



The German Shepherd Dog League of NSW Inc.
is proud to host, on behalf of the
The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc.

**The 52nd GSDCA NATIONAL
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW & TRIAL**

15th, 16th, and 17th May 2026

Bill Spilstead Canine Complex,
44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills. NSW

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY 13th April, 2026

CONFORMATION

All SC Dogs & LSC Bitches (**Ring 1**)
All SC Bitches & LSC Dogs (**Ring 2**)

JUDGES

Señor Jens Becker-Olsen (Spain)
Herr Wolfgang Hassgall (SV-Germany)

OBEDIENCE

CCD & UDX
CD & UD
CDX

Miss Vicki Etherington OAM (NSW)
Mr Charlie Giles (ACT)
Miss Laura Schimke (QLD)

RALLY

Novice and Master
Advanced and Excellent
Reserve Judge

Mr Charlie Giles (ACT)
Miss Laura Schimke (QLD)
Miss Vicki Etherington OAM (NSW)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Mr James Murray (NSW)

(The GSDL reserves the right to substitute judges, if necessary, or to alter scheduled judging order and times, if required. No entry fees will be refunded)

ENTRY FEES

CONFORMATION:

Class

First Entry

Subsequent

Baby Puppy	\$30.00	\$20.00
Minor & Puppy	\$40.00	\$30.00
Junior, Intermediate & Open	\$50.00	\$40.00
All classes	\$40.00	\$30.00

OBEDIENCE & RALLY



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

Entries: Via Show Manager only: www.showmanager.com.au Initial entry includes catalogue. Additional catalogues can be purchased via show manager or [GSDL Shop](#). Please ensure updated credentials are listed in Show Manager listing Breed Survey status **(mandatory for entry in Open class)*, Hip and Elbow Status denoted by A Z or other approved scheme e.g. CHEDS/Overseas qualification *(mandatory for entry in Intermediate class)*.

Open Classes will be gun tested. Off lead gaiting may be required during the individual presentation - Subject to approval by DogsAus/GSDCA. Double handling of German Shepherd Dogs (LSC and SC) is permitted at this show (ANKC 14.1) GSDCA Rules apply to all conformation and obedience awards and gradings.

Sprint Dog and Tricks competitions will be held in conjunction with the 52nd National and run on Thursday 14th May and on Friday 15th May at the completion of Rally. Results for these disciplines do not form part of the National aggregate awards.

ONLINE SALES: Link to Merchandise [52nd National merchandise](#) and via [GSDL Shop](#) Corporate Tents by expression of interest via GSDL Facebook page enquiries to Jordan Petreski

BREED SURVEY: Thursday, 14th May, 2026 at 3:00 pm (if required). **Venue:** GSDL Grounds; 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills).

Entries via the GSDCA Breed Survey Portal <https://www.gsdcouncilaustralia.org/surveycentral/>

Enquiries: State Breed Survey Coordinator Jo Cathie Email: havantaa@outlook.com

THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026

Meet and Greet Welcome BBQ with the judges will be held at the GSDL Inc Club House, at the completion of Breed Survey

JUDGING TIMES

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026

CONFORMATION: Vest collection from 7.00am. Judging commences at 8.00am. **Ring 1:** LSC Baby Bitch, SC Baby Dog, LSC Minor Bitch, SC Minor dog, LSC Junior Bitch and SC Junior Dog. **Ring 2:** SC Baby Bitch, LSC Baby Dog, SC Minor Bitch, LSC Minor Dog, SC Junior Bitch, LSC Junior Dog

RALLY Ring 3 Vetting/Check in, Official Photos 8.00-8.30 am. 9.00 am Novice followed by Masters. **Ring 4** 9.00am Advanced followed by Excellent. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. **All class winners with qualifying scores must attend the trophy presentation at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 17th May 2026.* Tricks will follow the conclusion of the Rally Trial but not before 1:00PM.

OPENING CEREMONY: All judging will cease at 11:00am for the Opening Ceremony and presentation of GSDCA awards

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026

CONFORMATION: Judging commences at 8.00 am. **Ring 1:** LSC Puppy Bitch, SC Puppy Dog, LSC Intermediate Bitch, SC Intermediate Dog. **Ring 2:** SC Puppy Bitch, LSC Puppy Dog. SC Intermediate Bitch, LSC Intermediate Dog.

Dams and Sires Progeny Parade: follows the completion of the day's breed judging and will be held in **Ring 1**, followed by judging of the Breeders Groups. Assembly will be in **Ring 2**.

OBEDIENCE: Vetting/check in and photographs from 8.00 to 8.30 am. All judging commences at 9.00 am **Ring 3:** Open **Ring 4:** UDX followed by CCD, **Ring 5** UD followed by Novice. All place sashes, Excellent medals and mementos will be presented at the conclusion of the Trial. Winner of Winners will be judged on Sunday during the lunch break (from CCD, Novice, Open, Utility & UDX class winners with qualifying scores). **All class winners with qualifying scores must attend the trophy presentation at completion of conformation judging on Sunday, 17th May 2026*

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP: Classes will be judged during the lunch break. Ages 7 to under 10 years of age, 10 to under 13 Years of age, 13 to under 19 Years. Parents are reminded that children entering Junior Showmanship must have full control of the dog while exhibiting and as per DOGS AUSTRALIA rules, all exhibits must be over 12 months of age.

Entry and Photo Release forms available from the Show Secretary leeannelynych@hotmail.com

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

CONFORMATION: Commencing at 8.30am **Ring 1:** LSC Open Bitch and SC Open Dog.

Ring 2: SC Open Bitch, LSC Open Dog

Challenge and Reserve to follow in the same order. **No Inter-sex or inter-variety judging.*

The 52nd National Show & Trial trophy presentations will be held following the completion of judging.

WINNER OF WINNERS: Judging will cease at lunchtime for the Winner of Winners Obedience competition, which will be held in Ring 1.

TROPHY PRESENTATION: The 52nd National Show and Trial Presentation will be held following the completion of judging.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure you are ready when called to enter the ring in catalogue order. Time groupings for the Open Classes will be used to assist with organisation. The exhibitor will be held responsible for the return of their allocated vests. Any vests not returned within 7 days of the event will incur a \$50.00 fee per unreturned vest. Only persons with 'Authorised passes' will be permitted to enter any rings.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

CONFORMATION: Stock Coat and Long Stock Coat (ANKC classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 11 dogs/1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 11a bitches) Baby Puppy-3 months and under 6 months, Minor Puppy-6 months and under 9 months, Puppy-6 months and under 12 months, Junior-9months and under 18 months, Intermediate-18 months and under 36 months with a recognised HD/ED pass, Open-6 months and over and Breed Classified under a GSDCA approved scheme.(Ages apply from the first day of the show, 15.5.26).

SPECIAL CLASS REQUIREMENTS

SIRE PROGENY PARADE: Entry is automatic. A minimum of five progeny aged nine months or over and entered in the Conformation Classes, both SC and LSC, will be automatically catalogued with the Sire's name and exhibit number. The Sire need not be present or entered in the show. *The classes are non-competitive but will receive commentary. Only sires classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey scheme are eligible.* Exhibitor vests are not worn in the parade.

DAMS PROGENY PARADE: Entry is automatic. A minimum of five progeny, aged nine months or over and entered in the Conformation Classes, both SC and LSC, will be automatically catalogued with the dam's name and exhibit number. The dam does not need to be present or entered in the show. *The classes are non-competitive but will receive*

commentary. Only dams classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey scheme are eligible. Exhibitor vests are not worn in the parade.

BREEDERS GROUP COMPETITION: Refer National Manual Regulation Item 19 p21. Breeders may enter as many teams as desired. All animals must carry the breeder's prefix and be of one coat variety. Each team must consist of four animals over nine months of age from at least two sires and two dams. Kennels eligible for participation will be listed in the catalogue. No entry fee. Details of animals competing must be handed to the Show Secretary by close of judging on Friday 15th May 2026. All animals listed in a Breeder's Group must be entered in the show.

RETIRING ANIMALS

Animals eligible to retire at the National GSD Show and Trial will be: Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners (* Entry via GSDCA Secretary prior to the closing date of entry. Refer page 26 of GSDCA National Show Manual [GSDCA National Show Manual](#))

OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE: Teams of four exhibits compete, with the scores gained in their respective classes within the National Trial. Exhibits can be mixed from different classes of obedience. Names of teams, handlers and dog's names must be provided to the Trial Manager prior to the commencement of the Trial. At least three of the exhibits must qualify. Exhibits entered in more than one class must nominate which class is to be scored. The winning team is the team that has the highest aggregate qualifying scores.

SPECIAL PRIZES

CONFORMATION: A Memorial plaque and trophy will be awarded to the winners of the following classes. The '**Walter Reimann**' memorial plaque to the Open Dog SC winner. The '**Roy Brabham**' memorial plaque to the Open Bitch SC winner. The '**Juergen Neddermeyer**' memorial plaque to the Open Dog LSC winner. The '**Thomas Luxton**' memorial plaque to the Open Bitch LSC winner. Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place exhibits in the Open classes (LSC and SC) who are graded Excellent. Plaque and sash for all class winners and Breeders Group winner. Sash and memento for 2nd to 10th place in each class. Trophy and sash for all Challenge Winners. Trophy and sash for Reserve Challenge Winners. The '**Max Stokes**' memorial plaque to the Junior Bitch SC winner. The '**Barry O'Rourke**' memorial plaque to the Junior Dog SC winner. The '**James Rodger**' memorial plaque to the Intermediate Bitch SC winner. The '**Joylene Neddermeyer**' memorial plaque to the Intermediate Dog SC winner. The '**Sam Bonifacio**' memorial plaque and trophy is awarded to the most successful SC kennel and the **GSDCA LSC Breeders Trophy** is awarded to the most successful LSC kennel, over the three days.

OBEDIENCE: The '**Rick Richardson**' memorial plaque and trophy will be awarded to the Winner of Winners. Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Winner of Winners run-off. A plaque and sash for all class winners. Sash and memento for 2nd to 5th place in each class. Qualifying scores apply.

DUAL PERFORMANCE: The '**David O'Rourke**' memorial plaque, trophy and sash will be awarded to the best Dual Performance exhibit in the Show and Trial. (Rules may be viewed at the Show Secretary's office over the weekend.)

GRADINGS

CONFORMATION: Gradings will be awarded at the Judge's discretion. 'Promising' and 'Very Promising' in Baby, Minor & Puppy Classes. 'Good' and 'Very Good' to animals over 12 months in Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes. *The grading of 'Excellent' and National Excellent medallion will be awarded as per GSDCA rules only to exhibits 2 years of age or over, entered in the Open Classes and classified under the GSDCA Breed Survey Scheme (or other GSDCA approved scheme).

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY: Gradings will be awarded to those exhibits achieving the following scores in CCD-'Good' 85-89 points, 'Very good'-90-94 points, 'Excellent'-95-100 points. Novice Open, UD and UDX-'Good'-170-179 points, 'Very good'-180-189 points, 'Excellent'-190-200 points. Rally Novice 'Good'-75-89 points, Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, Rally Master 'Good'-80-89 points. Rally Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master-'Very good'-90-94 points. All Rally levels, 'Excellent'-95-100 points. Dogs gaining a score for Excellent in any discipline will receive the National Excellent Medallion.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND CRITIQUES

Results and critiques will be published in the Quarterly National Review. An official photographer will be present at the venue and will photograph all conformation exhibits at the conclusion of their individual.

All Obedience competitors are requested to present themselves and dogs for photos at time of check-in.

Exhibitors may supply their own photograph to the National Review Editor within 15 days of the event. Please refer to the Editor's requirements which will be printed in the catalogue.

CORPORATE TENTS

Pre-erected corporate tents will be ringside for those who have booked. No cooking is permitted in corporate tents. Cost: Corporate tent bookings will be available via Expression of Interest on the GSDL Facebook page. Exhibitor owned tents / gazebos

may only be erected in designated areas after 3.00 pm on Thursday 14th May, 2026

CATALOGUE ADVERTISING

Advertising in the catalogue will be available at \$100 [per page \(colour\)](#) Animals advertised must comply with GSDCA advertising rules. Payment to be sent with advertisement. All advertising must be finalised at close of entries, 14th April, 2026.

SOCIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY:

MEET and GREET Commences at the completion of the Breed Survey approximately 3:45pm. Free sausage sizzle at grounds. Please advise numbers attending on Show Manager or your booking slip, for catering purposes.

FRIDAY: GSDCA. Member Club President's Function. Venue and Time: TBA

SATURDAY: Open invitation for dinner with the judges at the ground. Bookings are essential, via Show Manager or booking slip. BYO

SUNDAY: TROPHY PRESENTATION At the completion of judging on Sunday.

52nd NATIONAL MERCHANDISE

Items pre-ordered and with payment received before 18th April, 2026, will be available for collection at the National. Products can be viewed at www.gsdl.info and [52nd National merchandise](#) A limited number of selected items will be available for sale at the event and orders will also be taken on the weekend, for delivery at a later date.

ACCOMMODATION: Refer to GSDL website www.gsdl.info Camping in self-contained vans available at Dogs NSW <https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/about/camping/>



Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

CONTACTS (No calls after 9.00pm please)

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Show Event Manager

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BOOKING SLIP 52nd NATIONAL GSD SHOW & TRIAL

Do we need this
booking slip anymore?

Show Manager

Online Entries Available
www.showmanager.com.au

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 14th APRIL, 2026

Name

Phone Email

Mobile No. for contact at show

CONFORMATION (Initial entry includes Catalogue)

NO.

Baby Puppy	Initial	\$30.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$20.00	X	\$.....
Minor Puppy and Puppy	Initial	\$40.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$30.00	X	\$.....
Junior, Intermediate and Open	Initial	\$50.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$40.00	X	\$.....

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

All Classes	Initial	40.00	X	\$.....
	Subsequent	\$30.00	X	\$.....

Online entries to: Show manager www.showmanager.com.au

CATALOGUE @ \$20.00 each Number \$.....

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday Meet & Greet (no charge, advise number attending)

Saturday @ \$ per head \$.....

DONATIONS

Class Trophy @ \$150 \$.....

Sashes @ \$100 \$.....

Total \$.....

**Enquiries to: Show Secretary, Chelsea Bird
Booking slips and 3 Bimbimie Street Fletcher NSW 2287
Phone 0417414285**

Please go to the website for further details www.gsdl.info