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INVOLVEMENT BY CARLO COLAFRANCESCHI  
WITH THE NATAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB

Carlo's involvement with this Club started in 1975 with his joining the Club as a training member. Very soon he became one of our better members achieving much success with his dogs in obedience shows. Wanting to learn more and to assist by giving back to the Club what he had learned, he became one of the Club's valued trainers, not only in Obedience but also in the disciplines making up Classic Working Trials and I. P. O., qualifying as an Assistant for the Guard and Defence in the latter Trials.

It was not long before he was elected as the Director of Training where his keenness passed on to his fellow Trainers implementing many new and successful, practical training methods. Assisting towards these new methods was his study of Animal Behaviour. The personal interest he took with the members was well received and together with his understanding of human behaviour he was able to adapt training methods not only to dogs but to include the handlers as well. The standard of training in the Club improved noticeably with our members achieving many successes.

During the time he was Director of Training he served on the Club Committee and here, too, his assistance in the running of Shows and other time demanding projects was appreciated. Further achievements in the Obedience discipline came when he became an Obedience Judge rising swiftly from Beginners Class, through Novice, A Class, B Class and into the senior, C Class.

The training and running of the Club demonstration team, which was active at many social and charitable functions, was taken over by him. These demonstrations were able to introduce the public to responsible dog ownership and training and further made the public aware of the abilities, temperament and qualities of the German Shepherd Dog.

In whatever Carlo involved himself with he did so with vigour and in a full and unselfish manner, making himself well liked by the many Club members, Trainers and Competitors, forging strong friendships with many of them.

Colin Camp  
Chairman