

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In 2013 John Rautenbach and I sat together discussing how to improve the GSD breed in the KUSA as well as the public perception of KUSA bred GSDs.

When John and I initiated the Liaison Council, we were hoping to eventually establish a GSD Breed Council, a strong breed, a good image. After a lot of obstacles, especially from the then KUSA affiliated GSD Specialist clubs, we established the GSD Liaison Council in 2015.

Fast forward to 2022, I have been serving the Council since its inauguration, first as secretary and the last two years as its Chair.

The goal and only purpose of this Council was always the breed, the image of the breed, strengthening the gene pool and improving the quality of the KUSA registered GSD.

The GSD Liaison Council's constitutional duty is to uphold, support and assist KUSA to fulfil its duties and obligations as the duly registered Registering Authority for GSDs.

It is mandated to assist, supervise and promote the breeding, training (IGP/Breed Assessment/ring-craft) and showing of GSDs.

All the business and affairs of the GSDLC are to be managed and controlled by the Representatives of GSD Specialist Clubs. These are elected representatives sitting on this Council on behalf of their Clubs. They represent the decisions taken by their Clubs, present motions proposed by their club members and consult with their club members on various motions raised in the GSD LC so as to decide whether or not these should be presented to Exco/Fedco for approval.

Since the last AGM, the GSD Liaison Council sadly appears to have been hijacked by Representatives who have put their own interests first. It would seem that these representatives are acting without a mandate from their clubs, are seemingly pushing their own agendas and distorting the truth and using threats, serious allegations and public defamation to achieve their goals. These are Representatives who would seem to support fraudulent registration applications that serve their own interest and they attempt to manipulate other Representatives for personal gain.

The GSD Liaison Council's goal has to be in the best interests of the breed and nothing else. Every decision taken, every motion put forward to Exco/Fedco must be seen to answer positively one single question: does it serve the best interests of the breed?

I am handing over to a new Chairman today and wish him the best of luck in getting the GSD Liaison Council back on track by making sure that the Council fulfils its purpose and supports the GSD breeders and owners who are honestly interested in the breed and further that it supports KUSA with recommendations in the best interests of the GSD and the GSD enthusiasts.

I urge GSD Specialist Clubs to make the right decision when electing their representatives. To make sure the representative has the required integrity and the best interests of the breed at heart and who will represent the clubs' members' opinion.

I ask the GSD Specialist Club Committees to make sure that they know the Constitution of their club and the Constitution of the GSD Liaison Council and that they make sure that their representatives are doing what they are mandated to do.

I urge GSD buyers to do their homework when looking to buy a GSD. To buy puppies that have been bred according to the breeding requirements and to make sure that the puppies are raised properly and that the dogs – breeding stock and puppies - are kept in good condition and in a good,

safe and healthy environment.

I would respectfully ask KUSA Exco and Fedco to support the GSD breed according to the breeding requirements and to support motions and decisions that are only proposed in the best interests of the breed.

Last but not least I would like to thank those representatives on this Council, who have only the best interest of the breed at heart. The GSD is a wonderful breed and we have achieved a lot in the last couple of years, but we need to work together to get back on track and make sure, this Liaison Council is for the BREED only.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Brunner', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sandra Brunner