



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF TASMANIA INC.

Affiliated with: Dogs Tasmania Inc
The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc (GSDCA)

BY- LAWS (Effective 4th February 2018)

Finance

1. A joining fee shall apply to new memberships.
2. A Family Member transferring to another category of membership shall not incur a joining fee.
3. There shall be a flat fee applied to members who join the club during the period 1st April to 30th June.
4. All fees shall be reviewed annually and normally at a meeting in the first quarter of the year.
5. Members must send the Treasurer a copy of the receipt when using direct banking into club's account.
6. Should the Treasurer need to request a bank search for details of unknown deposit (s), the club member (including officers) responsible for banking the money will incur the bank charge
7. Remittance advice shall be included with all outgoing cheques to other organisations
8. Copies of club's income & expenditure statement shall be available to members at the General Meetings
9. Anything ordered by members must be pre-authorized
10. Anyone requiring a receipt must provide a stamped self-addressed envelope or their email address
11. When cost effective air fares are available, the Show Secretary shall consult with President, Treasurer, and judge and book them in order to save the club money
12. The website fees for Breeders Listing shall be paid annually (financial year); Puppy fees paid per litter.
13. The GSDCT is insured by Dogs Tasmania.

Meetings

1. The club to hold at least two General Meetings a year other than the Annual General Meeting.
2. All meeting dates alternate between Saturdays & Sundays where possible.
3. Wherever possible ordinary General Meetings will be timed so that members can consider matters arising from the agenda and /or outcomes of relevant GSDCA meetings (including AGM, NBC)
4. All General Meetings to be held at Ross.
5. The Secretary shall maintain a list of all members wishing to receive notifications by mail.
6. The Secretary need only list the motions put forward & results, not any discussion.
7. The Secretary may footnote to delineate notes in record of Minutes, highlighting points that were not necessarily discussed at the meeting.
8. All members shall receive copies of the Minutes of the previous General Meeting.
9. All correspondence, complaints etc to be addressed or forwarded onto the Secretary to present at any meeting called and no correspondence be withheld.
10. Complaints about club matters must be put in writing and forwarded to the Secretary.
11. The list of correspondence presented to the Committee to be available at the next General Meeting of members.
12. Officers submitting reports to a meeting must do so in writing.
13. A member attending a meeting on behalf of the GSDCT Inc shall prepare a written report and provide an overview at the next General Meeting with the report to be provided to members upon request.
14. Treasurer's Reports to be circulated prior to commencement of meetings.
15. Copies of the financial income & expenditure statement of the club be available to all members at the General Meetings.
16. Voting at all meetings for Officers and Committees of the GSDCA and the GSDCT shall be by secret ballot.



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Judges

1. Normally a period of 2 years must have elapsed before any specialist judge is invited back to Tasmania to officiate at a GSDCT Inc. Championship Show.
2. The selection of judges for all club fixtures will normally be made 2 years in advance, and at the General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting each year.
3. Should a nominee judge be unable or unsuitable to officiate at a particular event, one of the reserve judges shall be automatically selected to fill the vacancy.
4. The club shall pay only for appropriate meals and accommodation for judges officiating at club shows.

Shows

1. Dates for GSDCT Events are normally:
 - ☐ Championship Show (s) - February
 - ☐ SBE, Member Comp, Open Show - May
 - ☐ Back-to-back Championship Shows September
2. All show fixtures held on behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania Inc. shall be convened at the club grounds, The Esplanade, New Norfolk, until a suitable venue in the north of the State is located & approved by a properly convened meeting whereupon the members shall decide when/where fixtures will be held.
3. Child/Junior Handler classes, where held, will be conducted at lunchtime and donors of prizes be recognised and thanked
4. Photographs – Child /Junior Handlers
 - ☐ Permission required from parent/guardian before photographs are taken.
 - ☐ It is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to ensure that the permission forms are signed & to organise the photographer to take the Child Handler photos.
5. The following requirements are imposed in the interests of safety, TCA/ insurance requirements, conditions of ground usage and exhibitor and spectator enjoyment.
 - ☐ For all events, double-handling in motion should be done from within the double-handling lane only.
 - ☐ The club reserves the right to remove an exhibit from the ring if more than two warnings are given.
 - ☐ Double-handlers must be fourteen (14) years old to be allowed in the double-handling lane. (This is a TCA requirement)
 - ☐ No spectators, dogs, or photographers, are permitted within the double-handling lane. It must be kept clear for double-handlers.
 - ☐ All tents, marquees, crates etc must be a minimum of two (2) metres clear of the outer perimeter of the double-handling lane.
 - ☐ Exhibits being marshalled for an upcoming class are to be kept well clear of the double-handling lane.
6. The time for vest collection will be stated on schedules and be open-ended
7. A replacement cost of \$40 will be charged on any numbered vest not returned after all events
8. Close-off date for accepting entries is at the club's discretion (TCA advice)
9. Show Secretary is authorised to strictly enforce closing date for entries.
 - ☐ Championship show schedules to include the words "No late entries will be accepted".
10. The awarding of trophies is as set out below for all Championship Shows
 - Best Baby Puppy In Show through to Best Open In Show
 - Challenge Dog & Challenge Bitch
 - Best Exhibit In Show & Runner Up Best Exhibit In Show
11. Show trophies and sashes to be approved by the Committee before purchase and the money spent on such sashes, medallions and donated trophies (excluding GSDCA Excellent medallions & donated trophies) to be restricted to an estimated dollar amount which will balance the books for that show, Breed Evaluation etc



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- Sashes, medallions, plaques & trophies to be labelled so as to make any surplus usable at other events.
12. All critiques will go to the GSDCT Show Secretary who will arrange for the judge to review before publishing.
 13. All criteria for perpetual trophies must be included in relevant show catalogues.
 14. Perpetual Trophy
 - The Elsass Trophy for Best Puppy (Stock Coat) - Donated by B & C MasonCriteria:
 - a. The trophy to be awarded to the best SC puppy judged by the officiating judge and in the event that there is no Best Puppy (Stock Coat) it will be awarded to the Best Minor Puppy (Stock Coat)
 - b. Awarded in Feb Show each year.
 - c. Must be returned to the Club Show Secretary by the holder of the trophy.
 - d. Criteria to be printed in the Show catalogue
 15. Perpetual Trophy
 - Allinka Bootlegger Memorial Trophy for Best Junior (Stock Coat) - Donated by E & C McCaskillCriteria:
 - a. The exhibit must reside & be owned (does not include a lease) in this State.
 - b. Can be a dog or bitch.
 - c. The trophy must not leave the State.
 - d. Donors will provide a small trophy upon return of the perpetual trophy.
 - e. The engraving on the trophy for recipient must be paid for by them.
 - f. Presented at the 2nd Championship Show in September each year.
 16. Perpetual Trophy
 - Volscain Perpetual Shield – Donated by N & M Kail
 - Awarded to Best Bitch in Show at the February Championship show
 17. NO SMOKING within 20 metres of the competition area, seating area, and canteen/food stall. This includes 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after the event.

Training

1. Training Grounds:
 - South - The Esplanade, New Norfolk.
2. The defined area for training shall be that of a 50 meter radius from any ring.
3. There shall be a handler fee for show & obedience training which will be set by the committee and collected by the training co-ordinator
4. All training will be held at places sanctioned by the Committee
 - Training Coordinators will be appointed by the Committee
 - Committee will be responsible for authorising the dates and times of such training.
 - Members are expected to maintain good behaviour. The training co-ordinator will have the right to ask any member who is not acting appropriately to leave training, and to suspend training if necessary. Such incidents should be reported to the Executive within 24 hours.



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Newsletter

1. The newsletter will be distributed electronically to members, and by mail to members without an email address.

Website

1. The website is owned by the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania Inc.
 - The Webmaster is required to give access details to the Executive of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Tasmania Inc.
 - Any change in format & content pertaining to the running of the club must be authorised by the Committee.
 - All club officers are responsible for providing information from their position to the webmaster for inclusion on the site i.e. Show Manager, Breed Affairs, Membership Secretary, , HD/ED Admin etc.
2. Puppy Listing on GSDCT website:
 - The standard template must be completed
 - Applicant must be a member of the GSDCT
 - The fee is payable at time of lodgement
 - Sire and dam must be Breed Surveyed at time of listing.

General

1. TCA Aggressive Dog regulations: copies of all documents and forms to be held at the GSDCT Inc. clubrooms for show, trial and training days.
2. That when a formal complaint is lodged against an officer or member, the committee shall institute enquiries within 28 days of the complaint being tabled.
3. A list of current First-aiders shall be compiled and displayed at the grounds.
4. The club shall send a delegate to GSDCA Annual General Meetings, subject to funds being available.
5. The writer of the Club notes for the GSDCA Review & TCA Gazette shall have them sanctioned by the President before submitting them for print.
6. 2 disabled car parking spaces shall be provided at all events and must have 2 x signs indicating those spaces.