

TRACING LOST DOGS

If you find a German Shepherd puppy or adult dog, check in the right ear for a tattoo. About 90% of German Shepherd puppies these days are being tattooed by the breeders.

- The 3 letters start at the tip of the ear, and are followed by the 3 numbers (which are deeper into the dogs ear). It is very important you read each individual character, as they are necessary to identify the unique identification of the dog.
- It may be necessary to clean the ear with a damp cloth, to ensure you are reading it correctly.
- On occasions it may be easier to read the tattoo if any excessive hair on the inside of the ear is clipped away, or even very carefully shaved.
- Note: as of the 1/1/2012 all dogs registered with Dogs Victoria will be microchipped, thus giving an additional aid to tracing owners.



Once you have identified the tattoo, call the GSDCV Tattoo Registrar Michael on (03) 5248 1520, or the GSDCA Tattoo Registrar Frank Moody on (03) 5426 4286, who have the records available to identify the Breeder, and hence the dog.