



German Shepherd Dog Club Of America-Working Dog Association

HUNDEGRAM

April 18, 2016

Dear WDA Member:

Many WDA Members have continued to show support for the WDA when they were inquiring about the current state of affairs of the Club. I wanted to give you a brief update so you understand what is happening for the WDA.

First, on April 4, 2016, your Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

All active GSDCA-WDA Single Memberships, Family Memberships, and Club Memberships are extended through August 31, 2016. All active GSDCA-WDA Helpers will retain their certification.

Basically, all current Members and Member Clubs will remain active as GSDCA-WDA members without paying annual dues at this time.

Second, the GSDCA lawsuit with the WDA will be tried in Colorado the week of August 16, 2016. There is no update regarding the lawsuit other than this court date has been set.

In the meantime, the WDA office is still open and processing SV related program items, including Hip and Elbow certifications, Dental Notations, Breed Surveys, and DNA certifications. Score Books are being issued, as well as Tattoo and Microchip certifications are being processed.

Also, GSDCA-WDA Judges are available, and any Club may obtain approval for events and releases for GSDCA-WDA Judges by contacting the WDA office. GSSCC (Canadian) Judges are also available. The WDA website has a current list of all Judges ([GSDCA-WDA Judges](#)).

I am also including information that came into our office recently regarding a veterinary clinical trial at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital (VMTH) at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. The trial focuses on *Aspergillus spp* infections in multiple breeds, including German Shepherds. You'll find that information below with other information attached.

We will continue to communicate with our Members as we have more information.

As always, the Board of Directors and I hope you, your families, and your dogs are well, and enjoying the sport of Schutzhund.

Dan

Received at the WDA Office via email March 21, 2016:

I am not sure if you are aware, but UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine has a lot of ongoing veterinary clinical trials at the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital ([VMTH](#)) intended to benefit our veterinary patients and veterinary medicine overall. One such trial is focused on *Aspergillus spp* infections in multiple breeds, including German Shepherds. This trial is run by Dr. Jonathan Dear. A bit about the trial is outlined on the flyer as well as contact information should anyone want additional details (this information can also be found on the UC Davis Veterinary Center for Clinical Trials (VCCT) website, under "Current Clinical Trials", "Areas of Interest", and then "Genetics").

I am reaching out to your wonderful organization to see if you will help me advertise to those who have German Shepherds as this condition affects this beautiful breed. Would you be able to distribute the attached flyer to your members?

Please note that participation in any of our veterinary clinical trials is completely voluntary! If your contacts are looking for additional information about veterinary clinical trials in general, we have a lot of information on the UC Davis Veterinary Center for Clinical Trials (VCCT) (the link to which is also included on the flyer!). I am also attaching a pamphlet entitled, "Veterinary Clinical Trials: Helpful Information for Pet Owners" just in case.

If I am barking up the wrong tree (so to speak), please direct me to whomever may be able to help me get the word out about this study.

Thank you so much for your time and for everything that you do!

Best,
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