

National Breed Commission Report – Vince Tantaro

It is with pleasure and thanks that I welcome you all to the 2018 NBC meeting. I must again express our thanks to Melanie Groth, who unfortunately due to work and health issues resigned as NBC Chairperson in May, for her dedication and work done in that role. Like many of you I am indeed heartened that she has taken up the role of NBC Registrar and will continue to contribute as a member of the Breed Survey Improvement Program as initiated by the 2016 GSDCA Breed Survey Forum.

It is important to note that the GSDCA Executive decided not to fill the vacant NBC Chairperson position, as it was felt that the short time frame to the next election process would not be conducive for someone to come in cold and administer the position. Robyn Knuckey and I are administering the portfolio's affairs, with any contentious matter being resolved by the Executive. In wearing this dual hat, I have known for a long time that the NBC portfolio demands much from its Chairperson! I have in the past asked that specific work areas be shared and others are empowered to administer their own roles with oversight by the NBC Chairperson as the only way of ensuring whoever takes the role on is not burnt out or seen as a dictator! With this in mind I do ask the Judges and Breed surveyors to seriously consider stepping up and nominate for election.

I thank all our Registrars and other officers that contribute to the work of the NBC - it is important for the membership to note that you are voluntary workers who give up valuable time to meet the Breed and their needs. I ask you all read the reports as presented and note any recommendation and or information as presented. I must also thank Val Moody, Jane Pike and Jacinta Poole who continue to provide valuable support to the NBC Executive.

I am happy to report that the Breed Survey Improvement Program Working Group 2 & 3 has been combined and now will cover Education & Personal development. I am indeed pleased and will now be led by Jo Cathie. It is unfortunate that matters related to the WUSV Harmonisation have taken our focus away from the principle outcomes of the 2017 Breed Survey Forum. I would like to thank Ian Urie who as Chair of the WG2 decided to resign.

I cannot overemphasise the importance of all of us working together to raise the membership's confidence in our Breed Survey Scheme. Only you can do this! The signing of service agreements was one big step, however it must be noted that whilst we have found in one case the agreements are not watertight - the fact as a GSDCA Surveyor/Judge it is our collective obligation to adhere to the major principle of the agreements, which is rather simple "you cannot preach unto others to do something you do not do yourself". We have a long way to go and again I quote the fact only 40% of GSD breeders do so with 2 breed surveyed animals! There is much work to do if we want to see only breed surveyed parents be allowed to be bred with and enacted as an ANKC LRL!

Noting the importance to breed matters it must be stated that the impact of introducing the WUSV 23 schedules as agreed had been one that has seen noted opposition after the fact!

You have as members of the Leadership group been privy to the machinations of the WUSV Board questioning our commitment to putting into place key elements of the WUSV Harmonisation, be it in full or as amended by us at the SGM held last year. The fact that we have had push back on Gun Testing and us fully participating in the SV DNA Scheme again highlights to all our ability to be rather selective despite the Council agreeing to act as one to what each Member Club will support without question!

There is strong language from the WUSV (despite reassurances expressed from WUSV CDO at and during last year's debate that IPO was not essential as long as we presented a case to the ANKC) that I have interpreted as it must be our primary goal to convince all that IPO must be introduced.

Working Test Prerequisite for GSDCA Breed survey: We have found we lack the ability, capacity and or commitment across the majority of our Member Clubs to see Schedules 2 & 3 regarding BH & AD titles put in place as scheduled. The ZAP puppy Test can and will be introduced.

Group these with the partial acceptance of a number of schedules examples such as the application of a Gun test that will only apply to Open Classes and not making the SV DNA identification a prerequisite for Breed Survey continue to divide rather than unite all behind the fact we did accept as an organisation the concept of WUSV Harmonisation with an approach suited to our situation at this moment in time.

This weekend will see some very important discussion around a number of matters that may better serve our future. I do ask that you all comment freely and listen to others. It is only with this approach that we can gain a consensus based on respect for one another. This in turn will produce outcomes that we all own and progress forward.

Thank You

Vince Tantaro
President

GSDCA Registrars Reports

National HD/ED Registrar Report – Doug West

Mr. Chairman, Club President's, Club Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Once again I'm pleased to present my report to the 2018 NBC Meeting covering activity on Hip & Elbows. Councils Data Base now has **10,891** animals recorded as at **13/6/2018**, comprising of **3,198 males (29.36%)** and **7,693 bitches (70.64%)**.

Again this year the statistics have been extracted from the GSDCA data base and is an increase on the 10,510 in 2017. There have been 381 animals entered into Councils database during the 2017/18 year, and now this gives 35 years of records on file. Consisting of 19 years of records entered into Councils Data Base and a further 16 years that came from the database I constructed and maintained initially.

The following report comprises of data extracted from the database and covers the period **1st July 2017 to 13th June 2018** last 12 months, however the whole database is also reported on to give the complete picture in regards to Hip & Elbow Dysplasia in this Country over the years.

Table: 1 2018 Full Database to 13/06/2018:						
Club	Submitted		'A'		Z'	
ACT:	193	1.77%	162	1.49%	187	1.72%
BH:	35	0.32%	28	0.26%	34	0.31%
NCHR:	460	4.22%	416	3.82%	452	4.15%
NSW:	2647	24.30%	2334	21.43%	2597	23.85%
NT:	87	0.80%	63	0.58%	83	0.76%
NZ:	657	6.03%	520	4.77%	608	5.58%
QLD:	1702	15.63%	1413	12.97%	1439	13.21%
SA:	1274	11.70%	1121	10.29%	1226	11.26%
TAS:	372	3.42%	317	2.91%	353	3.24%
VIC:	2108	19.36%	1833	16.83%	2032	18.66%
WA:	1356	12.45%	1186	10.89%	1320	12.12%
Year 2018:	10,891	100.00%	9,393	86.25%	10,331	94.86%
Year 2017:	10,510	100.00%	9,047	86.08%	10,172	96.78%
Year 2016:	10,115	100.00%	8,681	85.82%	9,831	97.19%
Year 2015:	9,582	100.00%	8,222	85.81%	9,320	97.27%
Year 2014:	9,430	100.00%	8,084	85.73%	9,171	97.25%

As can be seen from **Table 1**, the full database as at 13/06/2018, **10,891** animals have been submitted to the scheme since records have been recorded electronically, **9,393** animals have gained the 'A' stamp giving a **86.25% pass rate on hips**, this is an increase on last year's 86.08% of + 0.17% in the hip pass rate. With elbows, there was **10,331** gaining the 'Z' resulting in a **pass rate of 94.86%**, this is a decrease on last year's (2017) **96.78%** of -1.92% drop in the elbow pass rate.

Table 1 above also shows a breakdown of the various Clubs participation for the last four years, and each States results in Hips & Elbows.

The State of New South Wales has the most animals submitted with 2,647 = 24.30% of the total database, and last year 2016/17 had 2,550 = 24.26% which shows a slight drop this year of 0.04% . Those that gained the 'A', the pass rate on hips for NSW this year 2017/18 was 21.43%, compared to last year's 21.36%, 2,597 gained the 'Z' giving a pass rate for NSW of 23.85% on Elbows.

The pass rate on Hips has increased over the past 5 years from 85.73% in 2014 to 86.25% in 2017, an increase of 0.52%. And a decrease in the Elbows pass rate from 97.25% in 2014 to 94.86% in 2017 a drop of **-2.39%**. This drop is of concern and indicates that we need to be very aware of the animals elbow results that we are going to breed from.

Table 1A Full Database 2018: Elbows

Club	BORDERLINE		NORMAL ELB		NEAR NORMAL		GR1 ELB		GR2 ELB		GR3 ELB		UAP	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
ACT:	0	0.00%	133	1.22%	36	0.33%	36	0.33%	20	0.18%	3	0.03%	0	0.00%
BH:	0	0.00%	24	0.22%	0	0.00%	9	0.08%	3	0.03%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
NCHR:	0	0.00%	361	3.31%	1	0.01%	72	0.66%	21	0.19%	3	0.03%	1	0.01%
NSW:	2	0.02%	2,088	19.17%	4	0.04%	368	3.38%	154	1.41%	13	0.12%	13	0.12%
NT:	0	0.00%	66	0.61%	0	0.00%	10	0.09%	7	0.06%	3	0.03%	1	0.01%
NZ:	0	0.00%	414	3.80%	1	0.01%	148	1.36%	53	0.49%	2	0.02%	14	0.13%
QLD:	1	0.01%	1257	11.54%	1	0.01%	284	2.61%	115	1.06%	11	0.10%	26	0.24%
SA:	0	0.00%	969	8.90%	1	0.01%	195	1.79%	76	0.70%	7	0.06%	21	0.19%
TAS:	0	0.00%	278	2.55%	0	0.00%	53	0.49%	29	0.27%	3	0.03%	6	0.06%
VIC:	1	0.01%	1,583	14.53%	0	0.00%	345	3.17%	122	1.12%	8	0.07%	34	0.31%
WA:	0	0.00%	936	8.59%	0	0.00%	225	2.07%	170	1.56%	14	0.13%	7	0.06%
Year 2018:	4	0.04%	8109	74.46%	44	0.40%	1745	16.02%	770	7.07%	67	0.62%	123	1.13%
Year 2017:	6	0.06%	7804	74.25%	7	0.07%	1720	16.37%	702	6.68%	103	0.98%	114	1.08%
Year 2016:	5	0.05%	7445	73.60%	13	0.13%	1708	16.89%	728	7.20%	123	1.22%	110	1.09%
Year 2015:	5	0.05%	7,008	73.13%	5	0.05%	1,643	17.14%	712	7.43%	117	1.22%	102	1.06%
Year 2014:	5	0.05%	6,880	72.96%	0	0.00%	1,621	17.19%	709	7.52%	118	1.25%	100	1.06%

Table 1A above, is broken up into State participation for whole data base for Elbows. A breakdown of Elbows is shown including UAP. This table gives an overall picture of where each state is in relation to the scheme. A comparison is also given between the past 5 years at the bottom.

Table 1A Also shows for 2018 that a total number of 4 Animals has received Borderline (0.04%), 8,109 has received a Normal Elbow (74.46%), 44 received Near Normal (0.40%), 1,745 received Gr1 (16.02%), 770 received Gr2 (7.07%), 67 received Gr3 (0.62%), 123 (1.13%) having UAP. Disturbing is the increase in UAP from 1.06% in 2014 to 1.13% in 2018.

Table 2 Full Database 2018		
Total Data Base	10,891	100%
Dr Lavelle =	5,732	52.63%
Dr Wyburn =	4,636	42.57%
Dr Richardson =	523	4.80%
Females:=	7,693	70.64%
Males:=	3,198	29.36%
Hips:		
Total Hip Pass=	9,393	86.25%
Total Hip Fail=	1,431	13.14%
Hip N/S=	67	0.62%

Table 2 shows the consolidated figures for the whole data base, 10,891 animals have been presented, **9,393** have gained the 'A' stamp giving a pass rate 86.25% for hips.

Dr Lavelle adjudicated on: **5,732 = 52.63%**,

Dr Wyburn adjudicated on: **4,636 = 42.57%**

Dr Richardson adjudicated on: **523 = 4.80%**

The feminine influence with **7,693** (70.64%) continues to remain stronger than the males with **3,198** (29.36%).

Hips to date have **9,393** gaining the 'A' resulting in a Pass rate of **86.25%**.

Elbow Summary:	Full Database 2018	
Total "Z"=	10,331	94.86%
Total "N"=	8,109	74.46%
Total "N/N"=	8	0.07%
Total "Borderline"	4	0.0367%
Total Gr1=	1,744	16.01%
Total G2=	769	7.06%
Total G3=	67	0.62%
Total Elbow Fail=	170	1.56%
Total "UAP Right"=	89	0.82%
Total "UAP Left"=	75	0.69%
Total "UAP Both"=	41	0.38%
Total "UAP"=	123	1.13%
Elb N/S=	67	0.62%

Elbow Summary shows **10,331** animals passing the 'Z' giving a pass rate of **94.86%** down on last year's **96.77%**.

Total number of animals with Normal elbows is 8,109 animals 74.46%, Near Normal 8 =0.07%, Borderline 4 = 0.0367% Grade 1 =1,744 16.01%, Grade 2. 769 = 7.06%, Grade 3 = 67= 0.62%, total number of Elbow Fail is 170 =1.56%. Total number affected with UAP is 123 & this represents 1.13% of the total 10,891 animals in the database. There have been 67 that were not submitted for elbows.

Table 3 "Certificates Issued Annually". Chart below is for 2017/18 year.														
Club	Submitted	%	'A'	'A' %	'Z'	'Z' %	"B/L" ELB	"N" ELB	N/N ELB	GR1 ELB	GR2 ELB	GR3 ELB	UAP	UAP %
ACT:	9	2.36%	8	2.10%	8	2.10%	0	6	0	1	1	0	0	0.00%
BH:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
NCHR:	10	2.62%	9	2.36%	9	2.36%	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	0.00%
NSW:	97	25.46%	88	23.10%	93	20.76%	0	84	0	5	4	0	0	0.00%
NT:	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
NZ:	13	3.41%	12	3.15%	13	3.41%	0	12	0	1	0	0	0	0.00%
QLD	55	14.44%	50	13.12%	51	13.39%	0	45	0	5	4	0	1	0.26%
SA:	66	17.32%	61	16.01%	63	16.54%	0	58	0	5	3	0	0	0.00%
TAS:	20	5.25%	18	4.72%	18	4.72%	0	16	0	2	1	0	1	0.26%
VIC:	74	19.42%	64	16.80%	70	18.37%	0	69	0	1	0	0	4	1.05%
WA:	37	9.71%	34	8.92%	36	9.45%	0	32	0	4	0	0	1	0.26%
YTD 2018	381	100%	344	90.29%	361	94.75%	0	329	0	26	13	0	7	1.84%
YTD 2017	173	100%	157	91%	165	95.38%	0	156	0	11	4	3	2	1.16%
Year 2016	448	100%	405	90%	422	94.20%	0	368	2	34	11	2	5	1.12%
Year 2015	443	100%	380	86%	427	96.39%	0	362	4	61	6	1	7	1.58%
Year 2014	482	100%	420	87%	464	96.27%	0	374	1	82	9	13	6	1.24%
Year 2013	478	100%	438	92%	466	97.49%	0	356	0	106	10	5	5	1.05%

Table 3 gives an overall picture of the Hip & Elbow Certificates that were issued during the period 1st July 2017 to 13th June 2018 the last 12 Months. NSW received 97 certificates which was 25.46% of the total 381 processed. Victoria had 74 = 19.42%, South Australia 66 = 17.32%, Queensland had 55 = 14.44%. Tasmania had 20 = 5.25% and Newcastle had 10 = 2.62%. New Zealand had 13 = 3.41%. Since 2014 the number issued has dropped from 482, to 381 in 2017/18 a decrease of 101 in 4 years.

The GSDCA Hip & Elbow Scheme each year recognises the kennels who reach the 4 milestones in the scheme. Gaining Council's awards is not easy to achieve, and it can take a Kennel several years to qualify for, and they are: the Bronze medallion for having 10 or more animals with your Kennel prefix successfully gaining the 'A' or a 'Z' stamp, Silver is for achieving 25, and Gold is for 50, there is a special plaque awarded to those kennels achieving 100 or more to commemorate this milestone.

Congratulations to the 28 Kennels below on their respective achievements that have qualified for GSDCA H&E Awards during the 2017/18 Year.

A total of 42 Medallions have been awarded to 28 Kennels in 2018. That comprised of: 10 Bronze Medallions for Hips & 9 Bronze Medallions for Elbows, 7 Silver Medallions for Hips and 8 Silver Medallions for elbows, 2 Gold Medallions for Hips and 2 Gold Medallions for Elbows.

In addition 4 Plaques were awarded to 2 Kennels. AIMSWAY KENNELS achieved a Plaque for both 'A' & 'Z', congratulations to John & Lee Martens on submitting over 100 animals to the scheme, and to VONRAUTEN KENNELS on receiving a Plaque for the 'A', submitting over 100 animals to the scheme for Hips, Jenny Mitchell has now been awarded both Plaques for 'A' & 'Z'.

Those that are breeding and those that have bred, know that it takes a long time to qualify for these awards. To receive the Bronze can take a Kennel several years, but to successfully put over 100

animals through the scheme carrying your Prefix is certainly a milestone that only a few have reached.

There are only 15 Kennels that have been awarded a Plaque for the 'A' stamp, and one of those have had 251 animals pass the 'A' stamp, and that is ICCARA KENNELS in WA, and they have also had 206 pass the 'Z' stamp, what an outstanding achievement by ICCARA KENNELS. There has been 13 Kennels that have been awarded the Plaque for 'Z' stamp.

The Chart below depicts those Kennels achieving the awards for 2018. The awards have been forwarded to the various States to be presented at a significant Club event.

Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
AIMSWAY	AIM	Plaque 'A' & 'Z'	137	119	NSW	Mr John & Mrs Lee Martens
BOSSFACE	BOS	Silver 'A' & 'Z'	25	28	NSW	Mr M & Mrs C Theris
HAUSILLEVON	JLN	Bronze 'Z'	8	10	NSW	Mr J Novelli
HILLMAGIC	HMA	Silver 'A' & 'Z'	26	29	NSW	Ms P Jones & Mrs B Parsons & Mr A Toretto
RUFSTONE	RSE	Silver 'Z'	22	26	NSW	Mr P & Mrs S Scaysbrook
VEEAY	SSD	Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	12	12	NSW	Mr S Sammut
VENESTHORN	VEN	Bronze 'A'	11	12	NSW	Mrs Dianne Thornton
			5	6	11	
Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
FREMONT	FMT	Gold 'Z'	53	50	NHR	S & J Lynch
				1	1	
Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
CASTASTAR	CSA	Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	12	12	QLD	Mrs A C Doyle
KARALCIN	KAJ	Bronze 'A'	10	9	QLD	Ms K A Long
KARHAM	KDH	Silver 'A' & 'Z'	28	31	QLD	Miss N J Hammond
			3	2	5	
Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
ALIMANDA	ALI	Gold 'A'	53	43	SA	Alimanda Kennels
EROICA	ERO	Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	12	11	SA	Mrs C A E Leonard
GILARISHA	GIL	Silver 'Z'	22	25	SA	Mrs R Archbold
IZONME		Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	12	14	SA	Mr S McCormack & Ms G Mitchell & Miss K Hayles
LAGO	LAO	Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	11	11	SA	Lago Kennels,
SAGENHAFT	SAG	Silver 'A' & 'Z'	39	41	SA	Mr Jim & Mrs Chris Tester
TAURORN	TGF	Silver 'A'	27	22	SA	Ms G Wellman
VONRAUTEN	RAU	Plaque 'A'	115	128	SA	Vonrauten Kennels
			7	5	12	
Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
BEKANNTE	GJP	Silver 'A' & Bronze 'Z'	26	24	TAS	Mr G & Mrs J Priest
			1	1	2	
Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
DELKIT	KIT	Bronze 'A'	10	12	VIC	Mrs A Kerr
DENARGUN	DEN	Plaque 'Z'	167	138	VIC	Ms Karen J Ballantyne
GLENRACO	GJN	Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	18	18	VIC	Ms G Johnston
MANPRINCE	MAN-A	Silver 'A' & 'Z'	26	28	VIC	Manprince Kennels (Helen Dunn)
RANDINKA	GBG	Bronze 'A' & 'Z'	11	12	VIC	Mr G B Green
			4	4	8	

Kennel	Symbol	Award	A' Stamps	Z' Stamps	State	Owner
ALDERHAUS	ALD-A	Gold 'Z'	75	55	WA	Miss P I Alder
BRONBOREO		Bronze 'Z'	8	11	WA	Mr B J Pereira & Mr R Pritchard
FRIEDENTAL	FRI	Gold 'A'	52	60	WA	Mrs Natalie A Humphries
			1	2	3	
			28	21	21	42

With all Dogs now being microchipped the H/E Application Form has a place on it to record the animal's microchip number. And if the microchip can't be found at the time of X-Ray a new microchip is to be implanted by the Vet conducting the X-Ray, there is a place for the Vet to record the new microchip number on the H/E Application Form under Labelling.

A reminder that the purchasing of a Hip & Elbow Control Scheme Application Form must be done **prior to the animal being x-rayed**, the animal must be 12 Months of age or older on the day of x-ray, the State Contract numbers are not to be given out over the phone by the State Registrar's, forms are not transferable between animals.

Members are asked to please ensure that your **Vet reads all the instructions on the H&E Dysplasia Control Scheme Application Form before x-raying your animal**, and saves any digital Disc's in the DICOM Image (i.e.: .dcm extension). Also some x-rays received have had **no copy of the Registration Papers, & some had no self stamp addressed envelope enclosed, these two items are a requirement.**

Please ensure that all the correct information is supplied as per the information & notes contained within the H&E Dysplasia Control Scheme Application Form, as this will get your results back to you much quicker from our Readers. Also ensure your Vet fills out their details in the greyed out area at the bottom left on the form, and completes the **"Veterinarian Declaration"** at the bottom right by signing it, if this is not completed the Form will be returned.

Some x-rays have also been received and the required details have not been Radiographically identified, this will result in your animal having to be x-rayed again to get the positive identification embedded into the x-rays, no one wants to put their animal through general anaesthesia unless it's necessary, and then have the extra wait to get your results back.

Thank you to all the Members & Breeders who have continued to support the H&E Dysplasia Control Scheme over the years, this has resulted in reducing the number of animals affected by this crippling disease. The pass rate is remaining at a high level, and we need to continue to monitor this so we can be proactive if and when needed.

I would like to thank the various State Registrars around Australia and New Zealand for their input, Melanie Groth the NBC hairperson for her assistance and co-operation over the period we have worked together. Thank you to Frank Moody the Database Coordinator for his assistance & co-operation with problems as they have arisen and Jacinta Poole for her help.

NBC Registrar Report – Melanie Groth

During my term as NBC Chair, I attended surveys in all states with the exception of Victoria. Whilst there are minor differences between states on the whole it appears that the Breed Surveys are conducted relatively similarly from start to finish. It is of note to remember that not everyone who has their dog surveyed is experienced and a kind word of advice or just setting the scene for a novice can be of great assistance to them and allay their fears which they automatically transfer to their dog. In my opinion surveys should be relaxed without being regimented and it is important that the checks of teeth height weight etc are done in a roped off area so that dogs are not feeling crowded. Assigning roles to the team is an important part of the survey experience.

Breed Surveys 2018 January 1 – June 30

Club	Surveys	Classified	Fails
ACTGSDA	1	5	Nil
GSDL	2	10	Nil
N&HRGSDC	1	2	2
GSDCQ	2	8	Nil
GSDCSA	3	22	Nil
GSDCT	2	9	1
GSDCV	3	14	2
GSDAWA	2	11	1
Total 2018	16	84	7
Total 2017	15	80	7

Surveys are tracking at about the same number as last year for the same period of time.

Reasons for Fails in 2018 to date:

- 4 failed gun test
- 1 insufficiently firm in character and failed gun test
- 1 oversize, soft ear and insufficient attributes
- 1 not of sufficient type to be classified

Thanks to the registrars from each of the clubs.

ACTGSDA	Veronica Fairbairn
GSDL	Pam Jarvis
N&HRGSDC	Peter Asquith
GSDCQ	Gail Donald
GSDCSA	Andrew O'Loughlin
GSDCT	Jan Haase
GSDCV	Gill Cafari
GSDAWA	Vicki Beaton

Registrars are relatively prompt in sending their cover sheets for the surveys by email and then the original arrives with the paperwork. This system works well.

Paperwork is sometimes slow in getting back from the surveyors to the registrars. I would ask surveyors to please be prompt with surveys. Some surveyors have taken to scanning their worksheets and sending them to me directly which is helpful.

Inputting surveys into the database.

Follow the simple steps

- Input the registration number of the dog then WAIT!
- A few seconds later the database will tell you who the dog is and you click on it and you are in.
- If you do not click on the dog's name the whole worksheet will not come up and it WILL NOT save. It will however let you think you are in.
- If the dog's pedigree does not come up then you should log out and start again.

Cover Sheets and Survey Reports

Registrars have been asked to complete a cover sheet to make reporting and accounting much more simplified. The example provided **Table 1**, was sent to registrars last year and it mirrors the input of all surveys across Australia by the NBC registrar. It is an efficient use of technology and makes things easier at the other end of the club survey. **Table 2** shows a snapshot of the 2018 data held at Council level.

Table 1 Cover sheet for registrars – should be electronically sent to regnbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	
	Club Name GSDCV				Date of Survey 16/04/2017											
Council No	Club No	Coat type	Name	Sire	Dam	Sex	DOB	Reg No	A' Stamp	Z' Stamp	Classified	Breed Surveyor	Microchip	Tattoo No		
	V 1919	LSC	Vegus Haus Mansard	Pakros d' Ulmental	Karma Oschento	Female	16/04/2015	3100654	A (2:3)	Normal	Yes/Fail	G. Green	15 digits			
	NSW 2060	SC								Grade 1						
	New															
	WA															
	Q															
	T															
	SA															
			Please use this cover sheet to accompany the paperwork from each breed survey. It can be sent electronically to the NBC chair email: nbc@gsdcouncilaustralia.org													

Table 2 Council record of dogs surveyed

Date	GSDCA		Name	Sire	Dam	Sex	Reg No	A' Stamp	Z' Stamp	Class	Date of		Member	
	No	Club No									Birth	Breed Surveyor	Club	Microc
17/02/2018	10153	T 466	Macho Lamorak (DEU)	Fulz Zenefredo	Biene Lamorak	M	SZ72295796	a Normal	ED normal	BSC	20/08/2013	A. Henderson	GSDCT	98118990
17/02/2018	10154	T 459	Awatea YMIss Suzie	Calle Westervenn	Awatea Nighttime Hussy	F	3100332530	A (5:2)	Normal	BSC	24/11/2015	A. Henderson	GSDCT	95600000
17/02/2018	10155	T 460	Roxamburg Hot Chilli	Tuabu Midnight	Roxamburg Luka Me	F	7100004719	A (3:5)	Grade 1	BSC	13/12/2014	G. Green	GSDCT	95301000
17/02/2018	10156	T 461	Freevale Just Something Else	Jonkhara Packman	Freevale Something Specia	F	2100454006	A (4:6)	Normal	BSC	21/04/2016	G. Green	GSDCT	94100001
17/02/2018	10157	T 462	Karraine Token From Ruby	Karraine Glory's Come	Karraine Hayley's Legacy	F	7100036265	A (3:2)	Normal	BSC	15/04/2016	G. Green	GSDCT	94100001

State Coordinators according to the Breed Survey Manual are meant to provide the NBC Executive with a report within two weeks of each survey. It is up to this meeting to decide on what format that report should take and whether it is the cover sheet or another proforma is required for the interest of surveyors across Australia.

Melanie Groth - NBC Registrar 1 July 2018

Breed Surveyor Aspirant Evaluation Report

Aspirant

Mentor Surveyor

Club

Breed Survey Date

Brief report about the context of survey (number of animals presented, surveyors in attendance, brief description of how the survey was conducted with the aspirant e.g. scribes etc)

Table (dogs' name and parents surveyed by the aspirant and mentor comments about each dog)

Dog	Sire & Dam	Mentor Comments

Review Process - Mentor analysis of aspirant's performance including feedback provided for the aspirant. Was a consensus reached? Areas to work on

Recommendation to NBC executive

Surveyor name and date

Forwarded to Aspirant and NBC Executive – date

Purpose of the Evaluation Report

Aspiring surveyors have strict criteria to meet to become accredited to be a Breed Surveyor (6.4.1). Once accepted as an aspirant, they must participate in at least 3 surveys with 3 different surveyors. After the mock survey is completed the Mentor provides feedback to the aspirant and completes an evaluation report. The evaluation report is forwarded to the aspirant and the NBC executive. After three successful evaluation reports the aspirant is eligible to become a licenced Breed Surveyor and will be tabled at the next NBC meeting.
Regulations Manual V4 01/07/2017

6.4 GSDCA Aspiring Breed Surveyors

- 6.4.1.11 If successful the Aspiring Breed Surveyor shall agree to undertake a twelve (12) month training period to advance their knowledge of the German Shepherd Dog.
- 6.4.1.12 The Aspiring Breed Surveyor must attend at least three (3) Breed Surveys in their State or Territory and at each Breed Survey undertake a mock Survey and complete a GSDCA Breed Survey Worksheet independently from the officiating Breed Surveyors on the day.
- 6.4.1.13 If three (3) Breed Surveys are not conducted in a twelve (12) month period in the applicant's state of domicile then the applicant may make application to the NBC Chairperson to participate in a Breed Survey in another State or Territory.
- 6.4.1.14 At the completion of each mock survey and assessment, a review process will be undertaken with the Aspirant and officiating Breed Surveyor.
- 6.4.1.15 The three (3) assessments cannot be completed under one Breed Surveyor. The process is to be one of mentoring the Aspirant.
- 6.4.1.16 At the completion of the review process the assessment together with an evaluation report by the officiating Breed Surveyor will be forwarded to the NBC Executive.
- 6.4.1.17 In cases where an Aspirant fails to meet with a positive evaluation in any one (1) of the three (3) assessments, they will be required to undertake an additional mock survey in order to gain a total of three (3) positive assessments. It must be noted that this may delay the approval process.
- 6.4.1.18 Once the NBC Executive has received three (3) positive assessments the NBC Executive will recommend to the next NBC Meeting that the Aspirant be formally recognised as a GSDCA Breed Surveyor.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MENTORS

Establish an environment that develops trust
Eliminate fear, focus on quality and involve the aspirant in self-evaluation and reflection.
Open ended reflective questions are best for coaching an aspirant

- How do you think you went?
- How did it feel?
- Are you satisfied with the general description and your recommendations?
- What words might you change?

Self-reflections questions for the aspirant

- Could I have used better terminology?
- Did I get the anatomy description correct?
- What things do I need to work on?

Sample Report

Breed Surveyor Aspirant Evaluation Report

Aspirant – Sharon Ballantyne

Mentor – Melanie Groth

Breed Survey – GSDCT 22 September 2017

Six animals were presented to survey on the day. Officiating surveyors were Melanie Groth and Alastair Henderson.

Sharon surveyed the dogs represented in the table and post survey we discussed her comments. I did not have a scribe so she was unable to hear any of the critiquing comments that I made throughout the survey until the summation. Sharon was able to attend the survey as she was judging at the GSDCT Show over that weekend.

Dog	Sire & Dam	Comments
Ch. Roxamburg Harleys Rose A Z	S. *Orrinshir Elton John A Z D. *Bekannte All About Moiye Roxet A Z	Sharon's comments about this animal mirrored mine. The only criticism was that she needed to cut down the number of words in the description as some words were superfluous.
Ch. Roxamburg Harleys Halo A Z	S. *Orrinshir Elton John A Z D. *Bekannte All About Moiye Roxet A Z	This was the best animal surveyed and Sharon commented similarly to the notes I made on the survey. I felt that she had the survey correct.
Alderhaus Walk This Way A Z	S. *Labo von Schollweiher aED (Gmy) D. *Alderhause Pixies Emilee A Z	This dog was only average quality and whilst breed surveyable, he really was a dog that would improve the breed in anyway other than colour and pigment. Sharon was able to successfully negotiate the nuances that ensured that the owners pride would still be in tact yet the survey covered the necessary faults. I thought she did this with great skill.
Bekjannt Django A Z (LSC)	S. *Karliza Titan A Z D. *Bekannte All About Moiye Amy A Z	Sharon's assessment of this dog was similar to mine, a just above average quality long stock male with very good strength and masculinity and good size, presented in heavy condition.

Sharon's assessment of the dogs was very close to mine and I felt that she worded the Faults and Virtues and Recommendations for breeding extremely well. She has a good command of the correct terminology and observes the size in conjunction with the GSDCA height tables. We discussed at length the attributes and areas for improvement on each of the dogs and as this was her first opportunity to be mentored through the scheme since becoming an aspirant at the July NBC meeting I felt that she was more than capable of surveying dogs. Sharon seeks the advice and opinion of other surveyors, both listening and observing protocols. I have no hesitation in recommending her to gain her full surveyor licence.

Melanie Groth

February 2018

Breed Health & Welfare Committee Report – Dr. Candy Baker

To be sent under separate cover.

Haemophilia Registrar Report – Dr. Candy Baker

To be sent under separate cover.

National Database Coordinator Report – Frank Moody

It is my pleasure to submit this GSDCA Database progress report to the 2018 NBC Meeting.

Breed Surveyors will see that some additional options have recently been added to the “drop-down” selections, as requested by Melanie Groth.

Also, I have enhanced the access for Breed Surveyors to also include the Dogs, Microchip, and HD/ED screens.

This will now enable surveyors to work from the one login, and not need to also use their Club Member logins as well.

HD/ED Sire Statistics

The updated HD/ED Sire Statistics as at 30th June 2018 have been prepared using the GSDCA Database.

The following is a list of Sires that are new in this report (because they now have a minimum of 10 progeny through the schemes).

- ASTASIA PACA
- FREMONT HELLS BELLS
- GIOTTO DI FOSSOMBRONE (IMP ITL)
- VABLO VOM OSTERBERGER-LAND (IMP DEU)
- VENEZE LUTZ (IMP UK)

FYI - Statistics I have extracted from the Database (since introduction of LSC)

GSD Registration Statistics							
Data is extracted from the GSDCA Database based on DOB							
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
German Shepherd Dog							
Male		1,863	1,838	1,865	1,769	1,814	1,681
Female		1,874	1,798	1,780	1,831	1,805	1,413
Total =		3,737	3,636	3,645	3,600	3,619	3,094
German Shepherd Dog (LSC)							
Male		147	218	302	280	345	370
Female		174	224	239	265	319	308
Total =		321	442	541	545	664	678
Total pups born from 2 LSC parents							
						Male	197
						Female	159
						Total =	356
Therefore LSC pups born from SC parents							
						Male	173
						Female	149
						Total =	322

GSDCA Breed Survey - 2012 to 2017 (animals passed)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
GSD Stock Coat							
Male	44	43	40	46	22	38	233
Female	121	128	130	128	95	114	716
Total	165	171	170	174	117	152	949
GSD (LSC)							
Male	3	5	5	9	6	8	36
Female	4	6	13	19	13	25	80
Total	7	11	18	28	19	33	116
Grand Total	172	182	188	202	136	185	1065

Discussion Item 10.3 - Imported Semen Verification

With the increasing use of imported semen it is vital that we introduce a Title Verification system for imported semen (similar to imported dogs).

The Database has provision for recording Overseas Titles, Hip and Elbow status of overseas dogs. To ensure the integrity of the data within our Database it is vital that only those results that have been verified are added to the Database.

Those imported dogs that do NOT have a Title Verification have the pedigree created with Names of Parents and Grandparents – but NO Titles and Hip and Elbow status. If and when the Title Verification is completed these details will be added to the Database. It is proposed that the same applies for any imported semen.

DATA UPDATE

Dog Database

Registrations are currently up to 31st May 2018 – being 300,000+ dogs.

Tattoo/Microchip Database

Some breeders are still tattooing, and including Tattoo numbers when registering their puppies with the ANKC.

As the GSDCA does not have an official Tattoo Scheme effective from 1st July 2017, any dogs with a DOB of 1st July 2017 and beyond will NOT have any tattoo details recorded in the Database – Microchips only.

HD/ED Database

There are now over 10,900 results in the database.

Breed Survey Database

There are now over 1,600 results in the database.

Past Breed Surveys back to 2010 have been entered into the database.

Survey results prior to that are available from the printed Breed Survey Books.

Haemophilia Database

There are now 1,075 results in the database.

Thank you to Daryl Bourke, Rob Filardo, Melanie Groth, Doug West, and Candy Baker for their time, and assistance in ongoing data entry and maintenance of the Database.