

KUSA German Shepherd Dog Liaison Committee

Chairman's Report 2016

It is to me a great honour to report on the actions of the GSD Liaison Committees activities for 2016.

Please allow me the opportunity to thanks my committee for the wonderful absolute support they gave me as their chairman during 2016. I think it is only fitting to name:

John Swartz, thank you for the support and guidance you have given the committee on Breed matters and keeping Gauteng very active.

Landi Odendaal, thank you Landi for your hard work on the bank account, the website and our email addresses. It is fantastic to have a professional on the team.

Last but no means least, Sandra Brunner, how can we ever thank you enough for your commitment to the German Shepherd Dog in KUSA. Thank you for making your international contacts available to us. Thank you for feeding the committee with vital information and for preforming your secretarial duties with such dedication.

I want to express our appreciation for the support and guidance provided by the KUSA FEDCO and EXCO Counsellors, Chris Griffins, Jenny Hubbart, Doreen Powell, Ralph Zeeman, Lois Wilson. In this difficult year always I have always knew that you understand what is going on and that you are prepared to do what is good for the German Shepherd Dog in South African.

The Liaison committee would like to congratulate Fedco with the achievement that the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) has now been registered by the DAFF as a Breeders' Society and as a Registering Authority for 218 dog breeds including GSD's.

I am very happy to report that from the 8 goals set at the committees 2015 AGM we have been able to achieve a positive outcome to 7.

Goals set at the 2015 AGM achieved:

- a. Bank Account has been opened.
- b. We are receiving the necessary information on Litter and single dog registration From KUSA office.
- c. Communication regarding converting dogs onto FCI recognized Breed register been communicated to the public via Facebook on a regular basis.
- d. The issue of DNA has been investigated and the necessary recommendation to Fedco has been done.
- e. As the year unfolded we have decided not to pursue the membership application to the WUSV. We felt that we are very comfortable being part of the FCI and all it can offer.

- f. Breed Survey/Assessment. Hans Bodenmeier have been invited to visit South Africa in January 2017. With the specific purpose to train our local Judges IPO/Breed to do and the assessment as set out in our Schedules.
- g. The proposal to the FCI with regard to the conversion of non FCI recognized pedigrees, has been completed and send to the FCI.

The Liaison council were hard at work and a number of Schedules have been updated:

Schedule 2 Appendix C German Shepherd Dogs. The upgrading of HD/ED Breeding requirements. We would like to continue and bring the ED requirements in line with international practice.

Only the Husky and the GSD is allowed to be mated with C hips. Other breeds in Schedule 2 (RR, Doberman, Rottweiler) have provisions that C might only be mated with A or not used at all!

We have updated the Requirements for ARC . It was brought in line with GSD practices.

Schedule 5P Endurance Test with regard to Requirements for GSD's Entering test.

Schedule 5F 9.1.2

Breed Assessment for GSD's

With regard to the take on of non FCI Recognized Pedigreed dogs. The committee is very happy with the DNA Profiling requirement. It will be a proposal that in due course this been changed to DNA Proving back to a dog with an FCI recognized pedigree.

However we have to change our Breeding requirements to be inline of what we require of the take-on dogs.

A very interesting observation:

GSDF Single dog registration previously from other Countries 'Breed book NEW R 1 945,00

That applies for all dogs not bred by the SV.

If a GSDF member buys a KUSA dog he pays almost R2000 to register? And KUSA charges R273-00 !

On our own litter registration we have picked up and highlighted some problems: These problems were highlighted in the KUSA GSD Liaison Committee White Paper

The need to be able to Register dogs in the Appendix Register is becoming greater each and every day. Most dogs take-on with bad Hips or without DNA at this stage land in the Obedience Working Register. This create problems, as these dogs are now eliminated from taking part at the IPO Meisterschaft and can't compete in International events.

Being on the Appendix register will allow them to participate at both events.

Ideally all take-on dogs should go directly to the appendix register till there DNA, HD and ED can be proven.

Judges:

Breed Judges, we are very thin in this aspect but with the help of Working Group Judges and our International friend, we are hoping to address this issue successfully.

Training Judges. We are very fortunate to have 5 Licensed IPO Judges from our GSD Breed clubs. All 5 are GSD Breeders as well. They will be trained as Breed Assessors in the new year.

Specialist Clubs

We are still having to deal with Training Clubs seen by KUSA as specialist GSD Clubs, because of a clause in their Constitution or by evolution the club do not function as a Specialist Club any more.

The Committee undertook to assist these clubs to become fully functional once again but up to this stage we had only one club showing any interest.

This bring my report to a conclusion.

Kind Regards

John Rautenbach