

# **G.S.D.A. of W.A. (Inc.)**



## **Annual Report**

**Year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**

# German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

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President	Mr Ian Heard
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Obedience Chair	Mr Ian Marr
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## Officers of the Association

Minute Secretary	Ms Kerrie Pearce
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## Position Holders

Head Trainer - Headquarters	Mr John Glenny
Editor Club Magazine	Mrs Margaret Adams
Webmaster	Mrs Margaret Adams
Identification Officer	Mrs Margaret Adams
Hereditary Diseases Registrar	Ms Vicki Beaton
Club Registrar	Ms Leanne Irvine
Puppy List Registrar	Mrs Margaret Adams
Stud Dog Registrar	Mrs Margaret Adams
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## SUB-COMMITTEES

### Trials Committee: -

Diane Webb (Chair & trials secretary from 1/1/22), Karen Westmacott (trials secretary to 31/12/21), Trish McGregor (treasurer), Kerrie Pearce (minutes secretary), John Glenny, Jean McCowan, Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Kym Glenny, John Crace, Heather Hobert and Peggy Waller

### Show Committee: -

Tracy Roberts (Chair) Kerrie Pearce (secretary) Robyn Knuckey (treasurer), Jenny Boekelman, Ian Marr, Dorothy Marr, John Fenner, Leanne Irvine, Peyton Burgess, Lee-Anne Shea, Andy Crace and Sue Beisley.

Tracking: – Honey Gross-Richardson

DWD/Working Trials Group: – Diane Webb

### Breed Affairs Committee: -

(Chair) Natalie Humphries, Robyn Knuckey, John Fenner, Honey Gross-Richardson (retired), Leanne Irvine (Breed Survey Registrar), Vicki Beaton (Hereditary Diseases Registrar), Margaret Adams (Identification Officer, Stud Dog Registrar & Puppy Listing Officer) and our Veterinary Advisor - Dr Candice Baker BSc BVMS MANZCVS

### Trainers' Committee: -

Ian Marr (Chair) plus ALL Qualified Obedience & Agility Judges, all Instructors, Head Trainers and Assistant Head Trainers.



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## **The German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia (Inc.)**

**Annual General Meeting  
Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 noon  
At our Headquarters, Passmore Street, Southern River W.A.**

### **Agenda**

- 1 **Open the Meeting**
  - 2 **Acceptance of the minutes of the previous Quarterly General Meeting held on 15/5/2022**
  - 3 **Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous Quarterly General Meeting**
  - 4 **Correspondence and E-mails as circulated**
  - 5 **REPORTS**
    - 5.1 **As tabled in the Annual Report Book for 2022**
    - 5.2 **Financial Statement**
  - 6 **6.10 Election of any vacant Management Committee positions –  
6.11 Election of any Officer of the Association positions –  
Public Relations Officer & Ground Manager HQ**
  - 7 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION - NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
    - 7.1 **Club Patron**
    - 7.2 **Honorary Vet**
    - 7.3 **Auditor**
    - 7.4 **Editor – Association Magazine**
    - 7.5 **Membership Officer**
    - 7.6 **Webmaster**
  - 8 **GENERAL BUSINESS**
  - 9 **ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**
  - 10 **Close the Meeting**
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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON**

As always, when arriving at the GSDA of WA Grounds, always referred to as Gosnells HQ by some of us, there is the feeling of pride, of achievement, of belonging, of feeling at home at our club!

The welcoming smiles and hellos from members training their beautiful dogs, the circle of senior members enjoying the sights and sounds of life at a busy dog club, the scent of freshly brewed coffee, the BBQ and ever so tempting snaggers and caramelized onion greet us on arrival.

The puppy classes are before us, maybe with equipment out, baby puppies developing trust and understanding of their partnership and dependence, following and developing joyful obedience to their owners, or as is at times this time of year, inside the clubhouse, learning all about house manners, and calmly settling at their owners, and families' feet, amazingly quiet and ever so good, with Trainers demonstrating and teaching their skills in puppy and general dog management.

No matter what the weather, there will be skilled Instructors out on the ground, with their various classes, working in their chosen locale, sometimes in a ring set up to hone their skills for the competitive sport from competing for titles in the various sanctioned by the ANKC dog sports, be it performance, or with equal joy and expertise for the show ring, local shows, All Breeds and for the Specialist Ring, for Open Shows and National Shows all over our vast country, over East.

One cannot even imagine the work that takes place behind the scenes, from Management to the various Position Holders and sub committees. The meeting that are conducted on a regular basis to keep the organisation, the day to day, week to week progression throughout the year, with dedicated members clocking up the miles in the past, and now the Ks, all coming to the hub, the GSDA of WA, where the decisions made cover all from grass roots to the GSDCA at National level.

Today, I send greetings to all members, accolades for all the achievements over this taxing year, and best wishes for our Associations' aims and projects for the coming year! All the best, for harmony, good fellowship and success in the future!

**Honey Gross-Richardson**  
**Patron**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome members to our 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Another year has come to a close.

Nominations were recently opened for Management Committee positions for the coming year, all positions were unopposed. Our management committee will continue with the same faces, and the inclusion of Brian Lubbock nominating for the Treasurers position unopposed, welcome back Brian.

Disappointing to not see some new faces standing for positions, don't be afraid to put your hand up if you think you have something to offer to the betterment of our club. I know of one club that has six members on their committees with less than twelve months as members. Along with volunteers, we need "fresh eyes" taking on positions within our club. Thank you to all committee members and volunteers for their efforts of the past year.

We had a good number of our dogs attend the GSDCA National Show and Trials in Sydney in June. A couple of us doing the eight-thousand-kilometre return road trip. Our dogs were nowhere near disgraced with the results in Show and Obedience. Yes, the weather was cold, but the rain stayed away over the three-day weekend. We also assisted where we could with the running of the show.

Congratulations to the new committee of the GSDL for organizing and running their first National, with almost 400 dogs entered over a three-day event.

My year has been taken up with keeping in touch with issues happening on a national level. The major conversation point has been our membership with the WUSV, and the compliance with the harmonisation program which, at this point full compliance is a requirement of retaining our membership with the WUSV, if we can't fully comply with the WUSV Harmonisation program prior to the 1st January 2025 we will be expelled from the WUSV. We conducted a SGM recently to vote on a motion from the GSDCA. To follow on from that I recently attended a zoom meeting with the Executive of National Council to discuss voting on this motion. Only 2 clubs voted for this motion, with 6 other clubs voting as our club did, not do vote for the motion due to the motion being badly worded. Our membership with the WUSV continues to be an ongoing saga. My intention, as always will be to keep members informed of any developments from National Council.

Shows and Trials have continued this year with little disruption from COVID.

It has been great to see the shows and Obedience trials being supported by some good entry numbers, well done to the committees.

Our membership numbers have remained very similar to this time last year. Very pleased to see good numbers of puppies at training.

Big thanks to our trainers for their efforts over the year, special thanks to Kym Glenny for her tireless work with new puppies, and her PR work on social media, much appreciated. Our trainers are very experienced with the German Shepherd Dog, and our membership fees are very affordable in comparison to other training organizations. Keep up the good work everybody.

Thanks to Andy Crace for the running of our shop, this is a great service for our members, and I'm sure if Andy hasn't got what you need, she will get it for you.

In closing I would like to reiterate that any club's survival is reliant on volunteers, with our aging regular volunteers the club will not function forever without new people stepping up.

We are extremely lucky to own our club grounds, along with this goes regular maintenance again any associated work is carried out by volunteers.

Enjoy your dogs, and let's all work together to ensure the longevity of our wonderful club.

Ian Heard  
President

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well hard to believe another year has gone. The Secretary's role is running smoothly, for that I need to give my right-hand partner, Vicki Beaton, a very big THANK YOU for compiling the mailing lists IN/OUT for me, and always asked for them at the last minute by me, Vicki is always there to save me getting in trouble! Thank you again Vicki

Lucy Lubbock  
Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Having taken over in mid-February from our previous treasurer, I have now got the Xero programme up and running and I think I am dealing with it ok, although I have made a couple of mistakes but I am sure the Auditor will be on the ball and adjust as needed.

At the time of writing this report – these figures are correct:

Westpac Cash Reserve	\$ 1,824.08
Term Deposit 1	\$10,544.39
Term Deposit 2	\$39,548.96
Community Solutions	\$20,055.52

Lucy Lubbock  
Treasurer



## BREED AFFAIRS CHAIR'S REPORT

I would like to thank the registrars who work hard in this area of Breed Affairs.

Breed Survey Registrar – Leanne Irvine has been the registrar for our breed surveys for the past year.

HD/ED Hereditary Diseases Registrar - Again Vicki Beaton has excelled in the portfolio for many years I am grateful for all her hard work.

Puppy Listing Officer, Stud Dog Registrar, Identification Officer

Margaret Adams has controlled these three areas for many years with her usual dedication for our breed. No matter what time people call up she sends them all the details they need. She is often the first point of contact to the general public and encourages potential new owners to do their homework and research our breed. She also contacts our current breeders on a regular basis to update upcoming litters or new stud dogs. The reuniting of lost dogs to their owners is another job that is on her list. Thank you Margaret for your efforts.

My fellow Breed Affairs Judges/ surveyors Robyn Knuckey, John Fenner and now retired Honey Gross Richardson are an integral part of the team conducting Breed Surveys, judging shows and participating in meetings both here and interstate.

Last but not least our wonderful honorary veterinarian Dr Candice Baker who contributes many articles, gives lots of advice and has done the odd talk to members. Candy is always willing to share her knowledge not only as a veterinarian but as a breeder. Thank you Candy.

Last year we had a talk on First Aid for dogs by the wonderful Dr Katrin Swindells, Emergency and Critical care Specialist from WAVES. This talk was extremely well attended and our clubs first venture into Live Streaming which appeared to be well received also.

The next talks I have organised (Dates to be advised) are:

GDV (commonly known as Bloat) by Dr Teo (Teffy) Fung BVSc (Hons), MANZCVS (Small animal medicine & Emergency and critical care) Resident in ECC at Waves Vet.

Canine Blood donor program ,could your dog save lives? By Ms Chantelle Alexander Registered Veterinary Nurse at Waves Vet.

and

Breed Specific Legislation Mr John Fenner Breed Surveyor/Judge.

Wishing all members and their wonderful dogs the best for the coming year. Stay safe and well in what are still trying times.

Breed Affairs Chair

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## SHOW CHAIR'S REPORT

This year we started our show season in April.

Our 1st Members' Competition was judged by Mr John Fenner with an entry of 45 and 38 exhibited.

Our State Breed Exhibition was the following weekend.

The Show was judged by Dr Karen Hedberg (NSW), with an entry of 66 and 49 exhibited.

The Trials arena was judged by Jill Houston.

Special classes such as Critique Only, Top Lady Handler and Junior Handlers rounded off this exciting weekend and allowed many members to participate.

For the 2nd Members' Competition we had Mrs Jean Butterfield (SA) come across for her first WA appointment. An entry of 75 and 52 exhibited. The day was perfect weatherwise and exhibitors enjoyed the day.

Coming up in August we have:

The Rick Richardson Memorial Championship Show being judged Ms Jo Cathie (NSW) and

The Walter Martin Memorial Championship Show being judged by Mrs Carol O'Rourke (QLD). We hope to receive great entries for these shows.

For our September Members' Competition we have Mr Andrew O'Loughlin (SA) then in October we have our 4th Members' competition with Mr Kurt Morton (NSW).

And rounding off our show year will be our West Coast Challenge Championship show - with an overseas judge, Mr David Middleton from the UK.

Thank you to my committee for a great start to the year and to the exhibitors for continuing to support the shows.

It's wonderful to finally get some sort of normality back to our shows and being able to have judges from various states adjudicate at our shows.

Tracy Roberts  
Show Chair

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## OBEDIENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

As always, I will start this report by recognising and thanking all the Instructors, Trainee Instructor and helpers for the continual effort that they put in, on behalf of the members, all year round with only the two weeks break over Christmas. The work that they do every year is a phenomenal effort by any standard holding obedience classes and/or socialisation classes for 50 weeks of the year, and I sincerely hope that it is fully appreciated by the members. John Glenny has once again held the role of Head Trainer, a role he has held for many years. John is also on the trials committee. I thank John for his work during what has been a difficult year for him.

The Trials Committee chaired by Di Webb comes under my portfolio and I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation for the work that this hardworking committee does on behalf of the club. A separate report from Di will be included separately from my report.

The Beginners class goes from strength to strength and is run every Sunday by Kym Glenny and Karen Westmacott ably helped by Iain Mac, Laurel and our Trainee Trainer Heather. Kym continues to put videos and article from the beginners' class on the club Facebook page and her own Facebook page. These are very popular and well received by many shepherd people all over Australia.

Heather has now progressed from the beginners' class to the Pre-Kindy class and is progressing very well and hopefully will have completed her training up to the Pre-Kindy level by the end of the current term.

The numbers in the Beginners class and the Pre Kindy class are very pleasing and we hope that the numbers remain high when they move on to the higher level classes.

We held two Graduations and two Assessments during the year, which were all very successful.

The two graduations that are held are, the end of year Closed Club Trial Graduation, and the SBE Graduation which has been held the week before the SBE up until this year, with the two assessments held in between. The idea of holding two assessments was a trial over the past couple of years and has proved to be popular with the members, and the decision was made that this will continue.

It has been decided that we will try and revert back to holding the 2023 SBE Graduation on the Sunday of the SBE week-end instead of the week before to bring the SBE week-end back to its original format.

As always I offer my thanks to Kerrie Pearce and Ian Heard for the great work they do looking after the grounds. The grounds look fantastic and it is down to the hard work done by both Kerrie and Ian.

This brings me to a matter that we all need to play our part in, talking to and encouraging the members, new and old, about offering support by volunteering to help around the club. We speak about it regularly at the start of the Beginners Class and in my Pre-Kindy class encouraging the members to stay back for a few minutes after training to pick up any branches that are lying on the ground and carrying them to the wood pile ready for our burn off. I am pleased that we have a few members that are now doing this. Volunteering doesn't necessarily mean being on committees, it means helping around the club in any way that you are able. It's worth remembering the old saying, many hands make light work.

I am still thoroughly enjoying my role of Obedience Chair and I look forward to working in the role for the coming year.

Ian Marr  
Obedience Chair

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## TRIALS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

During the past 12 months the trials committee ran 5 combined Obedience & Rally Trials.

These trials were the July Trial, West Coast Challenge, February Trial, State Breed Exhibition Trial and April Trial, plus an Endurance Test in July 2021.

Our all breeds trials continue to be well supported by the obedience community. The members of the committee and volunteers are thanked for their hard work on trial days with office work and stewarding.

Thank you to our President, Ian Heard, for his support representing the Management Committee at our Trials and his work behind the scenes in ground, maintenance, Kerrie Pearce for mowing the grass when Ian unavailable.

Thanks also extended to committee members Kerrie, Sue Peters Andy Crace and John Crace for giving up their Friday mornings to join me in the cleaning the clubhouse and tidying of the grounds.

The conditions of the grounds on trial days continue to be commented on favourably by the competitors. New member on the committee, Heather Hobert is acknowledged for her work in organising stewards, without whom the trials cannot proceed.

Continued support from our Club Sponsor, Scarboro Toyota is acknowledged for their cash donation toward the running of the trials during these difficult times.

Thanks are also extended to Meals for Mutts for their donation of biscuits to class winners. These were greatly appreciated by our competitors.

Diane Webb  
Trials Chairperson



## HISTORIAN'S REPORT

It is my intention that 2022 will see this tome completed.

It is almost to the proof reading stage and I look forward with pride to seeing it through to its conclusion.

Last chance for anyone to submit copy for insertion into this complete history of our association closes at the end of August

Thank you to everyone who has submitted information.

Ian Marr  
Historian

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## BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1.7.21 – 30.6.22

The financial year 2021/22 has seen the return of near normality when compared to the disruption of the previous two years.

Disappointingly, this has not translated to an increase in the number of animals utilising the GSDCA schemes, despite a small increase in the number of puppy registrations over the same period, based on Dogs West registrations.

Six breed surveys have been conducted in the Year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. A total of 12 of 13 presented were successfully surveyed in the period. Of the 13 animals presented to survey, 3 were Stock Coat males, 1 Long Stock Coat male, 7 Stock Coat females, 2 Long Stock Coat females.

Congratulations to all of the owners and breeders of the 12 animals successfully surveyed in 2021.

A big thank you to all of the members who have applied to survey their dogs for ensuring that the paperwork has been completed correctly and submitted on time. For the most part, those members who are presenting their dogs to survey, the photographs of the dogs are also being submitted in a timely manner. Thank you.

We have been very fortunate with the weather this year with the nasty weather holding off at least until the surveys have been completed. Barring any disruptions to the calendar, we have three more surveys planned for the 2022 calendar year. Stay warm and enjoy your dogs !! Sadly, the statistics show a somewhat disturbing picture. 2020 had 26 animals successfully classified, which dropped to 16 in 2021. This could possibly be attributed to COVID, despite the numbers of animals being bred in the past couple of years not having decreased.

Totals y/end June	2022	Comparison y/end 2021	Comparison y/end 2020
Classified Males	4	4	8
Classified Females	8	12	17
Failures	1	0	1
Total	13	16	26

Alarmingly, the number of animals surveyed in the year ended June 2022 was exactly half of that surveyed in 2020. In all years the number of females classified was significantly more than males. The % difference between males and females surveyed in the 4 years ending 2018 – 2021 is > 50% more females being surveyed than males. The greatest difference in the years mentioned (2018-2021) between males and females being successfully surveyed is in the year ended 2021, however, the total number of surveyed animals in 2022 was only 80% of the previous year.

Leanne Irvine  
Breed Survey Registrar



## HEREDITARY DISEASES REGISTRAR'S REPORT

### HEREDITARY DISEASES REGISTRAR

For the information of the members interested, the annual hip/elbow application figures for the past nine years are as follows: -

#### Total Number of State Contracts Issued

1.7.21 – 30.6.22	63
1.7.20 – 30.6.21	36
1.7.19 – 30.6.20	53
1.7.18 – 30.6.19	70
1.7.17 – 30.6.18	45
1.7.16 – 30.6.17	66
1.7.15 – 30.6.16	68
1.7.14 – 30.6.15	76
1.7.13 – 30.6.14	87

It is reassuring to see a marked increase in the number of applications in the 21/22 year, flowing on from the initial Covid restrictions, which impacted the choices breeders were forced to implement. If I could please ask the owners/breeders to continue to download the CURRENT form from the club website, which has the latest prices/instructions and text box for inclusion of credit/debit card details. We are no longer accepting cheques/money orders or cash.

Vicki Beaton  
Hereditary Diseases Registrar

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### PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Last year saw a number of public relations events that allowed us to showcase our beautiful breed to the community.

Our Fun Day prior to the Christmas break was another success story – lots of fun, lots of prizes and lots of tired dogs and handlers. I look forward to seeing all members enjoying another special day in November.

One very special event last year was the DogsWest Open day – grateful thanks to everyone who helped out whether it was talking to people, showing what our breed is all about or what disciplines we offer. This year it will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> – more information will be published and I look forward to seeing as many members as possible participating.

Kym Glenn  
Public Relations Officer

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## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

Membership as of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022:

**Total Membership: 381**  
**Single Membership: 150**  
**Double/Family Membership: 97**  
**Life Members: 38 (total members not including spouse)**

**Total Members (By Membership Number only) who did not renew last financial year: 105**

Memberships remain on the continual increase. The number of members joining is increasing compared to the number who chose not to renew.

Thank you

**Tamara Touzel**  
**Membership Officer**

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## WEBMASTER'S REPORT

This is very much tied into the Editor's portfolio, Facebook notifications and information updates. Important/urgent information is added to the Association's Facebook page within 24 hours, usually information updates are sent out to members on a weekly basis although we have been having trouble with gmail accounts recently as they view the updates as spam. Updating the webpage is done as soon as practical but one thing I can guarantee that changes to something will be asked for within a day of an update being done.

Thank you

**Margaret Adams**  
**Webmaster**

## PUPPY LISTING REGISTRAR'S REPORT

I have continued to attend the Breed Affairs meetings and discuss issues on all of my portfolios. These are all closely linked and can often cross into the other when offering information.

I send out multiple information packages to help people do some homework prior to buying a puppy. I now have the information package that Kym sends out so I can incorporate that into helping new or potential puppy buyers.

Help requested is many and varied – from expressions of sadness as they have to give up their pet, training timetables, various veterinary or dietary problems. Thanks to everyone who has given advice on these and other topics. Special thanks to Dr Candy Baker who helps me, where possible with any veterinary advice I may ask for.

After 2 turbulent years (and the very strong interest in puppies during COVID-19 isolation) contact regarding puppy sales has slowed dramatically in fact some weeks we do not have a single enquiry for puppies. It was decided to go back to old way of circulating the puppy listing via breeders sending in their TS3 forms with details of their upcoming litters. Breeders will be receiving all updated information to hand out to their puppy buyers.

As we now longer have an application for a Tattoo prefix sometimes new breeders can slip through the cracks. Trawling through the Canine News looking for who breeds what is not high on my list – so hopefully I have managed to catch up with any members who are making their first ventures into breeding.

Thank you

Margaret Adams  
Puppy Listing Officer

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## STUD DOG REGISTRAR'S REPORT

This is the way to showcase our breed to the public. If you have a stud dog that has passed his Breed Survey recently then please send any information and a photograph of your dog and/or your kennel prefix to me [studdogs@gsdawa.org](mailto:studdogs@gsdawa.org) and I can make up an advertisement for your dog or kennel.

Margaret Adams  
Stud Dog Registrar

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## IDENTIFICATION OFFICER'S REPORT

I work with SAFE PERTH checking out microchips and history of dogs which are handed in for rescue and rehoming. Plus councils and vets ring if they come across a German Shepherd Dog in the course of their jobs.

I also can spend an hour or more explaining about microchips and owning a puppy – usually follows a discussion on whether a GSD is a good dog? Will it wreck my garden? Is this a good looking puppy? Is this puppy registered? Giving all the information at hand they call back the next day to say they have bought a Shih Tzu.

Possibly in the near future training session I can do another “Check your ‘Chip” session – this would be advertised so members can bring their information with them for checking

Margaret Adams  
Identification Officer

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

In this current climate we need to be even more vigilant and watchful of any changes which threaten our breed – in fact – all dogs as it can easily become a domino effect. When I was the Breed Specific Legislation Chair I used to spend a lot of time checking articles which were circulating that illustrated vicious German Shepherd Dogs. This involved me writing to many large companies, explaining our breed improvement schemes and asking for them not to use stock photographs and only use dogs which have done the “deed”. Recently the use of an angry German Shepherd Dog has again raised its ugly head again – this does not do our breed any favours with the public.

I thank the general membership association for their continued support of me and the work I preform for the association.

I would like to thank our sponsors who provide support for our association – Thank you all

I have received many emails throughout the year thanking me for the effort I put into the production of our magazine, monthly calendars and information updates. It is all part of the job. A job I love. I enjoy sharing information with interested people. Thank you once again for allowing me to share my passion.

Margaret Adams  
Editor

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## AGM BOOKLET PRODUCER'S REPORT

This booklet is a summation of work that our volunteers do for the members' benefit. The committees' and registrars' reports sum up not only their work for the association but confirm their value to us all.

Anything we do as a collective should be for the breed – no more, no less.

Margaret Adams  
Booklet Production

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## OUR RESCUE GROUP – SAFE (PERTH)



### **A little about our organisation –**

**SAFE Perth is a not for profit organisation which aims to rescue and rehabilitate the unwanted and abandoned animals of Western Australia. We are a no kill organisation and we rescue dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, mice, rats, sheep, goats, horses and any other animals requiring our assistance. Over the years we have rehabilitated and re-homed a large number of German Shepherds. We currently have several in our care.**

**Our adoption process is stringent to ensure our animals go to the right home. This process involves an initial phone interview with Suzanne Campbell followed by a meet with the animal, if the meet is successful then a home check where one of our volunteers attends the proposed home for one of our dogs and checks that the environment is suitable as well as checking boundaries to ensure security.**

**If the abovementioned steps are successful then an adoption agreement is signed.**

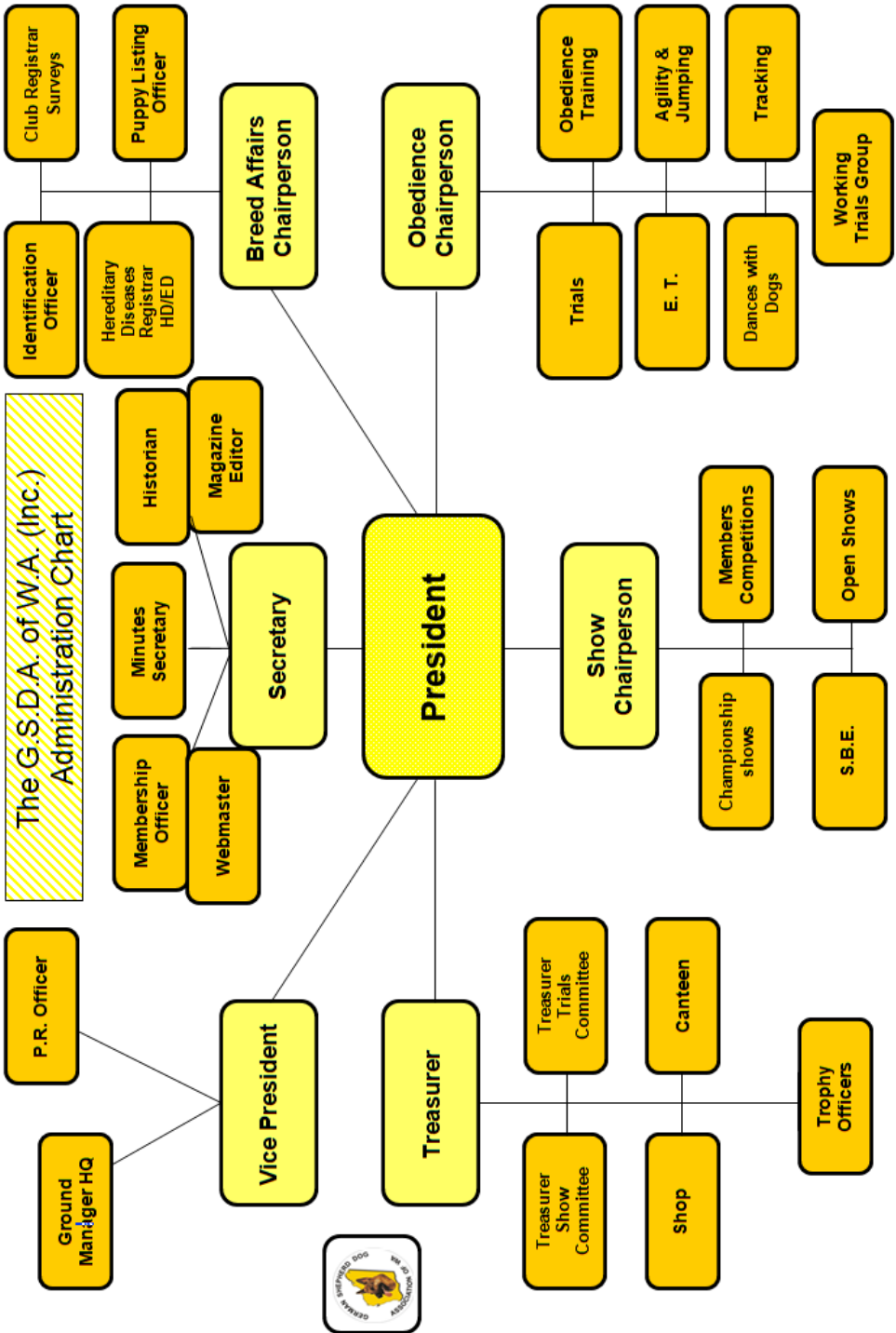
**We believe this agreement to safeguard each of our animals' best interests. We have a strict adoption policy which stipulates that if for any reason a SAFE Perth animal cannot be kept, then that animal must return to our care so that we can ensure safe and responsible rehoming. It is also a requirement of our adoption agreement that adopted animals are registered with the local council.**

**We also require that we are left as secondary contact on the animal's microchip so that if an owner cannot be contacted then there is a safeguard in place for the animal. Our foster carers also go through a very similar process to ensure that they are suitable including home checks.**

**All SAFE Perth animals are vet-checked, de-sexed, microchipped and vaccinated prior to adoption to ensure that they are of optimal health and to ensure that our animals live happy, healthy lives.**

**Safe Perth Website – <https://www.safepertth.com.au/>**

**Thank you to all of those members who make donations to us – either financial or with sheets and towels or food. Everything is appreciated by us and especially the dogs.**





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