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Editors Notes



Hi Members.

Welcome to the September edition of the club Newsletter.

In this edition there is plenty to see and read – Notice of your new committee is on the page above and welcome to the new committee members and welcome back to the previous committee members who had so much fun the previous year that they happily came back to do it all over again.

Photo's photos and more photos – Photos of members dogs posing – Such cool photos of dogs – no flashy show stands here and no poncy obedience sits or downs or fancy agility maneuvers - just being dogs. (Sorry if I haven't named your dog in the pic – or worse – we got it wrong).

Awards and Achievements – End of year awards – Congratulations to everyone who received an award – well done on the hard work that earning these awards takes – keep it up and keep training.

Healthy Dogs – I like to include articles in the newsletter that relate to the health of dogs and especially that relate more so to our German Shepherds – This edition I've included an article on BLOAT – and my own account of a recent personal experience with the condition. Please read through the article and make yourself aware of the signs, symptoms, and ways to avoid it.

Article also on breaking up a dog fight – sometimes dog fights happen and can be for a variety of reasons – best case scenario is to try and avoid a situation and knowing your dog, is a big part of that and not putting them in a position where they may harm or be harmed. BE AWARE and STAY AWARE

The WHATS NEW (pussycat whooah whooah whoa whoa whoa) section – showcases the new purchases, additions, improvements, and upgrades that have been made or added to at club. The committee is prudent when it comes to spending money on new items or upgrades and many and sometimes heated discussions take place to discuss the pros and cons. Money is spent wisely, depending on the needs of the club – not on if its Agilitys or Obedience's or Shows 'turn' to have money spent – We are all one and there is no preferential treatment

Our star field reporter Michael gives another report update on his life and more information on LRL's – litter registration limitation – Barry has provided a simple version of what this entails and I have also included what was in DOGS NZ magazine – if you want more information Andy Connor or Barry Black would be happy to answer your questions

Read and Enjoy – any comments – complaints – suggestions e.t.c email to info@sigsl.org.nz

Stay Safe – Keep Smiling and hug a furry friend – Jane Dalzell (Editor)



Honorary Members

Duguld Thomas
Darron Willett
Jo Townsend
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Life Members

R Adcock
Gavin and Carol Black
Jim and Chris Bucknell
P Dixon
Rose Frame
Blue Gardiner
D Louch
J and E Nisbet
D Richards
Dot Saxton
P Ward
Evan and Bev Rahurahu
Tony and Annette Gibson
Alan and Barbara McKernan
Bruce and Judy Mayhew
Elizabeth Wilkinson
Deb Bannan

Welcome to New Members –

Leigh McConchie and Luna
Helen McNaughton and Pippi
Tyler Courtney and Koda
Richard and Jackie Cole and Nelson
Natasha Dravitzki and Kairyn
Vinnie Wiremu and Poppy
Krystal & Jake Luhrs and Dusty
Michael (Mikey) Macdonald & Catherine Sambrook and Luna
Dorina Bochow-Palmer and Tango
Kirsty & Martin Brennan and Maggie
Jennifer Grant - Eiko and Ceilidh
Esh Weerasinghe and Rocky
Kym Smith and Neeko

Get To know your Committee

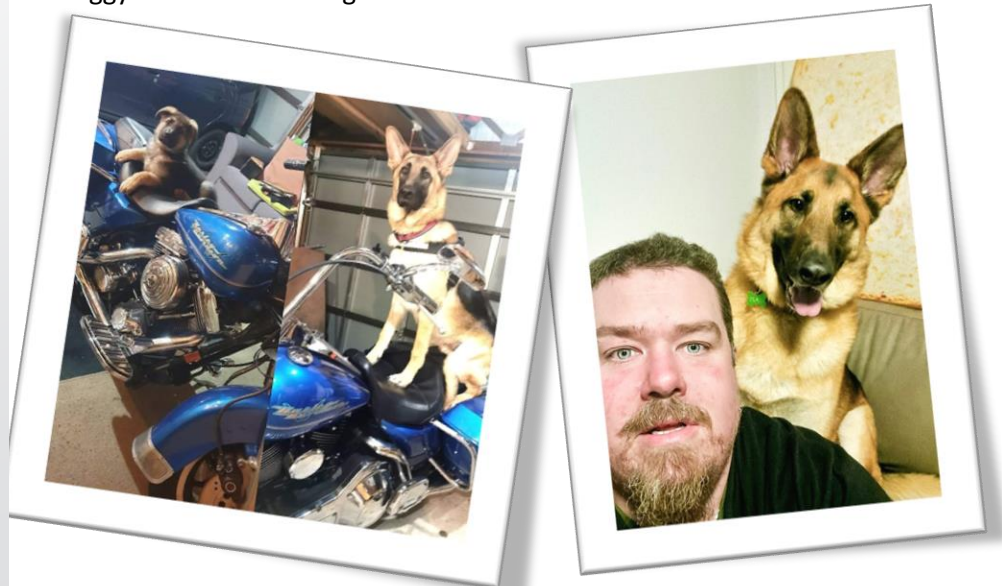
Simon Rayner and Blaze

Hi I'm Simon, my dog is called Blaze, he is 2.5 years old. I believe the German Shepherd is the best breed of dog and always wanting one of my own after having one in the family when I was young. He's such a loyal companion and best friend to me. I couldn't picture life without him, he's my everything I love him to bits.

We love doing everything together, whether it be walking up bridle path to take some photos or taking him to the shopping mall, mates party's, the river for a swim, doing walks with his bff Michael and other gsd's, working on my bike and everything else.

His favorite toy would be his black kong or a ball, if there's a ball he won't stop bringing it back and forth for me to chuck again and again for him. We enjoy the SIGSL community and the training etc. a fun club to be a part of and everything involved with it, keeps us busy.

Blaze is looking forward to summer spending time at the beach with his doggy friends and having an ice cream.



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Presidents Blog

Hi All,

I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you to the Committee of 20/21 for an excellent year, despite the curveballs that were thrown with the likes of lockdowns, boarder closures and floods. Thank you for your support and placing SIGSL in a great position for the future.

Our membership is growing from strength to strength and that in my view, can be attributed to the hard work and dedication that a number of our members pour into SIGSL, not just for the love of the breed, but also for the community that comes with it.

To the 21/22 Committee, welcome and I look forward to working with you and continuing the strength of our club going forward.

By way of background; I come from a family of Police, which meant one way or another, we always had a shepherd of two. I have known no other breed like this one with our first family dog arriving when I was 9 months old. By the age of 8, I was introduced to obedience with my own dog to handle and by the age of 22, to agility; although, right from as long as I can remember, Tux Wonder Dogs was a regular feature in our household.

I joined SIGSL in 2012 with my foundation bitch Lupa. I attended regular obedience and agility classes and competed with her right up until her retirement. I loved the sense of belonging and community that SIGSL had to offer and wanted to get involved in any way I could. I began helping with training in 2014 and have loved developing my own skill set and being able to share knowledge and experience with members new and old. For me, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing a young pup or dog develop a bond with its handler and see them both develop and grow as a team, no matter what they put their skill set to.

Outside of SIGSL, I am a lawyer, a wife to Rosie, a mother to Chiara and an avid sportswoman – Rugby, Touch and Rowing being my sports of choice. Most often you will find Rosie and I, in our spare time at the club grounds, Chiara in the front pack with Lupa and Malizia in toe, taking classes or alternatively planning our next family adventure - our dogs go everywhere with us.

To the role of Presidency; I will promote growth and collaboration. Growth in the numbers of members, young and old, who not only share the love of our breed, but also feel compelled to contribute and engage with our community. And collaboration and cohesion between disciplines – breed, obedience, trials and family dog owners. After all, whichever discipline or disciplines we individually belong to, collectively we love the breed and want to see its future success.

I feel incredibly proud to have this opportunity and am excited for what is to come.

With that in mind, I would like you to keep an eye out for the following:

- The SIGSL email survey coming out in the next month or so which will call for your opinions on whether or not you would like to see email or proxy votes as a voting mechanism at our annual general meetings;
- Our April 2022 show dates. Our April show in 2022 will mark 50 years of SIGSL holding championship shows; and
- The upcoming events for breed, obedience, agility and trials as posted in the DogsNZ magazine or on Facebook. If you have the opportunity to check out these events be sure to get along and support your fellow members. There is nothing like a group of SIGSL supporters on the sideline.

If you would like to discuss anything or have any questions, please give me a call. The door is always open.

Giuliana Petronelli

President

South Island German Shepherd League

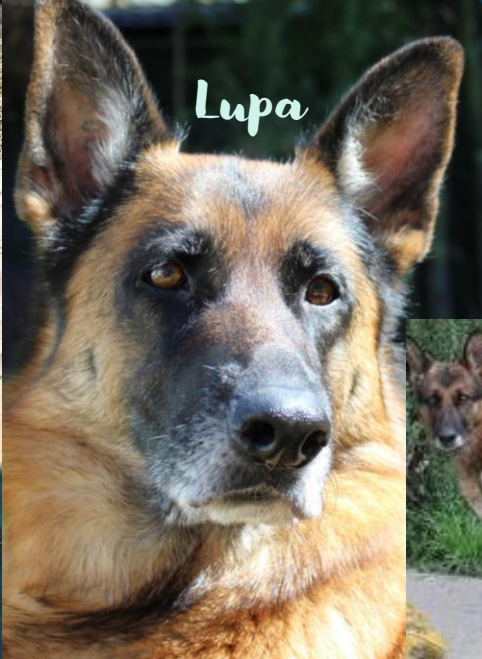
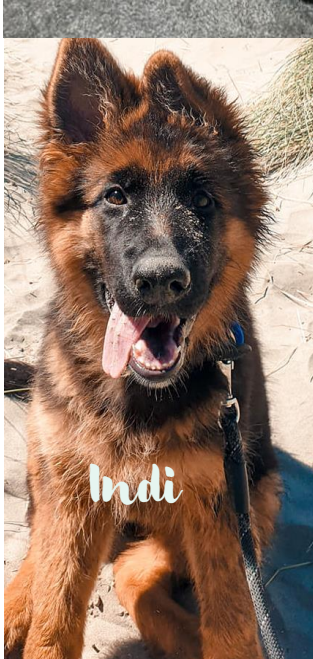
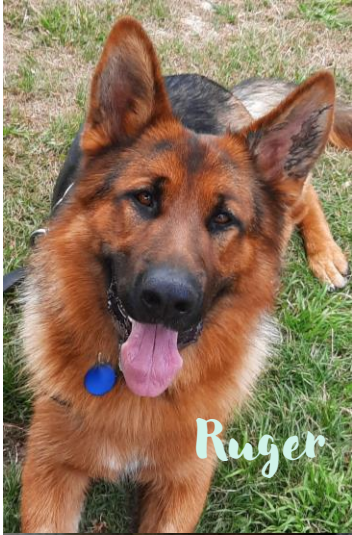




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Spotlight on our Doggos





Wee Funnies

Q: What happened when the German Shepherd swallowed a firefly?

A: He smiled with de-light!

I took my German Shepherd to the vet. She said "He's a little overweight" I said I wanted a second opinion. She replied, "He's also pretty cute."

At a dinner party a German Shepherd farts. The King Charles turns to him and says, "How dare you fart in front of me!" The German Shepherd replies "I'm sorry, I didn't realize it was your turn!"

Q: What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a jelly? A: The collie wobbles!

After a talking German Shepherd Dog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for." "But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer. "I know," says the German Shepherd "But I rounded them up."

I'm a dog trainer. Before I met with a new client, I had her fill out a questionnaire. One question asked, "Why did you choose this breed?" My client responded, "I often ask myself this very same question."



We have just run a Sausage Sizzle at M10 Papanui 11th July –
 Due to the donation of some sausages, we were able to make a good profit of \$482.00
 We have another Sausage Sizzle coming up on the 12th December 2021
 Helpers are required for this date please - Shifts – 9am – 12pm or 12pm – 3pm
 If you can help please let Simon know 027 939 3666

Simon has some other amazing ideas up his sleeve so keep a look out for these too

We are always keen to hear of new ways of fundraising for the club so if you have any ideas please let us know

Up Coming Shows

Open Shows

Saturday 30th October 2021 Judge - Kathy Morton

Sunday 31st October 2021 Judge - Arvine Gamlin

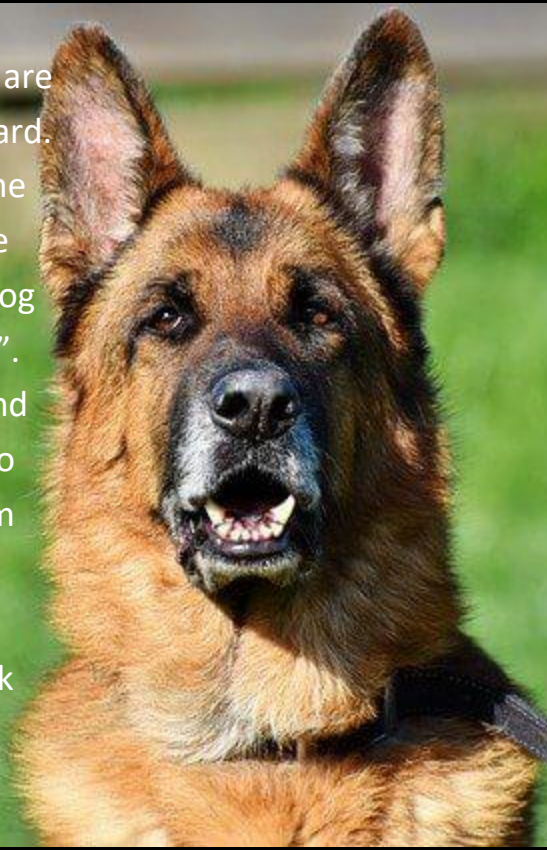
Open Obedience - Bernadette Thomson

Open Agility - Graeme Lawson

Elementary - Enter on the day

Obedience and Agility start 10.00am

A Rottweiler a German Shepherd and a Doberman are having a beer in the back yard. The Rottie said "God told me the other day that I was the most beautiful, strongest dog who ever walked the earth". The Doberman shrugged and said "last night God came to me in a dream and said I am his best work EVER!!". The German Shepherd turned around with a horrified look on his face and said "I said WHAT?!!!!"



JOKEY.
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JOKE
CORNER

One day an old German Shepherd dog starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly,

"Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says....

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!
Cunning and brilliance only come with age and experience.

FIGHTING - HOW TO BREAK UP A DOG FIGHT

[HTTPS://WWW.VETWEST.COM.AU/PET-LIBRARY/FIGHTING-HOW-TO-BREAK-UP-A-DOG-FIGHT](https://www.vetwest.com.au/pet-library/fighting-how-to-break-up-a-dog-fight)

Sometimes, despite your best efforts to monitor their interactions, dogs get into fights. To reduce the likelihood of injury to all parties, follow the guidelines below.

Don't panic

If you stay calm, you'll be able to separate two fighting dogs more safely and efficiently.

DO NOT grab your dog by the collar if he or she starts to fight with another dog. Your dog may instinctively whip around to bite you, even without any past aggression.

You might also be on the receiving end of a bite that was intended for your dog.

Plan A: use a barrier

Before you attempt to physically separate two fighting dogs, try these methods:

- Try spraying the dogs with a hose or dumping a bowl of water on their heads. Pour the contents of a cold drink (carbonated or fizzy drink is highly recommended) over the dogs if that's all you have.
- Throw a large blanket, towel, a tarp or a jacket over both dogs. Some dogs will stop fighting when they can't see each other anymore.
- Try putting something between the fighting dogs. e.g. a garbage can, a large piece of wood or cardboard, a folded lawn chair.

Plan B: physically separate the dogs

If other methods don't work or aren't possible, you will have to physically separate the dogs.

- If you're wearing pants and boots or shoes, use your lower body instead of your hands to break up the fight. If they're covered, your legs and your feet are much more protected than your hands, and your legs are the strongest part of your body.

It is not necessary to kick or try to hurt the dogs; the goal is to separate them.

Be aware you are at potential risk of injury yourself. This method is not advised for large dogs, such as German shepherds, since it is possible to receive collateral damage from a nasty bite.

If you feel that it's necessary to grab the dogs, use this method:

- You and a helper or the other dog's owner should approach the dogs together. Try to separate them at the same time.
- Take hold of your dog's back legs at the very top, just under the hips, right where the legs connect to the body. Avoid grabbing the lower legs. If you grab a dog's legs at the knees, the ankles or the paws, you can cause serious injury.
- Like you'd lift a wheelbarrow, lift your dog's back end so that the back legs are lifted off the ground. Then move backwards, away from the other dog. As soon as you're a few steps away, do a 180-

degree turn, spinning your dog around so they are facing the opposite direction and can no longer see the other dog.

- Once the dogs have been separated, keep them out of each other's sight. They may start to fight again when they see each other. Put your dog in the car or behind a closed door as soon as possible. Use a belt or a tie as a temporary leash if the dog does not have one.

If you are alone, tie one dog to an immovable object and remove the other dog to another location.

Finally, know your dog

Just like humans, body language plays an important role in canine communication. Start being aware of your dog's body language so you can detect when your dog is uncomfortable around other dogs and more likely to respond in an aggressive manner. Examples can include:- stiff body, hackles raised, stiff wagging tail, direct eye contact, dilated pupils, turning head away and lip licking. When you notice changes in your dog's body language, you can calmly remove your dog from the situation and environment and prevent an aggressive confrontation.

Furthermore, if your dog easily escalates to aggression or gets over excited in play or worried around other dogs then consider using a Halti head collar. A head collar will allow you to redirect your dog's head as soon as he/she start to aggress or show signs of distress.

Editors NOTE – TRUE story – One of my dogs latched onto the other one and despite best efforts wouldn't let go until my sons partner (SPCA Manager) inserted finger up offending dogs bum hole – Yes I know that sounds gross – but it worked – Offending dog got a shock and released her grip on other dog.



Achievements



The German Shepherd Advisory Council New Zealand have introduced a new initiative – **The 13 Club** – To have a German Shepherd reach the age of 13 and above years of age is indeed a milestone and a great achievement.

I was privileged to be awarded this certificate at the AGM

This is Ellie who will be 14 years old Sept 19th 2021.

Ellie was my introduction to SIGSL and she was and still is an excellent learning curve.

She was our protector and being a single mum with kids she gave us all an incredible feeling of safety and security – In this respect she is worth her weight in gold – and more

She is a healthy and happy girl, albeit quite deaf – but selectively so at times. She love love loves her ball and enjoys nothing more than - a now gentle game of throw my ball

Ellie now lives a loving retired life with my son in Rolleston

Photo taken earlier this year

Awards



Deb Bannan was awarded Life membership of SIGSL – having been a member of SIGSL concurrently for over 20 years and served at least 15 years of active participation.



Simon Rayner and Anna Malecka were awarded the Albara Kennels Trophy - Outstanding Service to SIGSL – Presented by the previous year's recipient Giuliana Petronelli



Anna Malecka was awarded the Training Committee Trophy – For persevering with a difficult dog



Above - Rosie Petronelli - Agility Trophy No 1 - Canelupo Malizia

Below - Liz Wilkinson awarded Alan McKernan Award - Cantara Red Roxy achieving significant noteworthy achievement



Above – Sophie Hooper – Carter Trophy - Handler who has made the most progress throughout the year

Below – Karen Wilson - Working Trials Dog/Bitch Of The Year WT Ch Enya von Heisenberg CDXS UDX WDX TDX TT3 JD RN CGC B



Above - Josh Mannering Lustig Kennels Trophy - Most Improved Show Handler

Below – Stock Coat Breeder Of The Year Oldfields Indio, Oldfields Kennels - John & Tracey Walsh





Above – Liz Wilkinson – Kasin Obedience Trophy Dogs or Bitches Cantara Red Roxy
Owned by Liz Wilkinson

Below – GL Bowron (Southland Open Show Trophy) Stock Coat Dogs Oldfields Indio Owned by John & Tracey Walsh Shared with Reichund Bilbo Baggins Owned by Lynette Baker



Above – Stock Coat Intermediate Of The Year Reichund Bilbo Baggins
Owned by Lynette Baker

Below – Stock Coat Dog Of The Year Reichund Bilbo Baggins - Owned by Lynette Baker



Above – Stock Coat Dog All Breeds Of The Year - Westfield Make My Day - Owned by Jon & Amy Field

Below – Stock Coat Puppy Of The Year Oldfields Indio
Owned by John & Tracey Walsh



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End Of Year Awards

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER UP</u>
<u>All Breeds Trophies</u>		
Long Stock Puppy Of The Year	Kaygarr Ezi Ryda (Imp Aus) Owned by Carol Dayman	
Long Stock Dog Of The Year	Kaygarr Ezi Ryda (Imp Aus) Owned by Carol Dayman	
Stock Coat Dog Of The Year	Westfield Make My Day Owned by Jon & Amy Field	
Stock Coat Bitch Of The Year	Westfield Prima Donna Owned by Jon & Amy Field	
<u>Specialist Trophies</u>		
Long Stock Junior Of The Year	Acarya Sweet Royals Owned by Deb Bannan	
Long Stock Intermediate Of The Year	Acarya Sweet Royals Owned by Deb Bannan	
Long Stock Open Of The Year	Ch Tiergarten Obi One Owned by Deb Bannan	
Long Stock Dog Of The Year	Ch Tiergarten Obi One Owned by Deb Bannan	
Long Stock Bitch Of The Year	Acarya Sweet Royals Owned by Deb Bannan	
Long Stock Breeder Of The Year	Ch Tiergarten Obi One Tiergarten Kennels - Deb Bannan	
Stock Coat Puppy Of The Year	Oldfields Indio Owned by John & Tracey Walsh	Tiergarten Rebel One Owned by Deb Bannan
Stock Coat Junior Of The Year	Tiergarten Rebel One Owned by Deb Bannan	Oldfields Indio Owned by John & Tracey Walsh
Stock Coat Intermediate Of The Year	Reichund Bilbo Baggins Owned by Lynette Baker	
Stock Coat NZ Bred Of The Year	Reichund Bilbo Baggins Owned by Lynette Baker	
Stock Coat Open Of The Year	Ch Booty Call of Taimana Owned by Deb Bannan	
Stock Coat Dog Of The Year	Reichund Bilbo Baggins Owned by Lynette Baker	Oldfields Indio Owned by John & Tracey Walsh
Stock Coat Bitch Of The Year	Ch Booty Call of Taimana Owned by Deb Bannan	
Stock Coat Breeder Of The Year	Oldfields Indio	Tiergarten Rebel One

	Oldfields Kennels - John & Tracey Walsh	Tiergarten Kennels - Deb Bannan
<u>Open Show Trophy</u>		
GL Bowron (Southland Trophy) Stock Coat Dogs	Oldfields Indio Owned by John & Tracey Walsh <u>Shared with</u> Reichund Bilbo Baggins Owned by Lynette Baker	
<u>Other Awards</u>		
25 th Jubilee Trophy (Show) Long Stock or Stock Coat Dogs or Bitches	Ch Booty Call of Taimana Owned by Deb Bannan	Acarya Sweet Royals Owned by Deb Bannan Equal with Oldfields Indio Owned by John & Tracey Walsh
Kasin Obedience Trophy Dogs or Bitches	Cantara Red Roxy Owned by Liz Wilkinson	Canelupo Malizia Rosie Petronelli
Agility Dog/Bitch Of The Year	Canelupo Malizia Rosie Petronelli	
Working Trials Dog/Bitch Of The Year	WT Ch Enya von Heisenberg CDXS UDX WDX TDX TT3 JD RN CGC B Owned by Karen Wilson	Gunnar von Heisenberg Owned by Karen Wilson
Leila Greig Champions Sash	Ch Acarya Shining Star Owned by Deb Renga	
Delmarvid Chantilly Agility Sash	Canelupo Malizia Rosie Petronelli	
Agility Trophy No 1	Canelupo Malizia Rosie Petronelli	
Training Committee Trophy Handler who has persevered training a difficult dog on a regular basis	Anna Malecka	
Carter Trophy Handler who has made the most progress throughout the year	Sophie Hooper	
Lustig Kennels Trophy Most Improved Show Handler	Josh Mannering	
Albara Kennels Trophy Outstanding Service to SIGSL	Anna Malecka Shared with Simon Raynor	
Alan McKernan Award Dog achieving significant noteworthy achievement	Cantara Red Roxy Owned by Liz Wilkinson	

Training report – Sandra Van Kempen - Club Captain

Hello and welcome to the first training report to keep you up to date of what is happening

The club meets for training twice a week on Wednesday evening from 5pm onwards and on Sunday morning from 9am onwards. Our head trainer is Blue, and our training co-ordinator and your first port of call is Giuliana our senior trainer on 021 136 1168

On both our training days we train in obedience and agility but closer to breed shows we can also cater for show training if requested.

At the moment we have members of SIGSL competing throughout NZ in show, obedience, agility and trial.

The training structure for Wednesday and Sunday is based on the age of the dog and we attempt to offer the very best methods of training to puppies and dogs of all ages.

We offer domestic obedience training and pre-agility training for puppies from 3 months onwards. We also offer competitive obedience and agility training for members of the club who want to pursue this. You don't need to compete to join these classes.

We have 1 member who is actively involved in dog trials, which includes tracking, obedience, and agility. You can talk to Karen on 021 269 2387 if you and your dog are interested in pursuing this type of training.

At the moment we have 45 puppies/dogs enrolled in our training programme. Because of this, we had split our classes in age groups and level of obedience. Please contact Giuliana if you want to see which class you are in. We have set up a training group on messenger for all the people who are training. If you are coming to training and haven't been included in that group, please let us know and we can add you to it.

Sunday morning training

9am - 3 groups with the following trainers

1. Blue
2. Giuliana / Simon – baby puppies
3. Simon

9.30am – 3 groups with the following trainers

1. Giuliana/ Rosie
2. Ania
3. Blue/Sandra

9.45am – 1 group with the following trainer

1. Rosie

10am Agility with Sandra

Wednesday evening training

5pm Blue /5.30 pm Blue /6pm Blue

Blue offers one to one training at these times

6pm – 1 group with the following trainers



1. Giuliana / Simon - baby puppies

6.30pm – 3 groups with the following trainers

1. Giuliana/Rosie
2. Ania
3. Blue / Sandra

6.45 pm – 1 group with the following trainer

1. Rosie

7pm agility with Sandra

Agility training will be following obedience training on both days. This will be at 10am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesday with Sandra/Blue

Also, a couple of times a month, on Sunday morning, we have support from Darron or Meredith for more in-depth training. Darron has been training and competing in agility for a long time and so has Meredith. She is not only training and competing in agility, she is also a judge. This brings a wide range of knowledge to our training programme.

We just have a couple of requests if you are interested in agility.

Please only go on the course if there is a trainer present which is for the safety of you and your dog

Only one person at a time on the course

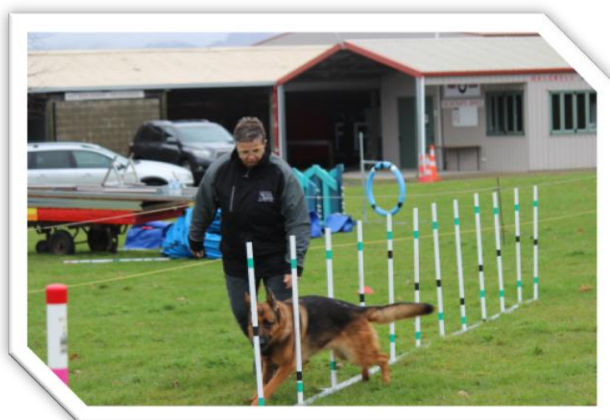
And many hands make light work so please hang around to the end to help pack up if you have used the gear

We will also offer show training closer to shows to give the members who compete in breed shows. It caters for dogs of all ages and teaches basic show handling skills to enable to show your dog to the best advantage. Our show trainer is Andy, and he has experience in show training and showing his and other people's dogs for a long time. He has quite a bit of knowledge and is well worth talking to you if you are interested in showing your dog.

Just remember, all trainers are volunteers, have regular training with their own dogs and willingly share their experiences from training and competing with their classes

That's it for now and hopefully we will keep on seeing you at training on either Sunday morning or Wednesday evening

Sandra





A Word From Michael

I just thought I would jump in and give you a little update about my life! Guys ask your parents to help you write something so you can be in the newsletter too. I feel a little bit like a celebrity 😊

So as you know from my previous article, I am Michael and I have amazing pet parents Ania and Sam.

My life is pretty good with them, not a lot to complain about! However, they left me at this crazy farm for 3 weeks! God it was like a boot camp. I had to learn some manners and wasn't allowed to chase the horses 😞 but just before they picked me up, I ate some duck poo and had runny poos on the way home! Now that's what you call karma 🙄. My plan didn't work out as I thought it would, I ended up really sick and mum and dad had to take me to the vet! Damn I hate them so much, but I was very sick and tired. I didn't have enough energy to even bark or growl at them. I am not going to lie my reputation and image was damaged a little bit. The vet gave me a haircut. They shaved my sides and my belly off and left my pompom all fluffy. It is embarrassing, I even overheard mum talking/laughing to Rosie about it. I had to have x rays done as I didn't manage to tell them about the duck poop. They thought maybe I ate an object and it got stuck. I was also given some antibiotics directly to my paw because I just couldn't eat anything. After that I started eating again and thankfully, I didn't need any surgery! That would be very scary!

On top of that apparently my hips aren't great. I mean I didn't complain about them. I might be running a little bit different, but I still enjoyed playing with Blaze etc. My bad hips mean mum and dad had to reduce my play time with blaze and other dogs. I miss it but I still get to see Blaze during the training days, and we also play Call of Duty now on the PlayStation!

I still react during our walks sometimes but TBH most of the time I must keep an eye on my mum, she walks in all kind of directions for no reason, and if I don't pay attention to her she pulls me on my lead. Can you imagine she doesn't give me a warning? I think she lost it a bit.

Mum and dad went to something called the AGM. Dad didn't really want to go, apparently it was his gym night. Before I didn't like gym nights as it meant that dad was leaving the house but for a while now gym night means watching his phone and chilling in the living room with mum and me 😊. I like the new gym nights better. Anyway, when they come back mum showed me a trophy she got! She said it is because I am a difficult dog, gave me a cuddle and a treat. This difficult dog award must be pretty special, don't think many people get them. My mum's friend Jane said that she got one before too! Her dog must be special too!

Mum also said that I will be getting a sister! Last time they mentioned a new family member they ended up bring a cat home.... I am not allowed to swear but what the....? A cat?! 🙄 Damn I hate that little ginger thing! He thinks he's better than me! I bark at him, and he makes funny noises back! He doesn't want to play with me and is a snob! Dad divided the house, and I am not allowed to see him anymore. So hopefully this new sister is better, maybe we can gang up on the cat and chase him out. Don't tell mum she would be upset. She wants me to like Hank...

Last time you heard from me mum and dad were wondering if they should "fix me" ... They did... Nothing really changed so I am not sure why Blaze didn't want to talk about it.

I also went to see a new lady; she is helping with my hips. Mum said that we will do it more often. She has this crazy machine which fills with water and the floor moves! It is pretty cool, you walk in the same spot, you are in the water, and you don't run out of space. Apparently, it will help my hips get better. I can tell that my mum is very upset about my hips and wonders if my life is ok. I hope she believes all the people around her who tell her that I am lucky to have her and dad. They are very understanding, and they provide me with everything and more a dog could ask for! Deep down I know that they ended up with me because they needed a dog like me. A challenging, difficult, grumpy but loving dog!

Until the next update, lick all your parents' faces and let them cuddle you, even if you don't like it very much! Even I allow them to cuddle me every now and then 12



Michael proudly posing with his award



Michael, a bit sleepy and a bit less fur after his sedation for an xray

Whats New

2021 has been a busy year at club in upgrading equipment and the grounds and taking care of business



New Agility equipment – With Dogs NZ changing regulations we had to upgrade our agility see saw, dog walk and A Frame – we were lucky enough to have our SIGSL member Peter Van Kempen who is well skilled to make this equipment for us at a greatly reduced cost – Total cost \$3,100.



New Lights - We made an application to Pub Charity to upgrade the lights which was accepted to the value of \$3,616.75 to replace 8 pole mounted lights with new and much brighter LED 200W with weather proof junction boxes



New Bibs – As many of the Show competitors will know our show bibs had gotten to the stage that the numbers were coming off and were in dire need of being upgraded. We now have 100 new breathable fabric bibs for our breed shows – Total cost \$2,806 - The old bibs were donated to Southland



New Hot Water System – The Club rooms Hot Water Zip – Has finally reached the age of no return and has been removed from the kitchen – we are still exploring options as a replacement, but it was felt an instant hot water system was too expensive at this stage. We had already purchased one Urn for coffees and teas at shows (Cost \$100.00 but nil to the club funds thanks to 2 generous specific donations for this) and we will look to purchase another urn for a hot water system for the kitchen in the interim.

New Insurance – This is a major cost to club each year and we were glad to have the help of an insurance broker who was able to look at our current policy and come in with a cheaper option of the same and if not, slightly better in some areas policy – saving us around \$400.00 this year. Total cost for this year \$1,461.97.

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Dog Health

Gastric Dilatation Volvulus – More commonly known as Bloat or Torsion

Copied from <https://magsr.org/content/gsd-health-issues>

(mid Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue - an American rescue and adoption service)

Bloat occurs when air, food, and fluids build in a dog's digestive tract. and the dog is unable to expel the gases. Often, the stomach "twists" further complicating the situation. Once the stomach has twisted, both the entrance to the stomach (esophagus) and the exit (pylorus) shut down. With a decreased blood flow, toxins build rapidly destroying the stomach tissue. If enough pressure builds, the stomach can rupture, resulting in an infection of the abdomen or the twisted off parts of the stomach stop getting blood supply and it dies creating severe infection. The twisting also compresses a major vein that carries blood back to the heart. Other organs may also be compromised.

Technically, the occurrence is gastric dilatation-volvulus. Its onset is sudden and life threatening. Immediate medical attention is required where immediate means right now, not after you finish dinner, right now. And remember, your local vet may not be open, and if they are open, they might not be staffed to handle a bloat emergency. Your best bet if you think your dog's showing signs of bloat is to head for the nearest animal emergency room, lights, and sirens. Time is of the essence - you need to be at the vet within 30-60 minutes.

However, if you do get your dog to the ER fast, your dog's chances increase significantly as most dogs do well after surgery.

Bloat's signs:

1. Oddly restless after eating
2. Unable to sit down comfortably or lie down
3. Nervous pacing with a purpose
4. Retching in a futile attempt to vomit
5. A rounded, gas-filled stomach (some pet owners have been able to tap the stomach and hear a drum like, hollow sound)
6. Salivation and whining
7. Difficulty breathing
8. Rapid heartbeat (normal is 60-80 beats a minute)

What You Can Do to Prevent Bloat

Large chested dogs like German shepherds are prone to bloat. And is the case with most illnesses, it is better to prevent bloat than to fight it after the onset. The problem is that the cause of bloat is unknown.

- Do not let your dog eat rapidly. Gulping induces air into the dog's stomach and air in the stomach is bad news. For those pet owners who have more than one dog, separate them at feeding time so that there is no race to see who can eat the fastest.

- It is best to divide the dog's food into two smaller meals than feed one large one.
- As is always the case, when you change foods, do so slowly--over at least a week.
- Avoid feeding "people food"; it can cause stomach gases.
- It is generally recommended that you not exercise your dog (hard exercise, e.g. ball fetching, frisbee throwing, etc) within an hour before or two hours after eating.
- Keep your dog from drinking large amounts of water just before or just after eating.
- Be aware of what's normal behaviour for your dog. That way if you find yourself facing a bloat attack, you will be on your toes.

My Personal story with Bloat –

Bloat is a condition I have always been aware of that may affect a German Shepherd and I have heard several stories of how members have lost their dogs to the condition. I have always been careful to not feed the dogs if they have been running around prior to feeding and they get locked up to have their dinner so no running around afterwards.

One night a few weeks ago I was watching Viva eating and I thought at the time she was eating a bit too greedily and made a mental note to get her one of those anti gulping bowls. The next evening when I got home from work she was lying on the floor and just looked a bit 'off'. She got her dinner as usual and then came back inside – she had instantly bloated out and had a hunched back. I recognised immediately those signs of bloat and called the After Hours vet and we went straight in. They took her straight through to prepare her for emergency surgery. At around 1am I got a phone call to say that she had come through the surgery ok enough, but it was a major surgery and she was still not out of the woods completely, but unless we heard back from them we were to pick her up at 7.30am and transport her to our usual vet for observation for the day. She still had the drips inserted in her two front legs but refused to be carried out to the car on the stretcher and made the walk out there herself in a very drunk and groggy fashion. We picked her up from our vets at 5pm and she came home for the night still with drips in legs and a sizable incision on her tummy. She was still very doped up and groggy but was progressing very nicely. In the morning she went back to the vet for a check. She was going to stay there for the day again but two hours later they rung us to come and get her as she was being disruptive to the little doggies there. Viva has recovered well – My credit card - not so much – . This next part is irrelevant because \$\$ don't matter but, I had to leave a deposit of \$2,000 with After Hours vets, the next day we paid another \$1,970 to After Hours and \$300.00 to Our Vet for observation and further medication.

Viva Drugged up the night after her big Op – She still had the IV lines in her legs in case she needed further treatment



What is LRL –

LRL is a mandatory health testing requirement applied to the sire and dam of a litter of puppies prior to registration of that litter on Part I of the Register.

The Low down simple explanation of LRL – Litter Registration Limitation

- Started in Australia
- Breed requirements for Sires and Dams
- May have time limitations within certain age periods and age of semen etc
- Club membership driven, and has to have 75% approval from those who have responded
- Dogs NZ are administrators and data collectors Test must be
- Scientifically validated schemes are only accepted.
- Must be relevant for particular breeds.
- Readably available for people to do
- Have a reliable mode of inheritance
- Don't necessary have cut off points or restrictions levels unless requested by the club members. E.g. GSD owners so far have requested that there be a cut off point for hips and elbows. Need to be mindful not to make it too tough otherwise you are limiting your gene pool.
- DNA testing is a bit more simple to have restrictions e.g. One parent must be clear. Doesn't matter what the other parent is as there is a very clear mode of inheritance through the genes, which to not change within the life span of the animal.
- Some tests are more complex if they have environmental elements. It is these tests that can cause more issues.

Key Area's to help Breeder's

- LRL's will help breeders and are safety nets to prove breeders are doing everything possible to be responsible.
- LRL's support puppy buyers. Inquiries to Dogs NZ from buyers are now requesting that pedigree dogs have all the health tests – there is a change in market expectations.
- Breeder participation in LRL's can support legal court situations as its evidence that the breeder has meet all the health requirements for that breed, and Dogs NZ can assist with the health data if recorded.
- 95% submissions are from breeders. All valid submissions have to be NZ Dogs members
- Health information is only included on the dogs pedigree of those clubs who are involved in the LRL

DM Testing

- DM testing requirement is moving towards a certified person to collect the sample like a vet or an officially recognised person. It is not going to be accepted if the owner collected the sample.
- Clear by parentage verification can be the first generation if both parents have been tested and verified.
- DM is tricky as it is a highly prevalent gene but is a rare disease.

- Research indicates that to have DM a dog has to have 2 copies of the DM gene (affected). It is very unlikely that you can develop DM from one copy or no copies of the gene.

If accepted Puppy buyer's will receive from DogsNz ..

- A welcome to Dogs NZ letter
- A PDF pedigree with all the health information
- LRL information
- Information about feeding and nutrition requirements
- Link to the dog training schemes like CGC
- Link to dogs clubs for membership
- Pet insurance offers

Litter Registration Limitation (LRL) FAQs

I. Why is Dogs New Zealand promoting the LRL system for breeds? Dogs NZ view the LRLs as extremely important for two key reasons;

- a) It will lead to health and welfare improvements in the breed.
- b) It clearly illustrates that our breeders are taking major steps to demonstrate commitment to guardianship of their breeds. The LRLs demonstrate 4 key strengths:
 - a) Peer reviewed (testing modalities),
 - b) Relevance (diseases tested)
 - c) Compulsory (the entire breed is involved)
 - d) Transparency (results printed on pedigree certificates)

These four key strengths are communicated to external stakeholders at every opportunity and provide us with the ability to protect those breeds when dealing with any general public concern around the breeding of pedigree dogs.

LRLs are club driven for numerically strong breeds, but can be breeder or owner driven for smaller numbers.

II. What is an LRL?

An LRL is a mandatory health testing requirement applied to the sire and dam of a litter of puppies prior to registration of that litter on Part I of the Register.

III. Who does the LRL apply to?

Once an LRL is in place, it will apply to every litter of that breed. It is a mandatory requirement to all breeders of that breed and there is no opportunity to 'opt out'. A litter of puppies will not be registered by Dogs NZ if the breeder does not comply with the required testing.

IV. Who initiates a Litter Registration Limitation(s)?

LRLs are club, breeder or owner driven. Requests for an LRL must come from the relevant Club(s), or where no club exists for that breed by the registered breeders of that breed.

V. What to include in the proposal?

- List the proposed health tests answering the criteria as listed below in VI.
- State who is supportive of an LRL (is there known Club and significant membership support? How can this be verified?).
- State why the Club(s) want an LRL, why is it important?

VI. What tests should be included?

After an LRL request has been received, the Canine Health and Welfare Committee (CHWC) will consider if the requested tests are:

- Scientifically validated
 - o Are there published peer-reviewed tests available?
- Relevant to the breed
 - o Does it occur frequently in the breed internationally?
 - o Does it have a serious effect on the health and welfare of the breed?
- Reliable
 - o Is the mode of inheritance clearly understood?

- o Is the testing sufficiently objective?
- o How can test results be reviewed to monitor effectiveness of the scheme?
 - Readily available
- o It is easily accessible or geographically restricted?
- o If restricted, how do we ensure that breeders can access?
 - Cost effective.
- o Is it reasonable to require breeders to do the test?
- o If there is more than one test an aggregation of costs must be considered.

VII. Should the test just be performed, or meet a certain criteria?

Certain DNA tests where the gene is of low frequency but high impact and requires one parent to test 'clear', will mean that no matter the other parent result, there will be no 'affected' offspring.

Currently there is insufficient data available for New Zealand specific physical test scores (such as hips, elbows, eyes, cardiac, BOAS etc) so initially the LRL should act as a data gathering exercise. Scores may be a consideration once an established database of results is available and upon the request of the breed clubs or where there is no breed club by the majority of registered breeders of that breed.

VIII. Once a proposed LRL is drawn up, what happens next?

- Submit the proposed LRL with signatures from Club(s) secretaries to the Director/Secretary. If there is no specialist breed club for the breed, then proposals from individual breeders can be accepted.
- The Canine Health & Welfare Committee (CHWC) consider the proposed tests using the criteria in section VI and how they can be incorporated into the Registration Regulations. Any suggested amendments are communicated back to the Club(s) for further comment.
- Only when the Club(s) and CHWC are satisfied the proposed LRLs meet required criteria, are they are converted to draft Registration Regulations.
- Executive Council (EC) then approve and sign off the initiation of a survey process.
- The proposed LRLs are advertised in 2 consecutive Dog World Magazines calling for submissions.
- Submissions are considered by CHWC and any necessary adjustments are made in full consultation with the Club(s).
- There are NO changes made without agreement from the Club(s).
- The final proposed Registration Regulations and survey date are published in the next available Dog World magazine, sent in Dog iE news, and direct emailed to all current financial breed owners.
- The Survey is open for up to 21 days.
- A minimum of 75% participant agreement is required to accept the LRL.
- Further, a minimum of 75% participant agreement is required to accept each individual test.
- EC ratify final result.
- Members notified by Dog World, Dog iE news and direct email, of result
- Within 4 months the LRL will be embedded in the Registration Regulations and tests must be completed prior to registration of litters.

IX. What happens if a test needs to be changed?

If a Club(s) believes that a test needs to be changed in any way; for example, added, deleted, amended or limits on results put in place, then this will follow the same process as outlined above.

If the CHWC receives information that indicates that a test should be changed, it will first consult with the Club(s) to reassess the current criteria. No change will be made without consent from the Club(s) and strict adherence to the process as outlined above. **X.**

Do tests need to be completed in a set timeframe before the mating?

Yes. This can be dependent on the LRL, for example the Labrador LRL states in

10.13.3 "The Sire and Dam of every litter must hold a current annual eye certificate from an approved..." To be current, means within 12 months of breeding, the dog should have completed an eye certification. It does not need one EVERY year, just within 12 months of breeding.

DNA tests and other lifelong tests such as hips and elbows should be completed at some stage prior to the mating.

XI. Is the success of an LRL monitored?

The Dogs NZ health database stores all information from every health test result entered.

This will allow the analysis of data by Dogs NZ and its research partners to interpret results and provide research reports to breed clubs on any trends or improvement in current breed averages, gene prevalence etc.

IMPORTANT: This data will always be in an anonymous, statistical form and individual breeder details will never be given.

It will only be used for the purpose that it was collected for and will not be shared with other third parties without the express consent of the breeders.

XII. Should all breeds have an LRL?

Ideally yes. It illustrates the commitment from breeders to ensure the ongoing health of their breed.

However the Breed Clubs as custodians must be the basis for the commencement of this process. They will do so on a timeframe that reflects member support for an LRL.

XIII. What about frozen semen?

Frozen semen recognised as an extremely valuable tool to maintain and improve genetic diversity in a geographically isolated country such as New Zealand.

It is therefore, important to allow the continued use of frozen semen within any LRL. If the semen is very old or the dog is deceased preventing physical tests from being carried out, automatic dispensation will be applied for those tests.

DNA diseases and genotypes can be run on frozen-thawed semen. This can be sampled at the time of insemination as both the drop to assess motility and the empty straw/vials are able to be utilised by DNA laboratories to extract DNA.

If for some reason the DNA cannot be extracted, a dispensation will be given.

For imported frozen semen where the dog is still alive, it is generally expected that the tests should be performed. Dispensations can be considered on a case by case basis by the CHWC, if for example, a test is not routinely performed in the country of origin.

It is important to take all practicable steps to ensure that the use of semen does not create an increase in the disease which is being tested for by the LRL.

XIV. How does the LRL scheme differ to the Accredited Breeders Scheme?

The ABS scheme is voluntary and focused equally on health testing and animal husbandry. The ABS scheme includes more testing under 'optional' and 'to be aware of' categories.

The ABS provides a pathway for those breeders who wish to commence and receive recognition through Dogs NZ for their testing regime. This will be pertinent where Clubs have not entered into an LRL process or where the breed itself is small and the breeders have not chosen to enter an LRL.

This makes the LRL more powerful as it is compulsory for all breeders of that breed. This means a rapid and transparent change can be made in the breed.

For example, in one generation of LRL tested Labradors, there have been no dogs clinically affected by EIC, PRA-PRCD and Dilute. From August 2019, there will be no more Rottweilers clinically affected by JLPP.

These are highly significant health achievements by these breeds.

XV. Who can see the LRL test results?

Results are stored in the dogs Pedigree information in the Registry. These can be seen only by financial members of Dogs NZ when they complete an online pedigree search using their membership log in details.

The UK Kennel Club have results available to everyone. Dogs NZ have elected to make this available only to current financial members.

Results that are lifelong will be printed on Pedigree Certificates. Those tests which are annual (such as eye certificates) can be printed as a 'current health certificate'.

XVI. Some of these tests cost a lot of money? What is the advantage to me to do them?

The tests which are included in an LRL are expected to have significant impact on the health and welfare of the breed in New Zealand. The total cost of the tests (including how accessible it is to all breeders, as well as the actual cost of the test) must be counterbalanced by the economic value it adds to the breed.

For example, an important requirement for an MRI for Syringomyelia (SM) in some breeds would likely not be included in an LRL because the price is well over \$1000 per dog and the accessibility is extremely limited.

Given the current trend of consumers to be increasingly aware of the health issues and associated costs of dog ownership, we can expect to see an increase in demand for puppies from health tested parents and a corresponding increase in the value of those offspring.

The LRL is a tool which allows Dogs NZ on behalf of its members, to argue that because we have a robust internal health testing system in place, heavy handed external regulation by government is not required to deal with animal breeding health issues.

This in turn has the potential to create a point of difference and develop the opportunity to place Dogs NZ breeders as the preferred supplier of pedigree puppies.



South Island German Shepherd League

Presidents Report 2020/2021

With pleasure I submit my Presidents Report for the previous Club year, and like the last one, 2020/2021 has presented Covid again to us, not with lockdowns but with other conditions that have had to be endured for all of own health and safety. We are not going to get rid of this problem, so we must learn to keep adapting and be ever so mindful of our situation and surroundings.

On brighter notes, we got back to running our shows as did the majority of the Country. The shows were well down on numbers but with Covid reigning, we did the best we could with what we had available and again, the Queen's Birthday Triples were for me a highlight. Not even a ton of rain, closed roads and the Ashburton River Bridge buckled could not detour our show from proceeding. Great to catch up with friends from the south all talking about dogs!!

Biggest changes were the inability to secure and bring to NZ, foreign judges. This meant our home-grown ladies and gent judges were hammered by clubs wanting to use their fine skills at shows, but what it created was potential burnout.

DogsNZ needed to look at changes, and the great change was the introduction of Peer Judges from within our own breeds ranks. To be allowed as a Peer Judge, there is criteria as set by DogsNZ and it must be met. For our breed and on our grounds, we have had two this year, Lenore Halliwell for the Club's April 2021 show and our own John Walsh for Queens Birthday Triples as OGSDC Peer Judge. The show attendees all agreed that both did an excellent job once the nerves settled!! I also think they did well and I believe the scheme is a tremendous way in which to introduce skilled breeders into the judging world, I hope it continues and DogsNZ follow up with a plan to further train these Peer Judges.

We also had at our shows, our Agility and Obedience members strutting their stuff with their dogs that have been trained in house with the Training team led by Blue Gardner and Giuliana Petronelli. Training is every Wednesday night at 6.00pm and Sunday mornings at 8.30am at the Club grounds. Each time we have a show we do our best to get members to enter their dogs as the dogs love the courses and running, not sure on all the handlers though!! The club has purchased a lot of new training gear for the team this year and also replaced the old flood lights with new, very bright LED lights, that are amazing. Numbers coming to training have increased and we now have awesome numbers in all three disciplines the club has, Show Ring, Agility and Obedience.

Changes are a constant within the Dog world, and DogsNZ are very keen to have our Breed adopt a scheme, outlined in my report last year. The scheme is called LRL, Litter Registration Limitations, and it has been adopted by the Rottweiler Group and Labrador breeds and I think recently the Pug breed. The idea, is to have all pups born after a date yet to be set, to come from sire and dam that both have had a set of health checks done prior to breeding. DogsNZ will not accept registration from breeders if the

checks have not been done. The health checks will be set by the breed, so we have the control to change the tests but once we are committed to the scheme, we cannot pull out. What is the benefit? We will have pups that come from healthy parents and backed by DogsNZ if a problem arises. Who will have the final say on if we accept the scheme? You will if your dog is registered with DogsNZ. They will be contacting every registered GSD owner for their support of the LRL. We need to get a 75% agreement from respondents to proceed. If you want more info on the scheme. Please see me and I will send what we have available.

The German Shepherd Advisory Council have had meetings in our club this year and have also gone through a few changes with schemes etc, such as the LRL and also the introduction of the ZAP scheme which will explained in due time this year. SIGSL have done our best to be available to the council.

From one of our members, a 23 Club has been started. If you have a dog that has reached this magical age, you qualify for mention and also a certificate of congratulations for you and your K9 partner. Please contact the Club to join and thank you Blackash Kennels and Barry and Annie Black.

And now the thank you' s!!

Petware through Nutrience, 4 years they have supported our shows including being Principal Sponsor for the Nationals in 2019. They have been amazing to talk with and never let us down, if fact have helped more than we asked for. We have had the pleasure of their rep at each show for the past 2 years, thanks Kim. Without this support, shows and attracting entries would be tough. Huge thank you.

To my committee of 2020/2021, heaps of thanks, they have contributed to their club and the success of the club is apparent due to their work. Your secretary, Katrina Prendergast and treasurer Maureen Toland get a special mention as for me, they have done more than asked. I don't usually do "special mentions" so you see how I value them, as I do all of the committee.

To members, thank you for your support, your entries at Club shows and caring for the breed that we all love, the German Shepherd Dog.

Andy Connor

President.

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