

Implementation of the WUSV Harmonisation Program in Australia

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Questions and Answers

Where do I find all the minutes and supporting documentation regarding the implementation of the WUSV Harmonisation program?

- The WUSV stands for **World Union Schäferhundvereine (WUSV)**.
- All minutes and documentation related to these matters can be found at: www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings
- It is recommended you read the GSDCA Special General Meeting Agenda and attend your Club meeting to decide on all matters.

What is the SV?

- The Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (Society for German Shepherd Dogs) abbreviated as SV is the dog club founded by Max von Stephanitz and his colleague, Arthur Meyer, in 1899. The SV set forward the standards of the German Shepherd Dog breed. It controls every aspect of the GSD in Germany. It is in effect the Kennel Control for German Shepherd Dogs in Germany and an extremely influential affiliate of the FCI. (Advice from CDO)

What is the WUSV?

- The WUSV was founded in 1974/75 and since then it has grown to 82 member associations in 63 countries. Its objectives are ensuring a uniform breed standard, harmonisation of attitudes and assessment of German Shepherd Dogs in breed and performance, clarification of open questions regarding breeding and training, upbringing and deportment, and the control of hereditary diseases. Their headquarters is housed under the same roof as the SV in Augsburg.

What role does the SV play within the WUSV?

- The President of the SV and the SV Secretariat is constitutionally the President and Secretariat of the WUSV. The WUSV is intrinsically inter - linked and therefore greatly influenced by the SV.

What are the benefits of being a member of the WUSV for the GSDCA?

- It allows Australia to enjoy being a member of worldwide fraternity that is like minded in their responsibility for the German Shepherd Dog.
- The obvious benefit is that the SV must approve SV & SV Foreign listed conformation judges' contracts and given what was stated earlier, unless the GSDCA is a WUSV member this would not be allowed.
 - It must be noted that currently the SV approves SV working Dog judges to officiate at non ANKC sanctioned trails and without our endorsement.
 - Access to breed improvement reference material.

Who is the ANKC?

- The Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC) is the peak canine body in Australia. Its mission is to:
 - To promote excellence in breeding, showing, trialing, obedience and other canine related activities and the ownership of temperamentally and physically sound pure-bred dogs by responsible individuals across Australia.
 - To promote responsible dog ownership and encourage State Member Bodies to put in place programs to that effect.
 - To act as spokesperson on all canine related activities on a National basis on behalf of State Member Bodies and to pledge assistance and support to the respective State Member Bodies.

What is the role of the WUSV Continental Directors?

- The responsibilities of the WUSV Continental directors are as follows:
 - Obtain from member clubs the minutes of their AGM and pass then to the WUSV Secretariat.
 - Inform the WUSV Board of any irregularities or possibilities for improvement in their region.
 - Ensure implementation of decisions taken by WUSV Board at the annual WUSV meeting of member clubs is enacted upon their region.
 - Serve as a mediator in case of any disputes that may arise between WUSV member clubs and the WUSV Board of Directors.
 - Assist the member club with WUSV matters when requested by them
 - Mr. Louis Donald is the current WUSV Continental Director Oceania (CDO).

What is the WUSV Harmonisation Program and why we being asked to comply?

- The objective of the WUSV is to have a standardised breeding specification based on minimum breeding requirements across all WUSV Member Clubs. In that process, the standard of the GSD globally in the areas of construction, health, temperament and character will not only rise, but be uniformly standardized and consolidated.
- Dogs that fulfil the minimum breeding requirements specification will have their names and details entered into the WUSV stud book. Only dogs that are entered into the Stud Book may be used for breeding in WUSV member club countries.
- At a meeting of the GSDCA Executive and Presidents of all member clubs held in Melbourne 4th June 2017 it was unanimously agreed that the GSDCA will in principle support the objectives of the WUSV Breed Harmonisation Programme and that it will, to the best of its endeavours, work towards the compliance of those stated objectives.

What is the WUSV Harmonisation matrix?

- The WUSV matrix articulates the elements of the WUSV Harmonisation program.
- The motions to be voted on by clubs reflect Australia's proposal for how it will meet the intent and spirit of the harmonisation program in our context. *Please refer to Appendix A*

Are we the only country being asked to adopt these programs?

- Every WUSV member club must comply with the program and may have the opportunity to negotiate their own path forward with the WUSV.



Are all the elements mandatory?

- Yes, but the implementation is based on a progressive time line that reflects each country's situation and resource.

What are the ramifications if we are disaffiliated by the WUSV?

- Disaffiliation has wide ranging implications, some unknown and a few that come to mind are:
 - No SV & SV Foreign list judges
 - Aside from the above, a likely difficulty in procuring judges that are closely associated with the WUSV/SV
 - The likelihood of the arising of a new SV supported WUSV member organization.

Comment from the GSDCA Executive:

- *We believe that disaffiliation should be avoided regardless of the outcome of decisions to be taken at the coming SGM. There must be a willingness to find an amicable solution through compromise on both sides and realisation that not ALL and only part may be taken on board due to a number of circumstances.*
- *If we are disaffiliated whilst we understand that SV & SV Foreign list judges may have embargos placed on them they are first and foremost FCI judges as approved by their own Canine Controls and if invited by a non WUSV member, they would like they do now if invited by All Breeds Clubs from all over the world, still be able to judge Member Club shows.*
- *We have over the last 57 years demonstrated our ability to serve the welfare and betterment of the GSD. This excellent track record has been applauded by the ANKC, many SV judges and WUSV members.*
- *The GSDCA structure, via its Member Clubs current and future outreach into the community, and the fact it is the only GSD Breed Council the ANKC will recognise, cannot be dismissed.*
- *Our shows can be judged by others who are well qualified and respected.*
- *Our approach to date has been to be proactive and offer compromise where possible.*
- *The 23 schedules as presented by WUSV CDO and as amended in some cases by the GSDCA Special Meeting held on 4th June will be decided on and the GSDCA Executive will enact the membership's wishes.*

How will the GSDCA go about making a decision on the WUSV Harmonisation program?

- To date the GSDCA has held two Special Meetings to consider the matters as raised by the WUSV in relation to the WUSV Harmonisation, including IPO (International Working Test). The outcomes of both meetings, the agenda for the next meeting and all supporting documentation can be accessed at: www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/meetings
- The Continental Director presented to the GSDCA executive and all Member Club Presidents 23 recommendations. These recommendations have been reviewed by the WUSV Board but not confirmed.
- Following discussion at the GSDCA Special Meeting (4th June) to discuss the CDO presentation, the recommendations were accepted in full or with amendment and are now before all clubs to discuss and vote on. The outcome of the club voting on these motions will be presented and declared at the next Special Meeting in Adelaide on the 28th July.
- The GSDCA will inform the WUSV board of its decision.



What is ZAP Part 1?

- ZAP (Zuchtanlageprüfung) is a character test developed by the SV, for the purpose of testing young dogs (9-13mths) in the areas of Impartiality, Social Behavior, Noise Sensitivity, Certainty of Movement, Play and Predatory instinct/behaviour under stress.

For further information see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Z8mEQ_gqjs

What is a BH test?

- BH (Begleithund) is a companion test done in two parts. Part A Obedience, Part B Traffic Test.

For further information see:

- FCI rules (pages 21-28) <http://www.fci.be/medias/UTI-REG-IPO-en-498.pdf>
- Video of traffic test <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XknTTjsClwU>

What is AD?

- AD is an endurance title available through the FCI, to participating countries. Through the ANKC Australia has an equivalent test known as ET which is available to all members.

For full details see: http://ankc.org.au/media/1088/152910endurance09_sepb.pdf

What is an IPO (International Working Test)?

- IPO has three elements **Tracking, Obedience and Protection**. Whilst the protection element is the best known and held in awe by many, it must be emphasized that the dog must be under control before the protection phase is commenced. Hence the BH is prerequisite for IPO.

For further information see: <http://www.fci.be/medias/UTI-REG-IPO-en-498.pdf>

Who will teach me how to train my dog?

- GSDCA members club obedience instructors or the local all breeds obedience club.

Do we have any training programs or expertise currently available to offer training for IPO?

- No, but it is expected if IPO is approved by the ANKC that those enthusiasts who currently participate on the fringe will join GSDCA member clubs and promote the activity within that framework.

When will I need to be ready?

- ZAP 1 all dogs born after 30th Dec 2019
- BH all dogs born after 30th Dec 2020
- ET all dogs born after 30th Dec 2021

What happens if the ANKC, after the GSDCA submits a case subject to approval at the SGM, does not approve IPO (International Working Test) as a sanctioned dog activity?

- The CDO stated that in his opinion if this occurred the WUSV Board would be satisfied that the GSDCA had done all it could to comply with the mandate of the WUSV.



If IPO is approved by the ANKC, how will this affect me and my dogs?

- WUSV does not require an IPO title from Australian residents. CD or BH is proposed as prerequisite for Breed Survey.
- If IPO is introduced, the GSDCA would control its governance and conduct for GSD in Australia.
- It will require effort to put in place accredited training methods and to find and train the trainers and helpers.
- It may take some time to introduce this activity at your Member Club.
- The WUSV sees this as long overdue in Australia and with a graduated approach the GSDCA will after the establishment and wide acceptance of the activity will no doubt consider that the prerequisites as they apply all over the world introduced: Only two paths to qualify for presentation at Breed Survey and or be graded Excellent in the show ring being: ZAP1 Test + BH + IPO1+ED or ZAP1 + BH + ZAP2 (still a work in progress but includes a protection element) + ED.

What will members need to consider before deciding whether they will pursue IPO?

- Currently, under the ANKC rules, we are not able to participate in IPO training or competition.
- The WUSV does not require an IPO title from Australian residents. CD or BH is proposed as prerequisite for Breed Survey.
- It is the GSDCA intention that if IPO becomes an ANKC sanctioned activity that it will, as far as GSD is concerned, control the sport and conduct via its Member Clubs.
- Should the ANKC review its policy and allow members to train and participate in IPO consideration needs to be given to the control of the sport and qualifications of instructors. As an example, currently there are two IPO clubs in SA and numerous private clubs with self-taught instructors.
- Dogs must have the necessary high play/prey/defensive drive required to be suitable for this activity. Where would that leave us with our other dogs?
- The length of time it would take to train a dog from BH to IPO will vary.
- The training involves a team of dedicated people who train together for 3-4 times a week for 4+ hours each session.
- Member Club operations would need to change due to the number of people on the grounds. When training in IPO, you must wait for your turn as each person trains on their own, not as a group.
- The critical stage for all this training is between 8 weeks and 5 months of age.
- It takes about 6 months to train a dog in BH. The dog needs to be a minimum of 14 months old to participate in a BH trial.
- To get an IPO 1 title the dog needs to be a minimum of 16 months old. Training starts at 8 weeks of age with the tracking component only. It can take approximately 12 months of constant training to have a dog ready for IPO 1.
- It must be noted, that whilst owners do undertake their own training, it is a common practice overseas for breeders and owners to send their dogs to training establishments to be trained at an approximate cost of €1500-€2000 per title gained.
- If adopted the same could apply here for breeders and owners who are time poor or lack the skill set to pursue such training.



What will apply if the ANKC rejects the GSDCA submission (*subject to Member Club approval*) to be put to the ANKC to change their current policy and accept IPO as a sanctioned activity?

- The following comment has been provided by Louis Donald to give final clarity on this question: The comments made in the transcribed general meeting discussion where some things that were said were not recorded in the minutes and various emails where context and personal remarks exchanged created confusing interplay and interpretation I make the following statement in an attempt to offer total clarity.

The core basis of a GSDCA submission to the ANKC is as follows:

It asks that the ANKC agree to members of clubs of the GSDCA who wish to lawfully participate in the sport of IPO [in its full context of being inclusive of protection work] with pedigree German Shepherd Dogs may do so under the umbrella of the GSDCA.

An ANKC 'yes response' means:

- The GSDCA shall in a timely manner formulate rules, regulations, procedures, processes and training programs for clubs, owners, judges and helpers that are compliant with WUSV/FCI requirements to ensure a suitable and supportive environment exists for GSDCA members participating in Dogsport.
- Only members who wish to participate in IPO or ZAP Part 2 [in its full context of being inclusive of protection work] need do so.
- The elements of IPO or ZAP Part 2 which include protection work shall not be a pre requisite for Breed Survey classification but shall be replaced with a suitable obedience title.
see below reference to * BH

An ANKC 'no response' means;

- The GSDCA shall notify the WUSV Board that the ANKC has refused the GSDCA submission.
- It is the opinion of the WUSV Continental Director Oceania that the WUSV Board will look favorably toward the GSDCA in so far as it applied its best endeavors in supporting the WUSV Harmonization Program by making application to the ANKC to allow its members to participate in Dogsport and subject to the replacement of ZAP Part 2/ IPO1 with a suitable obedience replacement, such as * BH in the WUSV Harmonization Program, these endeavors shall be looked on favorably by the WUSV Board in its deliberations in regard to GSDCA affiliation. That is, the WUSV Board will in the opinion of the CDO, in all probability but with reluctance allow the GSDCA to remain an affiliate of the WUSV.
- The WUSV/SV will continue to support its mandate and that shall mean Dogsport clubs such as the Working German Shepherd & Dogsport Clubs of Australia (WGSDCA) shall receive WUSV/SV Working Dog Judges to judge IPO shows in Australia but in doing so the WUSV/SV will by-pass the GSDCA in regard to the need for their approval to allow a WUSV/SV working dog judge to judge in Australia or for a qualified individual to participate in the WUSV IPO Championships.

You will note my reference to BH:

The inter play between the ANKC saying no and my remark that the WUSV Board would hopefully be empathetic because the GSDCA applied it best endeavours was underscored by my IPO/ZAP PART 2 suggested substitute of 'BH'.

What is Dogsport?

- Dogsport is a general term that covers many canine activities that can be undertaken with your dog however in this context relates to the conduct of training for IPO & BH titles.



Who is the Working German Shepherd & Dogsport Clubs of Australasia Inc. (WGSDCA)?

The Working German Shepherd & Dogsport Clubs of Australasia Inc. (WGSDCA) is a National Organisation, whose membership is dedicated to the Sport of IPO or Dogsport through promotion of the dog as a working animal. This organisation is not recognised by the ANKC and or is it a member of the GSDCA.

Why should I care about the WUSV Harmonisation program?

- The WUSV Harmonisation program includes many aspects of the GSD, not just breeding/show or obedience/trialing. In order to meet the requirements fully, amongst the other items, we must endeavour to demonstrate that animals used for breeding possess the qualities of trainability and sound character/temperament. This is a very important benefit to the breed and all breeders world-wide.
- The German Shepherd Dog is essentially a working dog that is the primary function of the breed and therefore needs to be able to demonstrate the animal's trainability and inherent aptitude to working.
- As these excerpts from the Standard shows, it is a requirement for the breed, and the best way to demonstrate same is to have a working test/title as a pre-requisite for Breed Survey.
 - **Characteristics:** Purpose and Usage: Versatile Utility, Herding, Guard and Service Dog.
 - **Temperament:** The German Shepherd Dog must be of well-balanced temperament, steady of nerves, self-assured, absolutely 'at ease' (except when provoked) and good natured as well as attentive and easy to train. He must possess instinctive drive, resilience and self confidence to be suitable as a companion, watch dog, protection, service and herding dog.

How will this impact the current Breed Survey scheme?

Acceptance of what has been proposed will require breeders and show enthusiasts to undertake character and working tests with their animals in order to present them to breed survey. It is noted that this change could present challenges for many who up until now have had no desire to undertake obedience and or show training with their animals to a point that saw them trialing to obtain an ANKC title or gain a GSDCA Good grading in the show ring. The GSD is not just a thing of beauty and is a companion dog whose character and working ability are its forte and whilst current character testing at Breed survey is credible the need to ascertain a dog's working ability has yet to be accepted by the membership.

What are the proposals for DNA scheme?

- A DNA scheme provides proof of identity and parentage of a dog. Using the WUSV system Australian bred and owned dogs would become part of a worldwide database for GSDs. It overrides issues of microchip fraud as dogs are DNA proven. Whilst all registered puppies in the litter will have their bloods recorded, only dogs that are intended for use in the breed improvement schemes need to be activated in the German system. The cost at present is €19 (\$30) per puppy and a further €46 (\$75) to have the dog DNA proven.
- An Australian scheme is being discussed and proposed but is in design stage. There could be double up and overlap so negotiation may need to take place in regard to this when it arises.

Dr Karen Hedberg Chair, ANKC Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee, has provided a copy of a discussion with Professor Claire Wade at their recent ANKC CHWC meeting. Her proposal is outlined in that discussion.



DNA Profiling

At the ANKC CHWC we were addressed by Professor Claire Wade, a professor of animal genetics at Sydney University, and is a dog breeder and member of DOGSNSW. She is well aware of the issues we currently face, and is supportive of the issue of not adding substantial costs to breeders by introducing DNA profiling across the board.

What she has proposed is we collect verified samples using the FTA cards (put out by WHATMAN) - these can be used to collect either saliva or blood and are applied to the treated section of the card. These cards are quite small, store flat and have a circle of treated material that extracts DNA that can be used directly into PRC machines.

Verified results are those that are taken by a veterinarian or accredited collector. The dogs are checked and the microchip/breed/dogs name recorded. A bar code is attached to each sample and the barcodes saved on a data base. Samples can be stored by date of collection. These can be stored in cardboard boxes at the state CC's The sample card will stay stable for up to 20 years, does not require special storage (air conditioned storeroom at the most).

Claire also suggested is that we collect 2 samples from each dog, one is kept as a reference, and one is used if the parentage is ever queried. The reserved sample could also be used for disease mapping or other studies within breeds.

This will be of great use to breeds that wish to establish bio-banks - they can have testing days, collect and store material with minimal costs.

The costs are around \$350 for 100 cards and are incredibly easy to use. Either a small sponge (supplied) of saliva or a drop of blood is sufficient to activate the card.

The ease of the system and even more so the lack of costs and special storage make this a very viable way of collecting the DNA profiles. These stay In Storage unless needed for verification at some later date. Could also be used to store samples of heavily used stud dogs - say after 5 - 10 studs

Will our dogs have to be registered with the WUSV to undertake the WUSV DNA, and HD/ED Schemes?

- Provided you are a member of the WUSV Member in your country then whatever method of registration of puppies is currently in place would suffice.

Will I, as an individual have to be a member of the WUSV in order to participate in these schemes?

- Provided you are a member of the WUSV Member in your country, you will be allowed to participate.

What will be the impact of the WUSV Harmonisation program on our HD/ED schemes?

- This will depend on the WUSV approval of our Australian readers. The GSDCA will put a case to the WUSV regarding our existing structures and how successful they have been in reducing the incidence of both Hip and Elbow dysplasia over the last 40 years.

Latest Advice as given by Louis Donald, WUSV (CDO)

- Current practice in Australia will be perused by the SV via Dr Telheim. Plates provided by Vets and decisions based thereon by Readers in Australia will continue as is now. Details on the perusal process will be provided in due course.



What does being Breed Survey for life mean for male animals in Australia?

- It means that male GSDs will need to be represented for survey once they turn four years of age, otherwise their BS status will be removed.

Specific Information for Victorian Members

The following gives an insight into what restrictions those that live in Victoria face if the ANKC approves the activity.

As a Victorian can I legally take part in the Protection element of IPO?

- No, you can't take part in protection work as it is not legal in Victoria. The relevant legislation is the *Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994* (the Act), associated Regulations and codes of practice:
[http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/LTObject_Store/ltobjst10.nsf/DDE300B846EED9C7CA257616000A3571/8531E3D2FB913A94CA2580FB001343CF/\\$FILE/94-81aa071%20authorised.pdf](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/LTObject_Store/ltobjst10.nsf/DDE300B846EED9C7CA257616000A3571/8531E3D2FB913A94CA2580FB001343CF/$FILE/94-81aa071%20authorised.pdf)
- Relevant references include:
 1. Code of Practice for the Operation of Dog Training Establishments. Bureau of Animal Welfare, Attwood 2002. Section 4.4

“Pre-requisites for people wishing to train their dog in protection training

 - 1) Only Licensed Security Guards registered under the Private Agents Act 1966, are eligible to have their dogs trained as Protection Dogs, or to be trained in Protection Training.
 - 2) Proof of Security Licence must be shown to the training establishment prior to commencement of Protection Training.
 - 3) No member of the general public may be trained in protection training unless the above pre-requisites are complied with.”
 2. A dog that has been protection trained is automatically declared a dangerous dog. The relevant clause of the Act is 34A

“Dangerous dogs: A dog is a dangerous dog if the dog is kept as a guard dog for the purpose of guarding non-residential premises; or the dog has been trained to attack or bite any person or anything when attached to or worn by a person.
 3. It is the owner's responsibility to notify their local Council that they have a dangerous dog, to ensure the dog wears a prescribed collar and to muzzle and control the dog effectively off the owner's premises. Relevant clauses are:
 37. Notification of Council
 1. Immediately upon becoming the owner of a dog that has been trained to attack or bite any person or anything when attached to or worn by a person, the owner of the dog must so notify the Council of the municipal district in which the dog is kept.
 - 1A. Immediately upon a dog commencing training to attack or bite any person or anything when attached to or worn by a person, the owner of the dog must notify the Council of the municipal district in which the dog is kept that the dog is being so trained. I must then adhere to the requirements of keeping a dangerous dog with regard to desexing, housing, identification, property signage, specific collar, muzzling in public etc.



40. Identification of dangerous dogs

The owner of a dangerous dog must ensure that at all times the dog wears a collar of the kind prescribed.

41. Restraint of dangerous dogs off the owner's premises

If a dangerous dog is outside the premises of its owner and is not—

- muzzled in a manner which is sufficient to prevent it causing injury by biting; and
- under the effective control of some person by means of a chain, cord or leash— the owner of that dangerous dog and any person for the time being in charge of the dog are guilty of an offence and liable upon conviction to a penalty of not more than 5 penalty units for a first offence and 10 penalty units for a second or subsequent offence.

What if I import an IPO trained dog?

- You are required to declare the dog dangerous with your local council and adhere to the restrictions above.
- The GSDCV and Dogs Victoria negotiated with government and obtained an Order in Council (dated 2 April 2009) that provides for some exemptions for imported IP/Schutzhund trained dogs from the dangerous dogs provisions. These exemptions are only for desexing, identification and muzzling while in public places, and strict conditions on these exemptions apply.

Order of Council Sections 4 & 5

4. Exemption

A dangerous dog is exempt from-

- a) the desexing requirements of section 10A(4)(a) of the Act; and
- b) the identification requirements of section 40 of the Act; and
- c) the requirements of section 41(1) of the Act to restrain a dog by muzzling and to control it by means a chain, cord or leash.

5. Conditions imposed on exemptions

Despite the exemptions specified in clause 4 of this Order, a dangerous dog is not exempt under the clause unless the dog meets the following conditions-

- a) it is a Schutzhund-trained German Shepherd; and
- b) it is owned by a person who is a member of the Victorian Canine Association trading as 'Dogs Victoria'; and
- c) it has been imported into Australia by the owner referred to in paragraph (b) above for breeding purposes; and
- d) in relation to paragraphs (b) and (c) of clause 4, it is competing in an event sanctioned by 'Dogs Victoria'.

Can I continue my imported dog's IPO training?

- You can't continue with the Protection element of IPO training unless you are a registered and qualified Licensed Security Guard registered under the *Private Agents Act 1966* who meets the conditions of the Act, regulations and the codes of practice. To do so otherwise is illegal.
- You can continue to train your dog in obedience and tracking.

Can I have my dog trained in another state or territory where IPO is legal?

The dog would have to be declared dangerous on its return to Victoria and meet all the requirements listed above without the exemptions that apply to imported Schutzhund/IPO trained dogs (see above).



Appendix A

Below is the Itemized table outlining the Schedules and recommended changes

Schedule	Breed Harmonisation Item	Implementation Date	Recommended Change.
1.	Working Test – ZAP	In place December 2019	Change the date to all dogs born after 30 December 2019. Take to the Membership.
2.	Working Test – ZAP plus BH	In place December 2020	Change the date to all dogs born after 30 December 2019. Take to the Membership.
3.	Working Test – ZAP plus BH plus AD	In place December 2021	Consider alternative Australian obedience titles. Take to the Membership.
4.	Microchip/Tattooing	In place now.	Agreed.
5.	DNA National DNA Identification scheme and procedure.		Agree in principle and when the ANKC compulsory system is in place revisit with the WUSV.
6.	Minimum breeding age males – 18 months	In place July 2018	ANKC policy in place. Members to send each States Canine Control requirements to the GSDCA Secretary.
7.	Minimum breeding age – females – 18 months.	In place July 2018	ANKC policy in place. Members to send each States Canine Control requirements to the GSDCA Secretary.
8.	Maximum number of studs per year – 90 studs	In place July 2018	Agreed
9.	Maximum number of litters females – 3 litters max during 24 months.		ANKC policy in place. Members to send each States Canine Control requirements to the GSDCA Secretary.
10.	Re X-ray HD after 30 studs.	In place December 2020	Seek further detail.
11.	AI – allowed	In place now.	Seek clarification if a minimum distance is to be factored in and if the dog has died, can his semen be used?
12.	In breeding limits – Minimum inbreeding 1/1,2/1, 2/3, 3/2	In place now	To be raised at NBC meeting in July 2017.
13.	HD scheme and X-rays	In place July 2018	Agreed.
14.	ED scheme and X-rays.	In place July 2018.	Agreed.
15.	HD/ED Procedure.	In place July 2018.	Seek clarification regarding our readers and their qualifications and procedures.
16.	Minimum Show Grading – Good.	In place July 2018	Agreed.
17.	Breed Survey – other than amendments to reflect breeding matrix.	In place now	Agreed.
18.	Pedigrees as per ANKC	In place now	Agreed.
19.	ANKC submission		
20.	SV working Dog Judges		Held in abeyance until process with ANKC re Schedule 19 has been determined.
21.	WUSV World IPO Championships – Australian representative		Held in abeyance until process with ANKC re Schedule 19 has been determined.
22.	Grading of Excellent /Vorzuglich		Requires clarification.
23.	Grading of Excellent Select / Vorzuglich Ausiese		Requires Clarification. Subject to Schedule 19 being approved by the ANKC and if the GSDCA decides to hold a National Breed Show.

