



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF AMERICA-  
WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION, INC.

**August 31, 2011 Hundegram**

The WDA Board of Directors met in July in San Francisco, then continued that meeting via phone conference calls July 20, 2011, Aug. 3, 2011, Aug. 17, 2011 and Aug. 29, 2011.

The following have been voted on by the WDA Board.

1. The new IPO rules go into effect January 1, 2012. The new IPO rules are currently on the WDA Website: [www.gsdca-wda.org](http://www.gsdca-wda.org). We strongly recommend you to read the new rules as there are several changes. These rules are the FCI IPO rules. The WDA Performance Rules committee will go through these new rules and add any variances the WDA currently follows, along with any variances the new rules should have added to them and bring those recommendations back to the WDA Board of Directors.
2. The WDA Board has approved the purchase of the new IPO DVDs. These DVDs show the routine following the new rules, along with an explanation in English. These DVDs will be available from the WDA Office as soon as they have arrived from the SV.
3. WDA Judges are now allowed to evaluate (judge) dogs in clubs of which they are members for the following titles: AD, BH, FPr (tracking 1-3), B (obedience 1-3), FH1 and FH2.
4. Long hair stock coats (LSH) are allowed at all WDA Conformation Shows and Breed Surveys. At Conformation Shows they must be shown in LSH classes only. The WDA will have a form available very soon that the owner of a LSH must take to a SV Conformation Judge to have the coat type certified. Those certified forms are then sent to the WDA Office where the dog's coat type will be stamped on your 4 gen AKC pedigree. These certifications are required before the dog may be entered into a WDA Conformation Show. LSH dogs who are entering NASS 2011 may have their dogs coat type certified at the NASS show site. If it is determined your dog is a stock coat you will be allowed to participate in the stock coat class of your age group. At the current time, only dogs 12 months of age and older may be certified as Long hair stock coats. The long hair stock coat rules for NASS are currently being worked on. Please watch the NASS 2011 website for information.
5. The 2011 World Schutzhund 3 Championship is being held in Ukraine on October 13-16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Eric Eisenberg and Rob Kochan of the WDA. The WDA Team Captain is Nelli Racsko. The team is funded by donations to the WDA. Please consider making a donation to help pay the teams expenses. It would be very much appreciated!
6. NASS 2011 is Oct. 20-23<sup>rd</sup> in Reston/Herndon, VA. The website is up and all functions work, [www.wdanass.org](http://www.wdanass.org). Trophy donations, sponsorships, catalog and website advertising and donations to the Jr. Sports Program are all welcomed!
7. The following positions are currently open on the WDA Board of Directors:  
Region 4 Director  
General Director  
National Training Director  
The General Director and National Training Director positions will be filled during the upcoming election. Region 4 is looking for a Regional Director.
8. Ballots for the General Election will be sent out in late September. Each member in good standing of the WDA should receive a ballot. If you do not receive a ballot by Sept. 30, 2011, please contact the WDA Office. The ballots will have a "return by" date on them, and the results will be announced at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting Oct. 21, 2011 at the NASS Host Hotel. The following positions are up for election this year:  
President  
National Training Director  
Region 2, Region 4 (no candidates), Region 6, Region 8  
1 General Director position
9. You are all encouraged to vote. Your vote can make a difference in who wins the position on the WDA Board of Directors. Bios of the candidates will be included in the ballots.

**New Member Applicants**

All applicants whose names are published below shall automatically obtain membership status on the fifteenth day of the month following the month of publication unless objections in writing from the membership of this Club or Board member is received by the Membership Committee.

Greg Adrian – Jeffery Batiste – David Ezrine – Clyde Garland – Dorlisa Gutches – Amanda Guthridge – Bobby Hall – Nancy Harper-Mulvaney – Shari Hermes – Garren Hunt – Marlene Hunt – Dariusz Kedra – Tracy Klopp – Bonnie Kuhlman – Fernando Marquez – Alicia Mentell – Donna Morgan Murray – Ron Mulvaney – Peter Murray – Heather Parks – John Pratt – Sonya Pratt – Sharleene Prieur – Deane Pritchard – Marie Quarles – Christopher Smith – Armando Taboada – Raju Tadigiri – Robert Torres – Corey Wells – Andrea Wright – Matthew Wright – Edward Young

Regards,

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President, WDA