Heather Macdonald

I am the owner of Kennel Conbhairean based in Scotland, along with my husband David. I retired in 2022 as a senior Police Officer after 30 year's service.

I have been a GSD conformation Judge since 2003 when I was licensed by the UK Kennel Club. I became one of the first WUSV judges in 2013 and later appointed International Judge by my home club – the German Shepherd Dog League of Great Britain – in 2018. I am also a breed surveyor.

I was appointed judge for the Character Assessment (Wesensbeurteilung) with my assessments fully recognised by the SV for Körung and showing.

- Founding Member and executive of the "GSDL – British Regional Group" (BRG)
- Chair of the Scottish Progressive Group (BRG)
- Secretary of South of Scotland GSD Club (show)
- Secretary of Forth Sports Dog Club (IGP)
- Member of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. since 2000
- Continental Director for Northwest Europe (2019) and Australia (2021)

I have judged several times in Scotland, England, Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, India, Australia, and New Zealand and feel truly honoured to visit these countries in pursuit of our joint passion – the GSD.

Our small family kennel has produced many successful dogs that have competed in shows around the world and from only 1 or 2 litters bred by us each year. Notable results at the BSZS in Germany for our dogs are Conbhairean Uno SG5, V10, V7 & V4. Quella SG 18 & V31. Bazi V42. Rikkor SG6. Karlos SG13. Freddie SG22. Vincenzo SG23. Gio SG24. Xara SG25 & Juri SG22. Many more dogs have placed in the top rings and many VA titles in several other countries.

One of the proudest moments in dogs for our kennel was Conbhariean Uno presenting a large quality progeny group at the 2012 BSZS in Ulm.

I am actively involved in both showing and working our dogs in IGP, from puppy to adulthood and as a very active member of our IGP club, this is where I can be found training most weekends (if not showing or judging) and week nights in the summer months.

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