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EDITORIAL

Hello members,

Spring is in the air – although from the weather the other day we could be forgiven for thinking that we were in the middle of winter again. So hopefully with more daylight and warmer weather we can shake off the winter blues and get out and be with our dogs a bit more and get them into shape and put some finishing touches on their training for Novembers shows – Don't forget to get your entry in early – Lets try and make things easier for Deb and see if we can avoid late entries e.t.c.

A couple of people will be noticeably absent from Novembers show and that will be our usual awesome show steward Mat and our fantastic certificate person Danielle – They are getting married – I am sure everyone agrees that we all wish them a happy life together. We did tell them they didn't plan their date very well and offered the show ring during the lunch break for their nuptials and they could still do the stewarding e.t.c – they politely declined.

Another congratulations to Natasha Connor and partner Gordy on the gorgeous arrival of baby Zoe.

I am handing the reins of the editor of this newsletter over to Danielle Graham – (although I will be peeking over her shoulder from time to time).

(Both Danielle and I have worked on this edition together)

Danielle is the club captain of our club and Twister is hers and partner Mats dog. Twister is a bit of a ratbag and certainly keeps Danielle on her toes.

So as always if you have any suggestions, letters or grizzles please let us know.

Regards

Jane Dalzell

Dear Editor & Readers,

I had a conversation with another GSD owner recently.

Several things this person said during the course of this conversation really concerned me, however the most infuriating thing was the matter of fact way it was indicated that lunging/pulling and barking in a GSD is a normal and acceptable characteristic of the breed.

Now... I'm not saying my dogs are angels. But... they do have manners most of the time.

I really began to think about what was said.

Should we accept that this is the nature of the breed?

Should we as dog owners be saying this type of behaviour is acceptable?

I say NO!

Do you think it is ok that we accept this is a normal breed characteristic and that it is inevitable that a German Shepherd will behave in this manner?

No wonder the general public cross the road and drag their children away when they see a German Shepherd coming towards them ☐

There are pictures in the paper of a snarling GSD every time there is another dog attack victim - when the accused dog wasn't even a GSD.

The Reputation isn't the best.

MY QUESTIONS ARE.....

Do you accept it is typical of the breed?

OrIs it a handling and training issue?

How can we address this perception of our breed?

NZKC Canine Good Citizen is an excellent programme that helps create well-mannered Dogs & encourages responsible owners.

Let's see how many of this clubs dogs can earn the CGC titles ☐

Maybe breeders need to promote CGC to their puppy buyers and encourage and support their puppies' new owners to commit to achieving the goal of CGC with their puppy, to ensure it is a well-mannered member of the Community.

But really wouldn't it be nice to think that the puppy they are buying had parents that are GOOD CANINE CITIZENS. Have a look

http://www.nzkc.org.nz/pdf/GoodCitizen/CGC_Exercises.pdf?a=134059

What do you think? It's NOT the breed is it?

Karen Wilson

Dear Karen,

Thank you for taking time to write in and express your opinion.

I too have often been annoyed when reading articles about aggressive dogs and dog attacks and see a picture of a German Shepherd when the dog involved wasn't a German Shepherd at all.

I myself do not believe that the type of behaviour you mention is typical of the breed and should never be an excuse for negative behaviour. Von Stephanitz himself bred the German Shepherd to be *calm, steady, confident, a king amongst noble beasts*.

I also believe that a lot of responsibility rests with the breeder to encourage their puppy buyers to train train and train their dog and make sure the puppy buyers understand that training is an ongoing thing and shouldn't end when the puppy school class finishes.

It is great Karen that you take training your Shepherds seriously and well done in taking them through the Canine Good citizen programme. I hope others will follow your example.

Supporting to Educate people about the German Shepherd Dog:

Written by Danielle Graham

In response to the editorial, I could not agree more. The German shepherd dog is one of the most amazing dogs that you may come across. These dogs are incredibly intelligent and can be taught to do just about anything.



However for most they are dogs to be feared. When you mention you have a German Shepherd a lot of people associate them with police and guard dogs, rather than a family pet.

In order to re-educate people it is important to start young.

One place to start is in schools. For children to truly understand how fantastic these dogs are, it is important for them to be in contact with them. Over my time being involved in the German Shepherd Club I have arranged on a few



occasions for Blue Gardner to bring his Shepherd Nushka into



different preschools. Blue demonstrates to the children how to control your dog through obedience and agility training, dog safety, how to approach a dog and how to interact with them.

Children experience an interactive demonstration of obedience tricks, and see a dog run through an agility obstacle course. Blue encourages and teaches the children how to give the dog a treat and selects some children to try and put the dog through a part of the agility course. All children are also provided an opportunity to

pat Nushka, which can take a lot of courage. This is a fantastic experience, which helps people to truly see how respectful these dogs can be with the correct training and socialization.

PRESIDENTS PEN

The AGM is now past. The meeting was well attended and informative and we apologise for the Arctic conditions. The power had been cut to the clubrooms due to an outage in the stables so we were in the position of obtaining an alternative at very short notice. Congratulations to all Annual Award trophy winners.

We were blessed with wonderful weather for the Triple Show weekend – long may it continue at that time of year. I would like to congratulate Tony Gibson on the completion of his first Specialist Judging appointment and thank everyone who supported him.

We have been advised that the GSD National is going ahead in 2015 but there is little more information available at this time. The event is being held in Taupo and will include obedience and agility. As a club we have not been notified of the name of a contracted judge but I am sure these details will emerge in the not too distant future.

Planning for the 50th SIGSL Jubilee which occurs in November 2015 are moving forward. The Jubilee organising committee have requested to run the shows for that weekend in a similar way to that which happened in 1990 at the 25th Jubilee. Main committee have agreed to the format and while it may not be every exhibitor's preferred option, it is a special event and I urge all members and exhibitors to support what should be a great weekend.

Two shows will be held on the weekend. The regular SIGSL Championship show will be held on Saturday and the Jubilee Champonship Show on Sunday. Both judges will be involved in each show as follows:

Saturday: Erich Bosl – all males, Mike Bradley all females, Best of Breed and Best in Show

Sunday: Mike Bradley – all males, Erich Bosl – all females, Best of Breed and Best in Show

Club memorabilia is being collected and will be on display during the weekend.

This year's November shows are just around the corner with entries closing shortly. Christoff Ludwig is returning to New Zealand for our Saturday show and his wife is accompanying him on this visit. They are remaining in New Zealand for a week after the show to do some sightseeing.

My best regards to you all.

Liz

The committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members
Carolyn and Wayne Springs, Justin Elliot, Manu Harris

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Have a spring clean – but don't throw your stuff away



MONSTER GARAGE SALE

4th October – 8am

At SIGSL clubrooms –

Spread the word – grab your friends and neighbours
Stuff too

Please donate your unwanted items.

Pick-ups can be arranged –

The clubrooms will be open on Sunday morning between 9am and 11am
Sunday 28th if you want to drop stuff there then

Proceeds to Jubilee fund

Please contact Jane Dalzell – 960 6697 or 027 427 9550

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FACEBOOK – SIGSL has its own facebook page so if you are a facebook user don't forget to add us as a friend – South Island German Shepherd League.

<https://www.facebook.com/SIGSL>

SHOWS –

November 01st and 02nd Judges are Christoph Ludwig and Rod Vernon

Entry details in September's edition of Dog World – Please get your entries in early –

Don't be a last minute Charlie.

FUNDRAISING – We are once again doing truck watch for Laings and it would be great to get a list of volunteers that would be able to do this. It is usually only for three hours from 6pm til 9pm. If you can help can you please email or ring Evan Rahurahu 027 4700 906

Email: rahu1@xtra.co.nz or Blue Gardiner 03 344 0390

Many Hands make light work

HONOURS BOARD – If your dog/bitch has achieved a show, obedience or trials title and you wish for a plaque to be placed on the SIGSL honours board can you please send the details to mjdzell@xtra.co.nz along with \$10.00 – there will be another 'run' being sent to the engraver shortly.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING – Back to Wednesday night training on the 01st October – at the clubrooms from 6.00pm

MINI ASSEMBLY – SIGSL is putting a team in the obedience mini assembly this year – Helen and Blue are heading up and training up a team – Good Luck Guys

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The Creation of Blackhawk Holistic

Health scares can often be a trigger for change and also prompt people to explore, not only their own lifestyle habits and diet, but that of their families too. Sherel, founding owner of Black Hawk Pet Care, was no different when diagnosed with cancer in 2007.

Sherel was also motivated, at this time, to examine the condition of her pets and began the daunting task of thoroughly researching pet foods and their ingredients. Showing dogs for most of her life and owning Australian Grand Champion "Kylain Black Hawk" (**an exceptional German Shepherd**), she had good motivation to ensure her dogs were eating the best food possible.

What she discovered was quite disturbing to say the least. It appeared that most pet foods on the market had a very direct and obvious effect on the condition and wellbeing of her beloved dogs. So, during her rehabilitation period, Sherel sought to find a food she would be happy to feed her own dogs. To commence her new project, Sherel quite simply listed all the ingredients relevant to pet food and formed three lists: A) Ingredients that matter, B) Ingredients that are ok and C) Ingredients that are not ok. From there she researched every dry food on the market to determine how healthy they were and if they were suitable for her pets.

After an extensive period of investigation, which eliminated every dry food on the Australian market, she was astounded to find only one dry food using all the ingredients in her "Ingredients that matter" list. What's more, the product was manufactured in Australia for a company overseas. Quite simply, it contained no wheat, no corn, no soy and no artificial colours, flavours or preservatives. Sherel began feeding the new dry food formula to her dogs and after a short period of time, began getting feedback from friends and family who noticed how well her dogs looked. Their coats were shiny and soft, their muscle tone had improved and their overall condition was excellent. Other positive benefits included a reduction in stools, increased energy levels, brighter eyes and more contentment overall. Eventually, Sherel was able to offer her friends and family the opportunity to buy the dry food too. She wanted to ensure that all dogs had the benefit of a world class dry food, a super-premium dry food at an affordable and realistic price and so, Black Hawk Professional was born.

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- Holistic
- No wheat
- No Corn
- No Soy
- Essential omega 3's & 6's
- No Artificial colours
- No Artificial flavour
- No Artificial Preservatives
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A woman came up behind her husband while he was enjoying his morning coffee and slapped him on the back of the head.

"I found a piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name 'Marylou' written on it," she said, furious. "You had better have an explanation."

"Calm down, honey," the man replied. "Remember last week when I was at the dog track? That was the name of the dog I bet on."

The next morning, his wife snuck up on him and smacked him again.

"What was that for?" he complained.

"Your dog called last night."

At Training on Tuesday Night – Zeba – SIGSL’s next TOP show dog



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2014 Specialist awards – Stock Coats

Puppy of the year SIGSL Trophy	Boldova of Taimana	Lisa Amlehn
Junior of the Year SIGSL Trophy	Aktahund Take Manhattan	A & H Hill and G Lilley
Intermediate of the Year SIGSL Trophy	Aktahund Keep Takin All	A & H Hill
N.Z Bred of the Year SIGSL Trophy	CH Zetland Mad Max	E Wilkinson, R & A Grant, W Perham
Open of the Year SIGSL Trophy	CH Bradwins Lord Jester	M Bradley, E Wilkinson, W Perham
Veteran of the Year SIGSL Trophy	CH Bradwins Lord Jester	M Bradley, E Wilkinson, W Perham
Dog of the Year Arrenburg Cup	CH Bradwins Lord Jester	M Bradley, E Wilkinson, W Perham
Bitch of the Year SIGSL Trophy	Aktahund Keep Takin All	A & H Hill
Breeders Award Gough Trophy	CH Bradwins Lord Jester	M Bradley, E Wilkinson, W Perham
25th Jubilee Trophy	Zetland Nikita	R & A Grant

2014 All Breeds Awards – Stock Coats

Puppy of the year Vernis Trophy	Sonnenschein Empress Pam	Deb Renga
Junior of the Year Heathcote Trophy	CH Westfield Viccolo	Jon Field
Intermediate of the Year Glenlomack Trophy	CH Westfield Sita	John and Amy Field
N.Z Bred of the Year Kirsty Memorial Trophy	Rhankantra Jumping Jack Flash	Candyce Orchard
Open of the Year Chew Trophy	CH Westfield Vaasa	J Field
Veteran of the Year Laufertal Trophy	CH Bradwins Lord Jester	M Bradley, E Wilkinson, W Perham
Dog of the Year Zauberhaus Trophy	GR CH Oakway Kiwi Magic	J Field
Bitch of the Year Eichenmacht Trophy	CH Westfield Vaasa	Jon Field
GL Bowron Southland Trophy for dogs gaining most points at an open/specialist and all breeds shows	CH Bradwins Lord Jester	M Bradley, E Wilkinson, W Perham
GL Bowron Woolston Trophy for bitches gaining most points at an open/specialist and all breeds shows	Rhankantra Ice Angel	Candyce Orchard

Leila Greig Memorial Sash

Stock coats and Long Stock Coats

Dogs and Bitches Gaining show championship title

Westfield Vaasa
Westfield Vendetta
Westfield Vicolo
Hundmeister All about me
Brojan Ultimate Storm
Zetland Mad Max
Oakway Kiwi Magic

Grand Champion

Delnarvid Chantilly Lace Sash	Lupa	Guiliana Petronelli
Klausenburg Memorial Sash	Bradwins Rags to Riches	Karen Wilson

Obedience 2014

Dog/Bitch of the Year	Klausenburg Dawn Raider	Blue Gardiner
Kasin Obedience Award		

Carter Trophy	Hatchi	Reza Negarestani
For the handler who has made the most progress throughout the year		

Albara Kennels Trophy		Sandra & Pete Van Kempen
For the club member who has shown outstanding service to SIGSL		

Training Committee Trophy	Suki	Mike Barr
For the handler who has preserved on a regular basis with a difficult dog		

Junior Handler		Pip Prendergast
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Child Handler		Leeanne Walsh
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Klausenburg Sunseeker Trophy	Senna	Sandra Van Kempen
Trophy night competition – Points accumulated over the year		

Agility 2014

Agility Dog/Bitch of the year	Klausenburg Dawn Raider	Blue Gardiner
Founders Trophy – Donated by Training Committee		

Agility Trophy No1	Klausenburg Dawn Raider	Blue Gardiner
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Long Stock Coat 2014

All Breeds

Dog of the Year	CH Westfield Vendetta	Josh Field
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Bitch Of the Year	Reichund Oh So Devious	Lisa Amlehn
	Westfield Your Irristable	Jon and Amy Field

Specialist

Dog of the Year	Ch Brojan Ultimate Storm	AJ Renga
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Bitch of the Year	Reichund Oh So Devious	Lisa Amlehn
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You know you're a dog owner when.....

- You own more leads than you do belts
- You cant understand why heads turn at work when you talk about your bitch
- All your clothes have plastic bags in the pockets
- You select a new vehicle solely on its suitability for carrying your dogs
- You feel the urge to put chokers on people when they misbehave
- You ask a pregnant friend when they are due to whelp
- You ask old friends about their dogs before their family
- Every conversation you have turns to the topic of dogs.

Canine Good Citizen – Exercise Headings

(For a full explanation, please contact your nearest CGC registered club)

Canine Good Citizen Foundation

1. Appearance, handling and responsibility
 - a. Responsibility and care
 - b. Public cleanliness and identification
 - c. Examination of the dog by handler
 - d. Grooming and inspection of the dog by the assessor
2. Food manners
 - a. Person eating
 - b. Dog eating
3. Accepting a friendly stranger
4. Accepting being patted by a friendly stranger
5. Walk on lead through a door/gate in a controlled manner
6. Return to handler
7. Walk on lead
8. Controlled walk through people and distractions
 - a. Pedestrian traffic
 - b. Distractions
9. Stay tied on lead
10. Meeting a stranger and their dog
11. Supervised separation
12. Playing with the dog

Canine Good Citizen – Bronze

13. Responsibility and care
14. Food manners
15. Stay in one place (untied, handler in sight)
16. Stay tied on lead (handler out of sight)
17. Staying still and return to handler
18. Stationary vehicle control
 - a. Into a vehicle
 - b. Out of a vehicle
19. Control at steps
20. Walk on lead and reaction to distractions in a public area
 - a. Walk on lead
 - b. Distractions

Canine Good Citizen – Silver

21. Responsibility and care
22. Examination of the dog by a stranger (handler at a distance)
23. Stay in a down position (untied, handler out of sight)
24. Return to handler (with distractions)
25. Stop the dog
26. Advanced vehicle control
 - a. Into a vehicle
 - b. Vehicle is moving
 - c. Out of a vehicle
27. Staying still and return to handler in a public area
28. Calm and controlled behaviour whilst in a busy public area
 - a. Walking
 - b. Staying in one area
 - c. Accept being touched by a stranger

Canine Good Citizen – Gold

29. Responsibility and care
30. Walking beside the handler, without a lead
31. Sending the dog to a known article and staying
32. Parked vehicle control
 - a. Into a vehicle and leaving dog
 - b. Distractions outside the vehicle whilst parked
 - c. Out of a vehicle
33. Delivering a dropped article to hand
34. Another person (other than handler) walking the dog in a public area, with distractions
 - a. Handing the dog over to the nominated person
 - b. Person walking the dog in a public area
 - c. Distractions whilst person walking the dog in a public area
35. Stay in a down position (untied, handler out of sight) in a public area
36. Stop the dog and recall in a public area
37. Stay tied on lead (relaxed isolation) in a medium-busy public area
38. Walking, with distractions, in a busy public area
 - a. Walking
 - b. Distractions



IF

If...you can keep on smiling, and looking at your best
With dog hair on your trousers and paw marks on your chest

If...you don't object to rising at the earliest crack of dawn
And strolling outdoors in the rain with just your bathrobe on

If...you can keep your temper and discount with a shrug
Puddles in the hallway and stains upon the rug

If ...you can calm your neighbour whose gardens' been dug up –
You're just the kind of person who should have a Shepherd pup!

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Hot Spots on your dog

(Article taken from <http://www.total-german-shepherd.com/hotspots.html>)

"Hot spots", also called moist dermatitis, acute moist dermatitis, or Summer Sores, is a term used to describe a varied number of skin problems which are very common in the German Shepherd Dog.

Anything that irritates or breaks the skin of a dog can create an environment perfect for bacterial contamination. And if the dogs skin surface has just a tiny bit of moisture on it, it doesn't take anytime at all for the bacteria to spread.

Typically, these circular patches will lose hair, are swollen and "pussie" and can be very itchy and painful to the touch. Also, this moist, raw skin disorder has a lot of different causes, but the most consistent factor seems to be bacteria.

The affected dog will feel compelled to scratch, lick, or bite the affected area to the point of self-mutilation. Skin redness, oozing, pain to the touch, and itchiness are all hallmark signs that your dog has a hot spot.



Untreated, these areas could easily spread and cause even the most even-tempered dog to bite if touched near the affected area. These lesions are incredibly itchy and include massive amounts of scratching, licking and rubbing by the dog. These painful sores can happen in just a matter of hours with no warning of any kind.

Any dog can develop these, but those dogs most susceptible to these infections are those with heavy coats and histories of allergies, ear infections, flea infestations, irritated anal sacs or grooming problems such as hair mats.

Dogs in warm, humid climates are more prone to develop hot spots too when they shed their undercoats if they are not groomed thoroughly. If the underlying cause is indeed tangled or matted hair or trapped dead hair, put the dog on a regular and thorough grooming schedule to help reduce this problem.

- Increase the number of grooming sessions to remove all of the shedding undercoat. Be careful not to scrape or damage the dogs skin by putting too much pressure on the comb or brush as you groom your dog.
- Damp coats are another problem causer. If your dog goes swimming, be sure to rinse the dog off with clean water and dry the coat thoroughly with towels or a hair dryer set on cool.

- A natural approach can be very helpful as well. Pet skin care products that contain chamomile, tea tree oil or aloe vera can clear up most moist dermatitis in just a few days. Aloe vera and chamomile are soothing ingredients to help reduce pain and promote healing.

There seems to be no single cause for developing these itchy spots, however, the problem can be associated with any of the following things, such as: surface skin infection, "clipper rash", irritants, foreign objects in the coat, as well as trauma and allergies.

The most common areas for these spots to occur are the rump, legs, feet and flanks - but these infections can also appear other places such as on the back, ears, neck, and chest.

To treat, you need to treat the sore and then remove the underlying cause to prevent recurrences. Suggested methods include trimming the hair around the sore to prevent further spread of the infection. You want to dry the spot out and get air into the infected area.

Next, wash the area with a mild water-based astringent or antiseptic. Personally, I use a simple mixture of water, hydrogen peroxide (3%) and rubbing alcohol to treat my dogs if they ever come down with a hot spot. Here's how I make it: in a regular drinking glass, I fill about 3 tablespoons full of hydrogen peroxide, add 1 teaspoon of rubbing alcohol and then fill it the rest of the way up with water and stir.

It is very important that you do not put in too much alcohol or peroxide. By itself, alcohol can burn intensely. Would you put straight alcohol on a fresh wound on yourself? I didn't think so.

And concerning hydrogen peroxide, if applied directly to any wound it can kill tissue which will not allow for correct healing. So, in a regular drinking glass you want a large amount of water and only a tiny amount of peroxide with just a few drops of alcohol.

If you don't want to mix up the recipe I gave you above I have also been told by several people that another very effective thing to try to dry the sore out is a cup of black tea with aspirin in it. Here's what you'll need to do: brew up a strong cup of black tea and dissolve one regular aspirin (not Tylenol or any other kind of pain reliever - it must be aspirin) in it.

Afterward when the tea/aspirin mixture cools off you'll need to soak a cloth or rag in this mixture and apply it to the hotspot area several times a day for a few days - until the spot dries up.

Cool compresses can be applied several times a day as well. Medications such as oral antibiotics, topical drying sprays, Hot Spot Shampoo, antibiotics or cortisone may be needed as well depending on severity of the hot spots. Witch Hazel is very effective too in cooling off the hot spot almost instantly and can be applied several times a day.

In severe cases, your veterinarian may even suggest the use of an Elizabethan collar to prevent further self mutilation and to give the spot a chance to heal completely. If your dog needs veterinary help for any skin lesion, or hot spot, don't delay in making that call

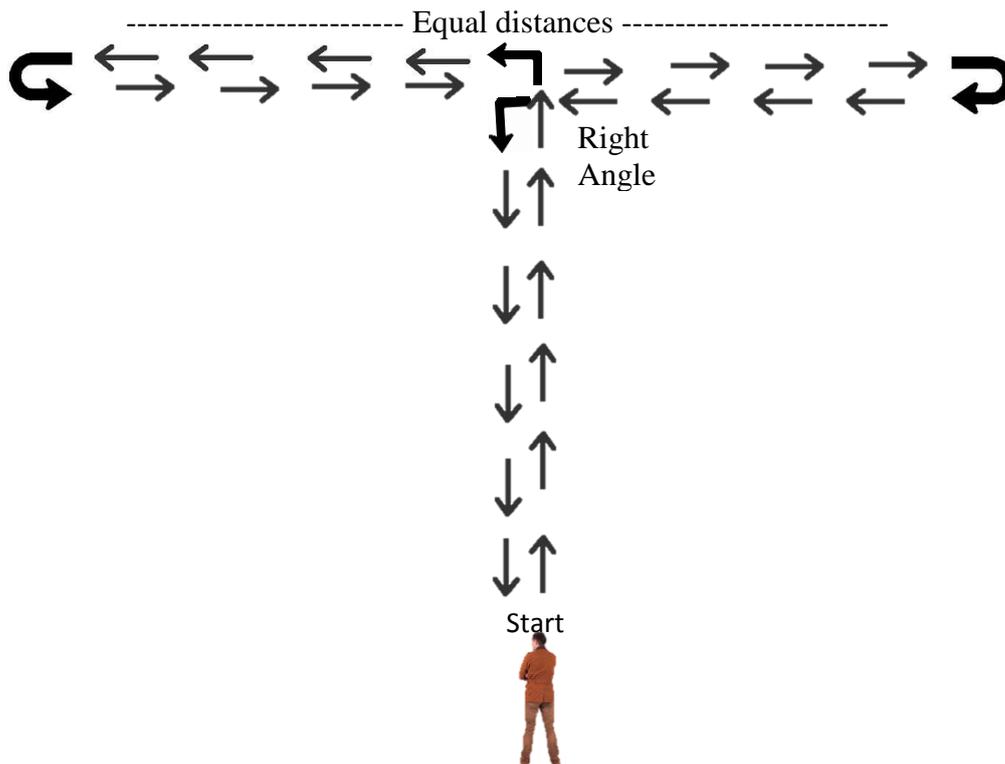
Junior Handlers section

The “T”

This task is used so that the judge is able to see the rear, both sides and the front movement of the dog.

A handler should position themselves in front of the judge and observe the intended route of the task.

The first part of the task is to move to the opposite side of the ring in a straight line, then turn to the left and move to the side of the ring. The handler should count these steps so that they run double this amount after they do an about turn. When the handler turns their dog they should do this so that the dogs head turns in the direction of the judge. This turn will also mean that the dog will be on the handler’s right hand side. In the arrows show the movement of the dog, the handler will be in a position that doesn’t mean that they are between the dog and the judge.



Returning to the Judge

When returning to the judge the handler needs to maintain a good distance when stopping their dog. It is recommended about 2 metres is required so that the judge can view the dog upon it stopping.

The Judge will tell the junior handler before it leaves for the task whether they are to “free stand” or “stack” their dog. With either of these two instructions the handler needs to angle the dog so that it is in front and side on from the judge. If asked to “free stand” their dog the handler is not to touch the dog in anyway but have it stand and show attention to the handler. This is used to see that the handler is able to gain the interest of the dog and have a good rapport with the dog. If the handler is asked to “stack” their dog they should do so quickly so that the judge is able to move around the dog and assess it from the view once more.

Sportsmanship Breed Handler Judges Manual NZYKC

What is Good Sportsmanship?

Showing good sportsmanship can be done in many different ways, here are just a few:

- Be friendly and help others
- Be a good loser
- Be an even better winner
- Never crowd out other exhibitors
- Keep your dog comfortable in the weather

Friendship within junior handlers is so important, as it will keep your interest up, give you someone to share advice and to have another like-minded person as a friend who shares the same ideas about dogs as you do. If it is not your day to win you can also take the pleasure in your friends winning. Better yet if you helped someone in the show ring and they won, remember that it was your advice that helped them to get to that winning position.

Regardless of your abilities you will always share the winning and the losing, one day might not be as good as others, and at the end of the day it is the judges opinion, they may not have seen another handler make a small mistake, or you complete a fantastic turn.

Remember to congratulate the winners on the day, and always remember that win or lose you are the same person that entered that ring. Also remember to praise your dog, win or lose, that had a lot of pressure put on them too.

Good handling requires a lot of self-discipline and control. You need to be able to control your emotions, and maintain your cool. Remember to use this control when it comes to the winners being announced.

There is nothing wrong with showing pleasure when you win, just be discrete, there are other handlers who gave it their best and have not been as successful today.

Remember to enjoy the junior handler experience. Smile, have fun!

Keep your eyes moving and watch out for other people and the judge, just remember not to eyeball anyone.

When moving with your dog or stacking your dog retain the personal space bubble of at least 1 meter.

Remember that the dog is also exposed to the heat and the weather. Bring a cool cloth on a warm day, or have a family member or friend to bring a shade umbrella to the ring side when you are relaxing your dog. Your dog should always come first, choose one that will not suffer as much in the heat or cold.



Twister's Adventures:

I currently manage Avonhead Montessori preschool and we are a very pet friendly preschool, which has been a blessing for me. Twister my German Shepherd dog is a regular fixture at Avonhead preschool and has become quite the office dog.

The children really enjoy having Twister as a part of their preschool community and Twister really enjoys the attention she receives from the children.

Over Twister's time attending preschool she has supported numerous children and parents to overcome their fear of dogs.

Twister has also learnt how to recognise when a child is unhappy and if she hears a child cry she will approach them to sit by their side until an adult can support the child. The following learning story shows Twister supporting a wee girl to happily separate from her mum.

Bonding with Twister



Ida, when you arrived at preschool this morning one of the first things you noticed was Twister, Danielle's German Shepard. Twister was outside and you immediately went up to the door to greet her. As I was having a wee chat with your mum, I noticed that you and Twister were playing a little game with each other. Ida, it was as though you and Twister were playing hide and seek.

Twister would wander around to the wharekai (dining room) door on the outside of the building whilst you would scurry round on the inside. I

observed you both engaged in this little game for a few moments, going from door to door.





Just before your mum left Danielle brought Twister inside, well almost immediately you were like two peas in a pod, a bond had been formed. Ida, normally you must say goodbye to mum at the 'magic window', but not today, you were far too busy chatting and playing with Twister. At first you started to wave your hands in front of Twister's face; however Danielle explained to you that Twister may think your hands are fun to play with if you wave them around her face, so to just quietly pat her. Danielle demonstrated to you how and what you should do with your hands around Twister. Whilst this was happening you told Danielle "my mum got bitten by a big dog one day, so she is a bit frightened now". Danielle reassured you that Twister is a very kind and caring dog.

Ida, as you can see from the photographs Twister feels very safe and secure with you with you too. I think a new friendship has been established. How lucky are we that Danielle shares Twister with us? Maybe next time Twister visits us you could throw her ball for her to fetch?

Twister has also supported Ida's mum to overcome her fear of big dogs



Newbies In The Show Ring

Twister in the show ring – A delighted Danielle who was pushed into the winners circle and told to 'stack' her dog – "I don't know how" she exclaimed. Never mind Danielle, you did great - We'll get you trained up. Now you are 'hooked' on the show ring.



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A word from the fundraising Department

We have for sale German Shepherd Bumper stickers and window stickers @ \$5 each - they look great - Better than the stick family

The new draw for Jubilee Lotto will be starting again 11/10/2014 @ \$20 an entry 10 weeks for 10 weekly draws of \$50 per week. Costs only \$2 per week.

Choose a number and if your number matches the bonus ball at lotto that week – you win. Going very well at present. Some lucky people are doing very well.

Could those people who are selling the Resene etc Raffle please wind it up the best you can by the end of this month and either/give me the money and the book or deposit the money in this account 03 0767 0405759 00 and post the book to 5 Avonie Place Templeton R.D.8 Christchurch 7678 Thanks for your help.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE GARAGE SALE COMING SOON. Have a clean out at home. All donations gratefully received.

Jubilee Update.

SIGSL's 50th Jubilee will be held the weekend of the 7th and 8th of November 2014 at the Prebbleton reserve – interestingly enough after we booked the Prebbleton reserve we found out that one of SIGSL's very first shows was held in exactly the same place – How AWESOME is that – talk about going back to where it all began. One of the first fundraisers that the club did all those years ago was to hold a walkathon between Prebbleton and Lincoln – with the dogs.

Back then SIGSL was the only German Shepherd dog club in the South Island and so it encompassed the whole of the South Island – which is something that we are putting into the theme for the weekend too.

The Judges have been arranged and we have Herr Erich Bossil SV from Germany and Mike Bradley SV from our very own land. The running order is as described in Liz' presidents report.

Below is a forward that was printed in the very first Championship show for SIGSL

S.I.G.S.L. 1st CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW FORWARD. 1970

The presentation of this, the first championship show of the South Island German Shepherd League, is a milestone in the history of the breed in the South Island.

Many people question the value of separate breed clubs and hold that they serve no useful purpose, but a comparison of the numbers and quality of the exhibits at shows over a given number of years clearly indicates that the breeds that have their own specialist club show a much more rapid improvement than those which do not.

This is due entirely to the spirit of cooperation which exists between people sharing a common interest and it is in this respect that the South Island German Shepherd League is so fortunate.

A Couple of Blasts from the past.....
Taken from the 25th Jubilee catalogue



N.Z. CHAMPION ALMA von GAVAROL BS Cl. I (Life)

May 1978 - September 1990

Sire: **ARMBRO GENTRY**

Dam: **CINDY von RACHER (Imp.UK in Dam)**

ALMA was graded "EXCELLENT" every time exhibited under SV German judges. She was winner of the Open Bitch for 4 consecutive years at the Wellington DGSDC Championship Show under 4 different SV judges.

SV Gold & Silver medal winner and multi "In Show" winner at both All-Breeds and Specialist shows.

Proudly bred and owned throughout her lifetime by Gavin & Carol Black - von GAVAROL Kennels.

Sadly, Alma passed away last month, aged 12½ years.

CH GLENTERRY OFF CHANCE

SIRE: **Olex von der Ernetranch (Imp Germ)**

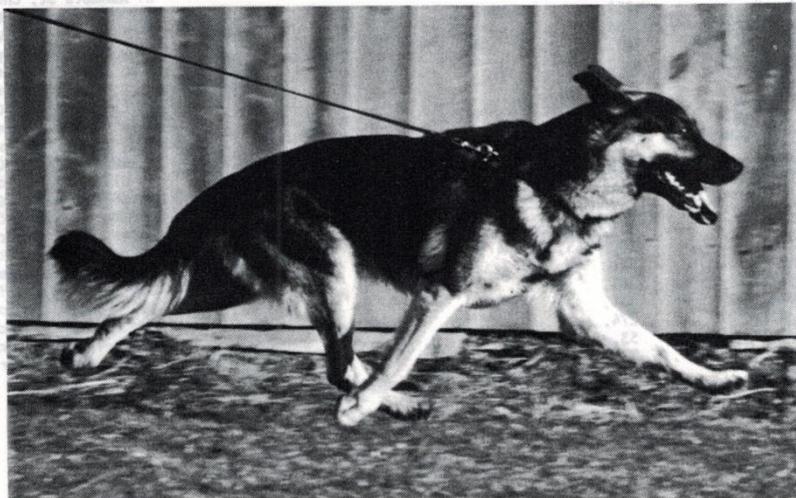
DAM: **Glenterry Glamour Puss**

BREEDERS: **Mr & Mrs T. Snelling**

DATE OF BIRTH: **04-02-82**

OWNERS: **Mr & Mrs V.K. Chew**

Now 8½ years, "Oscar" became a Champion while still a Junior and gained 26 Challenges throughout his career. His wins include multi group and several In Show awards. Placed 18 times at Specialist shows he received the following SIGSL awards: Puppy of the year - 1982; Junior of the year - 1983; Intermediate of the year - 1984; and Best Open and Dog of the year in 1986.



Blue Ribbon Policy

The idea of this policy is to aid those with dogs who need their own space, and to exercise some courtesy and respect for dogs with difficulties in certain environments and towards other dogs. Just because your dog wears a 'blue ribbon' does not mean he is unruly or aggressive, it is simply to make your fellow handlers aware that he needs his own space and to afford him the courtesy of not placing him in a situation that he does not feel comfortable with.

With more education and training we can all make our environment pleasant for our animals whatever their degrees of difficulty.

Blue ribbons are available from the clubrooms and should be placed on the dogs collar and be visible to fellow handlers.

By doing this you will be noted as someone who is taking a small step to help their animal overcome its problem and NOT someone who has an unruly dog.

The SIGSL committee is 100% supportive of this and thanks all members for their co-operation.

The Humourists guide to show terminology

ANGULATION – Degree in which handlers will bend over backwards to impress the judge.

BALANCE – How to arrange the cheque book so your spouse wont know how much money you spent on dog shows last month

BITCH – a) A name for a female dog. (b) A name often used at dog shows not always describing a female dog

COAT – The hairy covering of a dog that usually drops a week before the show

DAM – a) A female dog with children. (b) Expression frequently heard at dog shows as the loser leaves the ring

ELBOW – Method of getting into the show ring when late

FEATHERING – What winners are accused of doing to judges 'nests'

HEEL – a) What you feel like when your dog loses to one you have just sold to an eager novice. (b) Expression often screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

HOCK – A way of financing your dogs shows by the use of jewellery such as wedding rings e.t.c.

KENNEL – Where you go when your spouse and kids yell at you

LITTER – Trash left all over the ground after a dog show

MASK – What you have to wear to show the pet you sold six months ago

NOSEPRINTS – Cute marks left all over your ranch slider.

A PIECE OF THE HISTORY

Maintaining the German Shepherd as a Family Dog

Copied from <http://germanshepherdsetc.com/max-emil-friedrich-von-stephanitz/>

Max von Stephanitz believed that the ideal breeders of German shepherds would be families with only a couple of breeding dogs, in order to facilitate daily contact with the dogs as a way of carefully choosing the dogs which would enhance the breed in the future. *“All the wonderful qualities of character possessed by a good shepherd dog will therefore only be brought to light when he remains in the same hands for a very long time, preferably from puppyhood, where having obtained a footing in the house, he shares the joys and sorrows of the family...and our dog is completely ruined in mind and body wherever he is treated only as merchandise...”*

Along these same lines, **Max von Stephanitz** did not believe in maintaining dogs in kennels on a regular basis and argued that such would necessarily result in dogs which would be unable to perform to their utmost ability. *“Whenever the dog is kept in an enclosed kennel, he will not only degenerate physically, becoming stiff, sluggish and lazy, but will also become mentally torpid, and lose all his sharpness and vim.”*

Creation of the Breed Standard

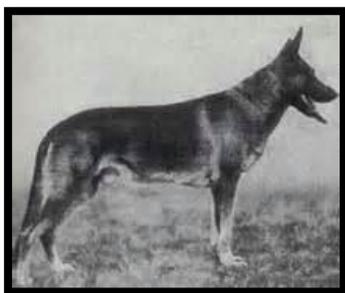
After obtaining Horand, **Max von Stephanitz** worked to develop a standard for the breed. He created a stud book for German shepherds, registering Horand as the first stud dog. The German Shepherd Dog Club was created as well, with Von Stephanitz serving as its first President.

Max von Stephanitz, drawing upon his experiences with the Berlin Veterinary Hospital as well as his own observations, began a serious breeding program. Choosing dogs with desirable traits, he devoted years to establishing a recognizable breed type, focusing on the abilities of the dog as a working dog. He also worked diligently to cull out physical traits which would weaken the breed as a whole.

Versatility of the Breed as a Whole

Max von Stephanitz recognized a need to integrate the German Shepherds into other areas of society, and became a strong advocate for using the dog in military service, law enforcement, protection service and in rescue efforts. Always looking for ways to protect and improve the breed, Von Stephanitz paid close attention to trends in breeding and worked tirelessly to maintain the standard for which he is so well recognized. Discouraging breeding for beauty instead of purpose, Von Stephanitz’s motto was, *“Utility is the true criterion of beauty.”*

The 1925 Sieger



“KLODO VON BOXBERG”

By this time Germany was holding a national conformation show to determine the best male and female German Shepherd each year. By the end of the show, only one dog in each gender would receive the coveted title of Sieger. Many of the most influential breeders would arrange to breed their best bitches to that year’s Sieger dog, thus cementing the dog’s impact on the breed as a whole. Max von Stephanitz recognized this, and in 1925, while judging the annual Sieger show, he made a decision which impacted the breed forever.

Believing that the direction the German Shepherd breed was taking as a whole toward taller, boxier dogs was the wrong direction, Von Stephanitz awarded the year's Sieger to a dog named Klodo von Boxberg. Klodo was a dramatic departure from the typical German Shepherd at that year's show. Where the other dogs were boxy, Klodo was long in body. Slightly shorter than many of his peers, Klodo was nonetheless impressive, especially when his long-reaching gait was revealed. Klodo was a German Shepherd of impeccable movement, with a long effortless stride. His impact on the breed as a whole continues to this day.

Max von Stephanitz was sought after as an international judge, traveling to the United States in 1930 when he was asked to serve as the German Shepherd judge at the Morris & Essex Kennel Club Show. This event was held at the estate of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge. German Shepherd breeders were clearly anxious for his opinion on their breeding stock, resulting in such a high entry of German Shepherds in the show Max von Stephanitz had to judge the dogs on the first day of the show and the bitches on the second day. He took this task very seriously, writing a personal critique on every single entry.

Max emil friedrich von stephanitz shares his experience

Max von Stephanitz had determined that a working dog needed several common characteristics, among them intelligence, loyalty and a tireless devotion to completing the tasks required of him. It had taken him years to achieve his goal of creating a standard for the German Shepherd breed as a whole. He committed to share his knowledge and experience in writing. He published his book, calling it *The German Shepherd Dog in Word and Picture*. Written in 1925, translated by J. Schwabacher, and reprinted in 1994 by Hoflin Publishing, Von Stephanitz referred to the ideal dog as being, *"Untiring, always zealous for duty, always attentive, always ready to serve, such is the character of our shepherd dog."*

Controversy of Max von Stephanitz

There was controversy associated with **Max von Stephanitz** as well. Rumors abounded that Horand was one fourth wolf. Questions still exist today about whether *Max von Stephanitz* used dogs with wolf ancestors in his breeding program, as his original book listed wolves among breeding stock. In any case, **Max von Stephanitz** insisted on having all references to wolves removed from later printings of his book, and actively encouraged breeders to refrain from using wolves as part of their breeding stock.

More controversy of Max von Stephanitz

Another area of controversy which surrounded **Max von Stephanitz** dealt with was the color of German Shepherd dogs, in particular, white shepherds. Grief, the grand sire of Horand, was a white shepherd, and Horand sired many white pups. *Max von Stephanitz*, with his emphasis on the suitability of the German Shepherd to serve as a working dog, was not greatly interested in the colors of the dogs he promoted.

Maintaining Integrity in the Face of Adversity

In the 1930s several prominent members of the Nazi party became actively involved in the German Shepherd club in Germany. These members advocated a desire to produce dogs that were attractive in appearance. This philosophy was the antithesis of all that Max von Stephanitz had worked for, which was to develop a dog known for his abilities rather than appearance. **Max von Stephanitz** staunchly maintained his position despite threats from the party. *"The breeding of Shepherd dogs must be the breeding of working dogs, this must always be the aim or we shall cease to produce working dogs."* **Max von Stephanitz**, who had always advocated utility over beauty, eventually resigned from the club.

He passed away one year later. Maintaining his devotion to the dogs he loved throughout his life while tirelessly working to achieve the goal of preserving the breed as a working dog, Von Stephanitz will always be admired for his achievement and dedication.



An Awesome example of photoshop – Bowie showing off his barking skills – turned into howling at the moon.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY TRIPLES – BEST AND RESERVE IN SHOW

DAY ONE



BEST IN SHOW: CH ZETLAND MAD MAX
RESERVE IN SHOW: CH ACARYA QUICK FIRE
JUDGE – TONY GIBSON

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DAY TWO



BEST IN SHOW: CH ZETLAND MAD MAX
 RESERVE IN SHOW: CH BROJAN ULTIMATE STORM
 JUDGE – VINCE TANTARO

DAY THREE



BEST IN SHOW: CH ZETLAND MAD MAX
 RESERVE IN SHOW: CH BROJAN ULTIMATE STORM
 JUDGE – GRAEME STEVENSON

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