



# The 13 Club

On average the expected lifespan of a German Shepherd Dog is between 10 and 13 years with frequent examples in excess of those figures. This is a wonderful achievement. Firstly for the animal, for the Breed is not precluded from illness and ailments. The owners of these senior citizens are also to be congratulated as their input has been invaluable giving their companion the love and attention necessary to reach this wonderful age. From a bundle of fluff through the naughty months prior to maturity and then growing old gracefully.

Breeders also have had the input of selecting suitable stock and providing an environment for Mum and puppies to thrive in prior to leaving the nest. It was with these things in mind that GSD enthusiast Barb Lewis contacted the GSDCV and put forward the concept of the 13 Club, a way in which a dog which has celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, with the owner and breeder could be recognised. It would also give the Breed valuable statistical information regarding bloodlines and associated longevity, perhaps enabling more GSD's the chance to live longer and healthier lives.

**If you would like your mate to join this illustrious group fill out and mail the form below along with a copy of your dog's registration certificate. Membership to the 13 Club is open to GSDCV members who own a registered GSD which is currently romping around in their backyard**

**To: GSDCV  
PO 5538  
Wantirna South, Vic 3152  
I would like to receive a Club 13 Certificate**

My name .....

Address .....

Ph. number .....

My dog's pedigree name .....

Sire .....

Dam .....

DOB .....

Registration No .....

Bred by .....

