

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



## **Annual Report**

**Year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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## COMMITTEES and POSITION HOLDERS for 2021/2022

### Office Bearers of the Management Committee

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Show Chair  
Breed Affairs Chair

Mr Ian Heard  
Mr John Crace  
Ms Kerrie Pearce  
Mr Brian Lubbock  
Mr Ian Marr  
Ms Tracy Roberts/ Mrs Robyn Knuckey  
Ms Natalie Humphries

## **Officers of the Association**

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Ground Manager – Headquarters	Mr John Crace

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Identification Officer	Mrs Margaret Adams
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Club Registrar	Ms Leanne Irvine
Puppy List Registrar	Mrs Margaret Adams
Stud Dog Registrar	Mrs Margaret Adams
Membership Officer	Ms Anastasia Hope
Returning Officer	Mr John Glenn

## **SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **Trials Committee: -**

Diane Webb (Chair & trials secretary, Kerrie Pearce (minutes secretary), Trish McGregor (treasurer), Jean McCowan, Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Kym Glenn, John Crace, Heather Hobert, Sarah Gorman (from Oct 2022), Anastasia Hope (from Feb 2023), John Glenn (to Oct 2022), and Peggy Waller (to Oct 2022).

### **Show Committee: -**

Robyn Knuckey (Interim Chair & treasurer), Tracy Roberts (Chair – resigned), Lee-Anne Shea (Deputy Chair resigned), Kerrie Pearce (secretary) Jenny Boekelman (resigned), Dominic Auguste (resigned) Sharon Southwick (resigned) Ian Marr, Dorothy Marr, John Fenner, Leanne Irvine, Andy Crace, 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 6th 2023 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 Meetings held on 19/02/2023 & 14/05/2023**
  - 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 2023**
    - 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!

Whether our members are enjoying their puppy classes for good dog management, the perfect companion to lounge around the house, and walk with them sunshine or driving rain, with decorum and good manners, whether it's CH. Shows, Member's Comps, Open Shows, Trials in Obedience, Rally, Trick Dog, Tracking, or Track and Search work, the just barely Germanic flavoured ET and now the WUSV based ZAP, there is something for everyone to strive for and enjoy the camaraderie of life in the GSDA of WA.

Here's to another glorious year!

Honey Gross-Richardson  
Patron

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



**Welcome members to our 2023 Annual General Meeting. Another year has ended.**

**Our membership numbers have increased by 17% since this time last year, this is encouraging given that a lot of clubs are experiencing the opposite.**

**Over the year we have introduced some up-to-date technology with internet access and our point-of-sale software. The driving force behind the introduction of the latest technology will always be to lessen the work required by our volunteers, this system has made our tracking and stocktaking a very simple exercise. Our shop, canteen, and dog food have an emphasis on providing a service for our members with a very minimal profit margin. Our finances are holding a healthy reserve in case of unforeseen expenses. I am currently liaising with our local MP for assistance in applying for government grants this is the only avenue to finance any major upgrades to our facilities.**

**We had a good number of our dogs attend the GSDCA National Show and Trials in Melbourne in April. Our dogs were nowhere near disgraced with the results. Great to be there to see our club so well represented with most of our dogs on the pegs, particularly encouraging to see some newer members attending their first National. Yes, the weather was typical Melbourne weather four seasons in the one day.**

**Congratulations to the committee of the GSDCV for organizing and running of the 49th National, with almost 400 dogs entered over a three-day event.**

**A full calendar of Shows and Trials has continued. It is great to see the Shows and Obedience trials being supported by some good entry numbers, well done to the committees. The Show committee also recently ran an All-Breeds Show, this proved to be a very successful fund-raising activity for the committee, big thanks to those who were involved in the organizing and running of this show. This show was organized by only a handful of members, well done to those involved.**

**Good numbers of puppies at training is a pleasure to see. Big thanks to our trainers for their efforts over the year, special thanks to Kym Glenny and Karen Westmacott for their tireless work with new puppies. Also, thanks to Anastasia and Kym for their extra efforts and work in the shop, clubhouse etc, also thank you to the volunteers in the canteen and shop, great to see some new faces stepping in to keep these facilities available to members, much appreciated. Thank you to all our trainers. 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.**

**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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# Petz Tucka





## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report submitted

John Crace

Vice President & Ground Manager

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing special to report – I do what is required of me. Correspondence lists will be circulated prior to the A.G.M. for members' perusal.

Kerrie Pearce

Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A very quick report, all accounts paid for, and all financials handed over to our Auditor, a full report should be available at our AGM.

As of the 30th of June 2023, interim report is-

Westpac Solutions =	\$33,956.64
Solutions Cash Reserve =	\$ 1,824.20
Term Deposit =	\$39,746.95
Financial Position 30th June =	\$86,124.97

We have had extra expenses this year updating, with new equipment with an eye on future technology but keeping a healthy surplus.

Brian Lubbock

Treasurer

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## 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** – Vicki Beaton has once again looked after this portfolio thankyou Vicki

**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.

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, ZAP assessments 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 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.

I would like to thank the vets who give freely of their precious spare time to come and talk to our members.

We now have a new big screen television and microphone thanks to generous member donation that will make it much easier to present the talks so everyone can hear and see much better from now on.

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

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.

If anyone would like to make suggestions for talk topics of interest, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to accommodate them.

Wishing all members and their wonderful dogs the best for the coming year.

Natalie Humphries  
Breed Affairs Chair

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## SHOW CHAIR'S REPORT

For the financial year of 2022/23 the GSDAWA conducted a total of 6 specialist shows, 3 championship shows, 2 members' competitions and the State Breed Exhibition. For the first time the GSDAWA ran an All Breeds Championship Show in June 2023.

Due to cancelled shows or travel restrictions due to COVID 19, all specialist shows were judged by eastern states or overseas judges. This had a significant cost impact on the year, with airfare and accommodation costs for all shows. Normally, our local judges have a lower entry, but no additional costs involved. The advantage for the exhibitors was they had a greater variety of judges. This was evident with overall higher entries.

Rick Richardson Champ Show	Jo Cathie NSW	74 entries
Walter Martin Champ Show	Carol O'Rourke QLD	65 entries
3rd Members Competition	Andrew O'Loughlin SA	67 entries
4th Members Competition	Kurt Morton NSW	61 entries
West Coast Challenge	David Middleton UK	60 entries
SBE	Greg Green VIC	62 entries

Interestingly, the lowest entry was for the WCC, where normally this show has our highest entry for the year. With the loss of income from entries, the overall loss for this show was substantial. With decreased income over 2022, we reviewed our entry fees, as they had not been updated in several years. A cost review across specialist shows in Australia was conducted at the end 2022 and an increase in entry fees was agreed by the Committee for shows in 2023. As we are all aware, the cost of everything has increased significantly in the last 2 years.

During 2023, we had several resignations from the Show Committee.

Tracy Roberts and Lee-Anne Shea, most notable as Chair and Deputy Chair. This saw me being elected as Interim Chair of the Committee. I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of both ladies to support the shows for WA.

Also Sharon Southwick resigned from the committee. Without their considerable input, the trophy tables, rosettes, table set ups would not be of the standards that we are used to.

Thankfully, Tracy, Sharon and Lee-Anne will continue to order trophies and rosettes for all shows, and coordinate class sponsorships for the SBE and WCC.

Jenny Boekelman resigned from the Committee in June, as she was struggling with a difficult litter and didn't have the time to invest in producing catalogues for our shows. I would also acknowledge Jenny's significant input over the years for the Show Committee.

Dominic Auguste, was a new member of our committee, but found it hard being an exhibitor and providing support on the day of the shows. He is happy to help with taking down the ring on the day of the shows.

The GSDA of WA was required to run and Building and Amenities Championship Show on behalf of Dogs West. At the suggestion of Leanne Irvine, we applied to run an additional All Breeds Championship Show on the same day. There was a significant amount of work done by Leanne and Kerrie Pearce leading up to the show, with selecting judges, sorting out contracts, schedule, plus a last minute scramble to replace a judge. It was an education for all of us. Needing to put up ring set ups, breed numbers etc. on Facebook. The benefits, it was financially very positive for us and feedback from judges and exhibitors was great. The other benefit was promoting the GSDA of WA in a positive light within the general canine fraternity. We will look for dates to conduct another all-breed show in 2024.

I would like to thank all the members of the Show Committee for their contributions over the past 12 months. Kerrie Pearce (Show Secretary), Leanne Irvine, Ian Marr, Dorothy Marr, John Fenner, Andy Crace and Sue Beisley. We are all volunteers, and we try to produce the best shows we can for our club.

Robyn Knuckey  
Show Chair



### **OBEDIENCE CHAIR'S REPORT**

I will as always, 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, for part of the year, held the role of Head Trainer, a role he has held for many years. 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 from time to time Heather Hobert and Anastasia Hope. 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.

Heather has progressed from the beginners' class and the Pre-Kindy class and is progressing very well as she continues in her endeavour to completed her training in the Advanced Pre-Kindy with Karen Westmacott. Kym Glenny 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.

We hold two Graduations and two Assessment s during the year, which are all quite successful.

The two graduations that are held are, SBE Graduation which is now being held on the SBE week-end as our first Graduation. The second Graduation is held at the end of the year as a Closed Club Trial Graduation. The two assessments are held in between the two graduations. 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 was decided that we would 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. This was a success.

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.

This will be my last report as the Obedience Chair as I have nominated for the position of Vice-President for 2023 / 2024. I have enjoyed my time as Obedience Chair over the past 3 years and I thank all the Instructors for their support during my time in the role. I ask that you all support the new Obedience Chair in the same way that you all supported me during my time in the role.

Ian Marr  
Obedience Chair

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### WORKING TRIALS GROUP

The following working trials group members' dogs gained titles during the period July 2022 to June 2023:

Tri CH (T) (TS) TSGCH Glenbala Ambitious Dream CCD RA gained their Track & Search Champion, Track & Search Grand Champion and Rally Advanced titles.

RCH Lindeneilm French Champagne UD gained Utility Dog and Rally Champion titles

Jarrahaus Bellas Charm CD RN earned Companion Dog and Rally Novice titles.

OCH RCH Sabaranburg Purple Rain RAE HTMN was awarded her Obedience Champion Title

Gaining their Community Companion Dog titles were:

Chevyvale Chevy CCD

Vonnuremburg Jette CCD TD,

Bronboreo Shadow Dark Storm CCD RN and

Cooper CCD.

Diane Webb  
Working Trials Group



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## TRIALS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

The 2022/2023 Trial Committee members were: Diane Webb (Chair & trials secretary, Kerrie Pearce (minutes secretary), Trish McGregor (treasurer), Jean McCowan, Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Kym Glenny, John Crace, Heather Hobert, Sarah Gorman (from Oct 2022), Anastasia Hope (from Feb 2023), John Glenny (to Oct 2022), and Peggy Waller (to Oct 2022). The committee acknowledge the long and valuable service John Glenny has given to the running of our trials.

During the past 12 months the trials committee ran 5 combined Obedience & Rally Trials. These trials were the July 2022 Trial, the West Coast Challenge, February 2023 Trial, the State Breed Exhibition Trial and a trial in May. The May Trial also contained our first Trick Test along with the Obedience & Rally disciplines. An Endurance Test was conducted in July 2022 with a very small entry.

The members of the committee are thanked for their hard work and dedication on trial days. Also thanks are extended to all club volunteers who undertook to steward at trials. A special 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 and Kerrie Pearce for mowing the grass when Ian unavailable. Thanks are also extended to committee members Kerrie, Sue Peters, Anastasia Hope, Andy Crace, John Crace and Sarah Gorman for giving up their Friday mornings to join me in tidying of the grounds and clubhouse, and setting up rings. Kym Glenny is acknowledged for cleaning and tidying the clubhouse & toilets. The conditions of the grounds on trial days continue to be commented on favourably by the competitors.

Heather Hobert is acknowledged for her work in organising stewards, without whom the trials cannot proceed.

Finally we thank Kerry Daley for running the canteen and organising judges' meals along with her helper Addy van Dalen.

Continued support from our Club Sponsor, Scarboro Toyota is acknowledged for their cash donation toward the running of the trials. Thanks are also extended to Meals for Mutts for their donation of biscuits to class winners in 2022 and Petz Tucka for their product in 2023. These are greatly appreciated by our competitors and we look forward to a continued relationship with Petz Tucka.

Diane Webb

Diane Webb  
Trials Chairperson





**SCARBORO**



#### TRACKING GROUP

#### Tracking Report – Honey Gross-Richardson

The GSDA of WA, has a long and proud history of Tracking Dogs spanning the decades from 1975, when the GSDA conducted its first Closed Club Tracking Trial, where one class was open to all,” Novice Tracker “we had 10 dogs competing, all having worked with Joan Arundale, former Padbury Training Ground Head Trainer, some of them SES trackers, and some training on their own. The one qualifier was my König, Tobarro Dingalara UD. ET.

Our tracking classes progressed, enthusiasts grew in numbers, and soon we were conducting Canine Association of Western Australia sanctioned Tracking Trials. (The only club in WA conducting trials at that time.) In previous years, if a dog was ready for tracking, their club applied for permission, and according to Marie Ewen, former long tern President of the Canine Association, it was generally the Gun Dog Club that conducted a test for any handler that had a dog ready. Now however, if there was a dog ready for trials anywhere, be it in any of the Perth Metro Clubs, Perth Training, or Cloverdale Canine Companions maybe, the Geraldton Districts Kennel Club, or a keen enthusiast in the Kalgoorlie Kennel and Training Club, or the Bunbury and Districts Dog Training Club, they would get in touch with our CAWA who would refer them to me, and the GSDA of WA would put on a tracking trial, be it a Saturday, Sunday or mid-week! Rick and I conducted training twice weekly in Ngarara until we handed the Tracking Lead and bag of socks over to the soon to be formed new club. In those days, Tracking was still linked to Obedience, and in order to compete in a tracking trial, the dog had to qualify in the Utility Dog Exercises of Seek Back and Scent Discrimination. Next, there was also a Tracking Qualification Test of 300m, and 1 turn, plus finding the track layer, that dogs were entered in, and had to pass, before they could enter for their TD 1 Test of 400m, 2 turns and 1 article as well as the Track layer or End Article. The Tracking titles were TD, and TDX. The TDX class contained challenges that are a little more complicated than a cross track, and were closer to the diversions of the present day Track and Search Dog exercises. The TDX was the highest title. In Obedience, we had Novice, Open and Utility Classes. And wait for it: In order to become an Obedience Champion, the dog had to have gained his UD and TDX Titles! That gave the proud owner a dog with the AOC! An Australian Obedience Champion. I still maintain, that tracking is the highest form of obedience!



My König made WA history breaking the 18 year drought between the AOC being gained by a Mr.Link Sullivan's Golden Retriever Sherryle Bronze, and my Tobarro Dingalara UD ET.

After years of conducting ALL tracking trials in WA, the GSDA of WA strongly supported the forming of a Tracking Club in WA, Track West, of which Garner Roberts, former GSDA Head trainer, Frank de Catania of the Gosnells Obedience and Dobermann Clubs, Barbara Olzcewski with her Standard Schnauzer, Rick Richardson, former GSDA President, and I, were among the foundation members of the club that to this day has the largest membership, and always a strong contingent of our GSDA members in its ranks. TrackWest became affiliated in 1995 and from that day, the GSDA stepped back and we were thrilled to see the Tracking Club flourish. Fourteen years later, in 2009, the Advanced Tracking Club, founded by senior members of TrackWest and the GSDA of WA, became affiliated, Rick and I became their Patrons, and I have been awarded Life Membership of the ATC this very year, 2023. A multitude of GSDA of WA members have joined our two WA tracking clubs over the decades, and are sporting their Tracking badges! Everyone in a competitive sport appreciates the advantages of being able to enjoy their sport in the various clubs catering for it. The tracking year is half way, April to as I write, early July. We can only work in late Autumn and Winter, and so far titles have been gained in the following categories;

TD: Steve Raven with CH Elkala Royal Logan AZ BSC EXC  
Pam Murray with Volscaro Rio's Dixie SWN

TDX: Rachael Laubsch (& T. Roberts) with Volscaro High Hopes TD ET  
Pam Murray with Volscaro Rio's Dixie TD SWN

Not yet titled, but with a pass or two under their harness and to be congratulated for their recent brilliant debut

TD1 Iain McIntosh with Alderhaus Heaven Sent (Myah) graded Exc on her 1st track,  
John Coles with Elkala Lone Hunter VG

Pam and Dixie passed their TCh.7 on the 9th this month, and Steve with Logan gained an EXC for their TDX 4

We hope to see our trackers going strong throughout the year and gain their coveted titles and gradings in their TrackWest and ATC trials for the rest of the season!  
Happy Tracking,

Honey Gross-Richardson  
Tracking

### HISTORIAN'S REPORT

I am still adding articles to the Historians Report. I was hoping to have it ready for printing by now, but each time I think we are ready to go I find something that I have either missed or feel the necessity to add to the ever growing list of items for the Report.

I will definitely put in place a small team to help with the proof reading of the report prior to arranging to have it printed for the members.

It has been a real eye opener finding all the information and putting it in some logical order and I hope that the end product will be accepted and enjoyed by all our members.

I thank all the members that have submitted information to be added to what I have managed to retrieve from the historical information that I have tracked down from all the old records that we have kept over the years.

Ian Marr  
Historian

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## BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR'S REPORT 1.7.21 – 30.6.22

No Report submitted

Leanne Irvine  
Breed Survey Registrar

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## HEREDITARY DISEASES REGISTRAR'S REPORT

FORMS ISSUED FROM 1ST JULY 2022 – 30TH JUNE 2023 – FOR A TOTAL OF 39

HD/ED   HIPS ONLY   ELBOWS ONLY

37   -   2

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

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

Vicki Beaton  
Hereditary Diseases Registrar

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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. I would like to go back to the days of including photographs, in the GSD news, of the dogs (male and female) that pass survey.

Margaret Adams  
Stud Dog Registrar

## PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

### **DOGS WEST OPEN DAY 2023**

The third Annual Dogs West Open Day was held on Sunday 2nd, April from 10am to 3pm. The GSDAWA was in attendance as a club promoting our breed, club, Dogs West and Pedigree dogs.

We were not required to put on any demonstrations this time.

A number of our members came along with their dogs to help promote the breed and club. We had several items for sale, GSD coffee mugs, Badges and Stickers. Unfortunately we did not sell many this years.

The event was well attended by members of the public having positive experiences with our breed.

Many thanks to the members and breeders who helped me promote the club and our breed throughout the day.

Karen Westmacott (Trainer), Anastasia Hope (Membership Officer), Iain McIntosh (Trainer), Ian Heard (President), Ian (Training Supervisor) & Dorothy Marr, Jean McCowan, Lucy & Bryn Lubbock (Sabaranburg GSDs) Margaret Adams (Adashad GSDs), Laurel Cowell & Vicki Beaton.

Kym Glenny  
Public Relations Officer

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## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

This has been my first year as Membership Officer. A role that I have thoroughly enjoyed, keeping the membership numbers up, and being able to help with enquiries from new members. I look forward to working in the role for the coming year.

Since taking over the role, I have revamped existing and created new email templates, streamlined the contacts list which is now sent out bi-monthly, and updated the membership cards. Membership cards are now laminated, which helps the longevity of the card. Card holders have also been purchased, which are issued with new and renewal memberships. It is pleasing to see that some members are starting to wear their cards. New Life Membership cards with a different colour background were created and sent out to the Life Members. The "Welcome to GSDAWA" document has been revamped and now goes out to all new members when they are informed that their application has been processed.

Since August 2022 we have inaugurated 4 members as Life Members for their years of service to the club – Vicki Beaton, Andy Crace, Lucy Lubbock and Dorothy Marr. Congratulations on being awarded your Life Memberships.

As at 30th June 2023 we have 449 members made up of:-

130 Double memberships

150 Single memberships

1 Associate membership

12 Life double memberships

15 Life single memberships

126 new membership applications and 123 renewal memberships have been processed since July 2022. 90 members (By Membership Number only) did not renew last financial year. A busy year, but rewarding as this is an overall increase of 68 over the previous year.

Lapsed memberships are followed up with phone calls and text messages. After the second time, an inactive email is sent advising that the member/s are not entitled to any of the membership privileges such as training, entering graduations shows or trials, voting, and not covered by the clubs insurance.

Some members are still not returning their renewal forms with their payment. Renewal forms can be emailed to the membership officer at [memberships@gsdawa.org](mailto:memberships@gsdawa.org), handed in at the shop or to Jean McCowan. Without the form memberships cannot be processed.

I have also taken over the Cash for Cans from Robyn Knuckey. Members would have seen the 2 new green containers by the canteen to place their cans and bottles in. Members are encouraged to also bring their cans from home to put in these bins. All the money raised goes back into the club.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone who helped and gave advice when I had questions as I was settling into the job. A very special thanks to Jean McCowan for handing out the membership cards for me on a Sunday morning and taking a list of enquiries for me to follow up, while I am training my boy.

**Anastasia Hope**  
**Membership Officer**

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### **PUPPY LISTING REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

This is again part of a communication exercise in the main - the Puppy List of the past is virtually defunct. People buy their puppies via the internet. The contact we receive is just a part of it. As I said last year I do add puppies to any listing I send out but mostly that is gleaned from information I find via Facebook etc. Usually I am only approached when a breeder is having trouble selling puppies.

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.

I am continuing to send out the information packages to help people do some research prior to buying a puppy.

I have continued to attend the Breed Affairs meetings and discuss issues on all of my portfolios. Contact with the general public is all closely linked and can cross from one portfolio to another when offering information.

Thank you

**Margaret Adams**  
**Puppy Listing Officer**

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## **IDENTIFICATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

I have had a number of interesting searches this year. Many dogs that are rehomed do so without any pedigree details – armed with the microchip number I am able to give a little insight into their dog's background. SAFE PERTH seeks help in this area for dogs who are being surrendered. A few breeders will take a dog back who is being surrendered – not all have the facilities to do this. Sometimes pups/dogs are surrendered directly to SAFE PERTH however it would be wonderful if those breeders could look at supporting this work and offer something towards their breeding's upkeep until they are re-homed.

**Margaret Adams**  
**Identification Officer**

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## **WEBMASTER & EDITOR'S REPORT**

These portfolios are really just communication – it is our way of keeping members up to date with happenings within our association. I have continued with the Information updates when necessary – I think this is a better way of communicating with all the general membership – we cannot presume that people read a Facebook page it needs to be sent to people directly. The GSD news is an easy task every 3 months to try to circulate general dog stories and information – I prefer matters of importance to be delivered in an Information Update as it is a quick and direct approach – often newsletters are not read and important things can be missed easily.

We are linking various items to the GSDCA webpage to make it easier to find information from one source to ensure consistency.

One thing we need to improve on and that is communication to all – we often presume that others know something – if a “rule”, a training time or an expectance changes we all need to know not just a few people – let us start to think as one unit not little groups. I do urge caution with remarks we make on social media – comments which bring the breed into disrepute can and should be dealt with in the strongest terms to ensure we retain our credibility. The loyalty to our breed should always come first.

**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**  
**Webmaster & Editor**

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## CERTIFIED AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

I have audited the financial records of German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

The audit was in accordance with the generally accepted accounting procedures to provide a reasonable assurance whether the financial records and statements attached, are an accurate account of activities.

During the audit I have reviewed, on a test basis, the internal record keeping procedures & cross referenced internal accounting against external records.

The evidence provided to support the income and expenses in the financial statements attached, present fairly in all material aspects, the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia.

### **Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial records and statements attached, present fairly the financial position of German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles.

Regards,



Lisa Holland

CPA ID: 1946787

## POINTS OF AUDIT 2022/23

1. Post Stocktake Adjustment
2. Reclassification of Division Code – found to be entered as Unclassified (Receipts, Purchases)
3. Sample Audit of transactions, Receipts, Purchases
  - a. Found reasonable.
4. Bank Accounts
  - a. Westpac Term Deposit #0227 – User adjustment corrected - Reconciled in XERO.
  - b. Interest earned Term Deposit Maturity posted
  - c. Square Transaction review

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022/2023

1.0	Balance Sheet	
1.1	Westpac Cheque Account #0227	Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2023
1.2	Westpac Cash Reserve #8566	Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2023
1.3	Westpac Term Deposit #1432	Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2023
1.4	Westpac Term Deposit #2394	Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2023

## 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.**

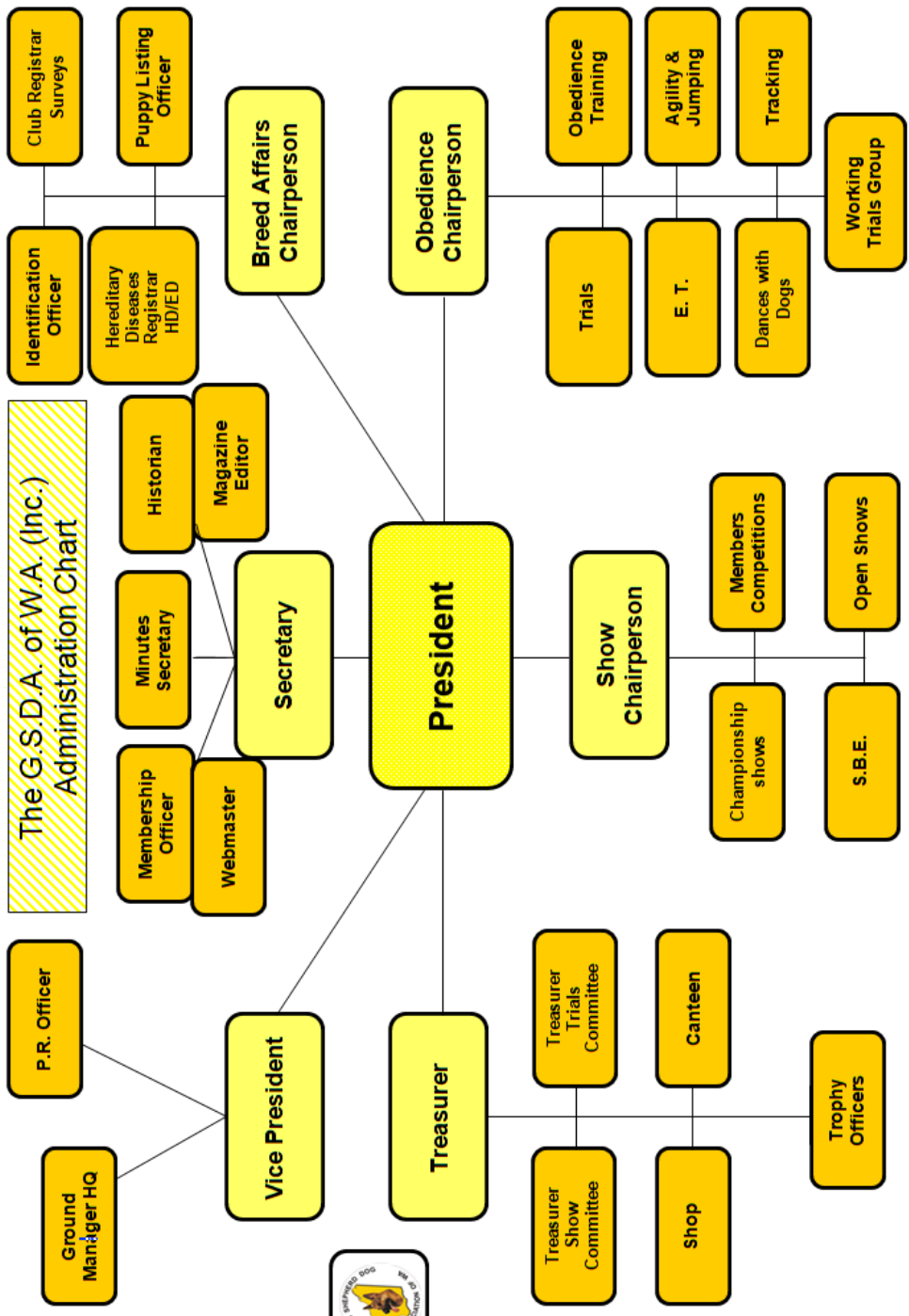
**We believe this agreement to safeguard each of our animals' best interests. We have a strict adoption policy which stipulates that if for any reason a SAFE Perth animal cannot be kept, then that animal must return to our care so that we can ensure safe and responsible rehoming. It is also a requirement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