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Editors Notes



Hello Members

Well, it's April already – seems like just yesterday I was packing away the Christmas tree. I swear the years are going faster so I just might as well leave the tree up all year round.

In this edition firstly and foremostly, sadly there is an obituary for Liz Wilkinson,. Thank you to Andy Connor for writing this up. Liz fought a good strong fight against Leukemia but sadly it caught up to her and she was taken from this world way to soon. She will be greatly missed on many levels. Her wealth of knowledge about showing and rules and regulations was amazing. She was an active and generous member of the club for many many years.

Rest In Peace Liz

“Although it’s difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow”.

Dog Health article on Lupus in dogs – this one interested me – Personally, I have the human form of Lupus and being out in the sun can cause a flare up for me as do a variety of other triggers I was not aware that dogs can get it too though. Thank you to Rona Todd for submitting this article.

And as if you didn't get enough of me in the newsletter here, the committee profile is from me too – it was my turn apparently. 🙋🏻

An interesting article from a member and their walking holiday with their dogs – Thank you Richard and Jacqui Cole. And a list of some walks and suitability to take dogs.

Another edition from our favourite roving reporter Michael and updates on his home and out and about lifestyles.

And results from the recent shows. If you want to see the photos, they are on our facebook page – well done everyone that competed and lets rock out a fantastic weekend for the Triples.

Take care everyone - Editor – Jane

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Xander Flannigan

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see
spot
learn

Short car rides to different places.



Household appliances like umbrellas, brooms, rakes, vacuum cleaner, lawn mower etc...



Slowly meeting different people of different ages, sizes, men, women & children



Welcome
to our
New Members

ROSE FITZGERALD- CARTER AND JACK - Oreo

OLIVIA MARK - Jackson

NICK READ - Jim

PATRICK YUNG - Molly

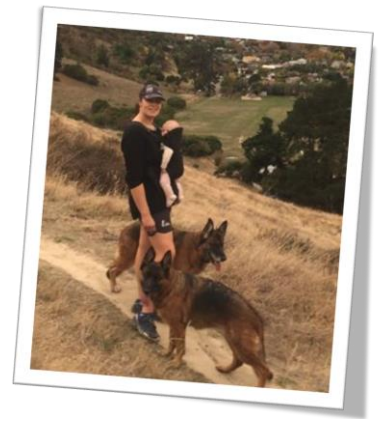
KAROLINA DYSZY - Tris

FELIX FOSTER

GERADINE GREGORY- HUNT - Bella

HANNAH HARRISON - Hobart

NEILSON LEACH - Shaggy



Presidents Corner

Hi all,

I want to open this President's Corner by acknowledging the passing of Liz Wilkinson and the incredible loss to her friends, family, our club and dog world generally. Liz was a stalwart of our breed and our club, and she is certainly missed. Our Triples show in June 2022, will be the Elizabeth Wilkinson Memorial Show to which Wayne Perham has very generously donated trophies for best and reserve in show across the three days. I hope you will join us to mark to Liz's memorial.

March Show

The recent show saw the appointment of Kathy Morton and Teresa Lawrence in the breed ring; Jo-Anne Donachie in the obedience ring and Isobel Syme in the agility ring. It was great to have these esteemed judges supported by their ring stewards, Jo Townsend/Barry Black (breed), Jacqui Williams (obedience) and Jayne Arscott (agility). As always, I have immense gratitude to the tireless work of the committee behind the scenes to get this show up and running, particularly making sure that the DogsNZ Covid-19 Policy was adhered to. A special thanks to all who helped with show set up Friday and take down Sunday.

Fundraising

Financially SIGSL is in a stable position however, due to Covid-19, we have not seen the usual fundraising opportunities that would typically see us increasing our everyday working accounts. That said, we do presently have a prefab/portacom for sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing it, please contact Simon Raynor for further details.

SIGSL Grounds

At the Canterbury Agricultural Park Association (**CAPA**) User Group meeting, it has become increasingly obvious that if SIGSL would like to secure its future and the use of the Canterbury Agricultural Park Grounds where our club is presently situated, we need explore obtaining a lease from CAPA. At present, our relationship with Halswell Pony Club (**HPC**) is going from strength to strength which is great as HPC have recently gone through the process of obtaining a lease to the field immediately in front of our clubrooms, known as The Commons and are willing to shed some light and support with the process of obtaining a lease.

Training

Thank you to our members who are referring new owners down to training. This has been great for Wednesday and Sundays with us regularly having 20-30 pups/dogs attending trainings. We have a number of new and excited handlers, putting in significant time to getting their dogs to well-rounded family companion level, but also competitive agility and obedience, which is promising. Please contact Blue Gardiner (Head Trainer) or me if you have any questions about training or would like to join us.

Keep your eyes peeled for the AGM notice which will be emailed out to everyone in the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards Giuliana Petronelli - SIGSL President

Obituary For Elizabeth Wilkinson (Written by Andy Connor)



On the 15th February 2022 our club, South Island German Shepherd League lost a Life Member, club stalwart and a treasure with the passing of Liz.

From our time in the club being a short 23 years, we met Liz very early on at a show and we were very impressed with her knowledge of our breed. Her knowledge of the German Shepherd was amazing. Liz knew the way in which it should look, behave and maintain itself under pressure. Always alert and attentive and always thinking, demonstrating strength yet willing to show love and respect to a select few. I think back now and believe what she knew and passed on to others, was in fact a reflection of herself. She demonstrated all the terrific characteristics of our breed, and then some extras too.

Her gift to the Club was outstanding leadership, competitive in the show ring, Agility ring and Obedience and, she was a very respected Judge in the Obedience discipline.

When it came to show day, Liz had all her responsibilities organised and also some of us as well. She was meticulous in planning and always had a plan B. It was great to have someone on our committee who had such an amazing knowledge of DogsNZ regulations and rules as far as running shows, and it will be this knowledge that will be very difficult to replace by all three of the South Island German Shepherd clubs as she was so much part of each club.

For quite some time, she was one of the GSDAC tattooists, and was well versed in keeping all involved with a tattoo, dog and owner, comfortable while under obvious pressures.

Her time on committee was immense as was the office's she held including that of President. The planning on running a show was full on and comprehensive and Liz's understanding and knowledge of available overseas judges was extremely varied. When it came up for discussion "who are we going to get" debate committee would often just agree with names Liz put forward due to her experience, and that will be missed.

Liz always enjoyed the Shows and was keen to show off the German Shepherd in all it could do. Her part in organising the German Shepherd Nationals in the South Island will be missed as she has been on the organising committees for quite a few, including the Clubs 50th Anniversary Show.

There are probably a few members that may not know that Liz experience with running shows was also shared with Otago German Shepherd Club and the Southland German Shepherd Club, we are all going to miss her guidance and perspective at shows.

At the Queens Birthday Triples, Liz will always be remembered as these shows were one of her favourites with her three clubs all involved. They will now be a memory of her for many for that reason. So it is very appropriate that this years 'Triples' will be 'The Elizabeth Wilkinson Memorial Shows'.

During her early days Liz was involved with Bradwins Kennels, one of our breeds premier kennels in NZ. Along with her then partner, Wayne Perham and the Bradley family, they bred and showed many a fine animal with amazing results and a record of success that is well respected and admired among the German Shepherd world. There are many dogs currently being shown in all disciplines with strong links to animals bred by this Kennel dating back many years.

Liz also extended her love of animals to the Racing Track through her share in race horses via the Alabar Racing Syndicate with Chase Auckland, and then Franco Indie, following them around NZ and also Australia.

Other interests Liz had, were following, and attending Manchester United games in the UK and Formula One Car Racing. These brought her great pleasure and she enjoyed sharing her experiences with those interested, and if you had another view of her favourite teams/drivers lookout for Liz!!

We all have parts of New Zealand that we love, the place Liz enjoyed, and relaxed best was in the Southern Lakes, Aviemore in particular. Fishing, camping, boating with her close friends and this area will always be home for Liz. We all need somewhere like this to relax and recharge and enjoy. It will be a good stopping place now to think of her.

Liz was a fierce competitor, very experienced and well accustomed to winning. She took her wins with the pleasure you should and her losses with dignity. The determination to win was intense. Unfortunately, she got a diagnosis of Leukaemia, something that we both shared and would often talk about, comparing the upcoming meds that both of us were given. We all will have some way in which we will remember Liz, and there will be good and indifferent memories but all memories that will remain firmly in our minds.

For SIGSL, we have had a kick in the guts with her passing. Her knowledge of all things German Shepherd, all things showing, all things committee, all things experience, we have lost it all. We are fortunate to have some in the club that Liz has helped in training as her replacement, she did always think of the future, but we all hoped that that may have been a bit further ahead.

Elizabeth Wilkinson, Liz, will be, is, sadly missed by many. As a competitor, missed and respected by many, as an administrator, respected by many, and as a friend, she cannot be replaced and for that our club says thanks Liz for a job well done but still had more to come. There will be many fur kids at the Rainbow Bridge that will be looking after their mum Liz, it would have been an amazing reunion of old friends.

As a friend to me and my family and many many more, you are loved by us all, and sadly missing Liz, please rest peacefully.

The two hardest things to say in
life are hello for the first time and
goodbye for the last.



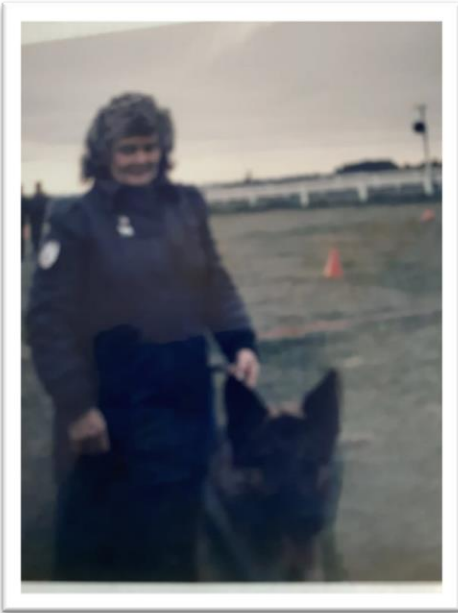
Liz Wilkinson In Photos Over The Years



Obituary For Kathleen Gibson

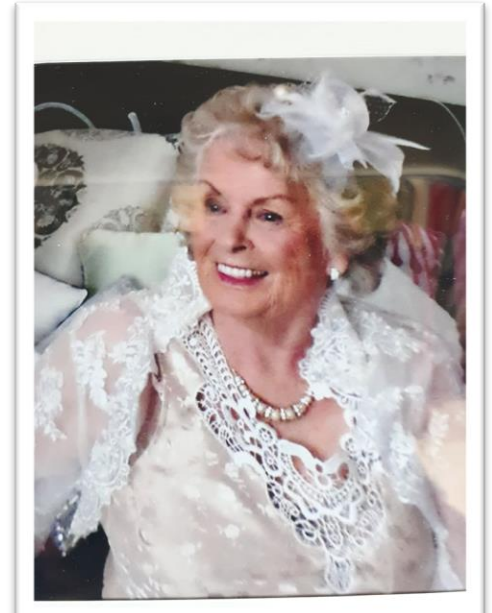
**SIGSL would like to acknowledge the passing of Kathleen Gibson
Mother and Mother in law of Tony and Annette Gibson**

Kathleen with her dog NZCH Glen Lomack Direktor



Kathleen did a lot of work for many years for SIGSL. She and Annie would organize fundraising and cook for all the judges. Tony said that he will never forget the look on her face when she was given a bottle of wine as a thank you, presented to her by judge Erik Orshla. And, he told her she made the best pav he had tasted in the world.

She spoke about it often.
This was around 35 years ago.



Rest In Peace Kathleen

*There are some that bring a light so great to the world, that even after they are gone the light
still burns bright - Unknown*



AGM
Annual General Meeting

JUNE 22nd 2022

7pm – Awards - 7.30pm - Election of Committee and General Business

Supper Provided

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We are wanting someone who can work alongside Deb to be taught the Show Secretary role if you are interested – don't wait – call/text Deb now 027 450 1065

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The Triples

The Elizabeth Wilkinson Memorial Shows

Open Show

June 4th – Judge – Lisa Amlehn – Peer Judge

Open Show

June 5th – Judge – Jon Field – Peer Judge

Open Show

June 6th – Judge – Barry O'Carroll - Hokianga

Obedience

June 4th – Judge – Maree Gavigan

Agility and Jumpers

June 5th – Judge – Carole Logan

See Schedule in Dogs NZ Magazine

Or email d.bannan@xtra.co.nz for further information

Agility Helpers Required

As we are a zone 4 club, we are involved in helping with both the following competitions.

We need some helpers on these days with setting up the ring, picking up hurdles during the competition, lead runners etc and helping with the maintaining, and cleaning up of the rings.

If you think that you could help on any of these days, please let me know. Any help would be really appreciated.

Contact – Sandra – 0212107984 - vankempenconstruction@gmail.com

Or come and see me on training days and I can explain it a bit more

Zone 4 NZDAC Benefit Show Champ

30th & 31st July 2022

RDA Building

NZDAC 2022 (New Zealand National Dog Agility Championship Competition)

21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th October 2022

Mandeville Road

Swannanoa

Christchurch



Photos by Simon Rayner Photography

Island Hills Station Walking Track

Are you looking for a mini get away with your dogs???

If so, we would highly recommend Island Hills Station 3-day walk hosted by Shaun & Hayley. The Station is 20 minutes from the Historic Hurinui pub where we had dinner the first night on our travels to the Station. The first nights' accommodation was in the Shearers quarters. If the walls of the quarters could have talked there would have been a story or two to be told.

Next morning, day 1 of the Walk we were transported with our dogs and day packs to the start of the of our 3-day adventure. The first day is an easy 11.5km walk with stops along the way to enjoy the bush, bird song and views. The Valley Hut was our accommodation that night. We were meet there by Shaun, reading Lizzie & Ninja an E-mail sent by their doggy friend Meg's mum. Meg had done the walk before them. Also, he gave us a bottle of bubbly, smoked salmon, cheese & crackers from Hayley. After a hot shower, a drink or two, BBQ tea and a big sleep it was up and get ready for day two.

Breakfast done & lunch made we set off on day two. Again, it was another beautiful day and an easy 9km walk. We were miles away from scanning in & mask wearing, it was paradise. We arrived at the Bush Hut to a lovely note & Jaffa's on the table & light rain.

Each night you radio in at a set time to let Shaun know you have reached your destination. On tonight's check in Shaun advised there was a weather front coming. It was predicted to arrive at 6pm the following day bringing heavy rain. He advised us to start the final 9.5kms of our walk early in the morning.

So up early it was, breakfast, packed up and on the track by 7am for the last of our adventure. What an adventure it was. Mother nature had other ideas about the weather front, and it arrived early. It made for a character-building last day. After 3 ½ hours walking in the torrential rain with creek crossings and a dog that wasn't keen on a swing bridge and another one that wanted to leap into every raging creek!!! We made it back to the Shearers quarters with 20 minutes to spare or the last river crossing wouldn't have been possible. We arrived to a lovely thank-you for coming note along with yummy Brownie, juice, tea & coffee.

We would highly recommend there as would Lizzie, Indio & their Border Collie cousin Ninja. Shaun & Hayley were great hosts and Hayley's personal touches went above and beyond. We took our own food but there is a catered option available. All belongings are transported to the next hut each day. If you choose to do this amazing 3-day adventure with your K9 friends, I hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

Richard & Jacqui Cole

PS – check out their website via the following link - <https://islandhillsstation.com/>



Article and photos
submitted by
Richard and Jacqui Cole

Hit the Trails Around Canterbury with Your Furry Best Friend

<https://www.christchurchnz.com/explore/seasonal-guides/summer/dog-friendly-walks-in-canterbury>

Mt Isobel (North Canterbury)

Said to be “Canterbury’s most climbed mountain”, this one can be ticked off on a day trip from Christchurch, or as part of an overnight stay in Hanmer Springs. After conquering the walk reward yourself with dinner and drinks in the Hanmer Springs township and an evening soak in the pools.

Mt Isobel has four routes with different lengths and difficulties. If you're up for a challenge, you can link up the tracks for a mega loop. The tracks are well-marked but be sure to plan your walk well if you're taking one of the longer tracks.

Features: Great views over Hanmer Springs, and on the waterfall track a 41 metre-high waterfall

Time: Approximately 5.5 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: Some steep areas with loose ground and slips

Mt Dumblane (North Canterbury)

A great alternative to the close-by Mt Isobel, Mt Dumblane offers the same great views over Hanmer Springs and the surrounding area. Built by the Mt Isobel Tramping Group, this easy to follow track is new but wearing in well. The route starts in Jacks Pass and once upon the main ridge you'll be rewarded with stretching views up the Clarence river and towards the Lewis Pass.

While this is an easy hike, moderate fitness is required. Given this is in sub-alpine terrain, this track may be closed in winter due to snow.

Features: Big views and relatively easy hiking

Time: Approximately 4-5 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: Track can be slippery in the winter and some steep areas

Lake Emma (South Canterbury)

This relatively flat and easy walking trail starts at Lake Camp then skirts around the base of Mt Harper and ends at the Lake Emma hut. The lake is picturesquely framed by the surrounding mountains, throwing delightful reflections across Lake Emma.

There's a good chance you'll see no other soul on the track so you and your furry bestie can relax uninterrupted in this beautiful landscape before trekking back home. If walking in winter or after rains you may get wet on the river crossing so be mindful about what gear you'll need.

Features: Easy trails with close proximity to the Lake Clearwater township

Time: Approximately 5 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: Dogs not welcome near the shores of Lake Camp or Lake Clearwater

Pinchgut Hut (North Canterbury)

This delightful walk winds through various valleys following the Onuku river before ending at a great camp spot and Pinchgut Hut at the base of Mt Thomas. The trail is mainly undulating with a sharper climb partway through. There are plenty of swimming opportunities along the track so, on those hot days, you can dip your toes while your furry friend can cool off.

Once at the hut, there are plenty of trails that branch off. You can easily turn this moderate walk into a longer loop or a multi-day adventure if you're up for it. The trail is easy to moderate with a couple of tricky features to navigate.

Features: A great hut and plenty of potential swimming spots

Time: Approximately 5 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: There's a river crossing at the start which could be quite high after rain or in the wetter months.
High chance of wet shoes

Saddle Hill (Banks Peninsula)

This short but rewarding walk up Saddle Hill is best done on a clear day for views across the Banks Peninsular and the Canterbury Plains. Starting from the old sheep yards, it's a short climb up to a basin with views of regenerating native bush and popular climbing routes on Coffin Rock.

Continue along the track to the trig station and have your camera ready for the stunning panoramic views over Akaroa Harbour and the peaks of the Banks Peninsula.

Features: The summit offers amazing views to the Southern Alps and over the unique landforms of Te Waihora and Kaitorete

Time: Approximately 1.5 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: Track is exposed in places, dress appropriately

Mt Vernon (Christchurch)

The closest walking track to Christchurch City, Mt Vernon offers a multitude of routes to the summit, from the valley floor to the sides flanking it. From the Huntsbury Reserve Track, take the first right onto the Connector track, until you reach the Gorge Track. The trail here becomes green and lush and you'll forget how close to civilisation you are.

Climb your way up to the Dry Bush Track and once you reach the shelter, you can choose to continue up the valley or join up to the Farm Track. The Farm Track leads to the Lamar Car Park at the top, from here cross the summit road and find the highest point for that epic panoramic view of the city.

Features: Views back over Christchurch City whilst only being 8min from the City Centre

Time: Approximately 3 hours return

Dogs: On-Leash only

Caution: Remember to check your dog's paws for grass seeds

Rabbit Hill (Mid Canterbury)

This walk has a little bit of wild in it. Summitting Rabbit Hill requires you to make your own route once you've reached 'Trig M'. To start, choose from one of two access points. Starting from Starvation Gully from the Lake Lyndon side is slightly shorter than the Coach Stream option on the Springfield side.

The walk itself is not too hard or steep, mainly shingle and farm track as far as 'Trig M' and then you pass through a tussock basin just before the final ascent to the summit of Rabbit Hill. There are a few pinchy climbs, but nothing too strenuous, with fantastic views over the surrounding mountains, lakes and back over the plains.

Features: The 'Trig M' peak is actually higher at 1251m than Rabbit Hill at 1198m

Time: Approximately 4.5 hours return

Dogs: Under Effective Control

Caution: There is a muddy bog in the saddle just before you head to the summit of Rabbit Hill, your dog will probably love this so you might want to bring a towel for after

Mt Richardson (North Canterbury)

Mt Richardson is another beautiful area in the Canterbury foothills with a few tracks that create a loop to the top. From the Glentui picnic area head up the Richardson track straight to the summit, or take the Bypass Track, connect to the Blowhard Track and up to the summit.

The Richardson track is relatively easy and good for people with moderate fitness. The Bypass track is steeper with roots, mud and rock. Taking this route is an adventure but you'll need to stay focused on trickier sections.

Features: A fantastic picnic area at the start and a nice waterfall to visit early on

Time: Approximately 4-6 hours return for the whole loop.

Dogs: On-leash only

Caution: It can get pretty dark in there, so take some lights if you think you might go into the evening

Foggy Peak (Mid Canterbury)

For a decent challenge, Foggy Peak will have you panting on its climb to the summit. The track doesn't start softly, with a sharp incline from the start. The trail is not well-marked in places, just look for cairns and markers to find your way up. It offers proper hiking from the beginning.

Due to the incline, coming down can be quite hard on the legs so use poles if you have them. There is a great plateau part way up with fantastic views back over the plains.

Features: Stunning mountain vistas and a great view of Lake Lyndon from above

Time: Approximately 3 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: In poor conditions, traction can be a problem and keeping to the less obvious trail

Mt Cloudsley (Mid Canterbury)

This great day hike leaves right from Castle Hill village, but be warned, this one can be challenging! Much of this track is on scree and is dotted with false peaks, so having poles would be an advantage.

Once you get out of the trees, climb up the Long Spur track up to the summit of Mt Cloudsley, the second-highest peak in the Craigieburn Range. From here you'll be treated to views back over the valley, over Castle Hill and Broken River.

Features: Close to Porters Lodge if looking for somewhere to grab a bite after

Time: Approximately 3 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: In poor conditions, traction can be a problem and keeping to the less obvious trail

Mystery Lake (Mid Canterbury)

The Mystery Lake hike winds its way alongside the Potts River gradually inclining to reveal views to the snowcapped mountains and the Rangitata River. The start of the track is quite narrow, before opening out onto a farm track walking through open tussocklands in the Hakatere conservation park.

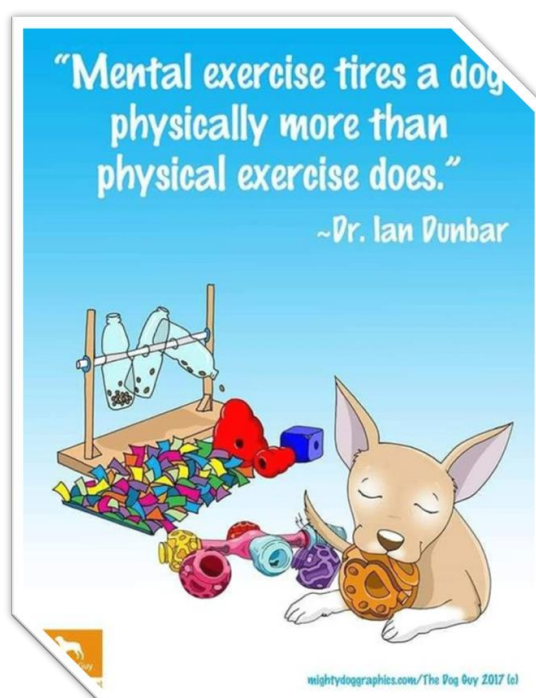
Once you reach Mystery Lake, take some time to explore this fascinating area. Climb over features like the roche moutonnées (rocky 'knobs' smoothed by passing glaciers), jumbled scree and check out the large Hall's tōtara. This hike can be longer by linking up trails including part of the Te Araroa trail.

Features: A lake which completely freezes over in winter

Time: Approximately 6.5 hours return

Dogs: Under effective control

Caution: In winter or snowy conditions it can get quite icy underfoot, prepare accordingly



Committee Member Profile – Jane Burgess (Dalzell)



Hi Everyone. My turn to do one of these profile thingys. Soooooo.....Born in Cheviot, raised on a farm in Springbank. Dogs were my favourite animal right from the get-go and if the farm dog had had pups, then you would usually find me in the kennel with them. Got married – too young – had six kids – I know – what was I thinking – got single again – got a GS dog or two – recently remarried.

I have been a member of SIGSL since getting my first GS, Ellie in 2007. In the previous edition of this newsletter, you would have read about her in the vale as she sadly passed away last year aged 14 years. I still have Viva – as pictured to the left.

I first joined the committee around 2009 and the following year I was promoted to the Secretary. A year or so later no one put their hand up for the Treasurers position, so I took that role on as well, along with Newsletter Editor and Kitchen/food coordinator/organiser when we ran shows along with various fundraising efforts and general dogsbody. After a few years of this, I stepped down from committee for a year or so, but, then I found myself being drawn back in but as an ordinary committee member – However, I was recently promoted to Vice President after the resignation of one of the vice presidents.

One of the achievements I am most proud of during my time at SIGSL is the introduction of structured puppy classes. This was around 2012/13 or so. Marty Wilson and I wrote up a 6-week training programme with set exercises and this was introduced as part of our training regime.

At one of our puppy intakes we had too many puppies for a single class and Blue split them and told me to take that lot and he would take the other lot..... “what, wait, what, no, no, no, I can’t train people/dogs”. Did he listen – No, he just walked off and left me there – Sink or swim time – I think I swam.... mostly, but a lot of doggy paddling (ha ha....get it ...) This training programme is still loosely being used now by the training team and is currently under re development and tweaking to be more in line with new ideas and methods.

It may have been mine and Marty’s idea to introduce a structured course then, but it has been Giuliana, Blue and the dedicated and time generous team of trainers that have really brought this programme to life in recent years. Training nights have gone from 4 or 5 people to now sometimes 30 people and dogs.

It has always been my belief that even though SIGSL was set up for ‘showing’ the breed side of the German Shepherd – with all the breeding of German Shepherds and these puppies going to Joe Bloggs homes who are not interested in showing there HAS to be domestic obedience type training available specific to the German Shepherd.

We owe it to the breed to make sure every GS that is bred is a well-adjusted, well-behaved dog.

Even though I have taken a bit more of a back seat with the physical side of training in the last few years – it is still where my passion lies.

Jane Burgess



"My dog cuddling with her only newborn puppy"



"My fiancé chose my dog over me for a cuddle and my dog just rubbed it in my face."



"My dog takes care of me when I'm sick, and he only sleeps when I'm sleeping. I took this picture right after I woke up."



"My wife just left for work for the first time in 3 months."

JOKEY.

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JOKE.

JOKE.

JOKE

CORNER



Clever Cunning Cowboy

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So, I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though."

A Word From Michael



Hello everyone!!

It feels like I was writing the December issue only yesterday but somehow, we are in April already!

I hope you enjoyed your break during Christmas and New Year. I was made to train pretty much daily! I say this often, but I really do think my mum is crazy! But I must say, I very much enjoyed it. I went on plenty of walks with mum and some other cool dogs and humans! My mum said that I needed to increase my confidence to react less during our walks etc. She organised the walks with Blue and Two-Tone! I am not being funny Two-Tone is awesome but she's full-on energy, I seen her off lead- this girl is sooo fast!! I am glad mum keeps me on lead when she's out. Don't repeat it but I

don't think I would keep up with Two Tone haha

Nevertheless I must admit walking with a confident dog made me realise that I don't have to react to every dog out there. The last time we went walking I asked dad to come too! I wanted him to see my progress! Ahh he was soo proud of me! I can sense those kind of things 😊

This is the very first time that I don't have to report on going to vets as I had no accidents, and my stomach wasn't causing me any issues! I am still on my meds, and I do believe that they make me calmer and more responding to my mum. But those horses, sheep and cows are still very appealing, and I still struggle to keep it together when I see them! I did chase a cow at Karen's place, and it was so much fun! Mum wasn't happy about it. I wouldn't recommend it guys as it was very naughty to do and, I was grounded after it. Only for a wee bit, mum is a softie haha

Unfortunately, mum didn't take me to the SIGSL show ☹️ She said it's because the energy there is too high for me. She wants me to be calm, so I understood her decision. I had loads of fun at home with dad, we were digging holes. On Sunday Inca went to do agility there, mum come home so happy. Inca stayed in the ring with her. She didn't run away from the ring and she stayed connected with mum. I am so happy for both of them.

My favorite thing happened in February! Blaze come for a sleep over! It was a great weekend. I love when he comes over, we get to hang out and play. This was the first time that he stayed over, and Inca was there too! He better not fancy her! It's the bro code, you don't go after your mate's sister.

Inca and I had a massive change in our lives. We are now in kennels outside! We have a big renovation, and the builders are in the house. Looks like they are building a big space for me to run around. I can guarantee you that mum and dad will fill all that nice empty space with rubbish like tables etc. Why can they not feed themselves like they do with us? Throw it all over the grass and find it... Less mess... No washing up. Silly mum and dad.

The only thing that hasn't changed in my life and probably will never change is the training my mum does with us! I overheard her that she would like me to compete at the June show in obedience! Come on mum, we can do it! I have improved so much, trust me! I won't let you down!

To finish up, I will leave you with the following quote:

"Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen" – Orhan Pamuk

Until the next time my friends, let Jane know if you or your human would like to write an article for the newsletter 😊

Michael,



SIGSL Reporter



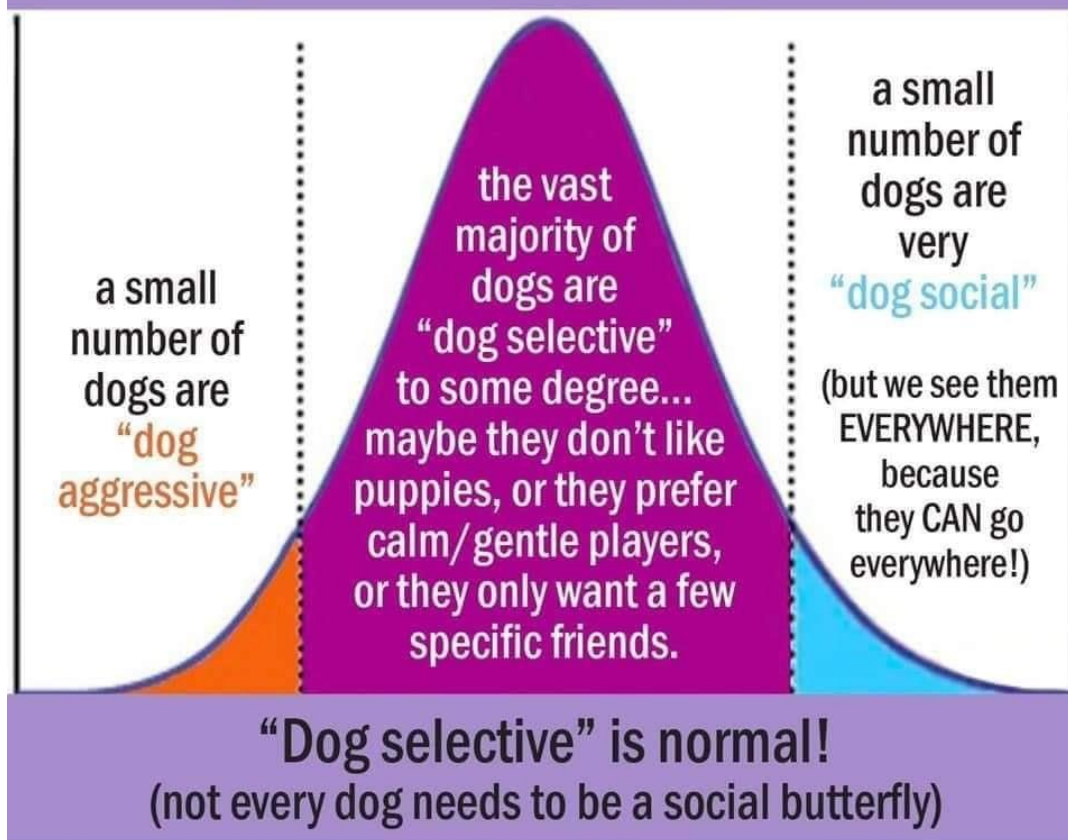
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BLAZE, INCA, MICHAEL

BELOW – ANIA MALECKA AND INCA
WITH THEIR WINNING OBEDIENCE
RIBBON



Dog Sociability is a Spectrum

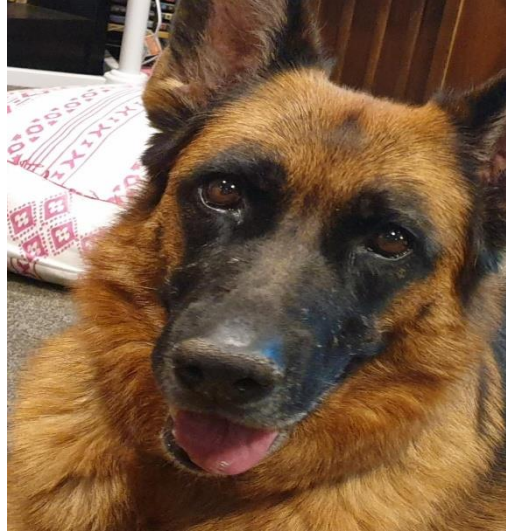


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Dog Health –

CANINE LUPUS DISCOID LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS (DLE in Dogs).



Written by Rona Todd - Schicksal Kennel.

Parts of this article are from an article by Wendy Brooks DVM, DAVP from Veterinary Partners supplied by my vet.

Common name Collie Nose or Nasal Solar Dermatitis.

We had been moving piles of dirt left over from our house build and initially thought our GSD being a GSD had been digging in the nice soft dirt as she had what looked like the dirt line across her nose. But it stayed there for a week, yes, we thought she was happily playing in dirt. But then I noticed the skin on her nose was looking like it was peeling and cracked.



So, a photo was taken and emailed to our vet, she said it looked like Collie nose. It got worse so I started using Neosoothe on it to see if that helped until she went to the vet for proper diagnoses. Unknowingly I was doing the right thing with the ointment as it has a steroid component which is what is needed to help heal the nose. Canine Lupus is treatable but once your dog has it, they have it for life. What caused it to get worse is in the name, Nasal Solar - the sun makes it worse. So, our sun loving sunbathing GSD has been diagnosed with Canine Lupus.

She now must have sunscreen on her nose when she's outside and is now a house dog and does not go out into her dog run with the others, she is of course devastated at having to be inside with me these days.... not! The problem I'm finding and can relate, is that the sunscreen for dogs Filterback is white so she is constantly licking it off, I can understand looking down your nose and seeing white, it would bug me, and it seems bugs her.

Lupus is an immune-mediated disease stemming from your own immune system reacting against your own DNA, Humans can have Lupus as well.

Unfortunately, almost every cell in the body has DNA in it, but under normal circumstances your DNA is sequestered in a cell nucleus where the antibodies of the immune system cannot reach it. The immune system in Lupus is not attacking every cell in the body to get to its DNA; instead, the immune system only sees DNA after cells have died and their assorted broken parts are floating around as debris.

The immune system reacts to this loose DNA and generates antibodies. These antibodies; DNA; complexes deposit in delicate membranes, and other similar structures. Once caught in these membranes, these immunologic cells are attracted and further inflammatory damage results. Discoid Lupus is confined to the skin and is substantially more benign because of this confinement.

THERAPY CHOICES,

Discoid Lupus is a condition with many treatments depending on the symptoms. Canine lupus is under diagnosed in most countries.

Avoid Strong Sunlight, our summer sun is dangerous to our skin so it goes without saying it can affect our animals.

The condition is made worse by the sun so it's important to try and avoid intense sunlight. Sunscreens for humans have toxic ingredients in many of them so do not use human sunscreen

as many dogs will lick it off. Pet sunscreens are expected to be licked. In New Zealand the easiest sunscreen for animals to find is Filterbac, sold at most pet shops.

Topical Corticosteroids.

The immune-suppressive effects of steroids are helpful in DLE but the systematic side effects are undesirable. Side effects are minimized by using topical (on skin), typically starting twice a day and eventually using as needed.

There are other drugs that can be used to help DLE and your vet will recommend what they feel is the best course of action.

So, our girl now must be kept out of strong summer sunlight, not easy with a sun loving sunbather, so she has the sunscreen applied as often as needed.

This disease has no cure but its treatable and not a death sentence to your dog. Its first noticed by cracking or crust on the nose and the skin may peel. Or become ulcerous, loss of pigment commonly called Snow Nose in GSDs, the skin around the nose loses its bumpy texture becoming smooth, and heavy bleeding can occur if the lesions are located close to a major blood vessel in the nose. If left untreated DLE can make dogs more likely to develop a type of skin cancer known as squamous cell carcinoma. There are some thoughts DEL may be hereditary. As well as GSDs other dogs who can be affected are Collies, Beagles, Poodles and Irish Setters.

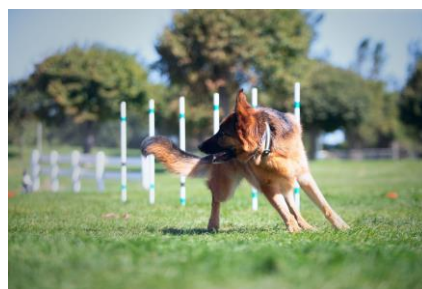


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Agility News

- Last month the agility training group ran a training day with Karen de Wit from Goodogz Training Centre

It was very informative and we got to learn a lot of new ways and of course the whys and the hows – These sessions with experienced trainers and competitors outside of our club training experience are very valuable and we will look at running more at a future date.



How the Kong ball was invented.

The Kong toy was invented by accident more than 40 years ago when Joe Markham needed a way to prevent his German Shepherd Fritz from biting on rocks and sticks. Fritz, who Markham adopted as a shelter dog, had worn down his teeth to one-third of the size they should have been.

He was working on his vehicle and tossed an axle stop with an attached bracket on the ground. His dog got hold of it and loved it. He was playing with it joyously, much to Markham's amusement.

He said to his friend, "What do you think of my new dog toy?"

His friend replied, "Actually, it's not too pretty. It looks like an earplug from King Kong."

And the Kong toy was born.



How to Handle PUPPY NIPPING with COMPASSION

Puppies play and explore the world through the use of those tiny, sharp teeth. They are teething, so their mouths are on fire. The act of chewing/nipping can ease their pain/discomfort.

It's our job to teach our puppies that teeth on humans is not okay, but we must do it *pawsitively*. Scaring them can cause normal puppy nipping to turn into fear of us and the world, and in many cases, lead to aggression.

WHAT NOT TO DO

These can cause fear of people or fear-aggression.

Never hit Puppy.



Never yell at Puppy.



Never hold Puppy's mouth closed.



Never push Puppy.



Never use shake cans, spray bottles or noise makers to stop unwanted behaviors.



WHAT TO DO

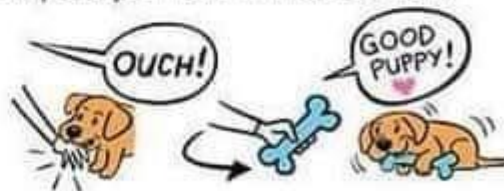
When Puppy nips, let out a high-pitched "ouch," cry or yelp, then immediately remove your attention by turning or walking away.



Count to ten, then re-engage calmly and praise Puppy for keeping Puppy's teeth away from you and for being sweet. Repeat if Puppy nips again.



OR...Replace your hand with a chew item.



MANAGEMENT is key in preventing puppy nipping.



Three Words to Remember:
SWIFTNESS, CONSISTENCY, CALM.



Show Results

SOUTH ISLAND GERMAN SHEPHERD LEAGUE

OPEN SHOWS - SATURDAY 26TH MARCH 2022 - JUDGE: KATHY MORTON (Christchurch)

LONG STOCK COATS

JUNIOR DOG

1ST	3	VGS	CH RAHKANTRA UP WHERE WE BELONG	L MARRIOTT
2ND	4	VGS	NZ CH KAYGARR EZI RYDA (IMP-AUST)	C DAYMAN

OPEN DOG

1ST	5	EX	CH TIERGARTEN OBI ONE	D BANNAN/A SHEFFORD

BEST DOG: 5 RESERVE DOG: 3

PUPPY BITCH

1ST	7	VP	STEYRHAUS NOT GIVEN LIGHTLY	D BANNAN/A & J SHEFFORD

BEST BITCH: 7 BEST OF BREED: 5 RESERVE BEST OF BREED: 7

BEST PUPPY: 7 BEST JUNIOR: 3 BEST OPEN: 5

STOCK COATS

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1ST	12	EX	OLDFIELDS INDIO	J COLE/J & T WALSH

OPEN DOG

1ST	16	EX	FULL DEL RIACE ANTICO (IMP-ITA)	J & T WALSH
2ND	17	EX	REICHUND BILBO BAGGINS	L BAKER

BEST DOG: 16 RESERVE DOG: 17

JUNIOR BITCH

1ST	24	VG	OLDFIELDS KORA	J & T WALSH
2ND	25	VG	AMBERG KALI (IMP-AUST) AI	L BAKER

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1ST	26	EX	TIERGARTEN REBEL ONE	D BANNAN

NZ BRED BITCH

1ST	28	EX	AKTAHUND HERE'S TO THE JUDGE	H HILL/A HILL
2ND	32	VGS	OLDFIELDS JADE	J & T WALSH
3RD	30	EX	ACARYA SMART AND SASSY	N CONNOR/J & A SHEFFORD

OPEN BITCH

1ST	33	EX	AKTAHUND NO REST FOR THE WIKID	H HILL/A HILL

BEST BITCH:	28	RESERVE BITCH:	26	BEST OF BREED:	16
RESERVE BEST OF BREED:	28	BEST JUNIOR:	24	BEST INTERMEDIATE:	12
BEST NZ BRED:	28	BEST OPEN:	16	BEST IN SHOW:	16
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW:	5	PUPPY IN SHOW:	7	JUNIOR IN SHOW:	24
INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW:	12	NZ BRED IN SHOW:	28	OPEN IN SHOW:	16

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2022 - JUDGE: TERESA LAWRENCE (Timaru)

LONG STOCK COATS

PUPPY DOG

1ST	1	VP	REICHUND JUST ALL TORQUE	L AMLEHN

JUNIOR DOG

1ST	3	VGS	CH RAHKANTRA UP WHERE WE BELONG	L MARRIOTT
2ND	4	VGS	NZ CH KAYGARR EZI RYDA (IMP-AUST)	C DAYMAN

OPEN DOG

1ST	6	EX	REICHUND BUTTKIKA (AI)	L AMLEHN
2ND	5	EX	CH TIERGARTEN OBI ONE	D BANNAN/A SHEFFORD

BEST DOG: 6 RESERVE DOG: 5

PUPPY BITCH

1ST	7	VP	STEYRHAUS NOT GIVEN LIGHTLY	D BANNAN/A & J SHEFFORD
2ND	8	VP	REICHUND INXS	L AMLEHN
3RD	9	VP	REICHUND JUDGE N JURY	L AMLEHN

OPEN BITCH

1ST	10	EX	CH REICHUND BUCKLE UP BABY (AI)	L AMLEHN

BEST BITCH: 10 RESERVE BITCH: 7 BEST OF BREED: 6

RESERVE BEST OF BREED: 10 BEST PUPPY: 7 BEST JUNIOR: 3

BEST OPEN: 6

STOCK COATS**PUPPY DOG**

1ST	11	VP	WESTFIELD CHUNKY MONKEY	T FINE & J POULTER

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1ST	12	EX	OLDFIELDS INDIO	J COLE/J & T WALSH

NZ BRED DOG

1ST	15	EX	WESTFIELD QUICK STEP	A FIELD/J FIELD

OPEN DOG

1ST	16	EX	FULL DEL RIACE ANTICO (IMP-ITA)	J & T WALSH
2ND	19	EX	CH WESTFIELD MAKE MY DAY	J FIELD
3RD	17	EX	REICHUND BILBO BAGGINS (AI)	L BAKER

BEST DOG: **16** **RESERVE DOG:** **15**

BABY PUPPY BITCH

1ST	21	VP	WESTFIELD HOT NOVEMBER RAIN	K FECHNEY

PUPPY BITCH

1ST	22	VP	WESTFIELD FREYKA	J FIELD

JUNIOR BITCH

1ST	23	VGS	REICHUNG GLITTER 'N' GOLD	L AMLEHN
2ND	24	VGS	OLDFIELDS KORA	J & T WALSH
3RD	25	VGS	AMBERG KALI (IMP-AUST) AI	L BAKER

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1ST	26	EX	TIERGARTEN REBEL ONE	D BANNAN

NZ BRED BITCH

1ST	28	EX	AKTAHUND HERE'S TO THE JUDGE	H HILL/A HILL
2ND	31	EX	CH WESTFIELD PRIMA DONNA	J FIELD
3RD	32	VGS	OLDFIELDS JADE	J & T WALSH
4TH	30	EX	ACARYA SMART AND SASSY	N CONNOR/J & A SHEFFORD
5TH	29	EX	ZEBANTI ZE'EVA CGS B	C DAYMAN

OPEN BITCH

1ST	34	EX	REICHUND BREAKING STORY (AI)	L AMLEHN
1ST	33	EX	AKTAHUND NO REST FOR THE WIKID	H HILL/A HILL

BEST BITCH:	28	RESERVE BITCH:	34	
BEST OF BREED:	16	RESERVE BEST OF BREED:	28	BEST BABY PUPPY: 21
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South Island German Shepherd League

Agility Results 27 March 2022

Elementary B

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Faults</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	48	5	53.458	Maureen Toland & Milo On The Go
2	27	10	29.32	Ania Malecka & Westfield Venus
3	37	10	51.091	Ann Saunders & Acarya Ur My Chia

Starters

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Faults</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	45	5	34.398	Sophie Hooper & Meraki Zya
2	48	5	42.416	Maureen Toland & Milo On The Go

Jumpers C

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Faults</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	48	0	35.897	Maureen Toland & Milo On The Go
2	49	5	55.896	Josh Mannering & Luna

Mackenzie ran Milo in Elementary

Josh ran Milo in Starters and Jumpers C

South Island German Shepherd League

Obedience result 26 March 2022

Elementary

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	47	58	Karolina Dyszy & Tris
2	2	53.5	Leigh & Luna
3	1	48.5	Tim & Moose

Beginners

Placing	Number	Points	Name
1	47	59	Karolina Dyszy & Tris
2	36	55.5	Ann Saunders & Acarya Ur My Chia

Novice

Placing	Number	Points	Name
1	39	88.5	Sophie Hooper & Meraki Zya
2	38	73	Karen Wilson & Gunnar Von Heisenberg

Test A

Placing	Number	Points	Name
1	40	114.5	Karen Wilson & Gunnar Von Heisenberg
2	33	97	Helen Hill & Aktahund No Rest For The Wikid

Test B

Placing	Number	Points	Name
1	41	103	Karen Wilson & WT GR CH & TT CH ENYA-VON HEISENBERG CDXS UDX WDX TDX TTX JD RN CGCB
2	42	73	Helen Hill & Aktahund Take A Moment

Test C

Placing	Number	Points	Name
1	41	282	Karen Wilson & WT GR CH & TT CH ENYA-VON HEISENBERG CDXS UDX WDX TDX TTX JD RN CGCB

All Photos of the show can all be seen on SIGSLs Face book page

South Island German Shepherd League (S.I.G.S.L)



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Thanks to Karolina Dyszy for taking the
photos and uploading for all to enjoy





LOYAL UNTO DEATH !!!!

In 1940, Václav "Robert" Bozděch, a Czech air gunner serving with the French Air Force, was flying over northern France when his aircraft was shot down by enemy fire. Robert survived the crash and went to an abandoned farmhouse. As he entered the kitchen, he discovered a starving German shepherd puppy. He knew the

puppy wouldn't survive alone, so he unzipped his leather flying jacket, slipped the puppy inside, and returned to his air base. Robert named his new friend "Antis", and the dog became the Squadron's mascot. The airmen quickly noticed Antis' ability to hear enemy warplanes long before humans did. On many occasions, he barked and alerted the air base of an imminent attack, and on one occasion, he ignored his own injuries in order to rescue his human friends. Shortly after Germany invaded France, Robert and Antis went to England to carry on fighting against the Nazis. Robert served with the Royal Air Force, and Antis followed him everywhere. The German shepherd even flew with Robert on 30 missions over enemy territory. One day, the Wing Commander discovered that Antis flew on missions (which was strictly forbidden), so Robert began saying: "Sir, please let me explain....". His superior interrupted him and said: "There's a very good English expression that says: what the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve after". Robert and Antis both survived the war and remained best friends until Antis died in 1953. His gravestone says in Czech:

"Loyal unto death".

Coming When Called

Recall tips! There are great ways to build an awesome “come” cue!

would your
dog **come** to
you in an
emergency?
let's talk about **recall**!

Practice recalls **OFTEN**, especially when you can immediately let your dog go back to the fun stuff! Make it a game!

🍌 use high-value food rewards for recall (at least some of the time). Think chicken, cheese, etc

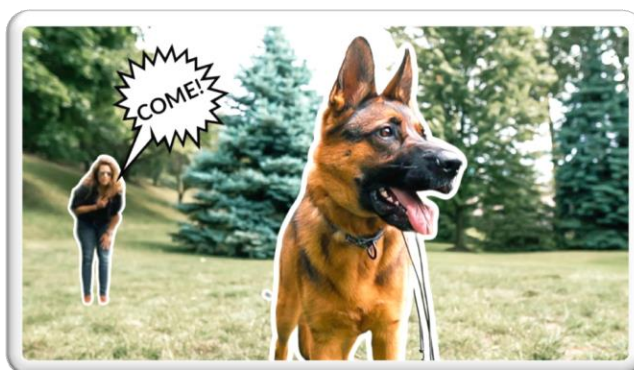
🔥 avoid burning out your recall by only using it when “bad” things will happen. If you only call your dog to leave fun places or to do things they dislike, they’re going to stop coming!

😏 be sneaky about treats! To avoid dogs who only come when they know you have treats, try carrying something good in a different pocket, wrapped up, or otherwise hidden. When you ask your dog to come and magically make good stuff appear, they think “it’s always worth coming when called, even if I don’t see the treat bag!”

🚧 if you aren’t sure if your dog will come when called, **DON’T** let them off leash in areas without a secure fence! You can practice using fenced in areas or on a long-line (a 15+ foot leash) until your dog’s recall is more reliable.

⚠️ and as always, **FOLLOW LEASH LAWS**. Even if your dog has the perfect recall, please leash your dogs when required. This is for safety, and has a huge impact on other dogs/owners whose dogs might not appreciate another pup coming to say hi. Leash your dog whenever you’re not in a designated off-leash area.

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