

Our 2019 GSDCV Education Seminar Presenters

SUSANNE ('SANNE') PEDERSON

Sanne Pedersen was born in Denmark and holds a Master's degree in Cell Biology and PhD in Molecular Biology. She works for a private Biotech Company as Vice President in Science and Innovation. Sanne lives in Sydney with her partner Rob, 5 year old son Jonas, and three German Shepherds.

Sanne got her first GSD in 1991 and joined a tracking group in Denmark. She started training for IPO (now known as IGP) in 1992. She moved to Australia in 2002, and because of her interest in working trials joined the Working GSD Club of Australia in 2003, and was a founding member of the Sydney Dogsport Club in 2014. She is also a member of the German Shepherd Dog League of NSW since 2006 and became an ANKC registered breeder in 2016.

Sanne is a very experienced dog trainer, having gained titles with nine of her own dogs from BH up to IGP3. She won the National Championship 4 times, and has travelled overseas with her dogs, competing twice at the prestigious WUSV World Championships.

Sanne will be showing us how play with our dogs from an early age builds a strong bond which can be invaluable in training and motivating our dogs, as well as developing their inherent character. She will also demonstrate, with assistance from our local GSDCV Character and Working Test Officer, the conduct of the ZAP Character Test.

JO CATHIE

Jo is a GSDCA Specialist Judge and SV National Breed Judge and studying for her international accreditation. When Jo is not showing and judging she works as a Senior Podiatrist with the Integrated Living Group.

Born in Scotland, Jo became involved in our breed at an early age and was quickly asked to handle at shows for many of the top kennels in the UK and soon became interesting in judging which has taken her to many countries in Europe and parts of Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Soon she found the need to move to Europe where she quickly linked up with many top breeders and trained and handled many V and VA animals.

Since moving to Australia Jo has become a highly successful breeder /exhibitor and has helped many breeders on the North Coast of NSW to achieve higher success than they have ever in the past through teaching new ways to present their dogs at shows.

Jo is the Chairperson for the Education Group of the GSDCA.

MELANIE GROTH

Melanie is a GSDCA Breed Surveyor and Specialist Judge, and works as Deputy Principal at a Sydney High School.

Mel has been involved in our breed all her life, firstly with her parents Harold and Phyll Ireland and sister Nicky who bred and owned numerous class and medal winners at specialty shows around Australia. Harold and Phyll would drive the dogs to shows whilst Nicky and Mel would get to fly to many shows around Australia. Later Nicky and Mel started breeding under the Edenblut prefix again being highly successful and breeding Edenblut Orkan who is still one of the most influential dogs in Australian pedigrees today.

Mel became a judge and has been judging all over Australia, New Zealand and other countries and with her expertise as a teacher gives very descriptive critiques of the dogs she judges and has done many presentations at different dog clubs. Mel is also a member of the GSDCA Education Group.

KYLIE ZIMMERLE

Kylie has been in our breed for most of her life through her mum Sue Bruno, who is a GSD Specialist judge and in former years was a very much in demand handler like her daughter.

Nowadays Kylie is regarded as Australia's top GSD handler, having handled numerous medal and class winners at specialist shows and Nationals, with her brilliant feel for individual animals and knows how to get the best out of them.

Kylie's career has mainly been in the fitness industry as a teacher/competitor and more recently selling fitness products to gyms etc.

We look forward to learning some handling tips from this very experienced young lady, who will also join with Jo to give us a workshop on photographing show dogs.

Anybody wishing to get a good photo of their dog for the Breed Survey Database, or just for personal use, is welcome to bring their dog and participate in the photo workshop with Kylie and Jo.