its "personal" environment. Learning is therefore not something distorting or overlapping, but rather fulfils the innate drive for openness and incompleteness. Learning – particularly formative and character-like learning – therefore allows a dog's nature to develop. A dog's nature is the result of a dynamic development process between genetics and environment. Unfavourable environmental deficiencies cannot be compensated for through breeding. Dogs who are unable to fulfil their innate drive for learning an open behaviour program naturally develop behaviour that is more or less distorted.

In future, the society will not only support its members to

teach a dog to perform to BH/IPO standards. By introducing the character judgments, we want to encourage dog owners to ensure that a dog is not deprived of anything that they need for their behaviour and nature to develop healthily (Kaspar Hauser effect). Furthermore, we must not expect anything unnatural from the dog, which may harm the development of their nature. Deprivation or excessive demands result in fear or aggressive behaviour.

The way dogs live alongside humans has changed and our dogs must be introduced to these changing conditions. A puppy's willingness for social convergence or confrontation with the environment crucially depends on their past experiences during rearing, and on the coping strategies they have learned and acquired until this point, as well as meeting their natural social needs. Without the right rearing and developmental conditions, our dogs cannot themselves show which genes they are really carrying, which is why humans must bear this responsibility to demonstrate what the dogs cannot achieve.

WORKING DOGS

GSDL-WDG

HELPER LICENCING WEEKEND 4TH & 5TH June 2022

The Helper Weekend is all done and dusted, thanks to everyone behind the scenes and especially to Charlotte Wildman (Helper Coordinator) for all her hard work before and during the event. A huge thank you to the Helper Trainers, Jock Mitchell, Mark Rigby and John Padden who without their invaluable assistance this event could not happen.

Congratulations to all the successful A and B grade helpers this weekend! It was a great weekend despite the weather. Huge thanks to the judges, the helper trainers and all those members who came from far and wide to support their club members and provided dogs for training and licensing. It couldn't be done without each and every single one of you! It has been much appreciated by all involved. The website has been updated and new helper books issued to all new helpers. Please contact Charlotte if you licenced this year but have not received one.

From the work seen to at the event, the future of our sport is looking bright, with most helpers really going out there to test the dogs by showing super pressure and forward moving attacks. Super work guys.

Congratulations to Jordan Carney & Chris Wilson getting put forward as the GSDL WDG Helpers for the WUSV Joint Selection Trial and Jamie Bows & Mark Rigby for getting this year's GSDL WDG All Breeds National.

Licensed A Grades (expires 2023)

*Chris Wilson
Aidan Jackson
Simon Hopcroft-Lopez
Mark Rigby
Jamie Bows
Jordan Carney
Milligan Montgomery*

Licensed B Grades (expires 2025)

*Malcom Gammon
John Monaghan
Joe Proctor
James Ogden
Andy Parsons
Nick Warman
Dean Howell
Liam Green
Harmesh Loi
Chris Chapman
Stephen Michie
Robert Chapman*



A full list of Helpers and Tracklayers can be found under this link to the GSDL Working Dog Group Website :

www.gsdleague-workingbranch.com/event-management-materials





CONGRATULATIONS

FCI TEAM 2022

GBR 1 - Aiden Jackson & Hartshill Achillies
WITHDRAWN INJURED

GBR 2 - Jayne Wood & Heleka Asia
A-90 B-91 C-87 = TOTAL 268 (32nd Place)

GBR 3 - Chris Wilson & Caretino Czech Legendary
A-24 B-85 C-78 = TOTAL 187



A brief overview of team GB WUSV World Championship participation.

It first became possible to send a team for the WUSV World Championships (WUSV) in 2000 when the pet passport scheme was introduced. The first team was put together of people who had the qualifications and a pet passport (at that time titre testing was required) and the first ever team GB consisting of Eric Roberts with Jaidans Judd of Callanway, Mark Robson with Stebara Dino, Mary Forrest with Ursa vom Burenswald, Pat Woods with Manpol Hetty and Stuart Nye with VomHausNye Bartock travelled to Wavre, Belgium. The whole team apart from Eric failed their tracks and so Eric Roberts with Jaidans Judd of Callanway became the first ever team GB representative to qualify at the WUSV with 86-89-71 = 246 and 91st place.



The following year the WUSV was held in Maribor, Slovenia and no one were able to go.

In 2002 a team of 4 travelled to Steyr, Austria, all 4 qualified and Great Britain had our first team place. A strong performance from Mark Robson with Stebara Dino saw him finishing in 62nd place with 93-86-89=268 this would remain the highest place for a few years, and it took 10 years for the total score to be beaten.

In 2003 the first full team of 5 travelled to Ravenna, Italy. 3 team members qualified, and the most notable performance was an excellent 98 points track in very difficult conditions from Eric Roberts and Jaidans Judd of Callanway.

The following year in Eindhoven, Holland the team performed strongly with Chris Bows and Robbosline Arnie finishing 63rd and they were the first team to break the SG barrier in protection with 90 points. Both Don Harrison with Gaultier vom HausNye and Dougie Bannerman with VomHausNye Dickens achieved excellent 98 points tracks. Again 3 out of 5 team members qualified.

WUSV 2005 in Haguenau, France saw a new highest place gained by Alan Wood with Denlee Anka in 61st the rest of the 5 strong team all performed well with qualifying places between 79th and 91st.



The new high was broken again the following year in 2006, Randers, Denmark by Henriette Bohnstedt with Beckenberry Jaeger who took 43rd place with an excellent 98 points track, 3 other team members had strong performances with Thomas Nye finishing 58th, Chris Bows 62nd and Dougie Bannerman 63rd giving Team GB the best team finish so far.

Performance improved again the following year in Bratislava, Slovakia when Thomas Nye with Asko van het Berghuis finished 42nd with a super 99 points track and 93 points in protection, 3 other team members also finished in good positions between 62nd and 88th and a new high score of 94 points was set in protection by Henriette Bohnstedt and Beckenberry Jaeger.

2008 saw the WUSVs in Cincinnati, USA only Stuart Nye travelled to this event and unfortunately, he didn't qualify.

The WUSV 2009 was held in Krefeld, Germany. Despite sending a full team it wasn't our best year, only Eric Wright with Glen vom Hexenkeller qualified, they did so with a 44th place.

WUSV 2010 in Seville, Spain only saw 2 teams out of the 5 qualifying. Henriette Bohnstedt with Beckenberry Casper finished 42nd with a super 99 points track and 94 points protection.

WUSV 2011 was held in Kiev, Ukraine. No one was able to compete as Ukraine wasn't included in the pet passport scheme at that time.

The WUSV 2012 in Steyr, Austria saw Travis Foster and Vongalanberg Kai smash the previous highest position when they produced 3 great phases and finished in an amazing 7th place with 99-91-93 = 283 they were also the first GB team to achieve a SG score in obedience in a qualifying round (the only other SG in obedience to this point was Mark Robson with Stebara Dino, 90 points in 2000 but they failed their track). The same year Henriette Bohnstedt with Beckenberry Casper achieved the ultimate 100 points and best track, they finished 41st with 270 points. Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't qualify. This was the first team selected via the joint GSDL/BAGSD selection trial.

WUSV 2013 was again held in the USA, this time in Philadelphia. Alan Wood and Hero vom Luberg was the only team to make the journey, they finished in 51st place.

For the WUSV 2014 in Haguenau, France we only had 4 competitors, 2 of whom qualified with John Westwood and Dornholz Drago finishing highest in 60th place.

WUSV 2015 was in Lahti, Finland. Again, only one competitor made the journey. Edmond Kan with Ysis vom Rosseleck, they finished 57th and produced the highest score in obedience achieved by any GB team – 93 points.

For the WUSV 2016 in Meppen, Germany we only had 3 competitors, Nick Koskinas with Dajana vom Lausaer Stern was the only one to qualify with a 42nd place.



WUSV 2017 in Tilburg, Holland saw a pretty strong team who achieved the first team placing since 2007. Henriette Bohnstedt with Argonne Hawk finished 33rd, Nick Koskinas with Dajana vom Lausaer Stern finished 49th with 91 points in obedience and Chris Bows with Viper z Noveho Draka finished 54th.

WUSV 2018 was held in Randers, Denmark. Again, 3 out of the 5 competitors qualified with Henriette Bohnstedt with Argonne Hawk finishing 20th with a 94 points protection, Kim Bluck with Tagzvondeni Branden finished 37th with 92 points in protection, Robert Chapman with Lelaurier Koh I Noor finished 80th.

At the WUSV 2019 in Modena, Spain the team performed well with 3 qualifiers in good positions. Henriette Bohnstedt with Argonne Hawk finished 24th, Robert Chapman with Lelaurier Koh I Noor finished 35th and Chris Bows with Viper z Noveho Draka finished 63rd.

WUSV 2020 was like everything else cancelled because of covid.

The WUSV 2021 in Lerma, Spain saw our best team performance to date with 4 out of the 5 competitors qualifying and the team in 8th place. There were strong individual performances. Joanne Bridge with Kieztamarx Daxamite at Brueckwasser finished 18th with a 94 points protection, Ross Heron with Harcos von Peroh finished 31st, Lewis Hartley with Finchpark Athos finished 47th.

When we first started going to WUSV World Championships, tracking was by far our strongest phase, but it has now been 10 years since the last V in tracking. In contrast, our performances in obedience and protection have steadily improved and so have our overall performances. In the last 5 years in particular, the team as a whole has been stronger.

Top tracking performances have been: WUSV 2012: Henriette Bohnstedt & Beckenberry Casper: 100 points
WUSV 2007: Thomas Nye & Asko van het Berghuis: 99 points
WUSV 2010: Henriette Bohnstedt & Beckenberry Casper: 99 points
WUSV 2012: Travis Foster & Vongalanberg Kai: 99 points

Top obedience performances have been: WUSV 2015: Edmond Kan & Ysis vom Rosseleck: 93 points
WUSV 2016: Nick Koskinas & Dajana vom Lausaer Stern: 92 points
WUSV 2012: Travis Foster & Vongalanberg Kai: 91 points
WUSV 2017: Nick Koskinas & Dajana vom Lausaer Stern: 91 points

Top protection performances have been: WUSV 2007: Henriette Bohnstedt & Beckenberry Jaeger: 94 points
WUSV 2010: Henriette Bohnstedt & Beckenberry Casper: 94 points
WUSV 2018: Henriette Bohnstedt & Argonne Hawk: 94 Points
WUSV 2021: Joanne Bridge with Kieztamarx Daxamite: 94 points



In total we have send 79 teams to 19 WUSV World Championships, 47 teams have qualified which equates to 59.5%

Travis Foster	Vongalanberg Kai	WUSV 2012	99	91	93	283	7th
Joanne Bridge	Kieztamarx Daxamite	WUSV 2021	94	86	94	274	18th
Henriette Bohnstedt	Argonne Hawk	WUSV 2018	95	80	94	269	20th
Henriette Bohnstedt	Argonne Hawk	WUSV 2019	88	81	93	262	24th
Ross Heron	Harcos von Peroh	WUSV 2021	91	85	90	266	31st
Henriette Bohnstedt	Argonne Hawk	WUSV 2017	90	85	89	264	33rd
Robert Chapman	Lelaurier Koh I Noor	WUSV 2019	89	82	88	259	35th
Kim Bluck	Tagzvondeni Branden	WUSV 2018	83	85	92	260	37th
Henriette Bohnstedt	Beckenberry Casper	WUSV 2012	100	82	88	270	41st
Thomas Nye	Asko van het Berghuis	WUSV 2007	99	74	93	266	42nd
Henriette Bohnstedt	Beckenberry Casper	WUSV 2010	99	71	94	264	42nd
Nick Koskinas	Dajana v LausaerStern	WUSV 2016	83	92	88	263	42nd
Henriette Bohnstedt	Beckenberry Jaeger	WUSV 2006	98	78	85	261	43rd
Eric Wright	Glen vom Hexenkeller	WUSV 2009	90	86	91	267	44th
Lewis Hartley	Finchpark Athos	WUSV 2021	93	77	88	258	47th
Nick Koskinas	Dajana v LausaerStern	WUSV 2017	81	91	85	257	49th
Alan Wood	Hero vom Luberg	WUSV 2013	89	77	86	252	51st
Chris Bows	Viper z Noveho Draka	WUSV 2017	87	87	82	256	54th
Edmond Kan	Ysis vom Rosseleck	WUSV 2015	85	93	76	254	57th
Thomas Nye	Asko van het Berghuis	WUSV 2006	97	75	80	252	58th



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WUSV JOINT SELECTION TRIAL 2022

First and foremost...

I would firstly like to say a huge thank you to the organising committee for a well run and successful event. Of course, as with all big events, there were some 'bumps in the road' so to speak in ensuring the event was a roaring success.

Thank you to Lisa Armstrong to managed to secure both the venue and the tracking land for the event!

Thank you to Martin Davies for ensuring a smooth running of the event throughout the weekend as Trial Manager.

Thank you to Jan Harrison for taking on the role of Trial Secretary, preparing and organising entries and paperwork on the day.

The Venue - Thornhurst Manor

After initially securing a venue, we were let down just a couple of weeks prior to the event. With hotels, flights and tracking land secure, it was all hands on deck to try and secure a new venue with all the requirements we were looking for, and within a 10-15 minute drive of the tracking land. **Easy right!** After many hours calling venues, sending emails and driving around, we finally managed to secure our eventual venue, Thornhurst Manor.

Thornhurst Manor is not your typical dog sport venue, but is more accustomed to weddings, conferences and golf. However, they were delighted to be hosting our prestigious selection trial, with some of the staff popping down to the field to watch the event throughout the weekend!

As a well respected restaurant, I have also been told the food went down a treat with our judge... perhaps even a beer (after the judging had finished of course!)



OUR JUDGE

Volker Behrens

Volker is a well renowned and respected SV judge.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Volker for judging our 2022 WUSV Joint Selection Trial.

Volker judged the dogs impartially and without pre-judgement; allowing the best dogs to prevail and go forward to represent Great Britain at the 2022 WUSV World Championship in Denmark later this year.

Your WUSV 2022 Team

GB-01 Ross Heron & Harcos
Von Peroh

GB-02 Lewis Hartley &
Finchpark Athos

GB-03 Alan Wood & Vrochas
Cami at Shangay

GB-04 Joanne Bridge &
Kieztamarx Daxamite at
Brueckwasser

GB-05 Jayne Wood & Heleka
Asia

GB-06 (RES) Phil Sergent &
Heleka Annah



Helper Selection

Four helpers entered the draw to go before our judge for selection to be this years trial helpers.

Each helper completed a full IGP 3 round to express their skills and talent to the judge.

Congratulations to all the helpers in the selection pool, Jordan Carney, Chris Wilson, Simon Hopcroft-Lopez & Richard Harrison.

Short Work Helper - Richard Harrison

Long Work Helper - Simon Hopcroft-Lopez

A few memories of the event...



Tracking Land

This years tracking for the WUSV Selection Trial was on grass.

We were lucky enough to secure over 50 acres of tracking land within the same field! This gave competitors an even playing field.

The grass was cut a little over two weeks prior to the competition, allowing for a little growth. The ground was dry and hard due to little to zero rain fall, but fortunately the dogs coped well on a whole and there was some fabulous tracking scores!

We would like to say a huge thank you to both the tracklayers, Chris Bows and Simon Hopcroft-Lopez.

And thank you to Darren Hag for being Tracking Manager for the event and ensuring a smooth running of the tracking phase of the competition.



Cat No.	Draw No.	Position.	Handler & Dog	A	B	C	TOTAL
1	8	4	Joanne Bridge & Kieztamark Daxamite at Brueckwasser	95	93	94	282
2	11	-	Michael Hammonds & Heika Vom Munzpiel	Disqualified			
3	7	2	Lewis Hartley & Finchpark Athos	97	94	96	287
4	9	1	Ross Herron & Harcos Von Peroh	96	96	96	288
5	12	-	Aiden Jackson & Hartshill Achillies	96	Withdrawn Injured		
6	4	-	Gary Khakian & Hasko Zde-Sko vom Kazgar	Disqualified			
7	5	-	Alison Lawrence & Team Gamedog Amy	Disqualified			
8	10	-	Becky Lyons & Battaro vom Drachenwolf	61	85	91	237
9	13	-	John Monaghan & Renso Vom Daelenburghutte	78	71	92	241
10	1	-	Darren Patrick & Heleka Apollo	28	70	90	188
11	3	RES	Philip Sergent & Heleka Annah	84	89	92	265
12	6	3	Alan Wood & Vrochas Cami & Shangay	95	94	97	286
13	2	5	Jayne Wood & Heleka Asia	92	87	94	273

HEALTH UPDATE

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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG HEALTH UPDATE, AUTUMN, 2022.

I hope that everyone is coping with the extremely hot weather and managing to keep cool.

I have received the following update from the Kennel Club regarding Heredity Clear Status :

KENNEL CLUB LIMITS 'HEREDITARY CLEAR' STATUS TO SUPPORT ERADICATION OF HEALTH CONDITIONS

From January 2022, the Kennel Club will limit the assignment of 'hereditary clear' status of registered dogs to two generations. This change will be put in place to safeguard against the impact that dogs with an incorrect 'hereditary clear' status could have on health issues within a breed.

Following on from a recent Kennel Club study, published in the journal of Canine Genetics and Epidemiology, the decision to restrict hereditary status was made by the Kennel Club Board on the recommendation of the Dog Health Group.

Hereditary clear status is given to dogs that are determined to be free of specific genetic material linked to a particular inherited disease. The Kennel Club's registration system assigns a dog this status if their parents are known to be clear, either because they have both been DNA tested as clear, or because they are hereditary clear themselves.

Dogs could be mistakenly given a false hereditary clear status for a number of reasons; for example if there has been a failure of laboratory protocols, pedigree errors or incorrectly recorded parentage. In these instances it is unlikely that the inaccuracies would be noticed immediately, but rather that several generations later many dogs throughout the breed descended from the individual with the original incorrect status will also have erroneous hereditary status, and the well-intended mating of two such apparently hereditary clear dogs risks producing affected puppies.

The Kennel Club research analysed the risks faced by a population following the incorrect assignment of hereditary status and determined that the rate of dogs with false hereditary clear status could rise considerably over a fairly small number of generations, particularly for genetic conditions that are more common.

To reduce the knock-on effect of these errors, and the risk of unintentionally breeding affected puppies, the Kennel Club will be ensuring that from January 2022, the 'hereditary clear status' will be limited to two generations, unless lineage is verified by DNA parentage profiling recorded by the Kennel Club. DNA parentage profiling is a separate procedure to screening DNA for disease causing mutations, but can often be carried out at the same time by the same laboratory.

The research into **Anal Furunculosis** is continuing at the Royal Veterinary College and the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at Cambridge University is collecting swabs and/or samples for Bloat/Torsion (GDV) and Haemangiosarcoma. I have been sent many pedigrees of dogs which have died from Haemangiosarcoma, but it is proving difficult to collect material for the research programme. The problem is that the dog's condition has deteriorated suddenly before the condition is diagnosed. It is important to get more information about the research programmes for all of these conditions into more veterinary surgeries, so that when a German Shepherd Dog is presented with one of the above and particularly Haemangiosarcoma, they can ask the owner for permission to take a sample before euthanasia. It can then be sent directly to the University. Please send me details of the animals involved, as there are now clear links in a lot of the cases (including my own) that Haemangiosarcoma has a genetic basis. This is confirmed by the Royal Veterinary College. It helps save me time if a copy of the pedigree can be sent as an attachment to an e-mail (not on a mobile 'phone), but I can do the pedigree if necessary from the dog's registered name.

A new "inherited" ?? problem has arisen recently : Tail-chasing. I have always assumed that this was a behavioural problem, usually caused by boredom (to put it simply, as I do not claim to be a trainer and also know that many dogs are left for hours on their own). However, the cases which have been brought to my attention do seem to have a familial basis and wonder if anyone else has had dogs with this problem ?

We still do not have the results of the third part of the Gait and Movement Study, but I will keep asking !

Kennel Club Genetics and Research Manager Dr Tom Lewis said:

"Kennel Club advice has always been that even apparently 'clear' lines should be retested every few generations. This change to hereditary status reinforces that view and ensures that breeders can remain confident that the puppies they produce remain free from disease. DNA tests are helping breeders eradicate health issues in dogs and we want our registration system to maximise the impact these tests are having."



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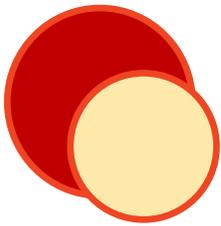
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**HD Normal / ED Normal LUW 0,
Tested DM & Haemophilia FREE**

Sire : **V Apollo vom Schloß Solitude IPO3,**
3 X BSP, WUSV 2019, 2013 SZ 2295325
HD-SV: HD Normal

Dam : **V Jutta od Hradčanského rybníka BH, IGP 3**
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Degenerative Myelopathy in the German Shepherd

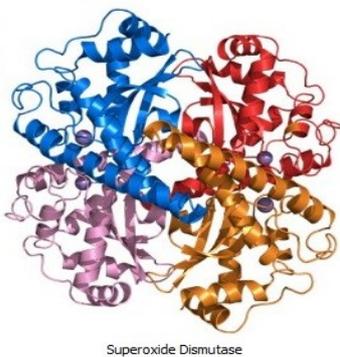
Stephen Webb BSc (Hons), BA, BSc, MSc.

Degenerative Myelopathy was first investigated in 1973 and was always thought of as the German Shepherd disease with corgi's a close second. It is a progressive neurological disease starting with unsteadiness and weakness in the hind limbs with muscle atrophy, eventually leading to paralysis, incontinence and progressing eventually up the spine to the fore limbs. Usually affecting dogs of 8 years and older but this can vary sometimes appearing in dogs as young as 5 years of age.

In 2009 a mutation in the gene for superoxide dimutase 1 (SOD1) was found on chromosome 31, with much research done on both breeds by Missouri University and many others around the world working on various aspects of this disease particularly

because it also has a very similar human version, motor neurone disease ALS and not MS as was once thought. This mutation quickly became associated with increased chance of developing DM, early signs are unsteadiness, difficulty in getting up and knuckling over as above.

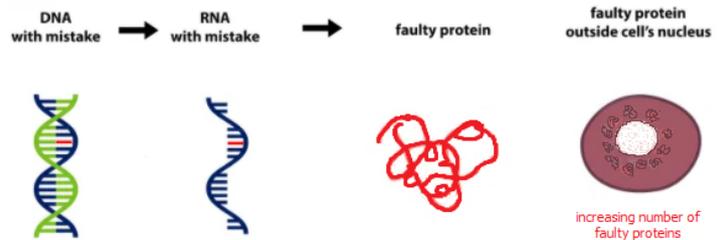
The SOD 1 gene encodes for a protein that neutralises radical oxygen molecules which are a by-product of normal cell processes and must be broken down quickly if damage to other cells is to be avoided. A missense mutation in the SOD1 gene causes the protein to mis-fold and as a consequence they start to form what is in effect a toxic build up in the nerve cells. The damage causes cell death, loss of muscle control leading to DM and paralysis.



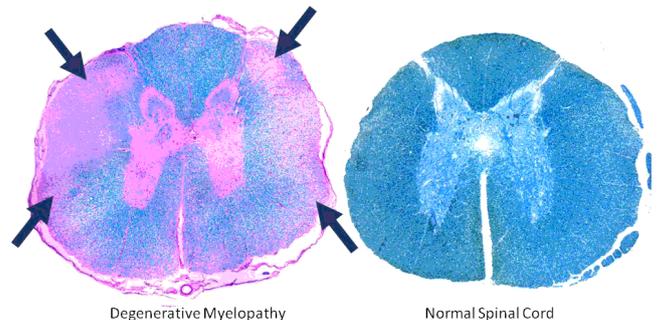
Superoxide Dismutase

The SOD1 gene provides instructions for the production of Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase an antioxidant to break down toxic charged oxygen molecules called superoxide radicals. Within the gene a change from G to A causes a misfolding of the superoxide dismutase as GAA Glutamate is changed to AAA Lysine.

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The SOD1 enzyme is part of the defence mechanism, a faulty gene weakens the defence, as the enzyme now misfolds these molecules accumulate in the nerve cells and instead of helping to protect them they build up causing the death of these cells.



However it is a mistake to think the just because there is now a DNA test that everything is straightforward. The disease itself is not fully understood or its effects on the body in regions not even explored yet and it is likely to be much more complex than was ever imagined, at present it is classed as an autosomal recessive gene with incomplete penetrance which means that not all dogs with both copies of the faulty gene go on to develop the disease. The current DNA test must be thought of at this present time as a work in progress, while it is a very good indicator at the moment it does not give a definitive answer and cannot be used to diagnose or used as a prediction for DM. There seems to be a disconnect of information between research and the grass-roots of the various affected breeds, probably due to the complexity of the problem in that the results of the current DNA test at this stage only gives a level of risk in developing DM.

Nowhere in any scientific literature does it state that the tables commonly used by most breeders are accurate, even clears by DNA test still have an 'unlikely to develop DM' status, therefore clear does not mean 100% clear. Often complaints that the DM test is not accurate and given by so many that it seems that it is not worth doing. However, this is a misunderstanding it is accurate for the SOD1 gene but its relationship to DM only indicates risk at this stage because research work is still on going in fully understanding its mechanism, despite this it is still very useful test.

"A DNA test based on the SOD1 mutation is commercially available. Dogs homozygous for the mutation are at risk of developing DM and will contribute one chromosome with the mutant allele to all of their offspring. Heterozygous dogs are DM carriers and are less likely to develop clinical DM, but they can pass on a chromosome with the mutant allele to half of their offspring. Dogs homozygous for the non-mutated (normal) allele are unlikely to develop DM and will provide all of their offspring with a protective normal allele. A test result showing that the dog is at risk can support a presumptive diagnosis of DM in the setting of typical clinical signs and normal findings on neuroimaging and CSF analysis. The SOD1 DNA test is of potential use to dog breeders wishing to reduce the incidence of DM in the breed or line".

- Dr Joan Coates

		Parent 2 Genotype		
		Clear	Carrier	At Risk
Parent 1 Genotype	Clear	100% Clear	50% Clear 50% Carrier	100% Carrier
	Carrier	50% Clear 50% Carrier	25% Clear 50% Carrier 25% At Risk	50% Carrier 50% At Risk
	At Risk	100% Carrier	50% Carrier 50% At Risk	100% At Risk

The above table now represents the understanding of most Breeders but even this should be used with caution. There are a variety of other versions on the internet which are not so good leading to much confusion. There have been reports that some dogs with a clear status have gone on to develop DM, many of those reports are difficult to trace and verify, but one gsd who reputedly DNA tested clear for the SOD1 gene and did go on to die of DM in 2011 was confirmed apparently by the University of Missouri by post mortem. Over the years a number of carriers have also developed DM and in the research at Missouri out of 20,000 dogs tested a further 3 clears went on to get Dm again confirmed by post mortem. At this stage a truer picture would be Clear means Highly Unlikely, Carrier would mean Unlikely (low risk) and of course At Risk would remain the same. Despite this there is no reason to stop using the test as for the most part it does give a very strong indication of the levels of risk as the vast majority of cases do in fact involve the SOD1 gene despite its limitations.

Much research was done in the early days which indicated it was an autoimmune condition however this has now been pushed to one side by most scientists yet it continues to have a considerable following by those who claim to be able to stop and even reverse DM, there may in part be some truth in this as the past autoimmune research has been partially successful in slowing down the progress of DM through exercise and diet changes and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that a component to this disease does lie in some as yet unknown autoimmune mechanism but alongside the known and suspected DNA defects. Current immunosuppressant drugs have no effect on DM, had it been solely an autoimmune condition then there should have been some measurable changes no matter how small.

The diagram below shows the first GSD DNA sequencing of exon 2 of SOD 1, the top sequence shows an affected dog (PC01), the second line is a Clear Dog (PA17) and the third line is a Carrier (PA71). The rectangle shows the point in the gene where the fault lies. The base A in the affected dog (top) should be G as in the clear dog (middle), the lower dog is a carrier which is A/G. Because (G) wild type is replaced by (A) in the faulty gene, DNA tests are usually given the notation G and A;

SOD1 exon2 c.118g.A

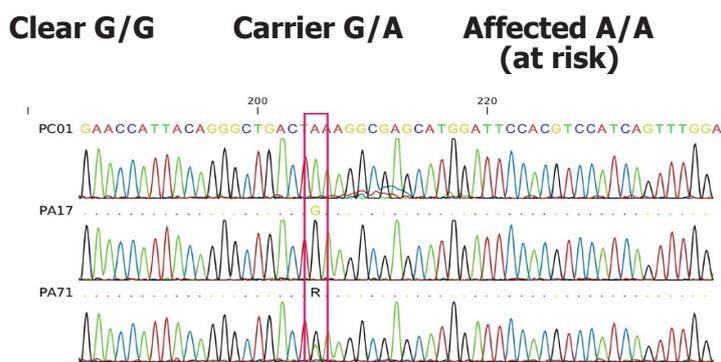


Fig 2. Electropherograms of the exon 2 of the SOD1 gene region harboring the c.118G > A mutation associated with CDM. A pink rectangle is highlighting the SNP position. The first individual (PC01) is an AA homozygous Swiss Shepherd dog used as a reference. The second (PA17) is a GG homozygous individual, and the third is a AG heterozygous individual.

SOD1 exon 2 DNA sequence (Santos et al 2020)

What does this mean? This change in just one base where G becomes an A means that the sequence GAA the correct one encodes for the protein Glutamate but GAA now becomes AAA in the affected dog which ultimately encodes for the protein Lysine. That one tiny change creates a big problem, the chemistry is complex but SOD 1 has a job to do and it catalyses the first stage of the neutralisation of superoxide free radicals, most people with no scientific background will have heard at some point that free radicals are harmful to everyone's health and not just dogs, they are highly reactive, short lived and produced not only by normal cellular metabolic processes but also are generated by toxins in the environment such as air pollution for example but there are also many other forms of harmful substances in everyday life and because they are so reactive they can damage DNA, cells, proteins and lipids thereby causing disease. Environmental factors have not as yet been discounted as partial triggers or moderators in the onset of DM, yes, SOD1 is strongly linked to DM but it is far from the end of the story there is so much more to learn.

How many other genes are involved? At this point it is difficult to say, at present SP110 a nuclear body protein involved in gene transcription on chromosome 25 is a modifier locus and plays a role to some extent as it has been found to be present in 40% of affected dogs but in unaffected it is only present in 4% (Ivansson et al. 2016) this seems to govern the timing of the onset of the disease. There are reports of more possible loci on Chromosomes 6, 10 and 20 that may also be involved, but again more research needs to be done.

The University of Missouri undertook a 215 breed survey carried out to determine which carried the faulty SOD 1 gene and also its prevalence within each breed. The gene frequency for German Shepherds was 37%. The question is how does the UK compare with these results? A UK survey on GSDs (Holder 2014) published its findings and UK GSDs were found to be 38% which closely matches the US results. Despite the KC testing scheme which records the status of tested dogs, we don't truly know how many actually go on to develop it. There is enough scientific evidence from around the world to say that German Shepherds are pre-disposed to DM but despite not knowing the true extent of DM in the UK, it would be difficult to argue that it is not uncommon, even a cursory glance at social media sites within the dog world will show there are in fact a surprising number should you look for them.

As previously stated its been called the GSD disease for a long time, but is this justified? The GSD was the the first to be investigated, why, because of the numbers apparently affected. In the UK alone, KC registrations per year run at more than 10 times the level of other breeds such as rough collies which has proportionately at 39% virtually the same pre-disposition to DM as GSDs, but there are a considerable number of other breeds now known to be much worse such as Corgis, Boxers and Wire Haired Terriers to name but a few. UK KC registrations for GSDs are generally about 7-8000 per year and Rough Collies 5-600 per year. The simple fact is that the GSD is much more visible because of the numbers involved, and of course GSDs more so than

most other breeds as they attract many more pet breeders who have little knowledge and puppy farms whose only motivation is money.

It has now increasingly becoming standard practice to test for DM in the German Shepherd and a great many breeders do take it seriously. But, there are still some who will strongly argue that it does not apply to them stating they know their own lines and rely on pedigrees alone as they have always done, immensely important yes, but in today's world it is just simply not enough. Sadly it is not given the same importance in many other breeds, yes, many do test but there does not seem to be a strategy for dealing with this genetic defect despite the KC schemes that are running. It is very much left to individual breeders interpreting results they have and dealing with it within the limits of their own understanding which may or may not always be correct.

The protection of the breed as a whole for its long term viability is first and foremost the top priority. There are other implications which affect breeders directly and the precedent has now been set regarding inherited diseases making the Breeder potentially liable if a DNA test is available for common breed specific problems and a breeder chooses not to use it. Under the UK Animal Welfare Act which, as many know is becoming stricter with every passing year and now includes hereditary diseases. Breeders need to ensure that they can demonstrate that they have done everything they can to avoid the most serious hereditary diseases that are prevalent within a breed. Doing nothing and leaving it to chance is unwise, the legal precedent has now been set in the UK (2021) and coincidentally involving DM under the Animal Welfare Act, where in this case both parents were untested and upon purchase from the breeder the pup was subsequently DNA tested and found to carry both copies of the faulty SOD1 gene and therefore considered at risk, the buyer was not told that Dm was prevalent in the breed, the buyer retained the pup and was refunded the purchase price and also awarded additional compensation.

There is no easy answer to this inherited disease and a solution is far from straight forward. But testing and then making the wrong breeding decisions based on this test is equally damaging to the breed as not testing. It is clear from my own investigations that further guidance is necessary as some faced with this problem seem to automatically think that all 'carriers' need to be excluded or that those affected (at risk) cannot be used, it is clear there is much confusion. It cannot be assumed that everyone in the breed knows how to handle this issue and strategy needs to be a breed-wise decision through the Breed Council looking at all the evidence and adapting to future developments in the science.

But what of the future, one of the main issues with owners and breeders has been the lack of a definitive diagnosis of DM on a live dog and only when all other

tests have been exhausted is a Dm diagnosed. The true definitive test is currently by post mortem only which is not helpful when so many other things give the same symptoms such as intervertebral disc disease (IVDD), degenerative lumbosacral stenosis and severe hip dysplasia to name but a few. New techniques are being explored such as Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) an advanced form of MRI scan which is being trialled as a non-invasive procedure. This is normally used to image changes in the brain and the hope is that it can also image changes in the spine, but results have not been good as yet. DTI tracks the cellular water passing through the spines white matter but to date it has produced very mixed results and although used in humans this technique has so far found it very difficult to differentiate between healthy dogs and affected dogs (Lewis,2021) but maybe at some future date it can be refined and adapted as a diagnostic tool. Another diagnostic tool is being investigated, a biomarker called pNF-H which as a consequence of DM is released into the cerebrospinal fluid at higher levels in DM affected dogs compared to normal dogs and is currently looking promising. There is much research into DM in dogs because of its human equivalent ALS and where gene therapy is now a front runner in an attempt to turn off the faulty gene or reduce the effects of the SOD1 gene. This is being trialled using Adeno-Associated Virus 9 (AAV9) to carry a modified piece of DNA directly into the parts of the dogs body that has defective cells. Stem cell therapy is another attempt and a great deal of research is being carried out to regenerate spinal nerve damage but this so far this has had very mixed results. Another area of research is through an inhibitor (MIF) a microphage multifunctional protein to regulate the SOD1 gene reducing the misfolding which leads to degeneration in neural cells (Nomura et al 2022). However even if eventually successful, the cost of these treatments would likely be prohibitive for most owners as gene therapy is expensive and well beyond insurance coverage so are unlikely to have any real impact on most dogs suffering with DM in the foreseeable future.

Everyone can help by reporting GSDs that go on to develop DM to Chris Hazell the GSD Health Coordinator, in confidence of course, on email chrishazell44@gmail.com telephone on 01544 327104

This is very important to enable us to determine just exactly how many actually are affected by DM, something the current KC scheme cannot do.

US studies at Missouri indicate that it is somewhere between 4 to 8% that DNA test in the 'at risk' group and go on to develop DM, not very accurate I know but we suspect a larger number go unreported.

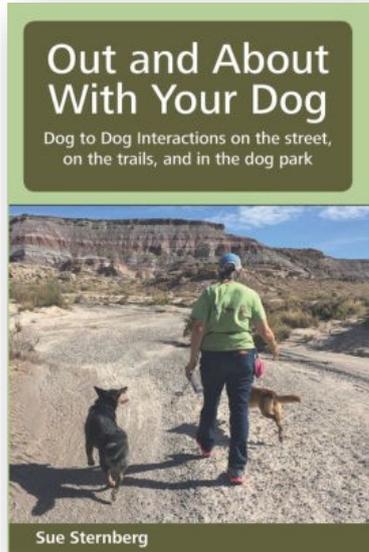
Stephen Webb BSc (Hons), BA, BSc, MSc.

I have been involved with German Shepherds all my life coming from a family that bred them. I have owned my own for over 50 years and have many years experience competing with GSDs in obedience and agility together with showing my second breed rough collies.

As a qualified University and College Lecturer and also as US and UK Ambassador for the Saartje Foundation and the Research Centre for Pituitary Dwarfism in GSDs, I have had many papers published on PD and other genetic issues.



COMPANION DOGS



BOOK REVIEW BY Allyson Tohme KCAI (WT) Advanced

Out and About With Your Dog by Sue Sternberg

This is one of those books that I think ALL dog owners and potential dog training instructors should read!

Sue is a very pragmatic canine professional with a wealth of skills, knowledge, and experience from which we can all benefit.

Having been lucky enough to attend one of her seminars when she was in the UK I was struck by her profound empathy with both dogs and people which is reflected in this publication.

The author is at pains to emphasise the importance of management for the benefit of all dogs, not just the ones at the end of our leads, and all people, not just fellow dog owners.



If nothing else I wish all dog owners would read the following!

“The absolute hardest..... way for dogs to greet and meet is on leash. And there are really only two potential outcomes for the greeting, and neither is particularly useful or desirable:

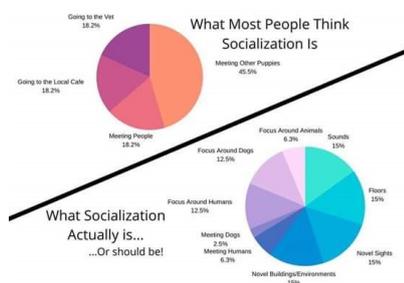
1. After the initial investigative sniffing and greeting ritual, the dogs play.
2. After the initial investigative sniffing and greeting ritual, the dogs fight.

You basically get the same problematic dog either outcome. Whether fighting or playing, on leash encounters usually produce a dog that pulls and strains and often lunges to get to other dogs.”

In today’s world where many dog owners are obsessed with “socialisation” to the detriment of the behaviour of their own dog and those of others, her advice to teach our dogs to ignore others is well placed. Sue goes on to elaborate on how following this suggestion can make all parties feel comfortable and relaxed whether in town or the countryside.

Part 2 focuses on inter dog play and how to identify healthy/unhealthy play as well as the cast of characters one may encounter in group situations so that owners can recognise which may be compatible or risky playmates for their own pet.

Having witnessed many unhappy confrontations over the decades due to lack of owner intervention I would recommend this book to all new (and old) owners alike in order, so they are better equipped to avoid potential problems in the future.



Working Trials

According to the book "ASPADS (Associated Sheep, Police and Army Dog Society) History of Working Trials" by John Cree, the sport has been with us since 1924. Although the GSDL were involved in the first few years it was ASPADS who were responsible for its development until the late 1950s after which other organisations came aboard.

IGP (formerly IPO/Schutzhund) pre-dated it by two decades and it is easy to see the relationship between the two disciplines; both contain three phases although nowadays protection (the fourth phase) is optional in Working Trials and only comes into play in the PD (Patrol Dog) stake.

Interestingly, according to John, ASPADS started off as an organisation for the Alsatian as a breed and working dog and was originally known as the Alsatian, Sheep, Police and Army Dog Society. The working side centred around "criminal work" and tracking with training methods imported from both Germany and France.

At the beginning, GSDs dominated the sport and from 1927 – 1939, 42 "tickets" (Working Trial Certificates) were won by them, with 1 going to a Standard Poodle, 1 to a Shetland Sheepdog and 2 to a Great Dane.

The dominance of the GSD continued between 1947 and 1960 with 43 WTC going to them, 13 to Dobermanns, 5 to Labradors, 3 to Boxers and 1 to a Rottweiler. Many of the GSD and Dobermanns were working police dogs.

Between 1961 and 1974 the supremacy of the GSD was still apparent with 148 WTC, 32 to Border Collies and/or WSD, 16 to Labradors, 3 to Rottweilers and 1 to a Boxer.

The ascendancy of the breed was, however, eclipsed between the years of 1975 and 1999 by the achievements of the Border Collie/Working Sheepdog which won 393 WTC followed by 215 to the GSD, 27 to Labradors, 14 to Dobermanns, 8 to Rottweilers, 4 each to the German Wirehaired Pointer and Weimaraner and 1 to an Irish Wolfhound.

This trend has continued to the present day.

Police dogs no longer participate in the sport due to changes regarding chain of evidence; they do not want dogs to retrieve articles from the Search Square as in "real life" such behaviour could lead to contamination.

Working Trials has evolved over the years to include an Introductory Stake for beginners and teams can progress through CD (Companion Dog), UD (Utility Dog), WD (Working Dog), TD (Tracking Dog) and PD Stakes.

The nosework phase constitutes a track of at least half a mile long and aged between 30 mins - 3 hours with between 2 – 3 articles to recover. There may be up to 30 legs in the TD stake and the articles can be extremely small. Dogs must then retrieve between 3 – 4 articles from a 15 and 15 yards square in 4 – 5 minutes.

The agility section consists of a 3ft hurdle, 9ft long jump and a 6ft scale which must be traversed twice.

Obedience includes heelwork on and off lead, bark on command, retrieve, sendaway and redirect, sit and down stays out of sight, recall and steadiness to gunshot.

In the PD stake there is a quarter, test of courage, search and escort, recall from protected stewards, pursuit and detention of protected stewards.

2 wins in either or both PD/TD stakes at a Championship Trial make up a Working Trial Champion and each year the Kennel Club Championships invite all ticket winners from the previous 12 months to participate. This year they are being hosted by Hampshire Working Trials Society from Thursday 20th October – Saturday 22 October at North Boarhunt Parish Hall, Trampers Lane, Fareham, Hants, PO17 6DD. Tracking takes place on Thursday and Friday with the Control and Agility and Patrol Dog Rounds on Saturday.

Spectators are welcome and entrance is free.

Korbach Baxiva, owned and handled by Kevin Hill, is the only GSD to qualify for 2022. Not only that but they have qualified in BOTH stakes.

Xiva was bred by Phil Sergeant and Linda Gammon by Hyper vom Roxeler Bahndamm x Helaka Annah. She has several siblings Korbach Becks is an operational police dog, Korbach Brooke IGP2, Korbach Brixie IGP2.

Photo of Kevin Hill and Xiva with judge Jeff Poole after winning the TD ticket at Wessex Championship Trial with 210.5/220 He also won the PD ticket at SATS Championship Trial under Lee Olszynska with 282/320. This makes her Working Trial Champion Korbach Baxiva CDex UDex WDex TDex PDex.





A Line We Never Wanted to Cross

By **Debbie Hill (Chairman)**

<https://www.gsdwelfarefund.co.uk>

Back in the May edition of GSD League Magazine we reported that we had over 80 dogs in our care. That number is now well over 110, with 30 of them with us for life. Sadly that means we've reached the stage of having to turn dogs away now.

As much as our heart breaks for them, we need to draw the line, or risk the dogs already in our care. It's not about finding more kennel space, but how do we fund that expansion? And maintain a decent quality of life for our charges?

We still have more every week seeking our support. And we're seeing more cases with dogs that haven't been properly raised, and so require significant work to give them a chance at a new home. Some have been passed on to us by the famous rescues able to afford TV advertising. We've so often been the last chance for a breed we love so much, but can still be seen with fear by some. What will happen to those dogs now?

It doesn't sit right and it's not why we set Welfare up in the first place. We are one of the few rescues who refuse to put a dog down because its health or trauma makes it impossible to rehome.

This is what could happen to the German Shepherds we turn away. By the time people come to us to ask us to take them, they have already made their minds up that they don't want the dog. If the world were a better place then such people would be held responsible, but we have to deal with the world as it is – not how we wish it to be.

There needs to be a longer term solution. A way that every aspect of the dog world works together to minimise rescues like us having to pick up the pieces. There's no single, or simple answer, but despite our current situation we've started to help by providing advice and knowledge not only to the adopters, but available to anyone who can access our website.

But that doesn't ease the immediate situation, but neither can we take in more dogs. A difficult decision, one made fully aware of the likely consequences.

But then we were alerted to this...



Here we meet Bella and her five pups. It's hard to believe looking at them that they're nine months old. We immediately organised a rescue, and even though we'd seen the photos, it didn't prepare you for the reality. Or the stench...

They existed in a tiny space barely sufficient for one dog, let alone six. A small scattering of cheap feed cast on the floor. Not enough for them all, so they had to snatch what little they could before the others did. They lived in their own filth, literally encrusted in their own faeces and urine. It was so engrained we couldn't wash it out, and had to cut the fur off.

We've set up a GoFundMe campaign to help pay for their immediate care – if you can help then please donate to their fundraiser, even just a small contribution soon mounts up.

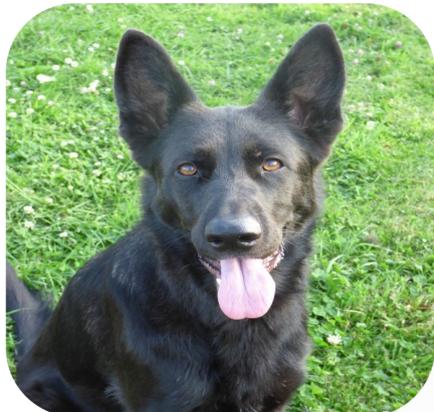
<https://gofund.me/83d84241>

Of course we couldn't say no – we're teetering on the edge, but not quite fallen yet. So far we've received a wonderful response and we're humbled by people's generosity. With our care bills at £25,000 per month we obviously need to generate a substantial income to keep things running.

We do have some reserves, but with this level of spend we'll burn through it at an alarming rate.

The biggest positive impact would be finding more adopters for those dogs suitable for rehoming. The reason we exist is to rescue these vulnerable German Shepherds and find them new homes and a life they deserve – not the one they've suffered.

The German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund was formed in 1975 as the first GSD breed specialist to rescue, care for and rehome vulnerable German Shepherds.



Since 1975 we have helped nearly 10,000 dogs.

All dogs deserve a chance at life, especially those that can't be rehomed because of health or trauma.

30 of the dogs in our care are permanent residents—like the beautiful Beau pictured above.



The surge for our services continues and we now have over 110 GSDs and we're stretched too thinly to take more in!

We need your help!

www.gsdwelfarefund.co.uk



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Memoirs of a Serial Seminar Attendee

By Allyson Tohme

Imagine ???

You have seen an event advertised which is going to be delivered by an international speaker of note. You have the financial resources to enable you to afford the costs of attendance, fuel and subsistence and the ability to reorganise your work schedule.

After getting up at bird's fart, in order to leave time to spare for both travelling and exercising your dogs, you arrive at a venue hundreds of miles away to find that the location is such that you feel very uncomfortable about leaving your empty car unattended let alone when the occupants are your beloved canine companions.

There is no signage to indicate that the building before you is set up for the activity and, on entering, you find that it is about as suitable for the proposed pursuit as a wine bar is for a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The host is conspicuous by their absence and eventually arrives, long after the scheduled start time, with said celebrity blaming traffic for the delay.

No refreshments are available as yet.

The equipment required has still not arrived, been assembled and/or is not of the correct dimensions.

The "light lunch" (included in the price) is acquired on the day from a neighbouring supermarket and tastelessly arranged with little or no thought to food hygiene regulations. (An EHO would have issued an Improvement Notice with immediate effect!)

During the multiday event the host has no assistants, is often absent and the presenter is frequently occupied on their internet device, checking emails and flight times.

On the final day a musical rehearsal takes place causing the walls to reverberate and the hushed atmosphere, which has been carefully cultivated, evaporates and puts the welfare of the animals involved at potential risk.

Unfortunately for some of us, this was not a figment of the imagination.

With the uplift in seminars/conferences/symposia/workshops it might be wise for those unversed in the world of Event Management not to promise what they cannot deliver to prevent disappointment!

Dog Exercise Area : To prevent potential prosecution under the Trades Description Act it might be an idea for some organisers to elaborate on their interpretation of this term which varies from the facility to empty bladder and bowels to being able to actually physically exercise dogs larger than your average Chihuahua.

(For those who believe that dogs should be left at home/kennelled this is not always practical or possible for various reasons)

Directions : It always helps if the host has actually done some reconnaissance in person prior to sending these out (assuming that they actually do) to ensure that they are current and accurate. Warnings that some routes may be inaccessible due to (extended) road works are always appreciated especially if one has to negotiate unlit single track roads in a vehicle not designed for off-road use in an area with no mobile phone signal. This is the sort of adrenaline rush most of us can live without.

Refreshments : There is nothing like a long drink after a lengthy drive and so it might be worth investigating whether the venue will be providing mugs rather than twee cups and saucers. Also will hot water as well as tea/coffee be provided? I take my own travel mug, flask of hot water and chosen beverage as insurance but this should not really be necessary. You may also want to take your own Kit Kat (other chocolate bars are available) in the event that only Fig Rolls or Garibaldi biscuits are on offer.

Lunch : This may be an indifferent sandwich (usually containing either tuna and/or sweetcorn) a packet of your least favourite flavour crisps and can/bottle of drink containing aspartame/saccharin/cafeine or the wrong sort of water; or a sumptuous hot and/or cold buffet with vague labels such as "vegetarian". There are an awful lot of less than adventurous diners out there and mysterious shapes, usually deep fried containing unlabelled contents, are those which cause the greatest delays in the food queue.

Notes : If you are lucky these are sent to you in advance of the seminar so that you can read, print and annotate them, on your laptop/tablet if you have one. This saves manic writing/typing especially for those whose script resembles a doctor's scrawl after a few hours or who cannot touch type. Always a plus if the Wi-Fi code is also made available so that any ad hoc book/website recommendations can be bookmarked etc. This also means a few less South American rainforests need to be defoliated if people prefer to keep notes on their device.

Certificates : These too can be emailed post the event so they can be printed at leisure and avoid being damaged between departure and arrival. Always wise to take a plastic envelope to keep any hand-outs/certificates pristine/dry. It helps if the certificate has the correct title, spelling and date.....

Final Thoughts ...

For organisers: When engaging a speaker, confirm that they are not suffering from delusions of adequacy/ competency both in their chosen field and the art of presentation.

For delegates: Ensure that when updating your website after attending such events that it reflects the functional rather than the fictional by remembering the subtle, but important, distinction between being trained by (insert name of relevant international expert) and having attended a seminar/conference given by them!



Preventing Separation Anxiety

Dogs dysfunctional attachment relationships with their owners is believed to be the root cause of separation anxiety, with dogs who have anxious owners being more at risk of developing separation anxiety (Gapp & Zuppan, 2020).

23-55% of owners believe their dogs have developed separation anxiety & can make up as much as 40% of trainers and behaviourists caseloads.

4 tips on how to Prevent Separation Anxiety

Prevention is better than the cure as they say, so here are some tips to help prevent separation anxiety in your new puppy.

Separation anxiety is more of an umbrella term to describe a cluster of behaviour displayed by dogs when separated from their handler or owner, such as crying when left, isolation distress, chewing or unwanted behaviours when alone.

1 Create "micro-absences"

First, make a list of household chores that will require absence from your puppy, such as going to the toilet, that increase in the time of absence.

During that absence, scatter food on the floor for your puppy to eat during that time. This teaches your puppy to be alone for short periods, followed by a short period of recovery when you return.

Increase duration of absence over time.



2 Create a "safe place"

Create a safe place for your puppy to learn to relax in, I highly recommend a crate or secure area that your puppy can not chew anything undesired.

Spend time during the day putting your puppy in their 'safe place' with a kong or other tasty treat for short periods.

At this stage, leave your puppy alone, but remain in the house. Perhaps just go into another room and make a cuppa!



3 Create a "positive association"

Make your dogs safe place POSITIVE, and do not use it for punishment.

Always feed your new puppy in their safe place, and either give tasty snacks or a handful of kibble each time they go in their.

Use this as a training exercise, and encourage your new puppy into their safe place with food before calling out. Puppies are sponges and love to learn!



4 Provide Stimulation

Before leaving your puppy for the first time, ensure you have completed the above steps!

It is also important that before leaving your puppy you have provided them with adequate mental and physical stimulation. Be careful to leave too soon after providing this stimulation as endorphins can still be high, leave a 15-30 minute gap, and ensure your puppy has been to the toilet.



Separation Anxiety in dogs can most easily be explained through the Attachment Theory, first studied by Bowlby & Ainsworth looking at attachment styles in children to their primary caregiver.

Bowlby (1958) described 4 attachment styles:

1. Secure
2. Insecure
3. Avoidant
4. With the latter addition of anxious attachment.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT???

Harlow & Lorenz later provided evidence of attachment theory in dogs relating to separation anxiety.

This is particularly important, as it has been found that dogs with a **secure attachment** to their owners are less likely to develop separation anxiety. This is most easily characterised by dogs who are confident, self-assured, and enjoy the company of their human, rather than being dependant on their presence to feel secure.

Dogs with an **insecure attachment** will often be extremely clingy and 'attention-seeking' and will be prone to separation issues when left on their own and will display hyper-excitement when their owners return. These are often dogs that have general anxiety or reactivity problems.

Dogs with **avoidant attachments** do exactly that – they will avoid direct contact with the owner. The most obvious problem associated here is a poor but they will also potentially have handling issues that will have to be dealt with such as destructive or undesired behaviours due to lack of appropriate stimulation.

By following the 4 tips on how to prevent separation anxiety, you can ensure that you build a secure attachment with your new puppy, giving you the best possible chance of successfully avoiding separation anxiety!

UK Dog Sport

There is a plethora of canine activities with which we can entertain both ourselves and our dogs should we so wish nowadays without worrying about if our dogs are a certain breed, size, shape, type etc or even if they are registered with the Kennel Club.

Of course because they are not governed by an “official body” any “qualifications” or “titles” they may earn will not be recognised by the Kennel Club.

Although many are competitive most can be enjoyed at a purely participative level, catering to those who have no wish to “pot hunt.”

Scentwork, Hoopers, Mantrailing are but three and one that comprises a mixture of several disciplines appears to be coming more popular and that is UK Dog Sport.

Although designed to encourage beginners with no prior sport experience it is, therefore, unfortunate that training rounds are not permitted (in the view of the author).

The “qualifications” (and several of the exercises) are based on Working Trial tests with teams either failing to meet the standard or gaining a “Q” certificate or “excellent” depending on the marks gained eg FDQ or FDEX.

There are six levels to work towards with the two “entry” levels aimed at the total novice.

The levels are as follows:

Foundation, Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert

All have differing entry criteria with increasing distances, durations, difficulty etc

Foundation and Beginner consists of a search square, heelwork, recall, retrieve, sendaway, down stay, clear jump, A frame and Tunnel.

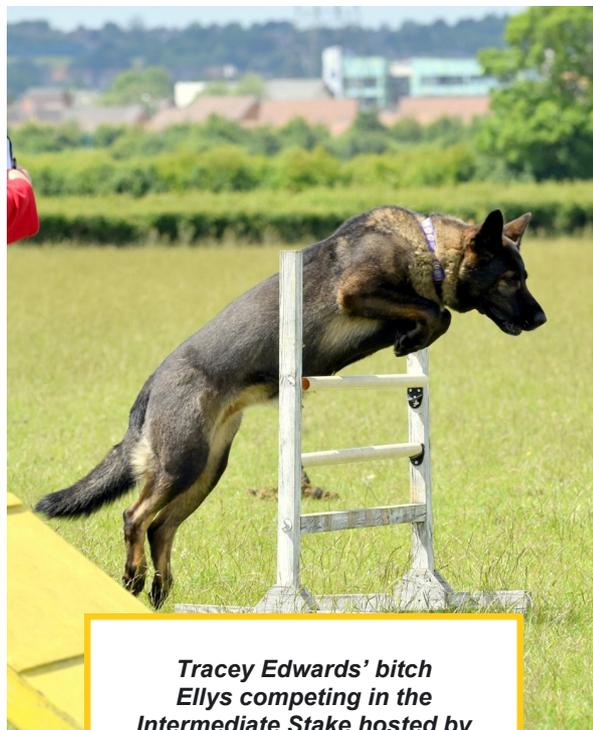
At Intermediate level, the speak is added to the above. Advanced level adds a redirect to the sendaway Expert level includes a detection element and a Search and Rescue component.

The sport does not require vast amounts of land or equipment, nor, if an event is organised well, does it need to take up a huge amount of time as whether or not there is one judge or more all the levels can be run concurrently if the judging is done in sections.

This sport could encourage the ambitious to go on to participate in either Working Trials or IGP or those who have retired from such sports to keep training. Of course it can be enjoyed as a stand-alone activity.

I had the pleasure of judging the Intermediate Level at the event organised by Three Counties Working Trials Club in June earlier this year to raise funds for the KCCs and entrants ranged from Border Terriers to GSD in size and all bar one were successful.

I think it is a good introduction to competitive sport dog handling for children too.



Tracey Edwards' bitch Ellys competing in the Intermediate Stake hosted by Three Counties Working Trials Club June 2022.

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BRG Gold Medal Presentation 2022

The British Regional Group were absolutely delighted to be able to present the BRG Gold Medal to ;

Mrs Heather Macdonald for VA Leonarda von Bad-Boll

Mrs Susan Cuthbert for V Cruaghaire Jaede



WUSV / GSDL – British Regional Group British Regional Points Explained:

The British Gold Medal recognises exhibits which have achieved outstanding show results over their lifetime at Regional Events and the British Sieger.

Points are awarded on the following basis:

VV1 (VP1) = 1 point.

SG1 = 2 points

SG1 adult = 4 points

V1 working = 5 points

VA working = 10 points

SG2 = 1 point

SG2 adult = 2 points

V2 working = 4 points



An exhibit which obtains 25 points is awarded the British Regional Group Gold Medal – these points must include:

- At least 5 points gained in the adult or working class
- At least one Adult SG1 at a regional show with a minimum of 3 exhibits presented in the class. Where a dog achieves the required 25 points in the UK but does not have a Adult SG1 in a class of three or more, then a V1 win in a class overseas with three or more in the class under and SV or BRG approved judge will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the awards co-ordinator of such a win

The **Annual Awards** Each year is list of the top 10 exhibits in the categories Male, Female, Long Coat Male and Long Coat Female will be declared. All exhibits who will be 12 months or over by the 31 December will be able to be included in the Annual Points Award Scheme which will recognise the Top 10 consistently highly placed dogs. To be included an exhibit must have entered at least one Regional show – entry at the British Sieger only will not be sufficient although points can be gained at the British Sieger.

The grading is as important as the placing and an animal which is first or second in a class but does not receive the top grade possible for its age will not receive any points.

For final points and placings to be confirmed the health test results of each exhibit must satisfy the requirements of a UK breed survey or Koerung. Owners have up to 20 February in the following year to submit health test results to the awards administrator for verification. In the event of an appeal of a health test result which has not been confirmed by 20 February, the original score will be used for verification purposes. Any exhibit without confirmed satisfactory health test results by this date will not be included in the final listings for the year.

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CRUAGHAIRE Qiwi BH

BRG GM Hazroh Xavier x KC & BRG CH CRUAGHAIRE Catoria

Hips Normal Elbows Normal



CRUAGHAIRE Wrizo

Hazroh Chris x BRG GM CRUAGHAIRE Jaede

Hips Normal Elbows Normal



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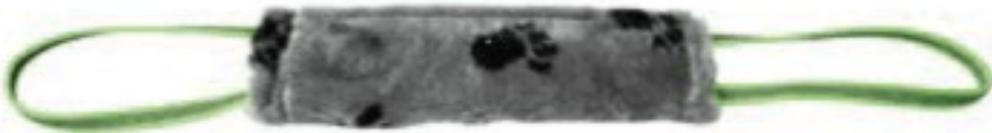


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British Sieger Show



Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 1a : Baby Puppy Dog Short Coat

VP1	6	Emer O'Sullivan	Von Armen Moses	Asap von Aldamar x Von Armen Ellie
VP2	1	E & K Rogerson & Gourlay	Finleric Lugo	Kelnik Exose x Ardenburg Pippi
VP3	114	Kathryn Brennen-Hennigan	Von Armen Milo	Asap von Aldamar x Von Armen Ellie
VP4	5	D Evans	Tyson De La Petite Laeticia	Nano De La Petite Laeticia x Nicole De La Petite Laeticia
VP5	3	Nikki Farley	Nikonis Perez	Sasko Von Der Zenteiche x Nikonis Indra
VP6	4	Linda Sprules	Warro vom Nurburgring	Usher aus der Brunnenstasse x Vixie von Nurburgring

Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 1b : Baby Puppy Dog Long Coat

VP1	7	A & J Shaikh	Baron von der Zenteiche	Asap von Aldamar x Quanja von der Zenteiche
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Judge Marco Ossman : Class 2a : Baby Puppy Bitch Short Coat

VP1	12	Cassidy & Farley	Nikonis Patzi	Sasko Von Der Zenteiche x Nikonis Indra
VP2	10	H DeZutter	Langfaulds Desire	Gayvilles Vopus x Langfaulds Xcandal
VP3	9	Eileen Henderson	Finleric Lucilla	Kelnik Exose x Ardenburg Pippi
VP4	14	P&K Prince & Ayling	Shernaa Xena	Jakub vom Grafenbrunn x Belezra Xaffire
VP5	11	K Palmer	Nikonis Phantom	Sasko Von Der Zenteiche x Nikonis Indra



Judge Marco Ossman : Class 2b : Baby Puppy Bitch Long Coat

VP1	15	S & K Grierson	Beeberhoos Loobyloo	Dorsey of Jonimay x Beeberhoos Ceecee
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Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 3a : Minor Puppy Dog Short Coat

VP1	16	Maureen Lakin	Mascani Black Sabbath	Margman Qwoil x Mascani Saffie
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Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 3b : Minor Puppy Dog Long Coat

VP1	17	Jurgaa Tarasevicuite	Samurai Armagedonas	Asap von Aldamar x Gretel Armagedonas
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Judge Marco Ossman : Class 4a : Minor Puppy Bitch Short Coat

VP1	21	Harvey & Dodds & Dodds	Kleehuegel Florance	Sasko Von Der Zenteiche x Isabeau Von Der
VP2	18	E Lowe	Delnat Nula	Kelnik Exose x Delnat Chili
VP3	20	S & E Hughes & Thornley	Jamniska Pearl	Jamniska Aguerro x Jamniska Ina

Judge Marco Ossman : Class 4b : Minor Puppy Bitch Long Coat

VP1	22	Paul & Claire Williams & Starkey	Zuma Di Casa Massarelli	Uvo Dell 'Alto' Ofanto x Guarana Di Casa Massarelli
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Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 5a : Puppy Dog Short Coat

VP1	25	Maureen Lakin	Blerio Bezique @ Mascani	Jasko vd Zenteiche x Ursula Della Fiamme Nere
VP2	24	S & J Bracher	Blerio Anubis	Kelnik Exose x Hura Del Primopineto
VP3	23	J & L Lu & Wei	Blerio Bazaar	Jasko Von Der Zenteiche x Ursula Della Fiamme Nere

Judge Marco Ossman : Class 6a : Puppy Bitch Short coat

VP1	28	K & C Hoult	Bailey vom Springberg	Sastor v Huhnegrab x Lorah v Springberg
VP2	27	Mrs Meijere	Xoxi Solo Rigoletto	Darel Solo Rigoletto x Nova von der Zenteiche

Judge Marco Ossman : Class 6b : Puppy Bitch Long coat

VP1	29	K & C Hoult	Berra vom Springberg	Sastor v Huhnegrab x Lorah v Springberg
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Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 7 a: Junior Dog Short Coat

SG1	30	M Dawkins	Bygoly Willis	Veneze Toro x Bygoly Spitfire
SG2	31	P&K Prince & Ayling	Shernaa Jakub Junior	Jakub vom Grafenbrunn x Belezra Xaffire
SG3	32	D Evans	Trimika's Oslo	Yoris vom Osterbergerland x Gayville's Varinka



Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 7b: Junior Dog Long Coat

SG1	35	Sharon Britnell	Blaven vom Wanakon	Grizzly vom Herbramer-Wald x Zinderella vom Lamorak
SG2	34	Stacy & Kris Grierson	Finleric Achilles	Hazroh Chris x Ardenburg Pippi

Judge Marco Ossman : Class 8a : Junior Bitch Short Coat

SG1	38	Eric & Tracy Wight	Kleehuegel Evita	Ulkan Von Der Zenteiche x Naike Di Casa Mary
SG2	37	Aileen Dickie	Kleehuegal Electra	Ulkan Von Der Zenteiche x Naike Di Casa Mary
SG3	47	Shirley Hutchinson	Mascani Saskia	Dingo Di Casa Mary x Mascani Maddie
SG4	42	Carol Gouck	Vomzoarhoff Murron	Vomzoarhoff Henry x Hausmuller Alva
SG5	36	A & A Johnstone	Hundark Holly Paws	Gayvilles Picasso x Hundark Alona



Judge Marco Ossman : Class 8b : Junior Bitch Long Coat

SG1	49	A Raza	Steine vd Orangerie	Wacron Del Rione Antico x Opale du Pavillion Chinois
SG2	45	A Shaikh	Hausruma Auroura	Dingo Di Casa Mary x Giantlands Pretoria von Hausruma
SG3	48	John & Pauline Straw	Celma vom Nordteich	Gondor vom Nordteich x Reika vom Nordteich
SG4	43	H Butt	Mati Dei Murolo	Lasso Vom Grafenbrunn x Unique Dei Murolo
SG5	44	Eileen Henderson	Finleric Alcippi	Hazroh Chris x Ardenburg Pippi



Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 9a : Yearling Dog Short Coat

SG1	55	S Prendville	Rico vom Sudenville	Dingo Di Casa Mary x Rani vom Osterbergerland
SG2	54	Joachim Wozniak	Xabu vom Springberg	Omen von der Zenteiche x Larah vom Springberg
SG3	53	M Davies	Reno De La Petite Laetitia	Nero vom Ghattas x Nivess De La Petite Laetitia
SG4	52	Sean Roerkohl	Marleycrest Ingo	Vin vom Osterbergerland x Beauty vom
SG5	50	JW & CL Robinson	Corjon Obbi	Absela Month at Corjon x Gayvilles Vogue at Corjon
SG6	51	Jimmy & Helen Pegg	Dahlmann Randy	Yoris vom Osterburger Land x Dahlmann Holly



Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 9b : Yearling Dog Long Coat

SG1	57	Joachim Wozniak	Calvados vom Holtkamper Hof	Olymp vom Holtkamper Hof x Deli vom Holtkamper
SG2	58	Susan Cartwright	Pendledene Reno from Redwoodlands	Veneze Torro x Ester v grauroten Granit v Pendledene
SG3	56	Anne Cave	Casiann Atlas	Eli von Juvenisty x Ballynabola Ria at Casiann



Judge Marco Ossman : Class 10a : Yearling Bitch Short Coat

SG1	62	C & D Rice & Campos	Jalapeno de Domus Didacus	Usher aus der Brunnenstasse x Tijuana de Domus Didacus
SG2	64	H DeZutter	Langfaulds Chic	Gayvilles Picasso x Langfaulds Xcandal
G1	61	G & K Richards & Hoult	Corjon Opal	Absela Month at Corjon x Gayvilles Vogue at Corjon

Judge Marco Ossman : Class 10b : Yearling Bitch Long Coat

SG1	67	A Raza	Dixie vom Billberg	Kingsley vom Eibe Saale Winkel x Shakira vom Billberg
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Judge Marco Ossman : Class 11a : Adult Dog Short Coat

SG1	76	Williams & Starkey	Wakematts Morty at Starkwill Jumbo Mater Domini x Wakematts Jamaica
SG2	74	Gerry Murray	Ezra vom Miacastle Vin vom Osterbergerland x
SG3	73	B & J Owen	Kelnik Exose Chilli Della Valcuvia x Ursual Delle Fiamme Nere
SG4	77	T & L Hannan	Dorsey of Jonimay Dieke Van'T Groot-Fenn x Norma Du Val d'Anzin
SG5	71	G & A Monaghan	Gayvilles Yogi Omen Von Der Zenteiche x Paris Von Simpor



Judge Marco Ossman : Class 11b : Adult Dog Long Coat

SG1	78	S & P Smith	BRG GM Shaneva Alarik Tramella Hanx x Peterwell Reva
SG2	80	Lisa Towning	Zandamor Dax Kik Crveni Mayestoso x Zandamor Cora
SG3	79	D Whitley	Shaneva Chris Antilli Odin x Peterwell Reva



Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 12a : Adult Bitch Short Coat

SG1	81	B Dutton	Evawell Dusti Dieke Van'T Groot-Fenn x Norma Du Val d'Anzin
SG2	83	Joan & Hazel Docherty	Hazroh Catja Vitos Von Bad-boll x Hazroh Sassy
SG3	87	Albert Balmer	Iala Dei Pascoletto Haldo Di Ca'san Marco x Fendy Del
SG4	88	Emer O'Sullivan	Von Armen Kayla Eusebio aus Wattenscheid x Vom Armen Ellie
SG5	85	H DeZutter	Langfaulds Bliss Dingo Di Casa Mary x Langfaulds Wonder
SG6	84	H DeZutter	Langfaulds Adele Dingo Di Casa Mary x Langfaulds Wonder
SG7	86	Maureen Lakin	Mascani Saffie Larus Vom Fichtenschlag x Komrad Ka'Puccino



Judge Wolfgang Hasgall : Class 12b : Adult Bitch Long Coat

SG1	89	Mr & Mrs Cuthbert	BRG GM Cruaghaire Jaede Conbhairean Freddie x Cruaghaite Catoria
SG2	93	AS & M Guy	Marinita Evanna Gavin von Hasenborn x Marinita Rubette
SG3	90	Sharon Britnell	Bridgeview Freya Kuba vom Polarstern x Carthark's Bertina
SG4	91	Jackie Turner	BRG GM Impranah Flavia Conbhairean Waro x Impranah Razzamatazz
SG5	92	Welch	Karherobhoss Leiblich Oak Heros vd Schuckenweide at Karherobhoss x Weistorre Holly at Karhebhoss

KENNEL Group 2022 : DINGO Di Casa Mary



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Class 14b : Working Dog Long Coat

V1 111 Sandra Parker
Jack Von Fenrir IGP 1 kkl
 Kampus von Drei Birkenzwinger x Hilla Von Fenrir



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Class 13b : Working Bitch Long Coat

V1 101 Renate Steinvorn
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 Chess von der Torenhoeve x Vixen au Quantos



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Class 13 : Working Bitch Short Coat

VA1 96 C Hoenic **Vixie von Nurburgring IGP2 kkl**
 Asap von Aldamar x Brenda von Nurburgring

VA2 95 P Bradley **Naike Di Casa Mary IGP2 kkl**
 Dingo Di Casa Mary x Christianguor Anita

V1 94 Rice & Docherty **Fee Von Bad-Boll IGP1 KKL**
 Kasper v Tronje x Prisca v Bad-Boll

V2 97 Prendville **Penelope v Sudenville IGP1 kkl**
 Team Malboro Hilton x Quara v Osterbergerland

V3 100 ice & Wood **Zandamor Depeche IGP1 KKL**
 Kik Crveni Mayestoso x Zandamor Cora

Class 14 :Working Dog Short Coat

VA1 102 H & D Macdonald & Greer **Conbhairean Vincenzo IGP2 kkl**
 Conbhairean Quizz x Leonarda von Bad-Boll

V1 104 W Stephens **Ardenburg Ulk IGP2 kkl lbz**
 Remo von Fichtenschlag x Ardenburg Holly

V2 105 JW & CL Robinson **Absela Monty at Corjon IGP3 kkl lbz**
 Tito v Finkenschlag x Inca vd Templehoeve

V3 109 John & Pauline Cullen **Veneze Valen IPO 3 kkl lbz**
 Veneze Raul x Veneze

V4 107 S Worley **Samstag Dux IGP3 kkl**
 Gary von Huhnegrab x Samstag Yipsi



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Scottish Progressive GSD Group Regional show 16th July 2022

Judges : Torsten Kallenback & Daniele Strazzeri



Class : Minor Puppy Bitch Standard Coat

- VV1** H DeZutter **Langfaulds Desire** Breeder : exh
Sire : Gayvilles Vopus Dam : Langfaulds Xcandal
- VV2** W & K Mackenzie **Rafaye Snow Queen** Breeder : Summerhill
Sire : Xibor Chase Dam : Rafaye Snowflake
- VV3** Eileen Henderson **Finleric Lucilla**
Breeder : Eileen & Wendy Henderson & Stephens
Sire : Kelnik Exose Dam : Ardenburg Pippi

Class : Minor Puppy Bitch Long Coat

- VV1** S & K Grierson **Beeberhoos Loobyloo**
Breeder : Barbara MacKenzie
Sire : Dorsey of Jonimay Dam : Beeberhoos Ceecee
- VV2** Paul & Claire Williams & Starkey **Zuma Di Casa Massarelli**
Breeder : Andrei Massarelli
Sire : Uvo Della 'Alto' Ofanto Dam : Guarana Di Casa Massarelli

Class : Minor Puppy Dog Standard Coat

- VV1** Elizabeth Rogerson **Finleric Lugo**
Breeder : Henderson & Stephens
Sire : Kelnik Exose Dam : Ardenburg Pippi

Class : Minor Puppy Dog Long Coat

- VV1** A & J Shaikh **Baron von der Zenteiche**
Breeder : Christoph Ludwig
Sire : Asap von Aldamar Dam : Quanja von der Zenteiche

Class : Puppy Bitch Long Coat

- VV1** Monika & Wojciech Filipiak **Chilli Kolebka Wadery**
Breeder : Teresa Mycek
Sire : Flapjack Vanos Poland Dam : Erna Gven Blaid

Class : Junior Bitch Standard Coat

- SG1** C & D McGrath & Boyd **Mascani Denva**
Breeder : Maureen Lakin
Sire : Antilli Odin Dam : Margman Whitney
- SG2** Aileen Dickie **Kleehuegel Electra** Breeder : Hallsworth
Sire : Ulkan Von Der Zenteiche Dam : Naike Di Casa Mary
- SG3** Marina Scerbakova **Chapelforge Agatha** Breeder : Organ
Sire : Larath Aramis JW Dam : Kombiniert Gerti at Chapelforge

Class : Junior Bitch Long Coat

- SG1** D & M Shipley **Trimika's Berlin** Breeder : D & M Shipley
Sire : Yoris v Osterburger Land Dam : Gayville's Varinka with Trimika
- SG2** A Shaikh **Hausruma Auroura** Breeder : A Shaikh
Sire : Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam : Giantlands Pretoria vom Hausruma

Class : Junior Dog Standard Coat

- SG1** Rosemary Mooney **Draycore Kenneth**
Breeder : JA Kirby
Sire : Antilli Odin Dam : Draycore Vera
- SG2** M Dawkins **Bygoly Willis**
Breeder : Byrne & Hadley
Sire : Veneze Torro Dam : Bygoly Spitfire

Class : Junior Dog Long Coat

- SG1** D Jackson **Cruaghaire Warrock**
Breeder : Mr & Mrs Cuthbert
Sire : Hazroh Chris Dam : Cruaghaire Jaede

Class : Yearling Bitch Standard Coat

- SG1** A & A Johnstone **Hundark Holly Paws**
Breeder : Mandy McAteer
Sire : Gayvilles Picasso Dam : Hundark Alona
- SG2** H DeZutter **Langfaulds Chic** Breeder : exh
Sire : Gayvilles Picasso Dam : Langfaulds Xcandal
- SG3** J & B Halliday & Jack **Eskgyle Zani**
Breeder : J & B Halliday & Roe

Sire : Videx Shiraz of Eskgyle Dam : Eskgyle Quenta

Class : Yearling Dog Long Coat

- SG1** Anne Cave **Casiann Atlas** Breeder : Anne Cave
Sire : Eli von Juvenisty Dam : Ballynabola Ria at Casiann
- SG2** Stacy & Kris Grierson **Finleric Achilles**
Breeder : Eileen & Wendy Henderson & Stephens
Sire : Hazroh Chris Dam : Ardenburg Pippi

Class : Adult Bitch Standard Coat

- SG1** T Archer **Gayville's Wafa**
Breeder : Samantha Hall
Sire : Hilton Team Malboro Dam : Gayville's Panama
- SG2** D & M Shipley **Gayville's Varinka with Trimika**
Breeder : Halls Sire : Gary Von Hühnegrab Dam : Paris v Simpor
- SG3** H DeZutter **Langfaulds Adele**
Breeder : H DeZutter
Sire : Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam : Langfaulds Wonder
- SG4** Mandy McAteer **Hundark Alona**
Breeder : Mandy McAteer
Sire : Hettel Di Casa Mary Dam : Hundark Alona
- SG5** S & J Gibson **Shaneva Billie**
Breeder : Bridge & Smith
Sire : Tramella Hanx Dam : Peterwell Reva

Class : Adult Bitch Long Coat

- SG1** Jackie Turner **Impranah Flavia**
Breeder : exh
Sire : Conbhairean Waro Dam : Impranah Razzamatuzz
- SG2** Heather Welch **Karherobhoss Leiblich Oak**
Breeder : Heather Welch Sire : Schuckenweide Heros von der at
Karherbhoss Dam : Weiss Torre Holly at Karherobhoss
- SG3** Mr & Mrs Cuthbert **Cruaghaire Qiwi**
Breeder : Cuthbert,
Sire : Hazroh Xavier Dam : Cruaghaire Catoria

Class : Adult Dog Standard Coat

- SG1** Paul & Claire Williams & Starkey **Wakematts Morty at Starkwill**
Breeder : M Wakefield
Sire : Jumbo Mater Domini Dam : Wakematts Jamaica
- SG2** Todor Kepev **Latmon Kianu**
Breeder : Daiga Krumina
Sire : Willy Vom Kuckucksland Dam : Zamba Vom Bierstadter Hof
- SG3** Rosemary Mooney **Equiside Nitro**
Breeder : Barnes
Sire : Antilli Odin Dam : Equiside Katarina

Class : Adult Dog Long Coat

- SG1** S & P Smith **Shaneva Alarik**
Breeder : S & P Smith
Sire : Tramella Hanx Dam : Peterwell Reva
- SG2** D M Marshall **Giantlands Plano vom Zennpersol**
Breeder : Susan Dooley
Sire : Cezar Von Der Zenteiche Dam : Conbhairean Inka

Class : Working Bitch Standard Coat

- V1** R & J Asher **Noblesse vom Bad-Boll**
Breeder : Hans Peter Rieker
Sire : Falco V Farhantal Dam : Prisca Von Bad-Boll

Class : Working Dog Standard Coat

- V1** C & H Rice & Docherty **Zandamor Franco**
Breeder : C & H Rice & Docherty
Sire : Team Malboro Hilton Dam : Zandamor Carrerra



National Long Coat GSD Group

Regional show 17th July 2022

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Class : Minor Puppy Bitch Standard Coat

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Sire : Xibor Chase Dam : Rafaye Snowflake
- VV3** Eileen Henderson **Finleric Lucilla**
Breeder : Eileen & Wendy Henderson & Stephens
Sire : Kelnik Exose Dam : Ardenburg Pippi

Class : Minor Puppy Bitch Long Coat

- VV1** S & K Grierson **Beeberhoos Loobyloo** Breeder : MacKenzie
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- VV2** Paul & Claire Williams & Starkey **Zuma Di Casa Massarelli**
Breeder : Andrei Massarelli
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Breeder : Eileen & Wendy Henderson & Stephens
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Class : Minor Puppy Dog Long Coat

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- SG3** Marina Scerbakova **Chapelforge Agatha** Breeder : Organ
Sire : Larath Aramis JW Dam : Kombiniert Gerti at Chapelforge
- SG4** S Hutchnson **Mascani Saskia** Breeder : Lakin
Sire : Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam : Mascani Maddie

Class : Junior Bitch Long Coat

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Breeder : Byrne & Hadley
Sire : Veneze Torro Dam : Bygoly Spitfire

Class : Junior Dog Long Coat

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Sire : Gayvilles Picasso Dam : Langfaulds Xcandal
- SG3** J & B Halliday & Jack **Eskgyle Zani**
Breeder : J & B Halliday & Roe
Sire : Videx Shiraz of Eskgyle Dam : Eskgyle Quenta

- SG4** S & D Dailidyte **Bree Hierarchija** Breeder : Lysiakoviene
Sire : Barley Aukstagirio Dam : Faiga Vikiukstis

Class : Yearling Dog Standard Coat

- SG1** M Ross **Dahlmann Rambo** Breeder : J & H Pegg
Sire : Yoris vom Osterbergerland Dam : Dahlmann Holly

Class : Yearling Dog Long Coat

- SG1** S Cartwright **Pendledene Reno From Redwoodlands**
Breeder : Laing Sire : Veneze Torro Dam : Ester von Garoten Granit vom Pemdledene
- SG2** Stacy & Kris Grierson **Finleric Achilles**
Breeder : Eileen & Wendy Henderson & Stephens
Sire : Hazroh Chris Dam : Ardenburg Pippi

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- SG3** Mandy McAteer **Hundark Alona** Breeder : exh
Sire : Hettel Di Casa Mary Dam : Hundark Alona
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Sire : Dingo Di Casa Mary Dam : Langfaulds Wonder
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Sire : Conbhairean Waro Dam : Impranah Razzamatazz
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Breeder : Heather Welch Sire : Schuckenweide Heros von der at Karherbhoss Dam : Weiss Torre Holly at Karherbhoss
- SG3** Mr & Mrs Cuthbert **Cruaghaire Qiwi** Breeder : exh
Sire : Hazroh Xavier Dam : Cruaghaire Catoria

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Breeder : Susan Dooley
Sire : Cezar Von Der Zenteiche Dam : Conbhairean Inka

Class : Working Bitch Standard Coat

- V1** R & J Asher **Noblesse vom Bad-Boll**
Breeder : Hans Peter Rieker
Sire : Falco V Farhantal Dam : Prisca Von Bad-Boll

Class : Working Bitch Long Coat

- V1** Laura Curran **Finchpark Clara**
Breeder : L Hartley
Sire : Blade vom Uetzerland Dam : Hohenberg Boa

Class : Working Dog Standard Coat

- V1** C & H Rice & Docherty **Zandamor Franco**
Breeder : C & H Rice & Docherty
Sire : Team Malboro Hilton Dam : Zandamor Carrerra

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Terry Hannan
JONIMAY GSD

It is with great sadness that we write about the passing of this wonderful man and a true and passionate friend of the GSD

Terry & his wife Lily Hannan bought their first German Shepherd Pup in 1966 and started out in obedience and breed showing. In their time they have made up 8 champions, 6 of whom were Jonimay dogs and 2 were imported; *Philipp aus der Neuen Hauptstrasse* and *Tigram Tim*.

He has Judged all over the world including Crufts in 2008 where he gave Zamp von Thermodos Best of Breed.

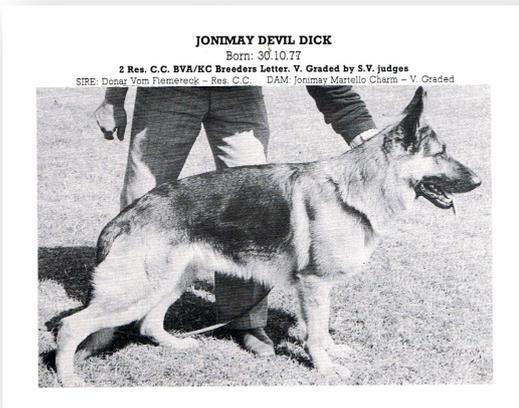
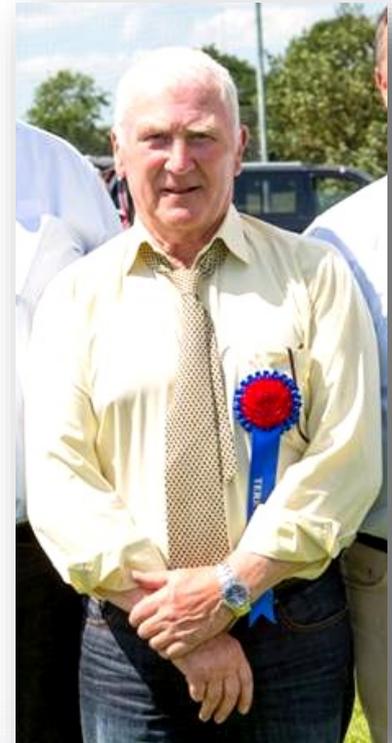
Terry was also more than a judge and he has also taken great pleasure in having handled several dogs to champion status.

Terry was a member of West Yorks GSD Club for 40 years as Chairman and he has served on the working party of the breed council for 20 years and been a Breed Surveyor since the scheme started.

The GSD League presented Terry & Lily with the Valet Eggar Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 and in this same year made Terry president of the League following in the footsteps of some great names.

To say the GSD breed has lost a true friend doesn't even cover our grief at his loss.

Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.



Dorsey of Jonimay



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