

THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF QUEENSLAND (Inc.)

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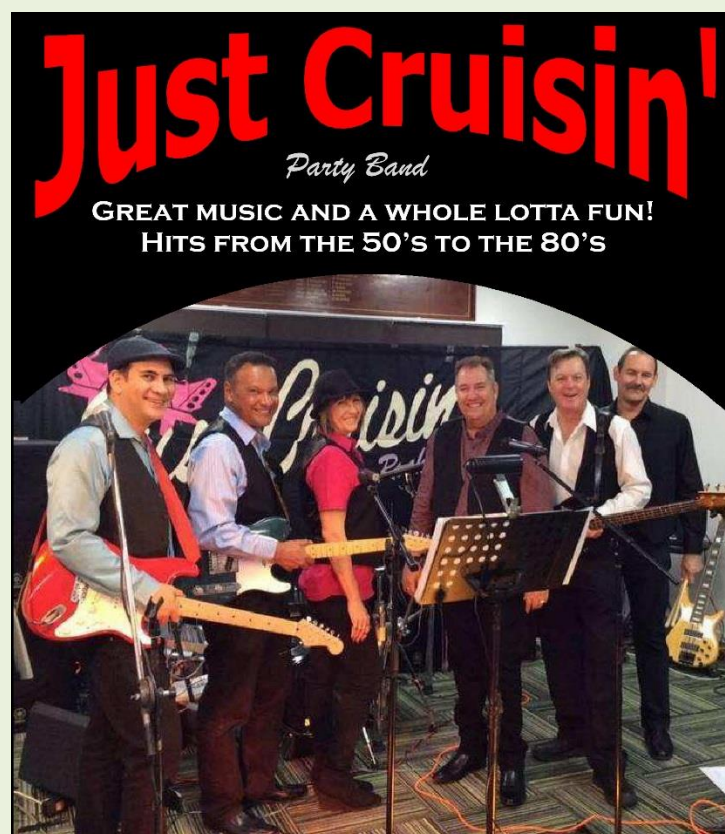
45TH GSDCA NATIONAL GSD SHOW & TRIAL

The countdown is on with just a little over three months to the big event. Jessica Lynch GSDCA Youth Officer has advised the club that she will be organising the Master Class for Youth Handlers on Thursday the 18th

May commencing at approximately 4.00 pm at the grounds. A great opportunity for our young handlers to learn handling skills, tips, and hints from International and Australian Master Handlers. To express your interest please contact Jess Lynch jess_lynch@hotmail.com

NATIONAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Preparations are complete for all the social functions and we are delighted to announce that the party band 'Just Cruisin' will be providing the entertainment on the Saturday night. Dinner tickets are just \$30.00. Bar will be open.



**Everyone is welcome.
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

THE QUEENSLAND 2017 NATIONAL TEAM:

Sharon Ballantyne – President, Coordinator & Sponsorship
Shelley McCammon – Treasurer, Coordinator
Diane Ballantyne – Secretary, Coordinator
Mandy Doyle – Vice President
Mandy Scrivens – Show Secretary
Gail Donald – Catalogue and Advertising
Michelle Hammond - Marketing
Sue Bruno – National Breed Survey & Social Functions
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Rob Ballantyne – Ring set up & Grounds
Bob Reidy – Ring set up
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Luke McCammon – Grounds, Dias, Place pegs
Raimond & Samantha Wharton – Breakfast BBQ
Terry Jarvis (NSW) – trophy set up Sunday
Margaret Reidy - Wreaths

Sarah Gordon	Karl & Sarah Maresh
Kellie Davis	Dean & Darrian Rule
Paul Mathieson	Deborah Murtagh
Ann Crawford	

Ring Officials include

Dogs Qld Councillor 'Show Manager' – Carolyn Pearen
Dogs Qld Representative – Councillor Norma Zimmerle
Chief Show Ring Steward and MC – Greg Jones (NSW)
Assistant Chief Steward and Ring Official's Coordinator – Jenny Kenworthy (ACT)
Stenographers – Dog Ring; Margaret Barnes (ACT) - Bitch Ring;
Barbara Blythe & Amanda Mc Anuff (VIC)
Ring Stewards – Dog Ring; John Fenner (WA) – Bitches; Ian Rasmussen (QLD)
Assembly Stewards – Carolyn Pearen – a work in progress more Stewards still needed.

Obedience Stewards – Dave West, Margaret West, Paul McKie, Helen Meharg, Trish Court

Obedience Trial Assistants – Tina McKenzie, Annie Tamblyn
Dr. Shibly Mustapha from Calamvale Vet will be available for afterhours Emergency Veterinary assistance.

We also take this opportunity to thank the 2015 GSDCQ President Rod Vernon (DQ Grounds Chairman) for his assistance to date with grounds and rings planning. Rod has also negotiated at a reasonable cost to the Club, the St. John's Ambulance to be on the grounds for the three days in case anyone needs First Aid. Let's hope they're not needed.

It is indeed heartening to be receiving offers of help from all parts of Queensland and from our sister Clubs and the general GSD fraternity interstate. **THANK YOU.**

CLUB NOTES:

CHANGE OF GENERAL MEETING DATE FOR MARCH 2017

Many of you would be aware that Dogs Queensland will be moving their office to the Durack Sports Grounds and this will mean that parts of the building will be off limits during construction. Members are advised that the March General Meeting will now be held at Durack on Monday the 20th March 2017 in Meeting room 2. All welcome.

FIRST BREED SURVEY DATE FOR 2017:

The first Breed Survey for 2017 will be held on Sunday the 26th March at Durack Sports Grounds. Starts at 9.00 am.

Paperwork should be sent to

Mrs. Sue Bruno **Note change of address**

1 Baker Road

Jimboomba QLD 4280

Enquiries jbruno2@bigpond.com

Criteria:

Age 18 months—8 years

Owners must be members of the GSDCQ or interstate GSD Club. Originals of all paperwork must be available on the day for checking. Paperwork is as follows:

- (1) Photocopy of Registration Certificate showing correct owner and address
- (2) 5 Generation Pedigree (including line breeding)
- (3) Photocopy of GSDCA Hip and Elbow Certificate
- (4) GSDCA Application Form BS1 Form must be completed, signed, and sent with above paperwork (BS1 Form - download GSDCA Website)

<http://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/forms/>

- (5) Cheque for \$35 payable to GSDCQ

- (6) Current photo of your dog should be sent with your paperwork or be provided within 7 days of the Survey. Can be sent directly to NBC Chair Melanie Groth.

Breed Survey Dates for 2017:

Thursday 18th May

Saturday 16th September

Saturday 4th November

Changes to GSDCA Executive

The GSDCA AGM was held last weekend and members are advised of the current changes of Executive; -

Breed Commission Chair – Melanie Groth

Obedience Chair – Julie Urie

Secretary – Val Moody re-appointed unopposed

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REMEMBER OUR FABULOUS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE?



Well, our lucky winner Louise Gordon has now taken delivery of her Thermomix prize and is up and running making some amazing meals already. Congratulations!!

NATIONAL RAFFLE – Drawn on the Sunday of the National during the lunch break.



Raffle

**Proceeds to 45th National
German Shepherd Dog Show & Trial**

1st Prize: \$1000 Cash

2nd Prize: Draught Horses Original Oil
Painting by Margaret Reidy 66cmx50cm

3rd Prize: \$250 Bunnings Voucher

Tickets \$5.00 each

**Drawn at Dogs Qld Showgrounds, King Avenue, Durack,
QLD during lunch break on Sunday 21 May 2017**

If you would like one or more books of tickets, please contact Gail Donald on gsdcq1000raffle@gmail.com
Book seller's prize \$100 Coles Myer Voucher

PLEASE NOTE:

If any member has questions or would like to assist the National Show Committee, please contact Sharon Ballantyne on president@gsdcqld.org.au or phone 0408 702766.

TRAINING THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

TEMPERAMENT & BEHAVIOUR

By Val Bonney

1. Firstly, you must understand what is the difference between Temperament and Environment. Temperament comes with the dog and comes from its parentage. Good solid characters in the parents makes for a temperamentally sound dog. Genetic problems in parentage can give you a badly-behaved dog with huge problems. Environmental/Behaviour is how you have worked with the dog in your environment from a puppy. If it has been sound, wise and aimed at the dog being obedient then you will have what you need for further obedience and a great companion as it matures. A dog can have a great temperament, but if you the owner do all the wrong things with it in the environment it is growing up in, then you may have some huge problems develop. Behaviour may be shocking. Training is easy with a dog of both soundness in temperament and behaviour in its environment.

German Shepherds from good stock (parents) are usually a joy to own, to educate, and to teach/train. They must learn to live with you as a part of your family, and this can only happen if their behaviour is acceptable. (This is up to you.)

2. When to take a puppy to a good puppy school. Firstly, check the school/classes out yourself. You don't send your child to kindergarten unless you have checked it out. Do you? It needs socializing with as many other dogs of both sizes and breeds as is possible. This doesn't mean it gets thrown in with piles of other puppies, and left to its own devices. It must be a controlled situation. It needs to be guided into walking on lead, it can be encouraged with the use of a toy or food (motivated) to do as it is asked. It needs to be taught to sit, and heel and come when called. Puppy classes can cover lots of other things, but all must be done under a trainer's supervision.

REMEMBER: - What a puppy learns between 8 and 16 weeks, is the whole basis of its adult life. He/she never forgets what he/she has learnt during this time, but sometimes as he/she gets older he/she very conveniently slots it all to the back of its head, if it is not a part of his/her daily life. Learning to focus is one of the main things which should be taught at puppy training level. A dog that looks at you when you call its name is a joy to own, as you can then give it other signals to do what you want.

I believe the most important command a dog can be given is to Recall (come) when called. This must be total instance response to this command. This can only be achieved if when on lead, the command Come is given and the dog's response is a willing, excited manner 100 out of 100 times. (Not all at once please.) Then you can do it off lead and be sure your dog/pup will react in the manner you want it too. This response given immediately can save your dog's life in

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some situations, and will stand it in good stead for the rest of its life.

3. Crate training. To me this is just so important. The crate becomes your dog's den. Get one from the time you bring the pup home, but get one large enough to take a full-grown Shepherd. You can get them with inserts that are placed within the crate, and can be removed as the puppy grows. Use the crate at night, pop pup in, close the door and cover the crate to make it a little darker. Dogs sleep better in the dark. If it is upset at first, it will get over it in a couple of nights. You may like to pop the pup in there during the day to feed it. Get it used to being there. Don't put food and water in the crate at night. Remember what goes in does have to come out. I very rarely get up to a dog at night. You will know if that become necessary. My own dogs sleep crated from 8 weeks of age, until they pass on. Crate should be kept indoors. This dog is a part of your family; please don't make it feel ostracised by putting it outside. The dog that sleeps indoors make a much better watch dog for you anyhow as it matures. It's not worried about possums or what is happening down the street. Just if someone or something foreign should enter your home. It will then let you know. The crate becomes your dog's home, and it is very secure within it. Using a crate takes care of all toileting issues. Dogs very rarely soil the area in which they immediately sleep. You can wash the crate should your dog inadvertently have a mishap.

4. Basic Training and Advanced Training. Please ensure your Shepherd goes to a good Trainer. Check them out before you book in. All dogs need Obedience Training. If after you have completed your Basic Obedience you wish to go further, then you can make enquiries within your area, of who is available to do further advanced training. Again, be selective. If you want a good family pet, if you have done all suggested here, then you really don't need to have advanced training for your family pet. If you wish to compete in Obedience Trials, then you need to find a Club which does this. This type of thing can be very exciting and satisfying. There are several levels. C.C.D. C.D. C.D.X. U.D. UDX. These are the levels in order you can achieve. They all take time and dedication to reach. They are all Titled events. If you wish to do other disciplines with your dog, such as Agility, Schutzhund, Tracking, Search and Rescue, or even gun dog work, and or Therapy work, then you need to be extra careful in the selection of the person who teaches your dog any of these disciplines. They are specialist's areas.

You must look around, and I repeat be very selective of where you send or take this wonderful companion of yours too.

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Make sure your pet doesn't start Agility until it is at least 12 months of age. Its bones are still setting and you could cripple your dog if you go too early. It can't compete until it is at least 18 months of age anyhow.

5. Service dogs. Dogs that do Service work are special, and dogs like our German Shepherds make great Service dogs, although we now find many other breeds being utilized within certain Service areas. The G.P (General Purpose) Dog is quite often the German Shepherd. His size, his temperament, and his training make him extremely suitable for this type of work. His soundness in his behaviour is a must. Most of the Services (Police, Air Force, and Prisons) have their own handlers for each of their dogs. They train them in all they need to know. They teach their dogs in whatever areas they want their dogs to work in. Drug Detection, Bomb Detection, General purpose (will include attack work) Tracking, Search & Rescue, and any other areas in which a dog can be used. Services now use, quite a few other breeds to do the type of work they require from it. The Airports use many Beagles to do their searching of baggage for plants and other products. They are light in stature, and the people don't mind them going over their baggage, and sometime themselves, but they may object to a German Shepherd with its size and weight doing the same thing. Service dogs are trained to work singularly with their handler. Male or Female officers, train their dogs daily, have their dogs basically live with them and within their family, and love their dogs to death. The dog and handler becomes a pair. No one else handles their individual dog. When their dogs reach around 7 or even sometimes 8 years, they are quite often retired, and the handler is given a new dog. The dog they have just retired is taken home to live out its life with the handler's family. These dogs live a very active and fruitful life and are cherished until the day they pass over.

6. ADVICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS/TRAINERS.

Never lose sight of the fact your dog is a CANINE. It is not a human being. Do not treat your Shepherd like a surrogate child. If you treat your dog like a human, it may treat you like another dog. Discipline must be just, quick and firm. You get about 4 seconds to make any correction. Never PUNISH your dog. Just a quick correction is all it will ever need. Remember a 4 second window. Your VOICE is the best training aid you can use, and remember "any piece of equipment is only as good as the person using it."

For more information on educating yourself to be a great companion for your German Shepherd, you may like to get a copy of the three (3) books I have written "Who's the Boss? "Are you still the Boss?" and "Hey Baby – Who's the Boss"? Enjoy your German Shepherd, love it, have respect for it and it will have respect for you.

Happy Training. Val Bonney.

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This as a package is the best educational package anyone who owns a dog can have. Wholesale prices are available for Breeders who wish to pass this knowledge on to their puppy buyers particularly.

There are three (3) books and two (2) D.V.D.'s in the package.

by Val Bonney (Canine Behaviourist/International Trainer/Badge Holder GSDCA Obedience Judges List/Member of Empire Who's Who/Member U.K. Trainers Association/Member Aust. Trainers Association/Author)

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GSDCQ – EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

20th March – General Meeting Durack
26th March – Breed Survey Durack
29th April – Fundraising BBQ Bunnings Paget, Mackay
1st May – General Meeting
18th May – Breed Survey Durack & Youth Masterclass
19th May – 45th GSDCA National Show
19th May – President's Dinner Calamvale 7.30 pm
20th May – 45th GSDCA National Show & Obedience Trial
20th May – Social Function - Dinner & Party Band
21st May – 45th GSDCA National Show & Presentations
25th June – Fundraising BBQ Bunnings Mackay North
15th July – Championship Show Judge Ian Urie (VIC)
15th July – Obedience Trial – Judge Jodie Brown (Qld)
16th July – Championship Show Judge Carol O'Rourke (Qld)
24th July – General Meeting
16th September – Breed Survey
16th September – Open Show Judge – Lance Wright (Qld)
17th September – Restricted Obedience Trial -Val Bonney
17th September– State Breed Judge Greg Green (VIC)
25th September– General Meeting
1st October – Fundraising BBQ Bunnings Mackay North
4th November – Breed Survey
27th November – General Meeting
4th December – Annual General Meeting

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