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EDITORIAL



From the Editor

Hello Members,

Yes, it is me again – your temporary Newsletter Editor.



In this edition, I have chased around the internet and found a wee article about line breeding and inbreeding and how to know the difference. Published by someone who knows what they are talking about – Karen Hedburg.

I am also a fan of training your dog and believe it is never too late to start so have included an article on getting your dogs attention.

Lynette Baker has been a busy wee contributor and has written us a wee bit about herself – but more about her dogs than herself ☺. Lynette also wrote up notes from Sergeant Tim Yates talk with us back in September –

Funny story – At the talk that Tim gave he was asked what would happen if a handler and their dog came across one of our own dogs while working. Tim said they would take measures to protect their own dog and so if the two dogs were about to get into a tussle they may kick your dog away or they could even shoot it if need be.

One week later I got a call from my daughter at about 7.30pm saying that she heard Viva (my Dog) making a strange yelping barking noise, so she went out the back to Vivas area, she noticed the gate to that area was open and there in the middle of our backyard was a police dog handler and his dog. He said to her that someone he was chasing had run through our property and did she see anything – she had not seen or heard anything. Policeman also said, you need to get your dog, who by this time had run around the corner quite frightened. Georgia said she got Viva who in fright of trying to get away had broken a pot plant bowl and cut her leg. The policeman then hoisted his dog over the back fence and went off after it – hopefully they caught the bad dude. Vivas leg was not too badly cut but was bleeding which looked worse than it was.

What went on in the back yard before Georgia got there – I don't know. How many bad dudes have run through my section – I don't know.

Which reminds me of another time -

I pulled back my front curtains one early morning and standing on my driveway/lane watching over my front fence to the back-neighbour's fence was a police officer – I opened the window and asked if there was anything I needed to be concerned about – She said no – it's okay – the dogs heard her talking and so started barking – she saw them through the fence and said “looks like you are pretty well protected anyway”. (They were doing a drug bust - No, Not at my house - and had put a wee cordon around the area for ‘runners’)

Hmmmmmm ...maybe where I live is dodgier than I realise.....



PRESIDENTS PEN

Happy new year to all our members and friends of the South Island German Shepherd League. I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas with families and friends. I suppose I should include our doggy friends as they do play a very important part in our lives. Some great pictures on face book of G.S.D's dressed in their Christmas decor enjoying the day with their proud owners. Some did not look so happy.

We saw sadly the untimely passing of club member Tony Jarvis who will be missed greatly by family and friends. Condolences to you all.

The club ran a very successful show in November judged by Harald Hohmann from Germany and Vince Tantaro from Australia. From ringside, the opinion of the judging was enjoyed and accepted by the majority of the exhibitors. There were just a couple of minor incidents that has been dealt with by committee. It is very important that dogs are socialised.

The North Island visitors were impressed by our friendliness and said it was one of the best shows they had been too for a long time. Thanks Neville for helping them to erect their tent. Slightly different placings from Harald to Vince, but overall a great weekend. Great to have so many entries supporting our show. Harald and Nicole said they had a wonderful time here and were very impressed by the way they were treated with friendship and respect. They would love to return when possible to see more of our country and to visit new found friends. Would like to see that unusual man Blue again. (Their words.)

I, along with Barbara, was very pleased to present the new trophy, the Albara High Achievement Award to Lisa and Kooga. There were a few worthy recipients for this lovely trophy. Remember this trophy is to be applied for prior to annual A.G.M. and awards. It is open to show, agility and obedience. So, keep a record of what you have done since the previous A.G.M. and apply for this wonderful trophy.

Looking forward to shows coming up in April 22nd / 23rd with very interesting judges. Nancy Hermes from Germany and Melanie Groth from Australia. Hopefully we will have great support from exhibitors as the costs to bring overseas judges here to New Zealand is escalating considerably year by year.

This leads me into fundraising. We will be starting a new BLOTTO in February. If you can buy a number or even sell a number or two this would be truly appreciated. (See details elsewhere in newsletter.) Also, the Entertainment Book will be available again this year, packed with money saving options.

To those who are going to Dunedin show have a safe and enjoyable trip. Good luck.

The club Christmas Break up party was enjoyed by the small amount who turned up. It was a good time, so if you were unable to come, put this event in your social diary for next Christmas.

Last, but not least, I would truly like to thank the members of the committee for their contribution towards the running of the club. We are very fortunate to have people who put in so much of their time supporting the club.

Once again, I would like to wish you all a happy and rewarding new year.

May your God go with you.

Regards Allan.

** SIGSL Committee has reluctantly accepted two resignations from committee – late last year from Deb Renga and recently from Katrina Prendergast – Committee is now smaller but still effective enough.

Lynette Baker Profile.

After a long time thinking about what to write and where to start I decided to start from the beginning.

I was born in Eltham, Taranaki, and lived on an isolated dairy farm in the middle of nowhere. Naturally I was brought up among animals and the farm dogs. Tip was my best friend, as I didn't know other children except my two sisters.

I have always been attracted to animals. My first introduction to a German Shepherd was on New Plymouth's main street, when I was about 3 years old. I threw my arms around a police dog in pursuit of a criminal. The dog stopped briefly licked my face as I had been knocked over and continued the chase. The police yelled to mum to keep me back. This resulted in me being put on a harness in public places.

I always knew when the time came I would get a German Shepherd, but this didn't actually happen until I had left home, had a job and could buy one myself. My first German Shepherd I purchased from Adrian May: Wyndova Cracklin Rosie, a large sable bitch. I ended up showing her and did quite well, frequently being placed in the top 3. I met Guy and we then purchased another bitch from Von Adelheid Kennels and showed her also. About a year later Guy and I got married 1988 and we went to Australia for our honeymoon and purchased Hagenstolz Ziggy's Pride. Ziggy became one of main show dogs in New Zealand and Australia and did extremely well receiving over 50 excellent medals and 5 gold.

Unfehlbar Kennels was established about 1990 and we had our first litter in 1991. The A litter produced a dog – Unfehlbar Apollo, who was puppy of the year and became a New Zealand champion. Our second litter was to Ziggy and Arnulf Street Kid and we produced Unfehlbar Bianka. She became Junior bitch of the Year in 1993 and a great producer herself leaving us the “M litter” – Mando Maseratti, and Mikayla. Our third litter was born from Frozen Semen in 1992 from Maltaknights Grand Master of Australia (the first successful live German Shepherd litter to be born from frozen semen in New Zealand). Producing Unfehlbar Cher Charm, which went on to produce Unfehlbar Grand Kaiser.

In 1992 we purchased Til von Hasenborn and Bedwins Britta (Cora). Cora arrived in whelp to Arko vom Huhnegrab. She became one of our best producing females and left many wonderful animals, including the great “F litter” - Unfehlbar Fanto, Fedor, Farari and Fina in 1993, J litter – Jucinta, Jodi, Joker “O litter”- Odin, Onna and Ola, and T litter- Turbo, Thor and Toska. Tragically we lost Cora to a stomach torsion in her prime. We lost Til in 1995 to a virus. Two of the saddest days of my life. Still cry thinking about it.

About 1993 we co-owned a bitch in England Sanny Von NoBachtal. We bred a litter in the UK from her to Wilko v Kirschental and had the puppies imported. This was our “H litter – Unfehlbar Hexe, Helena, Hanno. We breed another litter to Bedwins Olli a Sanny daughter in England and imported Unfehlbar Yolli 1998.

Unfehlbar Kennels has imported many Dogs and Bitches. These included Donnamount Elexy Rose, Hagenstolz Dubaldino, Hagenstolz Cool Canto, Bedwins Fari in whelp to

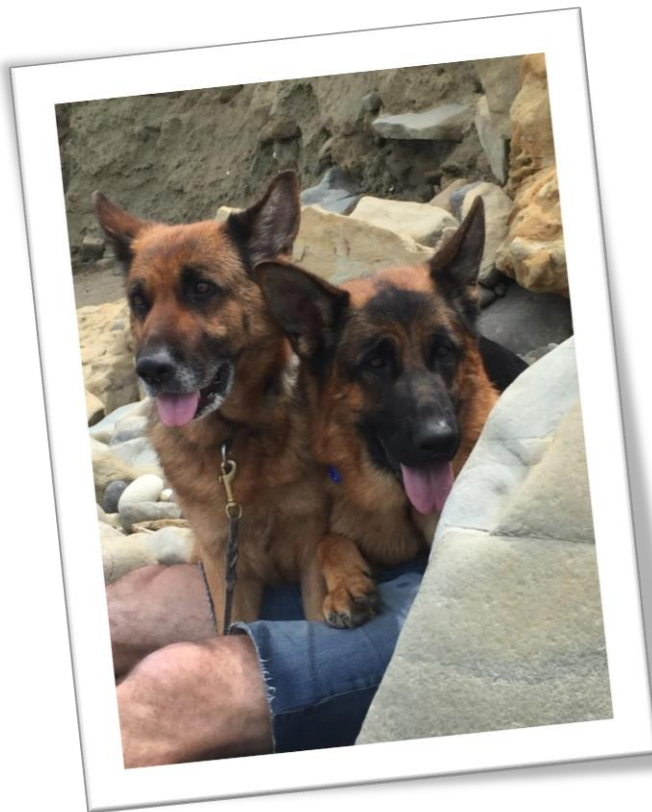
Bedwins Siegaro (producer of the well known “J Litter” – Jeck, Jambo, Jana, Jola), Bedwins Assi, Mandi Vom Farbenspiel, Fanta v d Jannhohe in whelp to Adam Aus Wattenscheid, Fello v Wiesenborn, Videx Cassandra in whelp to Zasko von Santamar, Amberg Yessica, Amberg Xanto

We have also imported frozen semen from Vopo Vom Kirschental, Lasso von Neuen Burg, Bedwins Xorro, and Lesko v Wildsteigerland.

After leaving guy I had to rehome my dogs and start again when I had my life sorted. I currently own two German Shepherds with my second husband Phil -Amberg Yessica a Vegas von Dongmiran daughter and Amberg Xanto an Ury vom Zisawinkel son.

My love for the breed and the dogs will always be with me.

Lynette Baker



Yessica and Xanto on holiday at Motunau 2017

Fun Fact

Did you know that the Egyptians thought the world was in the shape of a rectangle and that the heavens were held up by four giant pillars? They also warned sailors not to go too far away or you just might row off the giant rectangle called Earth. When the Queen of England heard this, she sent 4 ships south, north, east and west to search for these “pillars”. When they didn’t find any (because the world is in the shape of a sphere) they questioned the Egyptians and they told her the pillars must have been farther than they predicted! Clever, weren’t they?

Understanding Inbreeding and “Line breeding”

Karen Hedberg BVSc 2010

Inbreeding and line breeding are often thought to be totally different types of matings by many novice breeders. Inbreeding is generally considered by the older breeders to be close or incestuous breeding, whereas line breeding is thought to be where the common ancestors are slightly further removed.

People differ in opinion as to where each one starts and stops. Basically, it is all one and the same thing, only the degree varies. Inbreeding (or line breeding) is where an animal appears more than once on a pedigree. If this occurs after the fifth generation, the effect is held to be negligible.

When inbreeding, the animal being ‘doubled up’ or inbred upon, should be a very superior individual having qualities which hopefully he/she transmits strongly. By inbreeding on this animal, or set of animals (eg. a particular set of litter mates), you are trying to set or fix a type. Genetically, you are trying to make the offspring homozygous for certain features, so that the offspring will: (a) Exhibit the desired characteristic. (b) Reproduce the characteristic consistently. Inbreeding of any degree results in the doubling up of an individual's genetic makeup. With increasingly close inbreeding, or heavy saturation of a particular individual, there are various consequences that may appear. As you double on the good points, you double your chances of producing the bad points, some of which may have been hidden until the individual was inbred upon. Increasing homozygosity - As increasingly more points becoming homozygous, your ‘type’ will stabilise, but the potential for change is reduced. As the chances for change are reduced, so are the factors that affect survival and reproduction.

The effects of heavy inbreeding include:- (a) Reduced litter size in bitches; reduced percentage of viable (normal) sperm in males. (b) Reduced survival rate; offspring are more susceptible to infections or changes of climate. The ability to adapt to these changes is reduced by too many factors becoming homozygous i.e. both parents have donated the same form of the gene, therefore the ability to change is reduced. (c) Reduced lifespan for the same reasons as above. (d) Decreasing mental stability as the animals become more and more highly strung or neurotic, i.e. poor temperament.

****To summarise, inbreeding is useful in helping to establish a type and should be done only on exceptional individuals. If grave faults appear on a regular basis, do not continue. For the average breeder, the best results of inbreeding (line breeding) generally occur using the third and fourth generation i.e. grandparents and great-grandparents. Applying this information to GSD Breeding Germans Shepherds, particularly speciality German Shepherds, are generally bred with fairly open pedigrees, i.e. outcrossing would be more far common than inbreeding. Close inbreeding is generally not done unless there is an exceptional individual one may be tempted to inbreed or linebreed upon.**

As noted above, care must be taken when inbreeding as while one will double up on the good points, one also doubles up on the faults. Recently I saw the results of some of the worst inbreeding I have ever seen in 30 odd years, and certainly the worse I have seen within German Shepherds. In the pedigree, within 5 generations there were 9 crosses to the same bitch – half via a son, the other half via a daughter. Both the son and daughter appeared in every quarter of the pedigree. The problem that arose within the resulting litter was severe hip dysplasia in several puppies (those that are known of at this stage – they are currently only 9-10 months old). This result is not surprising as the bitch being inbred upon, her father did not throw particularly good hips and additionally, there were more hip problems further behind in the bitch line. Any inbreeding, particularly with the information available to GSD breeders, should be thoroughly researched before being undertaken. While breeders may be lucky with health issues on a single close linebreeding, but every time it is repeated, the odds double of a problem appearing.

With the constant importation of new lines from overseas as well as developing some very sound lines within Australia, there is little need to closely inbreed. This is not to say that there are not some very good bloodline “knicks” between various lines and that a third generation cross back to an exceptional dog is occasionally very worthwhile, particularly if there is a co-linked dog i.e. part of a well known nick. Continuing to linebreed or inbreed beyond this third generation cross, unless the animals are extremely typical of the original dog, is rarely ever worth the restrictions that genetically begin to apply to close inbreeding. Out crossing to bring back strength and homozygosity of the genes should follow any close inbreeding.

Please, think before you breed. Consider all the health issues as well as the genetic health of the subsequent litter. We have in depth knowledge on hip and elbows information on existing Australian lines for quite a number of generations. With the imported dogs coming in these days, they nearly all have BV's for hips (the lower the better) and one can usually research behind these dogs for several generations, certainly for hips, however there is less depth of knowledge on the elbow history. In Australia, we are lucky to have an enormous genetic pool for GSD's in this country. We need to keep that pool as open and varied as possible for the long term health of our breed.

Fun Facts –

The Seven Virtues are prudence, courage, temperance, justice, faith, hope, and charity.

The Seven Deadly Sins are lust, pride, anger, envy, sloth, avarice, and gluttony.

The seven dwarf's names are Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Happy, Sleepy, Sneezy and Grumpy.

CLUB NOTICE BOARD

Fundraisers

You don't need a lecture from the committee about the need for fundraising for the club (Or do you?) (Looks like you're getting one anyways)

Fundraising is something that is absolutely necessary. We don't like having to ask you to keep putting your hands in your pockets but you also have to realise that being a member of a club requires just that from time to time – The yearly membership fee that you pay is NOT an astronomical amount and so these fundraisers we run are where we can pick up the difference.

It is also unfortunate that running fundraisers and those partaking in fundraisers seems to fall to the same few people – so if you haven't done your fair share for this side of things for the club recently then now is your chance.

The great scenario would be - if everyone did a little bit, then that's all everyone would need to do

Entertainment Book – SIGSL are once again selling the entertainment books in 2017 – there will be more information coming out about this closer to the time but lock down some customers that you know buy the book and secure a commitment from them now to purchase from us.

Please contact Allan McKernan 027 435 3210 - Email: albara.gsd4us@yahoo.com

M10 Hornby Sausage Sizzle – May 28th 2017

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Please phone or text Sandra - 021 210 7984 - Email: sandravk@paradise.net.nz

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The Naked Baker Pies – Pie fundraiser we are running this again and will arrange for delivery of the pies to coincide with our April show. These pies are very yummy and make a great quick meal for a cold winters day.

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Contact Lynette Baker 021 058 3566 Email: philandlynette.baker@gmail.com

Fun Facts - Blueberry juice boosts memory.

When cats are, happy or pleased, they squeeze their eyes shut.

The elephant is the only animal with 4 knees.

Entries Close: 22 March 2017

South Island German Shepherd League

Combined Championship Show Saturday, Open Show Sunday, Open Agility Saturday afternoon

SIGSL club grounds, Canterbury A&P Park, Curletts Road Christchurch
Saturday 22 April & Sunday 23 April 2017
In conjunction with OGSDC, SGSDC

Judging order:	Long Stock Coats followed by Stock Coats & Best In Show each day. Agility Saturday avo		
Judging commences:	Breed 830am both days Agility TBA Saturday afternoon		
Breed classes:	1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11 (dogs) 1a, 3a, 5a, 6a, 8a, 11a (bitches)		
Judges	Show 1 Show 2 Show 3		
Nancy Herms, Germany	Champion		
Melaine Groth, Australia	Open		
Susan Sheppard, NZ			Agility

Entries to: Deb Bannan 913 Main North Road RD1 Kaiapoi 7691 or online entries thru NZKC website 0274501065 d.bannan@xtra.co.nz

Entry fees: Breed Sat \$25 Sun \$23 Agility \$5.00

Cheques to: SIGSL or internet BNZ 02-0842-0081118-000

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SHOWS

April Show – 22nd and 23rd Judges Nancy Hermes and Melanie Groth

Agility – Judge - Suzanne Sheppard

Entries are open now and don't forget you can make life easier for Deb by entering online.

The Advisory Council will also be running a BREED SURVEY on the Saturday – Please contact Allan Mckernan for further information -

albara.gsd4us@yahoo.com

June Show – Queens Birthday weekend – TBA

September 23rd and 24th New Zealand National –

Judge Andy Tong - Website -

<http://www.nzgsdnational2017.org/>

November Show – 4th and 5th November Judges – TBA



Christchurch Pet And Animal Expo

29th – 30th April

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Delivery - Weekend of 22nd /23rd April SLGSL show



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The Attention Game: A Game To Improve Your Dog's Response to You Around Distractions

Teaching your dog to pay attention to you in public and around distractions is the biggest challenge to any trainer, new or experienced.

The difference in your dog's performance at home and in public has a lot to do with your dog's ability to pay attention to you and block out distractions. First of all- it can't be overstated that a tired dog is a good dog!! No matter how much time you spend training your dog, it will all fall apart in the face of distraction if your dog isn't getting enough exercise. Running, swimming, playing with other dogs, it doesn't matter what it is, but your dog needs plenty of it in order to be able to block out distractions and pay attention to what you want him to do.

Teaching your dog to pay attention to you and respond to what you have taught him to do is simple if you work at it. With even a little bit of effort you'll find that your dog will have a greater likelihood to look to you for direction when he goes somewhere new. The attention game is simple, fun and can be played anywhere: you may want to start at home, until you and your dog get good at it. For the first minute: set the timer, and sitting in a chair with your dog on a leash, count how many times your dog looks at you- click and treat each time. Write down that number so you don't forget it! During the second minute you are going to click and jackpot (give more than one treat) for each time that your dog looks at you: you don't need to count the number of times.

The third minute is the test minute. This is where you find out if the training is having any effect. Time yourself for the third minute and go back to one treat with each click each time the dog looks at you, counting how many times you click and treat. If the number from the first minute increases in the third minute, then you are on the right track and are working with just the right amount of distraction. If the number stays the same- the distractions can probably be increased. If the numbers go down- the environment is too stimulating and you should tone them down, move away from them or change the environment completely.

This simple exercise can change the whole quality of your training program, give you improved overall response from your dog, and give you greater control around stimulating distractions. Try playing this game everywhere and notice where your dog has the most problems and make adjustments to your training program to insure your dog's success.

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Delivery for out of town people could be 22nd and 23rd April SIGSL show.

Health Testing

Notice from NZKC following a review of ABS Health Testing.

The following changes to your breed (the first column are mandatory tests, second optional, third to be aware of). New or moved tests are in RED.

The German Shepherd Dog	Hip Dysplasia Elbow Dysplasia TLI test (EPI screening) Transitional Vertebrae	DNA - Canine Hyperuricosuria Eye Certificate (current) Thyroid (NZKC Panel) (NZKC Panel) DNA - Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)	DNA -Pituitary Dwarfism
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German Shepherd Recommended Tests.

Hip and Elbow screening.

Transitional Vertebrae

Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae are readily identified on x-rays of the pelvis in both the standard hip extended view used for hip dysplasia schemes and the lateral view. The condition is considered to be genetic but a reference to the heritability has not been found. Therefore, it would be very simple to screen for the anomaly at the same time, using the same x-ray plate, as screening for hip dysplasia.

Blood tests

TLI tests and EPI screening

The TLI test measures the amounts of a digestive enzymes (**trypsin** and **trypsinogen**) in your dog's blood stream. Those compounds, along with amylase, lipase and chymotrypsinogen are formed in your pet's pancreas and normally find their way into its intestine through the pancreatic duct.

Canine Thyroid Disease can be tough to diagnose. The symptoms can be legion and sometimes contradictory: lethargy, mental lassitude, weight gain, dull coat, skin **infections**, constipation, diarrhea, cold intolerance, skin odor, hair loss, greasy skin, dry skin, reproductive **problems**, aggression, and more. **Hypothyroidism** is easy to diagnose with a blood test that checks the level of various **thyroid** hormones including T4.

DNA Tests

Canine Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) is a devastating degenerative disease of the spinal cord that can progress rapidly and cause weakness in the hind limbs and eventually paraplegia among genotypically affected **dogs**. This **test** is available for all **dog** breeds.



DM/DM	Affected	The dog has inherited two copies of the mutant gene and is homozygous for DM. There is a strong likelihood that this dog will develop the disorder. The dog will always pass a copy of the mutation to its offspring.
DM/n	Carrier	Both the normal and mutant copies of the gene detected. The dog is a carrier for DM and could pass on either allele to any offspring 50% of the time.
n/n	Clear	Dog tested negative for the DM mutation and will not pass on the defective gene to its offspring.

Canine Hyperuricosuria

Hyperuricosuria (HUU) means elevated levels of uric acid in the urine. This trait predisposes dogs to form stones in their bladders or sometimes kidneys. These stones often must be removed surgically and can be difficult to treat. Hyperuricosuria is inherited as a simple autosomal recessive trait. The trait can occur in any breed. A DNA test for this specific mutation can determine if dogs are normal or if they carry one or two copies of the mutation. Dogs that carry two copies of the mutation will be affected and susceptible to develop bladder/kidney stones.

Results report

N/N: no copies of hyperuricosuria mutation; dog is normal
N/HU: 1 copy of hyperuricosuria mutation; dog is normal but is a carrier
HU/HU: 2 copies of hyperuricosuria mutation; dog is affected and susceptible to develop bladder/kidney stones.

Dwarfism.

Dwarfism is defined as underdevelopment of the body, or the state of being short in stature. Most dwarf **dogs** have a condition called “osteochondrodysplasia,” which refers to an abnormality in the growth and development of bone, cartilage, or both. ... **Dwarfism** almost always has a strong genetic component.

DNA Genetic Analysis Reports can be obtained (not available in New Zealand)

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MEMBERSHIPS

A lot of people don't seem to realise that the club membership run from April to March – So your current membership will expire 31st March and is due before then.

Some people are of the belief that memberships are due just prior to the AGM – this is not true and unfortunately creates a dribbling of membership renewals for 6mths between those who pay on time and those who pay at the AGM and those who pay along the way.

Sandra Van Kempen (Club Captain) is going to be handling the memberships now. So, any queries please email her or text – contact details are in the front of this newsletter. – we like to have a new renewal form each year to ensure details are accurate. Bank account details are on the membership form so you can pay online. I have attached a membership form and payment details are on that form. Can you please fill in the new form and send/email to Sandra along with notification of payment.



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Interesting Facts

According to an old English system of time units, a moment is one and a half minutes.

No other animal gives us more by-products than the pig.

You're more likely to get stung by a bee on a windy day than in any other weather.

The average person laughs about 5 times a day.

A sneeze zooms out of your mouth at over 600 mph.

X-ray technology has shown that there are 3 different versions of the "Mona Lisa" under the visible one.

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Police Dog Handler and Trainer – Sergeant Tim Yates Speaks to the SIGSL

Notes taken by Lynette Baker



Tim's background

Tim has been a dog handler for 25 years and has always been interested in dogs.

He was based in Wellington for a number of years before working out of Timaru, now Christchurch.

Tim has trained 3 police dogs, the last being a long coat, an amazing dog, named Bosh. He was born to be a police dog and was fully operational within 3 months.

Police Dogs

Patrol dog teams (previously known as general purpose teams) operate in all dog sections and police districts and make up 90 percent of capability. The rest of police dog capability are detector dog teams that are based in the larger centers and provide inter-district support. Police dogs are now dogs and bitches.

Police dogs respond to more than 30,000 incidents each year. All police dog handlers are officers with about five years policing experience behind them before they join the Dog Unit.

All patrol dogs are German Shepherds and are supplied by the police dog breeding programme that is based at the Dog Training Centre near Wellington. Operational dogs and bitches are breed from to support this programme, and straws are collected from the top dogs. Some dogs are still gifted to the police from breeders.

Patrol dogs are mainly used to track and search for people. Many of them are also trained for:

- search and rescue work
- victim recovery
- deployment with the Armed Offender Squad
- narcotic detection work

Detector dogs include a variety of breeds including German Shepherds, Labradors, Springer Spaniels and cross breeds. Detector dog teams are trained to detect narcotics, firearms, currency and explosives.

Police Dog Training

All police dogs are often breed and trained at the Police Dog Training Centre at Trentham, Upper Hutt, near Wellington.

Training of a patrol dog is based on a six-stage development and qualification process that starts when the dogs are puppies and ends when they graduate at 18 months of age. All training is based on a positive reward and marker system, where the reward has to be within 3 seconds. Training sessions at Trentham are about 3 weeks in duration and most of the training is done in the district.

The Puppy Training course usually begins when the puppy is 9-10 months. This training includes tracking and responding to commands with food being offered as a reward. Once this section of training is completed the handler and the dog returns to their own district. The dog and handler return to another training section – intermediate training where more tracking and obedience complexity is increased. The dogs also begin to search. All new responses are rewarded.

The Dogs live at home with their handlers.

The quality of the training provided by the Dog Training Centre is recognised abroad as well as in New Zealand. Help has been provided to set up dog sections in a number of Australian states and training has been given to several Pacific countries.

Once police dogs are fully trained they go out on the street as patrol dogs. When they have been patrol dogs for a while they can specialise as a Drug Dog, Search and Rescue Dog, Victim Recovery Dog (VRD), Bomb Detection Dog, STC –Specialist Tactics Dogs who track long distances through the Bush, and the Arms Defender Squad for those dogs very confident. Tim focuses on the Arms defender dogs and their training.

Police work together with partner agencies to train detector dogs at the Dog Training Centre for the Department of Corrections, Aviation Security Service and the New Zealand Defence Force.

Police are beginning to train Labradors for drug work.

It is expensive to train a police dog – about \$70,000. Vet bills are often very expensive. The food is paid for by sponsorship from food companies, at the moment it is still Eukanuba. Because of this expense Police dogs are considered as officers.

In Christchurch there are 12 operational patrol dogs, and there are 2 in Timaru. Last year 11,000 incidents were attended.

Training in Christchurch occurs at the Agricultural Park, the Red Zone, Rugby Park, Macleans Island, and at an Annual camp in Tekapo.

Police dogs often retire at 8 years especially the metro dogs as their joints from jumping over many fences are worn. Sometimes the handlers gets to keep the retired dogs but some are put to sleep if they can not be trusted amongst the public.

Police Dog Displays.

We were fortunate to have some of Tim's Christchurch police dogs display some of their man work skills at the Jubilee show last November.



Police Dog Handlers.

Police dog handlers need to be police first for about 3 to 8 years before they specialise to dog handlers. Handling interest is beginning to fall, due to the long hours and commitment required. However, the dog division is growing with the involvement of the Pacific.

There are a few female handlers and often make very good handlers as they can establish a very good bond with their dog, and dogs tend to like them.

A good handler requires the dog to respond to them. Handlers need to like dogs and commit themselves as a team to catch criminals, as there is a lot of expectation to perform. Being a successful handler therefore is attributed to the relationship between themselves and their dog.

Tim gives specific attention to matching the Police dog with the handler, and has to foresee what the police dog work force would require and look like in five years' time.

Handlers have to be alpha of the pack and in control but also need to allow the dog to show courage and lead out in front, and go through doors first etc.

Handlers are assessed yearly with their dogs, for control and training by other officers outside the district. This assessment is very strict on recall especially when the dog is in full chase mode. If the dog fails to stop and return to the handler, it is stood down for a few weeks, retrained and assessed again.

The role of the police is changing and becoming increasingly more dangerous with drug and armed offenders being more violent. The paper work has also become increasingly demanding; however, NZ Police are in a very good place with the access to i-phones and technology. Tim thinks it won't be too long until the police will be armed to defend themselves.



Dog safety The safety and well-being of police dogs is very important and this is reflected in a very low number of serious injuries our dogs sustain when compared to the very high number of incidents they are involved in. Over 80 percent of patrol dogs are involved in tracking, often long distances and in all weather conditions, so injuries can happen when least expected.

A dog's best defence is its natural speed, agility and strength, accompanied by safe deployment practice by its handler. This

year Police has introduced the new Sabre Tactical MAKO multi purpose harness for patrol dogs. The layered polymer panels shield vital organs from slashing and stabbing, giving dogs the same level of protection as the handler's SRBA. The NZ designed and made harness weighs just over one kilogram, can be worn throughout the shift, dries quickly and doesn't impair mobility or speed

Fun Facts - Just days before the World Cup of 1966 in England, the trophy was stolen and then later retrieved by a dog.

Some Chinese believe that swinging the arms cures headaches.

Laughter is a proven way to lose weight.



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Memory Lane

From Shane Prendergast

Found these two from about 1996? SIGSL display. First time we had used fire, check the height of dog walk and jumping through fire hoops on top!!!! One of NZ's best GSD's in agility. Delmarvid Chantily Lace CDX, ADX. First dog in NZ to achieve 200 clear rounds. Represented zone 4 in both obedience and agility with two different handlers (me and Janene). One of my highlights was letting Herr Heinz Scheerer SV handle her in his lunch break whilst he was judging at SIGSL. He spent ten minutes with her bonding then completed a clear round in senior class whilst speaking to her in German!!! Lace will always hold a special place in our hearts.



Down Memory Lane with Jane

This is Gyp, she was my first dog and where my love for German Shepherds grew from (I'm not sure if there was even German Shepherd in her but I choose to believe there was). I got her when I was 15 years old – My friend worked in vet clinic and Gyp came in to be put down – My friend saw how lovely she was and gave her to me. She was supposedly spayed, so the vet said, but years later she produced a single pup. She loved riding on the motorbike and we would ride around the farm like in this photo – just so you know – I drove – she didn't have a licence – neither did I but that's beside the point.

This photo taken - ummmmmmm – approx 1985



Fun Trivia –

Why is the color blue used for baby boys?

Several centuries ago, it was believed satanic spirits hovered around nurseries waiting for a chance to enter the bodies of young children. It was also believed these evil spirits could be repelled by the color blue, which was the color of the Heavens. Since it was considered important to protect young males, the custom developed to dress young boys in blue to ward off evil spirits lurking about.

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