



GUIDELINES FOR GSDCA-WDA BREED SHOWS

The GSDCA-WDA has adopted the following “Guidelines for Breed Shows” for the purpose of:

- a. The preservation and further enhancement of the breed;
- b. The adherence to the goals of the association;
- c. And in particular for the procedures to be followed at breed shows that are indispensable for breeding the German Shepherd dog.

These “Guidelines for Breed Shows” are binding.

I DEFINITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. There are three (3) kinds of breed shows:
 - 1.1 Breed shows by local clubs
 - 1.2 Regional breed shows
 - 1.3 The North American Sieger Show
2. Breed shows by local clubs are those which the local club is responsible for the organization and for all arrangements.
 - 2.1 Breed shows by local clubs require prior receipt of permission from the GSDCA-WDA office and the regional director as to the reservation of date(s).
 - 2.2 The selection and remuneration of judges for breed shows by local clubs is the sole responsibility of the clubs.
 - 2.3 The club holding a local breed show must have proof of proper liability insurance covering the event and provide proof of insurance to GSDCA-WDA Office.
 - 2.4 The club organizing a local breed show is responsible to the GSDCA-WDA for the correct operation as well as adherence to all relevant regulations. This includes setting up a ring(s) of sufficient dimensions for expeditious judging and conferring of awards.
 - 2.5 All judging results must be provided by the club to the GSDCA-WDA Office within ten (10) days of the event.

II ORGANIZATION OF BREED SHOWS:

1. For all breed shows a printed Show Catalog is obligatory.
 - 1.1 The catalog must list all dogs entered by name, registration number, tattoo or microchip number, date of birth, sire and dam, name of breeder, and name and address of owner.
 - 1.2 Next to each entry there shall be space for the show secretary to mark the judge’s placing.
 - 1.3 Next to each entry there shall be a box or line to indicate the dog was measured. The measurement is not to be noted.
 - 1.4 At the bottom of each page that contains classes, there should be a signature line for the show secretary and a signature line for the judge.
 - 1.5 For dogs to be entered in breed shows and to be listed in the show catalog, they must:
 - 1.5.1 Be AKC registered or registered by a foreign association recognized by the FCI and are identified by a tattoo or a microchip number. SZ numbers issued through USCA are not valid for entry. If a dog is whelped in the United States of America AKC registration and AKC 4 generation certified pedigree is required as of 12 months of age.
 - 1.5.2 Be free of indications of illness and must show proof of all current vaccinations submitted with entry forms.
 - 1.5.3 Not be owned by persons subject to a legally valid exclusion from show participation.
 - 1.5.4 The entry deadline is left to the discretion of the hosting club.
2. Division into classes: Dogs presented at breed shows are divided into classes. If a show lasts more than one day, the date of the first day determines the age classification.
 - 2.1 Youth Class for dogs from 12 months (completed) to just under 18 months.
 - 2.2 Young Dog Class from 18 months (completed) to just under 24 months.
 - 2.3 Open Class for dogs 2 years and older without SchH or HGH titles.

- 2.4 Veterans Class for dogs older than six (6) years with SchH or HGH titles. The class will be placed in the winning order and each dog entered will receive a placing card. A breed evaluation card will not be issued.
- 2.5 Working Dog Classes for dogs 2 years and older with proof of at least SchH1 or HGH title.
- 2.6 Kennel Groups
A Kennel Group consists of no less than three and no more than five dogs of a kennel that have been presented at the corresponding breed show and have received a breed rating of at least “good”. The kennel group is to be judged in accordance with the applicable criteria: Similarity within the group (40%) and the quality of individual dogs (40%) considering as many of their parents (sires and dams in their pedigree) as possible (20%).
- 2.7 Progeny Groups
A Progeny Group requires a minimum of at least six dogs that must also be entered and shown in a regular class. The judging of the Progeny Group shows the quality of the progeny. It also shows which positive and negative factors may have been inherited by their offspring. Therefore, it is required to show all dogs belonging to the Progeny Group. It is not necessary that the sire of the group be shown in the class.
3. Puppy Classes
For the purpose of supporting the advancement of the breed, Puppy Classes for dogs age 3 months to 12 months without receipt of breed evaluation may be organized. (At the North American Sieger Show, puppies must be tattooed or microchipped.)
- 3.1 In the Puppy Classes the following evaluations are used:
 “Very Promising” (VP) - Dogs that conform fully to the standard of the breed or show merely minor faults in their anatomy;
 “Promising” (P) - Dogs that conform to the standard, but with clearly observable anatomic or developmental faults;
 “Less Promising” (LP) - Dogs that react negatively to external stimuli and/or have faults that would exclude them from breeding.
 Above valuations do not constitute assessments in the sense of a breed evaluation.
4. Show Ratings
- 4.1 At breed shows according to I.1.1 through I.1.3 the following ratings can be awarded:
“Excellent” (V) – Dogs in the Working Dog Class (GHKL) which, applying strict criteria, conform to the standard of the breed; present themselves self-assured and calm; are gun sure; are hip certified with the “a” stamp, OFA certified, or other SV recognized hip certification; If born after January 1, 2004 have an ED stamp with the result “normal”, “fast normal”, or “noch zugelassen” in the pedigree. If 3 ½ years or older, list a recommendation rating for breeding (angekoert). Double premolars 1 are allowed. (Valid as of the start of the show season 2008).
“Very Good” (SG) – This is the highest rating in the Young Dog and Youth Class for those dogs that conform fully to the standard of the breed; and in the Working Dog Class for dogs that meet the requirements for the “excellent” rating, but show minor faults in their anatomy. Also qualified are dogs that exceed the size limitations by no more than 1 cm below or above the standard or missing one premolar 1 or one incisor.
“Good” (G) – This rating is for dogs that conform to the standard but with clearly observable anatomical faults. The following are allowed for this rating: Missing two premolar 1 or one premolar 1 and one incisor, or one premolar 2 or one premolar 3, or two incisors or one premolar 2 and 1 incisor; or one premolar 2 and one premolar 1 or two premolar 2.
“Satisfactory” (A) – This rating is for dogs which, on the day of the show, are gun sensitive or react negatively to external stimuli or which do not permit a higher rating due to their total condition including anatomical factors.
“Unsatisfactory” (U) – This rating is for dogs that are gun shy, show limitations in their temperament, react negatively to external stimuli or display other shortcomings that prohibit breeding. Also, this rating is for dogs that exceed size specifications by more than 1 cm below or above.
- 4.2 At the GSDCA-WDA North American Sieger show in addition to the ratings as defined in 4.1, the rating VA-Excellent Select is awarded which requires proof of additional criteria. Only those dogs Be considered in the VA-Class that carry a breed recommendation of KKL1; have a full and perfect set of teeth; and are titled at least SchH2. They must come out of lines with breed survey ratings and SchH titles. Dogs that are to be in the VA-Excellent Select Class for the second time must be titled SchH3.

Supplementary Rules Pertaining To Protection Work At The North American Sieger Show:

1. National GSDCA-WDA Certified Helpers are to be available to the protection judge.
 2. The respective results will be announced over the audio system immediately following the end of the protection work for each dog.
 3. An official that has been authorized by the protection judge for this task inspects the tattoo or microchip number at the end of the protection work. The GSDCA-WDA provides this official.
- 4.3 Extraneous influences leading to partial damage of teeth or to missing teeth do not affect the breed valuation, provided that there is documented written proof of the former presence of strong and healthy teeth and a faultless scissors bite; this is also to be confirmed on the pedigree.
Proof can be submitted as follows:
1. Proof of the presence of the full set of healthy, strong teeth and of a healthy scissors bite by submission of the evaluation certificate or scorebook in which a SV breed judge, after personal examination, has described and confirmed the status of the dentition.
 2. Submission of the breed survey certificate (Koerschein) in which the status of teeth and bite during the breed survey has been documented.
 3. Submission of X-rays together with a certificate by a veterinarian. The X-rays must clearly indicate the presence of at least part of the dental roots or the alveolus.

III. EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE TEST RATINGS

TSB (Triebveranlagung, Selbstsicherheit und Belastbarkeit)

Rating of Inherited Drives, Self-Confidence and Stress Tolerance:

“a” - Pronounced (ausgeprägt): Self-confidence, urgent, goal oriented, and firm biting and holding, no negative reactions to stick hits, close attention to the helper during all phases.

“vh” - Sufficient/Present (vorhanden): Limitations in self-confidence, determination, biting, and reaction to stick hits and during the holding at bay phases.

“ng” - Insufficient (nicht genügend): Lacking self-confidence, strong limitations with respect to stress tolerance and lacking interest in the helper.

IV. OTHER REGULATIONS:

1. For dogs that have been entered, yet did not participate, the entry fee is not refundable.
2. Dogs that have been presented to be judged (for the standing examination) but are later withdrawn from competition without explicit permission by the judge in charge must receive the score “Unsatisfactory”.
3. All dogs at or over 12 months of age are to be measured at shows. A check mark shall be placed in the show catalog next to the entry that the dog was measured. The measurement is not to be noted.
4. Evaluations by the judge at breed shows are final. They cannot be contested.
5. The use of any false information on any German Shepherd Dog entered in an authorized or sanctioned GSDCA-WDA event shall result in the banning of the German Shepherd Dog from all future events and the termination of the membership of the party or parties who falsified the information.
6. Handlers are bound to sportsmanship in their bearing and in the presentation of their dogs. Violations can lead to a disqualification of the dog and to ordering handler and dog off the field. Deliberate failure to provide required information or providing misinformation, forgeries or actions that are apt to deceive the judge will result in the forfeiture of any recognition or achievement already obtained at the show. The severity of the case will determine a possible exclusion from further shows or the imposition of a penalty by the GSDCA-WDA.
7. It is not permitted to judge dogs at a show that are owned by (or are in the possession of) a participating judge at that show. Extreme restraint is advised in the case of dogs that belong to (or are in the possession of) close relatives. This is true also with regard to companion/partners, common breeding programs, co-ownership, communal living arrangements, and so forth.
7. Upon presenting dogs for standing examination the dogs are to be shown to the judge without substantial assistance (natural posture) by the handler.
8. It is not permitted to call or give commands to dogs assisted by any device of amplification, be it electronic, by gas or by compressed air. Likewise, it is not permitted to use pistols, whips, or protective arm sleeves. Violations can lead to disqualification of the dog; ordering the caller off the field; and the initiation of internal proceedings by the GSDCA-WDA against owner and caller.