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Presidents Report– John De Lucia

This will be the final edition of the Shepherd News for 2014. I would like to once again thank everyone helped the club in any way throughout the year.

We have already started to look to the new year by way of social functions including ten pin bowling, go-karts and a pistol shoot to name just a few. Our Public Relations Officer, Jenny De Lucia will advise you all of further information regarding times and dates via the Shepherd News. Jenny will also be organising the Animal Expo in April 2015 with more information regarding this coming soon.

Our Club Secretary, Stephen Collins, will be approaching certain charities to see if we can become involved as a breed club. For example, walks et cetera to raise money for the charity and in turn, lift our own profile within the community.

We have our new committee on board and held our first meeting on Friday 5 December. All members have been given their portfolios and been briefed on what is expected of them and I know that they will all put in a great effort and help the club to move forward and continue on a successful path.

The Presentation Night was a fantastic evening with music by, Tributes 2 Reminisce who put on a terrific and entertaining show. The food was delicious and I believe that all who attended enjoyed themselves.

I wish all members, their families and dogs, a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all next year for a full and productive year.

John De Lucia



From the Editor

Welcome to the December 2014 edition of the Shepherd News.

This is my last edition as the editor of the Shepherd News, thanks to the members who elected me, the committee and other members who supported me. Finally many thanks to my husband who supports me in all that I do, he has bagged countless editions, financed the postage costs and made me a cuppa when it has required working late into the night to get it done.

Wishing all members and their families a happy and safe Christmas, may 2015 be a year of good health and much success in whatever you do.

Heidi De Luca

**Wondering
where to go to
get show
results?
[CLICK HERE](#)**



Please Note:

The website will be under going some further development over the Christmas break so please be patient as it may be being worked on and therefore a little slower in loading.

1st Vice President– Andrew Johnston

Hi to all the members, as of the committee meeting on the 5th of December 2014, I have been appointed to the position of VP Obedience.

I come to the club with a background in obedience and showing and as a professional Dog handler and trainer with AQIS DDU. I was trained by the well-known Dog Trainer Steven Austin in Sydney NSW.

When the club returns I will begin training the club instructors on Sundays after general class times, introducing them to the conditioning model and increasing their practical skills base. They will be learning stimulus discrimination, reward schedules, escape training and avoidance training which are all the principals the current instructors training model is based upon. I have reviewed the current instructor's manual and will be opening the manual up to the instructors as a constantly evolving document. This will be achieved by group discussion and practical trials of modern methods to achieve a best practise Obedience format for the German shepherd Dog Club of South Australia. We will also be implementing one on one problem solving tuition via an introductory mock trial ring. As well as some fun obstacle exercises to break up the monotony of general class sessions with a view to condition the dogs for possible advanced obedience work.

A Johnston
Andrew Johnston



2nd Vice President– Christine Collins

BREED AFFAIRS

Thank you to all who voted for me at the recent Annual General meeting. The Breed Affairs portfolio is one which I have carried out previously and I am looking forward to it again.

I have several ideas that I believe will benefit the Club, breeders and members alike, which I will inform you of if and when they are implemented.

We are starting the year off with two puppy days. This is open to members and non members. To come along and bring your puppies up to 9 months of age and enjoy a relaxing day with a BBQ where we shut the gate and let puppies run and play together. It is a lot of fun.

Please bring your puppy's vaccination certificate. No certificate your puppy will not be able to participate.

This is for everyone's puppy's sake.

Puppy days are Sunday January 11th 2015 and Sunday 25th January 2015

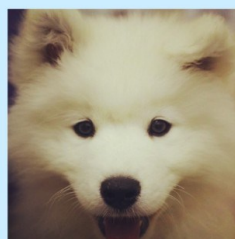
BBQ is supplied. Please bring a salad.

Merry Christmas everyone and see you in the New Year.

Christine Collins

Breed Affairs Chairperson.

5 signs of heat stroke in dogs



1. Excessive & ongoing panting
2. Brick-red or blue-purple gums
3. Lethargic, collapsed, seizures
4. Excessive drooling
5. History of exercise on a hot day, being left unattended in a hot car, or unable to get out of the sun

If you suspect your dog is suffering from heat stroke then you need to contact your vet immediately!

Honorary Secretary– Stephen Collins

Hi everyone, firstly I take this opportunity to thank those members who voted for me at the recent Annual General Meeting, taking over the position of Hon. Secretary is a daunting task and one which I will accept with much enthusiasm and energy.

It is hoped that membership cards will be sent to All members just after the Christmas break. If anyone has not received their membership card please let me know.

The committee have determined that the concession cards that will be accepted for a reduction in membership fees will be:

Age Pension

Disability Support pension

Veteran Service Pension

If anyone is claiming a reduction in their membership fees it will be necessary to provide a copy of their Pension Concession Card on application or renewal of membership.

The Club has been approached by a university student wanting to study females with pups to study maternal care from three (3) days of age, if any breeder can assist please call her. The information is detailed further in the Shepherd News

The Club will recommence training on Wednesday, January 28th at 7.30pm and Sunday, February 1st. 9.30am.

There will be Two (2) Puppy Socialisation days held over the Christmas break. These will be held on Sunday January 11th and 25th. The first one is already advertised on the Club Calendar of events **remember to bring your vaccination certificate.**

It is the time of the year for everyone to be vigilant about the health and well being of their much loved companions.

Please do not leave dogs in vehicles on hot days, watch out for snakes.

Hopefully this year will be one of harmony and cohesion within the Club . We are members of the Club because of our love of the Breed.

Wishing All Members and their Families a Merry Christmas, a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

S J Collins





Puppy Socialisation Day

**Sunday January 11th & 25th
11.00 am Start**



**All pups under Nine (9) months welcome
Vaccinations must be presented
No Certificate no Entry
Members and Non Members Welcome
Free BBQ
BYO Salad**

**This is not a training day!!!
This is a fun day for Pups**

Further information contact: Christine 85562340



Can You Help?

Hello, my name is Veronika Czerwinski and I am a second year PhD student. My project is looking at maternal care in dogs and I am hoping you can help. In other species there is evidence that maternal care is associated with later responses to stress in adult life. This has not yet been documented in dogs. Stress and anxiety in dogs can reduce quality of life for both dog and owner. In my study I am analysing maternal behaviour, and a stress response test in young puppies. There are three main areas in this study:

To gather the data I mount a camera to film the whelping box area from when the puppies are born until they are 15 days old. This is to measure how often the dam is in the box, and licks and feeds the puppies. The camera runs continuously but the sound is switched off, and only the area inside the whelping box is filmed.

When the pups are approximately 7 weeks old (or just before they are rehomed) we isolate them for 5 minutes in a box and film their responses to compare how much they move around and vocalise. We will also make a loud noise and assess their response, and take a swab of saliva from their mouth to look for chemical measures of stress. Finally, we use a stethoscope to measure heart rate before and after the test. None of these tests are expected to cause pain or undue distress to the puppies- they may not be happy with the isolation but it is only a relatively short period of time.

I would also like the breeder to fill out a survey (the Canine Behavioral Assessment & Research Questionnaire) about the dam.

Are you a breeder or do you know a breeder who would like to be involved? Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have (phone: 8313 7634, mobile: 0431 605 580 or email: veronika.czerwinski@adelaide.edu.au).

My thanks in advance, Veronika Czerwinski.

SNAKE BITE

The snakes most commonly found in our area are the Eastern Brown snake and the Red Bellied Black snake. These snakes are both highly dangerous to your pet with the brown snake being one of the deadliest snakes known to man. Your pet's survival depends on you being vigilant. Snake bite in dogs is one of those emergencies where time is of the utmost importance, so do not delay getting your dog to a vet if you have any suspicions, or there is any signs of snake bite. All too often over my nursing career I have had the odd client who has seen the dog with a snake and wants to sit and wait to see if any symptoms develop. In my experience, your pet should be taken to the vet immediately for monitoring as sadly by the time symptoms develop, the chance of your pet surviving snake bite has greatly diminished without immediate treatment.



Symptoms of snake bite:

- Acute onset vomiting, salivation, urination, defecation, muscle tremors,
- shallow respiration,
- hind limb weakness
- collapsing +/- vomiting and then gets up and walks away (pre-paralytic sign)

What to do if your pet is displaying any of the listed symptoms:

- **Get your dog to veterinary assistance immediately** (even if you are unsure that it is snake bite it's better to have the dog at the veterinary clinic) If symptoms progress they will progress very quickly - your pet will have a better chance at survival if at a veterinary clinic.
- Limit movement as much as you can - if this means you have to carry the dog or bring transport to them do so. Movement increases the speed and spread of the toxin to major organs.
- Keep your pet calm – It's important that you also stay calm. Remember, your pet picks up on your stress and will also become more stressed.
- If it's a hot day, keep your pet cool with plenty of air flow around them to reduce panting. We want them to remain as clam as possible.

As with anything, safe guarding is better than cure and as a pet owner there are a few precautions you can take to minimize your pet's risk of snake bite

- Dogs love water however it's advisable not to allow them wander around in long grass near river and water areas.
- Keep your pet's yard clear of long grass, wood piles and leaf matter.
- Avoid your dog walking at dusk or early morning off leash in long grass - snakes are exothermic
- Use snake repellents or bird netting on your fence line borders. This helps to keep snakes out of certain areas but will in no way be 100%.

Always keep a watchful eye on what your dog is getting up to.

Vet Assistance:

Time! Is of the utmost importance so if your pet is displaying the symptoms of snake bite, get them to the closest vet clinic. Download the following app and keep it on your phone - if you are traveling or out for the day, this gives you the location of your closest vet as well as first aid tips for all types of emergencies.

Search for - First Aid for Pets (Australia) in your app store. Simply download from there into your smart phone.

Snake Facts:

As much as they can be scary, being sensible in how we live and deal with them is important. Snakes do not attack humans, dogs or cats. They would prefer to slither away and be left alone. Remember, dogs and cats usually only get bitten because they have decided it would be a good idea to hunt and attack the snake. Dogs will often see the snake as either something that should not be in their yard or a play toy. Either way, often the snake is too quick for most dogs. Some dogs will have a natural respect and will just bark and carry on alerting the owner to go and investigate. Remove the pets from the area and then call a snake catcher to remove the snake. Snakes are a reptile, which means they are exothermic: they get their body heat from external sources. A snake's body temperature - and so its level of activity - is controlled by the temperature of the air and the ground. It will try to maximise body heat by basking in the sun or lying on or near warm surfaces. It's important to understand this as it gives us pet owners a better indication of when snakes are likely to be more active hence the comment about the time of day you need to be vigilant when walking or exercising your dogs. Snakes will not be found moving about when the temperature is extremely hot or cold. They will usually go to somewhere cooler when temperature goes over 32 degrees and leave their hunting and moving around till either morning or evening when the temperature is right for them to be able to hunt, eat and move. Often this is when man, snake and dog meet as often pet owners we walk our dogs at about that time in summer to also avoid the heat. So at this time of the day it's strongly suggested to keep your dogs on leash or exercise in an area that is clear and you can visibly see the ground where your pet is running.



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR MEMBERS

“GRAND CHAMPION”

DAMONTE BEAR ESSENTIALS A’Z BSCL II

Bear is the first LSC GSD to achieve this title in SA, competing in both the Specialty and All Breeds rings



INTERMEDIATE DOG NATIONAL WINNER for *2014*
JUNIOR DOG NATIONAL WINNER for *2013*
LEADER for NATIONAL BREED CHALLENGE *2014*
NATIONAL BREED CHALLENGE WINNER for 2013
EXCELLENT GRADED

Bear is now participating in obedience

Rally Obedience titles

Bobby– Quovadis Leige Lord

Saturday 1.11.14 AM– 1st Place on 94 point– Judge Neil MacDonald

PM– Equal 1st place on 97 points– Judge Kathy Millington

Sunday 2.11.14 AM– Equal 1st place on 94 points– Judge Brain Fielder

PM– 4th Place on 96 points– Judge Kathy Millington

Flicka– Quovadis Lotsa Charm

Saturday 1.11.14 AM– 90 points– Judge Neil MacDonald

PM– 91 points– Judge Kathy Millington

Sunday 2.11.14 AM– Equal 1st on 94 points– Judge Brian Fielder

PM– Equal 1st on 98 points– Judge Kathy Millington

Both Bobby and Flicka were only 10 months old at the time of this achievement, and with these results they have achieved their Rally Novice titles, making them the 86 & 87th titles achieved for Quovardis GSDs, Congratulations to Annette Nation.

If you and your dog have achievements you would like to celebrate by publishing in the magazine, please contact the editor at editor@gsdcsa.org.au

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY ♥ NEW YEAR
2015**

BE AWARE THIS CHRISTMAS

Grapes & raisins


Mince Pies


Cooked bones & fatty foods


Mushrooms


Christmas Cake


Peanuts & Macadamia nuts


Christmas Decorations


Onions & Garlic


Chocolate


Christmas pudding


Alcohol


Sugar


Peach & Nectarine Stones


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VALE



***Nilson von Wildsteiger Land "a" 'Z' (Imp Gmy) 15.2.00 - 18.9.14**

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Nilson.....Mein kleine maus. Hugh Garvican.

Nilson will be remembered by the Garvican/Evans family as a great companion.

He will also be remembered by those choosing him as a sire.....as a 'foundation father ' and/or producer to their kennel.

Breeders Directory

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STUD DOG

***Arkahla Sh Hitforb Rains A 2,2: Z 0,0**

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Dam: *Arkahla Oil Beef Hooked AZ

W & J O'Loughlin
Port Noarlunga

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Mob: 0412 605 584

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***Artus v Schloss am Worthesee Sch HIII (IMP GMY) 'a' Fast Normal, ED Normal**

Sire: *Aron della Terra Forti Sch HIII 'a' ED

Dam: *Dina v Haus Fabienne Sch HII 'a' ED

Owners: SJ & C Collins
WILLUNGA

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Mob: 0419 212 749



***CH Babenberg Joachim 'A' 2:2 'Z' 0:0 H-Neg**

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Dam: *Charon vom Overledingerland a (NN) ED (N) (ImpGmy)

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***Bluemax Shrek A 2,2 :Z 0,0 BSCL**

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Dam: Bluemax Kascha A Z

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***Gilarisha Famous Fonzie A 3,2: Z 0,0**

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Dam: *Gilarisha Blanche 'A' 'Z'

R Archbold
Old Reynella

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DIRECTORY

***Gilarisha My Home Brew A 3,4 :Z 0,0**

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Dam: *Gilarisha Elsa 'A' 'Z'

R Archbold

Old Reynella

Mob: 0417863140



***Grundelhardt True Blood A 1,1 :Z 0,0**

Sire: Scooby-Doo Vom Team
Zellwaldrand (Imp Gmy)
Dam: *Merle Vom Blumenkamp Sch HI
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Tonaker Sammy A 1,2 : Z 0,0

Sire: *CH Kardin Kruger AZ
Dam: * Tonaker Kuddles AZ

Tonaker Kennels
Two Wells

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Mobile: 0403 491 086



***CH Vonpeta Ugottabekidding 'A' 2:2, 'Z' 0:0**

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Dam: * Ch Vonpeta Champagne AZ
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Space still available— form available from here—

<http://www.gsdcas.org.au/forms.asp>

WHAT'S ON

JANUARY

11 Sunday	Puppy socialisation day- CLICK HERE	Club Grounds 11.00 am
25 Sunday	Puppy Socialisation day- CLICK HERE	Club Grounds 11:00 am
28 Wednesday	Training resumes	Club Grounds 7.30 pm
30 Friday	Open Meeting to discuss GSDCA AGM Agenda	Club Rooms 8.00 pm

FEBRUARY

1 Sunday	Training resumes	Club Grounds 9.30 am
7 Saturday	GSDCA AGM Sydney	Mecure Airport Hotel
8 Sunday	GSDCA AGM Sydney	Mecure Airport Hotel
22 Sunday	Members Competition - Judge Mr. Peter Cocks	Club Grounds 8.00am

MARCH

1 Sunday	GSDCA Breed Survey - SA Breed Survey Panel	Club Grounds 12.00 Noon
7 Saturday	<i>GSDC of Vic - State Breed Evaluation</i>	KCC Park, Skye
8 Sunday	<i>GSDC of Vic - State Breed Evaluation</i>	KCC Park, Skye

APRIL

5 Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	
26 Sunday	GSDCA Breed Survey - SA Breed Survey Panel	Club Grounds 12.00 Noon

MAY

TBC	GSDC of SA May Obedience Trial	Club Grounds
8 Friday	GSDC of VIC 43rd GSD National Show & Trial	KCC Park, Skye
9 Saturday	GSDC of VIC 43rd GSD National Show & Trial	KCC Park, Skye
10 Sunday	GSDC of VIC 43rd GSD National Show & Trial	KCC Park, Skye

JUNE

6 Saturday	GSDC of SA Championship Show - Mrs Viv McCambridge (NZ)	Club Grounds
7 Sunday	GSDC of SA Championship Show - Mr Vince Tantaró (Vic)	Club Grounds

JULY

19 Sunday	GSDCA Breed Survey - SA Breed Survey Panel	Club Grounds 12.00 Noon
25 Saturday	GSDCA Surveyors and Judges Meetings	Adelaide
26 Sunday	GSDCA National Breed Commission Meeting	Adelaide

AUGUST

TBC	GSDCSA Balmead Shield Trial 50th	Club Grounds
16 Sunday	Members Competition - Judge TBC	Club Grounds 10.00am

SEPTEMBER

6 Sunday	Fathers Day— No Training	
TBC	<i>Royal Adelaide Show - German Shepherd Judging</i>	Wayville Show Grounds 9.00 am
TBC	GSDCSA Shannon Agility Trial - double header	Club Grounds 9.00 am 1.00 pm
30 Wednesday	GSDCSA End of club Financial Year	

Please note this calendar will be updated regularly, schedules for shows and trials will be available shortly

GROUND RULES

These rules apply to all handlers during training sessions and have been formulated for the welfare of you and your dog.

Any Club member, or any person guilty of unseemly conduct or acts harmful to the club, may be asked to leave the Training area. They may also be dealt with by the Committee of The GSDC of S A Inc. under clause 6, and relative by-laws of the Clubs Constitution.

Any dog which is sick WILL NOT be permitted onto the Club grounds.

Dogs who have suffered a CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WILL NOT be allowed on to the grounds until 5 weeks after being cleared by a veterinarian (a vets certificate may be required). Puppies should not be brought out onto the Club grounds under the age of 8 weeks or at least 2 weeks after they have been inoculated for HEPATITIS, DISTEMPER AND PARVOVIRUS (vaccination certificate may be required).

Bitches in season are not permitted on the grounds unless at a recognised Club event.

The use of switches, spiked collars or whips is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON THE CLUB GROUNDS.

Members shall not treat their dog in a manner which may reflect badly on the Club.

Dogs are NOT to be taken off-lead or left unattended, except on the directives, or under the supervision of a Class Instructor.

The handlers of dogs which foul the Club grounds, will be responsible for cleaning up same, with the equipment provided.

The Head Instructor has the authority to permit the use of a muzzle or training devices, as required in special cases. The use of the equipment is to be under supervision, and its use on the grounds, other than above, is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

Dogs under the age of 12 months ARE NOT permitted to use jump equipment higher than 400 mm, or longer than 800 mm.

Pursuant of the Health act "Dogs" ARE NOT permitted inside the Clubrooms.

In the interest of safety and health, and in consideration of others, parents are required to super-vise the behaviour of their children. The Clubrooms and Toilets MUST NOT be used as playing areas.

In the interests of public health the Clubrooms and the verandah area are NON-SMOKING areas.

TRAINING HEAT POLICY If the forecast temperature is predicted to be 38 degrees or above on channel 9 weather at 6pm the night before training, (Wednesday nights or Sunday's), all training will be cancelled.

Appropriate foot wear must be worn at ALL times when handling / double handling dogs on the Club grounds. Bare feet, thongs, slip on shoes, high heels, sandals or crocs are not suitable foot wear and members wearing any of the above will be asked to leave the training area.

THANK YOU! BE PROUD OF YOUR DOG, HE IS VERY PROUD OF YOU! THE COMMITTEE

