

# COLLAR

# LEAD

GARRY SOMERVILLE

## Increase trial numbers 10% to 15% instantly

It's simple if the authorities change a simple rule slightly and almost everyone who trials would like it and benefit from it. Even the veterinary establishments and The RSPCA would approve - not to mention the dog.

All the authorities would have to do is to allow dogs over five (5) to be permitted to have the high jump, bar jump and broad jump to be lowered by an inch per year over five.

And... to get another 5%; allow dogs over ten (10) to be free of entry fees.

I'm sure triallers with dogs under five wouldn't object. Put another way, dogs ten years of age would be allowed to jump five inches lower - and they would continue to trial, leastways a lot would.

## One of the Greats - Ned Nahas with one of his top German Shepherds (below)

Ned Nahas who came from Egypt in 1963 at the age of 24 worked at Sunbeam for years as a warehouse manager. It was there he met his wife and has been married for 37 years.

He commenced training in 1966 at the GSDL at Cahill Park, Tempe, where Jack Goldstein used to make frequent appearances.

His top training instructor was Phil Sykes who is one of the greatest trainers and triallers of all time. It was Phil who inspired him to enter competitions with his dog.

At his first Sydney Royal in the early '70s, he came second in open, beaten by none other than another great, Bob McGarvey.

When you see Ned Nahas at a trial you need to reassess your chances of winning.

Ned is one of the few who has always had top winning dogs, and at the age of 63, his six German Shepherds have always walked the obedience rings of power with a confident and assured air.

He, like the writer retains a flair for larrikin retorts, which helps put handlers at ease when they have to do their best with their dog.

He has, over the years given a lot to the trialling scene and is one of the top triallers who join in and promote a bit of skylarking at obedience trial. Keep it up Ned.

A quiet gentleman by nature, no one to my knowledge, has ever seen him angry or annoyed.

He is a man of great humanity and his quiet nature and understanding personality makes him a great public relations person.

With two fine daughters Ned's strong family ties are evident.

His staunch belief that right should always be above personal gain is an important influence on those who know him. He was a logical choice for his lovely wife, Ruth. Ned's ability in the ring means you and your dog need to work at your best if you want to beat "young Ned".

A sensible bloke, I always contended he would make a top judge, but the authorities have never asked him. Shy, in nature he hesitated in putting his hand up himself.

Ned with his great attitude when he is at a trial is always asked to "sit with us". His inborn friendliness to everyone is legendary.

To work dogs so well for over 35 years, Ned is like many others, all having a competitive nature, plus a certain something that all dogs love their boss to have..... "canine fingers".

I knew Ned (correct name Nad) 25 years ago when he was then a top Shepherd man - he has always been an achiever.

When he was a trialler, I took time off to watch every time he competed, which over time has increased my knowledge of dogs.

## Good News

Since Obedience judge and director of the RSPCA had her very serious car accident as a passenger near Bourke some weeks back. I am pleased to say she is recovering well and went to a dog party at Di Atken's place this week.

Keep up the good work Dulcie (Goldstein), we can't afford to lose you.

