



A BRIEF HISTORY – ALISON KOLLENBERG

In the Seventies, Alison Kollenberg began titling her dogs to Australian Champions in conformation. Her dogs won many In-Group and In-Show wins, including Best of Breed & Best of Group at Brisbane Royal. (Later a Dobermann Club of Qld. Dog of the Year.) In 1980, she married the German judge, Jens Kollenberg, and moved to Germany. Between 1984 -1989, she Schutzhund titled six of the kennel's dogs used in their breeding program. The most successful being the self-bred, self-trained International, German Champion and Siegerin, Mia vom Norden Stamm SchH 3, FH and a two times DV Bundessiegerin (National Champion). The team won the Regional (Landesgruppe Nord) tracking title in 1987, as well as taking out High-in-Trial at the largest Schutzhund trial in northern Germany (held at DV Kiel) in 1988, with 22 entries over 3 days.



Back living in Australia in 1990, she initiated a series of Schutzhund trials for the Alberton & Districts Dog Training Club, Schutzhund titling her own GSD bitch in the process. In 1992, she and two other ADDTC colleagues established a new branch of the Australian United Schutzhund Clubs on the Gold Coast, called the **Gold Coast Sportdog Club Inc.**, since awarded an honorary membership after serving as its Treasurer, Secretary, Training Officer and many times Trial Steward.



In 1996 and in Germany once more, Alison prepared and titled dogs from their **Norden Stamm** kennel, as well as from other kennels, for Schutzhund, ZTP &/or Koerung. Between 1996 and 1999 she trained and titled eight different dogs of varying breeds (Rottweiler, GSD and Dobermann) at ADRK, SV, DV and DVG club trials; competing at 17 Schutzhund trials within the 1998 - 1999 period alone. Amongst the results were a number of High-in-Trial, High-in-Trial Obedience, High-in-Trial Tracking and High-in-Trial Protection awards, including a High-in-Trial Obedience at a 50-Year Jubilee inter-club event hosted by an SV club in the city of Bad-Neustadt. The competition was between eight SV clubs, each club fielding a number of three-man Schutzhund 3 teams. Besides her

own individual win, Alison's team placed third in the competition overall. {See photo and article in SV Zeitung 2/2000, page 101.}



Returning to Australia in 2000, Alison became Secretary of the Australian United Schutzhund Clubs. Amongst her first initiatives, was to organize Australia's first National Championship Schutzhund Trial, hosted by the Gold Coast Sportdog Club Inc., later the host club for the organization's first State Championship Trial as well.



At the Australian National Championship Trial in 2002, Alison won High-in-Trial under Canadian judge, Lance Collins, with her self-trained GSD German import, Grazie v. Talka Marda SchH3, IPO3, IPO-FH, FH2. Alison and Grazie still remain Australia's most titled H.O.T. team. Grazie also became a two times Australian National FH Champion - in 2004 and 2005.

In 2005 Alison became a founding member and Secretary of a new and more pro-active national Schutzhund organization called **Schutzhund Australia Inc.**, transferring her skills as a National Secretary and a Schutzhund Judge over to the new organization. To view Schutzhund Australia's national website, go to www.schutzhundaustalia.com

At the 2008 Australian National Championship Trial Alison won the title Grand National Champion, National Champion SchH 3 Dog and National High-in-Trial Obedience with the self-bred Nordenstamm Hassan SchH3. At the same trial Alison also won National H.O.T. Champion, National High-in-Trial Protection and the "Helper's Choice" award with her self-bred, self trained Nordenstamm Hannah SchH 3. Alison was also a 2008 National Team Champion for the Gold Coast Sportdog Club.



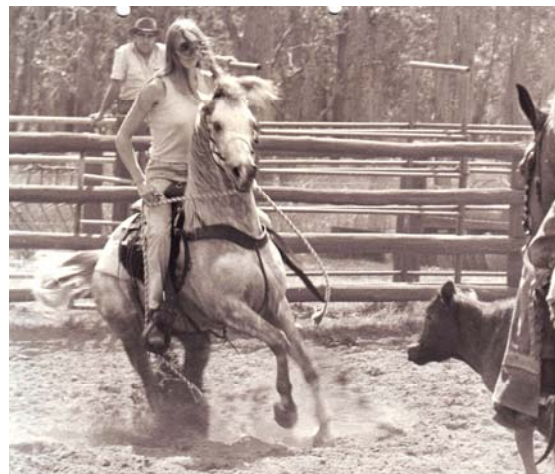
Having competed successfully at National, State, Regional and Team Championships in two countries, Schutzhund titling their own and other kennel's dogs from a variety of breeds almost continuously since 1985 and up until today, as well as handling numerous of the kennel's dogs to their International and National Championships, that includes multiple World Sieger, European Sieger, German Sieger, and Dutch Winner titles...Alison, together with husband Jens, earned the kennel's high profile international reputation the old-fashioned way – they worked for it!

Alison is a **Schutzhund 3 Club** member in two countries, the current National Secretary of Schutzhund Australia Inc. (formerly *Working German Shepherds Australia Inc.*), Secretary of the Gold Coast Sportdog Club Inc., as well as a Schutzhund Australia Working-Dog-Judge, licensed bearing the same credentials as

those necessary to be eligible to become a German SV Judge. She prides herself on her efforts over many years at initiating invitations to high profile international judges, trainers and helpers of the calibre best positioned to further widen the member's skills and knowledge base.



Since 1972 Alison has also bred and shown, trained and competed with her Arabian horses in Western and English events, holding judging licenses in the Buckskin Society, the Pinto Association, as well as being a conformation and under-saddle judge for the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd. For thirty years the stud's horses have accumulated Championships won at local, international, National and Australian Championship levels, as well as having many Junior Champions and Top Ten awards to its credit.



In 2007 Alison judged the Victorian State Championship Trial (with SV Judge and Teacher Helper Raino Fluegge as the Trial Helper!), having judged Schutzhund trials in all the active New Zealand and Australian clubs. Retired

from her profession as a graphic artist, and living on the Gold Coast, she prefers competing to judging, and devotes her spare time to improving her personal training skills - enjoying the sport for its own sake, having competed at all the National organization's Australian Championship Trials annually since inception.



Germany 1986



Germany 2000



Australia 2007