



**GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC
NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION (NBC) MEETING**

Date: Sunday 31 July 2016

Time: 9.45am

**Venue: Sydney Airport Holiday Inn,
Cnr O'Riordan Street and Bourke Road Mascot NSW**

A G E N D A

8.00am	1	OPENING AND WELCOME	NBC Chair
	1.1	Present/Apologies	NBC Chair
	2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	
	2.1	Adoption of the Agenda for the Committee meeting as circulated on 20 th June 2016	NBC Chair
	3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	3.1	Draft minutes of the National Breed Commission Meeting held on 26 th July 2015	NBC Chair
	4.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
	4.1	Update on Actions discussed at the 2015 NBC Meeting	NBC Chair
	4.1.1	Update on the project to lobby the ANKC for the introduction of a LRL for GSDs - one parent successfully breed surveyed through the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.	GSDCA President
	4.1.2	Update to the NBC meeting regarding support for the research being undertaken by Dr Claire R. Sharp on Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GDV).	Dr C Baker
	5.	NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION REPORTS	
	5.1	National HD/ED Control Scheme Registrar's Report	Mr D West
	5.1.1	Updated progeny results of sires through the GSDCA HD Control Scheme.	NBC Chair
	5.1.2	Participation of New Zealand animals in the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme.	NBC Chair
	5.1.3	<u>Discussion:</u> The review of GSDCA Breeders Achievement Award for the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme.	NBC Executive
	5.1.4	Clarification of the process for adjudication for x-rays submitted to the GSDCA HD/ED Control Scheme.	NBC Chair

	5.2	National Identification Registrar	Mr A Toretto
	5.2.1	Recording of microchips and GSDCA Tattoo numbers in the GSDCA Database.	NBC Chair
	5.3	Breed Health & Welfare Committee Chair/Haemophilia Registrar's Report	Dr C Baker
	5.3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health status of the GSD in Australia. • DNA testing procedure for Degenerative Myelopathy. • Data sharing with the ANKC – (referred from 2015 GSDCA AGM). 	Dr C Baker
	5.3.2	Update on Canine Research Grants and investigation into Haemangioma Sarcoma (Cancer) – (referred from 2016 GSDCA AGM).	Dr K Hedberg
	5.3.3	<p>Clarification on the LRLs for the requirement for Haemophilia testing for GSDs.</p> <p>That application is made to amend ANKC Regulations Part 6 Clause 8.9: German Shepherd Dog as per</p> <p>For all German Shepherd litters born after 1.1.99 and where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must show results of X-rays for hips and elbows, and a Haemophilia A result for the males, as defined below: Effective September 1, 2004, the following requirements will apply: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All imported GSD males must have an Australian H.Neg certificate prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia. 2. All sons of imported GSD bitches must be in possession of an <i>Australian</i>¹ H.Neg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia. 3. All GSD males born from litters imported in whelp must be in possession of an ** Australian² H.Neg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia. 4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have an <i>Australian</i>³ H.Neg. Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia. (05/04) 5. <i>Any GSD male sired by imported semen must have an Australian H.Neg. Certificate prior to any of his progeny being registered in Australia</i>⁴. 	<p>NBC Executive</p> <p>¹ Added word Australian</p> <p>² Added word Australian</p> <p>³ Added word Australian</p> <p>⁴ New Clause to be added</p>
	5.4	Character and Working Test	Mr J DeLucia
	5.4.1	Update report on the implementation of the proposed GSDCA Character and Working Assessment (CWA) as recently adopted.	
	5.4.2	<u>Discussion:</u> The SV Character Test and a plan for acceptance and implementation by the GSDCA.	NBC Executive

	5.5	National Database Report	Mr F Moody
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on progress of the GSDCA Database. • Feedback on the current database, since the availability to members on 1st January 2015. 	
	5.6	Breed Specific Legislation Committee Report	Mrs M Adams
		Update to the meeting on the proposed amendments to legislation regarding the breeding of dogs in numerous states but especially South Australia and Victoria	
	6.	NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
	6.1	<p>National Breed Commission Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBC Executive assessment of the Sires Progeny at the 2015 National Show and Trial. • Status of the breed currently in Australia. • Updated progeny results of sires from the GSDCA Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. • Update on the uniformity of conduct of breed surveys throughout the year. • Prior to advertising the sale of imported semen in GSDCA Council publications the sire will need to meet GSDCA requirements and those requirements to be verified by the NBC Chairman. • Penalisation of dentition faults at breed survey. • Review of the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual. • Lumbo-sacral vertebrae and does it require monitoring. • Participation of Australian bred animals living in New Zealand for presentation to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme. 	NBC Chair
	7.	APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT AS A GSDCA BREED SURVEYOR	
	7.1	Application from Ms M Groth to be re-instated as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.	NBC Executive
	8.	MATTERS REFERRED TO THE 2016 NBC MEETING FROM GSDCA MEMBER CLUBS	
	8.1	<p>Amendment to the ANKC regulations relative to registration of animals that do not meet the required criteria in regards to Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> “That the GSDCA makes application to the ANKC to only register litters in either the main or limited register where both parents have met the current ANKC LRL for GSDs in regard to control of Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia”.</p>	GSDC Victoria

		<p><u>Rationale:</u></p> <p><i>At present litters from a sire or dam that do not meet the current and or previous ANKC LRL with regard to control of HD & ED for German Shepherds can still be registered with the ANKC on the limited register and marked not to be upgraded. It is noted that if progeny of those litters is bred then they cannot be registered.</i></p> <p><i>This loophole allows irresponsible breeders the opportunity to continually breed with what is an animal that has failed to meet the standards as set by the LRL and market the puppies as ANKC registered which defeats the whole purpose of the LRL which is to minimise risk and only breed with animals that meet accepted standards for the control of HD & ED. As an example a bitch with a score of 80 or with grade 2 elbows or both could be bred with and the pups can be registered on the limited register. This is not correct nor can it be justified by any reasoning.</i></p> <p><i>The fact that these litters are accepted for registration on the limited register by the ANKC is contrary to the message that the ANKC has and wishes to portray to the public: namely that it is most concerned about canine health and has undertaken steps to markedly improve the health of the dogs its members breed. This anomaly in the regulations must be rectified in order that the breeding of animals that do not meet the current LRL and who by definition are in fact not suitable to be bred are not bred.</i></p>	
	8.2	AMENDMENT TO THE GSDCA BREED SURVEY MANUAL	
	8.2.1	<p>That the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual regarding size: Section 11.4.4 currently reads:</p> <p>11.4.4 Measurements</p> <p>The dog shall stand on a flat, level surface with forelegs plumb and shall not be stretched in the rear. Height at withers shall be taken by measuring vertically and plumb from the ground to top of withers directly behind the ulna joint. Three measurements are to be taken and the average recorded.</p> <p>Be amended to read as follows:</p> <p>11.4.4 Measurement</p> <p>The dog shall stand on a flat, level surface with forelegs plumb and shall not be stretched in the rear. Height at withers shall be taken by measuring vertically and plumb from the ground to top of withers directly behind the ulna joint. Three measurements are to be taken <i>and all three measurements to be recorded and to be listed on the GSDCA Breed Survey Certificate.</i></p>	GSDC South Australia

	<p>8.2.2 That the GSDCA Breed Survey Manual regarding Appeals: Section 12.4 Appeals currently reads:</p> <p>12.4 Appeals</p> <p>The owner of a dog who may feel he has been unfairly treated or his dog unfairly assessed has the right of appeal through the National Breed Commission Executive, after having appealed to the State Breed Survey Co-ordinator.</p> <p>It is the State Clubs Chief Surveyor's responsibility to try to solve any matters such as this.</p> <p>Should a stalemate situation arise, the State Breed Survey Coordinator will provide the history, plus details of the appeal to the National Breed Commission Executive, who shall if deemed appropriate, arrange to re-assess the animal.</p> <p>The dog shall then be presented to at least one member of the National Breed Commission Executive in consultation with where ever possible the original GSDCA Breed Surveyor and the State Breed Survey Coordinator of that particular State and their decision shall be final.</p> <p>In cases where the owner requests an appeal the costs shall be borne by the owner, where the NBC Executive is requested by Council to review the animal it shall be at the cost of Council.</p> <p>Be amended to read:</p> <p>The owner of a dog who may feel he has been unfairly treated or his dog unfairly assessed has the right of appeal through the National Breed Commission Executive, after having appealed to the State Breed Survey Co-ordinator.</p> <p>It is the State Breed Surveyor Coordinator's responsibility to try to solve any matters such as this.</p> <p>Should a stalemate situation arise, the State Breed Survey Coordinator will provide the history, plus details of the appeal to the National Breed Commission Executive, who shall if deemed appropriate, arrange to re-assess the animal.</p> <p>The dog shall then be presented to at least one member of the National Breed Commission Executive and two GSDCA Breed Surveyors and their decision shall be final. <i>The original nominated GSDCA Breed Surveyor and State Breed Survey Coordinator must not be included in the appeal process.</i></p> <p>In cases where the owner requests an appeal the costs shall be borne by the owner, where the NBC Executive is requested by Council to review the animal it shall be at the cost of Council.</p>	GSDC South Australia
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9	DISCUSSION ITEMS	
9.1	<p>Breed Survey of Imported Dogs</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p>Regulation 3.6.3 - Imported Dogs currently sees a process in place that allows imported breed surveyed animals as recognised by the GSDCA to be given a 6 month period where they must present to survey for verification of ID, height, character and gun sureness. Further, virtues and or additional faults can be added to original survey. Noting that all facts stand on their original survey, all data recorded at the represent is then added to what is the GSDCA Survey of the animal. This requirement is in fact a ‘policing process’ and serves no real purpose as the animal, even if it does have disqualifying faults recorded cannot be unclassified.</p> <p>With this background and the fact we now have semen freely imported and used that sees no physical verification by the GSDCA of those animals ID, height, character and gun sureness or the descriptors of the dog raises the question of why do we continue with a process that ‘polices’ imported animals whilst semen can be used without any checks apart from title verification.</p> <p>So the point of the current regulation is indeed questionable: hence it can confirm by title verification that the animal is Breed Surveyed by a scheme that is recognised by the Council then by definition that animal is accepted: and all that needs to take place is the animal must apply for GSDCA title verification and subsequently within a period of 6 months be presented to a Breed Survey for identification of tattoo and or microchip.</p> <p>A new regulation needs to worded noting the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reference GSDCA Regulations 3.8 - GSDCA Approved Overseas Breed Improvement Schemes. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. These schemes are then by definition equivalent to our own scheme. 2. The current GSDCA process to verify the pedigree, breed survey and any other title the dog claims to hold will still apply to imported animals and to animals from which semen has been imported into Australia. 3. Animals as verified will present to GSDCA Breed Survey for identification with Tattoo and or Microchip checked. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Once identity is confirmed, the animal is recognised as GSDCA Breed Surveyed. <p>Note: It must be noted The 6 month rule never catered for fact most imports take 12+ months to adjust and look at their best - that is of course unless they turn up 2 weeks before National and are shown</p> <p>This change is needed as obvious discrepancies as found to description, size and character of animals presented has had no bearing on their original Breed Survey and any amendment to be made due to our findings are in fact irrelevant as the original survey as issued by a fellow WUSV member stands.</p>	President GSDCA

	9.2	<p>Participation by GSDCA Breed Surveyor when an animal owned or bred are being presented to GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme.</p> <p>There currently is no clear rule regarding Breed Surveyors officiating at surveys where animals they or their family members own are presented. The NBC Executive recommends that in order to remove perception of possible bias and or influence that Breed surveyors should not officiate at breed surveys where animals owned by them or their family members are to be presented. It must be noted that in the main breed surveyors have abstained from officiating at surveys where they perceive a conflict of interest, however this has not always been the case and therefore a regulation needs to be put in place.</p> <p><u>Proposed Motion:</u></p> <p><i>GSDCA Breed Surveyors will not officiate at GSDCA Breed Surveys where they or members of their family will present animals bred and or owned by them.</i></p>	NBC Executive
	9.3	<p>Introduction of a DNA parentage testing procedure.</p> <p>The incidence of semen being imported into Australia has increased with a number of our breeders making use of this to widen the gene pool in their breeding programs. Noting unlike imported dogs there is in the case of semen no physical verification of the dog's identity. With this in mind the NBC Executive believes we should investigate and possibly implement sooner rather than later a DNA parentage confirmation procedure that will apply to all GSD bred in Australia.</p>	NBC Executive
	9.4	<p>Verification of imported animals to the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme and the verification process of Imported Semen.</p>	NBC Executive
	10.	<p>Matters Referred from the CLOSED GSDCA BREED SURVEYORS/JUDGES AND TRAINEE JUDGES MEETING held – SATURDAY 30 July 2016</p>	
	11.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
	12.	<p>Date and Venue for the 2017 NATIONAL BREED COMMISSION MEETING - MELBOURNE</p> <p>Sunday 30 July 2017, Melbourne</p>	NBC Chairman
4.30pm	13.	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING</p>	