

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



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President	Mr Ian Heard/Ian Marr/Robyn Knuckey
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Minute Secretary	Kerrie Pearce/Mrs Margaret Adams
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Head Trainer - Headquarters	Ms Kym Glenny
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Trials Committee:

Diane Webb (Chair & trials manager), Julie Hannaford (trainee trials secretary), Trish McGregor (treasurer), Anastasia Hope (minutes secretary), Jean McCowan, Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Kym Glenny & Heather Hobert.

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Lee-Anne Shea – Show Chair, John Fenner – Deputy Show Chair, Leanne Irvine – Secretary, Lucy Lubbock – Treasurer, Andy Crace & Sue Beasley, Halina Sweeney, Chloe Raven, Helen Bondarenko Sweeney, Jo Raven & Ben Purves.

Tracking: Honey Gross-Richardson

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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:

Kym Glenny (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 4th 2024 noon
At our Headquarters, Passmore Street, Southern River W.A.**

Agenda

- 1 Welcome and the opening of the meeting**
 - 2 Tabling and acceptance of the minutes of the previous Quarterly General Meeting held on 19th May 2024**
 - 3 Business arising from the minutes of the previous Quarterly General Meeting**
 - 4 Correspondence as circulated**
 - 5 REPORTS**
 - 5.1 As tabled in the Annual Report Book for 2024**
 - 5.2 Financial report and Auditor's report**
 - 5.3 Additional points and questions**
 - 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION - NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
 - 6.1 Club Patron/s**
 - 6.2 Honorary Vet**
 - 6.3 Auditor**
 - 6.4 Editor – Association Magazine**
 - 6.5 Membership Officer**
 - 6.6 Webmaster**
 - 7 Notice of Motion – as circulated – Life Membership criteria
Double Membership & Subscription**
 - 8 Voting and discussion of judges for 2025**
 - 9 GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 9 ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS**
 - 10 Closure of the Meeting – with thanks for your attendance**
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRONS

Another AGM, Annual Report, and messages from the GSDA of WA Patrons, with mine coming to you from right here on your Gosnells HQ where I have the privilege of many a Sunday's visit, greeting and chatting with our members, meeting new members, and simply enjoying a Sunday at the Club! Our Club!

Whether our members are enjoying their puppy classes for daily improving dog management, the perfect companion to lounge around the house, and accompany them in summer heat 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 strenuous but oh so great ET and now the WUSV based ZAP, there is something for everyone to strive for and enjoy the harmony of life in the GSDA of WA.

Last week's visit saw me enjoying a bit of banter halfway down the grounds, in one of our Shelter Sheds where we can always meet up with a group of our long term, very experienced and accomplished Triallers of many facets of the dog sport, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking to name just the most established 3 of a wide range of dog sport activities enjoyed by our members young and old. Our Photo Boards in the Club House reflect the glory that even the West Coast Eagles couldn't achieve: Three National Wins in a row! Our Agility Team Did! Oh The Flags flew high!

I just might have been the youngest – or the oldest of this cheerful group in the Gazebo come Shelter last Sunday! With my 53 years of GSDA of WA Membership, and decades on various committees, I can still marvel at the steady stream of new members, the age old basics to be imparted, calmness, in handler and dog, steady nerves in both, sociable temperament do be fostered and developed, the working aptitude to be honed to the dog and handler's capacity from Beginners Class through to the competition rings. And so, we sat, and stood around enjoying a Sunday at the Club!

In my case, I came away cheered up by the strength, determination and fortitude of those of our members battling with serious health issues and coming back to us, in spirit, well on the road to recovery and in person, to enjoy the friendship and the highs and lows of fellow club members as they worked towards and met their goals with their dogs in conformation and or performance, be it in the sport, or now in senior years, for many, the love and companionship of their beautiful German Shepherd Dog or two! We rally around our friends, we had far too many to grieve over, and feel their loss at training and shows, or simply miss their presence at our general meetings, and we are so aware of the fact that each and every one of our members is part of the life blood of our club!

This year, after some turmoil in the ranks, we saw an early election. There was a new determination to rally around the flag, to support the club, to achieve our collective aims for the GSDA of WA. Congratulation to the new Committee, and congratulations on their already noted progress! Now jubilations are in order, congratulations and best wishes, for the recent nominees for positions of leadership, where we saw the new committee re-elected!

May our members, from the newly joined to the with us for decades mainstays; continue to foster the aims of the GSDA of WA, the GSDCA, all for the love and betterment of those magnificent dogs of ours, the German Shepherd Dog, good fellowship of their owners and ever striving for perfection breeders and trainers!

Honey Gross-Richardson
Patron

To be Co-Patron of our wonderful Club, with Honey, is a huge honour, as both Honey and Rick encouraged me on my dog training/instructor journey.

They also guided me on my local government journey...and now I sit as a Member of the House of Representatives in the Federal Parliament.

As I sit writing this message I have two beautiful, loyal, protective German Shepherds by my side Digger, aged 7, who is content to sit quietly and Rocky, 9 months, who keeps dropping his toy on my lap, enjoying the game of catch or chase.

I would like to sincerely thank the GSDA of WA for this amazing privilege.

My Mum & Dad were amazing, enthusiastic supporters of the club and will surely be doing their happy dance in the heavens, hopefully with Rick, Leone and Jess.

Responsible dog ownership is the core of our Club and I would like to thank everybody for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that the strong message of ensuring every furbaby should be loved and sociable is loud and clear!

Our Breeders and Members are excellent advocates and the consistent work of everybody is appreciated and valued.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to be your Co-Patron, I am incredibly humbled and proud.

Tracey Roberts - Member of the Australian House of Representatives
Patron



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2023/2024 year has been a very turbulent one for the GSDAWA, with both planned and unplanned changes in the roles within the Management Committee. These unplanned changes involved the loss of the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Association. To ensure that the situation was dealt with in the proper manner there were numerous emails to Marzel Norton, CEO of Dogs West, to formulate the best plan to take the GSDAWA forward.

We had a Special General Meeting on Monday 29th January 2024 to elect members to the vacant positions. Sixty seven (67) members attended the meeting, which was most gratifying, as we were very much aware the Association was at a crossroads. The President was elected unopposed and the Vice President and Secretary roles were contested. This showed positive energy within the club as competition is always healthy. Following this election there was a requirement for a new Show Chair, as the elected President, previously held that position. The Management Committee now had three new members bringing it back to its full strength – 7 members.

There was some hard work and many discussions trying to bring the new members up to speed with previous work being completed by Management Committee. Anastasia Hope as the new Secretary, spent countless hours going back through previous minutes, reviewing actions and seeing if completed - the work she did was invaluable to the committee and ensuring the club began to move forward. This was painstaking as the handover between Secretaries was not as would normally have been expected.

The grounds were in very poor condition, Kym Glenny, as Grounds Manager, spent a great deal of time sorting out how the sprinkler system worked, why it was not operating, sprinklers that needed repairs, how often the grounds could be watered and many other related issues. As you can all now see, that hard work is beginning to pay off and get results. As part of the process of looking at the grounds the management committee reviewed all equipment used in the upkeep of the grounds. Much needed repairs to were carried out, other equipment was serviced and where necessary new equipment was purchased. Our grounds and club house are now looking so much better than they previously did.

In April we had a busy bee in the club house to give it a thorough clean, this was overdue and thank you to the Show Committee for taking on that arduous task. Following on from that clean up, we have been so well supported with required maintenance around the grounds being carried out by several members. Thank you to Norm Golding, Brian Lubbock and Iain McIntosh for your ongoing support.

At our State Breed Exhibition on 20 April 2024, we presented PD Sidicious and PD Raptor with GSDCA Meritorious Service Awards. Both of these police dogs are very well credentialed. We had a fantastic lunch, provided by the Show Committee, with about 30 people in attendance, including a number of police and their families, as well as other dignitaries. The entire weekend was a wonderful PR opportunity for our club. From this interaction we now have a working relationship with the WA Police Canine Unit. The Unit have already used our grounds as a part of their training program for their dogs. This is a relationship that we wish to continue moving forward.

In May, the 50th GSDCA National Show and Trial was held in Adelaide. Our members had an enjoyable and very successful weekend, taking out two gold medals and top show and obedience as the highlights. A number of breeders also did very well. In recognition of such significant success at national level the club put on a celebration party that was well attended and was an amazing night of celebration and comradery.

We are currently working to identify, locate and file safely all-important club documents and records. When this is done, they will be placed in possession of the Secretary of the club. We have reviewed and updated all Duty Statements for positions on Management Committee. We have also been working on changing all Association applications, documents and billings from

individuals' names to the GSDAWA name. All these will now be placed under the control of the "Secretary" position and be linked to the club email for that position. In doing this we ensure a seamless transfer of business as personnel change.

Work has also occurred to differentiate between club sponsors and club supporters, this has now been completed and new documentation has been sent to all sponsors. In future reviews of this will be conducted on a yearly basis.

During research into records it was identified that a long-term external club user had not paid rent for the grounds for a substantial amount of time. A significant amount of work was completed by Anastasia (Secretary) and Lucy Lubbock (Treasurer) to investigate and negotiate a closure of this gap. Those fees have now been paid to the club and there is now a contract in place that should ensure that this does not happen again in the future.

The Club, applied some time ago for a grant for a Defibrillator for the club. Thank you to Iain McIntosh for his excellent investigation as to which unit we needed to purchase. This is now on the wall outside the club to the right-hand side of the shop.

As we all know, prices of everything have gone up and as a Management Committee we are working very hard to make sure we manage the club fiscally as well as possible. We have had several fundraising opportunities for the Show Committee and a few for the Club generally. We will continue to look for further opportunities going forward.

We have also looked to support some of our older members, to ensure we have adequate facilities and equipment to assist with their mobility and safety. We are currently making changes within the club to ensure further safety and comfort for these members. The overarching push for me as President and the Management Committee is to look at issues not personalities. We are listening to members, as a lot of feedback received has been "we are not informed of things, if I raise something, I am dismissed".

It takes time to change culture, a culture that has been imbedded in the club for a number of years. We currently have a well-informed Management Committee, decisions are now discussed fully as a group, we all have a say and consensus reigns. We have a Messenger chat group to assist with information flow between meetings. We have multiple ways of keeping members informed, we use Facebook, club emails to members, word of mouth via training and quarterly general meetings. If anyone wants to ask questions, you can approach us at the club or give us a ring, we are always happy to take calls.

I am very proud of the current Management Group, we all have different skill sets, we are all heard and we are actually having fun while we do it. The different skill sets, help make us more efficient to support the club and its members. I would like to acknowledge all of the efforts, time and commitment the members of the Management Committee have shown. We are working towards making the club a fun place to be and more social, we all have a common interest, the German Shepherd Dog. There are so many aspects that this breed can be involved in, but the most important one, is a pet and family member.

Robyn Knuckey
President



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As members will be aware my role as Vice President of the club began only six (6) months ago so my report will focus on what has happened during that period. I am unable to comment on events or dealings in the period prior to that.

When I began in the position the grounds were in a sad state. The automatic reticulation was not working, there were broken sprinklers and some sprinklers were covering areas that did not require watering. Much of the equipment needed for mowing and ground maintenance was broken, had not been serviced or was not what was required to do the job. Over the past 6 months this has been attended to and thanks to the herculean efforts of Kym Glenny, Brian Lubbock and Norm Golding the grounds are now much closer to being exactly in the condition that we would wish them to be.

To ensure that we can water when we wish we applied for and were granted a bore license so now we are no longer restricted to watering twice in the week. As part of this we have had to locate the bore, which has now been done, and have a meter installed to measure how much water we are taking from the ground – this is in the process of being completed. We have sourced quotes and have selected a supplier to carry out the work.

The oval has not looked at its best for many years. We have decided that we will get quotes to have the oval cored professionally – this would be done in early spring when the ground is still damp and soft. This combined with fertilising should bring about a substantial difference in the growth. If this is the case then coring will need to be considered bi-annually or tri-annually.

Members will be aware that the club facilities are aging and because of this there will be continual issues with the building and the equipment within. Over the past months the Show Committee did a big spring clean within the club house and the results were clear to see. It has been necessary to replace the hot water system in the canteen, which also provides hot water to the toilets. Rather than going for the cheapest option the Club Secretary spent many hours researching, questioning and getting numerous quotes before the current system was installed – this will provide a more efficient, more appropriate and more reliable system that will have a much longer warranty and life. The doors from the outside to the toilets have been problematic for some time and although they have been looked at the locks still do not function correctly. It will be necessary to replace these handles and locks firstly for security of the clubhouse but secondly so that people hiring the grounds have access to the toilets. The hire of the grounds brings in revenue for us and this is not something we can afford to lose.

Members may not be aware, but we are subject to inspection by the Health Department from the City of Gosnells. This has been carried out in the past week. Prior to that members of the Management Committee spent many hours ensuring the facilities were both clean and up to the level required. As part of this there were places within the club that had perhaps not seen much organisation for a number of years. Kym Glenny cleaned a storeroom that now appears to have double the room despite the fact she put additional things in there. The inspection went well with only a small number of minor things being listed as requiring repair or attention. The double rear doors fell off when they were opened for inspection so these will now be replaced along with the double front doors on the club house. As a Management Team we are committed to bringing the facilities back to a level that we can all be happy with. This will take time and many things that should have been discarded in the past will now definitely be leaving us.

Members will be aware that though a grant and with the addition of some club funds we now have a defibrillator should we require to need to use it. At Dogs West, unfortunately, there has been need to use the one they have. Without this, things may not have turned out as well as they did. Should we need one we are able to access it but to ensure that we make best use of it can I encourage members to do the on-line training so that they feel confident should the need arise. Members will be aware that as a club we have an aging population and as such we are not as able to do things as we once were. We have looked at some of the aids that we can put

into the toilets and other places to make things easier – these will appear over the next few months.

Over the last 6 months all of the contracts for use of the grounds have been reviewed and renewed. Due to the hard and diligent work of the Secretary some issues were found with one of these contracts. Her diligence resulted in a significant financial windfall for the club. These two contracts now have things in place to ensure that this does not occur again. The club has formalised the two sponsorships it now has and is considering offers from further sponsors as they arise. The Management Committee considers offers from all sponsors but does not always decide to formalise these.

As members of the one club we all want things to be the best that they can possibly be. As a management committee we are but 7 sets of eyes with 7 sets of ideas for improvement for the club. We do not see everything or know everything that the members think or feel needs improving. Can I ask that as members if there is something that you see or know needs improving or purchasing can I ask that you take the time to speak with one of us and offer up your suggestions. What I can guarantee is that the management committee will discuss the idea to see if it is practicable and if the club can afford to do the requested improvement. In some cases the answer may not be yes but please do not let that deter you or feel we are not listening because we are and we will get back to you and let you know if it can not happen – if we can do it you will see it put in place.

Iain McIntosh
Vice President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you all know, I have only been in the position for six months, a responsibility which I take very seriously and have very much enjoyed doing.

Apart from becoming familiar with the various procedures, one of my aims was to streamline and centralise the club's records and documents on the secretary's laptop. One of the Secretary's responsibilities is the Keeper of Records. A lot of progress has been made in the gathering of records and correlating them into a record keeping system for future reference and archiving but is still ongoing.

A Key Register and forms for acknowledgement of keys held by position holders have been created. It has taken some time, as there are many unused keys which seem to no longer have a purpose. This has now been finalised.

In addition to my everyday tasks as secretary, I have also –

- Organized a ground water licence for the grounds,
- Designed new banners for the club,
- Organized a new hot water system for the canteen,
- Organized a new sponsorship for the club,
- Written operating procedures for the use of square (inventory etc) in the canteen,
- Created a specific category within Square for Fundraising BBQ Sausage Sizzles. This has worked very well at the last 2 fundraisers,
- Assisted in the writing of drafts of various club documents, and
- Updated Duty Statements with the assistance of the Management Committee

I would like to thank my fellow members on the Management Committee for their support and encouragement as I settled into my new role. Thank you, Margaret Adams, for your invaluable assistance in sending information to members and looking after dog enquiries for me.

We have a strong Management Committee who are working together to achieve many things for your club, whether it be deep cleaning, making improvements to the facilities or coming up with ideas for fundraising.

Being able to assist any member is my main goal.

Anastasia Hope
Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome to our AGM 2024,

My report will not be exceptionally long, as you will have the Auditors reports for you to peruse.

This fiscal year we have had quite a number of expenses in repairs, new equipment and general maintenance around the ground and club house.

The new additions are a Commercial Brush cutter, Hot water system, Defibrillator, new training equipment and general ground upkeep of reticulation.

With that said, I am happy to say that our financial positions are in a healthy state, the investment accounts I have renewed for another eleven-month term at a better rate than we were receiving last year.

At this point I would like to thank the volunteers that have helped to raise funds for the club or their committee, a thank you to Leanne Irvine for the mammoth task of organizing the Double header shows with Dogs West, this made a good tidy income for the show committee, also to the ladies that ran the Sausage Sizzle on the following weekend, it was two weeks of hard work,

So, thank you all for pulling together to raise funds for your club, it is very much appreciated.

We are the only club in Australia to own our grounds and club rooms, but with this pleasure comes the responsibility of meeting the costs for the upkeep.

Thank you for your support during this past year and look forward to the coming year.

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

Vicki Beaton has once again looked after this portfolio thank you 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. The title of puppy listing officer has now been removed however puppy enquiries are now directed to the breeders listed on our website. Margaret will continue to be a mine of information for those considering getting our wonderful breed.

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.

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. Many thanks to Robyn Knuckey who was our WA delegate at the recent GSDCA Judges and National Breed Commission meetings as I was unable to get away.

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.

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

This year we had a talk on Canine Blood donors given by Miss Chantelle Alexander RVN from WAVES vet. Thankyou Channy for taking the time to educate us all on the important role donors play in saving dogs lives.

Hopefully some of our members signed up to the donor register as a result.

We were able to use the new big screen tv 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.

HD and ED application forms are now available online through the GSDCA council website as well as online submission of the x rays once they are taken. Thanks to my fellow members on the working party it's great to see it all come to fruition.

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

Watch this space hopefully another Dermatology topic

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

SHOW CHAIR'S REPORT

The second half of 2023 saw us finish the show year with 3 Championship shows and 2 Members Competitions.

Glen Gregory Judged the Rick Richardson Memorial Show,
Natalie Humphries judged the Walter Martin Memorial Show and
Sanjit Mohanti (India) the West Coast Challenge.
Nicki McDermott and John Fenner judged the Members Competitions.

2024 show season started off HOT! Training kept getting cancelled because of the temperatures, but we finally got there, our first show for the year was our State Breed Exhibition, judged by Mel Groth (NSW).

A large group then travelled to South Australia for the 50th National and they were greatly rewarded. To the owners of the Open Dog SC and Open Bitch SC congratulations in bringing home the gold medals (1st place). *Wulkano Uno vom Schnitzerteam winning Open Dog SC & his daughter *Ch. Grandwest Queen Kayla winning Open Bitch SC. There were great results all round for WA.

In June we ran an All-breeds show, by doing this along with the Shetland Sheepdog Club we were able to have a double header show. On the Saturday we had two shows on one day. The shows were judged by Peter Flynn (SA) and Jean Butterfield (SA). This was also a great fundraising event for us.

We have also recently had our 1st Members Competition for the year, this was judged by John Fenner.

We are now in full swing for the remaining year, planning and fundraising for the Rick Richardson Memorial show, judge is Jenny Yuen (VIC), 2nd Members Comp, judge Robyn Knuckey, then finish off the year with a double header show. This will be Walter Martin Memorial Show, judge will be Gaetano Barbieri (Italy) and the West Coast Challenge will be judged by Ulla Hansen (Denmark).

Just before the SBE there were some big changes on the Management Committee, which saw Robyn Knuckey step down as show chair and become President. I then decided to step up and stand for this position. I was originally on the show committee back in the late 80's for nearly 20 years, had a break went back on, had another break, now I'm back again! I'm enjoying my time as the Show chair. We have an extremely strong team that are very passionate about running a good show and fundraising to bring these shows to you. Numbers are low so we need to find ways to entice people into showing.

Finally, I would like to thank the show committee. John Fenner – Deputy Show chair, Leanne Irvine – Secretary, Lucy Lubbock – Treasurer, Andy Crace & Sue Beisley. To the new members on the committee Halina Sweeney, Chloe Raven, Helen Bondarenko Sweeney & Jo Raven. After our next meeting Ben Purves will also be joining us.

To Brian & Norm, thanks for setting up the rings for each show.

Lee-Anne Shea
Show Chair



OBEDIENCE CHAIR'S REPORT

Many thanks to all the trainers who give up their time week in, week out throughout the year to take classes and help our members learn to train their dogs. All of our Trainers are volunteers and I really appreciate the time they give up to take classes each and every week. Without them we could not conduct training classes.

Our end of year Closed Club Trial (Graduation) was held on Sunday 12th November. We had 36 entries across 7 classes.

Well done to all competitors, winners and place getters.

Congratulations to our Trainee Instructor, Heather Hobert, who is now a qualified GSDAWA Instructor.

All classes of Obedience for 2024 are in full swing and we have completed the first term of the year culminating in the State Breed Exhibition Obedience Trial and Graduation.

We welcome back two former instructors who are taking classes, Roy Smith and Eric Herson and one new instructor joining us, Joanne Meredith.

The first two graduations of 2024 saw a large drop in numbers to 10 and 11 respectively as I have now asked trainers to advise their class members if they are ready for graduation.

We have 1 new instructor and 3 former instructors to join us, two of which are behaviourists which is benefit to the club.

Junior class names have been changed to Level 1 – 4.

We are back to doing four graduations a year. There are no class assessments where instructors would judge their own classes.

Owners need to be aware of not having a tight lead all the time. Reward their dogs when doing things correctly by way of voice, touch and/or food treats.

It's great to see large classes over all levels and people enjoying their training. What we need to encourage is owners engaging more with their dogs and making the training fun at all times whether at club grounds, home or in public. Thank you to those Breeders who encourage their puppy buyers to come along to training at the club.

Members continue to compete in Obedience, Rally, Tricks, Tracking and Scent Work Trials with much success throughout the year.

GSDA of WA Obedience Trial 24th February 2024
Adashad Margarita CCD RN gained the first of leg of CD title.

SBE Obedience (8 entries) and Rally Obedience Trial (3 entries)
Judge – Ms Amanda Houston

Novice

1st place Adashad Margarita CCD RN owned by Mr Eddie and Mrs Faye Ramsden.
CCD

1st place Jarrahaus Paint It Black owned by Mrs Raewyn Spencer.

Rally Advanced

1st place Cooper CCD RN owned by Heather Hobert and Randy Kaiser.
2nd place Sabaranburg Xzara RN TK.S owned by Mrs Hayley Lockhart.

SBE Obedience Graduation

Level 1 (3 entries) Judge – Ms Kym Glenny

**1st place Chevyvale I'll C U Next Tuesday owned by Mr Dominic Auguste.
She also won Top Junior Show and Obedience.**

Level 2 (3 entries) Judge – Mr Iain McIntosh

No qualifiers

Level 3 (1 entry) Judge – Mr Roy Smith

No qualifiers

50th German Shepherd National Adelaide

CCD 1st place Jarrahaus Paint It Black owned by Mrs Raewyn Spencer

She gained 3rd place in the Winner of Winners Contest for obedience as well as the David O'Rourke Trophy for Top Show and Obedience at the National.

Kym Glenny.

Obedience Chair

WORKING TRIALS GROUP

The following working trials dogs gained titles during the period July 2023 to June 2024:

OGRCH RCH Maerceci Uber Magic RAE HTM.N gained her Obedience Grand Champion in August 2023 and is now enjoying her retirement

Cooper CCD gained his Rally Novice (RN) and Rally Advanced (RA) titles.

Adashad Margarita CD RN TD gained her CCD and Novice obedience (CD) titles

Sabaranburg Xzara RN TKS gained her RN and Tricks Starter titles

CH Elkara Royal Logan RN TDX and Alderhaus Jack Olantern RN TDX were awarded their RN and Tracking Dog Excellent titles.

Alderhaus Heaven Sent Myah TD ET gained her Endurance Test and Tracking Dog (TD) titles

Elkara Lone Hunter was awarded its TD title.

TCH Volscaro Rio's Dixie SWN gained her Tracking Champion.

Diane Webb

Working Trials Group



TRIALS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

The 2023/2024 Trial Committee members were: Diane Webb (Chair & trials manager), Julie Hannaford (trainee trials secretary), Trish McGregor (treasurer), Anastasia Hope (minutes secretary), Jean McCowan, Andy Crace, Sue Peters, Kym Glenny & Heather Hobert.

During the past 12 months the trials committee ran 5 Trials. These trials were the July 2023 Obedience & Rally Trial, the West Coast Challenge Rally & Obedience Trial, February 2024 Obedience & Rally Trial, the State Breed Exhibition Rally & Obedience and a double headed Tricks Trial in April 2024. An Endurance Test was conducted in July 2023 with a very small entry.

The online platform for entries for our Obedience & Rally Trials and Tricks Trial was changed to Top Dog Events commencing February 2024 resulting in a 32% increase in entries.

members of the committee are thanked for their hard work and dedication on trial days. Also thanks are extended to all non-committee club volunteers who undertook to steward at trials – Kees van Dalen, Shane, Keith, Suzy Jackson, Krystal, Joanne Meredith, Honey Gross-Richardson and Hannah Kasey Law – all ably recruited by Heather Hobert and without whom the trials cannot proceed.

Thanks are also extended to committee members Sue Peters, Anastasia Hope, Andy Crace and volunteer 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.

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

Finally special thanks to Louise Bingley for stepping in to run the canteen while Kerry was unavailable.

We look forward to a continued relationship with our Club Sponsor, Petz Tucka. Their donation of product to our class winners is greatly appreciated by our competitors.

Diane Webb
Trials Chairperson



TRACKING GROUP

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.

There was one class only, and it 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 and only qualifier was my REX.

Our tracking classes progressed, enthusiasts grew in numbers, and soon we, the GSDA of WA, were conducting all the Canine Association of Western Australia’s sanctioned Tracking Trials. The only club in WA conducting Tracking Trials at that time. In previous years, if a Tracking enthusiast had a dog trained up for a Tracking Trial, their club applied for permission, and according to Marie Ewen, former long-term President of the Canine Association of WA, it was generally the Gun Dog Club that conducted a test for any handler that had a dog ready. Then however, from 1977, 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, as well as the Albany Dog Club and 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 Gngangara, in the Gngangara Pine Plantation 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 coveted AOC title being gained by a Gun Dog enthusiast, Mr. Link Sullivan with his magnificent Golden Retriever that was a legend in his time Triple CH. (Obed. & Retr CH.) Sherrylyue Bronze, and my Tobarro Dingalara UD ET.

The tracking fraternity had grown! After 2 decades of conducting ALL tracking trials in WA, the GSDA of WA strongly supported the forming of a Tracking Club. This is Track West, of which Garner Roberts, former GSDA of WA 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 the foundation members of the club that to this day has the largest membership, and always a strong contingent of our GSDA of WA members in its ranks.

Track West became affiliated in 1995 and from that day, the GSDA of WA stepped back from organizing trials on a large scale, and we were thrilled to see the 1st WA Tracking Club flourish.

TrackWest continued growing in numbers, the Committee over the years always embraced sportsmanship and saw many GSDA of WA members still active after years of service to their 2nd club, for the sport of tracking once in your blood, is there to stay!

Fourteen years later, in 2009, the Advanced Tracking Club of WA, founded by senior members of TrackWest and the GSDA of WA, became affiliated, Rick (posthumously) and I had become The ATC Patrons, and I have been awarded Life Membership of the ATC of WA in 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.

Our Tracking Season has gone over the halfway mark, early July as I write, for we track from April to September only. Yes, we can only work in Autumn and Winter, and so far, titles have been gained in many categories, that we publish annually for the Trophy Presentation right across the board of our member's involvement in the many facets of the Dog Sport! Last week our members did well in the ATC Tracking Trial!

For next week, I wish all competitors and members in the Track West Tracking Trial the very best!

For over 50 years - OOPS! I show my age - we have a pretty smooth system going, with everyone in training reporting their Trials Successes to the "Card Lady" to be entered on their training card. In our case, and right here and now, there is another almost legendary personality who mans the card table, greeting every member as they arrive, and sending them to their allocated trainers and classes. You all know her! Some may even know her story, the tale of the two Scottish lasses, our identical twins, Jean and Jessica McCowan deciding to cycle across Australia and simply loving Perth (Did it have a familiar ring??) decided to stay right here. Soon there was a GSD and then two, and the lovely lasses joined the German Shepherd Dog Association of W.A. Both worked their way through the ranks, gained titles, became valuable Obedience Instructors with the GSDA of WA! Yes, what a success story! Both Jean and Jessica simply loved tracking and working on our GSDA of WA Trials Committee for decades, seeing not only to the paperwork, but always up there in Gngalara, enjoying working as Organizers, Stewards, Track layers. Whilst the GSDA of WA ran all Tracking Trials, if we needed another helper, we'd, call Jean and Jessica! Sadly, Jessica passed away, may she RIP. But dear friends, Jean is still with us, retired from decades of Obedience Training, now our VIP at the front table, our Card Lady! On any Training Day, every Sunday, that's for sure, Jean would be thrilled to have you say hello, and give her your latest Trials Results! And should you be one of our members who although enjoying the weekends tracking, cannot come to Sunday classes, feel free to ring me, or text Jean your exciting Tracking Titles gained results!

We are thrilled to see our trackers going strong throughout the year and gain their coveted titles and gradings wishing them the very best of luck in their TrackWest and ATC Trials for all the season!

Let me take this opportunity to send greetings to Ian Heard and Kerry Pearce, two GSDA of WA members and sadly missed Tracking Judges who are now enjoying life over East! And congratulations to our Tracking Judge Julie Hannaford who just might be exploring her new Tracking Trials venue in Marigniniup with her new Elsass baby at her side!

Happy Tracking,

Please send your Tracking Title Results to me personally if you cannot reach Jean.

richardson@eftel.net.au , or phone 0429 532 469

Honey Gross-Richardson
Tracking

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

When I took on the role of German Shepherd Dog Association of WA Historian in 2007 a suggestion was made that we consider working towards a book covering the history of the GSDA of WA.

It has been a long time coming to fruition but there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel. I have passed the copy of the book to Margaret Adams (the GSDA of WA Magazine Editor) to give me a hand with the proof reading with the aim to have it all finalized immediately after the West Coast Challenge Show results are available with the aim to hand the finished book to the club President for arrangements to be made for printing it before the end of 2024.

There was an abundance of records, minutes and information that had built up from the earliest days of the club up to the current year, 2024, that had to be read through and checked and then laid out in some sort of order to make it easy to read.

I would like to recognize and acknowledge the great work done by the early members of the club who worked so hard to make the club what it is today. We wouldn't have the marvellous grounds that we have, if not for the dedication and hard work of the early members and of course the newer and current members have worked very hard to maintain the standard set by the early members.

I have tried to include as many members of the club as possible, and if I have inadvertently left anyone out then I do apologise. I have asked for articles many times over the years and any that I have received I have tried to include. I thank all members that have submitted information which I have added to the information that I have managed to retrieve from the club's historical archives.

I do hope that you all enjoy the finished book very soon and I look forward to completing my work which I have thoroughly enjoyed over many years.

Ian Marr
Historian

The collage features several logos: **Petz Tucka** with a dog illustration; **Orivet** with a purple background and a dog head icon, with the tagline 'Innovative Animal Health'; **SIRES IN ICE** with a dog head and a glowing cube; **HKL Therapies** with a colorful dog head and the text 'Qualified Equine & Canine Bowen Therapist' and phone number '0422 510 035'; **ANIMAL HEALTH Solutions** with a green paw print and a checkmark; **ARMADALE MOWER WORLD** with a cartoon character and the text 'ELECTRICAL UNLIMITED' and 'EC # 10781'; and **Armada Mower World** at the bottom with contact information: '79 Champion Drive, Seville Grove WA 6112', 'Phone: 08-9497 1299', 'Fax: 08-9497 1499', and logos for 'STHL', 'M', 'ARMADA', and 'WET'.

GROUND MANAGER REPORT

I would like to especially thank Brian Lubbock, Norm Golding and Iain McIntosh for all their hard work and effort in bringing the grounds back up to an excellent condition and maintaining them. It is a continual upkeep of grounds by mowing, whipper snipping, edging, chain sawing and removing large branches that have come down.

Also, thanks to Barry McPherson and son for removing large branches with their tractor. And to the members who pick up branches and debris before and after training on Sundays.

Many thanks to Halina Sweeney for organising a good price for fertiliser which will be looking at doing at the beginning of spring.

Some of the most important jobs have been:

The reticulation was required to have several sprinklers replaced and system reprogrammed so all stations work, and sprinklers adjusted to water in correct areas.

Ground water licence has been applied for and is under assessment.

We have had an issue with a lot of ant's nests all over the grounds. This has caused dogs and owners to be bitten. Anastasia, Robyn and Kym treated the ant's nests 2mths ago and has reduced them significantly but as it's an ongoing problem and we will retreat them as necessary.

Lawn mower and blower vac have been fixed and are working well.

The Whipper snipper has been replaced with a model better designed for our needs.

Meter box has been replaced due to white ants in original post

Some dead trees have been cut down but waiting on Beaver tree services to remove 3 dead trees from lower end of ground.

Holes in fence have been fixed.

The fence at the bottom end of club grounds has been repaired.

Pine log barriers around ground and smoking areas have repaired and/or replaced.

Hot water system in the kitchen has been replaced.

The new defibrillator has been secured to the clubhouse wall.

Simon Maxwell, Ground Manager &
Kym Glenn, Acting Ground Manager.



BREED SURVEY REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The club has seen a reduction in the number of breed surveys conducted in this current financial year. This is largely due to the small numbers of dogs presented at each survey and this has not changed during this current year, with two surveys having only one dog entered at each of them. This trend is set to continue, even with the number of surveys reduced to four in the 2024 calendar year.

Five breed surveys were conducted in the Year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. A total of 13 animals were presented to survey over the five available dates and all were successful in being awarded "Breed Survey Classified" status.

Of the 13 surveyed animals, 2 were male – one Stock Coat and one Long Stock Coat and 11 were female - eight Stock Coat and three Long Stock Coat.

It is my hope that members will continue to participate in GSDCA schemes.

Participation in breed survey provides several important benefits, both for the individual dogs and for the breed as a whole.

Some of the benefits include: screening for health issues such as HD/ ED; improved longevity - focusing on breeding healthier dogs, breed surveys contribute to increasing the overall lifespan and quality of life for German Shepherds, both those that are retained for breeding and those who are sold to pet homes. Breed surveys include evaluations of a dog's temperament and behaviour, ensuring that they possess the stable, confident, and intelligent demeanour expected of the breed.

Congratulations to all of the owners and breeders of the 13 animals successfully surveyed in 2023/24.

Unfortunately, some complacency is creeping in, 5 generation pedigrees either being incomplete, not submitted at all or in some instances only 3 or 4 generation pedigrees submitted. It is a requirement as per the Breed Survey Manual 5.1.2 that "all relevant paperwork is to be forwarded to the SBSR not less than seven (7) days prior to the nominated survey date. Failure to provide all of the above documentation with an application will result in the animal being unable to participate in a Breed Survey. No late submissions shall be accepted".

Most people are submitting their photographs as per regulation 5.1.3 of the Breed Survey Manual which reads "A coloured, high resolution photograph is to be posted/emailed to the NBC Chair within seven (7) days of the Breed Survey. The photograph must be high resolution that is scanned at 300dpi at postcard size or alternatively a raw camera image that has not been resized".

This may be a timely reminder to members of the requirements of Breed Survey.

Totals y/end	June2024	Comparison y/end June 2023	Comparison y/end June 2022
Classified Males	2	2	4
Classified Females	11	10	8
Failures	0	0	1
TOTAL	13	12	13

While the recent history comparison appears to look good, if we go a little further back to 2018, we had 27 animals successfully breed surveyed and 26 in 2020 – the first year of the COVID

pandemic. Some four years later we have only 50% of the number of animals entering the scheme. There was a significant increase in the number of puppies bred during COVID, however, this has not translated to a greater number of animals entering the Breed Survey Scheme and these animals would have well and truly reached the minimum age for survey. One must ask why ?

Is it because we are only breed surveying the animals that we are keeping to breed ourselves and not encouraging the animals that we sell to enter the scheme so that as a fraternity we have a better picture of where the breed is at ?

Again, there are significantly more females being presented for breed survey than males. This is a trend that has continued since 2018. However, in the four-year period 2018 – 2021 the difference between males and females presented to survey was 50%. In 2023/24 the difference is significantly greater, some 5 times more females than males. If the goal is to breed from two breed surveyed parents, we are severely limiting our options for a stud dog with only one Long Stock Coat and one Stock Coat male presented.

I look forward to seeing many more dogs being presented to survey in the two remaining surveys for the 2024 Calendar year.

Stay warm, enjoy your dogs

Leanne Irvine
Breed Survey Registrar

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HEREDITARY DISEASES REGISTRAR'S REPORT

FORMS ISSUED FROM 1ST JULY 2023 – 30TH JUNE 2024 – FOR A TOTAL OF 33

HD/ED	HIPS ONLY	ELBOWS ONLY
30	2	1

FINALLY, after a LOT of pressure and work from a dedicated, forward-thinking and brainstorming team, as at the 1st of July, 2024, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia has implemented an online HD/ED system. A HUGE shout out to the powers that be, but the hardest work was done by Jacinta Poole pulling this online system together in order to get it up and running efficiently. We should be forever grateful. This 'going live' has of course come at a cost to Council, which has not been passed on to the members, but being dragged kicking and screaming into the digital age was an absolute necessity.

UPDATE – 30th July 2024 – After consultation with our leading radiologist, Roger Lavelle, an increase in the reading fees have been implemented, in lieu of the usual CPI increase. This will not only bring us a little closer to the fees currently charged by the CHEDS Scheme (\$130.00), but it will also assist to employ a new radiologist/reader, which will be necessary in the not too distant future. Dr Lavelle has informed Council that this initial increase will be followed by a further review around the middle of 2025.

The current increase in fees from the 1st of August are as follows:

HD/ED	\$92.00
Hips Only	\$64.00
Elbows Only	\$47.00

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

1.7.22 – 30.6.23	37
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



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

The GSDA of WA annual end of year Family Fun Day was held on Sunday 19th November 2023. The morning started very warm and only got warmer.

Approximately 50 members and families came along to this event. It was great to see a real mix of young puppies right through to older dogs participating in the various games. A very good turnout by young and old(er), both in the handlers and the dogs.

We had seven games for people and their dogs to join in.

The Obstacle Course was hotly contested with 26 entries.

Puppy Recall Race and Find a Treat were for puppies under 6 months with 6 entries each.

Tunnel Race was also a great hit with 22 entries.

Limbo had 15 entries, Sausage on a String 21 entries.

Honey Gross-Richardson judged the Best Trick and had to decide the best 3 out of 14 entries.

A raffle was also held which raised a total of \$488 for the club. There were 42 prizes ranging from Ferry tickets to Rottneest, German Shepherd items, wine, gift vouchers, hampers, etc.

A number of businesses and members donated the prizes and without their donations we could not have had the fantastic prizes that we did on the day.

Special thanks to

Iain McIntosh who set up and ran the various games, his efficiency ensured a very smooth running of the events.

Dorothy Marr and Jean McCowan for selling so many raffle tickets on the day.

Ian Marr did a great job as MC, calling out the game prizes and raffle.

Louise Bingley and Kerry Daley for providing a great service in the canteen.

Kerrie Pearce and Karen Westmacott for helping out in many areas.

Anastasia Hope who filled in at the last moment on my behalf as I was unable to attend on the day.

Especially to you the members who came along, joined in this day, purchased raffle tickets and had fun. Judging by the smiles, I believe everyone and their dogs enjoyed themselves on what was a very successful morning.

Thanks to all who participated, donated or contributed in any way.

The Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday 3rd December. The weather was on our side with a nice sunny afternoon, and it didn't get too hot.

Eighteen children were in attendance for the party. They had games of musical chairs and a treasure hunt for four-year-olds and under. Prizes were given for both games.

Each child received a big bag of lollies on arrival. Food in the way of sandwiches, party pies, sausage rolls, chicken nuggets, mini quiche, crumbed mozzarella sticks and choc chip cookies

Santa, his Elf and Santa's Reindeer dog pulling a sleigh arrived much to the delight of the children. Presents were given out. The children were excited with their presents and had fun playing with them. The bubble blowing presents/prizes were a big hit.

Santa's Reindeer dog even joined in the musical chairs.

All the children greatly enjoyed the event.

Thank you to all the members who attended with their children and grandchildren.

Many thanks to the following people who helped run this event -

Anastasia Hope, Louise Bingley, Brian and Lucy Lubbock, Kerrie Pearce and Ian Heard Bodie (Jaywynd Balloo) as the Reindeer Dog

DogsWest Open Day - The German Shepherd Dog Association of WA was represented again at this annual event on Monday, 1st April 2024.

Our new club Banner and Teardrop Banner attracted lots of comments and made us more visible.

We were visited by many members of the public who were very interested in our breed, asking questions about training and purchasing a puppy etc. They were able to interact with a number of club members dogs who were at our stand for most of the day.

The dogs were all extremely well behaved and relaxed in a busy environment with many other dogs around. They did our breed and club proud.

We sold a number of club coffee mugs, stickers and badges.

Thanks to our club members who came along with their dog/s and stopped by our stand and helped support us.

Many thanks to Anastasia Hope, Robyn Knuckey, Jean McCowan, Honey Gross-Richardson, Brian Lubbock and John Fenner for either helping with set up and/or pack up and answering questions from the public throughout the day.

Many thanks also to Iain McIntosh with Nero & Marlo, Brian & Lucy Lubbock with Zelda, Kym Glenny with Bodie for coming along with their dogs and making them available to interact with the public as well as answering questions from members of the public.

Kym Glenny
Public Relations Officer



MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

As at 30th June 2024 we have 392 members made up of:

128 Double memberships
98 Single memberships
3 Associate memberships

11 Life double memberships
16 Life single memberships

60 new membership applications and 129 renewal memberships have been processed since July 2023. 90 members (By Membership Number only) did not renew last financial year. 3 previous members rejoined the club. Unfortunately, our new memberships are down by half compared to the same time last year. Hopefully this year will see an increase in the memberships.

New members are now required to pay their membership fee within 2 weeks of joining the club. They receive a 13-month membership when they sign up in lieu of the 4 free lessons which were previously available.

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 club's insurance.

It is pleasing to see that the majority of members are returning their renewal forms with their payment. Renewal forms can be emailed to the membership officer at memberships@gsdawa.org, handed in at the shop or to Jean McCowan. Without the form memberships cannot be processed.

A very special thanks to Jean McCowan for handing out the membership cards for me on a Sunday morning while I am in the shop or training.

Anastasia Hope
Membership Officer

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SHOP MANAGER'S REPORT

CASH FOR CONTAINERS

I am pleased to say that the club has made \$215 from the Cash for Containers scheme since July last year.

Please keep bringing your containers to the club. If you have a bag of cans or bottles, you can leave them at the shop. Otherwise remember to put your empty can or bottle in the green containers. Every bit helps. All the money raised goes back into the club.

Thank you to everyone who have donated their bottles or cans.

SHOP -

The shop has been revamped with new shelving and has been reorganised.

As well as the dog food, of which certain brands are in stock, you can also pre-order your biscuits for pick up the following week.

We now stock a range of Plush Puppy shampoos and conditioners, and coat sprays. I am always on the lookout for new toys that our GSDs would love and have some new Kong toys on the shelf. If there is a particular Kong toy that you would like, come and see me.

I have also extended the range of dog treats to include pigs and cow's ears, and bully sticks.

My motto is that the prices in the shop will be cheaper than elsewhere, so come and have a look and support your club.

Anastasia Hope
Shop Manager

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PUPPY LISTING OFFICER, STUD DOG REGISTRAR'S, IDENTIFICATION OFFICER'S, WEBMASTER'S & EDITOR'S & AGM BOOKLET PRODUCER'S REPORTS

These portfolios are just communication – it is my/our way of keeping members up to date with happenings within our association. Contact with the general public is all closely linked and can cross from one portfolio to another when offering information.

I have continued with the Information updates, as necessary, this has been proven to be a great way of communicating with all the general membership about upcoming events. I prefer matters of importance to be delivered in an Information Update as it is a quick and direct approach. We cannot presume that people read a Facebook pages 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 again often newsletters are not read, and important things can be easily missed.

As I reported last year the puppy list was defunct and in the main, I only was asked IF the breeder was having trouble selling puppies. As breeders developed their own Facebook pages and gain interest from puppy buyers via social media. Very pleased to see that we have moved on from this and I refer all callers to the Breeders' page. I am continuing to send out the information packages to help people do some research prior to buying a puppy.

Likewise, I ask that I obtain a list of breed-surveyed dogs preferably with the photograph that must be submitted to the GSDCA. Then I can contact owners to ask if they wish their dog to be placed on the Stud Dog page.

Identification Officer's duties are used mostly via SAFE PERTH our rescue group, vets and councils.

One thing we can always improve on and that is communication is sent to all – we often presume that others know something – if a “rule”, a training time or an expectation 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.

My help requested on so many varied topics – 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 have attended the Breed Affairs meetings and discuss issues on all my current portfolios.

I would like to thank our donors and 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. When the calendar is published for the year, we should check to ensure it is correct and try not to make too many changes.

These matters are 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.

Special thanks to those life members and members who are currently not at training or shows - they contact me regularly so say thank you as it keeps them connected to our beloved breed.

Extra special thanks to SAFE PERTH who rescue, retrain, rehabilitate and rehome our breed it would be wonderful if we could all look at supporting this work and offer something towards their breeding's upkeep until they are re-homed.

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

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

Margaret Adams

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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CERTIFIED AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Sunday, 28th July 2024

I have audited the financial records of German Shepherd Dog Association of Western Australia for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

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

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CPA ID: 1946787

POINTS OF AUDIT 2023/24

1. Post Stocktake Adjustment
2. Reclassification of Division Code – found to be entered as Unclassified (Receipts, Purchases)
3. Sample Audit of transactions, Receipts, Purchases
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 2023/2024

- 1.0 Balance Sheet
- 1.1 Westpac Cheque Account #0227 – Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2024
- 1.2 Westpac Cash Reserve #8566 – Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2024
- 1.3 Westpac Term Deposit #1432 – Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2024
- 1.4 Westpac Term Deposit #2394 - Reconciled per Bank Statement 30th June 2024

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.

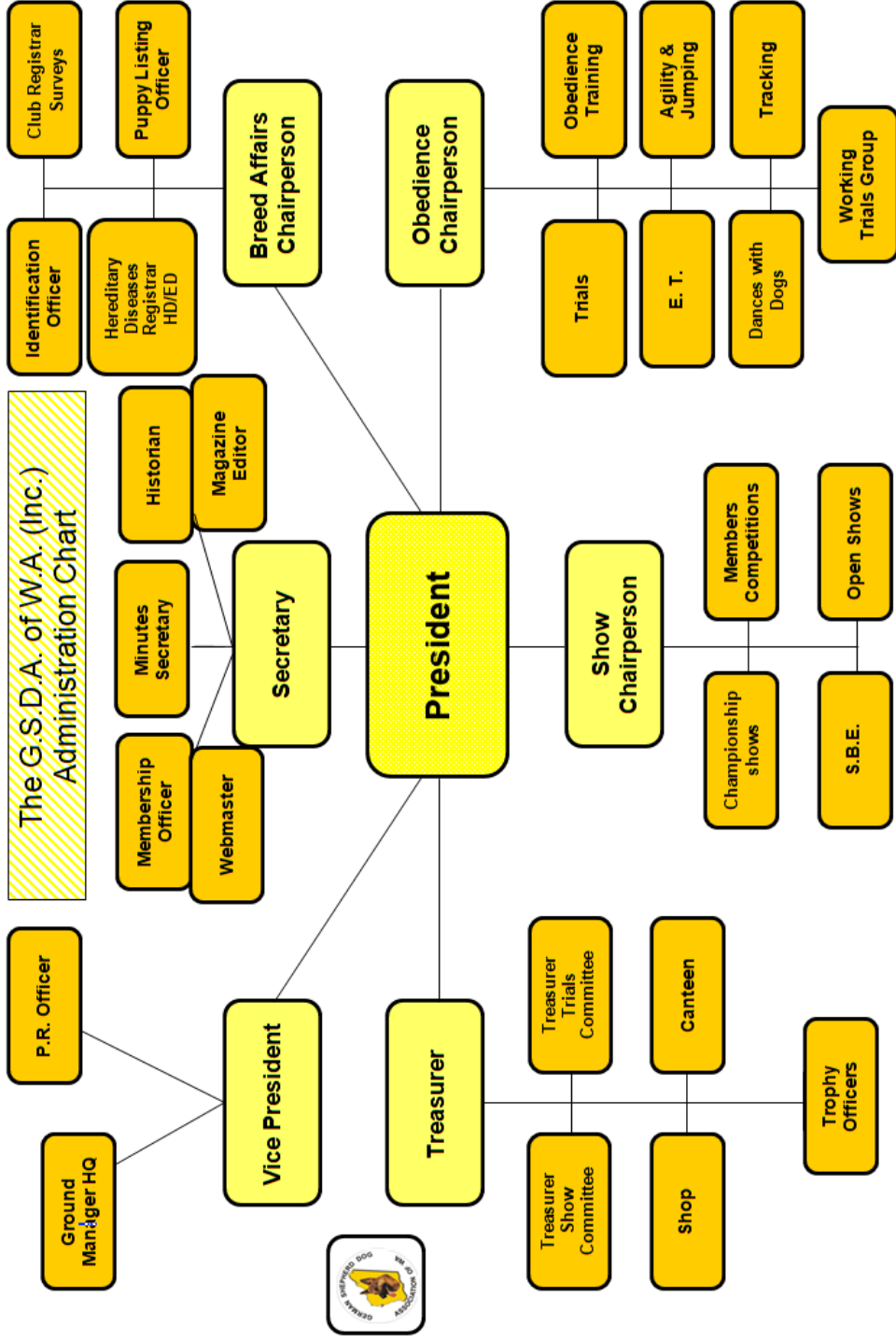
We also require that we are left as secondary contact on the animal's microchip so that if an owner cannot be contacted then there is a safeguard in place for the animal. Our foster carers also go through a very similar process to ensure that they are suitable including home checks.

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.

The G.S.D.A. of W.A. (Inc.)
Administration Chart





The following page has been left blank for your convenience for any notes you may wish to take at the Annual General Meeting.