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EDITORIAL



Hello members,

Christmas is just around the corner and the club has continued to be a hive of activity. It was great to have a warm weekend for the jubilee and see so many members participating in the event.

I would like to extend a big thankyou to Darron Willett who has continued to take agility training every Sunday morning. We now have a few members who are out and about competing in agility events with their dogs, which is a fantastic achievement. We would love to see more members attend, so if you are interested in agility training please feel free to come down to the club on a Sunday morning at 10am, where you can meet Darren and have a go.

The committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members. Michael McAlister and Naimoh McSparron, Doug Coombes, Donna Haines, Heather Summerton, Jia and Damien Mostert, Caroline Sroga

It is wonderful to have new members join and we trust that you will enjoy being a part of the club and feel welcome.

In this issue I have included a committee member's profile along with general interest articles.

Happy reading and please remember if you have any advice on article topics you would like to see published feel free to contact me.



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PRESIDENTS PEN

We are now well into November and the 50th Jubilee Show is now a memory. It was great to see so many exhibitors and friends from all around New Zealand as well as some founder members. For a club to achieve this milestone is a great achievement. My thanks go to Rose Frame for the considerable work she did in collating the memorabilia – what a magnificent display that was. I know there were many hours of work involved and I am sure some of the photos and articles would have brought back many memories for her. The posters will be kept by the club in anticipation of the 75th Jubilee together with a set of the commemorative glasses. Years ago there were many newspaper articles about the club and its members and it will be interesting to see how new information is displayed in the future as so much is now in electronic form. My message in the catalogue highlighted technological changes and inventions which have occurred in the past 25 years and one can only speculate what will have been invented and regarded as normal in 2040

While nobody disputes the success of the celebrations of the weekend, there has been considerable feedback around the running of the exhibition part of the show and unfortunately much of it has been negative. The NZKC executive were sceptical when they agreed to the format and new Executive members questioned it again prior to the show but I commend them for ultimately allowing us to give it a go. We have sent NZKC a report on the show and while the great occasion of the Jubilee has been recognised, we have acknowledged the frustrations expressed by show officials, handlers and exhibitors over the delays and pressures to keep the show moving. It has been said to me that there were no issues 25 years ago when the show was run in this format. Times have moved on since then and people are now more forthright in offering feedback and putting across their point of view if they are affected by something which has a direct negative impact on them. Exhibitors these days are also less likely to take time off work to travel to shows and I thank you all for your patience on Sunday evening and remaining for the critique evening.

I would like to sincerely thank our officials who are not club members or GSD enthusiasts. In particular Brian Harris, our show manager, Bill Townsend who managed the rings, Wiki Te Tau who did a great job coordinating the critiques and I recognise that at times they too felt under pressure. I would also like to recognise and thank all our judges – Erich Bosl and Mike Bradley in the breed ring, Arend van den Bos in obedience and Graeme Lawson in Agility.

To Gavin Black and the Jubilee sub-committee I express my thanks for organising the weekend. There was a lot of passion for the club and the German Shepherd Dog displayed by members and the donations and sponsorship was on a level we have not seen for some considerable time. The commemorative medals and merchandise looked great and it was pleasing to see so many people registering for the event and attending the social functions.

Things don't stop for main committee. We have two shows on 9th and 10th April 2016 and Mario Magsaysay will be judging German Shepherds as a specialty at the North Canterbury Easter All Breeds show. This will be judged in the same way as Karen Hedburg at Pleasant Point in October.

Currently we have not had NZKC approval to run the Queen's Birthday weekend Triple Shows. Otago Kennel Association have requested to change their July championship shows to QB weekend. Along with Southland and Otago GSD clubs and a number of other clubs who hold shows on QB weekend, we have sent a submission to NZKC opposing the change. All Breed Championship clubs have the right to refuse permission for any other club within the region to hold shows in other places on the same weekend as themselves. The South Island as a whole is treated as one region so we await the Executive Council decision on the request by OKA with some anxiety.

Liz Wilkinson SIGSL President



Thank you to Sandra and Pete Van Kempen and anyone else who has been helping get the agility gear up to standard – we are almost there – one last push and we should have it ready to be assessed.

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Thank you to Blue Gardiner and his tireless efforts in taking training every week, rain, hail and snow, your dedication and commitment to the club is admirable and greatly appreciated.

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Thank you to Darron Willett who takes Agility training each Sunday, your patience and skill have gotten several SIGSL members out there now competing; your commitment to the club is very much appreciated.

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A huge thank you to the NZ Police Dog Section for the incredible display at the Jubilee Show. Thanks to Constable Craig Moore who organised it and grateful thanks to Sargent Tim Yates for allowing the boys the time to show us the incredible work that they do.

## Committee Member Profile: Katrina Prendergast:



So I'm sitting at my desk last week, two dogs snoring their heads off and my phone goes off. As I read the text I'm thinking "oh god no, not me". Its newsletter time again and I'm the next to write a profile being the new committee member. I study it for a while, say no quite a few times and then think, oh hell why not.

I'm not too good at this sort of thing, but here goes.

My name is Katrina Prendergast, age 40ish, born and bred in Christchurch. I have had German Shepherd Dogs for the past 23 odd years. It all started with a beautiful long coat (as they were known then) called Delmarvid Chantily Lace, or Lace, as she was widely and affectionately known in the obedience and agility rings. She was owned by my brother Shane. I was hooked, everyone loved Lace, and she was a true lady. So the journey into German Shepherd Dogs began. Unfortunately the first purchase with my mother was not successful, Kelsie was a true maggot, note to self, never choose the quiet little one in the corner watching the rest of the litter cause havoc!!

We entered the all-breed world and learnt a lot. I lived in Nelson back then so all breeds were all we had up there for training. Along came Kayla after that Reigersburg Arkayla, I was so proud to own a pup bred by my brother. We had a lot of fun with her, even got a Puppy in Show at South Island German Shepherd League, one chuffed brother standing ringside!! So then over the years came Brock, CH Reigersburg Brock O Five (sadly taken far too young), then Murphy, Reigersburg Dominator – you see the pattern here don't you, yes, Holden is my choice (Brock was named after his namesake Peter Brock, whom I had the greatest pleasure of meeting on a couple of occasions and even being his passenger in a rather fast and dare devilling ride up the old Whangamoia road hill!! Spare undies compulsory that day lol).

Ursha, Veliko Victory Dance was my next and first venture into purchasing inter-island.

I then gave up on dogs for a wee while, my health took a turn and a relationship split brought me back to Christchurch. I was lonely without a German Shepherd Dogs, so my dream had always been to own a long coat.

What a good way to get back into dogs and no pressure to show (yeah right, little did I know that wouldn't be for long) so a visit out to Lisa and Angus, Reichund, ACDC joined our household.

And you can never have just one eye (glass, chip, piece of chocolate or German Shepherd Dogs lol) so another visit out to Lisa after hearing one of my favourite bitches Yana had whelped. Gypsy, Reichund Just-A Gypsy had to come home with me.

So then I get the phone call that long coats are to be allowed to show. Oh come on, ya dreaming, right? Nope, so at the tender old age of Five, Gus got put into the ring. Well he hated it. Growled at the all-breed ribbon parade judge, hated having his teeth done – well, it was a big ask pulling a couch potato pet into the show ring. But we got there, his first Specialist show he got an Excellent and there the transition back into the show ring began.

He has now gone seven and has about 14 Excellent's to his name and a Bronze medal from the 2015 Nationals.

Life is rather busy for me lately, so showing is taking a bit of a back step, plus Gus coming a gutser on ice and hurting his back has slowed him down a bit.

My partner and I own a contracting business, so as much as the fur kids love their days in the office with me, I am quite often out on site with the boys playing in trucks, operating diggers and being the general dogs body, or out in the workshop tinkering with the gear – yes, I do lack a quantity of the feminine gene and prefer to be covered in oil and grease than la-de-dah-ing lol.

Are you bored yet? My spare time is pretty much spent working or mucking around with the dogs. What quiet time I do get is well spent with a glass (bottle) of wine and a good book (Kathy Reichs, Patricia Cornwall, Stephen King, Lee Child) or doing stitches of Wolves, Tigers or Dogs. Quiz nights at our local and Karaoke (stop laughing!!) are great nights, which are our destress nights.

I love most music and my New Year resolution was to go to more concerts, Fleetwood Mac is my favourite band, so a trip to Dunedin last week was a must. I saw them in Brisbane a few years back and they are just as magical now as they were then. I have a rather tragic collection of German Shepherd Dogs ornaments, which at last count of around 300 pieces, takes up two china cabinets and various positions around the house and thankfully survived the earthquakes.

Well enough from me as I can hear you snoring, and I have just noticed that I have managed to type over a page of dribble, so would like to thank you for your time reading this and also would like to encourage more of you to take a term on the committee. This is the first time I have done this and am really enjoying learning (even after all these years there is always something new to learn) more about the inside running of the club. A lot goes on behind the scenes which many would not be aware of and a credit to all committee members past and present for all the hard work that goes in.

## CLUB NOTICE BOARD

### BUNNINGS SUASAGE SIZZLE

26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

9.00am – 12.00pm

12.00pm – 3.00pm



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13<sup>th</sup> December – From 10.00am

BBQ lunch – Approx 12.00

Agility Fun Course

Ralley O course

Fun Games

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## Santa Parade

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Thank you to Danielle Fisher who has taken charge of organising SIGSL's float in the parade yet again

Late notice but if you would like to join the walk please let Danielle know on 027 266 0809. Walk down Riccarton Rd, Assemble at 1.30pm

Have a look at the photos on our Facebook page later on Sunday night



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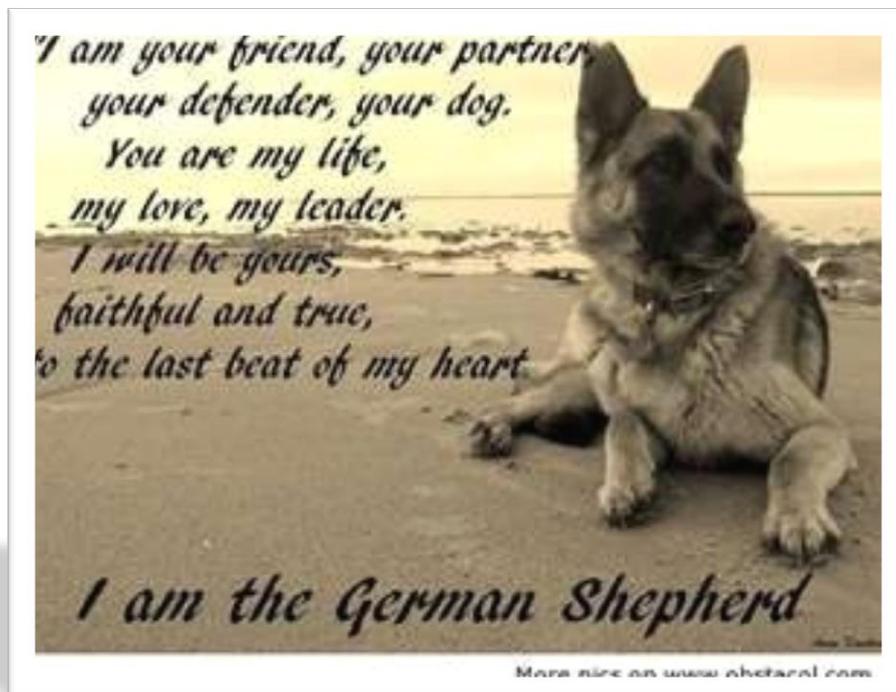
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## Jubilee Round up



A **BIG** Thank you to the trophy children who helped immensely in coordinating the sashes and prizes at the shows, they were and are **AMAZING**. And extra special Thanks to **Holly Rahurahu** who was team leader extraordinaire. **Mckenze Boardman, Kaiden Boardman, Leanne Walsh and Tommi Gallacher – You guys are AWESOME!!**



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Sunday - BIS & Gold Medal - Boldova of Taimana  
RBIS & Silver Medal - Ch Acarya Quick Fire  
Bronze Medal & Best LSC - Reichund Ohso Devius



Saturday - Best In Show - Ch Acarya Quick Fire  
Reserve Best In Show - Boldova of Taimana

## Letter from Ared van der Bos – Obedience Judge

Thank you all most sincerely for the considerable honour of having been invited to judge (Obedience) at your recent Jubilee Show. As an NZKC Obedience and Rally-O Judge, my calendar is often very full with various appointments, but ones such as attending an inaugural or special anniversary are rare for any judge. So to be asked to judge at one is therefore deemed to be a very special occasion. Particularly when there are a number of very well respected judges to choose from. The privilege of judging at such a Show is therefore all mine, and any rewards associated with it are simply added bonuses, whether deserved or not.

I wish to thank the committee not only for the privilege of being asked to judge, but also for the wonderful gifts given, which I can assure you will be treasured. I want to also thank you for the dinner at the end of the day, which was equally special.

Thank you also for the considerable attention given to me during my time there, ensuring my presence was both acknowledged and well catered for.

Finally, a huge thank you to all who were brave enough to endure my judging. It was a great deal of fun (in an appropriate way), and a wonderful opportunity to see some old faces whom I thought had long retired from the obedience circuit.

Nationally, I am impressed by the resurgence of German Shepherds in the Obedience ring. When I started some twenty years ago, they were the second most popular breed. If the continuing growth keeps occurring, it will not be long before it reaches that placing again.

Warmest regards

Ared



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## Jubilee weekend show Obedience Results

### Elementary Obedience

1. Eva

Les Marriott

### Special Beginners

1. Oldfields Senna

Sandra van Kempen 67 pts

2. Klausenburg G-Know-Me

Danielle Graham 13 pts

### Novice

1. Bradwins Rags to Riches CGC Gold CDX      Karen Wilson      94.5  
pts

2. Gabriella von Gavarol

Jenny Brown      87 pts

3. Aktahund Take A Moment

Helen Hill      85 pts

4. Ch Zauberreich At Last lanto

Jackie Maru      68 pts

### Test A

1. Braeriach of Puketawai      Gail Bramley      141.5 pts  
2. Enya-von Heisenberg CGCB UDX RN      Karen Wilson      140.5 pts  
3. Bradwins Venus Moonshine      Liz Wilkinson      134.5 pts  
4. Bradwins Rags to Riches CGC Gold CDX      Karen Wilson      134.5  
pts

### Test B

1. Marley

Gail Bramley      219 pts

2. Braeriach of Puketawai

Gail Bramley      215 pts

### Test C

1. Marley

Gail Bramley      231.5 pts



## Jubilee Weekend Show Agility Results

### Agility - Starters

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Bradwins Rags to Riches CGC Gold CDX | Karen Wilson      | 15 faults | 45.943 secs |
| 2. Oldfields Senna                      | Sandra van Kempen | 35 faults | 68.32 secs  |
| 3. Klausenburg G-Know-Me                | Danielle Graham   | 48 faults | 76.78 secs  |

### Agility - Novice

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Bradwins Rags to Riches CGC Gold CDX | Karen Wilson    |           | Clear      | 40.029 secs |
| 2. Enya-von Heisenberg CGCB UDX RN      | Karen Wilson    | 10 faults | 41.12secs  |             |
| 3. Arkwyn A Touch of Magic              | G Petronelli    | 20 faults | 45.25 secs |             |
| 4. Klausenburg G-Know-Me                | Danielle Graham | 38 faults | 78.66      |             |

### Agility - Intermediate

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|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. Jess ADX JDX | Darron Willett | Clear | 36.313 secs |
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### Agility - Senior

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|-----------------|----------------|----------|-------------|
| 1. Jess ADX JDX | Darron Willett | 5 faults | 32.013 secs |
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### Agility – Jumpers C

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. Enya-von Heisenberg CGCB UDX RN | Karen Wilson         | 10 faults | 23.685secs |
| 2. Larina von Gavarol              | Stephen Brown-Thomas | 25 faults | 39.476     |
- secs
- |                                         |              |           |       |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| 3. Bradwins Rags to Riches CGC Gold CDX | Karen Wilson | 68 faults | 53.03 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
- secs
- |                            |                   |            |            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| 4. Klausenburg G-Know-Me   | Danielle Graham   | 45 faults  | 55.04 secs |
| 5. Arkwyn A Touch of Magic | G Petronelli      | 105 faults | 40 secs    |
| 6. Oldfields Senna         | Sandra van Kempen | 125 faults | 45.6 secs  |

### Agility – Jumpers A

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|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------------|
| 1. Jess ADX JDX | Darron Willett | Clear | 34.141 secs |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------------|



## **MEGAESOPHAGUS IN THE GSD**

Karen Hedberg BVSc 2010

Congenital megaesophagus – inherited, seen in various breeds including the GSD. (possibly an autosomal dominant with incomplete penetration.) These present at around 4-5 weeks of age when solid feeds are started. The typical picture is one of vomiting within 5-10 minutes of eating; puppies affected are often small and weedy due to lack of adequate food getting through to the stomach. Many have a dilation of the throat after eating and a persistent gurgle. There are two basic types of congenital megaesophagus

1. Persistent right aortic arch (PRAA) – this is actually a vascular abnormality that results in constriction of the oesophagus over the base of the heart, causing a build up of food forward of the obstruction. Signs – regurgitation of solid foods almost immediately after eating – seen from 3-4 weeks of age. These are diagnosed by their very characteristic appearance on barium X-ray. The oesophagus is grossly dilated in front of the heart and appears pinched over the top of the heart. Behind the heart, the oesophagus should appear normal. Because of the persistent right aortic arch, the oesophagus gets “pinched” over the top of the heart, resulting in dilation of the proximal oesophagus. These can be corrected surgically (usually not before 12-14 weeks of age), however as the operation is intra-thoracic, the puppy usually has to be of a reasonable size and weight before operation. The prognosis can be guarded as the puppies are often thin, undersized and there can be secondary pneumonia. Most improve dramatically after the operation, however some can persist in having some dilatation in the 1st 1/3 of the oesophagus. Feeding of these puppies is by giving them a more liquid diet and feeding them with the food in an elevated position so as to provide a straighter passage through the chest to the stomach.
2. Megaesophagus – these puppies have a grossly dilated oesophagus affecting the entire length of the oesophagus. Occasionally, the two conditions can occur in the one puppy. Signs - Like the type of abnormality above, similar symptoms occur. In this type of abnormality, the actual nerve innervation of the entire length of the oesophagus is abnormal. The muscles cannot contract properly, so the food fails to move through. These cases often have secondary chest infections due to the constant vomiting and regurgitation. Again these are diagnosed by barium X-ray. There is gross dilation of the oesophagus the entire length from the top to the entrance to the stomach. The prognosis is extremely poor as the major defect in the muscles affects the passage of food to the stomach and the condition is not readily correctable.
3. Acquired Megaesophagus – this condition can develop in the older animal (usually over 5-7 years of age) from a variety of reasons. Inheritance of Megaesophagus in the GSD There are several breeds with an increased incidence of congenital megaesophagus. These breeds include the Miniature Schnauzer and Wirehaired Fox Terriers where it is considered inherited. Familial predispositions have been reported in Irish Setters, GSD, Shar Peis, Great Danes, Greyhounds, Newfoundlands, Pugs and cats. There are several different methods of inheritance proposed for this condition in different breeds. This condition was

considered to be inherited (in 2001) as an autosomal recessive in the Wire Haired Fox Terrier. In the Miniature Schnauzer the condition is considered to be an autosomal dominant or 60% penetrance autosomal recessive. This information was updated in 2005 to have both breeds inheriting the condition as an autosomal dominant. There have been several proposed methods of inheritance of this condition in the GSD. I myself have had several megaesophagus puppies during our kennel's life time. In one litter there were 3 puppies, as I mated the bitch rather late – at 4 weeks just after I started weaning them, 2 of the three started to develop a pouch in the left side of the throat after feeding. One puppy started vomiting after feeding. I barium x- rayed all 3 puppies – 2 had megaesophagus – very dilated along the whole length of the oesophagus. I euthanised both affected puppies and desexed the third puppy. I had a very good idea of where the problem came from and I deliberately re-mated the bitch to a ¾ brother the next time around. The bitch was mated on time, 9 puppies, all normal. The bitch was from German lines but bred in the UK. She had no other affected puppies to any sire. In my opinion, the condition is most probably inherited as an autosomal dominant, but with a variable penetrance. In other words it only takes one parent to tango. Not all puppies are affected, some with go on to throw the problem in a variable manner, others will breed clear. The interesting thing is that some puppies may have a gurgle and grow out of the problem I have seen this occur in a few puppies Miniature Schnauzers and Rhodesian Ridgebacks. The incidence can be as high as 50% in a litter, but some may develop better nerve innervation of the muscles of the oesophagus over time, and turn, or go normal. Nerve development can continue after birth. How much can occur is still poorly understood (at least in dogs as far as I know).

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## GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE TRUST - AUCKLAND

### Kaos

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 truly was the “First Day” of the rest of his life when Denise & Jo from The German Shepherd Rescue Trust made a visit to the Northern Animal Shelter in Auckland.

The reason for their trip was to take “Bonus” into their care so he could begin his journey back to health. He was so very thin, his coat was dry and coarse and he had a very bad scurfy skin. He was only around 18 months old – not what he should have endured at such a young age.



He was looked after by a 'Friend of the Trust' and began his journey back to health. It took some time for him to gain weight and feel comfortable in his skin so to speak but a few months down the track he was looking and feeling so much better and in March 2014 he was now ready for adoption.

Julie & I submitted an adoption application to GSDR and went through the process of meeting with their rep and having our home check done. We met up with Jo who introduced us, Bonus so he could meet our 4 year old Shepherd, Konig to make sure that they would get along. We felt it went well but we went away to 'think about it' but went back just a few days later and then we bought him home. We were in two minds about getting a second shepherd in the family, but I am so glad we did!

We renamed him Kaos as it describes his personality to a tee.

He is so curious about the world that he forgets his manners sometimes; as he is too busy enquiring about everything around him, whether it be a parked car, a tree, a cat or even a fence. He is rarely sitting still and so busy all the time.

He makes us smile with his innocent "trying to get it right" personality which he still gets a bit wrong from time to time.



He looks up to and copies our 4 year old shepherd Konig and learns from him.

He now knows how to eat out of a bowl, play with a ball, and trust that the shower and the bathroom aren't bad things, in fact he sometimes tries to get in with you. He has learnt to walk on lead and how to

sit and come when told (mostly).

He has stopped climbing out windows as he now trusts that our home is safe and fun. He loves his treats and has learnt that humans aren't all bad – just some of them.

The kids love him and he loves and he tries to protect them in his own way. He also gives the best cuddles, although he does take over the bed from time to time.

He is happy with us, put weight on and has also learnt that medicine isn't always a bad thing.

I am so glad that Kaos came into our lives as we feel we have certainly made a difference in how he views the world – that it can be a good place with love, trust and patience

## Tips for Children Interacting with Dogs:

Dogs and children can be great friends and having a dog can help children develop kindness, understanding and respect for living things. Because of this many families have dogs. Children quickly understand and learn to treat the dog as part of the family but it is important that parents teach children how to stay safe around dogs, to protect both child and dog.

### **Six tips for when mixing dogs and children.**

#### **1. Establish what's acceptable.**

Children must be taught what's acceptable, and understand the importance of changing their behaviour based on the dog they are interacting with.

Some dogs won't mind their tail pulled, while others won't think twice about biting a child for doing so. It is our job as the dog's owner not to put our dog in a position that they cannot cope with, so if you have children around your dog make the rules clear to the children how you expect them to behaviour around your dog.

#### **2. Establish rules and respect.**

Before you have your dog around children, sit down with your family or visiting children and brainstorm rules. Remind children that it's never a good idea to bother a dog while he or she is eating, guarding a toy or sleeping.

#### **3. Spay/neuter your dog.**

If your dog is no longer required for breeding then it is recommended to spay or neuter your dog, if it is going to be a family pet or be interacting often with children, it almost always calms a dog and reduces aggression- especially in male dogs.

#### **4. Set expectations for your pet.**

Just like the rest of your family, your pet should know his boundaries, what's expected of him, and what will happen when he behaves in an unacceptable manner. Whatever your discipline strategy is, establishing rules from the very first day is essential to keeping your kids safe and nurturing a dog that's pleasurable to be with. Be consistent with expectations and discipline.

#### **5. Exercise!**

Exercising your dog regularly will help him get out excited energy that often results in hyperactivity. And a hyper dog can be a dangerous one, especially for small children who can be knocked down.

Older children can be taught how to walk your dog, and younger ones can toss a ball.

# THE INCREDIBLE RAW FOOD DIET

## BIOLOGICALLY CORRECT NUTRITION FOR DOGS

A raw food diet is the most pure, wholesome nutrition you can provide your best four-legged friends with. Raw food is full of living nutrients and enzymes that cannot be matched by any other diet. Commercial kibble diets and even homemade diets involve cooking the ingredients which inevitably destroys a lot of the nutrients and all of the essential enzymes. The additives and chemicals in many commercial kibble diets also have a negative effect on our pets bodies over time.



The benefits of a raw food diet are amazing. Dogs with medical issues, allergies, skin conditions, digestive disorders and other ailments can find relief and the potential for a complete recovery by switching to a healthy, clean raw food diet. Switching your dog to a [raw food diet](#) can prolong their life and reduce the frequency and intensity of illness throughout their lifetime; This works by providing proper nutrition to strengthen the body and keep chemicals, additives and junk food from their system. A longer, healthier life is the result of dogs being fed raw food.

There is truly no better diet choice for your dog than a species-appropriate raw food diet. Much like their ancestors the wolf, our domestic dogs are biologically designed to thrive on a diet of raw meat, raw bone and raw organ. Wolves and dogs share 99.8% of their mDNA sequence, which also means that they share an identical digestive system and require the same type of raw food diet their carnivorous canine cousins enjoy in order to reach a state of optimum health.

The domestic dog, much like the wolf, is biologically designed to eat a nutritious raw food diet. Dogs have the same attributes that their carnivorous ancestors have that help us identify what kind of food they need to eat in order to thrive in life. You may be wondering what exactly makes a dog a carnivore and how we can identify their dietary needs based on their basic anatomy and physiology. You can learn more by reading one of my previous articles, [Dogs and Wolves: Eat like a wolf and live a long and healthy life!](#)

The sky is the limit when it comes to ways in which dogs can benefit from a raw food diet. What we know for sure is that we do see positive changes in dogs who are fed raw. One of the most evident changes occurs with physical condition. Our dogs coats becomes thick and shiny while fur becomes soft to the touch. Color

pigment in the coat is also enhanced, which for example can make red fur rich and deep. Raw fed dogs shed less and lose that signature "dog smell" that many pet owners complain about. Raw fed dogs tend to have little odor due to the overall health of the skin and coat when coupled with eating a clean diet free of chemicals and junk ingredients.

A raw fed dog's eyes suddenly become clear and lose the dullness you didn't even realize was there to begin with. Their irises become more crisp and the color intensifies. With that, we see a revitalized spirit shining through their loving gaze.

Another wonderful benefit of feeding raw is dental health. Dogs that are fed raw have fresher breath, and their teeth are kept clean and white. The act of crushing and chewing bone scrapes the teeth and stimulates the gum line. A commercial kibble meal is mashed up between the teeth and crumbles in the mouth. That chewed up kibble mash sticks to the teeth and gets caught between teeth and under the gum line (often the source of bad breath). The raw diet provides nothing that can get caught in and around the teeth; There is no residue to cause a tartar build up and gum disease.

Food allergies can be eliminated when switched to a raw food diet. Raw food is very easy on the body and almost effortless for a dog to digest. A pure protein diet can control what the dog is exposed to while dramatically lowering the chances of being exposed to the allergens.

Digestive issues such as EPI, IBD and digestive imbalances can be helped drastically by the change to a raw food diet. Many medical conditions can see an improvement when the afflicted dog is switched off of an over-processed commercial kibble diet and given the chance to detoxify on a raw food diet. While it may not eliminate the condition entirely, it will surely help strengthen the body and may reduce the severity of symptoms or even ease some symptoms entirely.

Feeding your dog a raw food diet is easier than you may think and isn't as time-consuming as it seems. It is also very possible and actually quite common to spend less money on a raw food diet per month than what you would spend feeding bags of commercial kibble.

When all is said and done, raw feeding for dogs is the very best diet choice for all dogs regardless of age, breed, size, medical issues and other ailments. A diet of raw meat, raw bone (never cooked!) and raw organ is exactly what dogs were biologically designed to eat. If you have a dog that isn't healthy and is riddled with problems, switching your dog to raw could change their life forever.

Give raw feeding a chance and you will not be disappointed in the results! You can learn everything you need to know to be a successful raw feeder with my eBook: [A Guide to Raw Feeding](#).

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**GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE TRUST – AUCKLAND**

**BAILEY #1057**

We were asked to rehome 12 month old Bailey as the owner's wife said she was not bonding with Bailey. The husband was only one interacting with her and when he was absent Bailey was crated. This led to tightness of her leg muscles and her walking was a 'bit strange' when first in fostercare.



We were concerned so undertook to get her hips xray to see if there was a problem. These showed absolutely no problems, in particular no evidence of hip dysplasia. The reason for her strange walk was due to not being allowed to use her muscles and they had not strengthened, so gentle walking with gradually extending distances was the only treatment needed.

Bailey basically came to us as a 12 week old pup in a one year old body. She has learnt guidelines and directions whilst in fostercare. She has responded very well to commands, walks well on a leash.

When the time came for Bailey to be ready to find her permanent home her foster mum had become so attached to her that Bailey became a permanent member of their family on Christmas Day 2013.

Over the past year Bailey, along with her Mum regularly attends the BBQ Fundraising Days and enjoys showing everyone what a good girl she has become by having a loving family. She has shared her home with a few other GSDs who needed a safe haven just like she did until a forever home is found, but Bailey remains #1 in her Mum's eyes.

Through gentle exercises and slowly increasing the distance she was able to walk in order to get her leg muscles working again and building up their strength Bailey now has the freedom to run. She has days at the beach and romps at the dog park, a far cry from her days of constantly being crated and literally being unable to walk.

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