



World of White Shepherds

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From the president—Jason Robertson

Welcome to the first edition of the World of White Shepherds with me as Club President.

For those who don't know me, my name is Jason Robertson and I have been a member since the Club's inception in 2000.

My partner Rebecca and I got our first white in unusual circumstances – Blaze was a young enthusiastic male bought by a family as a guard dog, but they could no longer keep him. We were looking for a replacement for Rebecca's old Basenji (who incidentally outlived him by a couple of years as we lost Blaze to snake bite). Like many of our members, we fell in love with his character and temperament.

This was our first introduction to whites and, not long after this, the Club started with us as founding members in NSW. We wanted to do our bit to ensure their continued existence.

Along with other core, dedicated members, I have been involved to ensure the success of the WSSDCA. Therefore, when the opportunity arose I put my name in

the ring and now rise to the challenge.

Recent changes give the Club a stronger management base. The committee has a wide skill base to share the load in managing the Club. There is now an Executive Committee of nine, supported by an Ordinary Committee of a further seven members. I thank these people for donating their time and

resources to assist in making this Club the best it can be. Both committee levels are supported by dedicated members and breeders Australia-wide, who are keen to see our white shepherd breed flourish.

The WSSDCA is here for one reason — to support our selected breed in the best way possible from a 'national' perspective. This is reflected in the Executive Committee made up of members from NSW (4), Vic (4) and SA (1) and Ordinary Committee, in Vic (4), NSW (2) and Qld (1).

Given this fresh perspective to the Club's management, you may wonder what else has changed. The website has had a makeover and moved to www.whiteshepherd.org.au. For this we have Vic member Scott Nimmo to thank for his assistance in our time of need. The website content and newsletter are currently under review by sub-committees to present the best aspects of the Club. Your input into this process is invited and more than welcome. Please forward suggestions to new Newsletter Editor Kym Dunbar on kymdunbar@iinet.net.au.

The next major event on our calendar is the Annual National Show, in NSW for the second time. The last NSW Show attracted 45 entries and 100 people. Let's hope this year's turnout is even better.

Currently there are 20 dogs travelling from interstate to attend the show with many more from NSW. I would like to extend a special thank you to those members pre-

pared to go that extra mile to attend our one of a kind annual show each year. I, personally, have not missed one show since its inception, as have few of our other devoted members. If you think you can join the growing numbers for what will be our biggest show ever, I encourage you to sign up and join in. It is open to all members and there are a lot more events for those with neutered pets this year than in any other year. There are also more prizes thanks to members sourcing excellent sponsorship.

I know some members may be disappointed there are not more shows each year and in each state. To hold other shows we need the members and numbers willing to attend. For example, this year there are 20 conformation classes (combining breeder and neutered) and it would not be viable to have a show with only one dog in every second or third class. So, until there are more club members, we can only host a National event that allows everybody to try and participate.

However, we encourage more gatherings and events within each state so members can meet and greet other like minded people. Potentially some of these will have funding assistance, with competitive programs and prizes awarded from the Club.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter and remember — that without members there is no Club so please keep your membership current and feel free to make as many suggestions as you like as we are here for you and your dogs.

New
President:
Jason
Robertson
with Wil-
low, Gypsy
and Sasha.



National White Swiss Shepherd Show — Sunday September 24

The day of the premier event for our white shepherds will soon be upon us, the white Swiss shepherd dog club's annual extravaganza for members and their guests!

As the show was held in Victoria in 2005, it is on again in New South Wales for 2006. The show is to be held at the Castle Hill showground, which is located off Carrington Rd., behind Baulkham Hills council chambers. This was the previous location for our popular 2004 show, and the grounds have a well deserved reputation for being a fabulous setting for many different dog events.

The grounds have a large undercover area, should our show break the drought, and tea, coffee, drinks and a BBQ lunch will be available on the day for a small fee. Bringing your own seating is recommended (optimists may bring umbrellas).

Our judges this year are Dennis and Roslyn Cahill, chosen for their involvement over many years with the German Shepherd breed, and their passion and success in the dog sport of obedience.

As the main role of our whites is to provide companionship and love in our homes, the role of the neutered family dog is still a critical one in shaping the values of our breed. This years show program reflects this, with the neutered dogs having classes specifically for them and their owners. The popular fancy

dress class will also be running, an opportunity for our creative kids and owners to showcase their talents!

What makes such a friendly atmosphere at our

events is that the slick professional handlers that you see on glossy magazine covers are not present, they're still at the ANKC events. Sure, good handling and a clean, well groomed dog and handler are to be encouraged, but being able to pose your dog won't have any bearing on the judges decision on the day.

Anything is possible at our shows, with many of our members being surprised and delighted to find their much loved pet has just been awarded the title of Australia's most outstanding representative of the breed!

"...the slick professional handlers that you see on glossy magazine covers are not present ..."



Places to stay:

- Avian Van Village, www.caravansydney.com.au 217 Commercial Rd Vineyard 02 9627 1847
- OK Caravan Park, 51 Terry Rd, Rouse Hill 02 9629 2652
- Camping with facilities and powered sites available, contact Rebecca: 02 45 722 114

Kennel options:

- Abbotswood Boarding Kennels, 1003 Old Northern Road Dural 02

9651 3750

- CJC Kurrajong Kennels, 32 Blacklands Ridge Rd 02 4576 1229 www.kurrajongboardingkennels.com.au

- Lagrota Boarding Kennels, 50 Leitch Ave, Londondery 02 4572 5373

Dog grooming:

- Hydro Dogs 1300 659 055 or www.hydrodogs.com.au
- Mobile Hydro Bath 1300 369

369 or www.aussiepm.com.au

- All creatures dog and cat grooming (Sydney Animal Hospital) Unit 8, Pinnacle Estate 1-3 Celbration Drive Bellavista 02 8883 0411
- Annangrove dog grooming 198 Annangrove Rd, Annangrove 0402 206 135
- Vineyard vets also have a dog grooming facility on 02 9627 1257



Show classes



Ring 1 – Section 1 – Conformation Classes

- 1.1 Baby Puppy Dog (3 – < 6 months)
- 1.1a Baby Puppy Bitch (3 – < 6 months)
- 1.2 Puppy Dog (6 – < 9 months)
- 1.2a Puppy Bitch (6 – < 9 months)
- 1.3 Junior Dog (9 – < 18 months)
- 1.3a Junior Bitch (9 – < 18 months)
- 1.4 Intermediate Dog (18 – < 36 months)
- 1.4a Intermediate Bitch (18 – < 36 months)
- 1.5 Open Dog (Over 3 – < 7 yrs)
- 1.5a Open Bitch (Over 3 – < 7 yrs)
- 1.6 Best Veteran Dog (Over 7 yrs)
- 1.6a Best Veteran Bitch (Over 7 yrs)
- 1.7 Challenge Dog (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6)
- 1.7a Challenge Bitch (1.1a, 1.2a, 1.3a, 1.4a, 1.5a, 1.6a)
- 1.8 Best in Show (& Runner Up)
- 1.9 Best Opposites

Ring 1 – Section 3 – Breeders Classes

- 3.1 Bred By Exhibitor
- 3.2 Best Brood Bitch & Progeny (offspring)
- 3.3 Best Stud Dog & Progeny (offspring)
- 3.3 Best Stud Dog & Progeny (offspring)

Ring 2 – Section 2 – Neutered Classes

- 2.1 Neutered Female Puppy (< 1 yr)
- 2.1a Neutered Male Puppy (< 1 yr)
- 2.2 Neutered Female Intermediate (1 – < 5 yrs)
- 2.2a Neutered Male Intermediate (1 – < 5 yrs)
- 2.3 Neutered Female Open (5 - < 8 yrs)
- 2.3a Neutered Male Open (5 – <8 yrs)
- 2.4 Neutered Female Veteran (8+ yrs)
- 2.4a Neutered Male Veteran (8+ yrs)

Ring 2 - Section 4 – Fun Classes (Lunch)

- 4.1 Obedience – Highest in Encouragement Trial
- 4.2 Best Trick/s
- 4.3 Best Dressed Up Dog

Ring 1 - Section 5. Handler Classes

- 5.1 Junior Handler (children under 15)
- 5.2 Intermediate (16 - 25 years)
- 5.3 Open Handler (26 - 39 years)
- 5.4 Senior Handler (40 years +)

Note: If classes are too large they may be split.



National events calendar — November

Thanks to many hardworking members, two events are coming up Australia-wide and everyone is welcome to come along for a great day out with their family and favourite doggy companion.

First is the event, see the poster below, planned for Adelaide and it is the first official gathering for white shepherd lovers, their families and anyone else interested in white shepherds in SA.

Queensland's next funday is on

November 26 at Sherwood Forest Park, Jolimont Street, Sherwood (we will try to get a table over the hill near to the river) from 10 to 2 pm. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for a gold coin donation.

~ Doggie Funday Barbie ~



Where :
Jenkins Reserve
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Salisbury

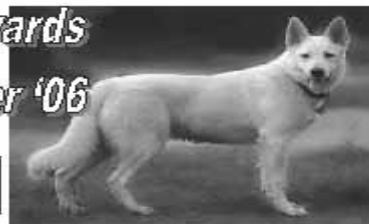
There is an enclosed off leash area for all dogs to run and play.

White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of Australia invites south Ozzie white shepherd dogs and their humans to a social afternoon of fun. All welcome!! Don't have a white shepherd? Would like to join the fun? Bring your K9 and come play!!! Learn about our breed and find out why whites are our passion. Everyone is welcome for a bite to eat, some fun and games.

Time: 12:30 pm onwards

Date: 12th November '06

BBQ Small fee and it is BYO drinks and we will supply the FUN!



Please RSVP by
November 5 to
Kym: 0408 10 24 96
Jody: 0408 24 33 83

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Births, deaths and marriages

Here we congratulate and commiserate with our owners.

Congratulations on the following births:

☛ Sarabian Kennels are pleased to announce Finn and Brazen Inferno (Rhee) have had a litter of nine puppies on June 21, 2006. There were 3 boys and 6 girls. Seven pups are still available ... please email Peggy McMahon for details on pjmac16@hotmail.com

☛ Coolabah Kennels are pleased with Abbey and Malachy's litter of 10 puppies, born on February 28, 2006. All puppies have settled in beautifully with their new families.

☛ Alpinarc are proud to announce a litter born on June 13, 2006, of 7 girls 2 boys with Kaputar Top Secret and Whitemist Tia the parents. There are

puppies still available from this litter ... please email Ange on an-gela_sneddon@yahoo.com.au for further details.

☛ Alpinarc Kennels are proud to announce a litter of 5 boys and 3 girls were born to Kyanjuwa White Kayne and Surefire My Oh Myah V.Owen (Imp USA) on June 9, 2006.



☛ Schnocrest Kennels are also proud to announce a litter of 8 puppies born to White Buffalo Logan and Whitemile Gin on August, 1. As we went to print there was one puppy available. Check out our website for contact details.

☛ Elorah Kennels were proud that Sandy, gave birth to her first litter of six puppies on her 2nd birthday, March 1, 2006. The boys went to

Brisbane and NT, the girls to Wingham and Randwick and Elorah kept two girls.

☛ Beljaeve Kennels proudly announce a litter of 8 puppies born on August 15. Please contact Robert Ayad on robert.ayad@pharmacy777.com.au for further information.



Congratulations on the following marriage:

Coolabah Kennels are proud to announce the marriage of Kimba to Cerdaggetters Malachy in June 2006 after a very brief engagement. New arrivals were expected on August 22.

Fortunately there are no commiserations.

Queensland Funday

Queensland's first Funday was held on 13 August and was attended by eight dogs and their families.

Everyone had a wonderful day socialising with each other and meeting up with other white shepherd owners



Competition ... Competition ... Competition ... Competition ...

We are running a competition to search out a club catch phrase. We are asking our members to come up with something catchy that reflects our dogs, the club and you, the members.

Something like 'whites are our passion' or 'white shadows of distinction'. A phrase that emulates what our dogs and the club means to you.

A short, sharp phrase the club can use forever on its website and other merchandise.

So pick up your pens or start typing away on your keyboard, and get those entries in by November 1 to kymdunbar@inet.net.au.

I can't wait to read all your entries and the winning one will receive one of our brand new calendars.

Congratulations to all our members

The committee welcomes back and thanks all those members who renewed their membership for 2006/2007. We look forward to growing the future together.

Victorian

D. Harvey
T. Wakely
D. Hart
H. Frizzle
A. Stafford
G. Mackenzie
J. Sickinger-Tsilibakis
Maimu Fiechter
R & L Saffron
D. Kennedy
K. Scholz
D & B Sturrock
W. Goulett
C. Holman
D & A Thompson
K. Walker
J. Alesci

New South Wales

L. Bergersen
M. Abela
J. Burns
D. Shipley
G. Wollgramm-Tam
A. Brown & R. Bull
C. Bennett/Passer
A & J Chezzi
D. Finlay
A. Sneddon
G. Jacobs
L & P Fisk
P. Watkin
T. Morris
Sneddon/Holna Family
R. Rendell & J. Robertson
P & M Farr
L. Leacy
T. Sitnikoski
G. Fedor

T. Sitnikoski

G. Fedor

T. Hume

Western Australia

T. Redman
R. Plattell
R. Ayad
Northern Territory
P. Griffin/Mcmahon

Queensland

Mr G Gadsby
M. Rowe
J. Beasley
K. Mackenzie
G. Copley
South Australia
J. Vandokkum
S. Edgumbe
K. Dunbar
D. Stebbing & J. Lewis
J. Thompson



The White Swiss Shepherd Breed

The WSSDCA have a registered list of reputable breeders all over Australia that breed with sound dogs that have been hip and elbow x-rayed and conform to the breed standard. For further information visit our website at www.whiteshepherd.org.au/ and feel free to contact any of our committee members.

The club would also like to welcome anyone that would like to support Australian white Swiss shepherds by becoming a member of the Club and offers free registration of any white shepherds to help preserve their Australian history.

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The White Shepherd: International dog <http://siriusdog.com/genetics/white-shepherds.html>

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White German Shepherd Dog

www.whitegermanshepherd.org

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A breed apart -- white Swiss shepherds

Background

Horand von Grafath, born 1895, is acknowledged as the progenitor for German shepherd dog bloodlines and was a descendant of a white shepherd dog (his grandsire – Grief). From that time forward white became part of the genetic pool along with sables, blacks, and even reds and blues.

In early books about the German shepherd dog, whites were an accepted part of the breed, for example:

- *Der Deutsche Schaferhund In Wart Und Bild*, 1921, written by the architect of the breed, Max Von Stephanitz, included a photo of a white German shepherd directly descended from Horand.
- *The Complete German Shepherd*, 1947, published by Milo Denlinger included an illustration of a white German shepherd from northern Germany.
- *The Alsatian Wolf Dog*, 1923, by George Horowitz as well as *The German Shepherd, Its History, Development and Genetics*, 1977, by M.B. Willis mention whites being shown in Europe.

White German shepherds have historically enjoyed distinguished careers within Australia in the armed forces and as disability dogs. Arguably the most prominent was the legendary horse trainer J.D Wilton's highly trained troupe of white shepherds (all with a name starting with 'S'), used in fairs and displays Australia-wide in conjunction with his amazing horse feats.

Transformation

White German shepherds were part of the foundation of the breed, and fully recognised for nearly 40 years as being just another German shepherd, but man's preconception

of what a breed should look like has played a major part in the breed's transformation into its current state.

Fred Lanting, UKC all-breeds judge and GSD SV judge, has written an excellent article on the evolution and transformation of the German shepherd dog – *The White Shepherd: International Dog* (<http://siriusdog.com/articles/white-german-shepherd-dog.htm>).

In the early 1930's, after the death of Max Von Stephanitz, a move began against the white German shepherds to exclude them from the German shepherd dog breed based on a

number of perceived imperfections including:

- White dogs were responsible for diluting or fading black and tan dogs.
- They were considered to be albinos with the associated afflictions of blindness, deafness and susceptible to skin cancers.
- They were considered bad herding dogs as they blended in with the sheep – whereas not only does coat colour not affect a dog's ability to work, but white is considered the best colour for working dogs including the maremma, old English sheepdog, etc.
- That they were not good as protection dogs as they stood out in the dark.

This official exclusion was when the colour white was classified as a disqualifying fault in Germany's conformation show ring. No longer could they compete for breed titles within the show arena. This move was resisted in other countries.

White German shepherds were subsequently transferred onto the breed's limited register and, therefore, it was no longer

viable to keep whites as potential breeding stock. This meant no longer could whites be used to breed registered German shepherds, regardless of the colour of their puppies. These moves were resisted in countries where whites were more popular.

In 1968, following Germany's lead, the German Shepherd Dog Club of America introduced, through the American Kennel Council (AKC), a revised breed standard listing the colour white as a disqualifying fault. However, despite pressure, the AKC did not go so far as to stop registering white shepherds.

In Australia, white German shepherds could be registered with the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) up until 1995 when the German Shepherd Dog Council adopted a new breed standard listing white as a disqualifying fault and lobbied the ANKC to stop issuing papers to dogs with this breed fault.

While this excluded white German shepherds from the German shepherd dog breed, and even AKC/ANKC dog rings, white was not eradicated from the breed. It forced whites to evolve into a separate entity.

Breeders in Canada and America, and in other countries, wanted to preserve the white dogs. These breeders formed their own clubs and continued to breed white shepherds independently and to the original standards, with the dog's health and temperament a high priority. These dogs have been called by numerous titles throughout the world and are treated as a separate breed despite the common ancestry and, in fact, have been officially recognised as such in a number of countries, with white German shepherds being the dominant title until recently.

"This meant no longer could whites be used to breed registered German shepherds..."

The white Swiss shepherd breed

On December 18, 2002 the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) (the World Kennel Organisation) officially recognised white German shepherds as a new breed called the White Swiss Shepherd Dog, Standard Number 347 being available for registration from January 1, 2003.

To achieve this white shepherd clubs had to prove their dogs were no longer similar in type to the modern German shepherd dog. Because white dogs were bred separately from registered German Shepherds for so long, and not cross bred back to registered black and tan shepherds, the differences

in structure had become quite distinct, with the most difference in the angle of the topline and length of back.

The White Swiss Shepherd Dog Club of Australia Inc (WSSDCA) was founded in 2000 with members Australia-wide. The club has worked to achieve full recognition and registration of white shepherds with the ANKC since this time and have, in fact, fulfilled the Victorian Canine Council's requirements for a new breed, with the name change falling in line with the FCI.

While the white Swiss shepherd and modern German shepherd have com-

mon ancestry, and were once deemed to be the same breed, they are in fact still considered as such by many people today. Due to historical and political events they have been required to seek recognition as a breed apart.

Although they have not yet achieved recognition within Australia, the WSSDCA is following all ANKC breeding rules and regulations and have adopted the FCI breed standard to prove they are serious about preserving the white Swiss shepherds as a viable separate breed. *Continued on page 6*

Pet profile — Talbot family life with Tinka and Jemma

The Talbot family are remarkable in that they have offered homes to two white shepherds in their time of need.

Anne (70) and Bob (74) had lost their old white shepherd to cancer, and made the difficult decision to put him to sleep to stop his suffering.

After that, Anne said, she saw Tinka on the WSSDCA website and went and brought her home.

Tinka became a beloved member of the Talbot household and not long after they heard about Jemma. Jemma's owner had to return to the Philippines, but loving his dog very much left her with a friend. The friend was working long hours and could not look after her as well as they wanted.

Anne heard about the situation and went to meet this young dog, and could not resist bringing her home.

And so began the story of Tinka and Jemma living with the Talbot family.

With Anne and Bob in their seventies you would think two, young bouncing white shepherds may just be a handful ... but not for them. These two dogs found a wonderful family to belong to and Anne said, "Two dogs are easier than one. They look after each other and keep each other company".

A coincidence is also that these two gorgeous girls were littler mates and sisters, and through the generosity of the Talbot's were brought together again.

Anne said both dogs were excellent with children and people alike, but one night, at around 3 am, Anne woke to barking and a tremendous bang in the backyard.

Anne said the girls had never barked

before and went out to investigate when she heard a tremendous scream.

The dogs had cornered a boy and a girl in their backyard.

When Anne called the dogs back, Tinka came running, but Anne wondered where Jemma was. She could see her little head bobbing, and went to investigate and realised her beautiful girl been kicked as the young people made their escape.

Thanks to the dogs the Talbot family were safe

Anne said they have an old sign on the gate saying 'dogs patrolling the property' and when the police arrived they nearly did not come in.

"They are fantastic company and since I've been sick they follow my husband everywhere. They come and visit me and give me a lick."

2007 Calendars — out soon

Don't miss out on this year's 2007 calendar — out soon!

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Breeder Profile — Schnocrest Kennels

Becoming the owner of a Schnocrest puppy is very hard ... hard because they only breed one litter a year, sometimes even less.

And there is always a long list of people eagerly awaiting the arrival of new puppies.

Ann-Marie and David Thompson discovered the white shepherd through a *Burke's Backyard* episode and an article in the newspaper.

The family wanted something different after losing their Rottweiler to arthritis.

The Thompson family bought their first dog Sasha (Whitemile Gin) with no thought of breeding.

A while later David came home and told Ann-Marie about a male that needed rehoming in South Australia.

Ann-Marie, pregnant at the time, said she did not want another young puppy.

David assured her the dog was about 7/8 months old and along

came Blade (White Buffalo Logan).

"It was the best thing we ever did, and we've never looked back," said Ann-Marie.

The Thompson's have two children, Katelyn (7) and Courtney (4), who just love the dogs.

It was not until Sasha as 2½ that she had her first litter

And breeding for Schnocrest is a hobby, and about having fun for the family and good for the kids.

"We breed once a year ...

mostly because the kids love the puppies.

"There are so many

tears when the puppies leave home ... they always have a favourite," Ann-Marie said.

Sasha and Blade truly complement each other's temperaments.

Sasha is full on chasing bees around the property.

While Blade is more affectionate and laid back, and can always be found accompanying someone.

The dogs are protective of their home and their humans, and quick to alert the Thompson's to the arrival of strangers.

For more information about Schnocrest Kennels check out our website at www.whiteshepherd.org.au/



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Brazen Kennels - Australia

Brazen Kai (Kai)
2003 Reserve Challenge Bitch
2004 Challenge Bitch



Brazen Sun An (Sun An)
2002 National Champion
2003 & 2004 Open Bitch







Brazen Sun An is a 2002 Regional OBC Champion & New Shepherds Available
Website: <http://www.whiteshepherd.org.au/>
Contact: 01 (0)2 4572 2114 Email: brazenkennels@hotmail.com

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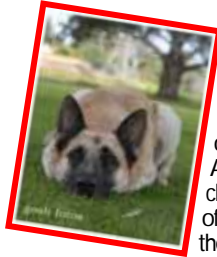
BARF – Biologically Appropriate Raw Food

BARF is about feeding dogs properly. BARF aims to maximise the health, longevity and reproductive capacity of dogs and minimise the need for veterinary intervention. How do you feed a dog properly? You feed them the diet they evolved to eat. An evolutionary diet. A Biologically Appropriate Raw Food diet. A BARF diet.

Such a diet, a biologically appropriate diet, is simple in philosophy and construction. The very essence of commonsense. It looks at the diet of a wild or feral animal and duplicates or mimics that type of feeding regime using available whole raw foodstuffs. These diets may be enhanced with various supplements. Once the principles are understood, anybody can do this. No special credentials are required.

In the case of the dog who is an omnivore, a hunter and a scavenger, the diet can be based on a wider range of whole raw foods of both animal and plant origin, with the further proviso that the foods may be either fresh or auto-decaying via endogenous enzymes. The BARF movement appears to have started in response to the dietary guidelines outlined in the book *Give Your Dog a Bone*, 1993, written by Dr Ian Billinghurst.

BARF originally meant 'Born Again Raw Feeders'. Initially, this was a sling off at dog owners who fed raw food to their dogs. When the originator of that term tried a



raw food diet on her own dogs, she was so impressed she began an Internet list advocating the use of raw foods for dogs. Along the way she changed the meaning of the term BARF to the 'Bones and Raw

Food' diet. BARF could also stand for the Billinghurst Australian Real Food diet. In fact anything you like that works!

My partner and I have had dogs all our lives. They are our family (our fur-kids), and our lives revolve around them.

Raz, our beautiful 4-year-old shepherd, is an amazing creature. He is healthy and athletic, with an endless amount of energy. Raz loves his sport and fortunately has never suffered any health problems. Our only concern with Raz was that he has always been terribly thin, and unable to retain weight at all. Vets told us that this was okay, because he was such an active dog, so we accepted this theory, and continued to feed Raz as we always had, as the breeder had recommended – on commercially produced pet food.

Raz was an only child up until about 2 years ago when a cute little black and white Labrador cross decided to adopt us. She came from a nearby neighbour who neither had the time nor devotion for a highly active 17 month old dog. After weeks of seeing this

little soul roam the streets or finding her in our yard wanting attention or food, we eventually came to an agreement with her owner, and she became part of our family. Our 'second chance' dog!

We soon realised Ce-Ce was not a very healthy dog. She had terrible skin allergies, ear infections, eye infections, anal-sac problems, the list goes on. This led me to search for a better diet for both our dogs, as I was convinced Ce-Ce's problems were food related. I found Dr Billinghurst's books, and the more I read the more I realised what we had been feeding our beloved dogs was so far from what they should be eating, and what they deserve to eat.

This is how we became BARFers! I am very happy to say Ce-Ce no longer requires vet intervention to control her allergies, as they have ceased. Her eyes are no longer full of gunk, nor her ears! Her coat is shiny and soft, and she is one very happy, very contented dog who now has an active, busy life trying to keep up with Raz and his achievements. And surprise surprise – Raz has actually managed to retain some weight and no longer looks starved. So I continued this way of feeding, and promised my dogs that I would NEVER again feed them commercially produced pet food! So that's how I became a distributor. I realised this was something that needed to be shared with all pets and their humans, sooner rather than later!



THE BARF DIET!!!!

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Rescue Pearl — forever home sought

*Through the bars she looked at me,
lost and placed in the pound ...*

*Until the doors were opened wide,
a second chance she'd found.*

*I've named her 'Pearl' it suits her so
a white and precious stone,
now all she needs is a family,
a home to call her own ...*

By Angela Sneddon

Pearl is in search of her forever home. When i first saw this sweet girl, i could not fathom why her owner had not reclaimed her from the pound. Yes, she was extremely exuberant with minimal training, but i saw something in her that day, a kind eye and a soft heart that had never been shown true love or found affection from the human touch.. It was at that moment, as i stared into her almond brown eyes as she rolled over for a scratch, I knew that she did not deserve to meet the horrible fate that awaited her. This girl was not going to receive her angel wings, but instead be

given a second chance for a better life full of love.

I was worried that her chances for the perfect home would be limited due to her over-excitedness in the pound, but how wrong was i upon bringing her home.. Pearl is such a sweet, soft natured lady with manners. She does not lick and jump up, and interacts well with small children and other dogs. She will need a home that does not have cats or a home where her new owners have the time and patience to introduce her gradually to these whiskered little creatures. Pearl has learnt 'stay', 'drop' and 'shake hands' but she



Pearl: I will be your faithful companion forever if you bring me home and love me.

still requires more training and would be suited to most homes in either suburbia or the countryside.

Pearl is being looked after by a Foster Carer, but she really needs to find a permanent family to call her own. She is available for adoption for \$330 is micro-chipped, vaccinated, life registered, wormed, heartworm tested and treated, and can be desexed upon request before going to her new home.

If you think you can offer Pearl a new forever home, please contact (02) 96064049 or alternatively you can email Kym or Ange

at: whiteshepherd_rescue@yahoo.com.au

New home for Sahara

Sunshine Sahara is 19 months old, has had basic obedience and is a very friendly family dog.

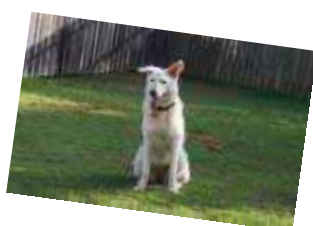
She is very white, has good pigment and is fantastic with children. Sahara has not been spayed, but has one floppy ear.

She has a beautiful temperament and no behavioural problems.

Her current owner has to rehome her due to a tick infestation that he can't eradicate.

The family is keen for her to go to a good home where she will be well cared for.

For further enquiries contact Katrina on coolabahkennels@yahoo.com.au



If you know of any white shepherds that need saving from the pound, from an intolerable living situation or just needs a new home for any reason ... please do not hesitate to contact Ange or Kym on whiteshepherd_rescue@yahoo.com.au

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From the editor ... kym dunbar

Welcome to my second edition of the *World of White Shepherds*, and my first as an executive committee member.

I fell in love with the white shepherd when I met my boy merlin.

He is almost three and, since moving to Adelaide from country Victoria, we train in flyball, agility and obedience.

The *World of White Shepherds* is your newsletter, about you and your Club.

I cannot write this newsletter, or compile it, all on my own and invite you all to have a say.

Yes, while part of the Club's function is breed recognition and breeding, the other part is about our dogs and their humans. You ... their owners.

Send me stories, poems, photos, snippets, ideas ... or anything else you would like to share with us all.

It doesn't matter what ... just get involved ... it only takes a few minutes to share your world ... to email some photos ... a few words ... ideas of what you want to see in your newsletter ... a story

or two ... tell us what you like to do with your white shepherd ... photos of your dog playing with you and your family ... or playing sport ... or just brag about your pet.

This is the place where we are all addicted to our dogs ... help me share your world of white shepherds with the rest of us.

Who wants to be featured in the next profile? Tell me!

Help me make each and every edition better than the last because without your input I'll run out of ideas fast ...

The deadline for the next issue is November 15 ... but don't wait until then ... if you thought of something while reading this issue, sit down now and drop me a line, send me a photo ... kymdunbar@iinet.net.au ...

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Stay safe and enjoy life with your white shepherd, give them a snuggle and tell them how much you care.



Me and merlin: working together at obedience.