



Breed Show Regulations

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I. Terminology and Responsibilities

The organization conducts breed shows for the “stock coat” and “long stock coat with undercoat” varieties of German Shepherd dogs. Presentation of the dogs is according to the type of coat in separate classes and kennel groups.

1. Determinations are as follows:

- 1.1 Local Club Breed Shows
- 1.2 Regional Breed Shows
- 1.3 National Breed Shows

2. Local Club Breed Shows are presented with the local club being the responsible organizer.

- 2.1 Local club breed shows require an approval of the dates by their Region.
- 2.2 Booking a judge for the local club breed show is the responsibility of the hosting club, which is also responsible for the reimbursement of expenses for the breed/show judge.
- 2.3 The hosting local club is responsible for a flawlessly organized event, as well as adhering to all current regulations of the GSSCC.

3. Regional Breed Shows

- 3.1 Every GSSCC Region must host one Regional Breed Show in their Region each year. The Region can assign a local club in the region to host, or partially host, such a show.
- 3.2 The dates of Regional Breed Shows are determined by the Region.
- 3.3 Booking the officiating judges is the responsibility of the individual Regions (i.e. hosting club).

4. Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championship and Sieger Show

Once a year, the GSSCC puts on a national breed show.

- 4.1 The organizer is the GSSCC which appoints a Region for the actual organization of the event. Partial phases within the overall event can be assigned to the Region.
- 4.2 The assignment and date setting are done by the GSSCC (in conjunction with the Region).
- 4.3 Selection of the officiating judges is the responsibility of the hosting Region, in consultation with the GSSCC executive.
- 4.4 In addition, special requirements may apply, which are publicized in the event advertisements / informations.

II. Organization of the Breed Shows

1. For the Breed Shows according to 1.1, a printed show catalogue is absolutely required.

- 1.1 The show catalogue must contain all dogs which are to be presented, with names, registration number, date of birth, indication of parents, name/location of breeder and name/location of owner.
- 1.2 Dogs may only be presented at the event and printed in the catalogue that:
 - 1.2.1 are registered, and are identifiable by means of a tattoo or microchip.
 - 1.2.2 are free of any indications of illness.
 - 1.2.3 are owned by a GSSCC (or WUSV club) member, if being shown in the Working Dog Class;
 - 1.2.4 females may not be presented after the 42nd day of being in whelp. Nursing females may only be presented after the 42nd day after whelping their puppies.

2. List of Classes

Dogs presented at breed shows are allocated to classes by the coat "stock coat" and "long stock coat with undercoat".

The reference date (*for age of dog*) of multi-day shows is the day prior to the first day of the show.

- 2.1 Youth Classes for dogs on completion of the 12th month (*of age*) to under 18 months.
- 2.2 Young Dog Classes for dogs on completion of the 18th month to under 24 months.
- 2.3 Adult Open Classes for dogs being 2 years of age and older, without SchH./IPO titles.
- 2.4 Working Dog Classes for dogs being 2 years of age and older.
- 2.5 According to II.2.3 dog must have proof of a training title of at least IPO1 or an HGH (*herding*) title.
- 2.6 Kennel Groups
 - a) A kennel group at a local or regional show consists of a minimum of three, maximum of five dogs from one kennel, which have been presented in the show and have received a minimum rating of "good".
 - b) A kennel group at a national show consists of a minimum of four, maximum of 5 dogs from one kennel.
 - c) Every participant showing a dog in the stand for examination of their class, is required to make their dog available to the breeder for the kennel group presentation, on request.
 - d) The dogs presented in the kennel group must have the same type of coat.
 - e) All dogs of the kennel group must be presented to the presiding judge as a closed group. The breeder is free to present more than one kennel group.
 - f) The kennel group is to be evaluated according to the applicable evaluation criteria: similarity of the group (40%), quality of the individual dogs (40%) with consideration of as many different breeding partners as possible (*mothers/fathers*) (20%). Considering the number of breeding partners, the highest evaluation is attained when the kennel group consists of 4 fathers and 4 mothers.
- 2.7 To promote the breed, Puppy Classes can be hosted for dogs between 3 and 12 months, without awarding breed evaluations. Baby Puppy 3-6 months; Junior Puppy 6-9 months; Senior Puppy 9-12 months.
- 2.8 Dogs over six years of age have the option of being presented in their own class – the Veterans Class. There is no evaluation, but a placing is awarded.

3. Critiques

In the Puppy Classes noted in 2.7, the following critiques can be given:

“Very Promising”

Dogs that fully represent the breed standard or have minimal faults in the anatomy.

“Promising”

Dogs that represent the standard, but with obviously noticeable anatomical or developmental limitations.

“Less Promising”

Dogs that are lacking self-confidence, or have breed restricting faults.

The critiques do not represent evaluations in the sense of breed/show ratings.

4. Evaluations

4.1 At Breed Shows per I.1.1 to 1.3, the following evaluations/*ratings* can be given:

“Vorzüglich” (Excellent)

Dogs in the Working Dog Class that fully meet the stringent requirements of the breed standard (over and under sized suspended until 31.12.2020), present themselves with self confidence and are uninhibited, do not react to gun shot, have an “a” stamp on their pedigree papers, and if born after 01.01.2004 have the ED-stamp with a “normal”, “fast normal” or “noch zugelassen” (*still approved*) rating on their pedigree papers; if over 3 ½ years of age have verification of a breed survey. Double premolars 1 are allowed.

“Sehr Gut” (Very Good)

The highest evaluation in the Adult Open, Young Dog and Youth Classes for dogs which fully represent the standard (over and under sized suspended until 31.12.2020). In Working Dog Classes for dogs which fully represent the requirements for “Vorzüglich” with slight anatomical limitations.

Also for anatomically correct dogs over or undersized by 1 cm (over and under sized suspended until 31.12.2020), missing 1x premolar 1 or an incisor is allowed.

“Gut” (Good)

For dogs which represent the standard (over and under sized suspended until 31.12.2020), with distinctly visible anatomical limitations. Missing 2x premolar 1 or 1x premolar 1 and an incisor, or 1x premolar 2 and 1x premolar 3 or 2x incisors or 1x premolar 2 and an incisor, or 1x premolar 2 and 1x premolar 1 or 2x premolar 2 is allowed.

“Ausreichend” (Sufficient)

For dogs which on the day they are presented show gun sensitivity or appear inhibited or in their overall temperament including anatomical factors are not able to qualify for a higher evaluation.

“Ungenügend” (Insufficient)

For dogs which show gun-shyness, show inhibitions in temperament and impartiality, or have breed disqualifying faults.

For dogs with over or under size of more than 1 cm (suspended until 31.12.2020).

The “Ungenügend” evaluation is connected with a progeny registration ban (*within the SV*), which the officiating breed judge is required to process.

Item III Number 2 regulates special situations.

- 4.2 At the national breed show, in addition to the evaluations according to 4.1, the evaluation of "Vorzüglich-Auslese" (*Excellent Select*) is awarded, subject to the following criteria:

For VA only such dogs can be considered that are breed surveyed and have received a TSB rating of "pronounced" at the survey, dogs with complete flawless teeth, and with a minimum training degree of IPO2.

The dogs must be from surveyed and working lines breedings (Kör und Leistungszucht) and have verification of HD as well as ED certification of "normal" or "fast normal" (*nearly normal*).

- 4.3 External damage leading to partially damaged teeth or to missing teeth do not affect the breed evaluation to be awarded.

The requirement here is, however, that the original existence of healthy, strong teeth, i.e. a flawless scissor bite must be verified with absolute certainty and be confirmed on the pedigree, i.e. registration certificate.

The verification can be presented to the officiating judge in the following manner:

1. a) Proof of completeness and presence of health strong teeth and
b) a flawless scissor bite
by presentation of the evaluation/scorebook or by presentation of the pedigree papers or the registration papers on which a breed/show judge has confirmed or detailed the dentition at the earliest of 12 months of age after personal examination, or
2. Presentation of the breed survey certificate on which the tooth and dentition status has been recorded during the breed survey, or
3. Presentation of the pedigree papers or the registration papers with appropriate entry of the SV Breed Book Office verifying the missing or partially damaged teeth.

In all cases, in which verification according to 1 or 2 is not possible, a certified letter from a veterinarian, with complete information to the dog's name, registration number, date of birth and tattoo/microchip number, detailing the damaged/missing tooth, with an x-ray copy needs to be presented.

III: Other Regulations

1. For dogs entered but not presented, full entry fees are due and payable.
2. A judge's evaluation at breed shows is final. An appeal is not permitted.
3. The handler is obligated to provide honest information about the dog. Attempts to deceive will result in a club disciplinary proceeding.
4. The handler is obligated to display sportsmanship in behavior and presentation. Actions to the contrary could lead to disqualification of the dog, suspension, and/or initiation of a club disciplinary procedure. Whoever purposely does not provide the required informations or provides false information, also whoever inappropriately alters their dog or allows such alterations to be made in attempts to deceive the judge, will lose any evaluations given to the dog at this event and can, depending on the degree of this case, be suspended from future events or receive a club disciplinary action.
5. At breed shows it is not permitted to judge dogs which are in the possession of or owned by one of the officiating judges at the show.
6. During the presentation in the stand, the dogs are to be presented to the judge without much help (natural stand).

7. When double-handling dogs, it is not permissible to use acoustic aids, which are electric, or intensified by means of gas or air pressure. Likewise, it is also forbidden to use pistols, whips, protection sleeves or similar items.
Violations may result in disqualification of the dog, to the double-handler being asked to leave the property, to initiation of an internal club procedure against the owner and the double-handler.

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**Additional Regulations to the Breed Show Rules  
(2014)**

To II: Organization of Breed Shows

To Number 2: List of Classes

The sequence of classes at Breed Shows is set as follows:

|                 |                                |                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Long stock coat | Puppy Classes                  | Females / Males |
| Stock coat      | Puppy Classes                  | Females / Males |
| Long stock coat | Youth Class                    | Females / Males |
| Stock coat      | Youth Class                    | Females / Males |
| Long stock coat | Young Dog Class                | Females / Males |
| Stock coat      | Young Dog Class                | Females / Males |
| Long stock coat | Adult Open Class               | Females / Males |
| Stock coat      | Adult Open Class               | Females / Males |
| Veterans Class  | before the Working Dog Classes |                 |
| Long stock coat | Working Dog Class              | Females / Males |
| Stock coat      | Working Dog Class              | Females / Males |

To Number 4: Evaluations

All dogs must be measured by the officiating breed/show judge. The size factor is to be considered accordingly in the placings.

To III: Other Regulations

Show Chairperson

The officiating Show Chairperson can present his/her own dog. During this time, however, an alternate Show Chairperson is to be appointed.

The officiating Show Chairperson can not be a judge at the event at the same time.

Non-allowable aids

At all GSSCC events electro stimulation equipment/devices and similar equipment/devices are prohibited.

## **TSB ratings according to SV “Wertmessziffern”**

Attack out of the blind on the handler / Defense against an attack from the guarding phase

### **WZ: 5**

Reacts with determination, directly, energetically, and conclusively; shows an effective, safe, calm firm and full grip in all phases of the defense exercises. Releases after the allowed command (1 verbal command + 2 additional verbal commands), and shows a powerful guarding phase with very good hardness.

### **WZ: 4**

Reacts immediately and conclusively, shows a good grip but not completely full and/or somewhat anxious in all phases of the defense exercises. Releases after the allowed command (see above), and shows good guarding phases with good hardness.

### **WZ: 3**

Reacts with a little hesitation, should show more speed and impact, slows down a little. Shows a shallow grip which should clearly be fuller and calmer; slips off once, but grips again. Still shows good hardness at times. Releases after the allowed command (see above) and still shows good guarding phases.

### **WZ: 2**

Reacts with much hesitation, undetermined, slows down substantially, bites only with hesitation or while almost standing, very shallow, weak grip, very anxious, weak and ineffective. Releases after the allowed command (see above); should be more focused and powerful in the guarding phases.

### **WZ: 1**

Doesn't react, doesn't go out, doesn't bite, doesn't attack.

### **Protection Phases broken off; TSB Insufficient**

The dog does not resist the stress of the defense exercise; runs away.

The dog leaves the helper during the guarding phase (4 m); handler calls the dog with command.

### **Disqualification:**

Three times dog does not show free heeling beside handler to the blind.

Handler leaves the position from where the dog is sent to the escape.

Dog does not release after three commands.

Dog grips other parts of the body, other than the protection sleeve.

Physical action of the handler.