



KUSA GSD Liaison Council Chairman's Report 2021

I would like to thank the committee and all representatives of the various clubs for their commitment for the GSD during the last year, inside and outside this LC.

Sadly, the year started with the same nonsense as the last year ended, with a former Committee member threatening to sue KUSA for the SGM held in August 2020 and the AGM held in October 2020 with 3 GSD clubs backing him, boycotting the AGM and subsequent ordinary meetings. During the year that not very fruitful behaviour luckily came to an end and reps of all clubs attended the last meeting.

I sincerely hope that we once and for all can start working together for the breed and not to push personal agendas.

In the last couple of months the KUSA GSD community got a major boost:

Many GSDF members decided to join KUSA, had their dogs, imported or bred under the GSDF, registered with KUSA and 3 GSD Specialist Clubs have been affiliated to KUSA, one in Capetown (The Pack GSD Club), one in Johannesburg (K9 Sport GSD Specialist Club of GP), one in Durban (Barks GSD Club of KZN) with a fourth one still in the process.

We also saw a new GSD Specialist Club being established in DOGSPC by long time KUSA members (Mpumalanga Areas GSD Club) and a GSD Specialist club that has been functioning as an all breed club for years decided get stronger as a GSD Specialist club again, offering training, trials and shows (Natal GSD Club).

So the KUSA GSD Specialist Clubs grew from 6 clubs to 11 clubs within one year and with it the GSD LIAISON COUNCIL! A very excited welcome to these clubs and its reps to the Council. The GSD will definitely profit on the breed side and on the working side.

399 GSDs have been registered during the last 12 months, so we see a steady improvement with registrations. There were also quite a few new kennel registrations, that is very encouraging.

Our next big goal is the WUSV membership: with this growth we should certainly qualify.

I would like to point out again, that breeding requirements have to be fulfilled before the mating takes place and that breeders also must adhere to the KUSA Code of Ethics. Puppies out of

accidental matings also have to adhere to the breeding requirements, "accidental matings" are not the way to circumvent the rules.

Please be aware that dogs born after 1.1.20 require a show grading for breeding. I would like to encourage breeders to get show gradings also for their older dogs, and not only for those where it is required. I also encourage breeders to see the necessity of training and qualifying their breeding bitches and stud males as well as they do choose stud males that have been show and qualified.

I am looking forward to hear what each club has done for the breed in the last 2 years and what their plans are for the future.

I am looking forward to seeing many dogs at our breed shows and entering our trials and also to encourage the GSD Liaison Council to welcome more breeders and GSD owners.

Thanks for your support!

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Sandra Brunner