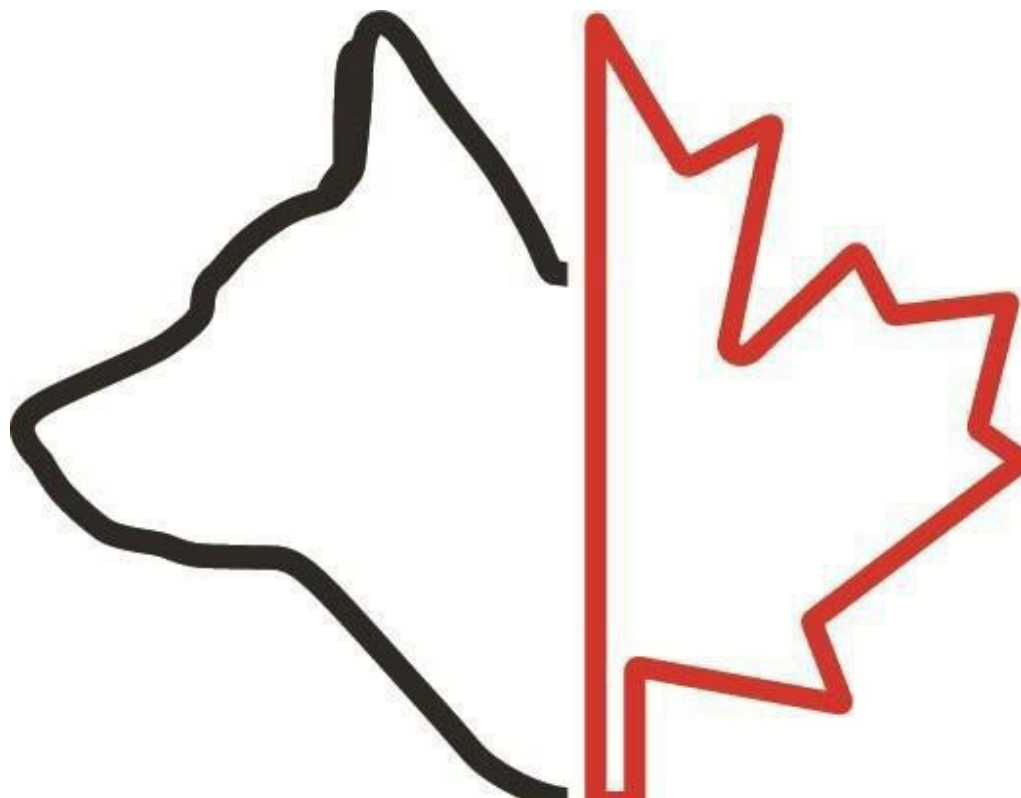


# German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada



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## 1. Terminology, definitions, forms, and member responsibilities

The organization conducts breed shows for the German Shepherd dog, both “stock coat” and “long stock coat with undercoat” varieties. Presentation of the dogs is according to age, sex, and type of coat.

**Show Chairperson** – is the person in charge of the breed show, breed survey, as well as the direct contact to the Judge(s) regarding all issues that may arise and may take on other duties as needed.

**Show Secretary** – is the person that is responsible for creating show cards, for entering placings and ratings on the show card and into the event catalogue and ensuring all paperwork is correct.

**Ring Steward** – at the direction of the Judge is the person in charge of all dogs entering the ring. The steward is responsible for certifying tattoos or microchip numbers, teeth, testicles, as well as the dog’s temperament during the examination before the dog can be presented to the Judge. Any issues regarding the examination, the ring steward will bring to the attention of the Show Chairperson and Judge.

**Working titles** – are Schutzhund, IPO, IGP, HGH (herding)

(A) Forms for GSSCC Breed Shows:

- Request for show event entered through GSSCC360
- Show card downloaded from GSSCC360
- Certificate of tooth and dental status [link](#)
- Statement of event fees [link](#)

(B) Only registered German Shepherd Dogs are eligible to be entered in Breed Shows sponsored by the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada and/or WUSV affiliate clubs.

(C) Entrants (owners and handlers) for all dogs entered in all the classes (male and female) for any Sieger (GSSCC Breed) Shows (Club, Region or Canadian Championship) must be members of the GSSCC or a WUSV affiliate club. All Canadian residents must be GSSCC members.

(D) Entry fees are not refundable for dogs entered and not presented.

(E) Sick dogs are not to be presented.

(F) Females in heat may be presented in any breed show or breed survey.

(G) Females may not be presented after the 42nd day of being in whelp(pregnant). Nursing females may only be presented after the 42nd day after whelping their puppies.

(H) The handler is obligated to provide honest information about the dog. Attempts to deceive will result in a club disciplinary proceeding.

(I) 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 information 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.

- (J) All dogs over 12 months of age entered in the breed show must pass a temperament test (gun, checking teeth, tattoo, microchip, or testicles, etc.).
- (K) All dogs must not show any signs of fear, unsureness or aggression towards the ring steward or other ring assistants while checking teeth, tattoo, microchip, or testicles. If there is an issue with any of the above, it must be reported to the Judge and Show Chairperson by the ring Steward for further evaluation.

## 2. Types of Shows:

### Local club breed shows

Presented with the local club being the organizer.

- (A) Local club breed shows require approval of the dates by their Region
- (B) 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.
- (C) The hosting local club is responsible for a flawlessly organized event, as well as adhering to all current regulations of the GSSCC.
- (D) At local breed shows, there will be no performance test for the Working Classes
- (E) The titles of Sieger and Siegerin may only be awarded national events. Local breed shows shall award a rating and placing only. (e.g., V-1 for the first place working male or female.

### Regional breed shows

- (A) Every GSSCC Region must host one regional breed show in their region each year.
- (B) The Region can assign a local club in the region to host, or partially host, such a show.
- (C) The dates of regional breed shows are determined by the Region and require an approval of the dates by the Region.
- (D) Booking the officiating judges is the responsibility of the individual Regions (i.e., hosting club).
- (E) At Regional breed shows, there will be no performance test for the Working Classes

## Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships and Sieger Show

- A) Once a year, the GSSCC puts on a national breed show.
- B) The GSSCC is responsible for the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships and Sieger Show and appoints a Region for the organization of this event. That Region can ask for assistance from their clubs and GSSCC in the execution for the said event.
- C) The assignment and date setting are done by the GSSCC (in conjunction with the Region).
- D) Selection of the officiating judges is the responsibility of the hosting Region, in consultation with the Breed Committee and GSSCC Board of Directors.
- E) At the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Sieger Show all dogs entered in the Working Dog Classes, males and females, will be required to participate in a performance test. Ratings of pronounced, sufficient and insufficient will be awarded. The dog must demonstrate an "out" upon verbal command from the handler. A maximum of 3 commands to "out" will be allowed.
- F) Dogs that fail to demonstrate an "out" are to be disqualified. No matter what their rating is in the performance test.
- G) Dogs rated sufficient in the performance test can only have a maximum placing of Very Good (SG).
- H) Dogs rated insufficient in the performance test will be rated Insufficient (U).

## 3. Organization of the breed shows

- (A) For the breed shows and breed Surveys, a printed show catalogue is absolutely required.
- (B) The breed show catalogue must contain all information as detailed in section 4 for all dogs which are to be presented.
- (C) Dogs may only be presented at the event and printed in the catalogue that:
  - (1) are registered and are identifiable by means of a tattoo or microchip.
  - (2) are free of any indications of illness.
  - (3) are owned and handled by a GSSCC (or WUSV affiliate club) member; this is applicable for all classes.

## 4. Breed show and breed survey catalogue

(A) A catalogue must be prepared for the breed show. The following information must appear on the cover of the catalogue:

- (1) Name of Show
- (2) Hosting Club and location
- (3) Date of Show
- (4) Judge(s) Name(s)

(B) The following information must be shown for each entry.

- (1) Catalogue Number (a unique, sequential number assigned to each entry)
- (2) Registration Number (indicate pending, CKC, AKC, SV, or another registry)
- (3) Tattoo or Microchip #
- (4) Date of Birth
- (5) Sire name, registration number and titles
- (6) Dame name, registration number and titles
- (7) Name and Country of Breeder
- (8) Name and Address (city/town and country are sufficient) of Owner.
- (9) Working class entries MUST have IGP/Schutzhund, HGH (herding) titles listed in the title.
- (10) If dog has a breed survey proof of same at check in.
- (11) For Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships and Sieger Show - dogs title - dogs date of birth - proof of breed survey MUST be highlighted and clearly visible.

(C) A copy of the catalogue marked with all results is required for each of the following:

- (1) The presiding judges
- (2) The SV (also given to judge to deliver to the SV)
- (3) The Editor of Shepherd Sports (for publication in the magazine)
- (4) The National Breed Warden - for the records file
- (5) The Hosting Club

## 5. List of classes

The reference date (for age of dog) of multi-day shows is the day prior to the first day of the show. Dogs presented at all breed shows are allocated to classes by sex and by the coat “stock coat” and “long stock coat with undercoat”.

(A) Proof of registration must be submitted with each entry over 12 months of age to be accepted for entry.

(B) Mandatory classes at all breed shows offered are:

(1) Baby Puppy class 3-6 months

(2) Junior puppy class 6-9 months

(3) Senior puppy class 9-12 months

(4) Youth classes for dogs 12 months to under 18 months.

(5) Young dog classes for dogs 18 months to under 24 months (2 years)

(6) Adult open classes for dogs being 2 years of age and older, without working titles

(7) Working dog classes for dogs being 2 years of age and older, with working titles

(8) Veterans Class, six (6) years and older with titles. 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.

(9) Kennel group if below criteria is met:

i A kennel group at a local or regional show consists of a minimum of three, and maximum of five dogs from one kennel, which have been presented in the show and have received a minimum rating of “good”.

ii A kennel group at a national show consists of a minimum of four, maximum of 5 dogs from one kennel.

iii 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.

iv The dogs presented in the kennel group must have the same type of coat.

v 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.

vi 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.

(B) The following class will be offered only for the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships and Sieger Show:

(1) Progeny group

- i. Each Progeny group must consist of at least three (3) dogs. The stud dog does not have to be exhibited with the group.
- ii. Dogs exhibited in the Progeny groups must also be entered and shown in a regular class.

Except for the Kennel Group and Progeny Group classes, all other classes shall be divided into Males and Females. There is no intersex judging.

## 6. Critiques

In the Puppy Classes (under 12 months), the following critiques can be given:

- (A) "Very Promising" - Dogs that fully represent the breed standard or have minimal faults in the anatomy.
- (B) "Promising" - Dogs that represent the standard, but with obviously noticeable anatomical or developmental limitations.
- (C) "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.

## 7. Evaluations

At the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships Sieger Show, in addition to the evaluations, the evaluation of "Vorzüglich- Auslese" (VA/ Excellent Select) is awarded, subject to the following criteria:

- (A) 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/IGP 2. The dog's parents and grandparents must be breed surveyed and have verification of HD and ED certification of "normal" or "fast normal" (nearly normal). This rating may only be awarded to dogs shown in the Working Class at the annual Canadian Sieger Show. To be eligible for the award of Excellent Select (VA), the dog must possess:
  - (1) complete and correct dentition
  - (2) eligible hip and elbow certification
  - (3) at least a IGP2 degree or equivalent.
  - (4) if over 3.5 years of age, be currently breed surveyed.
  - (5) The dog must also receive the rating of pronounced and demonstrate an "out" in the Performance test.
  - (6) To repeat an Excellent Select rating the dog must possess an IGP3 degree.

(B) “Vorzüglich” (Excellent/ V)

Dogs in the Working Dog Class that fully meet the stringent requirements of the breed standard, present themselves with self-confidence and are uninhibited, do not react to gun shot, proof of both HD and ED is certified with a “normal” or “fast normal” (for dogs born prior to January 01, 2025 “noch zugelassen” (still acceptable or fair) is allowed). If over 3 ½ years of age have verification of a breed survey. Double premolar # 1 (P1) are allowed.

- (1) Proof of a current Breed Survey must be submitted with the entry form for the Working class if the dog is over 3.5 years of age to be eligible for the rating of Excellent (V).
- (2) Proof of WUSV recognized working titles (minimum of IGP1 or equivalent, or HGH degree) must be submitted with the entry form for the Working classes.
- (3) Proof of hip and elbow certification must be submitted with the entry form for the Working classes to be eligible for the rating of Excellent (V).

(C) “Sehr Gut” (Very Good)

The highest evaluation in the Adult Open, Young Dog and Youth Classes for dogs which fully represent the standard. 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, missing one premolar # 1 or missing one incisor is allowed.

(D) “Gut” (Good)

For dogs which represent the standard, with recognizable, anatomical limitations. Missing two premolar # 1’s; missing one premolar #1 and one incisor; or one missing one premolar # 2; or one missing premolar # 3; or two missing incisors; or one missing premolar # 2 and one incisor; or one missing premolar # 2 and one missing premolar # 1; or two missing premolar # 2 is allowed.

(E) “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.

(F) “Ungenügend” (Insufficient)

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

For dogs that are over or under size of more than 1 cm.

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

## 8. Other Regulations

- (A) 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.
- (1) The verification can be presented to the officiating judge in the following manner:
- i. Proof of completeness and presence of strong healthy teeth and a flawless scissor bite
  - ii. by presentation of the evaluation/scorebook or the pedigree/ registration papers where a breed/show judge has confirmed or detailed the dentition at the earliest of 12 months of age after personal examination, or
  - iii. Presentation of the breed survey certificate on which the tooth and dentition status has been recorded during the breed survey, or
  - iv. 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, or
  - v. Presentation of a letter from the GSSCC as detailed in 8.1 (b)
- (2) Tooth problems may be registered with the GSSCC for dogs that have teeth which have been accidentally broken or surgically removed. The GSSCC will provide a letter to the owner indicating that the necessary documentation has been provided certifying that the tooth was originally there. Owners are to submit an X-ray of the tooth with the dog's registration and tattoo, or microchip number clearly shown on the X-ray, and a signed veterinary opinion letter stating the reason or circumstances for the missing tooth to the GSSCC Breed Warden
- (3) In all cases, in which verification according to (a) is not possible, a certified letter from a veterinarian, with complete information on 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 submitted to the Breed Warden and originals presented to the breed judge if requested.
- (B) A judge's evaluation at breed shows is final. An appeal is not permitted.
- (C) 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.
- (D) During the presentation in the stand, the dogs are to be presented to the judge without much help (natural stand).

- (E) 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.
- (F) 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.
- (G) The officiating show chairperson can present his/her own dog. During this time, however, an alternate show chairperson will be needed during this time
- (H) The officiating show chairperson cannot be a judge at the event at the same time

## 9. Non-allowable aids

At all official GSSCC breed events - electronic stimulation equipment/devices and similar equipment/devices are prohibited. (Remote collars, pinch collars, corrective devices, electronic heeling sticks and/or any electronic corrective devices).

## 10. Performance test (protection) for the working class at the Canadian Sieger Show

- (A) The dog and handler will report to the designated reporting area. The ring steward will check the tattoo or microchip for the judge.
- (B) On the direction of the judge, the handler will heel their dog on leash to marker number one and stop. The dog will go into the sit position to the handler's left side.
- (C) While the dog is sitting beside the handler, the leash is removed. The handler will put the leash around their waist, over their shoulder or place it in a pocket.
- (D) On direction of the judge, the handler will command the dog to heel and will proceed in the proper heel position toward the blind
- (E) As the dog and handler near the blind and on the direction of the judge, the helper simulates an attack on the handler. The helper takes a direct path toward the handler in a threatening manner. Should the dog not engage, the helper will continue towards the handler until the judge tells the helper to stop.
- (F) When the dog engages, the helper will continue to threaten. During the threats, the helper will pressure the dog with the padded stick but NOT touch the dog. The helper will continue until the judge directs the helper to stop.
- (G) After the helper has stopped, the handler at the direction of the judge will be allowed a

maximum of three (3) commands to have the dog release the grip. The handler may not touch the dog in any way to assist in the release of the grip until after the maximum three (3) commands to release have been given.

- (H) On the direction of the judge, the handler will approach the dog, take control, and place the leash on the collar, or free heel to a spot (blind) designated by the judge
- (I) On the direction of the judge the handler and dog will come out of the blind and heel on or off leash to the marker. At this point the dog will be sitting to the handler's left side. The leash will be removed (if on), and the handler will take a firm hold of the collar.
- (J) On the direction of the judge the helper will walk out of blind to approximately half the width of the field. The helper will turn and run towards the handler and dog. Sometime after the helper turns toward the dog, the judge will direct the handler to send the dog on the attack. The handler may move forward at a walking pace only until the dog and helper have made contact. At that point, the handler must stand still unless directed otherwise by the judge.
- (K) The helper will continue toward the dog in a threatening manner. The helper will catch the dog in an appropriate manner as not to injure the dog. If the dog does not engage, the helper will continue the motion toward the dog until the judge directs the helper to stop.

When the dog does engage, the helper will continue to move forward while constantly threatening the dog with the stick until the judge tells the helper to stop.

- (L) When the helper has stopped and on the direction of the judge the handler will be allowed three (3) commands to have the dog release the grip.
- (M) After the dog has released, and on the direction of the judge, the handler will approach the dog and put the leash on the collar or free heel. The exercise is completed.
- (N) 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 helper. Dog does not release after three commands. Dog grips other parts of the body, other than the protection sleeve. Physical action of the handler.

Breed judges will rate overall performance and strength of all dogs in the performance test. "Pronounced, present, insufficient. Dog releases or dog does not release".

Helpers at the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championship and Sieger Show will be selected and perform the trial helper duties as per the GSSCC helper program and Code of Ethics.

## 11. GSSCC Breed Surveys

The GSSCC hosting club is responsible for submitting the completed breed survey forms together with photocopies of all required documentation to the GSSCC for processing and registration. Official breed survey documents for each surveyed dog will be mailed directly to the owner/handler once processed. Please ensure mailing addresses are correct before submitting the documentation for processing. The breed survey results need to be sent to the breed survey administrator and verified by the breed survey administrator before being published.

### Forms for GSSCC Breed Surveys:

- Required document checklist [link](#)
- Breed Survey Worksheet [link](#)
- Breed Survey summary sheet [link](#)
- Confirmation of Breed Survey [link](#)
- Copy of actual Breed Survey [link to sample](#)

### GSSCC Breed Surveys requirements

- (A) Only registered German Shepherd Dogs which meet the following criteria are eligible for the breed survey. And must have the following:
- (1) Be at least 2 years of age during the year of the breed survey.
  - (2) Have certified hips and elbows GSSCC C stamp or A stamp (only GSSCC C stamps, GSSCC/SV A stamps and other foreign organization certifications previously approved by the WUSV are accepted for WUSV Championships).
  - (3) Have a minimum SchH 1/IGP 1/ HGH degree under VDH rules from a GSSCC, USCA,
    - a. SV, FCI or WUSV recognized judge
  - (4) BH-VT must be under a GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV recognized judge. SchH/IGP titles must have a minimum 70 points and pronounced in protection.
  - (5) Have an AD (Endurance Test) under VDH rules under a GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV affiliate judge. AD requirement is waived for dogs over 6 years old at the time of the breed survey.
  - (6) Have a minimum 'G' show rating in the following show class - 12-18 months, 18-24 months, Adult (open) or Working class from a GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV recognized Breed Judge.
  - (7) Starting January 2028, proof of successfully completing GSSCC temperament test (CA) or SV temperament test (WB).
- (B) It must be possible to identify the dog, by means of a tattoo number or Microchip.
- (C) Sick dogs are not to be presented. The judge is to be made aware of any females in heat, in order to coordinate their participation.
- (D) When registering for a Breed Survey, photocopies of the following documentation must be submitted with the entry form and originals must be brought to the breed survey.
- (1) Registration certificate
  - (2) original 3 generation pedigree for surveys and re-surveys

- (3) hip and elbow certification
- (4) proof of titles from GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV affiliate judge.
- (5) show rating card from 12–18-month, 18–24-month, Adult (Open) or working class from a GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV recognized breed judge.
- (6) starting Jan. 2028 proof of temperament test/character assessment (S.V or GSSCC/USCA)
- (7) original breed survey if the dog is being re-surveyed

(E) Each dog will be subject to a temperament test by the Breed Survey judge. This can take place during the entire Breed Survey process.

(F) Each dog will be subject to a gun test.

(G) A protection phase must be completed, the routine of which is to be advised by the Breed Survey judge, as detailed in section 10. A helper and at least one dog can demonstrate the protection phase routine are required.

(H) Each dog will be subject to a jump test one way over a 80 cm jump.

## 12. S.V Breed Surveys.

### Forms for SV Breed Surveys:

- Registration list for the breed survey (sent by email as below)
- Form 118 (Breed survey form)
- Excel form (All dogs details, measurements. etc.)

### SV Breed Surveys requirements

(A) At least 10 days before the event the GSSCC informs the SV main office about the participating dogs. The SV will accept the “Registration list of the breed survey” (please use only the form issued by the SV) sent by email to koerung@schaeferhunde.de or a completed entry form for each dog. Only the listed dogs can participate in the breed survey.

(B) The SV requires proof of working title as well as the breeding appraisal along with the relevant documents for a breed survey abroad. Original documents do NOT need to be sent; copies are fine. The Excel form (iii) must be completed and sent to the SV and kept in Excel format.

(C) The participating dogs will be published from the registration office on SV-DoxS. The GSSCC and the SV Judge will be informed if there are any items that must be cleared up or any problems that occurred.

- (D) To facilitate the administrative handling of SV breed surveys the following is needed.  
The completed documents shall be sent to the SV through the GSSCC from the club where the breed survey took place. The documents presented must be verified by the hosting club along with confirming any working title and breed show rating.

The following complete documents shall be submitted for each participating dog:

- (1) Registration certificate
- (2) original 3 generation pedigree for surveys and re-surveys
- (3) SV hip and elbow certification (GSSCC/SV - A stamp)
- (4) proof of BH/VT and minimum IGP 1 title from a GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV recognized judge.
- (5) OR proof of one of the following titles from a FCI, WUSV or SV judge:
  - SV Breeding Facility Test (ZAP)
  - SV Herding Working Dog Test (HGH)
  - SV Rescue Dog Test (RH2)
  - SV Tracking Dog Working Test (SGP2)
  - International Tracking Dog Test (IFH2)
  - Successfully completed Agility Test (A2)
  - Successfully completed Obedience Test (O2)
- (6) show rating card from 12–18-month, 18–24-month, Adult (Open) or working class from a GSSCC, USCA, SV, FCI or WUSV recognized breed judge.
- (7) proof of successfully completing SV temperament test /character assessment (WB) or an equivalent temperament test (CA). Applies to dogs born after July 1, 2020.
- (8) No A.D is required.
- (9) original breed survey if the dog is being re-surveyed

- (E) Each dog will be subject to a temperament test by the Breed Survey judge. This can take place during the entire Breed Survey process.

- (F) Each dog will be subject to a gun test.

- (G) A protection phase must be completed, the routine of which is to be advised by the Breed Survey judge. A helper and at least one dog to demonstrate the protection phase routine are required.

## More Information from the SV

- (A) During a show event German Shepherd Dogs will be measured by the event judge and the results forwarded to the SV headquarter with the prepared Excel file. It is necessary to complete the prepared Excel file in detail during a foreign assignment. The SV will take no other file type instead of the excel file.

- (B) Due to worldwide harmonization and assimilation to German rules from 1st of May 2018, all results of measurements during show events in foreign countries shall be forwarded to the SV headquarter as well as described above.
- (C) The hosting club is responsible for entering the required data into the excel spreadsheet as required by the SV. The spreadsheet needs to be updated with the data collected on the day of the event, i.e show-ratings, measurements, placings, etc., as approved by the breed judge and then given to the S.V breed judge. The GSSCC club should retain a copy of the spreadsheet.

## 13. Breed Survey results

The following rating may be awarded in the breed survey:

### (A) **Koerklasse - KKL** (Breed Survey Class)

This is the breed qualification given to dogs that are recommended for breeding. To receive this rating, dogs must have measurements, weight, and anatomical structure according to the breed standard, show pronounced hardness, courage and fighting drive (now referred to as "TSB" meaning balanced drives, self-confidence and ability to work under pressure) and have full and complete dentition; double first premolars are allowed.

This rating is also awarded to dogs which:

- (1) have slight anatomical limitations
- (2) are up to 1 cm over or undersized
- (3) receive a "sufficient" rating for TSB or have missing teeth - one premolar 1 or one incisor, two premolar 1 or one premolar 1 and one incisor, or one premolar 2 and not having a proper scissor bite.

### (B) **Not Suitable for breeding**

A dog with any of the following faults, cannot be Breed Surveyed.

- (1) Substantial anatomical faults
- (2) Documented hip or elbow dysplasia (moderate or severe)
- (3) Faulty temperament, aggressive or nervous biters, or weak nerves
- (4) Oversized or undersized more than 1 cm, measured at the withers (maximum is males 66 cm/bitches 61 cm and minimum is males 59 cm/bitches 54 cm).
- (5) testicle faults- Monorchids or cryptorchids
- (6) Considerable pigment deficiencies, including blues
- (7) dogs with a long OR no undercoat
- (8) Disfigured ears and/or tail faults – unless as a result of trauma (letter from licensed veterinary must be previously sent to National Breed Warden and noted in GSSCC 360; letter must also be available to present to the presiding breed judge).
- (9) Dentition faults are as follows:
  - Missing one premolar #3 and one additional tooth
  - Missing one canine tooth
  - Missing one premolar #4
  - Missing one molar #1

- Missing one molar #2
- Missing three or more teeth

**Dogs having proof that the missing tooth or teeth had originally been in place are exempt from this rule. Proof must be entered into the scorebook via dental notation to GSSCC Breed Warden, the Körschein showing original full dentition, or by a previously recorded dental status form showing original full dentition.**

(10) Faulty jawbones:

- Overshot more than 2 mm
- Undershot
- Level bite

(11) Surgical interventions for the purpose of correcting, obtaining, or improving a breed show rating (i.e., ears, tails, teeth, testicles, skeleton, coat alteration, severed musculus pectineus) entail a breeding ban and initiate disciplinary proceedings against the owner and/or all co-owners.

The breed value of the dogs as described above is considerably limited as a result. For that reason, they shall not be admitted for breeding purposes. Those dogs and descendants of those dogs will be noted in GSSCC 360 for breed ban. The owner of the dog affected shall be immediately informed about the decision in terms of the unsuitability for breeding.

### **Breed Survey time limit**

The first Breed Survey is for a two-year period. During the second year, the dog must be presented for re-survey. The re-survey results in a Koerklasse (breed survey) is designation for Life. If a dog is not presented for re-survey, the Koerklasse (breed survey) designation concludes at the end of that year.

## 14. Awards

- a) At local and Regional breed shows - awards should be given for first through fourth place in all classes. (Except the Kennel Group and Progeny Group classes which may not have sufficient entries.) Regional breed show awards to be the same quality as regional trial awards
- b) All awards for the Canadian German Shepherd Dog Championships Sieger Show are detailed in the GSSCC policy manual and will be followed.
- c) An award may also be given to each dog receiving the highest rating for which it is eligible in its class for the Working (V-rating), Youth (SG-rating), Young Dog (SG-rating), Adult over 2 years without title class (SG) and puppy classes (VP).

## Results

- a) All breed show and breed survey results with the required listing fees are to be submitted to and received by the GSSCC Treasurer within two weeks of the event. Failure to do so will cause the GSSCC to assess a fee of \$50/ month for clubs late in submitting results to the Treasurer. [Statement of event fees.](#)
- b) Late is not postmarked within two weeks of the event. Should the late fees not be paid, the said club(s) would not be able to host another trial, show or breed survey until all fees are paid.

## 15. Character Assessment

### GSSCC Character Assessment

(A) Starting January 1, 2028, a GSSCC Character Assessment/temperament test titled CA from a GSSCC performance or breed judge is required for all GSSCC (WUSV) Breed Survey's. The following are the exercises for a CA:

1. I.D check (microchip/tattoo)
2. Dentition/testicle check
3. Measuring
4. Weigh
5. Relationship with handler on line (walking around area inside fence, rope or isolated area)
6. Encounter with group of people on line (handler behind group and calls dog)
7. Encounter with strange dog (on 6-foot leash walk by each other twice)
8. Noise - two shovels/garbage can lids, planks, stainless steel bowls hitting together (on loose leash)
9. Noise - vehicle stereo/radio playing loud and vehicle running (dog brought near open door on leash)
10. Gunshot (on loose leash)
11. Natural instinct to search (food scattered in small area in grass **or** target)
12. Unstable table just off ground (approximately 4x4 platform on a piece of 4x4 on ground)
13. Target play on same table with handler
14. Sensitivity to heights (jump on table 1 meter high)
15. Play with dog handler with target on table
16. Natural retrieval of target to handler (must be clearly defined)
17. Go into a dark or strange room
18. Behavior on unusual flooring (several if possible)
19. Same flooring with noise (dog bowl)
20. Same flooring target play
21. Being alone (back tied) for several minutes
22. Meeting friendly stranger back tied
23. Instinctive behavior – dog on leash seeing unfamiliar person

(B) To secure a GSSCC judge for a CA register through GSSCC 360 like a trial or show.

## SV Character Assessment

(A) Starting January 2025, a SV Character Assessment/ temperament test titled WB from a SV approved judge or equivalent test (CA) is required for a SV Breed Survey. The following are the exercises for a WB:

1. I.D check
2. Dentition/testicle check
3. Measuring
4. Relationship with handler (walking around area inside fence)
5. Encounter with group of people (handler behind group and calls dog)
6. Encounter with strange dog (on leash walk by each other twice)
7. Noise -chainsaw
8. Noise- chain
9. Gunshot
10. Shaky table
11. Target play on shaky table
12. Sensitivity to heights (walkway 2 -3 feet in air)
13. Play with dog handler
14. Play with assistant
15. Willingness to find
16. Slippery floors
17. Slippery floor with noise (dog bowl)
18. Slippery floor target play
19. Slippery floor willingness to find
20. Being alone (back tie) for several minutes
21. Meeting stranger back tied

(B) To secure an SV judge for a WB register through GSSCC 360 like a trial or show.