

# Shepherd News

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# **President's Report**

**As the year gets underway, a reminder about leaving your animals in cars. Even on cloudy days, the temperature inside a vehicle can get very hot very quickly.**

**The Committee are thinking of ways to raise funds for the club, due mainly to our club hosting the 2022 National Show and Trial. We have the opportunity to run the canteen at Dogs SA so we are hoping that members will volunteer to man the canteen. The dates will be printed in the Shepherd News soon so if you are able to help out, please let either myself or Stephen Collins know. The 2022 National is an especially pivotal one as it marks the 50th Year of the National Show and Trial. We therefore are in the planning stages of making the 50th a truly memorable occasion.**

**On a sad note, yet another stalwart of the Shepherd World has recently passed away. Anita Pettenhofer was a well known Judge and Breeder and highly respected member of the Shepherd fraternity. The Club extends its deepest sympathies to her family.**

**The GSDCA AGM was recently held in Melbourne this year with not many rule changes. One significant change that was carried was that of the height cap at breed survey. Over 67cm for males and over 62cm for females will deem the animal to have failed survey and takes effect from 1 July 2020. We wish the new Committee all the best in their roles.**

**Our first Member's Competition will be held on Sunday 1 March with our own, Andrew O'Loughlin, Judging. I am sure that those of you intending to attend the National this year in Sydney are well into training your dogs in preparation so best wishes to you all.**

**John De Lucia  
President**

# Secretarial Report

Firstly the committee wish to extend a warm welcome to the following New members of the Club:

G & E Wilkinson	Glenelg	N Vallomparambil	Woodcroft
K Stacey & L Vittorelli	Modbury Heights	T & C Gogoll	Ovingham
B & R Atsisauskas	Woodville South	M Haniford	West Lakes
S Luby & R Carter	Stirling	J & T Skinner	Dulwich
C & L McKell	Noarlunga Downs	V & R Soni	Valley View
T & R Norton-Laheney	Hectorville	A Wheaton	Broadview
B Filz	O'Sullivan's Beach		

The committee wish Mr T Schoemaker a speedy recovery. Tony an ex committee member has spent several days in the Lyell McEwin Hospital and is now recovering in the Modbury Hospital. We hope that Tony makes a full recovery and returns home soon.

The GSDC of A Inc., Annual General Meeting was held on the weekend of February 8th and 9th. The minutes can be found on the Council website. Just a couple of excerpts from the minutes:

Breed Survey fees will rise to \$38.00 per animal as from the 1st July 2020

ZAP Assessment Application Fee will be \$15.00 per animal as from the 1st July 2020

HD/ED fees will increase by \$2.00 from 1st July 2020

Breed Survey: That as of 1st July 2020, the acceptable maximum limits for size are defined as:

Animals that are oversize and measure no more than **62cm (Bitches) or 67cm (Dogs)** and are considered of **HIGH** anatomical worth may be considered for Breed Survey Classification.

**Animals that measure over 62cm (Bitches) and 67cm (dogs) will be recorded as Failed.**

National Show and Trial 2021 will be held in Melbourne Victoria.

The Club is in negotiations with West Beach Parks regarding exclusive use of the grounds, this may result in increased lease payments to West Beach Parks.

The Club has been approached by the Royal Adelaide Show to host a Specialist show at this years Royal. The Judge will be Mr Mike Bradley (NZ). The Committee encourages ALL exhibitors to support this event and show off our very versatile Breed to the spectators and the broader public at the largest Championship Show in the State. A great opportunity to show off your dogs.

**Stephen J Collins**

**Hon. Secretary**

# Breed Affairs Report

We have had our first breed survey for the year with Four (4) animals entered. Three (3) were successfully classified. Congratulations to the owners and Breeders of:

Babenberg Sebastian 'A' 'Z' owned by J & J De Lucia

Rhosyn Calles Show Girl 'A' 'Z' owned by T Jones and SJ & C Collins

Tonaker Porsha 'A' 'Z' owned by T & A Shoemaker

There is a new format for breed surveys with the identification first then movement followed by gun test and temperament test before the rest of the survey. I found this format much easier so that animals that fail the gun test or temperament test are then excused. The revised Breed Survey Manual can be found on the GSDC of A Inc website.

As from 1st July 2020 the maximum height for males is 67cm and for females is 62cm any animal over these heights will not be classified.

We are planning an Open breed Affairs meeting for April 17th we are requesting topics to put on the agenda and some indication if you the members are interested.

We are having a specialist judge this year for The Adelaide Royal It will be judged as a Specialty Show with Mr Mike Bradley (NZ). We encourage ALL members to enter this event.

Microchipping: The cost to members for microchipping pups is \$12.00 per pup. This includes registration on Dog and Cat Management Board registration.

**Christine Collins**  
**2nd Vice President**



# Open Breed Affairs Meeting

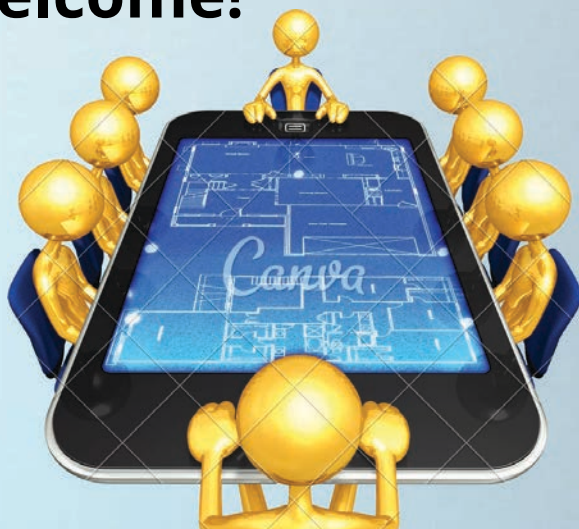


Friday April 17th 2020

Commencing at approximately 8.00pm  
at the Shepherd Club, West Beach Rd

Members are requested to submit  
discussion items to:  
Honorary Secretary by April 3rd 2020

**ALL Members Welcome!**



# Breed Survey

Sunday, April 26th 2020

**11.00am**

Closing Date: April 19th 2020 11.00am

## Documentation Required:

- Completed BS1 Application Form
- Copy of ANKC Pedigree
- Copy of Official HD and Elbow Results
- Five (5) Generation Pedigree
- Copy of H-Neg Certificate if Applicable

**Fee: \$35.00**

Emailed entries must be in PDF format and legible.

**JPG Formats will not be accepted.**

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

**Please note starting time!**

# Meet the Trainer

Last year we had a series of articles interviewing some of the club's breeders. This year we are starting off with our Obedience Instructors. Who better to start with than our Head Instructor, Robert MacPherson.

## **1. What was your first dog and what sort of training did you do with him/her?**

A German Shepherd Dog. Trained at the German Shepherd Club in obedience to class 5.

## **2. When did you purchase your first German Shepherd Dog?**

First dog was bought as a Christmas present from girlfriend in 1978. He looked so cute in his big red bow. She purchased him from the Adelora kennel and his name was, Quino, but I gave him the pet name of, Rex. He, like all my dogs, was male, as I prefer a male dog and a German Shepherd because I would never consider owning another breed, (are there other breeds?). As each of my dogs went to doggy heaven I would purchase another pup. Next came Navarre, (Kramoor Geronimo) CD, who lived to an outstanding 13.5 years. Then, Sagenhaft Sheer Power (pet name, Cu Chulainn), followed by Bruangie Highwayman, (pet name, Bader) and my current dog, Saxon (Tonaker Saxon) CD.

## **3. What do you enjoy doing most with your own dog?**

My dogs have always been family dogs and lived in our home where our two sons grew up and were totally at ease with and loved them as much as I did and never feared them. As part of the family the dogs always went on holidays with us. We love to go on camping trips. My current dog, Saxon, enjoys our trips away where he gets to go hiking and experiencing gliding through the water in the Kayak with me.

## **4. When did you decide to join the German Shepherd Dog club and why?**

In 1979 I joined the club at the Ingle Farm branch with Rex because I believe all dogs, especially Shepherds, should be trained in obedience and under the control of their owner.

## **5. What have you achieved with your dog in terms of titles or awards?**

Navarre – Companion Dog Title. Saxon – Companion Dog Title with Excellent medal and member of Winning Balmead Shield Team.

## **6. Why did you want to become an instructor?**

I wanted to help others to achieve what I had and felt I could do it. Jenny offered instructorship to me and I felt I could bring direction and stability to the members and encourage them with my enthusiasm. I became an instructor in March 2015 and I am now the Head Instructor.

## **7. What do you enjoy most about instructing?**

Seeing the bond between dog and handler as the relationship develops. The joy members experience as they move through classes and their dogs learn more and more. I especially enjoy seeing how the dogs love doing the work and you can see they feel it is their job and they have a sense of purpose.

## **8. Do you think socialisation of a new puppy is important and when do you think this should start?**

I feel puppies should be socialised and obviously it starts when they are in the litter. Once owners take them home they should first socialise with their families and then with other dogs. Care should always be taken when socialising puppies to ensure it is always a positive experience as everything they encounter as young puppies will affect their personalities.

## **9. Do you have any memorable moments in your time as an instructor at the club?**

There are so many memorable moments it is hard to narrow them down, but I was really blown away by us managing to win the Balmead Shield three years in a row. I also was very proud when my son became an obedience instructor.

## **10. What Single piece of advice would you give to those who are obedience training their own dogs?**

Develop the bond. You and your dog are a team. Work with your dog and don't get frustrated when it isn't happening. Some things take a little longer than others and all the dogs with titles were like yours once.

## ROYAL CANIN

### Price List

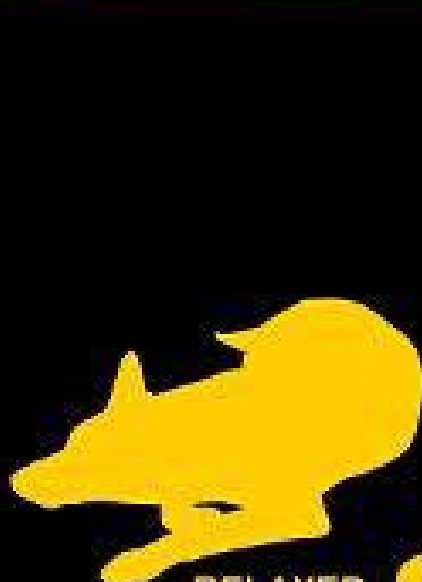
Beauty Large	15Kg	\$95
Energy 4800	20Kg	\$105
Max Puppy	16kg	\$95
Max Puppy Active	20Kg	\$110
Maxi Starter	15Kg	\$95
GS Puppy	12Kg	\$90
GS	11Kg	\$80
Max Puppy	4Kg	\$28
Max Puppy Active	3Kg	\$22
Maxi Adult	15Kg	\$100







# CANINE BODY LANGUAGE



RELAXED



CALM & NEUTRAL



ANXIOUS & NERVOUS



PLAYFUL



ALERT



FRIGHTENED



EXCITED



DOMINANT



SUBMISSIVE



AGGRESSIVE



# **48<sup>TH</sup> MEMBERS SPECIALITY** **COMPETITION**

**BARRATT RESERVE WEST BEACH**

**JUDGE : MR KURT MORTON (NSW)**

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

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020 COMMENCING AT 9-00 AM**  
**Should the "Dogs SA" heat rule apply, this show will commence**  
**at 6-00pm on SATURDAY 18/4/20.**

**There will be no tea break and the Junior Showmanship Competition will be cancelled.**

## **CLASSES & ORDER OF JUDGING –**

Long Stock Coats followed by Stock Coats, Bitches followed by Dogs.

LSC1a, SC1a; LSC2a, SC2a; LSC3a, SC3a; LSC4a, SC4a; LSC5a, SC5a; LSC11a, SC11a.  
Best LSC bitch, Best SC bitch.

LSC1, SC1; LSC2, SC2; LSC3, SC3; LSC4, SC4; LSC5, SC5; LSC11, SC11.  
Best LSC dog, Best SC dog.

**TROPHIES –** 1st place in each class; Best Bitch and Best Dog for each variety.

**SASHES –** 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place in each class where numbers permit.

**GRADINGS –** Awarded at the judges' discretion in all classes. Excellent medallions will be awarded only in the Open classes if the animal has been successfully Breed Surveyed and is over 24 months of age.

**GRADING CERTIFICATES FOR ALL CLASSES WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

**CRITIQUES –** Available in Junior, Intermediate & Open classes.

**ENTRY FEES –** Baby, Minor & Puppy classes - \$15-00 per entry

Junior, Intermediate & Open classes - \$25-00 per entry.

**CATALOGUE –** \$5-00 each. **MUST** be ordered (not included with initial entry).

**ENTRIES:** Online to – [www.showmanager.com.au](http://www.showmanager.com.au)

Postal to - *The Secretary,*  
*GSDC of SA Inc,*  
*PO Box 714,*  
*Glenelg SA 5045*

## **ALL ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 8/4/20**

Please make cheques payable to the GSDC of SA Inc. Separate entry form for each class. Please ensure that variety is stated on entry form e.g. GSD SC or GSD LSC and all titles, pedigree names, registration numbers and full details of sire & dam are shown on entry form.  
**If entering online please ensure all details are up to date.**

**NO INTER SEX, INTER VARIETY COMPETITION OR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS AWARDED**

Any person double handling at this fixture does so at their own risk. The GSDC of SA accepts no responsibility for any injury that may occur while double handling.

## **PRESIDENT'S YOUTH TROPHY COMPETITION** **(INCORPORATING GSDCA JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP AWARD)**

**JUDGE : TBA**

Entries taken on the day. To be judged during the lunch break. Medallions (donated by Alimanda Kennels) will be presented in the clubrooms at the conclusion of all judging.

**Classes :** 7 to under 10 years; 10 to under 13 years; 13 to under 19 years

**All children must have control of the animal they are exhibiting.** If any child cannot solely control (hold) the animal they are exhibiting they may be asked to leave the ring.

**No adults will be permitted in the ring.**

# Exercise and Joints

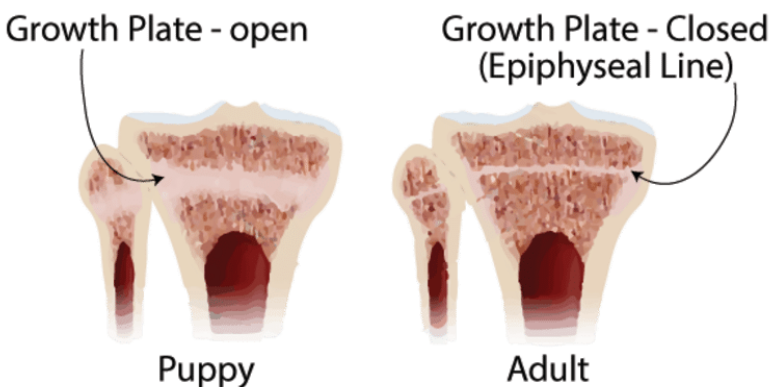
Exercise in dogs of all ages is always a controversial subject - should we do said exercise with our dogs or shouldn't we? The full article includes age appropriate exercises for the young dog right through to the older dog to help support joints and prevent injury. Here we start to learn about joints in dogs. For the full article, please visit:

<https://www.animal-mrt.com/blog/post/21701/Exercises-for-Young-Dogs/>

## **Understanding Puppy growth**

The first concept to understand when it comes to puppy exercise is "growth plates." Growth plates are soft areas that sit at the ends of the long bones in puppies and young dogs. They contain rapidly dividing cells that allow bones to become longer until the end of puberty.

Growth plates gradually thin as hormonal changes approaching puberty signal the growth plates to close. In puppies, this closure is normally completed by approximately 18 months old.



Until the growth plates close, they're soft and vulnerable to injury. After sexual maturity, the growth plates calcify and the rapid cell division ends. The growth plate becomes a stable, inactive part of the bone, now known as an epiphyseal line.

A study published in the UN National Library of Medicine found dogs spayed and neutered at less than a year of age were significantly taller than those de-sexed after age 1.

Furthermore, the bones of pups spayed and neutered before puberty continue to grow. Dogs spayed or neutered at a younger age often have longer limbs, lighter bone structure, narrow chests and narrow skulls. This results in altered body proportions of certain bones relative to others. But, it isn't just a cosmetic issue.

This disproportion often results in increased stress on ligaments, which can later easily cause injury. Another study published in the UN National Library of Medicine found that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months of age were much more likely to develop hip dysplasia than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age.

Also, dogs spayed or neutered younger than 24 weeks were more likely to develop infectious diseases than dogs who were spayed or neutered at ages older than 24 weeks. As for female dogs, there has been an increase in urinary incontinence in those spayed too early.

Early de-sexing can also have unwanted behavioural effects. A further study published in the National Library of Medicine showed that dogs neutered before 5 1/2 months of age had an increased incidence of noise phobias and unwanted sexual behaviours.

Also, recent research by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation found that when females were spayed too young, they were more likely to develop fearful behaviours while their male counterparts were more likely to show aggression.

Obviously, if you decide to delay your spaying and neutering of your newly adopted pup or kitty, please be responsible if they have reached sexual maturity and are able to reproduce. Make sure they are under your control at all times and don't breed. I am in huge support of not contributing to the pet over-population crises. By providing these findings, I'm simply suggesting you do your research before you decide what age is best for your dog.

# Breeders Directory

## ARKAHLA KENNELS

W & J & A O'Loughlin  
PORT NOARLUNGA  
Mob: 0412 605 584  
Email: arkahla@adam.com

## BABENBERG KENNELS

J & J & I DeLucia  
GAWLER BELT  
Mob: 0408 100 745  
Email: jjdelucia@bigpond.com

## RHOSYN KENNELS

S & J Collins  
WILLUNGA  
Mob: 0419 212 749  
Email: mail@rhosyngsd.com

## SILVEROASIS KENNELS

P Spear  
VALE PARK  
Mob: 0408 250 251  
Email: silveroasisknls@dodo.com.au

## VONPETA KENNELS

P Damarell & J Pike  
TWO WELLS  
Mob: 0412 809 499  
Email: vonpeta@optusnet.com.au

## SHEPROSE KENNELS

B Owen  
TWO WELLS  
Mob: 0417 834 941

# Training Times

### Sunday

**9.30 am:** Beginners Obedience  
Obedience Class 1, 2 & 3

**10.00 am:** Show Training

**10.30 am:** Obedience Class 4  
Open Obedience & Utility Classes

**11.00 am:** Class 5

### Wednesday

**7.30 pm:** Beginners Obedience  
Obedience Class 1, 2 & 3  
Show Training

**8.15 pm:** Obedience Class 4 & 5  
Novice Obedience & Trials Classes



# Stud Dog Directory



**\*CH ALIMANDA FIREWALKER 'A' 2:2 'Z' 0:0 H- Neg**

**Sire:** \*CH Schneerberg Fire Storm 'A' 'Z' ET

**Dam:** CH Durnstein Champagne 'A' 'Z'

**Owner:** Alimanda Kennels

OLD NOARLUNGA

**Mob:** 0412471802

**Email:** alimanda@hotmail.com

**\*CH ALIMANDA ITS ALL ABOUT ME 'A' 1:2, 'Z' 0:0**

**Sire:** \*Pepe vd Zenteiche 'a' ED

**Dam:** Bruangie Something to Follow 'A' 'Z'

**Owner:** Alimanda Kennels

OLD NOARLUNGA

**Mob:** 0412471802

**Email:** alimanda@hotmail.com



**\*CH ALIMANDA SMOOTH OPERATOR 'A' 2:0, 'Z' 0:0**

**Sire:** \*Juwika Destroyer 'a' ED

**Dam:** Bruangie Something to Follow 'A' 'Z'

**Owner:** Alimanda Kennels

OLD NOARLUNGA

**Mob:** 0412471802

**Email:** alimanda@hotmail.com

**\*CALLE vom WESTERVENN IPO II (Imp Gmy)**

**'a' Normal ED Normal (Gmy)**

**Sire:** \*Labo v Schollerweir Sch HIII 'a' ED

**Dam:** \*Zimba v Westervenn Sch HII 'a' ED

**Owner:** Stephen & Christine Collins

WILLUNGA

**Mob:** 0419 212 749

**Email:** stephen@rhosyngsd.com





# 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 supervise 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 West Beach is predicted to be 37 degrees or above or an Extreme Storm warning is issued on [www.eldersweather.com.au](http://www.eldersweather.com.au) 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**