

Shepherd News

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Presidents Report

Well, the cold weather is truly upon us so keep dry and warm along with your dogs.

The club has, through the canteen, once again brought in much needed funds so thank you to, Tony and his helpers that have given up their weekends to achieve this.

The NBC meeting will soon be upon us and those going over to Melbourne should gain an insight on developments with the direction that the Council will take on the Harmonisation Implementation.

Once again, we have received correspondence from the WUSV which I believe is quite clear in terms of Australia complying to ALL of the schedules, irrespective and with disregard of our laws or governing body rules.

The latest correspondence is printed in this edition of the Shepherd News. It needs to be remembered that our organisation is run by volunteers, not paid staff. Yet, we have, I believe, been leaders in our breed improvement schemes to ensure the health and wellbeing of the breed in Australia. We have made a huge impact also on public acceptance and education of those schemes, again by volunteers.

As a club, SA has made our feelings over the Harmonisation schedules known however, it is in the hands of you, the members.

The club has still been active with the help of our dedicated band of instructors who attend on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings and the dedication of the members who turn up to train.

Enjoy your family and dogs,

John J De Lucia President



Secretary Report-Stephen Collins

We welcome All new members and trust that they enjoy the Training with their companion at the Club.

Mrs Jayne Wilkie OSBORNE
Mrs Jane & Mr Roman Szychowski MODBURY
Mr John & Mrs Pearl Brittle UNLEY

Mr Rimalpreet & Mrs MJ Thandi NORTHGATE
Mr Anthony & Ms Natalie Terminelli WOODVILE WEST
Mrs K Adams CHRISTIES BEACH

P & S Rogers DAW PARK

D & J Longbottom GLENELG NORTH K & B McMillan GULFVIEW HEIGHTS

Z Jaksic FINDON

D Tobias CLARENCE PARKS
J Miller BEDFORD PARK
S Testa & A Gauci MODBURY NORTH

The Club grounds and facilities are being recognised by the Canine fraternity for there excellence. The Rottweiler Club, Dogs SA Agility and the Bull Terrier Club are utilizing our grounds and facilities for their upcoming shows. Next year the Rottweiler Club will host the National on our grounds.

Upcoming Events

7th & 8th July Saturday & Sunday State Agility Championship 21st & 22nd July Saturday & Sunday NBC Meeting (Melbourne)

29th July Sunday Breed Survey 5th August Sunday Balmead Trial

13th August Sunday Members Comp (J Kada)

Stephen J Collins Hon. Secretary



Breed Affairs

There are a couple of items which come into effect from July 1st 2018

An increase in the cost of HD and Elbow forms.

A "Good" grading or better for Breed Survey is now a prerequisite.

Our Championship show held on June 9th and 10th, Herr W Lauber (SV) and Mrs J Neddermeyer (SA) officiating was blessed with exceptional weather for that time of the year. Herr Lauber and his wife enjoyed their stay in Adelaide very much and were very pleased to get to see some of our wildlife and enjoy are scenery.

In this issue of the Shepherd News is a summary of the WUSV Harmonization motions passed in July 2017.

Later in the year we are planning a handling seminar, this will be held sometime during September.

If any member has any thoughts on a topic for a seminar please let me know.

Breed Survey Results, the animals detailed below were Breed Survey Classified on 3rd June

Eroica G O A T (LSC)

Kyoara Holly

Randinka Rock Star (LSC)

Rhosyn Stormy Summer

Rhosyn Tainted Affair

Taurorn Take That

Congratulations to the owners and Breeders.

Christine Collins

2nd Vice President



The animals detailed have gained their first Excellent grading this year

- *Alimanda Its All About Me A Z
- *Alimanda Shes The One A Z
- *Alimanda Qardashian A Z
- *Bruangie Yureeka Orasgold A Z
- *Crasian Canto A Z
- *Eroica Erik A Z
- *Eroica Enjoy the Game A Z
- *Eroica Everest A Z
- *Flyingrich Usher A Z
- *Gewalt Tennessee Dream Weaver A Z
- *Grundelhardt Circle Of Life A Z
- *Jaklem Between The Sheets A Z
- *Kingkesha Arthen A Z
- *Kingkesha Awytnta Dream A Z
- *Lago Giannian A Z
- *Rhosyn Quinlyn A Z
- *Rhosyn Lightening Storm A Z
- *Rhosyn Stormy Summer A Z
- *Rhosyn Tainted Affair A Z
- *Rhosyn Twysted Secret A Z
- *Taurorn Take That A Z
- *Tonaker Bindi A Z
- *Tonaker Hayley A Z
- *Wildhertz Gaucis Pride A Z

Congratulations to their Breeders and owners.

RHOSYN POINT SCORE FOR STOCK COATS MALES

*CH CALLE V WESTERVENN a ED 1PO2 (1mp Deu)	23
*SUP CH VONPETA UGOTTABEKIDDING A Z	19
*BABENBERG OLLIE A Z Hneg	16
LAGO HERCULES	15
LEBERHINE JOKER A Z	14
LEWISLAND PASCHA	12
STOLZERHUND MASTER CLASS	11
SIEGERHEIMS UNO	10
*CH SUNDANEKA YOUNG GUN A Z	10
*CH ALIMANDA SMOOTH OPERATOR A Z	9
VONDELRAE BODHI	8
VONDOUSSA DUTCHCOURAGE A Z	8
*JAKLEM COURAGE UNDER FIRE A Z	6
*CH SCHAEFERHUND XESKO A Z	5
*FLYINGRICH USHER A Z	4
METALHOUND ASTRONOMY	4
GILARISHA ALL ATTITUDE	3
VONPETA JUST JACK OFF (AI)	3
*CH CRAISAN CANTO A Z	2

RHOSYN POINT SCORE FOR STOCK COATS FEMALES

*CH LEBERHINE UMEEKO A Z	22
TONAKER MOLLIE	22
*KYOARA HOLLY A Z	19
TONAKER OPELA	15
*LAGO GIANNINA A Z	14
BABENBERG QUEEN B	11
SHEPROSE PURE MAGIC	11
SHEPROSE ROYAL HOPE	11
VLADIMIR NICE N NAUGHTY	11
*CH VONPETA XMISSUSTOO A Z	11
DELAFORCE QWET TWO (AI)	10
ALIMANDA ULTIMATE ENVY A Z	9
SIEGERHEIMS USCHI	9
*VONPETA GIVE US A GRIN (AI) A Z	9
*CH SCHAEFERHUND XITTA A Z	8
KAPERVILLE JOURNEY WAY A Z	7
*CH VONPETA FAZE IM GOIN THRU A Z	7
ZIBELLINA BROOKLYN WE GO HARD	7
*SHEPROSE NAUGHTY BUT NICE A Z	6
*SIEGERHEIMS RIHANNA A Z	6
RHOSYN VANTARA	5
ALIMANDA TICKLED PINK A Z	4
*NATCHEZ EVAS REVENGE A Z	4
*RHOSYN TAYNTED AFFAIR A Z	4
*TAURORN TAKE THAT A Z	4
ASTERHUND SUGAR N SPICE	3
GEWALT PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR	3
*GEWALT TENNESSEE DREAM WEAVER A Z	3
*GILARISHA WESTIES WPHUKN WORRY A Z	3
KYNDOM DREAM RIDER	3
LEPPSDORF CHI CHI	3
*LEPPSDORF VENDETTA A Z	3
*CH SHEPHERDHILL VENUS A Z	3
STELLIKO AINT NO STOPPIN US A Z	3
STOLZERHUND MISS DEMEANOR A Z	3
TAURORN VA VA VOOM	3
TAURORN XPECT RESULTS	3
*TONAKER HAYLEY A Z	3
*LAGO FIRENZE A Z	2
*RHOSYN QUINLYN A Z	2
*CH VONDOUSSA X MARKS THE SPOT A Z ET	2
*ALIMANDA SHES THE ONE A Z	1
*MANVETTOM BRUNHILDA JEWEL A Z	1
*SIEGERHEIMS SENTA A Z	1
*TAURORN SHADOW DANCER A Z	1

ALIMANDA & EROICA POINT SCORE FOR LONG STOCK COATS

FEMALES

*CH EROICA EVEREST A Z	22
*SCHAEFERHUND STACEY A Z	21
*CH VONPETA GRACE N BEAUTY (AI) A Z	14
CH BEAUTRAE XFAVORITE A Z	12
GILARISHA ZSA ZSA	12
*RANDINKA ROCK STAR A Z	12
BRAJANDI PAGAN MOON	11
*CH VLADIMIR INSAITSABLE A Z	11
WILDHERTZ LETS DREAM BIG	11
ALLTITANS KEEPSAKE	10
*CH GRANDWEST GOLD SPARKLE A Z	9
IMAGICK DIOR	8
*CH ARKAHLA YOU LOOKIN AT ME A Z	7
EROICA G O A T	4
EROICA HUMPHREY	4
RIMERINI EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED	3
*ANDACHT THUNDA BOLT N LIGHTNIN A Z	2
MALES	
*CH EROICA EROTIC ERIK A Z	24
RIMERINI EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED A Z	19
CH LEBERHINE JERONIMOE A Z	16
WILDHERTZ POETRY IN MOTION	16
GILARISHA ZIG ZAG	13
*STELLIKO ARKHAM KNIGHT A Z	11
*CH EROICA CATCH ME IF YOU CAN A Z	6
EROICA GLADIATOR	6
*EROICA G O A T A Z	5





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Your Reference

Your Correspondence March 20, 2018 Officer

Augsburg, June 19, 2018

Helga Seidel

Extension Number: 15

WUSV Training Courses National Special Judges - venue Australia

Dear Mr. Tantaro:

I do hope these lines are finding you well. Today, reference is made again to your correspondence dated March 20, 2018 in which you requested the conduct of training courses for National Special Judges based on the SV judging regulations on the Australian continent comparable to the seminar held in Quito/ Ecuador.

We brought your request to the attention of the WUSV Board of Directors on the occasion of the board meeting as held in April 2018. Your request was widely discussed, and the gentlemen directors concluded that their consent regarding your proposal required the clarification of certain issues in terms of the cooperation between the WUSV und its member club in Australia beforehand.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to comment on the following items for us to inform our directors accordingly.

On the occasion of last year's WUSV General Annual Meeting on September 04, 2017 in Ulm the delegates unanimously approved of the newly launched WUSV Harmonisation Scheme for Breeding. You attended the meeting in company of Robyn Knuckey, and both of you supported the proposal, too, by that time. However, recent email traffic and widely spread communications in the field of social media suggests that this pioneering project that is considered crucial for the future development of our breed in terms of physical well being and transparency in breeding – and thus an important quality criterion – does indeed not really meet the approval and very much needed support by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. Please specify on how your organization wishes to proceed in this respect in the future and whether the implementation of the scheme has met your members approval, too.

Please allow us to remind you of the discrepancies in terms of the active training of protection work in your country that we have been trying to bridge for many years but to no avail. Since this discipline is an integral part of IPO dog sports the question needs to be raised whether you still consider the continuation of the membership of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia under the roof of the WUSV a promising cooperation in terms of the future road map for your organization. Your comment is very much appreciated.

In this connection we would also like to draw your attention to § 26 of the WUSV statutes. For your convenience please find a copy of this document attached.

Please let us have an answer to our questions within a fortnight upon receipt of this correspondence. If our above mentioned questions are answered in a positive fashion the WUSV Board of Directors will gladly grant their approval regarding your request for training seminars for National Special Judges in your country.

In the most unfortunate situation that we receive a negative response from you – very much to our regret, of course – we will have to put the Australien question on the agenda of this year's General Annual Assembly on September 10, 2018.

We are confident that we will find a route to the consent needed and look forward to hearing from you again by the end of the month of June 2018.



1st Vice President

We are now more than half way through the club year with only a few months left until we close for Christmas. Attendance is a little down, which due to the cold and damp conditions, is to be expected.

Our Head Trainer, Robert, together with his team of instructors, have been diligently providing quality instruction to a very dedicated team of handlers. Robert has a clear plan for the future and has the tenacity to reach it. I congratulate him and his team for a terrific effort. Planning for the Balmead Shield is well underway so hopefully, we can retain the shield and keep it where it belongs!

I remind the obedience section of the club, please see your Instructor with any training issues you may have in order to overcome any obstacles and ensure that you can impart that skill and knowledge into training your dog. I would like to advise any new members to please see a club instructor to ensure you are training with the correct equipment as this well help you to get the best results with your dog.

To those of you who are intending to trial your dogs, I wish you the best of luck. To those just wanting to pass from one class to the next, you will get there with hard work and TRAINING!

Jenny De Lucia First Vice President Page 10 Shepherd News

So far this year we have had one obedience trial, which ran smoothly. It was sadly not very well supported with entries right down. However, this appears to be the case at all obedience trials across the state.

It will be interesting to see whether the remaining trials for the year receive better entries. If not, the club will need to look at whether it is financially viable to continue running as many trials, or other ways to cover costs of running the trials. One possibility may be to run an rally-o trial in conjunction with an obedience trial.

This year the dates of our trials were looked at to try and make sure they don't clash with any other major events. This has resulted in a bit of a shuffle around of dates, not only this year, but in the next few years too. Hopefully this will mean more members will be available to help out with stewarding and in the canteen etc.

Coming up this year we have our Balmead obedience trial to be held on **August 5**th, our Shannon double agility and jumping trial to be held on **August 26**th and an Endurance Test to be help on **September 1**st. If you would like to assist for one of these events as a steward, or in another way, please contact me on 0422 367 598. It would be great to have a number of supporters at the Balmead Trial in particular, as we try to win the Balmead Shield for a second year in a row!

Andrew O'Loughlin

Infrastructure Report

Hi Members

Due to the National Show and Trial being hosted this year by our club, most of the periodical maintenance program was brought forward so we had a very busy period.

Work carried out was to replace and repair and re-lay pavers to the sides and back of the building, removal of some old trees, the trimming of overhanging branches and cleaning of gutters.

We also had to replace the regulator to the gas bottles and one of the down pipes at the back. Also, the yearly degreasing of the sewer pumping station had to be carried out and we installed a temporary water supply to the toilet block to cater for the many people at the National.

There are only a few minor repairs left to be done to the down pipes at the front veranda which should then be the full extent of work required for the rest of the club year.

Joe Seidl

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BREED SURVEY

New Requirements

As of July 1st 2018 it is a requirement that proof of a Conformation "GOOD" grading has been received by the Animal being presented

BREED SURVEY

Sunday July 29th 2018 12.00 Noon Closing date 22nd July 12.00 Noon

Documentation required:

Fee:- \$35.00

Completed BS1 Application form
Copy of ANKC pedigree
Copy of HD and Elbow results
Five (5) generation pedigree
Copy of "Good" grading certificate or better.
Copy of H-neg certificate if applicable

If any of the above are not received with the Application for Breed Survey the application will not be accepted.

Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia Fees

As of July 1st 2018 New Fees apply

Hip & Elbow:- was \$70.00

Hip only:-was \$52.00

Elbow only:- was \$34.00

New Fee:- \$72.00

New Fee:- \$54.00

New Fee:- \$37.00



The GSDCA - WUSV Harmonisation Program

Summary of decisions as made at the GSDCA Special General Meeting 28th July 2017

Updated 21 June 2018

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the Working Test ZAP (Part I Puppy Test), effective 30 December 2019.

- All dogs born after 30 December 2019 may participate in the ZAP (Part 1 Puppy Test).
- The minimum age to participate in ZAP shall be 9 months and the maximum is 13 months.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for ZAP that shall be effective 30 December 2019.
- Dogs that pass the ZAP Part 1 test will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate and a pass shall be recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.
- If a dog fails, providing it is under 13 months of age it can re-present one more time.
- If a dog fails again it can still proceed to undertake the BH.

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH Test as a prerequisite for Breed Survey, **effective 30 December 2020.**

- All dogs born after 30th December 2019 shall be required to pass BH Test in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for BH that shall be in place by 30 December 2020.
- The minimum age to participate shall be 15 months.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate.

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) will introduce the BH test and AD, as prerequisites for Breed Survey effective 30 December 2021.

- All dogs born after 30 July 2020 shall be required to pass BH and AD tests in order to be eligible to participate in Breed Survey.
- The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) shall develop a WUSV compliant procedure manual, certificate, judges training and licensing program for AD that shall be in place by 30 December 2021.
- Dogs that pass will be issued with a German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) certificate. This will constitute part of the mandatory paperwork in the Breed Survey application procedure and recorded on the Breed Survey certificate and dog's pedigree.



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GSDCA has decided that they are obliged and support the ANKC DNA Parentage Test that will be put in place by 1st January 2019. The test will be a prerequisite for Breed Survey

"That the following is included in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Code of Ethics: The maximum number of studs any one dog may have will be limited to **90** per calendar year".

"That the following be included in the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Code of Ethics: The maximum number of litters any one bitch may have, be limited to 3 per 24 month period. It is noted where the Canine Control regulation is tougher then that will apply".

"That the current regulation regarding inbreeding is amended to read: "Animals born after 1 July 2018 to be classified at breed survey must not have any line-breeding closer than (3-3)".

Animals born prior to 1 July 2018 must not have any linebreeding closer than (3-2) or (2-3).

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) makes submission to the ANKC proposing a change to the current regulation with regard to line breeding as it applies to GSD to not having linebreeding any closer than **3-3**".

"That the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) continues with its own HD/ED Scheme, with consideration being given to having its readers accredited by the WUSV and the possible sharing of HD/ED Data".

"That effective 1st July 2018, as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey, a dog must have gained a minimum of a "Good" grading at a specialist show prior to application for Breed Survey.

The grading certificate must be provided with other documentation at Breed Survey.

"That the gun test will be introduced and conducted forthwith the exception being for shows where the ANKC schedule has been approved and will apply to all animals exhibited in the Open Classes at all Member Club and or sponsored shows where the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia (GSDCA) Excellent grading may be awarded".





ENTRIES CLOSE Wednesday 25th July 2018



"BALMEAD SHIELD" OBEDIENCE TRIAL

To be held under the constitution and rules of "Dogs SA"

"PEDIGREE PARK" WEST BEACH

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2018 COMMENCING AT 10-00AM

JUDGES

BALMEAD RING (NOVICE)

BALANCE OF NOVICE

UTILITY

OPEN

UDX & CCD

DAMIEN BOURNE

TONI MCDONALD

LYNNE STAPYLTON

JAN BRABHAM

JAN MITCHELL

The club reserves the right to appoint a reserve judge if necessary

TRIAL MANAGER: Mr Andrew O'Loughlin Phone: 0422 367598 (not after 9pm please)

DOGS SA REPRESENTATIVE: Mrs Gillian Smith

ENTRY FEES: Members \$10-00; Non members \$12-00. Include name of club on entry. **CATALOGUES:** \$2-00. To be ordered and paid for with entry or emailed 2 days prior. If requesting email please provide email address with entry.

VETTING: 9-00am to 9-30am. By club. Bitches without proof of desexing only. All animals to pass through checkpoint by 9-30am.

ORDER OF JUDGING: All rings simultaneously. UDX before CCD.

TROPHIES & PRIZES: Trophy for 1st place qualifying in each ring. Replica "Balmead Shield" trophies for 3 winning team members.

SASHES: Available for all qualifying scores. Qualifying cards will be issued. Excellent Medallions (German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia) will be issued to all German Shepherd Dogs whose owners are members of the GSDCSA with a score of a 190 plus (pedigreed GSD's only).

ENTRIES TO: The Secretary,

GSDC of SA Inc PO Box 714, Glenelg SA 5045

Please make cheques payable to the GSDC of SA Inc & enclose SSAE for return of receipt of entry if required.

"Balmead Shield" teams must be nominated by close of vetting.

Complete rules available from the Trial Manager.

There is a wide range of shepherd dog coat colors. But it's not just about what's on the outside: There may even be a relationship between a dog's coat color and their character.

By Nancy Herms

here is hardly another breed that is as loved or as popular as the German Shepherd. The family-friendly and versatile dog got its name from its original purpose as a herding dog accompanying shepherds. A German Shepherd's nature is alert, clever, devoted, loyal, confident and eventempered. When it comes to physical skills, willingness to work, cooperation and intelligence, they are simply superlative dogs. It is not without reason that they are used as

A COAT COMES

VARIETY OF COLORS

IN A WIDE

rescue dogs, guide dogs, tracking dogs, police dogs and guard dogs. Thanks to their extraordinary ability to learn, they find it easy to recognize some of their

characteristics based on their owner's demeanor and behavior. But when talking about shepherd dogs, most people almost immediately think of the "typical" color variation. If a dog has one of the other many coat colors, people don't believe it is a shepherd dog. But a German Shepherd coat comes in a wide variety of colors, ranging from gray to black with markings or even a single color since performance was key when breeding, rather than achieving a standardized appearance. The breed standard for German Shepherds distinguishes between the coat's external appearance, differentiating between "gray" (gray with darker sable, black back and muzzle) and "black" coat colors (single color, black with markings). Small, inconspicuous, white chest markings, as well as lighter inside legs are permissible but undesirable. The nose must be black in all coat colors. The undercoat has a slight gray tone. White is not permissible.

To shed a little light on the situation, a few colors are described here:

BLACK WITH MARKINGS:

Kommissar Rex has long since influenced our perception of the German Shepherd. He is everything that people associate with a "typical" shepherd dog. The most well-known of the coat colors is the light yellow, yellow, brown and red-brown shepherd dog with a black back and other black markings. Black

markings on the head are particularly typical.

ALL BLACK:

You rarely see an all-black shepherd dog out and about,

and they are not often deemed to be pure-bred shepherd dogs. This color is also known colloquially as "jet black". Brown or gray markings





The gray coat color comes in many varieties – e.g. gray with darker markings, gray/brown or black/gray. A gray shepherd dog's coat color will stay the same once they have reached three years old.

The black coat color is seen more in other countries and is becoming more popular in Germany, too.

brown dog. And the opposite is also true: A dark gray/brown puppy can transform into a gray/yellow dog. The color tone can vary from light gray through to dark gray, but it must not be all gray. It's more of a gray/black/brown pattern.

BLACK/GRAY, SABLED:

This color is even rarer than black and it is very hard to distinguish between these two colors in puppyhood. The outer coat is black and the undercoat is more gray. The outer coat is also gray in places.

GRAY/BROWN, SABLED:

This shepherd dog is gray all over but also has some markings. When seen from the front, many people think that it's a black/brown dog. But from the side, you can clearly see that it is a gray variant. This coat color is sometimes called "black/gray/brown".



BLACK/BROWN

Most people associate this coat color with German Shepherds. The coat's main color, black, is complemented by brown, red/brown or yellow markings.

WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENT COAT COLORS?

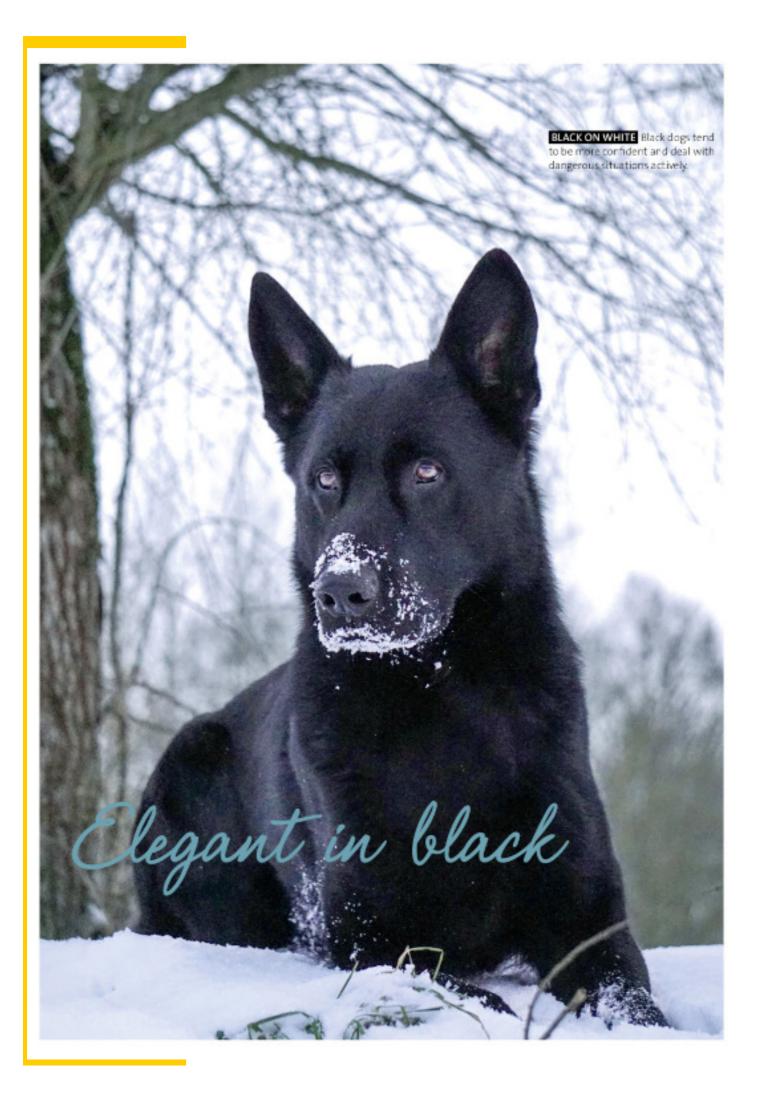
Similarly to humans, where skin, hair and eye color are determined by pigmentation, a dog's coat color is also determined by this color-giving substance. The chemical basis for pigmentation is also known as melanin. In turn, melanin is produced as melanocytes, i.e. cells that produce melanin. These cells are found in the epidermis and hair follicles. Pigmentation characteristics are determined genetically. Every gene assumes a certain position in a chromosome, and this is known as a gene locus. The genetic foundations of coat colors are extremely complex and a whole host of different gene loci have an influence on an individual coat color.

We can distinguish between two types of melanin:

Eumelanin The eumelanin pigment is responsible for black coats. Certain genes result in modified eumelanin production in cells, meaning these cells are unable to produce fully distinctive pigments. This results in dark brown colors, for example.

Phaeomelanin
The phaeomelanin pigment is responsible for red to fawn coats.

Human hair color is also as a result of both melanin types: Phaeomelanin dominates in red hair. In contrast, blond hair arises where only a little eumelanin and a little phaeomelanin is produced.



There is always fierce discussion about a possible connection between a dog's coat color and its character, temperament or even behavior. Just having a quick glance at specialist publications or countless canine online forums tells you all you need to know: many colors result in many opinions.

While a coat color is a disposition (i.e. predetermined or a tendency) that a breeder should take into account when breeding puppies, but it's not an unshakeable

destiny. The pigment that is responsible for determining the color can be one of two chemical variants, which is composed of

eumelanin (the black pigment) and phaeomelanin (the reddish, yellowish pigment). There are at least twelve different gene markers that separately have an influence on pigmentation on different areas and at different times — this results in an unbelievable range of coat colors

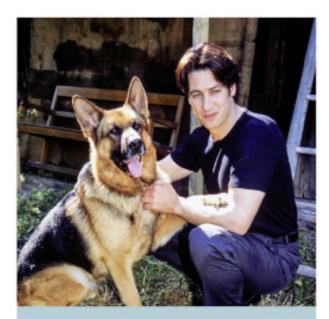
and markings.

The same gene sections that colors can be coded on also influence a dog's hormonal balance, meaning different behavior and characters emerge. Eumelanin is

responsible for the emergence of black, darkbrown dogs. Dogs that make eumelanin have a particularly pronounced melanocortin receptor.

EUMELANIN IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE EMERGENCE OF
BLACK DOGS





KOMMISSAR REX

Television star "Reginald von Ravenhorst", also known as Rex, has long since influenced our perception of the German Shepherd and is considered a "typical" representation of the breed. In the well-loved television series, "Kommissar Rex" (photographed with Tobias Moretti), he investigated crimes alongside his colleagues from the Vienna police force from 1994 to 2004. Rex was played by three dogs in all: B. J., Rhett and Henry. They were all trained by Teresa Ann Miller.

This receptor is an important binding site for various hormones. These dogs are particularly responsive to noradrenaline and its chemical relationship.

This results in dogs that appear more confident, actively respond in difficult situations (so-called A types). These dogs are often tamer and tend

BREEDERS LAY
THE FOUNDATIONS
FOR RELIABLE
SOCIALIZATION

to be more confident around people. In foxes, it has been demonstrated that darker animals have a much shorter flight distance from people. These behavioral observations have also been made with timber wolves in North America. Phaeomelanin is responsible for the emergence of reddish to fawn dogs. Dogs with redder, browner coats have a particularly sensitive cortisol system. Furthermore, phaeomelanin influences a very important protein in the immune system - the beta defensive - which is associated with fighting viruses and other pathogens. In studies involving Labradors and Mastiffs, it was demonstrated that vellow or fawn dogs have a less efficient ß defensive system than their gray counterparts, meaning they are a little less efficient than black dogs. Nobody should be put off taking on a dog with a particular coat color, but it should be clear that due to their genetic make-up, the dogs must be raised and socialized very reliably and the German Shepherd breeder will have already

> laid the foundations to do so. Since these findings have been observed not only in dogs but in other mammals too, could people also be divided into these "categories" based on their hair color?

Whatever the case may be, we like our partners

– be they human or canine – whatever hair or
coat color they have.

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NANCY HERMS

BLACK Around nine percent of dogs are black.

Black/yellow dogs are even rarer (5.9%) and black/gray

dogs are rarer still (1.5%).

24%*

GRAY Almost a quarter of dogs have a gray coat color. But several variants can be seen.

* BLACK/BROWN In total, more than half of dogs have a black/brown coat.

TIPS FOR COA

Coat nutrition

utrition is key for ensuring a coat's quality. Good oils, such as salmon, linseed, thistle or olive oil, make coats shine. Pour a teaspoon of oil over your dog's food every day. And if you give your dog a raw egg once a week, you'll be ensuring their coat stays healthy. Brewer's yeast is particularly effective. It is generally added to a dog's food as a course of treatment lasting two weeks.

Clean appearance

B athing should only play a minor role in looking after your dog's coat. Frequent bathing disturbs the skin's natural protective sebum and acidic layers. If a thorough wash is unavoidable every now and then, it is best to use water that is lukewarm at most. Use a soap- and fragrance-free shampoo that is rehydrating. Only special dog shampoos are suitable for your four-legged companion.

Happy Brush-day

ead hairs must be removed regularly so that your dog does not suffer from itching. You need to use a good dog brush regularly. It is particularly challenging caring for the coat on long-haired dogs. A detangling spray can be very useful when you have to untangle the coat. A good household solution uses cider vinegar: Brushing with cider vinegar cares for the coat and makes it shiny. What's more, the vinegar removes dust and dandruff. The brush itself also needs a bit of care: It can be disinfected using cider vinegar.

^{*} Taken from the database of the Society for German Shepherd Dogs (SV) from the last five years

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Sire: CH Schneerberg Fire Storm A Z Dam; CH Durnstein Champagne AZ

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*Tonaker Sammy A 1,2 : Z 0,0

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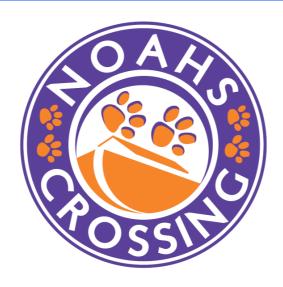
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Training Times

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9.30 am	Beginners Obedience	7.30 pm	Beginners Obedience
	Obedience Classes 1, 2 & 3		Obedience Classes 1, 2 & 3
			Show Training
10.00 am	Show Training	8.15 pm	Obedience Classes 4 & 5
			Novice Obedience & Trials Classes
10.30 am	Obedience Class 4 OpenObedience & Utility Classes		
11.00 am	Obedience Class 5		

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 Extreme Weather Policy

Training will be cancelled if the forecast temperature for <u>West Beach</u> is predicted to be 37 degrees or above or an Extreme Storm warning is issued on <u>www.eldersweather.com.au</u> at 6pm the night before training (Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings).

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 and shoes with metal-spiked soles 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